

Mark's Mail



Just a short message from me this time round. We are excited to welcome back everyone from their Outward-Bound courses, I've loved hearing the stories and memories that came from their time down south. We believe it is such an important and beneficial leadership course and works well with what we strive to achieve through our staff. We are also looking forward to next week where we'll see the first **Super Seth** crop hit the ring at NZB weanling sales.

Enough from me, have a good week and enjoy the rain!

Upcoming NZB National Weanling Sale 17th June



We're on the countdown to the NZB National Weanling Sale on Friday 17th June, which will see the first progeny of resident sire **Super Seth** go through the New Zealand sale ring.

Lot 5: Super Seth x Vitesse filly (Curraghmore)

Lot 7: Super Seth x Xanadu colt (Little Avondale)

Lot 59: Super Seth x Landslide colt (Jamieson Park)

Lot 82: Super Seth x Pearly Whites filly (Haunui Farm)

Lot 99: Super Seth x Secret Allure colt (Jamieson Park)

There are also three **Tivaci's**, one **Ardrossan**, three **Savabeel's** and six **Ocean Park** weanlings that will go under hammer, so we will be enthusiastically watching them all!



Pictured above is one of our own Super Seth colts, Savodara.

Mare of the Week

In the lead up to the foaling season we're introducing you to, and following, some of our star mares on the farm.



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Breeding: 2005 No Excuse Needed x Spring mare

Racing career: Champion 3YO in NZ 2008-09, the three-time Group 1 winner claimed the Australian Oaks, Windsor Park Challenge, and the NZ One Thousand Guineas.
Produce: Dam of three winners, including stakes-performing Snowdrop (Pins), Grand Bouquet (Savabeel) and Grand De Flora (Savabeel).

This season: She has produced a classy Super Seth colt and is again in foal to Super Seth, due November.



This week on Garry's Corner



We who stand stallions need the resilience of battle-scarred Army Commanders. The knocks we have all encountered in our quest for the right career-changing animal entitles one to reflect on the experts who have never reached for the stars. No, I am not complaining, because life is a series of choices, I didn't have to choose to travel the path I have, just as those who pontificate over our stallion selection don't have to breed to them.

I would prefer not to share all the advice we received in our case after we had committed, but there are one or two standouts. Our decision to travel down the so-called colonial sire line evoked dramatic views of our future.

At the Te Teko trials, I was informed by the lost client that Australia was his only option as a direct result of our stallion choice. I reminded him that whilst we would appreciate his support, as the owner of 200 mares it was imperative we were happy with our decision bearing in mind the long-term effect it could have on us. Our choices were for us.

Years ago, a new sire for us meant we chose not to support the influx of highly-rated dual hemisphere sires. We missed the yearling hype but bred better horses. Not my opinion, but rather the opinion of our peers (check out the Breeder of the Year Awards).

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WHAT'S HOT THIS WEEK FROM MICHAEL COLEMAN

The **winner of 2131 races**, an amazing 192 of those at Group/Listed level, local royalty Mickey Coleman (also known as 'The King') has retired from racing and begun his next chapter at Waikato Stud.

The King's Tips

WS BRED: WAIHAHA FALLS

Waihaha Falls (2017 Sacred Falls x Mink gelding)

Jockey: Reece Jones

Trainer: John O'Shea

Recent: Finished second last start, and is now resumed after a spell Upcoming Race: Saturday 11th June, Randwick, 50 Year and Life Members H., 1200m, Race 3

The King's ONES TO Watch

OUTSIDER: LOCH EAGLE

Loch Eagle (2018 Lohnro x Song Street colt)

Jockey: Hugh Bowman

Trainer: : Kris Lees

Recent: Up in distance, and was sixth last start at Group 3 level Upcoming Race: Saturday 11th June, Eagle Farm, G3 Channel 7 Gunsynd Classic, 1600m, Race 4



Winter on the farm



Winter is well and truly upon us, and we are loving these beautiful crisp mornings on the farm.

Join the team!



full-time night watch/foaling attendant, experience preferred but not compulsory.

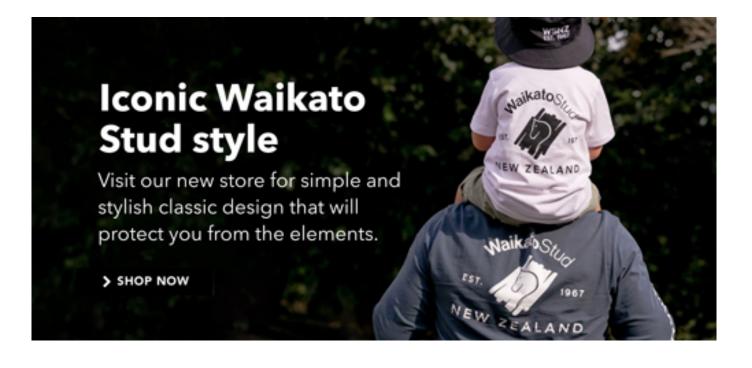
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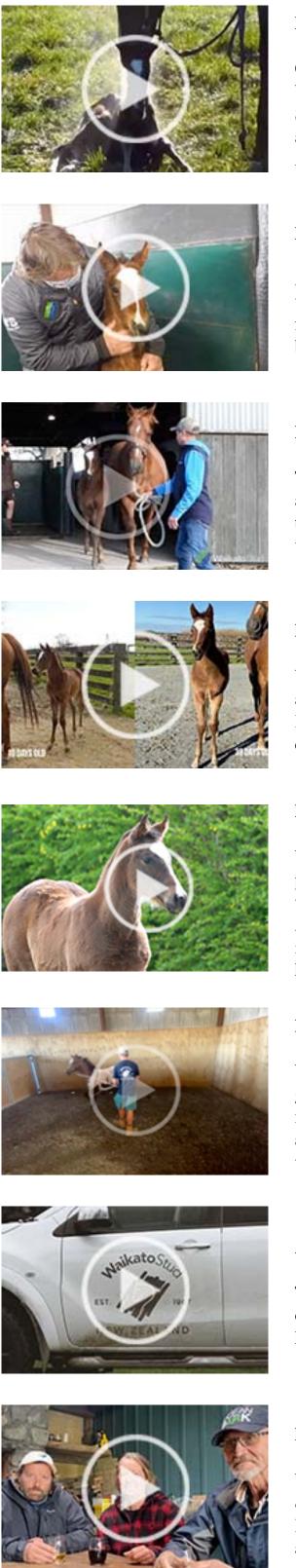
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Manui victorious at Pakenham again <u>READ MORE</u>

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Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 01

On a stunning winter morning with a heavy Waikato frost, Piñata felt it was time to foal! She delivered a gorgeous Ardrossan filly. It's a quiality family, featuring Mackintosh, Anacheeva and Brando.

Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 02

After Episode 01 was viewed by 1 million viewers on social media, we start the journey following this gorgeous duo and get to know both Piñata and her foal.

Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 03

This week we hear the story behind Piñata and her one eye and the process she goes through to make sure she's ready for her next visit to Ardrossan.

Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 04

We check in on how regular trimming and assessments have improved the filly's front leg conformation, and complete Piñata's 15day pregnancy scan.

Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 05

We catch up with Piñata after her recent positive 45 day scan back to Ardrossan, with which everyone is super stoked. Her Ardrossan is developing into an incredibly impressive type and we're so excited to follow her journey!

Piñata Mare & Foal Series Ep 06

We've been following our gorgeous filly's growth & development, from breeding the mare, scanning and now through to branding and foal handling sessions in the lead up to weaning.

A day in the life of a WS stallion

Take a behind the scenes look into the life of our gentleman WS stallions and how they keep fit and healthy during the season.

Bill & Suzi Pomare visit WS

We caught up with trainer and breeders, Bill & Suzi Pomare on their exciting new Ocean Park colt and G1 winning Ocean Billy's amazing achievements so far.

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