

Weekend @ Waikato

19 May 2017



– SAVABEEL – BOOK CLOSED FOR 2017

IN THIS WEEK'S W@W...

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Savabeel Book Closed
- War Affair
- Black-Type Runners
- Postcards from Abroad

PEOPLE SPOTLIGHT

- Bruce Marsh
- Peter Moody

PLUS REGULAR COLUMNS

- Gareth's Pedigree Pointer
- Garry's Corner
- Mark's Mail

SATURDAY

TAURUS 08g

No Excuse Needed - Stars In Her Eyes

Listed Rangitikei Gold Cup 1550m

Rangitikei, 3:29pm (NZT)

SHAMPION 12f

O'Reilly - Kablues

Listed Andrew Ramsden S. 3600m

VRC, 4:50pm (NZT)

SAVVY DREAMS 13f

Savabeel - Elusive Dreams

Gr.3 SA Fillies Classic 2500m

SAJC, 4:55pm (NZT)

SAVVAN 13f

Savabeel - Ruud Van Slaats

Gr.2 The Roses 2000m

BRC, 5:21pm (NZT)

SAVVANAH MOON 10f

Savabeel - Tennessee Moon

Listed Centaurea Stakes 2019m

SAJC, 5:35pm (NZT)

VANDANCER 12f

Savabeel - Vanessatheundressa

Listed Centaurea Stakes 2019m

SAJC, 5:35pm (NZT)

SOUND PROPOSITION 11g

Savabeel - Ebony Babe

Gr.1 Doomben Cup 2000m

BRC, 6:01pm (NZT)

RHYTHM TO SPARE 09g

Pins - Stanica

Gr.3 RA Lee Stakes 1600m

SAJC, 6:15pm (NZT)

SPLURGE 12g

Savabeel - Splashing Out

Gr.3 BRC Sprint Hcp 1350m

BRC, 6:36pm (NZT)

BASSETT 12g

Savabeel - Fledgling

Gr.1 Goodwood Stakes 1200m

SAJC, 6:50pm (NZT)

SUNDAY

PUMP UP THE VOLUME 08g

Savabeel - Nat The Brat

Gr.3 Rotorua Cup 2200m

Rotorua, 2:39pm (NZT)

BAYMAX 11g

Rios - Sinead

Gr.3 Rotorua Cup 2200m

Rotorua, 2:39pm (NZT)

HONEY RIDER 13f

Pins - Southern Heights

Gr.3 Rotorua Stakes 1400m

Rotorua, 3:49pm (NZT)



SAVABEEL BOOK CLOSED

THE 2017 'BOOK FULL' SIGN HAS GONE UP FOR SAVABEEL TODAY.

"The strong demand, especially from Australian breeders, has meant we have had to close his book," explained Mark Chittick.

"We don't want to serve more than 150 mares with him, and after another massive season, the breeder support we have received for him has been just terrific.

"This season Savabeel's had the 18 individual stakes winners and has been very dominant in the sale ring also, leading the NZ way with a Premier average of \$220,385 and selling up to \$750,000." said Chittick.

SAVABEEL'S 18 STAKES WINNERS IN 2016-17...

KAWI (10g, Volksraad). Hawke's Bay Makfi Challenge S **G1**, Hawkes Bay Windsor Park Plate **G1**, Otaki Maori RC WFA Stakes **G1**.

HALL OF FAME (13c, Galileo). WRC Levin Classic **G1**.

COLDPLAY (12f, O'Reilly). Waikato RC Cal Isuzu S **G2**, ARC Eagle Technology S **G3**.

GOLD FEVER (14f, Oratorio). Matamata RC Matamata Breeders' S **G2**.

NURSE KITCHEN (13f, Montjeu). MVRC Moonee Valley Fillies Classic **G2**.

LINCOLN BLUE (13c, Pins). Levin RC Wellington S., **G3**, ARC 3YO Salver **L**.

PUMP UP THE VOLUME (08g, Racing Is Fun). CJC New Zealand Cup **G3**, Feilding JC Feilding Gold Cup **L**.

HASAHALO (14f, Encosta de Lago). ARC Eclipse S **G3**.

SAMOVARE (13f, More Than Ready). WATC Champion Fillies S **G3**.

SHILLELAGH (11f, Flying Spur). Hawkesbury RC Godolphin Crown **G3**.

NICOLETTA (13f, Doneraile Court). WRC Desert Gold S **G3**.

SPLURGE (12g, O'Reilly). ARC Darley Plate **G3**.

SAVARIA (11f, O'Reilly). WRC Wellington Cup **G3**.

SPIRIT BIRD (12f, Rock of Gibraltar). Newcastle JC Tibbie S **G3**.

BASSETT (12g, Captain Rio). MVRC Abell S **L**, MRC (Mornington) Hareeba S **L**.

BOBO SO CUTE (11g, Shinko King). Macau Spring Trophy Hcp **L**.

GRAND CHANCELLOR (13c, Montjeu). SAJC Port Adelaide Guineas **L**.

HORSES TO HAVE FOLLOWED...



O'REILLY

WAR AFFAIR ALL HEART IN SGP-3 SAAS FEE STAKES

The innate will to win of Singapore's former Horse of the Year, War Affair, enabled the most stirring of finishes to the Sgp-3 Saas Fee Stakes last Sunday.

Trained by Bruce Marsh, War Affair had been off the scene since his third placing in the Gr.1 Raffles Cup (1800m) in October. During Sunday's race, you would have easily been forgiven for thinking the 6YO gelding was a spent force, settling at the rear of the field with a wall of horses in front of him.

Angled into the middle at the 300m by jockey Danny Beasley, War Affair fought his way through the pack, hitting the line in an exciting three-way go with Storm Troops and Hip Hip Hooray. At the post, the photo revealed a dead-heat between War Affair and Storm Troops.

"It was a sensational win," Marsh told the Singapore Turf Club afterwards.

"I don't know what happened when he was so far back. The way the track rode today, he had to be really good to win first-up.

"But he's a horse with such a great heart. What is even more amazing is this horse has been through so much behind the scenes (latest was a wind op, hence the long layoff) and to see him win like that, it's just sensational."

The win was particularly special for War Affair's regular pilot.

"I am so proud of him. It doesn't matter if it was a dead-heat, to do what he did after what he's been through, it's pretty amazing," said Beasley.

"Nothing happened at the start; he just wanted to be at the back today, on his own.

"He did hit a wall at the 50 yard. Last time he would let go inside the last 100 yards, but his fitness blew.

"He got a head, a neck in front, and then he just picked himself off the canvas, and just threw himself at the line. It's a very special win."



WAR AFFAIR WAS PURCHASED FROM TRELAWNEY STUD'S 2012 PREMIER YEARLING DRAFT FOR \$70,000 BY DAVID ELLIS. HE HAS SINCE WON APPROXIMATELY \$3.1 MILLION (\$NZ) FOR OWNERS, THE WARPLAN RACING STABLE.



SAVABEEL

FAWN

Precedence's 3YO 3/4 sister won at second attempt for Roger James at Ruakaka on Wednesday.



PINS

ELECTRODE

Smart 2YO filly won at career start number two at Waipa on Monday for the Baker/Forsman team.



O'REILLY

THE BELIEVER

6YO brother to Champion 3YO 'The Jewel' added his second win this season for the Dennis brothers on Sunday.

HORSES TO FOLLOW...



SAVABEEL

SOUND PROPOSITION

Gr.1 Easter Stakes winner aiming for more Gr.1 success for Wexford Stables in the Gr.1 Doomben Cup on Saturday.



PINS

RHYTHM TO SPARE

Last start winner takes aim at Morphetville's Gr.3 RA Lee Stakes for Mike Moroney tomorrow.



SAVABEEL

SPLURGE

Black-type winner seeks 4th win on end in Gr.3 BRC Sprint Hcp for Autridge & Richards on Saturday.



SIXTY SECONDS

WITH SUCCESSFUL SINGAPORE
TRAINER,
BRUCE MARSH



- OCCUPATION TITLE** Singapore Turf Club Racehorse Trainer
- BEST HORSES INVOLVED WITH?** War Affair, Mr Shannon, Daryls Joy, Showgate and Game.
- GREATEST THRILL IN RACING?** Winning the Melbourne Cup as a jockey on Silver Knight in 1971.
- HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN RACING?** My father was a jockey and grandfather was a big owner.
- WHAT WOULD YOU DO, IF YOU WEREN'T DOING WHAT YOU DO NOW?** Annoy Stephen Marsh
- WHAT ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT?** Very good racehorses
- WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR GREATEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS?** My first winner in Singapore was the Derby with a rogue horse that was transferred to me -- Hello And Goodbye.
- WHAT IS ONE THING YOU CAN'T RESIST?** Pepper crab at the seafood restaurant.
- WHAT IS ONE OF YOUR PERSONAL LIFE PHILOSOPHIES?** I believe the more you put into it, the more you get out of it.
- NAME THREE PEOPLE YOU WOULD ENJOY INVITING TO DINNER?** Family -- Kay, Rachel and Stephen.
- WHO WERE YOUR CHILDHOOD HEROES?** Muhammad Ali
- WHAT DO YOU DO TO RELAX?** Have a few drinks with friends.
- WHAT IS THE BEST BOOK YOU HAVE READ?** Seabiscuit
- WHERE IS THE BEST PLACE YOU HAVE TRAVELED TO?** Best place lived is Singapore.
- FAVOURITE THING ABOUT WAIKATO STUD?** The amount of quality yearlings to view, their excellent management and entertainment.
- WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MOVIE?** Pretty Woman
- WHAT WOULD PEOPLE BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?** I was very scared of horses until I started riding ponies at the age of nine.



STALLION OF THE WEEK...

Sarabeel

CHAMPION G1 SIRE

18 STAKES WINNERS
THIS SEASON

10 % STAKES WINNERS
TO RUNNERS



Postcards from Abroad...



Peter Moody ✓

@moodyracingpgm

“ @TrelawneyStudNZ @trelawneystud Amalfi great little town. Terrific little horse @WaikatoStud not a bad shirt



“ SOUND PROPOSITION soaking up the Queensland sunshine after his morning work.

FREE MATING ANALYSIS TOOLS

CLICK ON THE ICON BUTTONS TO THE RIGHT TO EXPLORE HOW WELL YOUR MARE MIGHT SUIT ONE OF WAIKATO STUD'S RESIDENT STALLIONS...



PEDIGREE POINTERS

WITH GARETH DOWNEY



A Mix More Potent Than Volatile

There were two stakes winners in Australasia during the past week involving High Chaparral. These stakes winners are both bred on patterns previously discussed in this column as having proven successful for High Chaparral, so they are well worth looking at as further confirmation of those proven affinities.

In winning the Gr.1 South Australian Derby, Volatile Mix continued the incredible success enjoyed by breeders Graham and Linda Huddy from combining High Chaparral and Pentire together in a pedigree. Their earlier prime example of this was their wonderful 5-time Gr.1 winner, Shoot Out. Shoot Out was by High Chaparral out of a Pentire mare – and Graham and Lindy successfully utilised the reverse cross to produce Volatile Mix, who has now become a Gr.1 winner at his 9th career start.

Overall, the statistics to date from combining High Chaparral and Pentire together on opposite sides of a pedigree are outstanding. There have to date been just 14 runners bred this way, and from these there have been 12 winners of 33 races. The list of stakes winners are of course Shoot Out and Volatile Mix, as well as the Morphetville Guineas winner Silvera – who, quite incredibly, was also bred and raced by Graham and Linda.

There is very strong pedigree appeal in this combination of High Chaparral and Pentire. High Chaparral is out of a mare by a son of Shirley Heights; while Pentire's granddam is a half-sister to Shirley Heights. We so often see this close reinforcement of powerful female ancestors being a catalyst for racetrack success. The pedigree appeal is further enhanced by reinforcement of the very influential mare Lalun, as well as by the sex-balanced duplication of powerful stallions such as Mill Reef, Native Dancer and Hugh Lupus. Congratulations to Graham and Linda for utilising this pedigree

pattern to such successful effect!

The other stakes winner involving High Chaparral for the week was Stampede, who took out the Gr.3 Chairman's Handicap at Doomben. Stampede is also bred on a well-proven pedigree pattern, with his dam carrying a duplication of Sir Tristram. When High Chaparral has been combined anywhere in a pedigree with Sir Tristram on the opposite side, this is to date achieving a very good 8.6% SW/Rnrs, and an exceptional strike rate of a Gr.1 winner for every 35 runners. Tivaci himself is one of these Gr.1 winners, and Sir Tristram is carried well back in the 4th generation of his pedigree so matings with mares carrying another strain of Sir Tristram should provide a positive reinforcement of this successful pattern.

Apart from Tivaci, the other stakes winners bred on this pattern of combining High Chaparral and Sir Tristram have included It's A Dundeel, Fenway, Inference, La Diosa, Charmont, Pondarosa Miss, Omei Sword, Alpine Eagle etc. Combining High Chaparral and Sir Tristram together in a pedigree again achieves reinforcement of such powerful mares as Selene, Lavendula II, Mumtaz Begum and Mumtaz Mahal – as well as sex-balanced duplication of stallions such as Princequillo and Mahmoud.

So, if you have a mare carrying either Pentire or Sir Tristram in her pedigree, sending her to Tivaci will enable you to tap into these very well-proven pedigree affinities that are supported by strong theoretical pedigree compatibility appeal. If you would like to discuss sending your mare to Tivaci, please do get in touch via either gareth@waikatostud.co.nz or 021 433 073

TAKE HOME MESSAGE

IF YOU HAVE A MARE CARRYING EITHER PENTIRE OR SIR TRISTRAM IN HER PEDIGREE, SENDING HER TO TIVACI WILL ENABLE YOU TO TAP INTO SOME WELL-PROVEN PEDIGREE AFFINITIES.



SIR TRISTRAM



PENTIRE



TIVACI



This is my first visit to Hawaii and I must confess to being pleasantly surprised. Obviously, a consistent temperature of 26/28 Celsius with the sea around 22/24 makes the days easy to enjoy, but it is the local population, who are easy to mix with that makes for a good time. Honolulu has a roading system better than most but is about to succumb to rapid growth that so many cities are confronted with.

The downtown and beach area are pristine. The only thing littering the beach is a multitude of lithe bodies that reinforces my belief that life is unfair. You have two choices: you either enjoy the beauty around you or slip deeper into depression when confronting the body in the mirror that is taking up too much room on the beach. My current choice is to accept the humiliation and to continue to enjoy the beauty around me.

Property prices attract similar publicity to NZ, with the average price now over 800k, but many houses above 5million and up to 40 million. Ethnic Hawaiians are offered the opportunity to lease for 90 years at a peppercorn rental. There are only 220 so called pure Hawaiians, but 220,000 who can claim the right to these leases with a waiting list of 40000...sounds familiar doesn't it.

Have visited Pearl Harbour along with thousands of Japanese. One can't help but wonder what they think. What a monumental stuff up the Americans made. They show a 20-minute clip of the events leading up to this infamous 2 hours, not impressive decision-making.

Funny thing though, wherever you go racing dogs you.

John Key shared the bus from plane to terminal, a bus trip he didn't know existed when Prime Minister. I suggested we should spend our 5 minutes to sort out racing; his blunt response was you need more money!

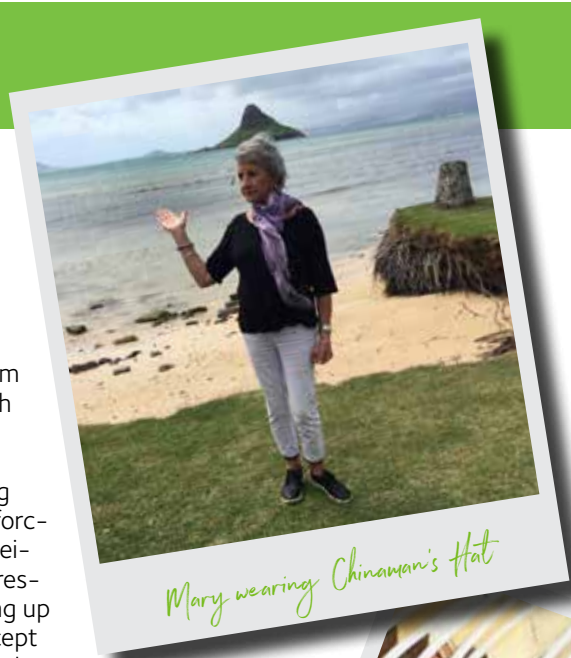
Surprise, walking out of the terminal I was pursued by Ray Thompson, a former owner of a number of both trotters and gallopers. He asked why I was allowing the industry to die? I tried to explain, to no avail, that I certainly could not be accused of sitting on my butt in our efforts to improve our prospects.

Remember John Stubbs...a former big player in the industry? He shared dinner with us last night. You don't need me to tell you what direction the discussion went with his only racing interest in Australia now, including his punting.

All this in three days. I think being humiliated on the beach, where at least I am surrounded by beauty, is better than the constant humiliation of trying to justify why they should race in NZ. Oh well, I have my first surfing lesson this morning -how's that for positive thinking! Don't wait for the video.

Cheers from the warmth.

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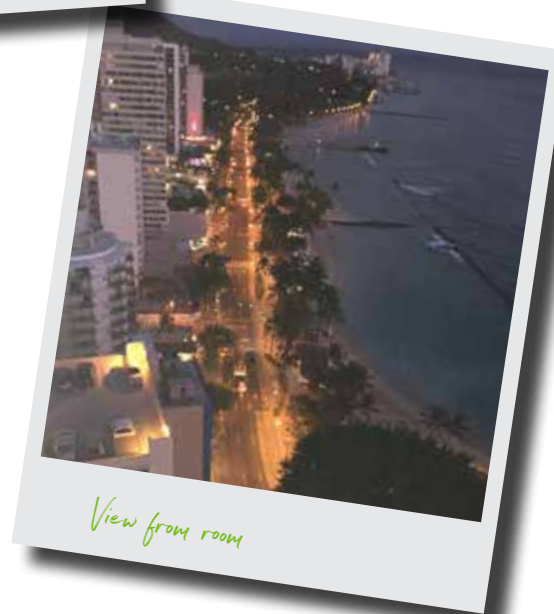
Mary wearing Chinaman's Hat



My friends at the beach



USS Missouri - where surrendering documents were signed



View from room



Big news for the stud this week, with the 2017 book for Savabeel being closed. As indicated earlier, the support particularly from Australian breeders, has been massive.

We're very proud of Savabeel's tally of 18 stakes winners of 25 races this season and to think we still have just over 2 months in the season remaining!

Great to see O'Reilly feature last weekend with former Singapore Horse of the Year War Affair dead-heating for first in the Sgp-3 Saas Fee Stakes. This horse has had its issues, so a big congrats to trainer Bruce Marsh for this game raceday resuming effort.

Must say I'm a bit sick of the wet. Hopefully we are in for a nice Winter ahead. I was quoted that we'd had 850mls over the last 3 months. The farm has taken it well but it would be nice to have a period of not so much rain.

Enjoyed catching up with John O'Shea and David Brideoake this week.

More positive news coming out of Australia with Victoria's hefty stake announcement this week.

The racing game is certainly buoyant in Australia and it's very positive for us in that a lot of the money is going into mile plus races. The results that NZ-Breds continue to achieve over this distance range means this is a huge bonus for us.

Mark.



TIP OF THE WEEK

SPLURGE

Saturday
\$4.60 win NZ TAB
Gr.3 BRC Sprint Hcp
Doomben
6:36pm

Smart gelding who seems to step up at each time of asking. If rain stays away, he looks a good chance of doing so again for the Te Akau team.



Splurge