

# Weekend @ Waikato

9 June 2017



## BONNY O'REILLY

-SEVEN FROM NINE WINNER CHASES MORE BLACK-TYPE-

### IN THIS WEEK'S W@W...

#### POINTS OF INTEREST

- Bonny O'Reilly
- Black-Type Runners
- Unreserved Dispersal Sale

#### PEOPLE SPOTLIGHT

- Bjorn Baker
- Mark Baker

#### PLUS REGULAR COLUMNS BY

- Garry Chittick
- Gareth Downey
- Mark Chittick

## SATURDAY

**BONNY O'REILLY** 12f  
O'Reilly – Pretty  
Gr.2 Dane Ripper Stakes 1350m  
BRC 3.05pm (NZT)

**BILLY THE KID** 13g  
Savabeel – Monaliesha  
Gr.2 Queensland Guineas 1600m  
BRC 3.40pm (NZT)

**SAVVAN** 13f  
Savabeel – Ruud Van Slaats  
Gr.2 Queensland Guineas 1600m  
BRC 3.40pm (NZT)

**TOP OF THE RANGE** 13g  
Savabeel – Spiriting  
Gr.2 Queensland Guineas 1600m  
BRC 3.40pm (NZT)

**MONASTERIO** 13g  
Savabeel – Pingus  
Gr.1 Queensland Derby 2200m  
BRC 5.00pm (NZT)

**TOP OF THE RANGE** 13g  
Savabeel – Spiriting  
Gr.1 Queensland Derby 2200m  
BRC 5.00pm (NZT)

**MACKINTOSH** 12g  
Pins – Lolly Scramble  
Gr.1 Stradbroke Handicap 1350m  
BRC 5.40pm (NZT)

**\*BONNY O'REILLY** 12f  
O'Reilly – Pretty  
Gr.1 Stradbroke Handicap 1350m  
BRC 5.40pm (NZT)

**KAISER FRANZ** 10g  
Savabeel – Call Me Lily  
Gr.2 Brisbane Cup 2200m  
BRC 6.20pm (NZT)



## BONNY O'REILLY

Trainer Bjorn Baker is realistic about the chances of his seven from nine winning stable charge Bonnie O'Reilly (O'Reilly) making the field for the Gr.1 Stradbroke tomorrow.

"It's unlikely she will make the field for the Stradbroke but we will find out for sure in the morning," said Baker of last weekend's impressive Listed Helen Coughlan Stakes winner.

"If she runs in the Gr.2 Dane Ripper Stakes instead, it will be another step up for her.

"It'll be a challenge from the gate (13), so we will just see how the day unfolds, and she'll have Opie (Bossion) on to help things.

"The thing about her though is she is a real professional. She can race forward or back and makes her own luck.

"All going well tomorrow, she'll head to the Gr.1 Tatt's Tiara in two weeks.

Bonny O'Reilly was purchased by Baker and Michael Wallace for \$100,000 out of WS's 2014 Premier Sale draft. Bonnie O'Reilly is from the Pins mare Pretty, who is a half-sister to the Group One winners Glamour Puss and Vision And Power.



Bonny O'Reilly's 2016 Ocean Park sister



# SIXTY SECONDS

## WITH HALLMARK STUD'S DIRECTOR, MARK BAKER



**OCCUPATION TITLE:** Hallmark Stud Director

**BEST HORSES INVOLVED WITH?** Katie Lee - Co-bred her with Trevor Hurley.  
Diamond Lover - Denny and I broke her in and educated her for Sir Patrick.  
Sadler's Wells & Law Society - They were both in work when I was one of the assistant trainers at Ballydoyle.  
Miss Jessie Jay - Still the only broodmare to have a Champion two and three-year-old in the same season (Katie Lee and Banchee).

**GREATEST THRILLS IN RACING?** Katie Lee - still the only filly to win the Gr.1 NZ 1000 and 2000 Guineas.  
Hardline - we bought him as a foal and resold him to a great mate, Liam Birchley, who brought him back over to win the Karaka Million.

**HOW DID YOU GET INVOLVED IN RACING?** Through my father Denny's involvement. Been involved almost since birth.

**WHAT WOULD YOU DO, IF YOU WEREN'T DOING WHAT YOU DO NOW?** Sheep and Beef farmer.

**WHAT ARE YOU PASSIONATE ABOUT?** My family, wife Vicki and kids Maddy and Jack.  
Hunting and Fishing ...when the opportunity permits.

**WHAT ARE SOME OF YOUR GREATEST PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS?** The kids

**WHAT IS ONE THING YOU CAN'T RESIST?** Mark's invites to Game Gully

**WHAT IS ONE OF YOUR PERSONAL LIFE PHILOSOPHIES?** I often say to my kids 'No one got anything for nothing.'

**WHO WERE YOUR CHILDHOOD HEROES?** John Kirwan & Muhammad Ali

**WHAT DO YOU DO TO RELAX?** Hunt and Fish

**WHAT IS THE BEST BOOK YOU HAVE READ?** Rod Stewart's Autobiography - couldn't put it down.

**WHERE IS THE BEST PLACE YOU HAVE LIVED/TRAVELLED TO?** Living in Ireland was amazing. I often say when I was there, in the first week I was drunk twice and played a game of Rugby, the two years that followed went like two weeks.  
Mauritius - I was stuck there for two weeks with a boatload of horses on the way to South Africa. Beautiful place.

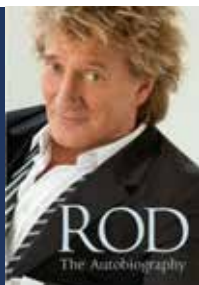
**FAVOURITE THING ABOUT WAIKATO STUD?** Game Gully and Tivaci

**WHAT IS YOUR FAVOURITE MOVIE?** Heat starring Robert De Niro and Al Pacino

**WHO WOULD PLAY YOU IN A MOVIE** Vicki told me I looked like Brad Pitt once, but she had been drinking.

**NAME THREE PEOPLE YOU WOULD ENJOY HAVING DINNER WITH?** Vicki, Maddy and Jack or the Robertson clan off Duck Dynasty.

**WHAT WOULD PEOPLE BE SURPRISED TO KNOW ABOUT YOU?** A mate and I collect rare taxidermy. The family think it's a mid-life crisis.





ROCK N POP

**BEBOP**

Rock n Pop 2YO to debut in Singapore for Hideyuki Takaoka this weekend.



SAVABEEL

**KAISER FRANZ**

Looks for back-to-back black-type for Rob Heathcote in Gr.2 Brisbane Cup.



PINS

**MACKINTOSH**

Gr.2 winner resumes for Waller in Saturday's Gr.1 Stradbroke.



PINS

**CHOPIN's FANTAISIE**

Ambitious Dragon's Singapore based brother took his record to two-from-two for trainer Michael Clements on Sunday.

# She's a Bonny mare

-The Sportsman Weekend, 9 June 2017

By SHAYNE O'CASS

**BONNY O'Reilly**, Australia's form mare, was built to succeed.

The Bjorn Baker-trained potential Stradbroke starter is bred on one of the most successful nicks in world breeding and a member of what Mark Chittick this week described as 'Waikato Stud's best family'.

Already the winner of seven of her nine appearances, Bonny O'Reilly will aim to keep her incredible strike-rate in tact in either the Group 2 BRC Dane Ripper Stakes (1350m) or the Group 1 BRC Stradbroke Handicap (1350m) should she secure a run given that she is the second emergency for the \$1.5m feature.

Bonny O'Reilly was bought by Bjorn Baker for \$100,000 at the NZB Premier Yearling Sale out of Waikato Stud's draft.

The filly is a combination of two of the Waikato Stud pillars namely O'Reilly and Pins.

This remarkable cross has worked so well over the years with 40 winners from 67 named foals bred on the nick - five of those are stakes-winners namely Kelly O'Reilly, High Fashion, Wolfwhistle, Queens Rose and Bonny O'Reilly.

Waikato Stud's association with this extraordinary family dates back to the 1970s with the acquisition of NZ-bred mare Georgina Belle by the

Farm's patriarch Gary Chittick.

"Gary bought the Pakistan mare Georgina Belle in America and bought her back through England and put her in foal," son Mark Chittick explained.

"It's been an incredible family for us, it really has, and we've still got quite a lot of daughters still to race from the family - actually we've got a daughter out of (Bonny O'Reilly's grand-dam) Escada.

"She had lots of foals and left two of them Group 1 winners and we've still got an Ocean Park filly to race out of her.

"I got a painting commissioned for Gary's 70th birthday and it was of the four full sisters that were all daughters of Georgina Bella's daughter Celia Leigh who between them left multiple stakeswinners and Group 1 winners and the winners of a 130-odd races, it was just incredible."

Bonny O'Reilly is the second foal of her dam, Pretty, who foaled an Ocean Park filly in 2016 (pictured) and is presently in foal to NZ's Champion Sire and Waikato Stud resident Savabeel.

"We haven't made a decision on who Pretty will go to, but if we were wanting to capitalise on this cross, Sacred Falls (by O'Reilly) would be right at the top of the list, especially with the quality foals that he is leaving," Chittick says.



# PEDIGREE POINTERS

## WITH GARETH DOWNEY



### Searching For Synergy

As we consider mating options for our mares, many of us will be looking for opportunities to tap into proven genetic synergies. Our website provides access to Goldmine and TrueNicks tools to help you conduct your research. The TrueNicks tool is one that specifically looks for genetic synergy between the stallion (and/or his sireline) and the broodmare sire (and/or his sireline). The way TrueNicks works is to look at the overall performance for the stallion and broodmare sire in question, to establish a benchmark for how each of these has performed in general. The calculations performed by TrueNicks then essentially compare the results when these two sirelines are combined together against their overall average performance – so that is therefore literally a search for evidence of genetic synergy.

Just as an example, here are some of the searches that have been conducted recently on TrueNicks. The results for these show actual results that are at least four times as good as those that should be expected based on overall average performance. These are, of course, just some examples. To see how your mare matches up with any of our stallions, please do utilise the TrueNicks and Goldmine tools available on our website – and enjoy the search for genetic synergy!

The below table shows some examples of exceptional results when the named stallion (or their sireline) have been mated with mares from the stated sirelines.

OCEAN PARK	PINS	RIOS	ROCK N POP	SACRED FALLS	SAVABEEL	TIVACI
Bluebird Blushing Groom Century Gold Brose Halo Royal Academy	Be My Guest Carnegie Flying Spur Generous Gone West Kaaipstad	Nijinsky II Redoute's Choice Ribot Royal Academy Snippets Stark South	Iglesia Ogygian Sadler's Wells Secret Savings Snippets Woodman	Be My Guest Blushing Groom Fairy King Kaoru Star Seeking The Gold Storm Bird	Be My Guest Carnegie Exceed and Excel Fairy King Flying Spur Montjeu More Than Ready O'Reilly Pins Redoute's Choice Singspiel Stravinsky Success Express	Black Min-naloushe General Nediym Kingmambo Zabeel Pentire Prized

If you would like to discuss your mare/s and your search for genetic synergy, please do get in touch via either [gareth@waikatostud.co.nz](mailto:gareth@waikatostud.co.nz) or 021 433 073

## 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...



# GARTSHORE'S UNRESERVED DISPERSAL SALE

LONG-TIME FRIENDS GARTSHORE BLOODSTOCK HAVE DECIDED TO DISPERSE THEIR BLOODSTOCK INTERESTS.

THE GARTSHORE'S UNRESERVED DISPERSAL SALE IS BEING CONDUCTED BY [WWW.GAVELHOUSE.CO.NZ](http://WWW.GAVELHOUSE.CO.NZ).

THE ONLINE AUCTION WILL TAKE PLACE MONDAY THE 12TH OF JUNE AT 7 PM.

PLEASE CONTACT MORGAN CARTER ON 021 882 269 OR EMAIL [MORGAN.CARTER@NZB.CO.NZ](mailto:MORGAN.CARTER@NZB.CO.NZ) WITH ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE.



## **AMPIN - Broodmare**

Lovely, strong and well-balanced five-year-old Pins mare in foal to Savabeel. Unraced due to injury. Ampin's sire Pins is a remarkable broodmare sire with a 5.1% stakes winners to runners ratio including Group 1 standouts Stratum Star and Brambles.

Ampin carries a positive test to the New Zealand's award-sweeping Group 1 sire Savabeel, with an early foaling due date of 15/9/2017.

No vices other than she is needle shy. She has a great breeding history and has had a positive pregnancy scan done in the last 14 days.



## **MEGAN O'REILLY - Broodmare**

Attractive and scopey three-year-old filly in foal to the Gr.1 winning Fastnet Rock sire, Rock 'n' Pop. Excellent breeding history. Due to foal 19/08/2017.

Her sire O'Reilly has achieved terrific success as a damsire. With 7.3% stakes winners to runners here, O'Reilly has the highest stakes winners to runners percentage in Australasia and is strongly recommended by 11 individual Group 1 winners

This mare has no known vices. Note: Being a maiden mare, she was sedated when in the crush.

She has had a positive pregnancy scan done in the last 14 days.



## **TWILIGHT GRANITA - Broodmare**

Stakes winning seven-year-old Iffraaj mare in foal to 5x Group 1 winning stallion Ocean Park.

This mare won at Listed level and also ran 2nd in the Group 1 NZ Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes.

Standing at approx. 16.2hh, she is a stand-out mare with good bone and correct conformation.

She is due to foal 8/11/2017. She has had a positive pregnancy scan done in the last 14 days.



## **HARD GRAFT - RACING/BREEDING PROSPECT**

Three-year-old filly by Champion sire Savabeel out of the winning Dynaformer mare Former Glory.

Lovely type of filly with good conformation.

Selling as a racing or breeding prospect.



## **SAVABEEL - AMPIN COLT - Weanling**

Weanling colt by Champion sire Savabeel out of the Pins mare Ampin.

This bay colt was born 30/08/2016 and is very strong and well-balanced. He has correct conformation, is an attractive type and has a great temperament.

He has had a full set of sales x-rays which are available for viewing through New Zealand Bloodstock's repository.



## **OCEAN PARK - TWILIGHT GRANITA COLT - Weanling**

Weanling colt by 5x Gr.1 winning stallion Ocean Park out of the stakes-winning Iffraaj mare Twilight Granita.

This chestnut colt was born 12/11/2016 and is an attractive weanling with correct conformation and a great temperament.

He has had a full set of sales x-rays which are available for viewing through New Zealand Bloodstock's repository.



Well, it's easy to be the cynic. Or the sniper, but credibility depends on not just picking away, but having a vision.

I am not really a visionary, no more of a concerned calculator. What does that mean? I'm bugged if I know, but let's give it a go so you, my two readers can sit back, can judge for yourself if there is a gap between we who find flaws in the current direction, or if a radical shakeup would help.

So here goes...

### 1) SEPARATE POOLS

The TAB was founded by the two major codes of the time, later to be joined by the greyhounds then sports betting. Code pay out was based on internal turnover. Sounds fair and probably was, but the matrix has changed, with an equal amount of our turnover now on offshore product. This creates a distinct blurring of the lines, for example, what effect does exciting well-televised galloping product from Australia have on the direction of the punter's dollar? Their presentation leaves ours for dead. I would venture say that the NZ punter now has more knowledge of Australian fields than ours.

To currently watch a Saturday afternoon where we will have both channels broadcasting Aus metropolitan meetings, while interspersed with either greyhounds or harness is not just stupid, it's insulting.

Solution: a dedicated galloping channel.

### 2) DEDICATED GALLOPS CHANNEL

How could we have a dedicated galloping channel? Clearly, I would contract the provision of our viewing material to the best private contractor available. Pie in the sky. Why? If the argument is the provision of broadcasting requires cross subsidy then it wouldn't be hard to work out. Let the costs fall where they should. But I can guarantee you; a dedicated galloping channel would enhance our interest and turnover.

### 3 OPERATING UNDER LICENCE

There has been discussion regarding our options: continue as we do, or operate under licence. I think it is a pity even to have to way up such an option. We currently have the best opportunity to provide a return to our codes. We pay nominal betting duty, a company running our wagering would do so for a negotiated licence fee. There would be no loss of sovereignty, but an undoubted loss of control.

Why consider such an option? Well, our current administrators operate like the spoilt child. You know the one, they inherit the business but forget the family are still alive and entitled to a feed. Operating under licence would only happen with performance benchmarks, plus the obvious management savings, I don't perceive any major problems, so I say lay the cards on the table. Let's have a look.

I think operating under licence would give us Gallops the opportunity to run our own cutter, separate pools, separate broadcasting and let the best man win. If we can't market and promote our product, we don't deserve to succeed.

### 4 RACE CLUBS

Are there too many? Hard to know. Current race day cancellations would suggest our topography means we should make haste slowly. Anyway, it's chicken feed in the overall scheme of our future.

There is more to come, but you can see like all decisions, you have to cut your cloth somewhere. If it's not working (and it's not) then something has to change.

I am prepared to hang my hat on separate pools, designated TV coverage, operating under license to spread our risk and opportunity. ARE YOU?!



We've had some pretty cold mornings lately, but I think we can all put up with them with the days that follow.

Have done another weanling round this week. Very excited about what we'll have to offer in 2018. A fantastic line by all resident stallions, highlighted by the number of outstanding types by Sacred Falls, whose progeny will be heading to the yearling sales for the first time.

We've had a busy few days with viewings of the 'Gartshore Dispersal'. It's going to be very interesting come Monday evening as the internet sale kicks off. These horses are being offered totally genuinely, and the Gartshore's really are offering up a very nice bunch of horses.

Have got quite interested watching yachting this week! I do think it's going to be a 'long' five weeks for the Lions though.

Mark.

# MARK'S MAIL

