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The United Syndications NZ touring party of 2012 pictured here at Cambridge Stud.

## New Zealand 2012

Our 2012 New Zealand tour have only just returned safely back to Australian shores and I must say this tour continues to build year on year both in numbers and activities. It is a full on tour and only the fittest survive, however the fun and enjoyment of the tour gains momentum each year and a great group of people experienced the courtesy and hospitality of NZ Bloodstock. There were many highlights throughout the 10 days including the obvious - that being the purchase of an outstanding High Chaparal filly on the first day of the Premier Sale, however on the social side - the stud tour to Cambridge Stud to visit the great Zabeel was right up there. Cambridge Stud was just an outstanding property and the Stud Manager, Kerry Gore, gave us all a great insight into what makes Zabeel tick and gave a comprehensive insight and tour of the great property. The Karaka Million race day at Eilerslie is always a highlight and the parade of models on the

red carpet in the middle of the marquee was most appreciated by all the guys! The great restaurants and our Dinner Cruise will become a permanent feature of future tours as it was just a terrific experience that was appreciated by everyone. A fantastic 2012 tour was had by all and a great group I am sure, have developed some new lifelong friends. Bring on 2013!

It would be remiss if I didn't thank Graham Snell and his wife Fran for organising the Dinner Cruise and overseeing the restaurant bills each night. To watch them work out how much to tip the waiters each night was a sight to behold. They did a great job in organising the before dark entertainment as did David Evans on the after dark entertainment although I did receive a protest from one of the party the following morning on an unexpected entry to one of the infamous gay bars on K' Road in the early hours.

Safe to say K' Road got a wide berth after that! Well done Graham, Fran and David—your efforts were very much appreciated.



The NZ touring team enjoying a great Harbour Dinner cruise!



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Our 2012 NZ High Chaparral/Chile Oaks Filly purchased at the Karaka Premier sale for NZ \$40,000.

## From the Stable

Classy 3YO **Loveyamadly**, is currently flying the flag for United Syndications and was a brilliant winner at Moonee Valley recently. Loveyamadly a \$60,000 Inglis Premier purchase was dominant in her victory leading all of the way and the daughter of Bel Esprit looks to have a very promising future. She will have a brief let up before returning towards the start of Spring but is already assured of a successful broodmare career as she is an undefeated city winner of 2 races and is a half sister to the Group 1 T J Smith place getter in American Crew and that will never leave her pedigree!

2YO **Onpicalo** has only just left the Mick Price stables after succumbing to shin soreness which was a shame as he had been showing nice ability. He had done a great job during his first prep and looks a nice tough horse that is destined for success throughout his career. Two other horses ready to arrive into Mick's include **Sir Ready** who is working the house down with John Ledger in pre training and **Russian Harmony** a recent jump out winner at Wangaratta. Sir Ready didn't appear to come up last time in for whatever reason but has really blossomed physically this time in and I feel as though we will see a different horse this time around. Russian Harmony has been a bit of a problem child mentally but a good deal of barrier work by John Ledger who has worked extremely

hard with her behind the scenes looks to be paying some dividends after some promising jump out results.

Other horses in the stable with updates include **Rococco** who is currently spelling but has an Oaks campaign ahead beginning mid May, **Comic Composer** is set to resume work within the next month after an extended break and **Turf Prince** who is currently spelling after one run at Terang where he was over the top. This horse has shown nice ability at Caulfield however he lost his way towards the end of his time with Mick prior to racing and pulled up very shin sore after Terang. He is one horse who will show big improvement in his next prep after he matures up and we can get him over some ground and add blinkers.

Our **Sir Percy** filly and **High Chaparral** filly have both done well over in New Zealand, in particular the High Chaparral filly who has been partnered up with the Sir Percy filly over in Matamata. Both are lovely staying fillies who will be broken in together around April/May and will be given typical New Zealand type programs under Paul Schailer who has earned an excellent reputation in the industry since setting up his own operation at Matamata after 10 years as foreman for Chris Waller

## Broodmares

Damselfly - Hussonet colt on the ground - in foal to Sebring  
 Royal Charades - Snitzel filly on the ground - in foal to Flying Spur  
 Ready Made Family - All American filly on the ground - in foal to Not a Single Doubt

### Update

For those members who have jumped in and secured shares in our Magic Millions Gold Coast Flying Spur/Distinctive filly I can report that the filly has already broken in exceptionally well. Rarely has one of my horses broken in so quickly and done everything right and she has already been to the gates and has education on that front as well. This filly is very reminiscent in both type and attitude to that of our Group 1 winning filly Damselfly and John has confirmed to Mick and myself our original thoughts that she looks and feels like an up and running style of filly. She now goes to the paddock having displayed a great attitude to the breaking in process so for any member who wants to get involved with a horse that should be at the races this time next please give me a call at the earliest opportunity as we do have only a few shares available.



Loveyamadly-in full flight at Moonee Valley  
 Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb

The many happy "Loveyamadly Team"

