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2012 Syndicate Day!



Mick Price going head to head with Jo McKinnon

Our 2012 Syndicate Day was again a terrific day and whilst conducted under grey skies and threatening clouds it failed to dampen the enthusiasm of a sell out crowd of 150 of our members and friends who enjoyed the fun and frivolity of what turned out to be such a great day.

From a personal perspective I was very appreciative of the efforts of our guest emcee Jo McKinnon to come down from Sydney after her live presentation of Racing Retro. There were a few heart flutters flying when the first race was so early, 11.50am and no 11.30am flights leaving Sydney but a few strings were pulled and as normal Jo arrived on time and all fears were put to rest. Her interview with Mick was outstanding and we all saw a side of Mick very rarely seen in the public where he actually let his guard down (which is a reflection of how comfortable he felt with everyone) and showed that he does have a personality and a funny side which is great. Many thanks to Mick who made himself available on a day that is normally his and rarely makes any public statements on a Sunday let alone attend a function so his attendance was very much appreciated.

Our Punters Club and Tipping Competition was again admirably run by Paul Mitchell and Grant Rathjen. Grant's efforts in attending was also greatly appreciated as he had only arrived back in Melbourne from overseas midnight Friday and spent most of Saturday doing the form whilst still recovering from jetlag. Many thanks to Grant and Paul for the efforts on a tough day

regarding the Punters Club which returned \$15.00 for every \$20.00. Not quite a profit but not a disaster either. These two guys put on a very brave face doing a tough gig but everyone was appreciative of their efforts and many thanks for helping make the day what it was. Trophies, cameras and our Win a Share Promotion winner were all drawn and the lucky winners were as follows:

Win a Share Promotion - 5% share in Bel Esprit/Raising High filly
 *Ashley Bibb - Ringwood Victoria

Trophy - Le Bonsir win at Geelong 26/8/11 - Benny Scrimizzi

Camera - High Chaparral/Clarens colt - Chris Byrnes

Camera - Rococco - Robert Zerella

Camera - Onpicalo - Kevin Arthurson

Camera - High Chaparral/Chile filly - Laurie Wegmann

Camera - Flying Spur/Distinctive filly - Fiona Ferrier

Camera - Bel Esprit/Raising High filly - Robert Berven

2012 Tipping Competition winner - Helen Mannix \$300.00

Congratulations to the above winners and looking forward to our 2013 Syndicate Day!



Kevin Wise (our barrel boy) in his element with Jo during the camera draws



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From the Stable

Plenty of action currently awaits with a number of our horses either in with Mick or just awaiting being in pre-training with John Ledger at Wangaratta. For those in with Mick **Turf Prince** raced satisfactorily at Wodonga recently, and after settling back in the field ran on in the straight and is heading towards 2000 metres plus whilst his stablemate **Sir Ready** disappointed with his career being questioned. Our very exciting **Loveyamadly** has settled in beautifully and her eagerly awaited return looks set for the end of June.

Other horses ready to enter Caulfield shortly include our Oaks aspirant **Rococco** who has been with John for a month and is doing everything right, **Onpicalo** our Hussonet 2YO who has settled in well and is enjoying his time with John. He would be expected to arrive in at Caulfield within the next couple of weeks and hopefully can handle a wet track when he resumes racing in July.

Our forgotten Leon Macdonald trained galloper **Comic Composer** to date has done everything right and whilst taken along slowly is progressing well and heading in the right direction. Whilst no date has been set for his return I would imagine that he would be close to kicking off around the end of June. A



Our outstanding Mastercraftsman weanling purchased at the NZ Karaka Weanling sales for \$50,000

proven winner - if **Comic Composer** can recapture his old form I am sure that further wins await.

Our yearling purchases of this year either have been or are being broken in. In New Zealand both our **High Chaparral/Chile** filly and our **Sir Percy/Deebee Donna** filly are in the final stages of their respective breaking preps and both are great. They have settled in well and each filly is showing a great attitude to the process and are eating well. Paul Shailer is happy with both of these fillies and whilst early days all is going to plan. Our **Flying Spur/Distinctive** filly is currently having her second preparation with John after breaking in well and is advancing nicely. She is starting to trim down after spelling well and her work load will start to increase in the coming weeks. More will be known about her shortly!



Our United Syndications celebrity Kevin Wise



Winners of the best dressed male and female Mick McCulloch and Nicole Gibbs



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