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Le Bonsir heading for victory at Cranbourne

Le Bonsir Back in Winner's Stall!

One of our most promising horses in the stable **Le Bonsir** bounced back to the winner's stall at a recent Cranbourne night meeting in no uncertain fashion winning well in a \$30,000 ratings showcase event. The son of Choisir bounced brilliantly and with a dominant ride by gun rider Michael Walker finally delivered on the promise shown in other successful preps. This horse has been troubled by niggles throughout his career but Mick has him going in career best form at the moment and is definitely a horse to follow. He has got over Cranbourne's race well and now heads to Kyneton on Kyneton Cup Day Wednesday 7th November where he will contest a \$50,000 0-82 and will be expected to be most competitive. His record currently stands at 10 starts for 4 wins, 3 seconds and \$59,900.00 in stakes.

In other stable news, plenty of action abounds with our horses and **Onpicalo's** owners will be pleased to know that their horse is set to resume pre-training this coming week after a most successful first prep which yielded 2 wins and a third from only 3 runs and \$34,650.00 in prize money. This lovely son of Hussonet is already close to paying off his modest \$40,000.00 purchase price at the 2011 Magic Millions. A most versatile galloper he looks to be and is a nob in the wet as evidenced by his superior front running win at Sandown in August defeating VRC Derby aspirant Hvasstan on a heavy 9.

Onpicalo is thought to have the ability to once again be a city grade horse with the scope to get out to 2000 metres when he eventually physically matures. He has spelled terrific with Kaz Morphet and should be ready to race sometime in January next year before embarking on a winter prep.

Our Oaks aspirant **Rococco** just fell away after her most recent third placing at Kyneton from a physical viewpoint and Mick was of the opinion that it would be better to give her a nice spell as against pushing on with her. A big tall scopey filly Rococco won impressively at Wangaratta before not disgracing herself in what turned out to be a 'hot' Morphettville Guineas where the winner Maybe Discreet went on to win the Group 2 Edward Manifold Stakes at her

next run and the third horse in that race Kazanluk won the Group 2 Fillies Classic on Manikato Stakes night at her next run. Rococco will be given a nice break now and will no doubt come back a stronger and more mature filly in the Autumn.

Loveyamaddy has been quietly doing what she needs to do in pre-training and is expected to be coming into Mick's stables again shortly. This lovely mare has been with Shea Eden on the beach for the last couple of weeks which she enjoys and will no doubt be looking to improve on her impressive record which to date has been restricted to only 4 starts for 2 wins, 1 second and 1 third for \$66,388.00 in stakes. A precious and delicate mare who puts in so much on race day her syndicate owners are hoping for more city success before she goes off to stud most likely next year.

Other horses that are in pre-training at the moment include **Zeno Lad** (High Chaparral/Clarens colt) who is with John Ledger and is coming along nicely to date, our 2YO **Distinctive Flyer** (Flying Spur/Distinctive filly) who is also with John and is doing everything right and may come down to Mick's for a look see shortly and **Raise Your Spirits** (Bel Esprit/Raising High filly) who will be coming in with John very soon after a nice spring break under her belt.

Our NZ fillies - **High Chaparral/Chile** filly and **Sir Percy/Deebee Donna** filly will both be coming into pre-training with Paul Shailer at Matamata within the next week and have spelled enormously. Michelle Norman who spells the fillies is extremely pleased with their respective progress and both have benefitted well from a month on NZ grass. Both staying fillies, they will be taken along slowly however it is anticipated that Paul will progress with them aiming to have them at the jump out stage by the end of the year, giving them a typical nice slow NZ preparation.



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The 2012 NZ Karaka Touring Party

NZ 2013 Tour

The NZ 2013 tour is fast approaching and spots are filling fast so can I please urge any members who are contemplating the thought to make contact with me at the earliest opportunity to discuss any questions or enquiries about the tour. This is a magnificent trip that encompasses all the race action plus the sales action as well as a great stud trip. NZ hospitality is at it's best and all members can be assured as per past years that a great time will be had by all, as well as enjoying the company of members at some of Auckland's best restaurants at the now famous Viaduct.



Le Bonsir returning to scale after victory

Mick Price - The Winners Continue!

Our syndicate trainer Mick Price has continued on with his form of last season with 10 early winners for the new racing season and is currently 4th only 4 winners from top spot currently held by Robert Smerdon. Mick's 10 winners include Callanish, Zahee, Lankan Rupee, Isabella Snowflake, our own syndication Onpicalo and his two stakes winners to date the season in Instinction and Al Aneed. With a number of promising gallopers to come Mick looks to be again set for a successful year!



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