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Rococco heading to victory at Bendigo

## From the Stable

It has certainly been a busy 3 months since our February newsletter for United Syndications and our owners. In fact since that newsletter United Syndications horses have had 14 starts for 6 wins, 1 second, 2 thirds and 2 fourths for overall \$236,650.00 in stakes - a terrific achievement!

**Loveyamadly** was the obvious star initially winning at Flemington in March breaking the 1100 metre track record in the process! She then followed that up 2 weeks later at Moonee Valley by winning the Listed Abell Stakes in an absolutely thrilling finish to drive through a needle eye opening late to score. Her only failure was in Adelaide when she pulled up

sore and had a genuine excuse. This was her only unplaced run in 10 career starts with her overall record now standing at 10 starts for 6 wins, 2 seconds and 1 third for \$294,538.00 in stakes. Loveyamadly will be given a nice long spell now in readiness for some Black Type racing in December later in the year.

**Le Bonsir**, as mentioned in February's newsletter has also been a revelation this time in and his prep finally concluded at Moonee Valley on the 6th April where he ran a very good third. Le Bonsir raced all through the summer months in a prep that commenced at Ballarat way back on the 3rd October. Le Bonsir raced consistently all



Kilmore Farm - picturesque



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through his 10 start prep which yielded 3 wins, 1 second, 2 thirds and a fourth for \$131,800.00 in stakes and now \$172,350.00 in total. His wins at Moonee Valley and Morphettville were the highlights of what was just an excellent prep. Le Bonsir is now currently spelling however should be ready to resume racing around August.

Our Fastnet Rock filly **Rococco** has been added to our stable of winners with excellent recent wins. Rococco led all the way to win a \$50,000 3YO 0-72 ratings race on the second day of the Warrnambool Carnival and then showed her versatility by swooping home late to win by a short half head in a \$30,000 Country Showcase at Bendigo at her most recent run. This filly has always shown promise but has been troubled throughout her career by niggling issues. Rococco is starting to build a nice record which currently stands at 8 starts for 3 wins, 1 second and a third for \$63,020.00 in stakes.

It was also good to get a win with our dour staying 4YO **Turf Prince** at Mornington in April. Turf Prince was knocking on the door last prep but just couldn't quite break through however a little more robust this time in saw him break the duck this time around. A potential hurdler next time around Turf Prince will be given a nice break and will go through his distances until we get to around 2400 metres and make a decision then with regard to hurdling and how he is travelling at the time.

There are a number of horses that are also at Mick's currently that are almost at the trial stage. Those horses include **Onpicalo** who has come back looking terrific and should relish the pending Winter conditions, **Distinctive Flyer** who showed good promise at her first up run at Caulfield back in December and has matured up well during her most recent spell and Bel Esprit filly **Raise Your Spirits** who to date is doing everything right. Whilst still unknown regarding her ability this is the furthest we have been able to take her to date and looks excellent from a physical perspective. On the pre-training front two of our home bred are making good progress and another is currently being broken in. Up at John Ledgers our **Hussonet/Damselily** colt is in work as is our **Snitzel/Royal Charades** filly who looks to be the more precocious of the two. She is physically advanced and is considered a 2YO type. She broke in beautifully and physically advanced during her break. Our Hussonet colt is considered more a 3YO but really advanced during his most recent break and has been very professional throughout with regard to his attitude. Our other home bred - **All American/Ready Made Family** filly is currently being broken in with little to report as yet except to say that she definitely looks precocious and may herself be a 2YO possibility.



Kilmore Farm Matamata - undulating paddocks

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Mastercraftsman/Coz I'm Free Colt as a weanling



Now look at me as a Yearling!

## Our NZ Stable News

Our NZ stable news is certainly growing particularly with the two most recent weanling additions that were purchased in May. A very fruitful week long expedition to Cambridge, Matamata and the Waikato region saw two outstanding purchases made by first crop stallion Rip Van Winkle. He was a champion racehorse and I was extremely keen to get in early ahead of the market. A lot of miles were covered inspecting these weanlings all throughout the Waikato regions and it was personally rewarding to come away with a lovely colt and a filly by this outstanding sire. Both of these weanlings would be worth well over \$100,000 if they were presented in January next year at the NZ sales so not only have we bought into such an outstanding stallion we have also bought in at exceptional value - something that I am now intending to do each year such is the confidence that I have in the process we are undertaking over in NZ. Our 2011 weanling purchase - **Sir Percy/Deebe Donna** filly (recently named **Lady Blakeney**) has just arrived on our shores and has just completed a recent prep with Mick. Beautifully educated by Paul Shailer at Matamata this filly did everything right with Mick and looks to have nice ability. She will have a nice break now but will be back for the Spring - she may be one horse to watch!

Other horses over in NZ are our **High Chaparral/Chile** filly who has just commenced pre-training with Paul at Matamata and will be over in Australia sometime next month and our **Mastercraftsman/Coz I'm Free** colt who broke in beautifully and is ready to resume with Paul Shailer in a couple of weeks time. These horses have spelled absolutely fantastically with Michelle Norman who runs the magnificent Kilmore Farm agistment property at Matamata. Michelle has become the vital cog in our

expanding operation over in NZ as she is the lady that puts the polish and work into ensuring that these horses spell well and have lovely condition on them when they resume pre-training. January is also a time when all those who come on our NZ tour can actually have a look at Michelle's property as it is a part of the Friday Stud tour and her well renowned morning teas are always appreciated when we all invade her property!

As the photos of her property display, it is a lovely undulating property terrific for horse/ bone development and all the horses that spell there do an absolute treat - the Mastercraftsman colt is an obvious example from his development purchased as a weanling at this time last year to now.

A quick note on our 2013 NZ purchase - **High Chaparral/La Quinta Gold** filly - reports on this filly are excellent. I recently inspected her last month whilst I was over inspecting the weanlings and Jeremy Whale who broke her in at Cambridge reported that she is a lovely filly and one of the better fillies that he has broken in this year. Very early report I know but also very encouraging!



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