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Le Bonsir heading for victory in the Chandler Macleod

From the Stable

Where Winter has closed and Spring is sprung it is fair to say that our Spring has already bloomed via our tough and resilient gelding in **Le Bonsir**. Starting his prep out with an 88 rating this has now advanced to 103 via his successes - the first of which was a brave win over stable mate Sir Fernando at Moonee Valley on 24 August, the second in the Listed Chandler Macleod where he blew away a field of quality gallopers (earning the chance at a higher level) and finally running third in a Group 1 - namely the Moir Stakes.

It has been an absolute thrill and privilege to watch this horse race through issues and come through the other side and right now he is in the happiest place he has ever been and is the soundest that he has ever been.

Friday's Group 1 placing was such an important achievement as this will benefit the final filly of the family - our Sebring/Damsel fly who herself has not had the best of starts to life and it is the considered opinion of vets that she will not make the race track however we are obviously desperate to keep her as a broodmare and every effort will be made to achieve this goal. Le Bonsir has now taken his career earnings to over \$330,000 and his next run is most likely to be over the Caulfield Carnival either on Thousand Guineas Day or Caulfield Cup Day.

Our Winter hero **Onpicalo** who won two metropolitan races at Caulfield and Morphettville in SA is recovering after recent knee surgery 9 August and will undergo three months of rest and rehabilitation. Another tough and resilient horse Onpicalo will be ready to resume pretraining at the end of December but being suited to soft tracks I will liaise with Mick a little closer to the time as to when the appropriate time is for him to resume.

Our bonny mare **Loveyamaddy** has just resumed pretraining from similar surgery after her unplaced run in the Group 3 Irwin Stakes in Adelaide in April. She has been allowed by all owners to be given a lovely break to recover and has been back in work about one month with everything so far going to plan. All going well she will resume racing in December and assuming she comes up will no doubt add to the \$294,538 that she has already

collected for connections.

In other stable news October is the month that we start to commence with our 2YO's and our **Snitzel/Royal Charades filly (Royal Snitzel)**, **Stratum/Glogirl filly (Vibrance)** and our **Hussonet/Damsel fly colt (Shot of Courage)** all kick off this week in pretraining with John Ledger at Wangaratta. All three have spelled very well after their initial breakings and will be with John for approximately six weeks before hopefully coming down to Mick's at Caulfield for a look see. Our **All American/Ready Made Family filly (C'mon Get Happy)** has already been in work approximately six weeks and should hopefully be down at Caulfield in the coming week or so.

Our staying/potential jumper in **Turf Prince** is well on the way and is scheduled to trial at Wodonga tomorrow. Turf Prince will obviously need a couple of runs to get up to his right distance to show up but spelled well and looks terrific in what should be his best prep. **Lady Blakeney** our Sir Percy 3YO was in work but had a recent set back when tearing a muscle high up in her hip area. She is expected to stay boxed for a further couple of weeks before a couple in a small paddock may see her out for about one month but has shown good ability and we are very happy with her progress made to date.

Distinctive Flyer is another filly that will also improve after this next Spring spell. She improved after being transferred to Leon Macdonald in Adelaide running second recently at Strathalbyn. A little deceiving this filly ran and excellent fourth on debut at Caulfield in December last year but has been a little behind the eight ball physically. This spell should mature her enough for an accurate decision to be made regarding her future on the track however we are hopeful of her progressing to Adelaide metro class next prep.



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New Zealand



Le Bonsir happy owners

All has gone well with our New Zealand arm of United Syndications and very pleased with the progress of our horses over there. Our **Mastercraftsman/Coz I'm Free gelding** has pleased very much and is set to resume pretraining in the next week with Chris Schailer. Recently gelded, this guy is a lovely big fellow who has done everything right to date and with Mastercraftsman currently being the leading European first crop stallion it is hoped that this guy has inherited some of the successful genes that his progeny currently have.

Our 2013 New Zealand Premier purchase of a **High Chaparral/La Quinta Gold filly** continues to progress well and this filly had excellent reports on breaking and pretraining and has been spelling since 21 August. Will most likely spell to the end of October before she goes to the next stages of her education, however being a staying type will be

given more time than most to mature up and looking forward to seeing how she presents when we go over in January next year on our Staying/Syndication tour. Our two **Rip Van Winkle weanlings** purchased in May this year are both progressing well and again looking forward to seeing them when on tour in New Zealand in January next year.



Post race debrief after Chandler Macleod victory

Broodmares

Royal Charades - due to foal to Charge Forward in October
 Rococco - in foal to Bel Esprit (due next year)
 Ready Made Family - in foal to Statue of Liberty (due next year)



Le Bonsir winning owners group shot after Chandler Macleod victory



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