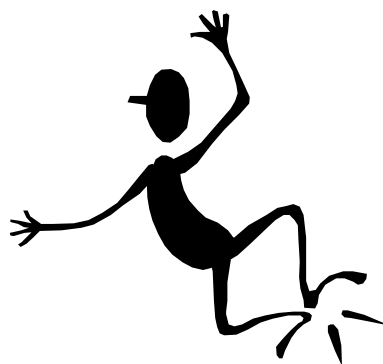


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Syndicate Day - A Resounding Success

Our annual syndicate day was again an outstanding success and from the feedback received from those who attended it appears as though that date has already been inked into next year's diaries. Our emcee for the day, Jo McKinnon did an outstanding job in hosting the day and provided many highlights including the fun involved with the giveaways (via questions/answers) that was associated with the Punters Club and Tipping Competitions. Jo also drew out the winning names for the cameras and trophy (clock) that Princess Carolina won at Colac earlier in the year. Congratulations go to the following lucky members:

Camera — Pentire Syndicate — David Evans

Camera — Royal Academy Syndicate — Jenny Walsh

Trophy — Princess Carolina — David Evans.

Special thanks also goes to Cameron O'Brien (from Expertform), Paul Mitchell and Grant Rathjen who between them ran the Punters Club and Tipping Competitions and fortunately for us all there was a return this year thanks to Cameron who happens to snag the Quadrella. It was extremely well-run and Paul's regular updates on the progress of each was most appreciated by all those who took

part — well done guys!

Our much talked about door prize for the day (organised by Jo) and valued at \$200 was drawn at the end of the day and was a magnificent framed photo of the defining moment in the 2005 Cox Plate won by Makybe Diva, where horses fanned eight and nine deep down the side with Makybe Diva being the widest runner on the turn. The photo generated a lot of discussion during the afternoon and was won by Ann Mitchell, who I am sure will hang it proudly at home — congratulations Ann.

All in all a terrific day was had by all and Lauren and I look forward to seeing everyone at Cranbourne next year for our 2008 United Syndications Syndicate Day.



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From The Stable!



Being in the depths of winter at the moment the majority of our racing team have all but hit the spelling paddocks with the exception of **Princess Carolina** who ran a nice fifth at Sandown recently. This filly will also more than likely have a short prep before heading to the spelling yards to fully mature up, however it is hoped that she can salute before we turn her out.

Bella's Bro has come back from a successful campaign with Leon Macdonald in Adelaide to spell out at Lancefield for approximately 3 months as has our Choisir two-year-old **Super Choi** who has been showing the signs of coltish behaviour in his most recent prep. Once gelded and given a touch of time to fully mature up now, he will come back a nice horse and will make his racetrack debut later in the year.

Two horses that have just gone into pre-training are **Royal Charades** who made a nice debut at Caulfield in May when sixth in the \$100,000 Blue Sapphire Classic behind Emjay Hussey and our forgotten Bel Esprit filly **Belara** who suffered a severe paddock injury in October last year. Given 7 months rest the filly has been running around her paddocks feeling full of herself for a little time now and has gone to John Stocker at

Romsey. She will obviously be taken along slowly and we hope this time to be least able to get her down to Mick's in about 6 weeks to have a look at her if all goes well. The Bel Esprit stock surprisingly have shown that they are not flying two-year-olds and have in fact taken a little time to mature up however with now 7 winners from only 22 runners to date Bel Esprit is now starting to climb the ladder in the first crop sire's list and is now officially 7th with only weeks to go. Belara also seems typical of the breed in that she too from a physical viewpoint would have appreciated her time out to mature and while it has been frustrating on the sidelines I don't believe we have missed any racing to date.

Behind the scenes our rising two-year-olds are all being put through their respective pre-trainings. Positive comments continue to flow regarding our Pentire colt in New Zealand. Dean Hawthorne continues to be impressed with this guy's attitude and temperament and he has done everything right and is now in the middle of his spell. Our Royal Academy colt is also doing everything right with Sean Mott at Bendigo as has our Flying Spur filly who has only recently just gone for her spell at Lancefield and is now expected to have her 8 to 10 week break, after showing signs that she has had enough for the time being.

Last Newsletter!

No, not really however this is the last newsletter that will be officially mailed out to members. In an effort to become a little more efficient all future newsletters will be e-mailed to everyone's personal e-mail address and then be loaded under the newsletter section of our website www.unitedsyndications.com.au. It is now imperative that any changes to e-mail addresses be notified to myself at the earliest opportunity as not only e-mail updates but also newsletters will be now coming for everyone's convenience. The subject that will be displayed on your e-mail will display for example as "United Syndications August newsletter" and everyone will then need to double-click on the attachment to open it.

