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Bella's Bro in full flight

## Winners Galore!

The 2008-09 racing season has been rewarding for United Syndications' army of owners with United Syndication horses being responsible for 10 wins so far this racing season which has included 7 metropolitan wins (1 Group 3 race and a Listed placing). The latest of those is our ever impressive mare Royal Charades who won again at Caulfield on Saturday May 2.

Starting from an inside barrier and this time ridden by gun apprentice Nick Hall, Royal Charades was perfectly positioned in the run before Nick pushed the mare through a tight gap on straightening and Royal Charades showed her typical fight and courage at the business end of a race to grab the

Lee Freedman trained Brazen Hussey on the line to score in a tight finish.

Royal Charades has done an outstanding job this preparation to win 5 of 6 races and now has the very impressive record of having had 13 starts for 7 wins and 2 thirds — with prize money earned now \$132,718. Her stud career is now well and truly cemented and goes to the paddock for a well earned rest. She will resume in the spring and look to chase black-type which will be the icing on the cake and if successful would make her a very valuable mare to boot!

## From the Stable

In further stable news our grand old galloper **Bella's Bro** continues to do well and pulled up terrific after his last win at Morphettville on April 18. His next assignment will be over 1800m either Saturday, May 16 or May 23 and is certainly worth following. Most consistent galloper whose prize money has just topped the \$150,000 mark, and definitely deserved this recent win as he had run a succession of seconds at four of his



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previous five runs.

A number of other horses have or are about to enter pre-training. Our Testa Rossa filly **Rossa Antico** has derived a great deal of benefit from her recent spell and has just resumed with John Ledger. Ross Antico is a tough filly who has done everything at Caulfield except race. She just wasn't quite strong enough physically to get to the races last prep but has grown and stable confidence has it that this will be the prep. **Bellestroem** has also commenced pre-training and it is hoped that this lovely daughter of Elvstroem can mature this time around. Very immature last prep but headway was made and it is hoped that she remembers what she was taught last time in. She has started to

grow into her large frame and really blossomed over the past few weeks obviously enjoying country life.

Good news surrounds our problem child **Comic Composer** and this son of Stravinsky is into his third week of pre-training at Eliza Park after two hock operations and to date all is well. His hocks remain flat and his attitude (after being gelded) surprisingly has also improved. He will be taken along slowly ensuring muscle condition continues to build and will stay in work for a further 6 weeks before any further assessment is made, but fantastic that we are now starting to make up for lost time.



Bella's Bro winning at Morphettville 18th April



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Our Pentire stayer **Our Gold Bullion** will resume shortly after an illness and this group of owners have also been frustrated by an immature horse that has shown a heap of ability. Twice now the horse has run excellent races first up, and just when he was going to reward the syndicate he went amiss. It is hoped that this is the prep when he can reward us all as personally I believe he is a horse with immense potential.

of the paddock until Gerda gives her the OK. She is a lovely filly that puts everything into her racing so she needs to be right before we ask her again for the supreme effort. Her program has not been set in concrete for this reason but she will reappear in the Spring and I hope to find a nice Group race at her favourite track—she will be well worth following when she reappears!

**Damselfly** who disappointed us in Sydney in Group company at the end of March when failing to handle the Sydney way is yet another horse to return shortly. Damselfly will be given the rest of May to fully refuel as it was hoped earlier to give her a shorter spell, however she has not quite beefed up as yet and I am in no rush to get her out



A very happy Clare Lindrop after winning on Bella's Bro

## 2009 Syndicates Completed

Our 2009 syndicates are now all full and I would like to take this opportunity of thanking our current members for their outstanding support and welcome our new members who have decided to support United Syndications. With me deciding some months ago to go full-time into the business it is refreshing to see the support offered, and I hope I can continue to get results to repay that valued support.

All of our yearlings broke in well and only the Sydney Easter Exceed and Excel filly remains to be completely finished off which is expected in about one week. The Starcraft colt and the Show a Heart filly are both growing big time at Gerda's whilst our Choisir/La Bella Dame colt is also going

through a massive growth spurt up at Adrian Park, Wangaratta.

Names will be submitted at the end of this month so could I please urge all members who have not done so already to please forward any suggestions at the earliest convenience.

\*With seven unraced yearlings/two-year-olds in our stable, United Syndications is in an extremely strong position to be able to offer returns and thrills to our members over the ensuing months!



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Royal Charades gets up in a driving finish over Brazen Hussey

## Pompeii Ruler—Back with a Vengeance!

It would be remiss if I didn't mention the outstanding training performance by Mick in getting this injury plagued six-year-old back into the winning stall — the first time in over two years when he won the Group 1 Queen Elizabeth Stakes at Randwick recently.

Ridden by Craig Newitt, it was Pompeii Ruler's first win since capturing the Australian Cup in March 2007. A veteran of just 21 starts, Pompeii Ruler moves his overall record to 8 wins, 4 seconds and 2 thirds for earnings of \$2,062,500. A rawboned gelding from the first

southern hemisphere crop of former Chatswood Stud resident Genuine, Pompeii Ruler was beaten in a Geelong Maiden at his career debut in December 2005, then reeled off five consecutive wins culminating in the \$500,000 Group 2 Craiglee Stakes (1600m). He was second in the Caulfield Stakes (Group 1) before running a close up third in the 2006 Cox Plate (Group 1). The following Autumn he downed Marasco in the St George Stakes before taking the 2007 Australian Cup (Group 1) from the same horse.

Well done Mick!



Royal Charades happy owners in the winner's room

