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Bel Esprit filly

Action A Plenty!

It has been a very busy few months of 2010 taken up in the main by the Yearling Sales and it can be reported that we are extremely happy with our purchases. Both Lauren and I welcome our new United Syndications members to the fold and re-welcome and thank our existing clientele for their purchases and continued support.

January started at the Gold Coast and we were fortunate to purchase a lovely General Nediym filly well under the odds given that Military Rose won the Magic Millions a few days after we purchased this filly. Sister Havana also franked the General Nediym form by saluting in the Karaka Millions a month later giving General Nediym two from two in major 2YO races early in the year. Our filly has been broken in and is currently in the second stages of her education and all is going well to date.

February moved to New Zealand and as usual New Zealand was tough however unlike last year where we came away empty handed this year we secured a "cracking" colt by New Zealand's premier sire in O'Reilly. The benchmark for a good O'Reilly was between \$100,000 — \$150,000 NZ, and we secured ours for \$110,000 which was a good result. He is right now being broken in and will be left in New

Zealand until later in the year when we will bring him over to Australia to come under the care of Mick Price. Those members that came over on the tour had a thoroughly enjoyable time and next years tour will include a tour and stallion parade at the famous Waikato Stud. (Details of next years tour will be released later in the year) so those planning a racing type holiday would do no better than to come over and join us in 2011. A wine tour and harbour cruise is also being planned for the ladies as an aside to the sales week.

March was back home in Melbourne and represented the best value of all the sales that I attended this year. Melbourne is sometimes hard to predict but this year there were a number of quality yearlings that were sold 60% - 100% below what we (the supposed good judges) were anticipating including our two purchases — a Bel Esprit filly for \$60,000 and a Stravinsky filly for \$45,000. Both of these horses were purchased well under the odds and represent outstanding value. Both fillies come from excellent black-type families and in particular are from sires that throw outstanding fillies. These fillies are being broken in at the moment and we currently have shares available in both horses.



Stravinsky filly

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General Nediym filly

From the Stable

United Syndication horses are starting to arrive into Mick's and some are well into their preps. **Royal Charades** is doing well in the stable in what will most likely be her last prep before going to stud later in the year. A winner of 7 from only 15 starts and \$133,000 in stakes it is hoped that this daughter of Royal Academy can sneak another city win and should appreciate the softer tracks. She is only about three weeks from racing. **Ellamotion**, our Exceed and Excel filly is also only about three weeks from racing and it is hoped that we can give her a few runs before it gets wet as she failed to handle the heavy at all at her first run at Cranbourne back in November. She looks a more mature filly this time in and has done well at Mick's during her time there. Staying gelding **Our Gold Bullion** is some time away from racing but is impressing as Mick builds up the groundwork with him. He is one horse who won't mind the wet tracks and a city win during this time should not be beyond him. He made great progress last time in winning 3 races and was over the top when he last ran at Moonee Valley. Like his full brother Bridgestone (a \$200,000NZ purchase and a recent impressive winner at Ascot) both horses have improved at each prep and if our guy continues to improve it would be hoped that he would graduate to Saturday City class this time in.

Our other New Zealand purchase **Comic**

Composer is due in at Mick's from the pre-trainers very soon and is also a likely type. A very impressive winner at Kilmore in January this guy will also be given every chance to graduate to city class. A typically tough New Zealand horse this guy is suited to the mile and again we are hoping to get some runs into him before the tracks get wet. He is a really nice horse for the future and is well worth following. Our old South Australian war horse **Bella's Bro** is just about at the end of his current prep which commenced way back in early December last year and is looking forward to a spell however he has done a magnificent job winning connections just on \$44,000 this time in. He has a terrific record which now stands at 52 starts for 10 wins, 12 seconds and 4 thirds for total stakes of \$196,220.

Bellestroem and **Rossa Antico** will both be resuming pre-training shortly after their respective spells as will **Jupitertwo**. **Show of Heaven** will continue to spell for the next 4 — 6 weeks and our Choisir/Ready Made Family colt who broke in well in February will also be resuming with John Ledger shortly to commence the next stages of his education. This colt was bred by the syndicate that owned Ready Made Family who incidentally has an Oratorio in her belly — the sire that recently produced the Group 1 ARC Diamond Stakes winner Banchee.



O'Reilly colt

Obituaries

It is with regret that I advise the recent sad passing of two of our most valued long standing owners in Mrs Rae Cashmore and Mr Alby Toseland. The warmest heartfelt sympathies go out to the families and I will personally miss the conversations that I had with each individual, having shared some of my greatest moments in horse racing via La Bella Dame and Damselmy with both of them. May they both rest in peace.