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Le Bonsir in full flight

Le Bonsir Delivers In Style!

Three year old home bred Le Bonsir (x Choisir/La Bella Dame) finally delivered on all the promise that he had shown at Caulfield over his previous preparations by strolling in at Geelong to win his maiden Friday 8th July.

Drawing an inside gate Le Bonsir jumped well and was taken to the front by Craig Newitt and that is where he stayed with Craig not knocking the 3YO around in the run home to comfortably score by 3¼ lengths. It was a rewarding win for the syndicate who had been very patient with this horse who had overcome stifle and knee issues plus colty issues over his journey to date. The horse is now totally sound and he has maturing into a lovely individual and his next run is anticipated to be at Flemington on Saturday, July 23.

Grand campaigner **Bella's Bro** looks set to resume racing at Morphettville after surgery in November last year to remove a small bone chip. The evergreen has done everything right in his rehab and whilst the winter is not his go the rising 10YO will race until the tracks get wet, have a short break and then resume around Spring Carnival time. He has been a marvel

for connections having had 54 starts for 10 wins, 12 seconds and 4 thirds for prize money of \$198,620.

In other stable news recent winner **Sir Ready** has been given a short let up after his excellent win at Seymour on 6th June. Sir Ready did a terrific job last time in and having been subsequently gelded should make a lovely 3YO and reward the syndicate with further wins. It is indeed exciting for this syndicate as they have an Oratorio colt earmarked for sale in 2012 and are eagerly awaiting the foaling of an "All American" due towards the end of October.

Stravinsky 2YO **Russian Harmony** has just resumed pretraining after a good lengthy spell. She has been a very immature filly (as most Stravinsky's are) and will be taken along nice and slowly. She is an unknown quantity at this stage as Mick has not had a chance to assess her abilities but should be able to do a lot more with her this time in.

Show of Heaven has also just resumed with her



Some of the happy owners of Le Bonsir post race



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new trainer John Ledger and is approximately 12 weeks away from racing. This filly has failed to fire to date however John will play around with her in order to find a solution to making her tick, and good improvement is expected with her this time in.

Our yearling purchases this year **Rococco** (Fastnet Rock x Coco Sovelda) and **Onpicalo** (Hussonet x Olympic Halo) have both completed the next stages of their respective educations, both having a looksee at Caulfield and are currently spelling whilst our NZ High Chaparral is currently in work at Cambridge.

Our promising Bel Esprit filly **Loveyamadly** has again unfortunately gone to the spelling paddocks after again succumbing to immaturity. This filly had been showing excellent ability but her knees just haven't fully matured and Mick pulled the plug on this preparation for fear of injuring her if he continued. The good news is that the knee was perfect on x-ray and no doubt she is a soft boned filly and we will just have to be patient for her bone to harden and mature. It is expected that next prep will be her go and in the meantime we will have to let nature play its part.

Oaks Filly Purchased



Photo of the Sir Percy/Deebee Donna Filly purchased from Seaton Park Matamata NZ

A recent trip to New Zealand last month proved fruitful with the purchase of an outstanding filly by the first season stallion Sir Percy. Sir Percy, an English Derby winner is a stallion that I have been very impressed with, and extremely keen to buy in early on him. He is bred very similarly to High Chaparral and is one of only six horses in the last 40 years to have won the Group 1 Dewhurst Stakes as a 2YO and then go on to win the English Derby.

His oldest progeny are only weanlings and have been very well received all over the world. Being under bidder to the only Sir Percy at the recent NZ Weanling Sales with last bid at \$55,000, I commissioned Clint Donovan from NZ Bloodstock to ascertain the likelihood of a purchase direct from one of the studs in New Zealand. A lot of work was undertaken and finalised with the weanling filly (photo) purchased direct from Seaton Park Stud at Matamata, with this filly being earmarked for sale by Seaton Park (prior to my purchase) at the NZ Premier Sale next year.

She is a cracking Oaks type of filly and comes from a ripper filly family that includes the Group 1 NZ filly Deebee Belle, the Group 1 Avondale Cup winner Eva Grace and the Mick Price Group winner Miss Maren. This filly will be left at Matamata to grow out and will be broken in and pre-trained in New Zealand next year.



Craig Newitt after the race of Le Bonsir debriefing to the owners



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