



AMBITIOUS DRAGON

takes aim at 2012/13 **Champion Hong Kong Miler Award**

Pins' two time '*Hong Kong Horse of the Year*' **Ambitious Dragon** is a nominee for the **Champion Miler** (1400m to below 1800m) category at the **Hong Kong Jockey Club Champion Awards** this Sunday.

The Tony Millard-conditioned 6YO's leading victories for owners Johnson and Anderson Lam and breeders Pat and Jane Lowry during the 2012/13 season have comprised:

- **Gr.1** HKJC Longines Hong Kong Mile (1600m)
- **HK-1** HKJC Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup (1400m)
- **HK-2** HKJC Oriental Watch Sha Tin Trophy (1600m)

The ultimate '*Horse of the Year Award*' is elected by votes of the Judging Panel members from winners of the categories on the night, excluding Champion Griffin.

WS OPEN DAY 28 July

We'd like to welcome all breeders to our **Open Day** to be held on **Sunday, July 28th**.

Enjoy this relaxed opportunity to see our stallions anytime at your leisure between **10am to 2pm**.

Come see our exciting new stallions **Ocean Park** and **Rock 'n' Pop**, along with proven Group one sires **O'Reilly**, **Pins**, **Savabeel**, **No Excuse Needed**, **Fast'N'Famous** and young up-and-comer **Rios**.

SIXTY SECONDS WITH **John O'Shea**

Top Sydney trainer John O'Shea stopped by the farm this week. Whilst here, we put him to 60 Seconds of questioning...

Favourite comfort food:	<i>Ragu</i>
Favourite thoroughbred:	<i>Savabeel – he's been very good to me.</i>
Book on the bedside table	<i>The Story of Robert Sangster.</i>
Currently looking forward to:	<i>Spring time.</i>
Favourite TV show:	<i>Food Safari and Fashion Police - I love Joan Rivers, she's the funniest.</i>
Concert you'd like to go to:	<i>Bruce Springsteen</i>
Person you admire:	<i>My wife</i>
If you weren't in racing, you'd be a:	<i>Political aid</i>
Defining moment in racing:	<i>Winning my first Doncaster with Private Steer.</i>
What do you do to relax:	<i>Cook.</i>
Favourite holiday destination:	<i>Pheasant shooting in Taupo</i>
Favourite restaurant:	<i>Rockpool Bar and Grill in Sydney.</i>
Favourite thing about Waikato Stud:	<i>The people</i>



Dates for the Diary

DATE	TIME	EVENT	Location
7 July	-	HKJC Champion Awards	Sha Tin
13 July		Gr.1 July Cup	Ascot
20 July	-	Waikato Stud Opunake Cup	Taranaki
26 July	6:15pm	Waikato TBA G1 Dinner	SkyCity Hamilton
28 July	10am - 2pm	Waikato Stud Open Day	Waikato Stud
2 Aug	-	Mixed Bloodstock Sale	Karaka, Auckland
15 Aug	6:00pm	NZ Racing Awards	Claudelands, Hamilton
17 Aug	-	Waikato Stud Foxbridge Plate	Te Rapa, Hamilton
24 Aug	3:30pm	Waikato TBA Stallion Parade	Waikato Stud
19/20 Nov	-	NZB Ready To Run Sale	Karaka, Auckland

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Black-Type Runners

SATURDAY			
RUNNER	RACE	LOCATION	TIME (NZ)
NANDOWRA 07g Savabeel x Fabaz by O'Reilly	Sgp-3 Yew Tee Classic (1800m)	Sing.	1:20am
PINSTRIPED LANE 10c Pins x Singasong by Danasinga	Listed Taj Rossi Series Final Hcp (1600m)	VRC	2:00pm
SAID COM 08g O'Reilly x Centa Belt by Centaine	Listed Civic Stakes (1350m)	ATC	4:40pm
UNDER THE SUN 08g No Excuse Needed x Sleaking by Maroof	Listed Civic Stakes (1350m)	ATC	4:40pm

YOU'RE SO GOOD AIMING AT MYER



Trainer Nigel Blackiston is excited to have his **Gr.1 Australian Guineas** placed filly **You're So Good** (Savabeel) back in work and aiming towards the **Gr.1 Myer Classic** at Flemington this spring.

"She's come back in great order after a nice six week break and hopefully we'll be kicking her campaign off in the Cockram Stakes at Caulfield."

"Then we'll go to the Gr.2 Let's Elope Stakes, with her ultimate aim the Myer Classic."

Right from the time the rising four-year-old by Savabeel walked into his stable, the Flemington-based Blackiston knew he *"had a good one"* on his hands.

Source : NZTM

PEDIGREE POINTERS with Gareth Downey

Pedigree analysis is certainly a fascinating pursuit. When used in conjunction with matching a mare with stallion options that suit her physically, it can also be a powerful tool in planning matings.

In terms of pedigree analysis, we have wonderful tools available to use these days. Two of those are available for use here, so please do feel very welcome to use the **TrueNicks** and **Goldmine** links below.

The wonderfully honest **No Excuse Maggie** notched up her 7th win last weekend, and she is a good example of how we can use **TrueNicks** for pedigree research. If we enter her dam, **Maggie O'Reilly**, into **TrueNicks**, we see the mating with **No Excuse Needed** is rated as an A++. If we enter **Maggie O'Reilly** into **Goldmine**, we can see it comes up as a 20/20 mating. Both tools, using different analytical approaches clearly suggest that the mating between **Maggie O'Reilly** (and therefore any **O'Reilly** mare) and **No Excuse Needed** looks like an excellent one.



If you would like to discuss the use of these tools, or your mating options for this season, please feel free to contact me via phone (021 433 073) or e-mail (Gareth@waikatostud.co.nz).



Tweet of the Week



jessica Owers @ms_peterpan

26 Jun

Phar Lap's sire Night Raid in stall, his dam Entreaty on right with a full sibling at foot, and another on the left.

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Mark's Mail



As mentioned last week, keep the **28th of July** free, so you can come along to our **Open Day**. It'll be a relaxed affair, so pop along at your leisure anytime between 10am and 2pm to see the stallions.

Waikato Stud's 2013 Brochures came back from the printers this week. The team have been busily packaging them up, so most of you can expect a nice surprise in the post in the days ahead.

Tip this week...Iggi Pop didn't get to go around last weekend, so we are going again with him this Saturday...

Tip of the Week: Iggi Pop – ATC–Race 3 – 3:30pm – Saturday





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