

Weekend @ Waikato

28 July 2017



Savabeel

SUPERB 2016-17
DOMINATOR OF THE
CENTAINÉ AWARD
DEWAR AWARD &
GROSVENOR AWARD

IN THIS WEEK'S W@W...

NZ SIRE AWARDS

- Centaine Award
- Grosvenor Award
- Dewar Award

HORSES TO FOLLOW

- Blackbookers
- Stakes runners

PLUS REGULAR COLUMNS BY

- Garry Chittick
- Mark Chittick

2016-17 STALLION TABLES



THE CENTAINE AWARD - GLOBAL EARNINGS		
RANK	STALLION	EARNINGS
1	Savabeel	\$11,511,952
2	Darci Brahma	\$8,391,518
3	Tavistock	\$8,014,185
4	Pins	\$7,288,489
5	Iffraaj	\$6,919,147



THE DEWAR AWARD - NZ & AUS EARNINGS		
RANK	STALLION	EARNINGS
1	Savabeel	\$7,558,561
2	Iffraaj	\$4,440,998
3	Pins	\$3,576,593
4	Tavistock	\$3,297,704
5	Darci Brahma	\$3,015,372



THE GROSVENOR AWARD - NZ EARNINGS		
RANK	STALLION	EARNINGS
1	Savabeel	\$3,054,170
2	Iffraaj	\$2,028,273
3	Tavistock	\$1,681,917
4	Darci Brahma	\$1,571,070
5	Pins	\$1,283,549





PINS

EL SHADAY

Smart win at Ipswich this week for trainer Kelly Schweida.



SAVABEEL

ADDICTIVE NATURE

After two trial wins dished out an exciting debut win for Bjorn Baker.



SAVABEEL

SOUND PROPOSITION

Struck back-to-back wins at Randwick for Kris Lees.

STAKES RUNNERS

SATURDAY

PUMP UP THE VOLUME 08g

Savabeel – Nat The Brat
Listed Taumarunui Gold Cup 2200m
Taumarunui, 2:41pm (NZT)

SUNDAY

BOBO SO CUTE 11g

Savabeel – Celebes Sea
Listed Macau Gold Cup 1800m
Macau, 8:50pm (NZT)

RIVER TREASURE 12g

Savabeel – Dita von Teese
Listed Macau Gold Cup 1800m
Macau, 8:50pm (NZT)



PUMP UP THE VOLUME (08g, Racing Is Fun).

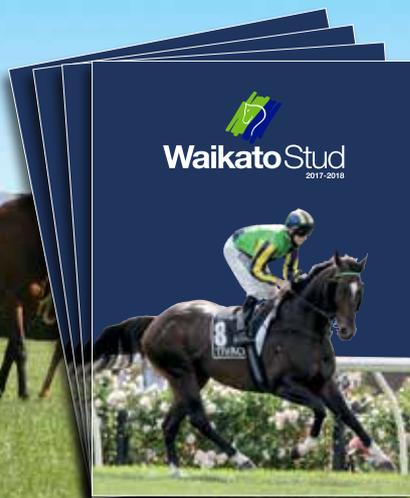
This season's winner of the CJC New Zealand Cup G3 and the Feilding Gold Cup L.



RIVER TREASURE (12g, Pins). This season's winner of the Macau Guineas L.

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DENT STALLIONS...





CORNER

GARRY'S

Two months to the election. Should we as an industry attempt to flex our atrophied muscles, use whatever strength we have left to influence the result. I have not in recent times espoused the view that we can expect a great deal more by way of Government attention. There will be many that do not agree with me but let's analyse where we are at. Our neighbours across the Tasman negotiated their reduction in betting duty as a result of the privatisation of their betting agencies. The sale of the two major TABs resulted in 80 percent of the sale price mopped up by the broke State Governments in lieu of the substantial duty reduction. So in broad terms Racing Victoria, Racing NSW received roughly 200m each and a new company to deal with. Whichever company could only proceed on the strength of the reduction in the duty. Simply this meant both racing jurisdictions received the capital but had a new master. Now I am not critical of the advances since, how could I be, but we need to remember the biggest leap forward occurred recently with the advent of their race fields legislation allowing them to be rewarded for the use of their product.

In the long forgotten past when I was chairman of our Racing Board, we were approached by the fee earning Macquarie Bank boys with their white board and white stick to encourage us to follow suit. Well, the first question to be answered was who was to receive the resulting capital from the sale. Naturally, we believed we, the Codes were the rightful beneficiaries, but we were not likely to be rewarded without a challenge. The Government for a sale to be attractive to a buyer would have had to agree, as in Australia, for a reduction in the duty, wouldn't you if Minister of Finance have taken the view less duty had a value. You can see why we could see no advantage in transferring one liability for the alternative dividend cost.

Then along came WINSTON! His undertaking to the industry was support NZ First and a condition of any coalition would be consideration given to the Racing Industry plight by addressing what he believed was an opportunity to strengthen an industry he supported as not only a useful employer, but part of our culture by addressing the level of betting duty paid. Address it he did. The nett savings on the then turnover amounted to 34m, do I need to repeat it. During my duration on the Board, we had sought change from both National and Labour, I well remember our meetings with polite officials who regardless of whatever case we made would wander off with their folders under their arms, assuring us consideration would be given to our case. Well, I wish I had the opportunity to be in their presence when Winston said to Helen racing is part of the deal. You and I, that is my two readers, know how infrequently these promises are fulfilled, on current turnover that reduction in duty would amount to 50m. Not bad. I will not traverse how that money has been dissipated in this corner, I have addressed that many times before.

So what is it we want this time round? Apart from perhaps a look at the GST component, no I really think it is unrealistic to expect a change in the financial mechanics of how we work. But where are we? Race Fields should have not only a no brainer for National to be seen to be doing something, the delay has cost only the codes no one else. There is no doubt the structure of the board has to change, no matter how competent independent business persons may be, racing deserves people who understand it needs. None of our expectations are mind shattering but if we are to have a Minister, he must not only understand our needs but do something about them. At present any Minister has limited authority over the Board but the Board appointments, current results are dismal with limited confidence. I wouldn't suggest how you vote but I would implore you to make sure your vote is not wasted, so ask the right questions, and then hope for the best.

G.





First of August very close by. The Foaling lights have gone on, and Bev has started, which is the start of the process of a very exciting time of year for us, and why we are all here.

Capping off last season, we are all very very proud of the results and the heights that Savabeel achieved. Absolutely dominating all three stallion tables here in New Zealand.

Massive excitement for us going forward in the season with Savabeel being the number one stallion in New Zealand. Lots to look forward to with the Rock 'n' Pops and the Ocean Parks as they get a bid older, get a bit more maturity on them. The Sacred Falls foals are outstanding - foals that we are very proud of and looking forward to taking through to the yearling sales next year and of course, our new season sire in Tivaci, the dominant winner of the All Aged Stakes from last to first. Good looking boy and a horse that if you haven't seen him and you are wondering about where to place your mare, come and have a look and you will be very very taken by him I am sure.

Was wonderful to accommodate Ron and Deb Gilbert of Highgrove Stud during the week at the farm here. Had a wonderful 48 hours with them, showing them round the farm. Just like minded breeders and wonderful breeders and breeders that averaged \$458,000 at the Sydney Easter Sale, which they should be very proud of.

Then a visit from David Van Dyke yesterday, who just absolutely blown away by New Zealand full stop and blown away by the fact that we rear our weanlings and yearlings in mobs of 6 in 10-acre paddocks, being given plenty of room to move and to grow and to give it their best.

So leading into Spring, Spring is not far round the corner. First foal won't be far from hitting the ground and I think all of New Zealand would agree that it would be really really nice to see a bit of sunshine. The farm is in good shape considering the amount of rain that we have had. Our average annual rainfall is 1200mils, which we have happened to have had in the last four months, but it hasn't been cold so we have got plenty of grass.

We are gearing up and go into the season with a wonderful experienced team. Most of us have been here and been through it many many times with a few add ins as well. It's a team we are really proud of and we are all geared up, gunned up ready to go for the season, and that's what we are all about!

