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Our Front Cover:

Peter and Craig Judd, of Benstud Standards, with the Ian Daff Memorial Award at the IRT Victorian Breeders Awards.

Breeding to the Minute

MARE DEFIES ODDS FOR HURLEYS

BREEDERS CAN SPEND COUNTLESS HOURS

researching bloodlines in pursuit of the perfect match for a broodmare.

Jeff Hurley and his legendary father Eric Hurley took a much different approach when looking for the right stallions for two granddaughters of the great Minuteman.

They wanted stallions with the best feet they could source.

While this might sound strange at first, it was a logical move given that the family had a history of poor foot growth.

And so in 2011, Follow Your Dream (by Rhett) went to US import Blissfull Hall and Dreamer (This Freedom) to Tell All US.

Each of the mares was out of Carmen Belle, a 1979 daughter of Minuteman bred by the Hurleys.

Unraced, Carmen Belle was part of Minuteman's second last crop of foals and the last daughter of Minuteman to foal when she produced Dreamer in 1999 – her fourth foal and nine years after the arrival of Follow Your Dream.

Each of the two mares had just three starts without notching up a win. However, Carmen Belle also left



In A Minute as a foal

Schemer (Rhett) 9 wins and Belle Watling (Rhett) 4 wins.

With the special place Minuteman (Field Battery) holds within the Hurley family and the annals of Australian harness racing history, Jeff and Eric wanted to be sure that they gave Follow Your Dream and Dreamer the best possible opportunity to leave their mark as broodmares, given it would most likely be their last visits to stud.

Bred by Hurley in South Australia before he relocated to Victoria, Minuteman did not take long to show he was above average – winning the 1963 SA Sires' Produce Stakes as a three-year-old.

It was as a four-year-old though that he made the harness racing world sit up and take notice.

He won the AG Hunter Cup and the Inter-Dominion to ensure his all-time greatness.

Minuteman backed up two years later to take out a second Hunter Cup.

He left his first crop of foals in 1966 after his racing career was interrupted by injury, but it was not until after his retirement from the track in 1970 that he went to stud full-time.

Minuteman went on to leave 245 foals, with 81 winning from the 101 which raced.

The Hurleys' decision to put Follow Your Dream and Dreamer in foal did not come lightly.

Jeff Hurley said despite having plenty of breeding stock over the years, they had never been ones to breed for the sake of breeding.

He said they had always been selective, being sure that foals were born into the best possible environment with regard to seasonal conditions.

Hurley said this was the reason that Dreamer was to have only the one foal – trotter Polygraph (Tell All US) – and Follow The Dream just two, 13 years apart – Delcano (This Freedom) and Dream A Minute (Blissfull Hall US) – with them deciding not to breed until after a decade-long drought endured by Victoria.

When they finally did re-enter the breeding game, their concerns about foot issues would turn out to be the least of their worries.

While Dreamer's delivery went well, it was to be a much different proposition for Follow The Dream.

Hurley said it could hardly have been worse.

"We nearly lost them both, with the mare suffering a prolapse.

"We managed to save them."

Hurley still shakes his had with amazement that Follow The Dream and her filly survived.

As Hurley says, "it wasn't the greatest start", but more challenges were to come for the foal- a great granddaughter of Minuteman - as attempts were made to at first get her to the races and then keep her racing.

At three she suffered from a respiratory problem and then at four tied up "chronically".

Her next setback was to be a bowed tendon and then late last year a cracked fetlock.

The Hurleys could have been excused for throwing up their hands along the way and saying it was just too hard for the mare, which by now came under the race name of Dream A Minute.

She had made to the races as a four-year-old in late 2016, getting four runs under her belt before being struck down by the tendon issue.

Jeff Hurley believed she had shown enough and after getting this far he was not about to give up.

"She'd been through so much, she deserved a go.

"I knew she was good enough.

"I walked her five kilometres every day for eight months."

Hurley said after putting in so much to get her going again after the bowed tendon, he was not going to be beaten by a cracked fetlock.

In April this year. Dream A Minute returned to the races.

She put in some solid efforts, including two seconds.

However, it was to be at start number 12 in Ballarat on October 4 that the moment the Hurleys had been hoping to see finally arrived – with the now seven-year-old Dream A Minute having her first win.

Hurley said relief had been the overriding emotion.

He said there was also no questioning the satisfaction in seeing another close descendant of Minuteman in the winners' circle – given that the Hurleys had not bred a foal since Dream A Minute hit the ground in dramatic circumstances.

The timing of Dream A Minute's win could hardly have



In A Minute looked fresh the day after her first win

been better – four days before Eric Hurley celebrated his 92nd birthday.

Dream A Minute also provided Jeff Hurley with his first winner as a trainer.

Hurley, 40, said having grown up with horses and worked alongside his father with horses, it had taken a while for it to sink in that Dream A Minute was a first for him in his own right.

He said he had thought about taking out a trainer's licence for sometime and it had only been that fact that his father was struggling with health that he had finally taken the step.

While the breeding days of Follow Your Dream and Dreamer are over - they share a paddock at his father's property at Parwan near Bacchus Marsh – Jeff Hurley said it was more than likely that he would one day breed from Dream A Minute.

Freedom Day was the most successful offspring of Minuteman on the track.

Eric Hurley stood him at stud, producing five winners from only 17 foals to hit the ground.

Among them was This Freedom – the sire of Dreamer and Follow Your Dream's first foal Delcano.

BY DAVID BREHAUT

Benstud Recognised TOP HONOUR FOR JUDD FAMILY

THE JUDD FAMILY HAS BEEN HONOURED WITH the Ian Daff Memorial Award for longstanding service and excellence in the Victorian standardbred breeding industry.

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Benstud Standardbreds has been developed into a centre of excellence with an accent on quality service for its large base of high-profile clients.

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Benstud has been the birthplace of a string of cup and classic winners such as Bling It On, Centenario, Rockstar Angel, Philadelphia Man, Niki No No, Soho Valencia, Majordan - to name only a few.

The farm has prepared stock owned by themselves and clients which have topped yearling sales in Melbourne and Sydney.

The Judd family received the Ian Daff Memorial at the annual Harness Breeders Victoria-presented IRT Victorian Breeders Awards at Bendigo Pottery on Sunday, October 20.



VICTORIAN BREEDER OF THE YEAR Bruce and Vicki Edward (Durham Park)

A force in Victorian breeding for the past decade, Durham Park enjoyed a breakout season in 2018-19, breeding seven two-year-old starters for seven winners. Among the major races its stock took out last season were the Auckland Cup and NZ Jewels 4yo (Turn It Up), 4yo Breeders Crown (Tam Major), \$50,000 Australian Pacing Gold 2yo Championship quinella (Treasure and Askmeilltellya), and Vicbred Super Series 3yo final (Kualoa).

2018-19 IRT VICTORIAN BREEDERS AWARDS



2YO TROTting SIRE - GOLD AWARD **Skyvalley (Aldebaran Park)**

Skyvalley, which was a dual Breeders Crown champion, had a break-out season in 2018-19, especially with his juveniles. Filly Pink Galahs won three of her six starts and was placed in the Vicbred Super Series final, and gelding Floating Mountain won the Breeders Crown Silver title.



3YO TROTting SIRE - GOLD AWARD **Angus Hall (Global)**

Angus Hall has been a leading sire of trotters in North America for more than a decade. He earned the title as the premier sire in this category in Victoria last season primarily through the deeds of Kyvalley Clichy, which had four wins, including the Vicbred Super Series final. Angus Hall's frozen semen for Australia was managed by Global Stallion Management.



2YO PACING SIRE - GOLD AWARD **Somebeachsomewhere (Empire Stallions)**

A former dual world champion and US horse of the year, Somebeachsomewhere's semen was available 'downunder' through Empire Stallions before his untimely death in 2018. He left 27 two-year-old winners from 42 starters in 2018-19, with them amassing a little more than \$1 million in stakes. The major contributors were Breeders Crown and Vicbred Super Series final winning filly Maajida, the VSS colts and geldings champion Yejele Hammer, and WA Golden Slipper and Champagne Classic winner Jaspervellabeach.



2YO PACING COLT/GELDING **Jaspervellabeach**

Bred by Aldebaran Park, Jaspervellabeach was knocked down for \$12,000 at the 2018 Australian Pacing Gold Sale. The colt, which campaigned solely in WA, earned \$123,133 from four wins in six starts. He had victories in the \$125,000 Golden Slipper and \$50,000 Champagne Classic. Breeding: Somebeachsomewhere US-Aldebaran Bromac (Falcon Seelster US)



3YO PACING SIRE - GOLD AWARD **Art Major (Alabar Bloodstock)**

With a record 102 winners and \$2.6 million in stakes, Alabar Bloodstock's flagship Art Major was the premier sire of three-year-old pacers in 2018-19 - not only in Victoria, but also on a national scale. Among his leading three-year-olds were NSW and Queensland Oaks winner Our Princess Tiffany, WA Derby winner Major Trojan, the Vicbred champions Out To Play and Kualoa

2018-19 IRT VICTORIAN BREEDERS AWARDS



TROTTING GELDING/COLT

Is That A Bid

Bought for \$20,500 at the 2018 Australasia Premier Trotting Sale and bred by David Scott, Is That A Bid was one of the most consistent of his age, sex and gait last season. In the money in eight of his nine starts, the Andover Hall gelding's major success was the Vicbred Home Grown Classic, while he was also placed in the Breeders Crown and The Redwood Classic. Breeding: Andover Hall US-Elusive Charm (Cr Command US)



2YO PACING FILLY

Maajida

Bred and raced by the Riverina-based Johnson family, the Somebeachsomewhere filly Maajida was the highest money-winning two-year-old pacing filly in the country last season with \$271,800. This was the result of seven wins and a second from eight outings. She won three times at group level – the \$300,000 Breeders Crown, \$100,000 Vicbred Super Series and \$50,000 Home Grown Classic. Breeding: Somebeachsomewhere-Arterial Way (Art Major US)



2YO TROTTING FILLY

Jaxnme

A homebred filly, Jaxnme was the winningest and richest two-year-old trotter in Australia last season. Her five wins and two placings from seven starts earned her breeder-owners a tidy \$107,200 with the highlights being her successes in the \$100,000 Vicbred Super Series final and \$50,000 Home Grown Classic, and a placing in the Breeders Crown final. Breeding: Andover Hall US-I Am Who I Am (Muscle Hill US)



3YO TROTTING COLT/GELDING

Alpha Male

A colt out of the brilliant racemare Aleppo Midas, Alpha Male looked every inch the blood he represents with three wins and a second from his season's four appearances. The Dale Eastman and Wayne Schulze-bred colt won twice at group 1 level – the \$60,000 Need For Speed and \$50,000 Home Grown Classic – to secure the title. Breeding: Majestic Son Ca-Aleppo Midas (Sundon US)



3YO PACING COLT/GELDING

Lochinvar Art

A son of Modern Art, Lochinvar Art proved one of the success stories of the 2018-19 season, winning six times and being 12 times placed from 19 starts for \$210,806 in stakes. The colt campaigned successfully in three states, winning the \$104,000 Bathurst Gold Chalice and Caduceus Club Cup, and was placed in the Victoria, NSW and Queensland Derbies, the NSW Breeders Challenge and the Simpson Memorial. Breeding: Modern Art US-Ponder In Paris (Ponder US)

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3YO PACING FILLY

Kualoa

Bred and owned by Durham Parks' Bruce and Vicki Edward, the all-American bred Kualoa won seven of her season's nine starts for \$148,850. The tough daughter of Art Major made a clean sweep of the Vicbred Super Series, won Victoria and NSW Oaks heats, and finished a brave second in the Victoria Oaks. Breeding: Art Major US- Hawiian Hottie US (American Ideal US)



3YO TROTting FILLY

Royal Charlotte

Bred by Gerard Moloney and sold for \$13,500 at the 2017 Australasian Premier Trotting Sale, Royal Charlotte banked \$87,095 from four wins and six placings in a spectacular first season of racing. The Majestic Son filly won the Victoria and NSW Trotters' Oaks, was placed in the Vicbred Super Series Final and was a finalist in the Breeders Crown and Victoria Trotters' Derby. Breeding: Majestic Son Ca-Charlotte Galleon NZ (Sundon US)



AGED PACING ENTIRE/GELDING

Poster Boy

Bred and owned by Bill and Anne Anderson's Lauriston Bloodstock, the exciting son of broodmare gem Aston Villa only raced on five occasions, posting four wins and a third in the Miracle Mile for \$302,800. Poster Boy captured the two premier events for four-year-olds on the eastern seaboard – the \$200,000 Chariots Of Fire and \$100,000 Victoria 4yo Bonanza. Breeding: Somebeachsomewhere US-Aston Villa US (Artsplace US)



AGED TROTting ENTIREs/GELDING

Big Jack Hammer

Bred by Terry Forster and Heather Lyttleton, the gelded son of Victoria Trotters' Oaks winner Running Pinevale proved one of the finds of the season among the open class ranks. Big Jack Hammer won six races – three at group 1 level – and was placed on five occasions for a bankroll of \$177,670. His principal successes were the Australian Trotting Grand Prix, Dullard Cup, NSW Aquagait Mile and Crown Graduate Free-For-All, while he was placed in two Inter Dominion heats and the George Gath. Breeding: The Pres Ca-Running Pinevale (Westgate Victory US)



AGED PACING MARE

Carla's Pixel

Bred by Robert Watson, the five-year-old Carlas Pixel – a product of Courage Under Fire and the award-winning mare Pixel Perfect, clinched the title through her efforts in winning the \$100,000 Ladyship Cup in 1:51.7 and her slashing third in the Victoria Cup. Breeding: Courage Under Fire NZ-Pixel Perfect (Art Major US)

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AGED TROTTING MARES

Pantzup and Moonlight Dream (joint winners)

Bred along pacing bloodlines, five-year-old Pantzup began her career at the lateral gait and went on to another level in 2018-19 in winning eight of 13 starts and earning \$89,94. At one stage she won seven races on end. Her principal successes included the \$50,000 Breed For Speed Gold Final and Vicbred Trotting Mares' Sprint Championship. Breeding: Always A Virgin US-Evasive Moves (Life Sign US)

The all-American-bred four-year-old Moonlight Dream, won five races with eight placings for \$85,230. The daughter of Angus Hall and put an exclamation mark on her career with a brilliant win in the group 1 Vicbred Super Series final. Breeding: Angus Hall US-Dreamlands Nancy US (Pine Chip US)



TOP PRICED YEARLINGS - PACING

A Somebeachsomewhere colt out of the 1:54 Western Ideal mare Ideal Priority USA, consigned by Bruce and Vicki Edwards' Durham Park, realised the top price of \$130,000 at the APG Melbourne sale. The colt ranks as a full brother to the ill-fated 2yo and 3yo filly of the year Petacular and two other sub-1:58 winners



TOP PRICED YEARLINGS -TROTTING

A Father Patrick filly out of She's An Image, bred by Chris Lang Jnr and Haley Lang, brought the top price of \$70,000 at the APTS Trotting Sale in March. The dam She's An Image won three group 1s, won \$233,000 and took a mile mark of 1:57.4. This was her second issue.

VICTORIAN TROTTING BROODMARE OF THE YEAR

Insulated

A winner of five races, the Safely Kept mare has excelled in the breeding barn, leaving seven winners from seven starters, including three sub-2:00 trotters and three group winners. Perhaps the best of her progeny has been Breeders Crown open winner Aleppo Sunrise, the first of her offspring and earner of \$204,000. Her other foals include brilliant mare Aleppo Midas, Aleppo Jewel, Midaswell and Aleppo Murphy. Breeding: Safely Kept US-Shes Cool (Glen Almahurst US).



VICTORIAN BROODMARE OF THE YEAR

Aston Villa

Born in North America and imported to Victoria by Bill and Anne Anderson, of Lauriston Bloodstock, Aston Villa won four races over her 3yo and 4yo seasons in a brief career being sent to stud. From five foals of racing age, the Artsplace mare has left five winners – all inside 1:57, three \$100,000 winners and three group winners. Her progeny has won 65 races and more than \$1.4 million in stakes to date, including five-time group 1 winner and dual Vicbred Super Series champion Poster Boy (1:49.1), Yankee Rockstar (\$320,000), which is now at North Rivers Equine Stud, and Born To Rocknroll. Breeding: Artsplace US-Villa Storm US (Storm Damage US)





CHANGING GAITS

MCLOVIN REACHES BACK TO NOODLUM

STAR SQUAREGAITER MCLOVIN HAS AN intriguing family background.

He is a great grandson of one of New Zealand's all-time great pacers Noodlum.

A 1971 foal of US-bred sire Bachelor Hanover, Noodlum set the track alight in a stunning career.

He took all before him as a two-year-old, winning 12 times – a record which had him being hailed as NZ's best ever juvenile.

Bred by Wyndham Trotting Club identity Andy Wilson, Noodlum won another 11 races as a 3yo, including the NZ Queensland Derbies.

He went onto win 28 of 42 starts before injury finally led to retirement and a stud career.

Just as he was on the track, Noodlum proved a success as a sire, with his best progeny including Master Mood 1:56, 27 wins, \$806,000; The Race Ruler 21 wins, \$528,000; and Speedy Cheval 29 wins, \$369,000.

Although there was only a sprinkling of trotters among his winning progeny, curiously two were among his best performed offspring.

Lenin NZ and Tyron Scottie NZ had stellar careers.

Lenin (out of Lordship NZ mare Laser Lass NZ) won 41 races and earned \$282,000 while taking high profile Australian races such as the group 1 1991 and 1995 VL Dullard Cup, 1995 RC Freestone Cup, 1991 and 1993 EB Cochran Cup

Tyron Scottie (out of Armbro Del US mare Scottish Armbro NZ) saluted in a 1989 Inter Dominion heat at Moonee Valley and group 2 1987 and 1988 NZ National Trot

It would be a 1983 service Ambro Del US mare Winfield

Del NZ though which lead to eventual arrival of McLovin almost two decades later.

The resulting foal was a filly, which as Egnal would win four races in just three seasons of racing as a trotter.

She predominantly went to trotting stallions at stud – Stakhanovite US, Gee Whiz II US, Armbro Invasion US, Holdonmyheart US, Monarchy US and Shingle Creek NZ.

Of the 12 foals she had to be named, eight made it to the races, but just two managed to win.

Winfield Invasion NZ (Armbro Invasion US) was one of these, trotting her way to four wins in 11 starts in NZ for now Victorian-based trainer Brent Lilley.

Winfield Invasion is now best known as the dam of McLovin, which in the care of Victorian trainer Andy Gath reinforced his standing as one of Australia's best squaregaiters with victory in the group 1 \$50,000 Bill Collins Mile at Melton on October 12, going 1:56.5.

McLovin is the third foal of Winfield Invasion and a 2012 son of Monarchy.

Winfield Invasion has had four offspring to the races, with Have Horsewilltravel NZ (Angus Hall US) having 2 wins and Say Your Pres NZ (The Pres Ca) 1 win.

Now a 7yo, McLovin arrived in Australia as a seasoned campaigner early this year and the Bill Collins Mile was his 10th win in 15 Australian starts.

McLovin has a strong Speedy Crown US cross, being a great great grandsire through the impressive trotting bloodline of Monarchy US, Armbro Monarch US and Armbro Flori US.

On his dam's side, Speedy Crown is the sire of McLovin's grand sire Armbro Invasion US.

PURE STEEL **LEGACY LIVES ON**

VETERAN SPARKS MEMORIES

THE WIN OF BETTOR PARTY AT GLOUCESTER

Park in September took the horse's earnings past the \$300,000 mark and prompted a look at the pedigree of the 10-year-old son of Bettors Delight.

Bettor Party's third dam is a mare called Boom Boom Baby and a daughter of an Australian pacing legend Pure Steel.

A colt by the imported Toledo Hanover from the Hundred Proof mare Pure Band, Pure Steel was sold at the 1973 Sydney yearling sales to Perth bookmaker Russell Roberts for \$2400.

A son of the boom stallion of the sixties in Adios, Toledo Hanover won the Reynolds Memorial and Batavia Downs Stake as a 2yo and Pure Steel was from his second crop of foals.

He was the second foal from the unraced Pure Band whose dam Bandbox had won the 1947 Inter Dominion Championship in Perth.

Pure Steel had just two starts as a 2yo and as a 3yo he won the first Group One when he took out the WA Derby.

As a 4yo he went to Adelaide for the 1976 Inter Dominion with a record of 10 wins in just 15 starts.

Roberts went within a whisker of sending half the country's bookmakers to the wall when a massive plunge on Pure Steel just missed when the horse finished second to Carclew in that year's Inter Dominion Final.

The Inter Dominion was the one that was to remain elusive for Pure Steel, but he did win 11 group 1s, including four WA Pacing Cups, three AG Hunter Cups, a South Australian Cup, Fremantle Cup and Miracle Mile on his way to 68 wins and a then Australian Record of \$915,302 in stakes.

Pure Steel went to stud in 1982 and of the 47 foals born in 1983 there were 18 individual winners at a 38.3 winners/foals percentage.

While the percentage of winners was reasonable there was a distinct lack in the quality of the horses with his best winner from the crop being the mare Ima Steel which won 12 races and just \$31,398 in stakes.

In the ensuing 13 seasons Pure Steel sired a further 314 foals and at the finish his 361 foals produced 84 winners at 23.27 winners/foals percentage.



Pure Steel

Only five of his winners took a 2:00 record and just two won feature races.

True Steel won the 1989 WA Country Derby at group 3 level while Desert Patrol won a WA Lord Mayors Cup.

His daughters hardly set the world on fire either with just 41 winners although the Prince Of Gold gelding Prince Of Steel (\$205,118) and the Pegasus Spur trotter Its Not Dark Yet (\$175,358) both passed the \$100,000 in earnings benchmark.

Pure Steel's granddaughters have to date produced 31 winners with 18 (58 per cent) of those winners descending from one of his daughters which is now the ancestress of six individual \$100,000 earners to date headed by Bettor Party with \$311,515.

That mare Boom Boom Baby was placed four times in 11 starts and earned less than \$1000 in stakes but her dam Morris Queen was a full-sister to the smart Main Morris 1:59.3 \$142,156.

A Maple Lanes Strike half-sister to Boom Boom Baby in Dripping Diamonds produced a pair of standout pacers in Perth in Golden Gears 1:56.9 \$333,686 and Golden Goddess 1:56.9 \$258,906 for Bill Duffy and Laurel Schofield.

Golden Goddess won the group 2 Empress Stakes on three occasions while Golden Gears won the 2000 group 1 Fremantle Cup.

Although Boom Boom Baby produced seven winners from her 12 foals, there were no superstars among them.

However, her daughters were far more successful with the 3yo placegetter Pleasedontstop producing the Ambro Operative gelding Nomore Forusir, which won 26 races and some \$198,000 in stakes for trainer Colin Brown.

Another daughter of Boom Boom Baby in the unraced Queen Matilda is the dam of the Courage Under Fire gelding Feel The Courage, 1:52.9 and \$169,492.

Her winning daughter Boom Or Bust, by Kawartha Robust, produced seven winners including the Victorian Ladyship Cup and WA Easter Cup winner Party Date which is now the dam of the aforementioned Bettor Party and the 2yo WA Sales Classic winner Rocknroll Whitby, 1:57.2 and \$150,895.

The horse breeding industry is a microcosm of the complexities of life in that an out and out champion such as Pure Steel should prove a failure at stud and yet the daughters and granddaughters of one of his fillies would prove to be outstanding producers.

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Bettor Party. Picture: Jodie Hallows



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HAVING A DANDY TIME

SOHO PURCHASES PAY DIVIDENDS

A trip to a Soho Standardbreds clearance sale in Victoria six years ago is still paying dividends for Tasmanian owner-breeders Nathan and Sandra Bennett.

The Bennetts last season won two Tasmanian Sires' Stakes finals with the progeny of purchases from that sale.

Sunny Sanz (by Sportswriter US) taking out the group 2 \$50,000 Globe Derby 3yo Final in Launceston before his half-brother Colby Sanz (Betterthancheddar US) won the group \$3yo Dandy Patch 2yo Final in Hobart

Each is out of Perfect Art mare Soho Summer.

Nathan Bennett is a fourth-generation dairy farmer at Ringarooma in Tasmania's north-east and it was a desire to improve their standardbred bloodlines which prompted the acquisition of a few Soho mares.

"We were just breeding bread and butter horses and thought we were never going to win anything big, so we cleaned out and decided we would go and buy the best mare we could afford," he said.

After going to the sale with three mares marked out in their catalogue, the Bennetts walked away with Soho Summer and Soho Knightley (Mach Three Ca).

Each initially raced in the care of trainer Kent Rattray before heading to the Bennett's property for breeding purposes.

When Soho Summer finished racing, the Bennett's sent her to Sportswriter, with Sunny Sanz her first foal.

The talented pacer won his first three starts as an early two-year-old before being forced to the paddock off a tendon injury.

When he returned to the track in May, he picked up where he left off, winning five of his next six starts, including the Globe Derby Stakes – a high for the Bennetts.

"It basically sums up racing.

"That's why the wins are so sweet as a lot of other things can go wrong," Bennett said.



Colby Sanz (John Walters) wins Dandy Patch Final. Picture: Stacey Lear.

“He is exceptional and we haven’t seen the best of him yet,” he added.

Then came Colby Sanz, with the gelded son of Betterthancheddar winning three of his seven starts as a 2yo last season.

This season the Bennetts, along with trainer Kent Rattray and driver John Walters, will be eyeing off winning all three male sires finals in Tasmania with Stormy Sanz, a 2yo full brother to Colby Sanz preparing to hit the track.

And what is the race Nathan Bennett wants to win the most?

“I would love to win any group 1 race with Kent (Rattray) and Johnny (Walters). who have been very loyal to me,” he said.

Soho Knightley – a daughter of champion racemare Pelicanrama (55 wins, \$730,000) – won three races and while her progeny has not hit the heights of Soho Summer, she has a left winner.

Jim Sanz (Rock N Rolla Heaven US) won once as a 2yo last season and has a 2yo Indianna Sanza (Art Major US) in the wings.



Owner-breeder Nathan Bennett with Sunny Sanz.
Picture: Stacey Lear

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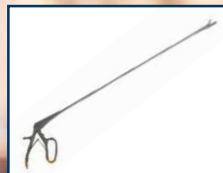
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Influential Super Mum

MAORI MISS INFLUENCE REMAINS

THE INFLUENCE EXERTED BY THE WONDERFUL matron Maori Miss in the squaregaiting ranks in this country knows no bounds.

The successes of two-year-old Powderkeg and three-year-old Kyvalley Clichy in last season's Vicbred Super Series finals at Melton lifted the tally of group 1 winners tracing directly to Maori Miss to 29.

They have won an amazing 56 group 1 races between them, including 18 Vicbred titles, six derbies, five oaks, three Breeders Crowns finals and an Inter Dominion Trotting Championship.

Maori Monarch (1970), the third foal of Maori Miss, became her first group 1 winner when he captured the 1974 Victoria Trotters' Derby at the Melbourne Showgrounds. Three years later the Meadow Vance gelding won the Australasian Trotters' Championship at Moonee Valley.

Maori Miss has continued to churn out group 1 winners in every decade since.

The best of her produce was Maori's Idol, an Ike Frost entire which became a public idol. Maori's Idol took a mile record of 1:59.3 and won 40 of his 46 starts - including a record 24 on end - and later was successful at the stud.

Others from Maori Miss to earn "black type" were Maori's Wonder and Maori Mara, which in turn became the dam of group 1 winners Maori Crown (Vicbred 2yo) and Victoria Trotters' Oaks winner Maori's Dream, the grand-dam of five-time group 1 winner Blitzthemcalder and Itsgettingcalder.

Maori Mara also figured as the third dam of dual Vicbred champions Danny Bouchea (now a successful sire) and Moonshine Linda.

Maori Trump, an unraced daughter of Overtrick and Maori Miss, founded probably the most successful branch of this family. She is the dam of 11 individual winners, including outstanding juvenile trotter Noopy Kiosk, whose 34 successes included the Victoria Sires Stakes 2yo, 3yo and 4yo finals, the Victoria Derby, Cochran Cup, The Holmfield, Tontine and Tatlow.

Maori Trump, besides producing Noopy Kiosk, was the dam of Vicbred Super Series winner Maori Princess and Tenostrump, a winner of the Victoria Sires Stake 3yo final,

and SA Trotters' Derby, and sire of group 1 stars Deltasun, Magicool and Brunelleschi.

She is the second dam of the Inter Dominion and Grand Prix winner Sumthingaboutmaori, Victoria Oaks winner Skye Rocket and the SA Derby and Oaks victor Aftanoondelite, and the third dam of Australasia's fastest-ever trotter Maori Time and the Vicbred Super Series champions Kyvalley Clichy, Needabacardi and Powderkeg.

Also from Maori Miss was the Kentucky mare Maori Mia. She became the dam of the dual VSS champion and Dullard Cup winner Maori's Glory and the VSS 2yo final winner Maori Demon and the grand-dam of the exported Broke As Usual (Vicbred Super Series 3yo final).

Triple VSS champion Spidergirl, Breeders Crown winner Kyvalley Kyrie, the dual VSS champion winner Kinvara Sue, Pretty Majestic (Victoria Trotters' Oaks), Master Maori (VSS 2yo final), the Vicbred Homegrown Classic winner Illawong Armstrong and Asdenro (SA Trotters' Derby) are other descendants of Maori Mia.

The Maori Miss family has earned a place all of its own in producing racemares such as Sumthingaboutmaori, Spidergirl and Maori Time - all multiple group 1 winners - and colts in the same class such as Maori's Idol, Noopy Kiosk, Blitzthemcalder, Danny Bouchea, Tenostrump and others.



Kyvalley Clichy (Chris Alford). Picture: Stuart McCormick



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NEW PRESIDENT

Harness Breeders Victoria is pleased to announce the election of a Nick Hooper as new president.

He replaces Terry Lewis, who did not seek re-election after two years in the term, but does stay on as vice-president.

We welcome new committee member Jess Tubbs and thank outgoing committeemen Shannon Nixon, Ashley Haynes and

Paul Dobson for their contributions.

Shannon served as president and Paul as treasurer.

The 2019-20 committee as elected at the annual meeting at Bendigo on Sunday, October 20: Nick Hooper (president), Terry Lewis (vice-president), Brett Coffey, Kath McIntosh, Elizabeth MacLean, Jess Tubbs, Steve Dickson, Mark Hughes, Les Joslin, John Campbell, Two vacancies remain.

Forms for committee nominations **click here.**

Link to the annual report.

ANNUAL AWARDS

Congratulations to everyone who collected a trophy at the 2019 IRT Victorian Breeder Awards on Sunday, October 20.

Congratulations also go to Victoria's HRA award winners who were also presented with their trophies at the event.

Thank you to MC Tanya McDermott, guest speaker HRV chairman Dale Monteith, the team at the Bendigo Pottery Function Centre and everyone who attended a terrific day out.

The Woodlands Victorian Breeder of the Year was announced at the Gordon Rothacker Medal at Crown on Sunday, October 27.

Congratulations to Bruce and Vicki Edward, of Durham Park.

TENDER TO DUNN

Congratulations to Aaron Dunn, of Horsham, on his successful bid in our tender for a service to exciting young sire, Downbytheseaside.

Thanks to Woodside Park Stud for the generous support.

An outstanding son of Somebeachsomewhere, Downbytheseaside stands at \$6600 for Australian breeders.

FOLLOW A FOAL

The two "Follow a foal" programs fillies are coming along very nicely as thoughts starting to turn to the 2020 yearling sales in Melbourne.

Be sure to follow our Facebook page, Twitter feed and Instagram stream for new spring photos of the girls at Aldebaran and Alabar, or search #FollowAFoal on any of these platforms.



Family Ties CRUISIN ON

THE LEGENDARY LEO NEWBOUND LEFT AN

indelible mark on the Australian harness racing industry in 50-plus years as a breeder.

It was often in partnership with his brother Kevin, with whom he established Forest Lodge – one of the all-time great standardbred nurseries - in the Goulburn Valley.

Daughters of the all-colonial bred Lucia's First (a 1951 daughter of Kimberlene) would ignite what would truly develop into a dynasty.

Gay Acres (by Gay Reveler) produced a string of winners in her own right, including top class pacer Classic Garry, which would go on to be a champion sire.

The late Leo Newbound always declared Provocative (Windshield Wiper-Gay Acres) as one of the best pacers he bred, as a NSW Oaks and Vicbred Sires Stakes 4yo winner.

The none of Gay Acres' last foals Mozambique would go onto be the great granddam of Inter Dominion champion Lennytheshark.

And other big names on of the Newbound honour role include Exemplify, Rip Van Winkle and Court Jester.

Of course there are many other bloodlines which the Newbounds have been responsible for.

The 2019 group 3 \$25,000 Kilmore Trotters Cup winner, Cruisin Around (Bacardi Lindy US) belongs to one of them.

Cruisin Around is a great great grandson of Velvet Cord (Tuft US) – an unraced 1976 daughter of Princess Cord (Ripcord).

Leo Newbound bred Velvet Cord, which was to produce four winners, with her first two Lowden Speedy, 9 wins, and Slick Velvet, 7 wins (full sisters by Speed Supreme), responsible for giving the family some impetus on the track.

Slick Velvet left Pride of Velvet (RCs Dee Jay US), which in turn produced Cloud Chaser – the dam of Cruisin Around.

Padres Pride (Keystone Salute US) 13 wins, \$78,000, and Jeremy Johnson (Red Coach Glory US) 7 wins, were also out of Slick Velvet

Cruisin Around is a half-brother to Livin The Life (Dream Vacation US) 3 wins, and Storm Cloud (Majestic Son US) 1

win, and his Kilmore triumph was his 17th career win and took his career earnings to \$257,000.

Cruisin Around is a group 1 winner, having taken out the 2016 Vicbred Super Series 3yo trot and Breeders Crown 3yo trot finals.

Lowden Speedy also left her mark big time, as the dam of four winners, including group 1 placed and 1993 Victoria Trotters' Oaks winner Melpark Maid (RCs Dee Jay) 23 wins, 169,000, and Melpark Bonnie Dee (Keystone Salute US) 12 wins, \$63,000.

Melpark Maid went on to be a fine producer in her own right, being the dam of Melpark Victory (Westgate Victory US) 14 wins, \$43,000; Melpark Sundown (Sundon US) 10 wins, \$44,000; Melpark Royal Son (Majestic Son US) 9 wins, \$78,000; and Melpark Sunnyjim (Sundon US) 8 wins, \$42,000. Melpark Melody left group 3 placed Coimadai Lodge (Sundon US) 9 wins, \$89,000.

The family has also included multiple group 1 placed Melpark Sunrise (Sundon US) 18 wins, \$121,000; Melpark Sunset (Sundon US) 11 wins, \$65,000; Giacomo (Yankee Paco US) 17 wins, \$106,000; and Melpark Sunshine (Earl Ca) 5 wins, \$83,300.

BY DAVID BREHAUT



Cruisin Around (Chris Alford) wins Kilmore Trotting Cup.
Picture: Stuart McCormick



Kinvara Sue. Picture: Stuart McCormick

Maternal Instincts

BROODMARES LEAVING THEIR MARK

PRESIDENTIAL AFFAIR NZ (Presidential Ball US)

What a job this mare is doing this season. Her fourth foal A Fair Ol Dance NZ (A Rocknroll Dance US) at Melton on October 19 made it five wins from his six starts for the season. This was followed by another of her foals 3yo Macz Brother NZ winning on debut at Pinjarra on October 21. This duo comes after State of Affairs NZ (Dream Away US) 8 wins, \$123,000; group 1 2017 WA Oaks winner Maczaffair (Mach Three US) 21 wins, \$505,000; and Golden State (Big Jim US) 12 wins, \$146,000. All have been bred by Alabar NZ. Presidential Affair was bred by Enviro Stakes Breeding Ltd NZ.

BISTRO MAID (Perfect Art US)

Bred in Queensland by BA and JS Smith, Bistro Maid had the distinction of having back-to-back winners at Redcliffe on October 17 with 6yo mare Artful Maid (Cammibest US) and 4yo gelding Artful Master (Cammibest US) – each bred by Greg Smith. Bistro Maid won eight races and is out of 1996 Qbred Triad 3yo fillies final winner Bistro Lady (Bistro Lobell Ca) 55 wins, \$217,000.

POETRY (Kentucky US)

What a grand producer this unraced 1973 daughter of Royal Dollar mare Morley Doll has proved to be. She left six winners, but it was an unraced Poetry which would ensure a lasting legacy. Six of Poetry's foals won, but none were better than her only trotting offspring – champion

racemare La Coocaracha (Safely Kept US) 23 wins, \$428,000 and champion broodmare. One of Poetry's last foals was Café Culture (Pacific Rocket US) 2 wins. Café Culture is keeping the family tradition of producing winners going. She had her second winner as a mum when 4yo mare Sporty Culture (Sportswriter US) saluted on debut at Geelong on October 18 for breeders MJ and AL Driscoll.

PERFECT LIGNUM (Perfect Art US)

4yo Dance All Night (A Rocknroll Dance US) became Perfect Lignum's second foal to win at Globe Derby Park on September 30. The Les Harding-trained gelding was bred by Jason Bussenschutt. Perfect Lignum did most of her racing in South Australia and won 40 races. Her only other winning foal is 2011 group 2 Southern Cross final winner Fistfullofdollars (Elsu) 24 times.

JOYCES CHOICE (Samadhi US)

3yo trotter I Choose (Bacardi Lindy) saluted on debut at Maryborough on September 29, to become the sixth winner out of Joyces Choice – following in the footsteps of 2006 group 2 Tatlow Trot winner Gentle Image (Yentls Image) 21 wins, \$202,000; and two-time group 1 winner Shes An Image (Last Sunset NZ) 20 wins, \$233,000. I Choose is trained by Jess Tubbs and was bred by Sandra Zimmerman, and backed up with another win at Bendigo on October 8.

CORNSILK (The Unicorn NZ)

Corn silk had a stunning racing career, winning 43 races and earning \$555,000. 3yo colt Soho Notorious (Bettors Delight US), bred by Robert Watson, gave Corn silk her eighth winner as a dam at Maryborough on September 30. Her other winners include Lerrad Maharg (Mach Three Ca) 20 wins; group 2 placed Soho Chelsea (Mach Three Ca) 16 wins, \$164,000; 2016 group 1 Vicbred Super Sires 4yo final winner Delight Me (Bettors Delight US) 14 wins, \$227,000; and group 3 placed Three Pints (Mach Three CA) 13 wins, \$123,000. Corn silk was bred by DG Stewart.

ALIMAR STAR (Safely Kept US)

Keayang Shady (Shadyshark Hanover US) kept the perfect record of her dam Amilar Star intact, being her fourth foal to race and fourth winner when the 5yo mare scored on debut at Terang on October 1. Group 1 placed and multiple group 2 winner Keayang Steamer (Riverboat King US) 21 wins, \$338,000, was her first winner followed by Keayang Maverick (Riverboat King US) 1 win and Keayang Alimar (Somebeachsomewhere US) 4 wins. Her last foal, Keayang Shady, is trained by Marg Lee and was bred MA Lee and AC Craven.

MAORIMOON (Entrepreneur US)

This daughter of trotting broodmare Maoris Glory (Red Coach Glory) and great granddaughter of Maori Miss (Grand Monarch) continues to make her mark. She left four winners, including 2002 group 1 Vicbred Super Series 2yo trot winner Master Maori (Extrovert US) 26 wins, \$203,000; and Tricky Interest SJ's Photo US) 14 wins, \$83,000. She has made an even bigger impact as a granddam through Pretty Peggy Sue (Pegasus Spur US) as the mother of group 1 winners Kinvara Sue (Yankee Spider) and Pretty Majestic (Majestic Son US), and group 3 winner Rave On Hall (Andover Hall). Dream Interest (Dream Vacation US) is another daughter of Maorimoon flying the flag, with Keayang Yankee (Muscles Yankee) adding to the record at Terang on October 1 and Horsham on October 7. The 7yo trotting mare is trained by Paddy Lee and was bred by RJ and P Matthews.

RACIST (Garry Rowan)

As a 1981 daughter of Gay Reveler mare Mozambique, Racist is a member of a highly influential family. Two of her close descendants saluted on the same day in October to add to the tally of winners from the maternal line. The first was Blissfull Lilly (Blissfull Hall US) – a daughter of Golden Lilly and granddaughter of Racist. In winning at Horsham on October 7, she became the first foal of Golden Lilly (Albert Albert US) to win. Blissfull Lilly is trained by Matthew Horsnall and was bred by Levarg Racing Group. This was followed up Major Comment (Major Bronski) deadheating for first in the group 3 Canola Cup at Eugowra in NSW on October 8. Major Comment is out

Why Comment (Dream Away US) – a daughter of Wrong Comment (Jet Laag US) and granddaughter of Racist. Major Comment was bred by Helen Rayner and is trained by David Druitt

ROUND THE BEND (Dale's Gift)

6yo Kevin Richard (McArdle) became the latest descendant of this mare to win at Stawell on October 13. Bred by Des Hilton, Round The Bend was foaled in 1982 and after three winning races went on leave to nine winners, including her first foal Not All There (Meadow Looney US) 9 wins, Just Do It (Booth Hanover US) 9 wins, The Endoftheline (Life Sign US) 6 wins, Whatwouldyoudo (Armbro Operative) 5 wins and Sokin Wet (Sokys Atom US) 5 wins. Kevin Richard is the second offspring of Sokin Wet to win, following Itmademyday (Live Or Ide US) 16 wins, \$122,000. Kevin Richard was bred by Hilton and Arthur Graham.

CEREBRANO NZ (Lordship NZ)

This 1988 mare did not set the track on fire with four career wins, but it was much different as a broodmare. She was to leave 11 winners, with Innocent Eyes (Safely Kept US) the standout with 18 wins and \$421,000 in earnings as she took all before with wins in the group 1 2005 Victorian and Australian Oaks, 2006 Chariots Of Fire and Vicbred Super Series 4yo final. She has been unable to make the same impact at stud with one of just two foals to race winning. The family has not missed out though, with Cerebrano leaving Windsong (Northern Lights US) which produced Major Rush (Art Major US) 15 wins and \$166,000; and Shes Innocent (DM Dilinger Ca), which is the mother of group 1 winner Restrepo (Art Major US) 19 wins and \$529,000. The family has left many more winners and continues to do with Roosevelt (American Ideal US) being one of the latest. The 5yo gelding bred by J Grenfell, M Lang and Bromfield Park has joined Tasmanian ranks and had his first win on thre Apple Isle for trainer Bianca Heenan at Hobart on October 13. Roosevelt is out of Valero, an eight-times race winning daughter of Crebrano and dam of three winners.

SUGARLAND (Christian Cullen NZ)

She had the distinction of producing winners at Melton and Menangle on October 12. Not bad considering she only has two foals racing – Each bred by Anne Anderson. Hurricane Harley (Bettors Delight US) scored his 14th victory n Melbourne and Mango Stride (Rocknroll Hanover US) saluted in Sydney, bringing up his ninth win. Sugarland is out Lindsey Leigh US (Artsplace US), which has also left group 1 winner Maffioso (Presidential Ball US) 24 wins and \$606,000.

BY DAVID BREHAUT



VALE HURRIKANE KINGCOLE

HIT FOR QUEENSLAND BREEDING

BREEDING AND RACING HORSES CAN BRING THE highest of highs, but with that can come the lowest of lows.

On the track, Hurrikane Kingcole reached plenty of highs, running eight sub 1.50 miles in his 14 career victories, setting a benchmark of 1.47.6 on two occasions and banking \$580,000 in stakes.

Resident at Queensland's famed Egmont Park nursery, Cole as he was known, was secured following his retirement in a lease deal under the Kevin and Kay Seymour managed Solid Earth banner. The young stallion had it all before him in his breeding career following some superb results from his first season 'down-under' crop.

Unfortunately, on October 8 the 10-year-old was found deceased in his paddock, with connections having to endure what is the most devastating of outcomes.

With 35 live foals in that first crop, 21 of those made the track in their two-year-old season.

From those 21, he sired 14 individual winners at a healthy 67 percent starters to winners. Included in those credits are Youaremy Sunshine (1.53.8), which finished second to Australian 2yo of the year Be Happy Mach in the Breeders Crown Final.

Passing on a fluent gait to his progeny, ever since his first crop started being educated and trained up, there has been plenty of buzz around how easy they have been to educate and how well they can pace.

Veteran horseman Vic Frost had three individual two-year-old winners sired by Cole last season and had outlined his like of the breed when commenting "I really like the Hurrikane Kingcoles. They have a lovely gait on them and he seems to be able to produce good horses that go early".

In a statement released by Egmont Park, Kevin Seymour expressed just how much disappointment the loss has bought, outlining that he had faith that this stallion was going to become Australia's leading sire.

The current crop of two-year-olds will be the second Australian crop of Hurrikane Kingcole progeny to hit the track and he already has a qualifier this early in the season. My China Doll qualified at Albion Park on September 30, with her own personal mile rate in the qualifying trial clocked at 1.58.6.

This oaling season, there were 30 positive results reported of 41 mares served, with already four foals on the ground. In that four is a colt out of Ipanema Beach. A half-sister to Seymour's talented mare Fame Assured, she is by Somebeachsomewhere, the same cross that has produced Cole's smart North American performers, Hurrikane Emperor (1.49.3) and Hurrikane Empress (1.52.0).

With the loss of Hurrikane Kingcole, who had a strong list of bookings and had managed to serve some mares already this season, the Egmont Park show rolls on.

Leading the team is former world champion and Inter Dominion winner Mr Feelgood, which made it three consecutive leading two-year-old siring titles in Queensland when claiming the 2018-19 trophy.

While the loss is tough to accept, it could prove to be a bittersweet moment for Egmont Park. With Cole not available, the bookings that will be unable to be fulfilled with his demise, open the door to potentially boost the numbers to their first season sire Ohoka Punter.

DARREN CLAYTON
QUEENSLAND CORRESPONDENT

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