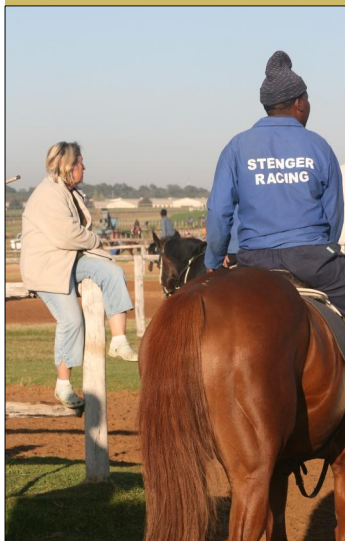


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The Di...Dossier

Early in October, I heard the sad news. The most courageous horse that I have ever trained, had died.

I was very fortunate to be associated with the race mare *Jamaica*. This multiple Group winner, having started her career in another trainer's care, was then entrusted to me by long time supporters, David and Mertha Makins.

I will always treasure this opportunity as I was able to capture 5 feature races for the Makins. Incidentally, Jamaica won 5 Graded races and was placed no less than 12 times in Graded Company.

Her 11 victories in total included the Empress Club Stakes (Grade 1), the November Handicap (Grade 2), where she trounced the boys! And the Fancourt Majorca Stakes, where she reminded us again that she knew exactly where the post is.



This beautiful but gutsy mare, loved racing out front, where she could put her lengthy stride to best use. This coupled with her courage and determination made her an incredibly difficult horse to peg back.

Whilst news of her death was extremely sad to hear, Racing has the sometimes uncanny ability to pay tribute to its legends.

A few days later, half-

brother *Bermuda Triangle*, won for the Makins and trainer Leon Erasmus. And then on 20 October I was over the moon to win for David and Mertha with Bermuda Winteró Jamaica's first produceó a Western Winter baby. The good news, is that like Mom, he looks well above average.

We also have in the yard, a Jamaica look-alike, in the form of a

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The winning team



On 2 September, the very talented *Challenger Quay* of Bill Stirman and Wendy Sears, visited the winner's box for a fourth career victory out of 9 starts. In a battle to the line, Fransie Naude kept this gelded son of *West Man* rolling. Bred by the Makin's Breedon Stud out of the Al Mufti Mare *Rosebank*, *Challenger Quay*, shouldered top weight and showed his courage. Here's hoping we can land a feature of some sorts for this gutsy fellow.

On 18 September, the Bertsboys Syndicate's *A Star is Born*, justi-

fied odds on favouritism and finally cracked its maiden. The *Mogok* gelding had racked up 8 consecutive placings before taking the lion's share in this 2600m trip around Turffontein.

With Rakeen as the dam sire, the extended trip has proved to the liking of this consistent campaigner.

On 20 October, *Bermuda Winter*, reminded us all of what a loss *Jamaica* would be to the breeding industry, winning a hotly contested maiden at the Big Tó See main article.

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Black Minnaloushe colt. This is Jamaica's second produce.

In what looks like a particularly good move the Makins sent Jamaica back to Western Winter and she produced another Western Winter colt in 2009.

By Sportsworld, Jamaica was out of the Averof mare, Bridge of Stars. Bridge of Stars, although unplaced out of 4 starts herself, also produced the 12 time winning Little Hampton's ruler of the Vaal Sand!

Jamaica, was crowned Equus Champion older mid distance Female in 2005 and amassed earnings of R2,414,605

Groom of the month....



The Groom of the month for October 2010 is **Mniki Momelezi**. Mniki has been working for the stable for three years and currently looks after Cavern Club and Rambling Boy. He also looked after Kahal's Wunda, a colt prepped for the Ready to Run Sale.