

# Winner's Wall



DIANNE STENGER RACING STABLES

## The Di...Dossier

The new Gauteng feature season is upon us and that invariably means more competitive racing all round, as trainers take advantage of the more favourable underfoot conditions to get their better prospects out onto the racetrack.

We also need to balance the required African Horse Sickness vaccination programme with a horse's racing programme. We give the vacs 6 weeks apart and need to do so by end December each year. Remembering that we need to ease off horses when they receive their vacs, generally just cantering them over this period, but closely monitoring temperatures etc to ensure no serious adverse reactions.

Although every horse is treated on a case by case basis, in general we press on with the bread and butter horses as long as possible until we run out of time and need to administer the AHS vacs. This allows these horses to pick up stakes in the weaker period when trainers are waiting for the rain. A sound and consistent performer has a window of opportunity to pick up a race or two.

One such horse is Hightower, a gutsy National Emblem mare who always gives of her best for owners Dustine Wilken and Colin Gordon. She was the 2nd leg of a double for the yard on 13 October, showing all her guts to win by a nose under a superb ride by regular pilot Fransie Naude.

## Airburst is Ready to Run....

Faithful owner Mynhardt Baars and syndicate managed to secure a lot at the recent Ready to Run Sale.

As previously suggested this is a great sale to invest in given that you have about a 1 in ten chance of buying a horse that runs in a R3 million rand race!

Mynhardt was in action early putting his hand up for Lot 16, a strong son of Solskjaer, out of the Summerhill mare , Celestial Flame.

Airburst was secured for R65,000 against

This was her 2nd victory, but she is a regular place getter as she just loves to run!

Earlier in the day, Secret Ravine notched up her 2nd win over the seven furlong trip, for Mr Eric Cook's Bertsboy Syndicate. The 5 year old mare is by Goldkeeper out of the Al Mufti mare, Sarina.

On 3 November, Bermuda Winter, the son of Jamaica and Western Winter, no less, had a successful 2nd run after a rest, winning a Novice Plate over the 1000m trip at the Vaal.

Mr and Mrs Makins' 4 year old gelding has decent form in his formbook and will hopefully go onto better things this season for this homebred of the legendary Jamaica.

On 15 November 2011, Pine Shade, another Makins' inmate, won on only her third visit to the course. This daughter of Dynasty had run third second time out and then showed the improvement to win over the 1160m of the Turffontein standside track.

She is by Limber Pine the National Assemblé mare, and was bred by the Highlands farm. Dynasty continues to excite as a stallion and here's hoping a few more of his offspring find their way to my barns.

a Sale average of R188,000



Airburst



# New Arrivals....

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*The winning team*



Stalwarts David and Mertha Makins, have sent in two more of their babies; Zanzibar Treaty and Zina's Own. The beautifully named Zanzibar Treaty is a son of Miesque's Approval and the mare Farewell to Arms. Zina's Own is a Capocrates filly out of their trusty mare Chillion Castle.

Wendy Sears has sent me a very even tempered Victory Moon filly! She is out of Wendy's mare Outback Romance and must have Mom's temperament although her name Lunar Legacy indicates dad's involvement!

Staying with the Lunar theme, Lunar Lumberjack mare, Jack's lady has another progeny in the yards for the Ackerman's with the Lecture filly, Caesar's Lady. Lady Fan Club races for the stable and the owners and has placed 4 times in her 6 outings.

Dr and Mrs Last, combine with Douglas Jackman and yours truly in the filly Rivulet, a daughter of Fahal and the mare Soloist.

A few of the men get together to race the filly Just Dandy. This is a sister of Peter Whites black type earning Esterel. Jose Gomes, Marius Brummer, Brad and Brett Summers and Colin Gordon are the owners of this good looking filly.

Marshall Finlay has also sent in 2 charges. The Grey's Inn (my stallion tip!) Trial by Jury, out of the mare Set Anchor and the Right Approach, Fortune Cookie mating that resulted in Lucky Chiang.



**Caesar's Lady**

Peter White has sent in 3, of which 2 are home bred. The exception is the Var filly, White Whisper. And no, Peter didn't name this daughter of Young Sensation. The other 2 are You Red Devil you, a Solskjaer colt out of his Devilish Daisy mare. Blueberry Hunt, is a Tiger Hunt filly out of My Blue Heaven.

**Zanzibar Treaty**



**Just Dandy**



**Trial by Jury**



**You Red Devil You**



**Lunar Legacy**