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Season's wishes

Another year is fast drawing to a close and at such time, one invariably looks back over the past 12 months to reflect.

In doing so, I am always grateful for all the support by my loyal patrons.

So to all the owners in the yard, who pay the bills, who live through the ups and downs of horseracing, this yard and life, I'd like to extend my sincere appreciation and wish you all a joyous and merry festive season.

I hope that you enjoy whatever you have planned over this time, whether you are away on holiday or even catching up with work.

The stable will obviously be business as usual



over December and those of you who are staying behind in beautifully quiet Johannesburg over this time are more than welcome to pay the yard a visit.

Bring the family, especially the kids and they can practise feeding the reindeers by giving the horses

some carrots instead.

As for the new year, we always live in hope, so if there is no thoroughbred racehorse in the Christmas stocking, lets make sure one of your New Year's resolutions is to buy the next Champion Racehorse!

Thanks....

To all the grooms, work riders, apprentices and jockeys, who have worked hard and assisted the yard throughout the year, it is much appreciated.

I know those winter mornings often test all our resolve!

And whilst that sweeping icy wind goes straight through our coats and bodies, it must be

absolutely freezing on the back of a throughbred galloping at full tilt!!!

Groom of the Month



Doctor Makhubo is the recipient of this month's Certificate of appreciation. Doctor has the distinction of having looked after our Champion Jamaica and now both her babies.

Doctor is from a strong racing family himself, with brother Abraham being a well known work rider.



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The winning team



Winner's Wall

Messrs A Stathoussis, C R Clark and M C Baarsø National Club returned to the winners enclosure for the 3rd time, winning a 2000m heat on 18 November. This 4 year old gelding by Fan Club's Mister is out of the National Assembly mare, National Silk. National Club has won over a mile, 1800m and now the 2000m trip.

Laughing River, ridden magnificently by Willie Uys came from 10 lengths behind the 2nd last horse to win on the post on the Vaal sand for Messrs R Claassens, E J Cook, W H Cook, R G E Humphrey and G L Odgers. The Winrush mare, now a 3

On 9 December, Challenger Quay won for a 5th time for Mr W Stirman and Miss W Sears. The West Man gelding won a MR 90 handicap at the Vaal by over 2 lengths. In his previous start Challenger Quay had not disgraced himself in the Golden Loom handicap having been beaten just over 5 lengths.

On 12 December Chip Shot strolled to a 5 length victory for Mr & Mrs Pickering. This horse was first sold on the Ready to Run Sale, after which Rob Pickering picked it up on a dispersal sale. Hopefully he turns out to be a real bargain. The son of Solskjaer is out of the Northern Guest mare Civil Affair.

An early Christmas present came around for the gang of Messrs C Gordon, RL Bruss, RM Crommelin, GD Cahn, CN Larsson, Neil P Smith, Brad & Brett Summers, DE Wilken & P E White.

September Morn, their Silvano Filly, out of Bushgirl, won a 1160m at Turffontein for the boys. On debut she had only beaten 2 home, but this filly has needed time and when the owners allowed me to take my time, she rewarded them by winning her 3rd start.

The granddam is the Mighty Devon Air, so coupled with the Silvano influence, this filly has a chance to stay later in her career.



File Photo: National Club after winning his maiden at the Vaal.

time winner had us all holding our breath as the commentator had called her 3rd past the post in a nose, nose finish to the race. Only jockey Uys was confident he had got there when it counted.