

# MARSH MONTHLY



*Inside this month...*

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## Red dot report

**After a very productive June, the team is now surging towards the goal of 100 winners for the season. We have earned nearly \$3.5 million in prizemoney for our owners, which eclipses our previous best of \$3 million set last year.**

**While personal milestones have never been the driver, to recently bring up 1000 career victories was a very proud moment!**

It was also a good chance to reflect on what an incredible journey it has been since joining Dad in partnership in the 2002/2003 season. I vividly remember moving to Cambridge over 15 years ago, We had six horses, Dad had left for Singapore, he'd taken Mum and had left me with my fair share of problems to solve in the process!

The move to Cambridge proved to be the best move that I ever made. This is the hub of NZ racing and I wouldn't want to train anywhere else. We have some of the best facilities anywhere in the world and it has been the source of so many great horses over the years.

The move north was closely followed by the arrival of star 2YO Ruud Awakening to the stable and she went on to win the 2013 Karaka Million and become of the best 2yo's we've had in the past 20 years. She really set us on our way and since then we have grown steadily with so many highlights, great horses and big moments.

Whilst I have been fortunate to train some outstanding horses over the years, I have been even luckier to train for so many brilliant owners. GoRacing, who owned Ruud Awakening, have been a fantastic supporter from the very beginning and it was a thrill for us to bring up our 1000th winner for Brendan and Jo Lindsay of Cambridge Stud with their homebred filly Arrowette.

There are too many owners to thank individually, but I'm sure they know who they all are! We are incredibly grateful for the support over the years and in more recent times it has allowed us to invest heavily in young horses to really strengthen our stable. Owners are the core of business and we have been so lucky to the support of many we now consider great friends. I feel that with the team of horses we have in the stable now, we are in the strongest position we have ever been heading into a new season.

I have always been lucky to have a great team of staff, which is the key to any training operation. It was a buzz seeing so many of them get a kick out of the milestone over the weekend. A special thanks must go to Rhys Mildon and Tania Clarkson, both have been with the stable for over a decade and have been instrumental in our success. Attracting and retaining staff in our industry is a constant challenge, but I am proud of all who turn up every day and care for the horses with the skill and professionalism that our team do.

I am a big believer in looking forward and I don't think there has been a more exciting time to be involved in racing in this country. Through the recently announced Entain deal we are about to embark on a new era of record prizemoney. Likewise, the Auckland Racing Club / Ellerslie transformation is perhaps the most exciting thing we have ever seen!

Our attention is now on the next 1000 and when the alarm goes off at 3.30am I am more motivated than ever to be part of this great industry!

*Stephen*



## June Winners



2/06/23 Riccarton Park

### **Kinloch**

**Terry Moseley**

*Kaipira Lodge Ltd*

Speight's Summit Ultra On Tap  
Maiden

*Replay.*



14/06/23 Cambridge

### **Miss Cartier**

**Sam Spratt**

*I G Benge, E Falconer, D E Foster,*

*J F Hepburn, M J Watkins,*

*S W Platt, B W Johnson, K T Cheah & S Marsh*

Prydes Easifeed 1300

*Replay.*



14/06/23 Cambridge

### **Tailwinds**

**Crystal Lindsay**

*Mrs J & L Wotton*

Saddlery Warehouse 970

*Replay.*





117/06/23 Te Rapa

## Our Turn

Craig Grylls

M Darvill, A W Flexman, C T Jones, T Myers, T

Phillips & R Wyeth

Farewell & Thanks

Claire Hornsey 1300

[Replay.](#)

## C'est Moi

Ashvin Goindasamy

Mrs J L Egan

Majestics Horse Floats 1200

[Replay.](#)

## Windspeed

Crystal Lindsay

Mr P & Mrs J Georgetti

Aeongatete Avojects 1300

[Replay.](#)



21/06/23 Pukekohe Park



24/06/23 Cambridge





28/06/23 Cambridge

## Fashionista

Courtney Barnes

*The Oaks Stud*

ITM/GIB Winter Championship 1300

[\*Replay.\*](#)



28/06/23 Cambridge

## Hasstobefast

Michael McNab

*S B Marsh, C R McConnochie*

*& R & CM Hassall Family Trust*

NZB Insurance Pearl Series Race

1300

[\*Replay.\*](#)



28/06/23 Cambridge

## Rising Road

Warren Kennedy

*B H Carter, J A Carter, N J Carter & Mrs V M*

*Carter ONZM*

Marcus Grayling Builders 2000

[\*Replay.\*](#)



# Quick Ten

*Bruce Marsh*

This month we caught up with the father of, Bruce Marsh! A Melbourne Cup winning jockey aboard Silver Knight in 1971, Bruce went on to have an illustrious training career spanning over 30 years winning Group 1's all over the world.

Now back in Cambridge with wife Kay, Bruce plays a key role in yearling selection and helping the boys get through some good red wine. Responsible for teaching Stephen everything he knows we thought it was a good opportunity to put him through a few quick questions

## EARLY MORNING / LATE NIGHT

Neither but have lived a life of both!

### COFFEE / TEA

Both-tea in the morning

### FILLY / COLT

### JOCKEY / TRAINER

Too many disappointments!

### DERBY / OAKS

### COX PLATE / MELBOURNE CUP



#### Favourite horse:

Shamrock – As that was my first top horse but many favourites.

#### Stephen's best training attribute:

Two things stand out for me, number one his temperament. He is unbelievably cool and calm under pressure, this means he is great with his staff and his horses.

Secondly his ability to assess a horse quickly and accurately. Stephen has a unique ability to view a horse once and make a brilliant assessment of the horse itself, its confirmation, its condition, its health and overall happiness. Stephen can look at a yearling or a horse in work and assess it quicker and better than just about anyone I know.

Bruce & Kay managed to dig out a letter Stephen wrote Bruce as an 8 or 9 year old! We thought it was too good not to share...



**Transcript:**

Dear Pop

Can you please wake me up for the track in the morning at 4.00am -> 4.30 don't feel sorry for me this will be my last chance. Bad luck I'm not riding a horse around the block today.

Pictures illustrate Stephen sweeping, mucking out, filling waters and letting Dad know Cavendish (a favourite of Stephen's) would win after Bruce pointed out a healthy poo (something they both love to see from a horse race day)

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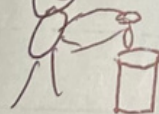
sweeping



mucking out



water



I think  
he will win



look at that  
healthy  
poo  
son.





# Behind the scenes at the races

