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The Ballymore NZ team is well into the swing of Autumn racing and we seem to be settling into a rhythm of enjoying a stable winner almost every week!

It is hard to believe that we are over half-way through the season and what a busy first six months it has been for Ballymore. To date we have celebrated 34 wins including that fabulous Gr.2 success by Graphic in the Wellington Cup. What a real buzz that was for all involved. Please see our Graphic story later on in this newsletter. Equally though, each of our wins this season to date has given Chad, Mike and our team a real sense of pride.

It was great to see so many of you attend the Ballymore events we have hosted. Our Christmas Truck Party at Te Rapa in December was a lot of fun, as was our New Year's Day function at Ellerslie (despite the rain!). We also had a fantastic response to our recent Ballymore Owners' Weekend hosted over Matamata Breeders Stakes weekend, and we were able to duly celebrate the win of She's Samashing on her home track on the day! Once again, thank you for your continued support of Ballymore Stables. We sincerely love having you as part of our Ballymore family.

GRAPHIC MAKING BIG IMPRESSION ON NZ STAYING RANKS

From maiden winner to Group 2 Wellington Cup hero in just three months, and a Dunstan Championship title thrown in between for good measure, talented galloper Graphic has more than made his presence felt on the New Zealand staying ranks this Summer. Somewhat of the new kid on the block despite his five-year-old age tag, Graphic scored his maiden win in October with just two raceday outings under his belt, and then promptly illustrated his galloping ability with four subsequent wins, culminating in January's 2400m cup success at Trentham.

"He's come such a long way in a short time and he is just one of those horses who copes with every step up" said co-trainer Chad Ormsby following Graphic's Wellington Cup win.

"It was only his eight raceday appearance and what a great result for everyone involved".

Top of the list of those "involved" are Graphic's owner/breeders and long-time Ballymore clients, Chris and Susanna Grace.

"Chris and Susanna have been long time clients and friends of Ballymore Stables, and it was wonderful to see the Grace/Ballymore owner/trainer combination to the fore once again on the racetrack" said Ormsby. *"Chris told me after the Cup win that he estimates that has won more than 170 races as an owner, but never a Wellington Cup, so Graphic's win was a real high point for them".*

Interestingly, it is likely that it won't be until Graphic is a six-year-old that Chris and Susanna see their Wellington Cup winner again on raceday.

"Mike and I decided pretty much straight after the Cup that he would go for a spell and we'll bring him back for the Spring," said co-trainer Chad Ormsby.

"Time was always going to be his best friend and we are in no doubt that he'll come back from some time off as a more mature horse. We are prepared to wait for him. There's plenty more to come from this horse for sure".



BALLYMORE'S BLACK BOOK

Spitfire Lady Buckwild
She's Smashing



STARCRAFT EX OUR TIGRESS BAY FILLY

When it came to finding a filly to be suitably adored by the Ballymore Ladies No.2 Syndicate, this absolutely beautiful girl by Starcraft out of Our Tigress ticked every box. With stunning looks guaranteed to turn heads, she has a fabulous pedigree to match, this all pointing to excellent future prospects for her on the racetrack and beyond.

"Her sire Starcraft was an exceptional racehorse and has succeeded at stud including a champion"

2yo Star Witness (Blue Diamond Stakes) while Our Tigress was a stakes performer in Melbourne and hails from one of the best current European families which produced the highest priced yearling at the Deauville sale in France last year" – Paul Moroney.

Join the fun, friendship and raceday glamour of the Ballymore Ladies No.2 Syndicate and race this stunning filly for just \$3,000* + gst per 5% share.

(*Includes all expenses up until 1 May 2014)



CHRIS METCALFE IS SOLD ON BALLYMORE

Matamata based real estate agent Chris Metcalfe is sold on Ballymore Stables! A member of the Ballymore Ladies Syndicate, Chris has first hand experience of what it is like to be an owner with Ballymore. With the regular communication she receives, the raceday functions she attends and the stable events she is invited to, Chris really feels like she is part of the Ballymore team.

"Right from day one I really felt like I was part of the team" said Chris. "The communication and level of service from everyone has been first class and I just love the events and being part of it all".

Interestingly it was at a Ballymore Stables Open Day that Chris should "pop in for" that would see the beginning of a successful partnership between Chris and Ballymore.

"I'd just returned to Matamata having lived in Sydney for 15 years, and I called in on a Ballymore Stables Open Day to just see what it was all about. Around the corner came a filly (Xquist) and it was love at first sight. I signed up to be part of the Ladies Syndicate then and there".

Chris now races the talented filly Divissima as part of the Ballymore Ladies Syndicate and she has also recruited her sister and two friends to join in with the fun.

"We are just loving being part of the Ladies Syndicate" said Chris. "Aliesha is doing a fantastic job at keeping our syndicate up to date with what our filly is up to and the whole experience with Ballymore is exactly what racing a horse should be about".

FLYING THE BALLYMORE FLAG AT NZ HORSE OF THE YEAR

The Ballymore NZ Flag flew loud and proud at the New Zealand Horse of the Year Show held in Hastings, 18 – 23 March 2014.

Aliesha Moroney, Ballymore Office Manager **Dorothy Lennard** and Ballymore Ladies No.1 Syndicate member **Felicity Keyte**, headed to one of the greatest equestrian celebrations on the planet with high expectations, and the girl-power-trio certainly delivered the goods.

With a recent NZ Elementary Dressage Championship Title under their belt, Aliesha and Meg (Sinderalla FE) continued their winning form in the Bay and claimed the Level 3 Dressage Horse of the Year Title also.

Dorothy and Glentulloch, the reigning NZ National Supreme Saddle Hunter Champions, were dominant once again and were crowned Gee Wizz Memorial Equestrian Turnout Champions, and were also placed 3rd in the NZ Saddle Hunter Champion Class.

Former Ballymore-trained dual race winner Kiwi Spirit, now known as Top Shelf, and his rider Felicity Keyte, were crowned Reserve Rising Star Show Hack, and also placed third in the NZ Thoroughbred Under Saddle Class.

It was a great week at Hasting's for the Ballymore Ladies team, and we can be very proud of our efforts!



Aliesha on Sinderalla FE, Dorothy on Glentulloch, and Felicity Wills on Top Shelf.



60 SECONDS WITH RICHIE FALLON

Role: "Team Player"

Where did you grow up: Born in Waharoa, and went to school there

Best horse you have seen: Kingston Town

Best stable horse: Graphic

Favourite stable horse: Flying Fantasy

Best race you've seen: Bonecrusher-Our Waverly Star Cox Plate, although Puccini's win the Derby last month was unreal

Favourite race every year: Great Northern Steeple

Greatest racing memory: Jolly Jake winning the Derby in '84

Best ever jockey you've seen riding: Lester Piggott and Grenville Hughes

Favourite jockey: Noel Harris

Most respected person in racing: Alan Jones

Most inspirational person in your life: Mum and Dad

What do you do in your spare time: Golf, Darts but not much spare time in this game!

Favourite Food and Drink: Bluff Oysters and Ginger Beer

Bucket list? What's on it: No Bucket List, I just want to stay healthy and fit

One thing not many people know about Ritchie: I trained Reklaw to win the Mitchelson Cup in the 1977-78 season, ridden by Peter Johnson.

