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## 2009 SEASON UNDERWAY

5.00am on Tuesday saw the official kick-off to the season with all stallions returning to the covering shed. The mare barns have been busy for many weeks preparing maiden and dry mares for the start of the breeding season on September 1. We wish all breeders the very best of success for their 2009 matings.

## REDOUTE'S CHOICE

Earlier this week the dam of history making Champion mare Makybe Diva - Tugela - gave birth to a filly foal by Redoute's Choice. At this year's Easter Yearling Sale, Tugela's colt by Redoute's Choice sold for \$1.2 million.



At the 2008-09 *Australian Racehorse-Of-The-Year and Hall of Fame Awards* at the Palladium at Crown in Melbourne on 31 August, **Samantha Miss** (ex Milliyet, by Zabeel) was crowned Champion 3YO Filly.

Samantha Miss raced seven times during last season for five wins and two placings. Returning from a 16 week spell, Samantha Miss won all four legs of the Princess Series, the **G3 Silver Shadow Stakes** (1200m), **G3 Furious Stakes** (1400m), **G2 Tea Rose Stakes** (1500m) and **G1 Flight Stakes** (1600m).

Despite a \$200,000 bonus scrapped by the AJC and STC, **Samantha Miss** accumulated around \$505,000 from those four victories.

The daughter of Redoute's Choice then finished third in the \$3.5 million **G1 Cox Plate** (2040m), beaten just over a length from Maldivian and Zipping.

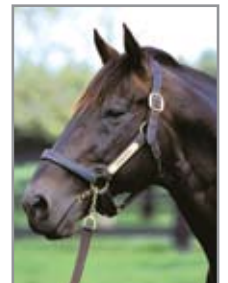
That was to be her only defeat during the spring after she trounced her rivals in the **G1 VRC Oaks** (2500m) by three and a half lengths.

Samantha Miss commenced her autumn preparation in the **G2 Light Fingers Stakes** (1200m) when she finished second, beaten a nose, by Rock Me Baby.

Soon after Samantha Miss damaged a tendon in trackwork. John Singleton then purchased the mare for an Australian record of \$3.85 million at the Inglis Australian Easter Broodmare Sale in April.

## DANZERO

The \$100,000 **Listed Clamms Seaford Stakes** (1100m) for 4YOs & up at Caulfield last weekend saw 5YO entire **Masked Assassin** (ex Duk Duk, by Claudius) finish in second place.



As a broodmare sire, Danzero was also responsible on the same date for second placegetter in the \$125,000 **G3 Concorde Stakes** (1100m) at Rosehill, **McClintock** (King Cugat-She's Sweet, by Danzero).

## DID YOU KNOW?

Danzero has been aptly highlighted as a 'Value Stallion' by renowned pedigree expert Alan Porter in a recent Bluebloods article. Porter states:

*Golden Slipper winner Danzero (Danehill – Confidentially by Kaoru Star) was the first of his sire's Golden Slipper (Gr. 1). The record shows that he gets a lot of class for a horse standing at \$22,000. Despite his sprinting background, Danzero has been able to get very good runners over a variety of distance, as illustrated by the fact that he's sire of Champion Two-Year-Old and Golden Slipper (Gr. 1) victor Dance Hero, and Champion Australian Three-Year-Old Stayer Fairway. His other group one winners include the versatile Niconero, successful five times at Group 1 level; Danglissa; Danni Martine; and Jymcarew, and he's been represented by a total of 33 stakes winners. This is a great horse to get a young mare a shot at a major winner for a reasonable price, especially for the owner-breeder.*

## HUSSONET USA

**MISS FINLAND** (Redoute's Choice) - Champion Australian 2YO of 2005/06 and 5-time G1 winner of more than \$4.6 million - produced her first foal, a filly, at noon on Thursday.

Miss Finland (ex Forest Pearl (USA) by Woodman)) won the **G1 Golden Slipper** as a 2YO. At three she won the **G1 Thousand Guineas**, **G1 VRC Oaks**, **G1 Australian Guineas** and **G1 Arrowfield Stud Stakes** and in the 2006-7 ANZ Classifications she headed two separate distance categories for 3YO fillies: *Leading 3YO Intermediate Filly* (following her win in the **G1 Arrowfield Stud Stakes**); and *Leading 3YO Long and Extended Filly* (following her win in the **G1 VRC Oaks**). She was the first filly to complete the Golden Slipper/VRC Oaks double and only the second filly to win the **G1 Australian Guineas**. She retired the fourth-highest earning mare ever in Australia.

Miss Finland was a lot more than just statistics. She attracted a legion of fans from around Australia and across the world who followed her career and attended race meetings where she appeared.

"I always thought she would be the perfect mate for Hussonet because of their physical and genetic compatibility and we must not forget that she's also by super stallion, Redoute's Choice" said Arrowfield Chairman John Messara.

Miss Finland is a grand-daughter of the G1 Oaks winner Moonshell (Sadler's Wells), who herself is a full-sister to Doyen - winner of Europe's Premier Weight For Age race the G1 King George VI and Queen Elizabeth Diamond Stakes, and who is also Europe's fastest ever 12-furlong G1 winner, and Timeform Horse of the Year.

**Hussonet (USA)** is the most dominant active sire-son of Mr. Prospector. The sire of 67 Stakeswinners, 26 G1 winners and 19 Champions, Hussonet has an outstanding book of mares due to foal in 2009 including Shantha's Choice (dam of REDOUTE'S CHOICE, PLATINUM SCISSORS, MANHATTAN RAIN, Superior Sateen, Monsoon Wedding), Monsoon Wedding (Sister to PLATINUM SCISSORS, REDOUTE'S CHOICE, Superior Sateen, three-quarter sister to AL MAHER, SLIDING CUBE, half-sister to MANHATTAN RAIN), AIN'T SEEN NOTHIN', ALEXANDRA ROSE (SAF), DAMASCHINO, EMERALD DREAM, GALROOF, LOTTERIA, MISS BUSSELL, PORTLAND SINGA, OPPORTUNITY, RIBE (dam of G1 winner REAAN (Hussonet (USA)), RENA'S LADY, ROSA'S SPUR, Singles Bar (dam of NOT A SINGLE DOUBT), STORMY HILL, TYCOON LIL etc.

## STAFF & FARM NEWS

- Congratulations to Will Freyer (son of Jon) who won the 100m Sprint (in record time) at the Zone Championships held at the Narrabeen Campus of the Australian Institute of Sport on 31 August.
- Spotted alongside one of the Leighton Park river paddocks was this wondrous Australian icon – the Echidna. He/she trundled quite happily through the paddock before pausing for awhile to watch the horses, then disappeared down to the river.

**DID YOU KNOW?** The proper name for a baby echidna is a puggle?

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- Recent visitors to the farm (separate from scheduled stallion parades) include:
  - o Tony Williams (Magic Millions)
  - o Paul Favretto
  - o Mark Pilkington & Jason Timperley
  - o Paul Stewart and family with Craig Benjamin
  - o Murray Tillet plus 7 Western Australian breeders
  - o Rowena Smith and Jo McKinnon (Aushorse)
  - o Brent & Cherry Taylor
  - o Rob & Deb Anderson
  - o David Bridgeland, Kevin Moroney, Barry Dunn and 17 Victorian breeders
  - o Peter Heagney, Simon Vivian, Ian Baird, Mark Dodemaide – Inglis Victoria
  - o Jack de Flamingh, Mark Reade and David Ferrarin



## SPONSORSHIP UPDATE:

### A TRIP BACK IN TIME

Arrowfield's partnership with the State Library of NSW allows the public to 'touch history' as part of the Library's unique Discover Collections. The 'Day At The Races' Collection takes you on an interactive and informative online journey canvassing topics as diverse as the first thoroughbred horses introduced to the fledgling colony, to Sydney's first race meeting, the changing fashions, pedigrees, picnic races and betting.

The collection can be accessed at the following URL: [www.sl.nsw.gov.au/discover\\_collections/society\\_art/races/index.html](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/discover_collections/society_art/races/index.html)

It's easy to lose time once you start browsing the old photographs and looking at maps and historical stud books, but one thing that did intrigue me was the piece of Randwick history: the race book from the June 8, 1931 meeting.

You can access the racebook at the following link: [http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/discover\\_collections/society\\_art/races/randwick/racebook.html](http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/discover_collections/society_art/races/randwick/racebook.html)

Click and drag on the corners of the race book to turn its pages.

What is intriguing about the book (apart from discovering what trans serviced the racecourse, the minimum bet price, and the price of a plate of oysters 78 years ago!) is the sheer number of pages listing registered bookmakers. One can only imagine the frenzy of noise in the betting auditorium

### JERILDERIE GOLD CUP

Arrowfield is the Major Sponsor for this year's Jerilderie Gold Cup.

"Country Racing is racing's backbone," reports John Messara. "People often forget that NSW Country Racing comprises 100 professional clubs, 37 amateur clubs and 116 race tracks. That's a significant number of jobs and associated income for remote communities as well as the social/recreational benefits that accrue to race meetings."

The Arrowfield Stud Jerilderie Gold Cup will be held on Saturday 12th September, 2009. If you live locally and would like to attend you are more than welcome. Please just let us know and we will arrange tickets.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Jerilderie is located on the Newell Highway, approximately 60 kilometres north of the Victorian border (640kms South of Sydney) and is nestled on the banks of the Billabong Creek, the longest creek in Australia. Renowned in history for being the only town in NSW that Ned Kelly visited and the origin of the Jerilderie Letter (see below), it is a thriving agricultural area. As well as producing rice, wheat, soya beans, canola, wool, beef, grapes, and onions, latest statistics show that 24% of the gross national tomato product is grown in the area, as well as 5% of the world supply of licorice. Jerilderie is considered the gateway to the Kidman Way, a fully sealed road to the outback travelling through Griffith, Hillston, Cobar, Bourke and on to Queensland.

Jerilderie is to Australia's Stud Merino flocks as the Hunter Valley to thoroughbreds. Properties the likes of Bundure, Coornang, The Yanko, Silver Pines, Lone Pine, Morundah, Arrawidgee, Aratula, Willandra, One Oak, Goolgumbula, Pooginook and numerous others have formed the backbone – and bloodlines alike Arrowfield - of Australia's wool industry.

In racing terms, Jerilderie was the base for successful trainer Ken Sweeney who won the SDRA trainers premiership on a record 17 consecutive

occasions. As far as country racing goes, Sweeney remains amongst the best- he would often have 2 horses running in Sydney, 3 in Melbourne, 6 at Wagga Wagga and 2 at Carrathool and co-ordinate the whole thing from one base.

The rice industry has been huge over the last 25 years—some of the biggest yields have come from the area—which has tens of thousands of acres under production – but now has no water. The district has, as a result, constantly had to re-invent itself, and not lay down and die. They have a vibrant and forward thinking council, the facilities are amazing for a country town, and the community are prepared to get off their backsides and make things happen - hence Arrowfield's sponsorship!

*The Jerilderie Letter:* Only two original documents by Ned Kelly are known to have survived. The most significant of these is the Jerilderie Letter, dictated by Ned Kelly to Joe Byrne in February 1879. It is the only document providing a direct link to the Kelly Gang and the events with which they were associated. Approximately 8000 words long, this letter has been described as Ned Kelly's 'manifesto'. It passionately articulates his pleas of innocence and desire for justice for both his family and the poor Irish selectors of Victoria's northeast. Donated to the Victoria State Library in 2000, the Jerilderie Letter brings Ned Kelly's distinctive voice to life, and offers readers a unique insight into the man behind the legend.

Arrowfield's representative at this year's Jerilderie Gold Cup – Brian Gorman – has been given a share in Cup runner No Fixed Address by the Jerilderie Race Club for the day. As Brian says "Now THAT is looking after your sponsors!"



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## PEDIGREE MUSINGS:

### THE FAPPIANO HUSTLE – A HIGH STAT DEFENSIVE PLAY

The Tartan Farms (Florida) product Fappiano, a son of the legendary Claiborne champion sire Mr. Prospector, represented a breakaway from the traditional speedball Raise A Native-Mr. Prospector type. He was a tall (16.3h), lanky type and as an eight and nine furlongs specialist represented a more middle-distance variation on his sireline. Despite a premature demise at age 13 Fappiano, from just 9 crops has left a number of highly successful sire sons such as Unbridled and Quiet American not to mention Champion Chilean Sire Roy.

Of course Chile was the home for many years of Arrowfield's own Hussonet where he captured no less than seven General Sires titles. Like Hussonet, Roy was not a stakeswinner during his racing career, but when given the opportunity with daughters of the Fappiano stallion, Hussonet "clicked" in fine fashion with 5 stakeswinners being produced on this cross from just 34 foals of racing age including 3 Group 1 winners – Host, Husson and National Park. That's 15% SWs/foals or an even more impressive 8.8% Group One winners/foals ratio for the Hussonet/Roy cross.

Here in our corner of the world Hussonet gets an opportunity to reproduce those impressive stats when he encounters mares by Defensive Play and Unbridled Song (by Fappiano's Kentucky Derby winner Unbridled). Defensive Play, a Grade 1-winning son of Fappiano, was an averagely performed shuttle sire but is making a massive impact as a broodmare sire. His daughters have already left 5 Group 1 winners including the Classic winners Efficient, Taatletail and Zarita from just 243 foals to race – a 2.06% Gr1 winners/runners ratio. Unbridled's Song is also making a significant impact as a broodmare sire in both hemispheres with a 7.8% SWs/runners strike rate to date including recent Flemington Group winner Fifth Avenue Lady.

Both of these broodmare sires – Defensive Play and Unbridled's Song – should prove highly compatible when matched with Hussonet if the "Roy" experience is anything to go by.

P.S. Given that both Fappiano AND Hussonet are sons of Mr. Prospector these findings should remove any doubt from the minds of breeders who own Mr. Prospector-line mares that doubling up on this sireline is a pattern not to be avoided when it comes to Hussonet

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Fappiano



Hussonet

## ARROWFIELD FOALING NEWS

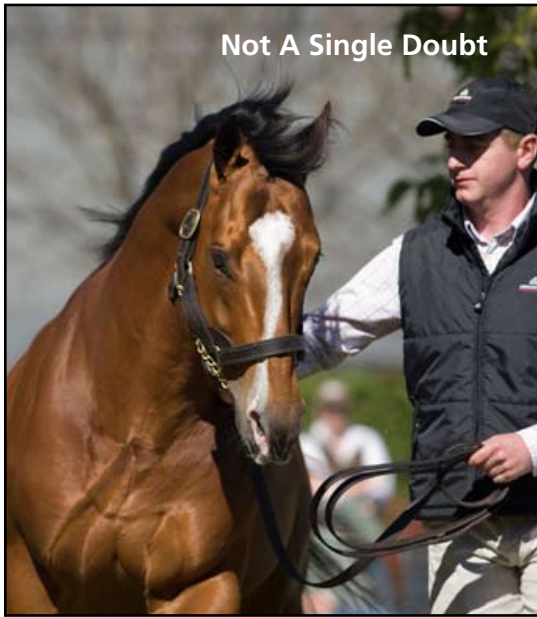
Mare	Stallion	Foaling Date	Sex	Colour
Toast Of The Coast	Flying Spur	22-Aug	Filly	Bay
Riddle Me	Redoute's Choice	22-Aug	Filly	Bay
Stormy Cugat	Choisir	23-Aug	Colt	Bay
Blurrta	Not A Single Doubt	23-Aug	Filly	Bay
Burningwood	Danzero	24-Aug	Filly	Bay
Little Flower	Hussonet	25-Aug	Filly	Chestnut
Zaldivar	Redoute's Choice	25-Aug	Filly	Bay
Steal My Love	Snitzel	25-Aug	Colt	Bay
Duchess De Berri	Hussonet	25-Aug	Filly	Chestnut
Estatuilla	Redoute's Choice	26-Aug	Filly	Brown
North Flower	Snitzel	26-Aug	Filly	Brown
Jeanarmour	Charge Forward	27-Aug	Colt	Bay
London Lights	Snitzel	27-Aug	Colt	Bay
Lady's Delight	Snitzel	27-Aug	Colt	Bay
Spontaneous	Redoute's Choice	27-Aug	Colt	Brown
Singles Bar	Hussonet	28-Aug	Colt	Chestnut
Storytime	Not A Single Doubt	28-Aug	Filly	Bay
Dowry	Redoute's Choice	29-Aug	Filly	Bay
Sharp Enough	Snitzel	30-Aug	Colt	Chestnut
Hokuspokus	Flying Spur	30-Aug	Colt	Bay
Daralara	Hussonet	1-Sep	Filly	Chestnut
Redoute's Fever	Charge Forward	2-Sep	Colt	Bay
Rosa's Spur	Hussonet	2-Sep	Filly	Chestnut
Carlaxna	Flying Spur	3-Sep	Colt	Chestnut
Miss Finland	Hussonet	3-Sep	Filly	Chestnut

## BELLERIVE FOALING NEWS

Mare	Stallion	Foaling Date	Sex	Colour
Christchurch	Redoute's Choice	21-Aug	Colt	Bay
Back Pass	Redoute's Choice	22-Aug	Colt	Bay
Grand Archway	Exceed And Excel	23-Aug	Colt	Bay
Agalia	Starcraft	24-Aug	Filly	Bay
Zaldivar	Redoute's Choice	25-Aug	Filly	Bay
Sol Mere	Danzero	26-Aug	Filly	Bay
Morton	Charge Forward	27-Aug	Filly	Brown
Snippets Jewel	Fastnet Rock	28-Aug	Colt	Chestnut
Mysterieux	Reset	29-Aug	Colt	Brown
Chant	Trotomondo (CHI)	1-Sep	Colt	Chestnut

## ARROWFIELD STALLION PARADES

Last Friday, Saturday and Sunday Arrowfield hosted 3 stallion viewings at 10.30am on each day. Arrowfield had its formal Open Day in May but due to the large number of clients in the Hunter over the weekend we provided 3 informal viewings to cater for those people who wanted to see the horses. Bloodstock Manager Jon Freyer was MC on each of the days.



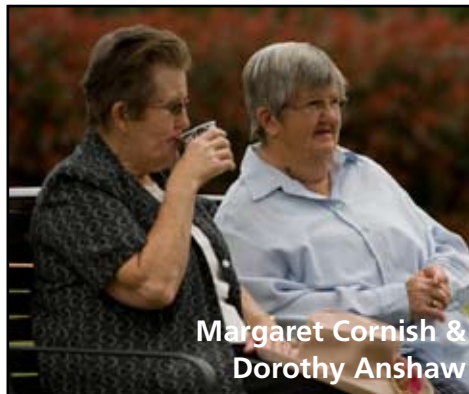
Not A Single Doubt



Basil Nolan, Sam Fairgray & Diane Nolan



Mick Talty



Margaret Cornish & Dorothy Anshaw



Brett Howard



Hussonet



Kris Messara & John Muir

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Denis Roberts



Flying Spur



Damion Flower with his girls



Danzero



John Hutchison



Starcraft



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John Muir



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