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Riverton Stud

May you be blessed with a joyous Festive Season!

Writing this annual newsletter I find it hard to credit that another year has flown by. And what a tremendous year it has been on and off the track. Celebrating the life of Mandela has given us renewed hope to get back on track as a nation. Obama's admiration for Mandela only serving one term in office was one of many subtle suggestions appreciated in his eloquent memorial speech. The Sizzling Cape Racing Season has started with a bang. Our eldest assures us that the Avontuur Fillies Guineas after party was just as good as the day itself. Passionate sponsors like Grand Parade have come on board and bigger stakes, including the CTS Million Dollar, are exciting racing prospects to look forward to!

Riverton Stud - Highest strike rate of stakes winners

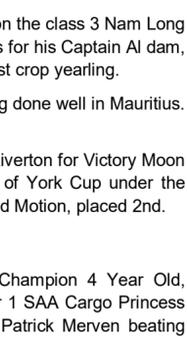
18%

"The goal of any breeding operation must surely be to produce stakes horses, and for that reason one has to make special mention of Riverton Stud who had the highest strike rate of stakes winners this past season (excluding farms with only a few runners) with 18% stakes winners/runner. Riverton Stud has produced the winner of the G1 Tsogo Sun Medallion three out of the last four years (Captain of All, Link Man and Potent Power). Quite an amazing achievement for a relatively small operation and well done to Duncan Barry and the team down there!

A few other farms with notable stakes winning percentages are Avontuur (15%), Highlands (13%), Varsfontein (12%), Lammerskraal (12%), Backworth Stud (14%), Daytona (15%), Ascot (14%), Cheveley Stud (12%), Milkwood (16%) and Ambiance Stud (12%)." Highlights: South African Racing Review 2013

What a wonderful accolade! With only 12 to 15 yearlings entering the market each year against the shear volume produced by the big studs we tend not to follow the stats. So good to know that our natural breeding programme is paying dividends.

Special tribute must be paid to trainer Dennis Drier who trained all 3 winners of the Gr 1 Tsogo Sun Medallion! This year Captain of All, last year Potent Power and in 2010 Link Man who was born and raised on Riverton for Tawny Syndicate who had a mare boarding with us.



Thank you to our loyal clients, owners, trainers, jockeys and friends for your tremendous support and congratulations on another great year!

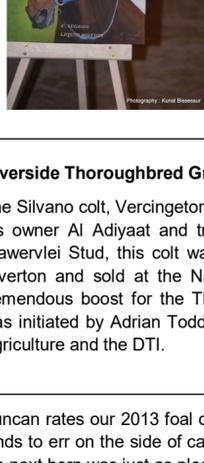
For further info on Syringa stakes winner Secret Obsession, Masked Lady, Intimate Connection and all our winners see www.rivertonstud.co.za/stud_news.html

International News

Potent Power, now called Rocket Let Win in Hong Kong, won the class 3 Nam Long Shan Handicap worth HK \$1,000 000 this week. Good news for his Captain Al dam, Solar Galleon, who has a smashing half sister Blue Tiger first crop yearling.

With 2 previous Horse of the Year awards, Riverton has long done well in Mauritius. This season however is proving to be exceptional!

On the 27th October Tales of Bravery, born and raised at Riverton for Victory Moon Syndicate, won the Gr1 Banque des Mascareignes Duke of York Cup under the able hands of Andrew Fortune. Another Riverton bred, Liquid Motion, placed 2nd.



In September Mauritian Champion 4 Year Old, Liquid Motion, won the Gr 1 SAA Cargo Princess Margaret Cup for trainer Patrick Merven beating Tales of Bravery into 3rd place. Earlier in the year Tales of Bravery also won the prestigious Gr 1 Barbe Cup.

Another Riverton bred, Moon Raider, has also won several races for trainer Budeshwar Gujadhur and jockey Robbie Burke. Dream in Combat that won for Gary Milosevich and Shaun De Moor and trained by Deon Visser has now also been sold on to Mauritius.

Left: A painting of Liquid Motion with jockey Cedric Segeon on board.

Riverside Thoroughbred Grooms Cooperative

The Silvano colt, Vercingetorix, made it 4 from 4 to take the Gr 1 Daily News 2000 for his owner Al Adiyat and trainer Mike De Kock. Pin hooked as a weanling from Klawervlei Stud, this colt was bought with seeding money from the DTI, raised at Riverton and sold at the National Yearling Sales. He is on his way to Dubai. A tremendous boost for the Thoroughbred Breeding Transformation Programme that was initiated by Adrian Todd and the Cape Breeders Club working with the Dept of Agriculture and the DTI.

Duncan rates our 2013 foal crop as one of the best ever. Fighting talk for a man that tends to err on the side of caution. No sooner had we had a fantastic foal born when the next born was just as pleasing or even better.

So just a few mares left to try and get back in foal. Yesterday our resident stallion, Blue Tiger, covered the dam of champion Victory Moon. He may not have had huge books, but he certainly has had some quality mares that throw winning foals! Looking forward to them eventually hitting the track. With his pedigree there has to be a Guineas winner in there!

Should you be going away on holiday soon, we wish you a safe trip. May you come back ready to take on an exciting New Year and be blessed with good health, happiness & prosperity!

All the best from Team Riverton

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