

HAUNUI FARM UPDATE

YOUR BEST MATCH FOR SUCCESS



July 2008

A Successful Month for Elusive City

The month of June was a very successful one for Elusive City (USA) (Elusive Quality) and his progeny.

His first Northern Hemisphere crop have started to make the impact expected of them with two stakes performers in the space of ten days.

The first stakes performance came through the deeds of Able Master (Ire) (Elusive City) who in just his third start, ran third in the Listed Epsom Woodcote Stakes (1200m).

The winner of his first two starts, Able Master was a €15,000 weanling from Elusive City's first Northern Hemisphere crop.

That same weekend in Ireland, a filly by the name of Connie Mac (Ire) (Elusive City) ran an impressive second on debut at The Curragh. A week later, Connie Mac

finished third in a very close finish in the Group Two Queen Mary Stakes (1000m) at Royal Ascot.

"Elusive City is starting to get some points on the board in the Northern Hemisphere," said Mark Chitty, General Manager of Haunui Farm. "It's particularly pleasing to get those stakes results, especially at tracks like Epsom and Royal Ascot as you know the company that these horses are keeping is obviously top class," he said.

Elusive City has also enjoyed further success with his first Southern Hemisphere crop in recent weeks.

Discretion (NZ) (Elusive City), broke through for an all important victory at Ellerslie in early June, impressive in winning over 1200m and he will line up as one of the favourites in the Listed Northland Breeders' Stakes (1200m)

this coming weekend.

Another solid result came later in the month on the other side of the Tasman when the David Payne-trained Elusive Gift (NZ) broke through for her maiden victory at her second start. A \$130,000 yearling purchase, Elusive Gift finished second on debut in February and ran out an easy two-and-a-half length winner over 1000m in her first start this preparation.

Finishing the month of June, Elusive City notched up another debut winner, this time in France through the deeds of colt Estoril City (Fr).

"The talk about the Elusive City's in both hemisphere's is very strong," says Mark. "Irish breeders have supported him tremendously—he's served another full book of 160 mares up there this season—which backs up the New

Zealand response to him last season when he covered 90 mares.

"Elusive City is in a very similar position to that of Van Nistelrooy twelve months ago," said Mark. "Having been given the same opportunity and with progeny in the stables of some of New Zealand and Australia's best trainers, I'm sure the results will start to come as they did for Van Nistelrooy," he said.

With three stakes performing two-year-olds to his credit to date, the platform has been set for Elusive City to have a very exciting Spring.

Elusive City will stand at Haunui Farm in 2008 for a service fee of \$8,000 + GST.



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News Briefs

New Arrivals

While the breeding season is just around the corner and we await the arrival of new season foals, we have already had our first arrival in 2008 here at Haunui, albeit of the Human kind.

Dane Trompert (Haunui Stallion Manager) and his partner Jamie Milliken welcomed the arrival of their first child—a son, Taylor—on the 14th of June.

Weighing in at just over six pounds, Taylor has settled in quickly at home and has the routine of eating and sleeping down to a tee.

I'm sure you will all join us in congratulating Dane and Jamie on the arrival of Taylor and no doubt, you will see them all at the upcoming Haunui Stallion Parade—if not before.

Haunui Stallion Parade

Iffraaj (GB) (Zafonic) and Elusive City (USA) (Elusive Quality) are due to arrive in New Zealand at the end of July and will be released from quarantine in mid-August.

With this in mind, our annual Haunui Stallion Parade will be held on Sunday, 24th August at 10.30am.

Please mark this in your diaries as it will be the first opportunity for many of you to view Iffraaj.

Invitations and further details will be released closer to the time and we hope to see as many of you possible here at Haunui on what we hope will be a lovely Sunday morning!

Should you be unable to attend, we are more than happy to parade our stallions at anytime so please feel free to contact us to make arrangements to view them.

A "Great Weekend"

5th—7th September 2008

The Great Northern Steeplechase will be held at Ellerslie on Saturday, 6th of September.

This year, the Auckland area will be looking to make a real week-end of things with a special day of racing to be held at Ellerslie on Friday the 5th of September.

That evening will also see Ellerslie hosting the annual Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders' Awards Dinner with special guests Bob Skelton and Bob Vance.

The Auckland Stud Tour will take place on Sunday the 7th of September and with a number of new stallions in the Auckland area, this will hopefully be a well attended event.

Further details will also be available in the next Haunui Newsletter.

Sale Entries

While it might feel like the yearling sales are months away, mid-July to early August sees the deadline for yearling sales entries.

As always, Haunui will offer approximately 50 yearlings in 2009 selling drafts through the major sale rings of Australasia.

Please feel free to contact us if you are still uncertain as to which sales you would like your yearlings entered into or, if you have any questions in regard to the 2008/2009 yearling preparation.

As the cold weather sets in, it is an extremely important time for yearlings to keep moving forward. Whilst full preparation doesn't begin until October, the building blocks are already well in place with Haunui weanlings constantly handled and monitored in order to ensure they're in the best possible condition to begin preparation.

The Months Ahead

Spring is just around the corner and the next six weeks is geared toward finalising the preparation for our busiest time of year.

Last season, our first foal arrived on the 27th of July. This year, we don't have any mares due quite that early however that's not to say we won't have an early arrival.

Much of May and June has been spent on farm maintenance, particularly on the breeding side of the operation as many of the mares have been moved off the main farm to rest it for the busy period.

The foaling unit has taken on a new lease of life with a major "spring clean" completed over the past month.

Early foaling mares will be returning to our Whitford base in the coming weeks whilst the dry mares won't be too far behind them with initial teasing to start getting underway shortly.

Vaccination and drenching programmes have all been carried out during the off season and the mares are in great order heading into the spring of 2008—a credit to our Broodmare Manager

Keith Konn and his team.

The stallion boxes are ready for the arrival of Elusive City and Iffraaj in August and we particularly look forward to parading Iffraaj at our annual stallion parade on the 24th of August.

As new season foals arrive, we look forward to seeing you at the farm as you come to inspect your new arrivals or your yearlings closer to the beginning of their preparation.

Please feel free to contact us at anytime should you wish to arrange to see your bloodstock, we

would be delighted to hear from you.

For those of you foaling mares at home, we wish you all the best for the season ahead and

don't hesitate to contact us should you have any concerns about your mare or, if we can be of any assistance.

Hopefully you will have all now received our 2008 stallion brochure. Among our stallion line-up there is sure to be a perfect match for your mare so please don't hesitate to contact us if we can be of assistance.