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STABLE NEWSLETTER JUNE 2009

NEWS/RESULTS: The stable was in cracking form in June, with a whopping 60% of our starters running a place.

After a frustrating run of near-misses, we landed back in the winners' circle courtesy of ultra-consistent performer Gorge. The son of Thunder Gulch began the month with a close 2nd placing over 2300m at Benalla, and on the strength of that, and his previous good form, he was highly fancied next time out over 2300m on a heavy Ballarat strip. Gorge lived up to expectations, travelling easily throughout before ranging up to the leaders before the turn. Regular pilot Reece Wheeler only had to shake him up briefly in the straight for Gorge to cruise away for victory. Such was the ease of the win that Anthony backed Gorge up for his hurdle debut just 3 days later, where he was an extremely good thing beaten, 2nd by less than a length after travelling very wide without cover for the whole journey. The good news is that Gorge jumped very well, and looks to have a terrific hurdling future in front of him.



Gorge cruises to victory at Ballarat (Slickpix)

There were also strong jumping efforts this month from Onajet and The Taurean, both running fine 2nds over the Casterton live-hedge steeplechase fences; if only there were races over these proper fences more often! Meanwhile Master Who, knackery-bound before joining us, brought up the first placing of his career when 3rd over 1200m at Ballarat.

LEADING JOCKEYS:

LEADING JOCKEYS 2008-2009	Firsts	Seconds	Thirds	Fourths
Reece Wheeler	1	3		1
Gavin Bedggood		2	1	1
Kosuke Kawakami		1	3	2
Danny Crozier		1	1	
Trent Wells		1		
Dean Holland		1		
Dean Larsson			1	1
Terry Barry			1	
Paul Hamblin			1	

Reece Wheeler leads a wild horde of jumps jockeys at the top of our table, courtesy of his consistent efforts aboard in-form Gorge.

HORSES IN TRAINING:

ROUGH NIGHT 6yog Hurricane Sky – Yelgun Dawn: Shown plenty of zip at home, and clearly still has an engine despite his year of poor form before joining us. Looked to be travelling but ultimately disappointed on his debut for us over 2400m at Sandown. We will be hoping for more from Rough Night this month as he heads over hurdles.



Rough Night in action

GORGE 6yog Thunder Gulch (USA) – Heed Zamelina: Gorge has been a model of toughness and consistency this campaign, and thoroughly deserved his maiden victory. With the potential he showed at his first jumps start though he looks likely to be concentrating on that sphere from now on.

MASTER WHO 5yog Masterclass (USA) – Prue’s Gift: After coming to us as an unwanted, unplaced 5yo maiden, Master Who was a revelation this month, running 3rd over 1200 at Ballarat in just his second start for us. Will press on over further as his campaign goes on.

THE TAUREAN 7yog Scenic (IRE) – Georgia: Finished a gallant and unlucky 2nd at Casterton, hampered by a falling rival at the 2nd last. The Taurean’s jumping over the live hedge fences has been a joy to behold, and he will hopefully have a couple more chances to strut his stuff over them this year.



The Taurean clears the first hedge at Casterton under Danny Crozier

ONAJET 6yog Super Jet (USA) - Our Ampulla: Ran home powerfully for 2nd at his first try over the hedge fences, then looked to be going even better when cruising in 2nd place at Warrnambool before making an uncharacteristic blunder at the third last broom top and losing all chance. Another paid-up member of the More Hedges Party!

MIZEN HEAD 2yof Secret Savings (USA) – Hultarani (USA): Due to jump out in the next month, after which a raceday excursion will hopefully be on the agenda.

Giants Causeway – Reem Albaraari 2yoc: Working along nicely and impressing everyone at this early stage.

KERCHING! LEADERBOARD:

(For horses who changed ownership upon entering the stable)

Despite his costly blunder at Warrnambool, Onajet retains his status at the top of our all-time Kerching! Table, having now won more than 17 times his purchase price in prize money. The Taurean’s fine Casterton effort this month helps him hold down 2nd, but the big recent mover on the table is Gorge, who earned three times his purchase price this month alone! Watch out also for Master Who, whose tiny purchase price could help him rocket up the table. In fact it was interesting to reflect after Master Who’s 3rd placing at Ballarat that the opponent who nosed him out of 2nd money cost its connections 275 times what we paid for Master Who! :

	Horse	Prize money won for us	Purchase price*	Kerching! ratio
1	Onajet	35,000	2k	17.5
2	The Taurean	34,000	5k	6.8
3	Grey Jugah	27,000	5k	5.4
4	Gorge	18,700	4.5k	4.2
5	Master Who	1,600	0.8k	2

**On joining our stable*

The overall record of prize money won for us remains Golfyn’s \$50,750

