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Breeding season is just around the corner

Increase feed last trimester due to rapid growth of the foetus (foal)

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- a story relating to the horse industry;
- pictures of foals, yearlings, broodmares etc.;
- a joke; or
- any questions you would like to ask relating to the breeding industry.

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Virginia Harvey's Yarns

Easter Round 2 and Scone Yearling Sale share centre

From Club Member and The Land's Thoroughbred editor Virginia Harvey whose birthday is very soon, let's hope Virginia gets a telegram from Her Royal Majesty

THE Inglis Scone Yearling Sale could have appeared to be in the shadow of its illustrious relative Easter Yearling Sale Round 2 at Riverside Stables, Warwick Farm last Sunday, however a new record price was created for a Scone Sale sold yearling.

Hawkes Racing went to \$180,000 for a bay colt by Victorian based High Chaparral shuttler Toronado, who this year commands a \$27,500 fee at Adam Sangster's Swettenham Stud, Nagambie. The colt sold via south-western Sydney property Jazcom Thoroughbreds at The Oaks, and was produced from the Nadeem mare Settecento.

Operated by Meagan and Colin Branthwaite, Jazcom also sold a Rubick colt from Royal Emerger for \$52,000.

Good types were in demand with buyers spending \$2.329 million for the Scone session's 132 sold lots from the 158 lots offered. A \$17,600 average was achieved.

Country and provincial trainers were active including Wyong conditioner Tracey Bartley who paid \$40,000 for the half-brother to The Bopper, winner of the Inglis Scone Two-Year-Old Challenge in May. Consigned by Widden Stud, the colt is by the property's young Exceed And Excel sire Outreach.

The Scone section also saw six yearlings equal or better the 2019 top of \$60,000 which included Vinery Stud's All Too Hard filly from French bred Sagamiyna.

Buyers were harder to find during Easter Round 2, however a passed-in supplementary lot – a colt by I Am Invincible, later sold for a sale-topping \$700,000.

Sold via Mike Fleming's Bhima Thoroughbreds, Scone, the colt from unraced Miss Atom Bomb (a half-sister to Winx), sold to Rosehill conditioner Gerald Ryan.



Yearling handler Jake Phillips with the Inglis Easter Yearling Sale Round 2nd top price I Am Invincible colt x Miss Atom Bomb which was sold by Bhima Thoroughbreds, Scone. [Photo Inglis]

Two lots fetched \$500,000 each, both selling via the Sam Fairgray managed Yulong Investments, Nagambie. The Victorian based operation offered four southern hemisphere born youngsters by England based champion Frankel, one of these (from Shamardal mare Hamana) was for \$500,000, while the other was for its I Am Invincible colt from Melbourne Group 2 winner Gypsy Diamond, which sold to Colm Santry Bloodstock.

The top priced Frankel filly was knocked down to Satomi Oka Bloodstock, Inglis' Japanese representative, who purchased the filly on behalf of Dr Yamazumi, and will now head to Champions Farm in Japan.



UK great Frankel (and handler Rob Bowley) at Banstead Manor, England. The world-renowned galloper had four youngsters at Inglis' sale this week. [Photo Virginia Harvey]

Buyers spent \$6.711m on the 51 lots sold, from the 83 lots offered.

Stock by Newgate Farm's high-profile young chestnut Capitalist were in demand with all of his five entries selling for a \$128,000 average, the most popular of the first crop sires.

Inglis sales continued throughout the week with its expanded two-day Australian Weanling Sale.

Meanwhile its revised Great Southern Sale which has been transferred back to Oaklands Junction, Melbourne, as a live auction also in July, is now scheduled for Sunday August 9. Should major Covid-19 restrictions change for conducting live auctions, it may revert to an Inglis Digital online sale.

Remember our old favourite Tie The Knot

HAVE you noticed the famous racing colours – which consisted of a red jacket and white hat, worn by jockey Billy Egan when winning aboard juvenile Cherry Tortoni in Melbourne in recent weeks?

Cherry Tortoni has won his three only starts (to July 12), his latest a gutsy effort in the VRC Taj Rossi Series Final-LR (1400 metres) at Flemington.

Great racing gelding, Tie The Knot carried the same racing colours when thrilling huge Sydney crowds over six seasons when trained at Warwick Farm by the late Guy Walter. The chestnut won 21 races and earned over \$6 million in prizemoney.

By Blushing Groom sire son Nassipour (a US bred horse which stood in New Zealand), Tie The Knot won 13 Group 1 races including four successive AJC Chipping Norton Stakes (1999-2002), his last ridden by Melbourne hoop Patrick Payne.

Patrick Payne is now the trainer of Cherry Tortoni at Plumpton near Melbourne, and which like Tie The Knot – the two-year-old gelding was bred and raced by Sandy Tait of Jugiong, and his sister Jill Nivison of Walcha.

Cherry Tortoni will now be aimed for a Melbourne spring campaign which may include a VRC Derby start.

A chestnut like his celebrated chestnut relation, Cherry Tortoni, was produced from Strategic mare Tortoni, a daughter of Group 1 winner Whisked, also dam of Tie The Knot.

Interestingly, Cherry Tortoni belongs to the only Australian crop of foals by one-time Irish bred Godolphin shuttler Night Of Thunder, a son of Mr Prospector line sire Dubawi.

With early northern hemisphere stud success, Night Of Thunder commands a Euros 25,000 fee at Godolphin's Ireland breeding base Kildangan Stud.

The stallion has also been noticed here, Night Of Thunder scoring eight two-year-old winners including three stakes winners, from only 58 foals that were conceived from his season at Godolphin's Victorian base of Northwood Park on the outskirts of Seymour, just off the Hume Hwy.

Horse Health (colic prevention & types of colic)

Twisted Gut: This is where a part of the intestine has shifted in the abdomen and begins to twist, causing torsion and this usually stops the horse's blood supply to a part of the gut. This requires immediate medical attention. Onset can be very acute and painful putting your horse under enormous stress when thrashing around, getting up and throwing its body down violently. Without surgery, the horse will most likely die. Luckily, displacement is a very small percentage of all colic cases.

Sand Colic: This is caused by a build-up of sand in the horse's intestine. It is generally seen in horses that feed from the ground in sandy pastures and can cause diarrhoea and weight loss in some cases. It is recommended that feed be suspended off the ground or move your horse to a more suitable pasture environment.

Impaction Colic: This type of colic occurs when a dense mass of food becomes impacted in the large intestine of the horse and is often caused by insufficient water intake, causing constipation, so as mentioned earlier your horse needs to have adequate water at all times. In many instances if your horse has not eaten up it may indicate he has no water. This condition can, in most cases, be treated fairly easily, but more severe instances could require surgery.

Gas Colic: When gas builds, the intestine is stretched and can be painful to the horse, you know yourself if you feel a little windy inside you may experience pain, or in horse terms mild colic. It is generally mild and should resolve quickly with treatment. A more severe build-up can lead to serious issues so it is important to keep an eye on the colicky horse. Your observation skills are very important.

Gastric Distension/Feed Colic: When a horse consumes an excess of food very quickly, the digestive tract becomes out of balance and in some cases causes the stomach to rupture, which is fatal to horses in all cases.

Enterolith: Enteroliths are intestinal stones caused by mineral deposits that form around some ingested foreign material like gravel & tiny bits of bailing twine, and can block the horse's intestine.

This type of colic is not very common but is serious and requires surgery to correct. We have one at **work and it is just a little smaller than a soccer ball. (Imagine a large cobble stone)**

Equine Parasites: Horses can easily pick up parasites from their food while grazing. Tapeworms, strongyles and roundworms are a few of the most common colic-inducing parasites, although roundworms primarily affect younger horses. These were covered in our June issue.



A common association with colic is a change in feed or hay batch suddenly. When switching to a new food source, do so gradually over at least 10 days, this allows gut bacteria to adapt the newly introduced feed.

Multiple smaller meals are generally better for the digestive tract than one or two large meals. The most important part of feeding is consistency with the total amount of feed (energy) given to the horse each day and sticking with a routine.

Horses' intestinal tracts are not made to digest grain, In fact, high-grain diets are linked to increased incidence of colic as well as founder, obesity, and other disorders. Horses that need grain are those high performance horses such as racehorses, or those that are in a very demanding exercise schedule.

Encourage drinking to reduce the risk of impaction colic. So always make sure your horse has access to clean water. Tempt horses that routinely don't drink much by mixing ample amounts of water into grain, gradually increasing the water: grain ratio. This is if your horse does not seem to be drinking adequate amounts of water. You can slowly increase the amount of water to your horses feed. Do not allow the grain to ferment. So remove uneaten feed twice daily.

Keeping an exercise routine consistent is beneficial. Avoid heavy weekend workload activities or intense bouts of exercise followed by long periods without exercise.

Maintain a planned parasite control program for your horse including the environment it is kept in.

Reduce ingestion of sand. Keep hay off sandy surfaces by placing rations in a hay rack.

If you would like to check whether your horse has been ingesting sand. Put about two cups of manure in a gallon Ziploc bag, fill the bag with water, close the bag tightly, then shake it up until all of the manure is dissolved. Hold the bag by one corner so the opposite corner is hanging lowest. Tap the bag and the sand will settle out in the lower corner. If your horse has more than half a teaspoon, he's positive for sand ingestion. This does not mean your horse will get colic, there are products to help your horse pass this sand through its system.

Ulcers in horses are reasonably common, consider ulcer prevention for highly stressed horses. Having hay to nibble on throughout the day may help prevent the onset of ulcers. For each kilo of hay a horse ingests it

will make on an average 2 litres of saliva to swallow this food, which acts as a buffering agent on the horse's stomach by reducing acidity. Make sure these horses get endoscopic exams, as ulcers can be cause of mild colic. There are various products for ulcers on the market.

Check your feed regularly for mould, heat, dead animals, if contaminated do not use as this could lead to colic or illness.

Some signs of colic may include, *pawing the ground, getting up and down continuously, low to high degree of sweating, not eating at meal time, turning head and looking at gut, standing outstretched, curling upper lip and not going to feed.*

Member's Corner, News & Feedback

Barbara Robertson:

STALLION TENDER SCHEME

For many years, the Club has contacted various studs to obtain a free nomination to Stallions so that our members could tender for these nominations. As you can appreciate a great effort needs to be put into this.

Past years we have had up to 70 stallion nominations for our members to choose from. However, as our membership had declined and with the drought, bushfires and a dip in our economic environment many nominations were not takes up.

Due to the lack of members wishing to send a mare to a Stallion this year, it was decided at our last Directors Meeting that we would not hold our annual STS but plan to reschedule for next year hopefully when things have settled.

It does appear that many Studs are prepared to do some sort of deal to have mares sent to their stallions, so if any of our members are intending to send a mare to stud this year, please contact the Stud and negotiate for the best price. I am sure most studs will oblige.

Many thanks for those that did contact me regarding seeking a nomination through our stallion Tender Scheme.

Update on owners tickets on race day.

Hawkesbury Race Club have new procedures in place for owners to receive their member's stand/entry tickets.

This is a voluntary service that has been provided by the **Australian Thoroughbred Breeders Club** members / committee for many years mainly by Wendy Craswell who has stepped back in recent times with lock down procedures put in place.

Many thanks for the contribution on behalf of the ATBC public relations Wendy.

The new processes are in place with director Janita Marscham and long-time member Carol Bailey being trained to allocate the tickets to the owners under the Covid19 restrictions.

Owners needed to register prior to arriving on course. Measures were taken by security to ensure the safety of all participants taking temperatures of all people on entry to the course at the turnstiles; before entering the club house for the owner's tickets.

We feel that the rapport between the owners and the ATBC Volunteers is invaluable.
Thank you Joan

Inglis sales 5th July 2020

Bred by Joan Pracey through the ATBC Stallion tender scheme.

Lot 212 - Strada / Reiby Royale yearling Filly- **Sold!**



Karen Pracey Leading the filly for inspections. Photo courtesy of Kate Bell.

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