Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate

March 2019 Newsletter

Rob Carr - Syndicate Liaison

Mobile (021) 227-6444

Email rob.carr@xtra.co.nz

Hi there

Luby Lou is progressing well through her scheduled recuperation and this week moved into a normal sized paddock for the next phase in her attempt to make it back to the track as a successful racehorse.

She has completed 4 weeks in a box and 4 weeks in a small paddock, so I'm sure she will be enjoying her freedom now that she is out in a normal sized paddock.

Luby Lou will be spending 4 months out in the paddock, before she starts back into training with about 6 weeks on a water walker or water treadmill, before commencing regular training.

Let's hope that all goes well for Luby Lou over the next few months and we will get to see her back on the racetrack at her best again.



The following email was sent to syndicate members on the 22nd February ...

Hi Syndicate members

As you are aware Luby Lou has been undergoing surgery and rehabilitation. We had tentatively decided to retire her from her racing career and breed from her and I would pay the remaining vet bills.

However, a number of the syndicate members were adamant that they wanted to continue with Luby Lou's treatment and race her again next season – in which case I'd extend the racing lease for another year, or longer if she does well.

I have just spoken to the vet today and she is confident that Luby Lou will be back in training in Mid July, and both the vet and Mark Purdon believe she'll make a full recovery and return to her old self. But again, no guarantees. At the current time the syndicate

bank account has a balance of \$2,880.00 with outstanding bills for this month amounting to \$10,292.21. These are made up of smaller invoices – Gener8, Rob Carr and Majestic. The majority of the costs are for MVS Equine Vets - \$7,785.70 and Hamilton Vets - \$473.14.

Trevor Casey has already pulled out of the syndicate. I believe, depending on what you guys think, we should absorb his share between us all (10 shares total, reducing to 9 without Trevor – costs to be spread between the 9 remaining shares). Karen & I are happy to contribute a larger proportion of the current vets bills mentioned above, to the value of \$5,000. We would then split the remainder of the accounts outstanding.

As you can appreciate the Syndicate account will need more funding and we will need to start up a monthly or quarterly contribution between the 9 remaining syndicate members - \$350 per month or \$1,050 per quarter each commencing 1st March 2019. This will cover the outstanding invoices and allow a build-up in the account for when Luby Lou commencing training.

In light of one of the syndicate members already pulling out, if you wish to do the same please let me know ASAP.

Can you please all email back confirming that you'd like to continue racing Luby Lou next season as per the above terms.

If more members pull out, we will need to relook at the figures. Please come back to me ASAP.

Look forward to hearing from you

Cheers Ken

All Syndicate Members, i.e. Ken & Karen Breckon, Jamie MacKinnon, David Sixton & John Hart, Pam and Ken Osbourne, Gary Williams, Bill & Tolly Kermode, Philip & Glenys Kennard, Bruce & Sharon Tarry and Sandy & Jan Yarndley/Max & Judy Hunter, with the exception of Trevor Casey, have given their agreement to remain in the Syndicate and to race Luby Lou next season.

So, on the 26th February a further email was sent to all members advising ...

Hi All

Great news all remaining 9 syndicate members are more than happy to continue on with Luby Lou – here's wishing her a speedy recovery and fingers crossed for more racing successes!!

Can you all please set up an automatic payment to commence on, or prior to, 1st March for either \$350 per month or \$1,050 per quarter to be paid to the following account:

Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate 03-0104-0834755-000

Any queries please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards Elaine Culley PA to Ken Breckon So, the Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate will continue with 9 members and look to race Luby Lou through her 5-year-old season from the $1^{\rm st}$ August 2019 to $31^{\rm st}$ July 2020.

Here is the latest information on your mare:-

Trainer Mark Purdon & Natalie Rasmussen:-

Luby Lou (Muscle Hill – Luby Ann)

After her operation to remove the cartilage from her knees on the 9th January, Luby Lou was to spend 4 weeks resting in a box at Breckon Farms, before moving to a small paddock for the next 4 weeks.

She has now completed her time in a small paddock, with Breckon Farms Farm Manager Scott Yarndley reporting on the 8^{th} March, "Luby Lou will go out into a normal paddock on Monday [11^{th} March]. She has had 4 weeks in a box, then 4 weeks in a small paddock, as prescribed and now is ready to go out into a normal paddock. She's looking real good."

Luby Lou will now have her prescribed 4 months in the paddock, along the way having her stem cell therapy administered as specified by the vet and at the end of this time she will then start her 6 weeks on a water walker or water treadmill, after which she should be ready to commence regular training.

The vets are confident that Luby Lou should make a full recovery and be able to race up to her already known great potential next season.

So, as documented above, Ken Breckon has offered the Syndicate the opportunity to continue racing Luby Lou for an additional season and with 9-of-the-original-10 members taking up the offer, hopefully Luby Lou will indeed make a full recovery and have a very successful season's racing in 2019/20.



Newsletters to be replaced with regular Email Updates

This will be the last of the monthly newsletters, as you know them.

In our world of more instant information, we thought that you would enjoy getting more regular and current updates on your syndicate mare, when she is trialling or racing and that this would work better for you.

Our usual email updates will give you more timely information and less duplication. Where appropriate they will now also include pertinent other information on your horse.

We are continually striving to provide you with the best service possible, so we hope that you will enjoy these timelier postings.

So good luck and many more wins to come.

Cheers

Rob



Breckon Farms - Six of the Best Syndicate

Rob Carr – Breckon Farms – Six of the Best Syndicate Liaison Mobile: (021) 227-6444 or Email: rob.carr@xtra.co.nz