

Great night for NZSBA members

Last Friday (12th March) was a night to remember for many NZSBA members at Alexandra Park, with the running of the 2010 Group 1 Auckland Cup. Out of the ten card meeting six races were won by NZSBA members.

With half the card being Group races, the horse talent on show was amazing, with a large number of “southern raiders” making the trip North to share in the spoils.

Congratulations to Billie Sharples, Lesley and Matthew Lewis breeders of Group 1 Auckland Cup winner – Monkey King. The Sands A Flying/Tuapeka Vale gelding has dominated the Group racing circuit this season, this win being his fourth Group 1 win this season.

Next NZSBA members to have a night to remember were Tony and Anne Parker breeders of Russley Rascal. The three-year-old gelding by Mach Three out of Russley Fiction warranted his favouritism by winning the Group 1 Woodlands Stud Northern Derby by four lengths.

Ken and Karen Breckon, won the Group 3 City of Sails FFA Trot with Sno’s Big Boy a five-year-old gelding by Muscles Yankee out of Sheezadoosie. The couple also bred Sno’s Big Boy’s full brother, I Can Doosit who took out the final race of the night winning easily by one-and-three-quarter lengths.

Finally, Neil and Joan Rich bred the Group 2 Breckon Farms Young Guns Cardigan Bay Stakes’ winner Major Mark. The two-year-old colt is by Art Major out of Gucci Franco, this was his third win from five starts.