

Siblings to APG yearlings in winning mode

A number of siblings to yearlings from the Northern Rivers Equine draft to the 2020 Australian Pacing Gold Melbourne sale, to be held on February 2, have been successful at racetrack around the world recently.

Hurricane Harley, a winner of three races at Melton and runner-up in the Victorian 4 and 5YO Championship, and Mango Stride, a 1:55.4 winner at Menangle, both have an Art Major half-brother entered as Lot 230.

None Bettor, who has won 12 of his 18 starts in America – including the \$200,000 Battle of Lake Erie and \$100,000 Great North East Series – and \$US375,970 in stakes and who took a mile mark of 1:48.8 at The Meadowlands, will be represented by an Art Major half-sister as Lot 158.

Another USA export, Our Little General, who has won five times at Yonkers Raceway in 2019, earned \$US115,810 and who boasts a mile record of 1:51.8, and the recent Melton winner Kasbah Kid both have a Bettor's Delight half-sister in the sale, Lot 153.

Stefsbest, a Gloucester Park winner in 1:54.7 earlier this month, has a Captaintreacherous half-sister entered as Lot 222 at Oaklands Junction.

Rockroll Icon, who won Melton in October in a career-best 1:53, has a Bettor's Delight half-sister (Lot 189), while the dual Tamworth winner Shez Got Bling is represented by a Captaintreacherous half-brother as Lot 127.

Strong interest in Mel Mara and Yankee Rockstar

The brilliantly fast new import Mel Mara and local star Yankee Rockstar have both received solid support from breeders around the country. Both are expected to have books in excess of 40 mares.

American Ideal third in USA premiership

American Ideal, who received a full book in his first season at Northern Rivers Equine, has finished a creditable third – behind only Bettor's Delight and Somebeachsomewhere - on the North American All Age Sires' money-winning list with almost \$16 million. He finished fourth in the two-year-old premiership and fifth on the three-year-old table.

Closer to home, American Ideal was represented by important winners on both sides of the Tasman in December.

Copy That, an American Ideal colt out of a Live Or Die mare, downed a top field in the Group 2 \$46,000 Alabar 3YO Classic in 1:55 at Auckland on Inter Dominion Final night.

Another American Ideal colt, Soho Hamilton, took out the Group 3 \$30,000 Caduceus Club 3YO Cup at Cranbourne, while Just Deal It, a New Zealand bred daughter of American Ideal, won the Listed Forever Gold Mares Classic in a new lifetime mark of 1:53.4 at Albion Park.

Recent foalings

Foals born at Northern Rivers Equine recently were:

Filly: Redde (All Finesse recipient mare) – Centurion ATM

Filly: Watch The Dream – Art Major

Colt: Musical Delight – Captaintreacherous

Filly: Oneminutetodream – Captaintreacherous

Filly: Spirited Storm USA – Betting Line

Filly: Mitzi M Hanover USA – Pet Rock

Colt: Night On Line – Village Jolt

Filly: Perfect Bonus – Shadow Play

Merry Christmas

Dr Kath McIntosh and the staff at Northern Rivers Equine wish their clients, friends and families a very merry Christmas and a successful New Year.

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