



NZTM CEO Andrew Birch presenting Mark Chittick with Pins' 2012 Centaine Award

WEEKEND @ WAIKATO

WS SIRES DOMINANT AT NZ AWARDS

Waikato Stud stallions **O'Reilly** and **Pins** dominated two of the three sire awards presented at **New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing's 2012 Horse of the Year Awards** on Wednesday.

O'Reilly was celebrated on the night as the **Champion NZ Sire for 2011/12**, whilst **Pins** achieved back-to-back crownings as the **Centaine Award** winner for global earnings.

O'Reilly's weld of influence also extended to the **Champion NZ 3YO** title, with his Kevin Hickman bred-and-owned daughter **Silent Achiever** (see pic right) taking out the 2012 honour.

She is now the third of **O'Reilly's** offspring to win the award behind **The Jewel** and **Alamosa**. This feat is made all the more interestingly, given that **O'Reilly** won the **Champion NZ 3YO** title in 1997.

Congratulations to Kevin Hickman for his success with **Silent Achiever** on the night and to Piper Farm Ltd's Alex and Cecile Smith, who took out the ultimate award of **NZ Breeder of the Year Award** thanks to the deeds of **So You Think** and **Now You Know**. Fittingly the dam of these two horses, **Triassic**, also won the **Broodmare of the Year**.



WS SIRED STAKES RUNNERS THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY

SACRED FALLS 09c O'Reilly x Iguazu's Girl by Redoute's Choice	Listed Westbury Stud Challenge Stakes (1200m)	Whang.	3:06pm
ELYSIUM 09f O'Reilly x Velvet and Satin by Carnegie	Listed Westbury Stud Challenge Stakes (1200m)	Whang.	3:06pm
TULLAMORE 06g Savabeel x Trocair by Flying Spur	Gr.2 Theo Marks Hcp (1400m)	ATC	4:40pm
NO EXCUSE MAGGIE 06f No Excuse Needed x Maggie O'Reilly by O'Reilly	Gr.3 Merial Metric Mile (1600m)	Marion	4:46pm
SHAMEXPRESS 09c O'Reilly x Volkrose by Volksraad	Gr.1 Golden Rose Stakes (1400m)	ATC	6:00pm

SUNDAY

GUYNO 03g O'Reilly x River Century by Centaine	Listed Boulder Cup (1760m)	Kalg.	8:30pm
NANDOWRA 07g Savabeel x Fabaz by O'Reilly	Sgp-3 Committee's Prize (1600m)	SG	9:30pm
SPEEDY CAT 08g Scaredee Cat x Lane Cove by Magic Of Sydney	Sgp-3 Committee's Prize (1600m)	SG	9:30pm

SHAMEXPRESS SET TO ADD TO GR.1 RECORD

Gr.1 Golden Rose aspirant **Shamexpress** is set to edge **O'Reilly** closer to overtaking the Chittick family's beloved foundation sire **Centaine**.



O'Reilly is just five stakes winners away from equalling **Centaine's** tally of 61 and after that set his sights on dislodging third placed **Noble Bijou**.

Given **Centaine's** incredible contribution to Waikato Stud and the wider industry throughout the 1990s, it is remarkable any sire could come close - let alone, as Waikato's Mark Chittick says, be better.

"I think, at the end of the day, O'Reilly will end up surpassing **Centaine**," Chittick said.

"He's got a lot of very good horses around at the moment who have looked extremely impressive.

"They are very versatile horses that race at all ages, all distances, both sexes and in all sorts of conditions, all over the world."

Centaine managed to sire 11 Group 1 winners, while **O'Reilly** has 12.

They include the winners of the Caulfield Cup (Master O'Reilly), AJC Derby/VRC Australian Guineas (Shamrock), NZ Derby (Silent Achiever), Patinack Classic (Swick) and Toorak Handicap (Alamosa).

The progeny of **O'Reilly** (and associate sire **Pins**) have been a particular favourite of **Shamexpress'** trainer Danny O'Brien, who has trained four stakes winners by the former, including 2007 Caulfield Cup winner **Master O'Reilly** and classic filly **Shamrock**.

NZ-BASED SIRE	STAKES WINNERS
ZABEEL (NZ) 1986	142
SIR TRISTRAM (IRE) 1971	130
NOBLE BIJOU (USA) 1971	65
ZAMAZAAN (FR) 1965	64
CENTAINA (AUS) 1980	61
STAR WAY (GB) 1977	60
SUMMERTIME (GB) 1946	59
VOLKSRAAD (GB) 1988	58
O'REILLY (NZ) 1993	56

TOP FAMILY TO FORE AGAIN

A strong black-type WS family drew further reward in Australia last Friday. The well-related **O'Reilly** mare **It Girl** carried the Chittick family's familiar colours to victory at Wyong at just her second appearance.

Trained by Chris Waller and ridden by Nash Rawiller, the 4YO had been unplaced on a debut on a heavy track in July and showed her appreciation of improved footing. She hit the line well to record her maiden success over 1200 metres with the prospect of more now to come.

It Girl is out of the winning **Redoute's Choice** mare **Iguazu's Girl**, who is a half-sister to WS's Gr 3 Thoroughbred Stakes winner **Splashing Out** (O'Reilly).

WARRIOR WINS BATTLE IN SINGAPORE



Warrior opened his Singapore account last weekend when the WS-bred son of **O'Reilly** landed the opening event at Kranji.

Trained by Laurie Laxon and ridden by Joao Moreira, he broke through over 1400 metres after two previous fourth placings.

The 5YO arrived from New Zealand in March, where he raced as **Black Warrior** from the Pukekohe stable of Gareth McRae, with a record of one second from four starts. He is out of the winning **Sound Reason** mare **Black Sugar**, who is a half-sister to **Wong** (Gr 1 Chipping Norton Stakes, Gr 1 George Ryder Stakes).

MARK'S MAIL



Proud night for Waikato at **New Zealand's 2012 Horse of the Year Awards** on Wednesday.

An amazing achievement to have **O'Reilly** and **Pins** take out two of the three NZ sire awards and to think that **Savabeel** made a real fist of it for the **Dewar Award** as well.

Special congrats to Kevin Hickman for his success with **Silent Achiever**. Can't wait to see what she does later in the season.

Special mention also to Alex and Cecile Smith for taking out the **NZ Breeder of the Year** title – massive achievement.

Right tip this week...there's a lot to like about the **O'Reilly** colt **Sacred Falls**. He's only paying \$2.80, but he's a two from two winner and is drawn well to get the spoils for trainers Tony Pike and Mark Donoghue.

Tip of the Week: Sacred Falls – Sat - Listed Westbury Stud Challenge Stakes (1200m) – Race 6 - Whangarei



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