



# Lucky Clover Thoroughbreds Newsletter



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## AMORE DANZA RETURNS AFTER SURGERY

First start winner Amore Danza has returned to the track after her tie back surgery in July. After recovering at Toby's Guanaba Creek farm for two months Millie has been back into work and showing no ill effects from the procedure with an impressive second in her trial last week. Amore Danza will have another trial in the coming weeks before returning to the races.



Amore Danza back in the stalls after  
her tie back surgery



## COOLWEDGE READY FOR A BREAK

After becoming the second winner for new training partnership Toby & Trent Edmonds, Coolwedge has suffered a few setbacks with barriers in her last few starts all the while impressing with her strong finishes. Her latest setback was being spooked by a random witches hat at Gatton. After lurching sideways and nearly throwing jockey Jackson Murphy, all her momentum was lost after travelling beautifully on the rail. To her credit she regained her composure and finished off strong for 4<sup>th</sup>. Coolwedge has been in work for 260 days and after falling out the back in her last start it's time for her to take a well earned break. From 6 starts this campaign, Dora has a win, a third, two fourths and a sixth and has pushed herself up over \$42000 in prizemoney.





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## TOOTHLESS GELDING WINS ON DEBUT

Sepoy gelding Indian Dreamer has kicked off his career in impressive style at the Sunshine Coast. Scratched late last Saturday on the Gold Coast after suffering some self-inflicted wounds which resulted in two teeth having to be extracted, Indian Dreamer has pulled off an impressive win in his first race start at Caloundra. After missing the start by three lengths the big gelding quickly caught and went around the field three and four wide before straightening and winning by a head. Pretty exciting stuff as the Edmonds team believe his best will be seen over 1350m to the mile.



## LUCKY CLOVER WELCOME NEW ADDITION TO THE STABLE

Breeding companies Segenhoe and Aquis have sold off their share of Listed winner and Group place getter Whypee and Lucky Clover Thoroughbreds were lucky enough to purchase 20% of the gelding to offer out to their valued clients. After consulting with trainer Toby Edmonds, we believed it was a great opportunity to get into a quality racehorse who is going to be set for the \$1000000 Magic Millions sprint in January. As expected, the shares were snapped up within days of the offer going out.



Indian Dreamer on the Sunshine Coast



Whypee





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## INTERROGATED BY HARGS

This edition we are fortunate to have one of Queensland's premier jockeys, **Ryan Maloney** under the microscope.

- 1. Who's your favourite NRL or AFL team? As an ex Victorian you're allowed both.**  
My Queensland relatives are Broncos so I've followed them and Richmond Tigers in the AFL.
- 2. What brought you to sunny Queensland?**  
Toby gave me the opportunity and I haven't looked back.
- 3. Where did you begin your career as a jockey? I started with Terry O'sullivan at Stawell.**
- 4. Who's the best jockey you've seen?**  
Darren Beadman, I followed him in a race at Rosehill one day, I drew next to him and stayed behind him the whole race, his ability to read the play and make things happen was next level.
- 5. What's your favourite racetrack?** Got to be Flemington, next would be Randwick.
- 6. Which is the best horse you have seen past or present?** Makybe Diva and Winx, just freaks.
- 7. What drew you to the industry?** My football coach loved a punt and told me after every match to go and give it a try and my dad's mate had pacers and got me in touch with a local trainer and once it was in the blood I was hooked.
- 8. What do you know about the Lucky Clover group?** Well managed and an expanding syndication group.
- 9. Which horse would you choose to ride out of the Lucky Clover stable?**  
Coolwedge, she is half mad but once she is out and going, she is a pleasure to ride and always puts in.
- 10. What do you do away from the racetrack?** Golf, movies and I love a feed.
- 11. Which group is the most annoying, owners, trainers or stewards?** Hahaha, no comment.
- 12. What race do you most want to win?**  
Always been the Melbourne Cup.
- 13. Are you a fan of the Lucky Clover silks?** I like any colours I have luck in, they do stand out on raceday though.
- 14. Which is the best horse you have ridden?** I was lucky enough to win a few on Nature Strip and Alligator Blood, I'm sure he will make a great weight for age horse in time.
- 15. What's been your best day at the races?**  
Any day with a winner is a good day but the group races are also special.
- 16. What race is on top of the list to win for the Edmonds team?** Any Group 1 will do.
- 17. Is this year's jockey premiership on the radar?** If I can stay in one piece and get my weight right, I'm sure I am in with a very good chance. I have the right support behind me to make it happen.





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## POOR PERFORMANCE LEADS TO THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE

Epaulette colt Epplause has failed to live up to his training and trial form in his first two starts. After drawing terrible in all 3 acceptances for his first start he drew very good gates in all 3 acceptances for his second time round. While the barrier can be used as an excuse for his first up effort, trainer Toby Edmonds was at a loss to explain his last performance at Ballina. He looked to have over raced a touch and Toby did suggest the blinkers to come off along with his two prized jewels. The dream of owning a colt and later a stallion is always a goal but having a winning horse is preferable so unfortunately that has led to the colt going out to be gelded. There's great reading in the April newsletter on why this is beneficial. Epplause will now spend four weeks in the paddock before returning for another crack.



Ryan Maloney

Houtzen



## MOTHERHOOD AWAITS HOUTZEN

Superstar sprinter Houtzen has been retired and will head to the U.S to be serviced by leading U.S sire Curlin to Northern Hemisphere breeding time. We are so fortunate to be involved with Houtzen and although she didn't capture that elusive Group 1 she still made us amazingly proud. Good luck Houtzen in your next phase and we hope we get to see you along with your progeny back in Australia sometime. Thanks for the ride it's been incredible.





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## COLT GETS A NAME AND HEADS BACK INTO WORK

The Choisir colt purchased at this year's Magic Millions sale has recently gone back into pre training at Fenwick Farm and is expected to be back into the Edmonds stables for more education in the coming weeks. Since the last edition he has been given the race name Dalbergia. As with most of Lucky Clover horses the owners are asked for name suggestions and the ownership group will then vote for the winner. Graeme Carey was the owner who suggested Dalbergia, there is a long story behind the name and if you ever run into Graeme be sure to ask him as it is very interesting how he thought it up.



Newly named Dalbergia

## RACE TYPES EXPLAINED

There's been a lot of questions about the different race types and classes so we thought we would try to make it easier for you.

**MAIDEN** – A race for a horse that's never won a race.

**CLASS 1-6** – A class 1 race is for horses that have won 1 race only. Class races go up to class 6 which is for horses that have won no more than 6 races. After a horse has won 6 races, they go into Open Class

**BENCHMARK RACES (BM)** – A benchmark race is open to all horses and is a handicap race designed to keep the playing field level. After a race a horse is assessed and given a numeric rating. This rating is based on performance and the opposition in previous races along with winning margins and weights carried. The Benchmark will carry a minimum weight and horses are weighted according to their rating. For example, a horse with a rating of 56 in a BM56 race will carry the minimum top weight. Horses with rating less than 56 will receive a .5kg weight relief for every point under and every point over 56 will receive .5kg weight gain. There is also 2kg relief given to fillies and mares when racing against the boys as well as some weight relief for the younger horses when racing against the older ones depending on the time of season. The rating and weights vary from state to state and race to race.

**BLACK TYPE** – These include Group 1 Group 2 Group 3 and Listed races. The term Black Type comes from the names of horses who win these races being in bold in the sales catalogues.

**HANDICAP RACES** – Similar to the Benchmark system but applied to open races with a minimum weight applied to the best rated horse in the race.

**WEIGHT FOR AGE (WFA)** – Weights are given to horses depending on their age, it's sex, the race distance and the month of the racing season. Most often in Group 1 races

**SET WEIGHTS WITH PENALTIES (SWP)** – Similar to Weight for Age with weight penalties added if a horse has won certain races which can vary from race to race. Used mostly in age restricted races.





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## CHANCE FOR FREE ADVERTISING

The Lucky Clover Thoroughbred newsletter has slowly become a sought-after publication (editor's opinion) and as a result the team at LCT are offering up free advertising to the small businesses, tradies etc that follow the newsletter. It does come with a catch though. The advert must also include a discount on your service to anyone that mentions the Lucky Clover Thoroughbreds Newsletter in their communication with the advertiser. If you think this sounds like a good deal, please get in touch with the team at Lucky Clover Thoroughbreds

A man was driving into town and he fell in a big ditch in the middle of the road. A farmer came up and said, "My horse Sebastian can pull you out," the man said ok and the farmer got Sebastian. When Sebastian was hooked up, the farmer said, "Pull Ranger! C'mon Benny! Let's go Delilah!!!!" Then the farmer said, "Pull Sebastian, pull!" When the car was out of the ditch, the man said, "I have a question, why did you say the wrong name three times?" And the farmer said, "Because Sebastian is blind, if he knew the other horses weren't pulling, he wouldn't even try..."



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