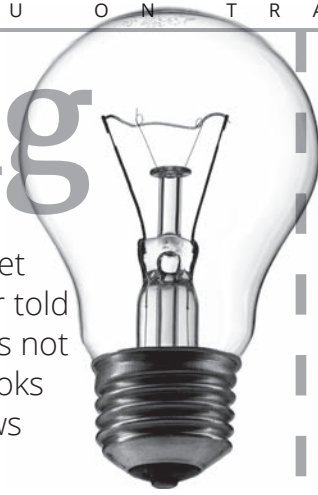


Illuminating



CTS Million Dollar winner Illuminator looks like going to Durban for Champions Season although no decision has yet been taken on whether to geld the colt. Trainer Glen Puller told Michael Clower: "The haemo-concentrating is there and it's not going to go away but we are still deciding on that one. It looks like he could possibly go to Durban although the Daily News could be a bit tricky with his blood."

RECORD BREAKER

The Backworth Stud-bred Miesque's Approval gelding Humidor lowered Gr1 winner Kildonan's 1200m Scottsville course record on Sunday. His long term aim is now the Gr 1 Tsogo Sun Sprint. The 4yo ran off a 77 merit rating and clocked 66,98 secs. The SA record of 66,48 secs was set by Vauclair at Fairview in 2014.

Telepathic?



It is good to see KZN trainer Doug Campbell making a bid on the Gauteng feature season silverware. He has supplemented the Visionaire filly Lala for the R500 000 Wilgerbosdrift Gauteng Fillies Guineas to be run at Turffontein next Saturday.

Lala won two races over sprints but showed she had the ability to win over further when a two-length second to Olma in the Gr3 Flamboyant Stakes recently.

Racing Can Be A Rush

Despite some criticism from jockeys and other industry wags, Gold Circle will hold another twenty-twenty racemeeting this Friday at Greyville. In what was hailed a world first (by the racing operator) in April last year, a quick-fire succession of eight races was run at 20-minute intervals at the same track. On Friday, the first is off at 18h05 with the ninth scheduled for 20h45.

Love or Money?

Sweet love wasn't the only thing in the air on Valentine's Day at Sha Tin Racecourse, with an unexpected spike in betting turnover and attendance for the meeting. On a card that really didn't look all that appetising as a betting medium the Jockey Club enjoyed a hangover of the best kind as the Year Of the Monkey spilt over into every lovebird's favourite day. Betting bucked the season's trend, rising by over HK\$100 million on last year's comparative meeting. The crowd was up by almost a third.

What are we doing wrong in SA?

BREEDING Not My Game!

Brett Crawford had his first winner as a breeder in nearly 30 years in racing when Corne Orffer got the best of a three-way photo on Sunset Breeze on Saturday. But seemingly there is no need for the likes of Mick Goss and John Koster to lose any sleep, according to Michael Clower. The Philippi trainer said: "Somehow I don't think I will be taking up breeding for a living. This is the third horse I've bred from the mare - the first one was useless and the second one died."

Club Class



The KZN Breeders Club held their AGM at the Nottingham Road Hotel last Thursday.

Chairman Lee Scribante thanked former Chairman Koos De Klerk, who continues to be a Director and now acts as Vice-Chairman. Former KZN Breeders Chairman Warwick Render (Bush Hill Stud) has been elected back on the Board, whilst Peter Blyth and Stuart Crawford have resigned.

Moody Blues



The Peter Moody cobalt case that has rocked Australian racing will resume this week with the Racing Appeals and Disciplinary (RAD) Board set to hear final submissions, reports Racing.com.

Moody has been charged with deliberately administering a banned substance to former French galloper Lidari in the spring of 2014.

This followed the Gr1 Turnbull Stakes.

Really Cool

Drakenstein Stud's young sire What A Winter has made a great start to his stud career. Not only did the multiple Equus Champion sire yearlings who fetched up to R850 000 at January's Cape Premier Yearling Sale, but What A Winter was also the Leading First Crop Sire (by Aggregate) at Sunday's Val De Vie Yearling Sale. His four yearlings grossed R1 060 000 -placing their sire ahead of such top stallions as Captain Al and Trippi.

End Of The Century

A son of Australasian champion and Gr1 Golden Slipper hero Marauding, 20 year old sire Century Stand has died, according to a note from Sarahdane Stud. He achieved fame as one of just two horses ever to defeat the legendary Horse Chestnut. Retired to stud in Zimbabwe, Century Stand enjoyed plenty of success with his progeny including the remarkable Earl Of Surrey among many other classy performers.