

Those Magnificent Classic Winner Producing Mares:

RUSTIC MAID/AIR FLOW

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The seventh in a series of articles reviewing multiple classic producing broodmares with five or more offspring in results information as shown on the Classic Families (CF) database. A number of these mares won classic races and became the dams of classic winners/progeny and contributed to the genetic inheritance of numerous outstanding performers.

RUSTIC MAID (1931 Rey De Oro/Country Belle) NZ family of Bonnie Belle; unraced; 17 foals, 15 winners. Breeder: WJ (Bill) Morland, Riccarton. Foals bred by WJ Morland (Highland Scott, Gallant Maid, Arawa Lady, Scottish Lady, Scottish Lord, Slavonic, Rustic Gold); all other foals bred by G (George) Youngson, Gore (purchased Rustic Maid for 250 guineas at auction).

The sire of Rustic Maid was the imported Copa De Oro stallion Rey De Oro, sire of 230 winners including Daphne De Oro (NZ/GN Derby), Gold Chief (NZ Derby, sire of Rupee), Morello (NZ Cup), Parisienne (NZ/GN Derby, ID Champion, points), Roi L'Or (AK Cup, NZFFA), Subsidy/Symphony (GN Derby), Turco (NZFFA), Graham Direct/Uenuku (AK Cup) and damsire of Chamfer (see below), Fallacy (NZ Derby, sire), Free Fight/Scottish Lady (NZ Derby), Gold Bar (NZ Cup/FFA, sire), New Oro (Hunter Cup), Reprimand (Trotting FFA). He was leading sire in NZ on three occasions and leading BM sire three times

(winners)/twice (stakes).

Her dam Country Belle (1915 NZ Cup, second 1914) was by Wildmoor (Wildwood) from Bonnie Belle, by Lincoln Yet (half-brother to Thelma) out of an Arab mare. She left top trotter Escapade, good pacer Gold Country and was granddam of Fallacy, sire of triple NZ Cup winner False Step. Country Belle's three-quarter sister Curfew Belle was dam of Belle Logan, dam of Logan Derby, the sire of Johnny Globe. Bonnie Belle was the founding mare of a classic winner producing family.

Rustic Maid was dam of a NZ record 15 winners from 17 foals produced over 21 years (Australian record Lovely Lawn/Barrington Lass 15 winners) and a NZ Trotting Hall Of Fame inductee.

The male progeny of Rustic Maid included:

Chamfer, winner of 14 races, was leased from George Youngson by Duncan MacFarlane, Christchurch with Maurice Holmes trainer/driver of Chamfer and NZ Derby winners Scottish Lady/Free Fight (dam Rustic Maid) and Imperial Jade (brother of Indianapolis). Chamfer won his first start at two in the Timaru Nursery; at three, GN Derby (4th NZ Derby), Metropolitan Challenge Stakes; five wins at four (three Alexandra Park, two Addington and second in Easter Hcp); four wins at five (National Cup Hcp, NZ Cup, NZ Pacing C/S and Auckland's Campbell Hcp) together with a third in ID heat at Auckland/unplaced in final. Chamfer's final win came at six in the Challenge FFA at Hutt Park. He was unplaced on all four days of NZ Cup carnival, and in his final season at seven a fourth in NZFFA was his best result. Leading sire in Australia for seven seasons (1963–1969), he left 301 winners/191 Australia (BM sire of 351), majority in Tasmania; sire of Chamfers

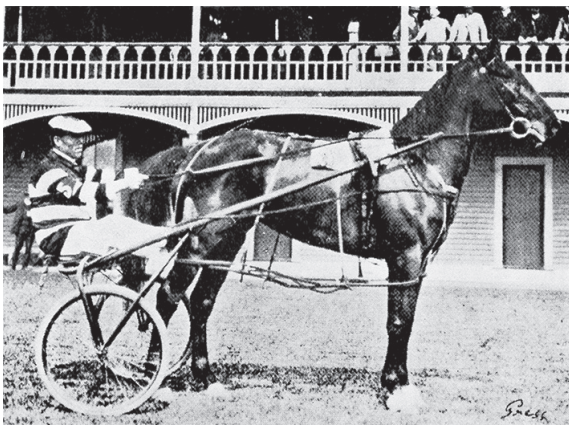
Star (unbeaten three ID hts/final, TAS Pacing C/S, Easter Cup), Granny Smith/Prancing Ruby (TAS Pacing C/S), Norfolk Jay (TAS Derby); damsire of Stanley Rio (NZ Cup, Messenger, ID Final), Family Boy (TAS Derby), Jane Byrd/Rangler Jane (TAS Oaks), Macs Gift (Ladyship Mile), Prancing Percy (TAS Pacing C/S).

Free Fight won NZ Derby, Canterbury 3yo (3rd Champion Stakes - 3), Oamaru Presidents Hcp, NZMTC Autumn Stakes 4/5yo among his seven victories. He sired 174 winners (133 AUS, 41 NZ; BM sire 150: 134 AUS, 16 NZ), including East Dome (New Brighton Cup), Panthers Flight (Dullard Cup), Polo Breeze (ID Consolation) and damsire of Girl Friend (Kindergarten Stakes), Governor Frost (NZ Derby, Messenger, Thames Cup, ID ht), Tanya Hanover (NSW Oaks). Highland Scott won eight NZ races including two from three starts at two (GN Stakes, Timaru Nursery) and on all three days of Auckland Christmas carnival as a 9yo (Victory/Electric/Campbell Hcps). He later won WA Easter Cup as a 14yo.

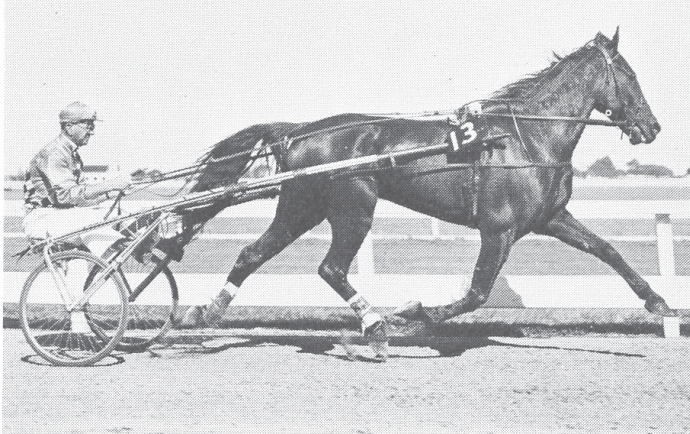
Congruent won four (Oamaru Presidents Hcp), sired 44 winners in Australia, damsire of Wilbur Post (NSW Derby). Rustic Lane won a Southland non tote event, sired 70 Australian winners (one NZ) mainly SA, damsire of Fearless Quick (SA Derby), Sleepy Van (SA Breeders Plate), Gamby Pride (WA Botra Cup). Slavonic won three including Sapling Stakes in one of his two 2yo starts and Canterbury/Wellington Stakes at three. Yare, winner of four (Wairio Cup), sired 36 winners at stud in Australia.

Rustic Maid's fillies included:

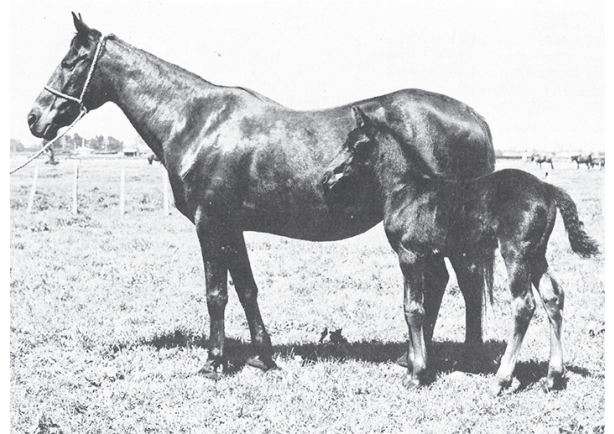
Gallant Maid, winner of five including a New Brighton Hcp, bred on being dam of Don Carlos (Westport Cup), Whaka (Cambridge Gold Cup); granddam of Garrison Pride; 3rd dam of Blistering Belle, dam of Daniela Hantuchova (1:53.6), Five Card Draw (Cardigan Bay Stakes - 2, NZSS - 2c, Jewels Emerald - 2), Ideal Belle (NZ Oaks)



Country Belle



Slipstream



Airflow and her foal Highland Air.

and descendants including Tuapeka Knight, Maureens Dream.

La Boheme was an unraced mare who bred on with many Australian progeny and 3rd dam of Autumn Gold (Thames Debutante - 2f, VIC Youthful - 2f). Rustic Gold won one race at Banks Peninsula RC meeting, granddam of Sonny Jim (Westland Cup). Rusticate, unraced, bred on mainly in Australia with descendants Romantic Chris (Geelong Cup), Bills Belle (SA Oaks).

Little Toff, winner at Birchwood Hunt meeting, bred on as dam of:

- Little Jeldi, sired 79 Australian winners (BM sire of 128), damsire of Cooper Class (VICSS - 4m), Deep Rena (NSWSS - 3f), Quantum Lobell (SA Cup, TAS Pacing C/S, Newcastle Mile, 4 ID hts)
- Storm King (Wyndham Cup)
- Student Prince (NZ Derby), at stud in Australia sired 136 winners (BM sire of 148, one in NZ), sire of Homage (ID Trotting Consolation); damsire of Bills Student (numerous NSW FFA's, Cordina Sprint), Kyalla Fling (Bohemia Crystal FFA)
- Flair, dam of Captain Armbrø (WA Golden Slipper - 2).

Scottish Lady won four including Riccarton Stakes/NZ Derby at three and later November/Heathcote Hcps at Addington. Breeding on after being purchased by George Youngson, Scottish Lady was dam of:

- Gentry, cup class pacer FJ Smith/CF Mark/Adams Memorials, sired 153 (87 NZ, 66 AUS; BM sire of 234: 134 NZ, 100 AUS) winners; sire of Dawn Mist (leading juvenile, winner first running Nevele R

Fillies), Margaret Shannon (VIC Mares/Marathon, granddam of Gretamaro, NZSS - 2f), Miles Gentry (Matson FFA, Louisson Hcp), Paul Gentry (Thames Cup), leading juvenile Shannons Squire; damsire of Dillon Dale (NZ C/S - 2, NZFFA, Thames Cup twice, Franklin Cup), Dillon Dean (NZSS - 3, NZ Derby, NZ C/S - 3, Messenger, NZFFA), Flushing Meadow (Tatlow Memorial - 2), Our Mana ((Easter Cup, twice second in NZ Cup/second AK Cup, NZ Flying Mile, Down Under/Waikato Flying Miles twice, winner inaugural West Coast bonus), Try A Fluke (Hunter Cup, ID ht)

- Scottish Brigade (Welcome Stakes, GN Derby), sire in Australia of 228 winners (1 NZ, 227 AUS; BM sire of 314), sire of Clare Brigade (VIC Oaks), Nicks Lad (QLD Derby), Scottish Fusilier (Kilmore Cup); damsire of Lehigh Lad (2 ID hts, TAS Pacing C/S), Master Clan (WA Derby)
- Scottish Bank, dam of Scottish Talent, granddam of Karloo Frost (NSWSS - 3c); dam of Kudos who was sire of Fur Elsie (NSW Oaks) and damsire of Friendly Footman (NSW Breeders Plate - 2, NSWSS - 3c, Miracle Mile), Honey John (Dullard Cup).

Minor winners from Rustic Maid: Arawa Lad (one win), Scottish Lord (two), Helali (four) and Eden Bridge (two).

AIR FLOW (1932 Guy Day/Willina Chenault) USA family of Sally Ann Shuter; T2:12.2; 13 foals, 10 winners. Breeder: JA McAllister, USA. Imported by JR McKenzie. All foals bred by JR (Sir John) McKenzie, Chch.

Air Flow's sire Guy Day was a son

of outstanding stallion Guy Axworthy (George Wilkes line). Among the first 100 3yo 2:05 trotters in North America, he sired Group One performers including Countess Zabetta (Dickerson Cup), Kuno (Kentucky Futurity - 2T) and was damsire of Swedish Derby winner Belle Day, Big John (Dickerson Cup) in addition to his NZ credits.

Her dam Willina Chennault was by Peter Chennault (imported by JR McKenzie) from The Harvester mare Willina H. The USA family of Sally Ann Shuter includes descendants in Amigo Hall (Hambletonian), millionaires

Adrian Chip/Time Well Spent (trotters), Immortality (\$1.6m, Breeders Crown - 2/3f, multiple fillies/mares Group races), and Keystone Harem (World Trotting Derby).

Imported in 1934 as a 2yo, Airflow commenced racing as a trotter at three winning four races including one against the pacers at Timaru (South Canterbury Hunt Club). At four, three of her four wins came at Addington including the High Class Trot. In her final season at five, she won one race at New Brighton (Stewards Hcp) again beating the pacers after rearing at start and coming down on the track (1½m in 3:14). Air Flow was one of the best trotters during the depression years winning nine (31 starts, nine wins, 10 placings, £1,509).

Airflow's filly progeny included:

Air Minded who, after one unplaced start at four, Roydon Lodge bred two-time 3yo winner Thurboprop (Hutt Park Challenge Stakes, Methven TS Harrison Stakes) from her before dying. Scottish

Air won four consecutive races at four (Invercargill Cup) breeding on through Rebel Air with several winners including Rebel Star, sire of Gallant Rebel (NSW/SA Trotters Derbies); Rest Assured/Resturgem – minor sires.

Airflow's male progeny included:

Aerial Scott, a superb trotter racking up 14 successes from age three to nine (58 starts: 14 wins, 14 placings, £13,565). His first victory came in the NZ Trotting Stakes at his first and only 3yo start. Two wins at four were followed by five at five including Rowe Cup, Stewards/High Class trots at Addington. A further five wins at six all came at Addington: Trotting FFA, ID ht and final, Telegraph/High Class trots. His final victory came in the Trotting FFA at seven, an event he finished fourth in as an 8yo. Aerial Scott was twice leading trotting stake winner (1947, 1948).

Highland Air, full brother of Aerial Scott, gained 15 victories racing over three seasons (4–6yo). Six wins came at four including his first two starts and NZ Pacing Stakes; three wins at

five including first two starts again at Addington (Heathcote/Wildwood Hcps), unplaced in Auckland Cup, third in Dunedin Cup and winner of FPTC Winter Hcp. At six his final six wins were recorded including first seasonal start in Louisson Hcp (2nd National Hcp), unplaced NZ Cup, won Ollivier Hcp and at Auckland – AK Cup, Electric/Telegraph Hcps. Sold to Australia, Highland Air sired 78 winners (67 AUS, 11 NZ; BM sire of 114: 93 AUS, 21 NZ), damsire of Rosso Cute (24 wins, WA Champagne Classic - 2).

Flight Commander almost made Cup class winning eight races. He spent most of his siring career in Australia with 86 winners (83 AUS, 3 NZ; BM sire of 119: 115 AUS, 4 NZ) including September Flight (SA Derby) and damsire of top pacer Adios Court (ID hts - 4, Hunter Cup, SA Breeders Plate - 2, sire of 80 winners in SA (Uncle Remus/Sartorius: SA Breeders Plate). Red Emperor, full brother of Flight Commander, won seven races over three seasons (Wellington Metropolitan

Stakes and AK Stakes at four). He sired 53 winners (50 AUS, 3 NZ; BM sire of 103: 75 AUS, 28 NZ) including Blue Emperor (Timaru Cup), Fair Emperor (SA Cup), Gala Girl (Golden Slipper, Broodmare of Year 1969/70); damsire of Arapaho (NZ/AK Cup, Dunedin (2)/Hororata/Methven Cups), Gala Girls' foursome of Boy Friend, Fab, Selwyn Hanover, Mighty Chief (Dominion Hcp, NZ Trot FFA/Championship).

Slipstream, a top class consistent trotter, raced from age four to thirteen recording 14 victories (placed on 43 occasions from 58 starts). Among trots won were Reta Peter/CPTC Stewards/Worthy Queen/Dunedin/Christchurch Hcps as well as Champion FFA at Hutt Park. Slipstream twice recorded seconds in Dominion Hcp/Trotting FFA. Air Command, a dual gaited performer, won six including Auckland Trotting Club's Association Trot.

Minor winners by Airflow: Carlow (one win) at Kumara RC; Risingholme (three) and Wing Commander (three).

Next Month: Margaret Hall.