

Welcome to the second issue of the Shane Crawford Racing newsletter. Since our launch, it has been a whirlwind few months so thank you to everyone for all of the support and interest we have received in our venture. As I've stated all along, I am very passionate about my business and plan to make it a successful long-term venture. Anyone who has known me for more than five minutes knows how passionate I am about racing and how long I have been dreaming about winning a big race.

That dream almost came true on Saturday at the **Caulfield Cup**, however it was not to be. Whether it was a case of beginners luck or true racing expertise, Shane Crawford Racing were lucky enough to grab a share in **Sphenophyta**. He was surrounded by a lot of hype and was apparently the shortest priced favourite in almost 30 years before the race. All of that expectation made me very nervous and it seemed like forever until the race started at 4pm.

Although disappointed at what could have been, on reflection we are happy with fifth place for such a lightly raced horse. A **huge thank you** to the Freedman's for all of their efforts to get the horse in fine form in such a short time. Also thanks to our mate **Danny Nikolic** who rode the race superbly and went to a huge effort to get his weight under 51kilo's to give us every chance. One of our key owners **Jonathan Deague** also deserves a thank you as he rode the high with us all the way and is a big supporter of Shane Crawford Racing.

MORE ABOUT SPHENOPHYTA

Through our close contacts with Lee Freedman and horse racing identities **John O'Neil** and **Mark Pejic** (former owners of the champion Mummify), we acquired our share in the champion racehorse when they bought it to Australia. Hailing from New Zealand, "**The Phyta**" as it is affectionately known, is out of Groom Dancer (USA) and Ballermoss (NZ) and until recently, was a lightly raced six year old. Since being under the expert guidance of the Freedman Brothers, Sphenophyta quickly achieved a Group One win in the **Turnbull Stakes** (right).



Whilst the name Sphenophyta is difficult to pronounce, it draws its meaning from its New Zealand heritage where Sphenophyta is a type of plant also known as 'horsetails'. Stay tuned on the horse's progress as Lee thinks the horse will be even better next preparation with the Australian Cup being a target.

PERMAISCUOUS

Believe it or not, I am also lucky enough to be the only male invited to be a part of the successful David Hayes trained filly Permaiscuous (by Danzero out of Permai), who is raced by the GGe's syndicate of 40 women. With a percentage of prize money and funds raised at functions going towards **breast cancer research**, I am more than happy to be the token 'male mascot'. Permaiscuous has enjoyed much success in her short career and she has now raced eight times for five wins and gained over \$200,000 in stake money, including the recent thrilling photo finish for second place in the Thousand Guineas at Caulfield.

ENCOSTA DE LAGO / GOLDEN TULIP COLT

Due to an overwhelming response to our Encosta de Lago colt, shares in the syndicate quickly sold out. Welcome to the **Bouris family** in particular who took up several shares in the horse (pictured right).

The Freedman's are very happy with its progress and it is growing into a big strong horse, so look out for it in 2007.



TALE OF THE CAT / TIVOLI GARDENS FILLY



There are still a few shares for sale in this filly which is being trained by **Danny O'Brien**.

It has an initial share price of **\$23,025** for a 10% share (minimum). Breeding information is available on our website and if you are interested in more information we can mail you a copy of the Product Disclosure Statement which outlines the cost breakdown and other information in much more detail. If so, please email your mailing address to info@shanecrawfordracing.com.au

FUTURE PLANS

Throughout the 2007 Spring Racing Carnival, I will be writing for both the Winning Post and the Herald Sun so make sure you check out my articles and look out for me at the track. The 2007 yearling sales are also fast approaching, starting with the Magic Millions in January. We plan to purchase several more first class yearlings and continue racing them with Australia's top trainers. Stay registered to our newsletter for updates and opportunities to be involved.

We look forward to **winning on and off the track!**

