

Nabinabah Comma

Foundation Mare

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NABINABAH COMMA was a brown mare bred by the Late Mr David Archibald of the Nabinabah Australian Stock Horse Stud. With over 1,700 descendants in the Australian Stock Horse Stud Book she has earned the elite title of Foundation Mare (FM).

If we look at her pedigree she is by the Bobbie Bruce horse MUSTER who was out of Alex Wiseman's good campdraft mare Mopsy and by the legendary Bobbie Bruce. MUSTER was a full brother to another well performed stallion THE RINGER, both bred by the Late Mr Alex Wiseman of Belltrees Station in the Hunter Valley. MUSTER was lent to the Nabinabah Stud by Alex Wiseman. MUSTER's breeding is interesting as through both his sire and dam he traces back to Moorefield through Bruce.

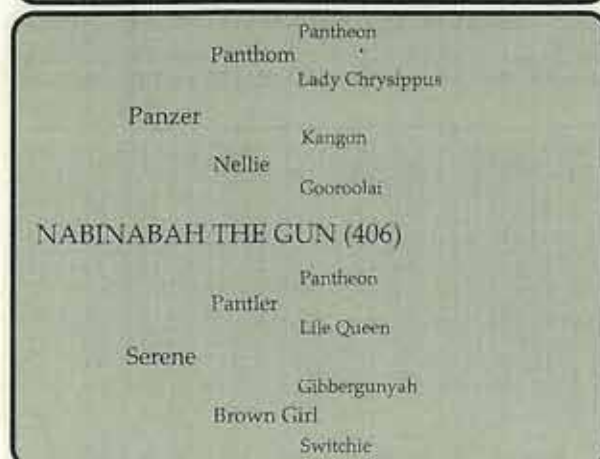
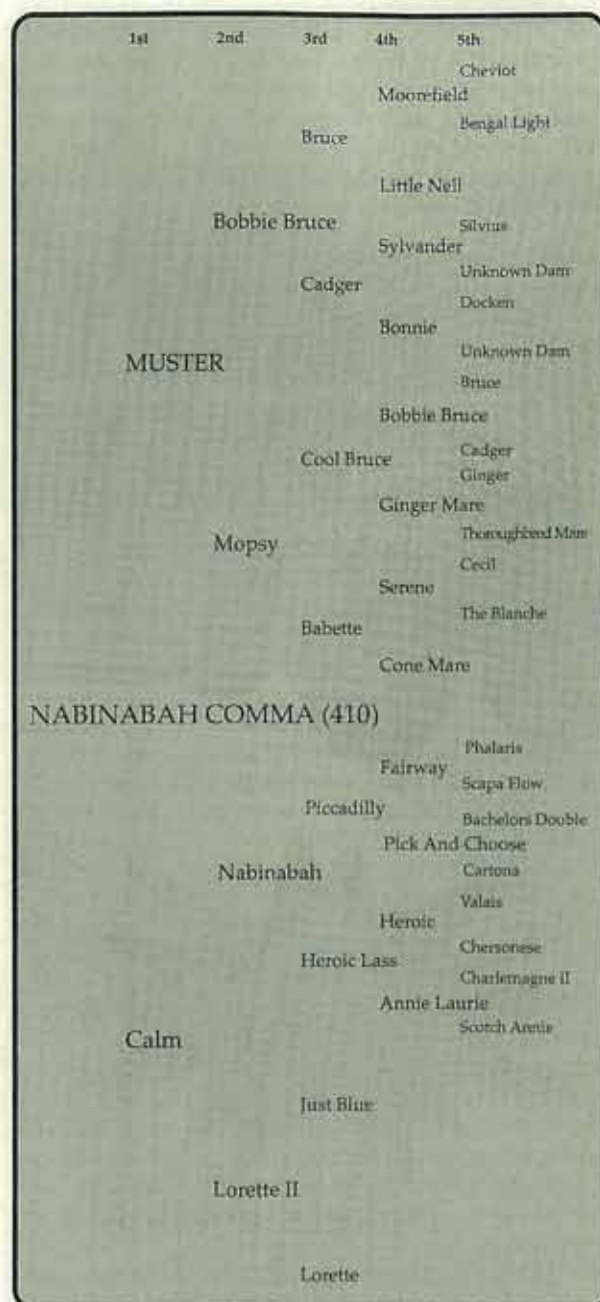
Moorefield was foaled in 1889 and won an AJC Villiers Stakes. He is a Foundation Sire of The Australian Stock Horse Society through descendants such as Bobbie Bruce, COOL BRUCE, MY BRUCE, Mr Bruce and Bright Bruce.

On the dam's side Calm was by the Thoroughbred stallion Nabinabah. David Archibald's stud was founded early post war on a selection of station mares by Nabinabah. Nabinabah was by Piccadilly, an imported Thoroughbred horse, from Heroic Lass, a mare who won several races in Melbourne and was by the champion racehorse and sire, Heroic.

Calm was one of David Archibald's good polo mares - Dougal Archibald recalls his father telling him that he played her polo six weeks after she was broken in. Calm was a very soft mare.

NABINABAH COMMA was never broken in but was put to stud as a two year old to be used exclusively as a broodmare. During her life she had 16 foals and produced an incredible group of horses that provided the background for many studs and outstanding performance horses. For her first 11 foals she was mated to NABINABAH THE GUN. This horse was by Panzer out of David Archibald's other outstanding broodmare, Serene, who was by Pantler out of Brown Girl.

As you look at NABINABAH THE GUN's breeding you notice on both the sire and the dam's side he goes back to the Thoroughbred Pantheon, an Australian Stock Horse Foundation



Sire. Pantheon sired many top horses, his most famous being Peter Pan, twice winner of the Melbourne Cup.

NABINABAH COMMA being used as a specialist broodmare produced 16 foals. Her first foal NABINABAH BREEZE (foaled 1-8-69) set the standard for the rest of the family. A great polo mare, led mare and campdraft winner she is producing top progeny including Nabinabah Seabreeze, champion pony at the Queensland Gold Cup. Dougal Archibald relies heavily on this line in his Australian Stock Horse Stud. Her second foal BELLTREES MUSKET (foaled 1-8-70) used very successfully at Belltrees and by Peter Haydon on his stud. NABINABAH ZEPHYR (foaled 1-8-71), her third foal, was used as a broodmare and produced such outstanding progeny as NABINABAH PURDEY, NABINABAH SILHOUETTE and NABINABAH BLIZZARD - a wonderful polo pony for David McIntyre.

Her fourth foal, a colt NABINABAH GUNNER (foaled 22-11-72), top priced at David Archibald's first sale in 1977 for \$4,200 and was sold to a syndicate comprising Primrose and David Arnott ('Glenalvon', Murrurundi) Tom Payne ('Waverley', Gundy) and Timor Homestead (Mrs Phyllis White and Family). This horse proved to be a good sire and the Gunner mares are proving excellent broodmares.

Foal number five, a bay filly, was to prove the queen of them all as a performance horse - NABINABAH BREEZETTE (foaled 26-10-73). This mare probably has a performance record that will never be matched by any other horse, epitomising the all round ability of the Australian Stock Horse. She won every type of event she contested, Led classes (including Supreme Led Australian Stock Horse at Sydney Royal), Polo (including Champion First Season Polo Pony and at her first carnival, Champion Novice Polo Pony), ASHLA (including RAS Sydney), Working (including Champion at Sydney), Sporting and her specialty, Campdrafting (including, six World Championships RAS Sydney, two Warwick Gold Cups, RAS Melbourne two out of two starts, and ABCRA Campdrafter of the Year).

Photos

(opposite page) NABINABAH COMMA - over 1,700 descendants in the Stud Book.

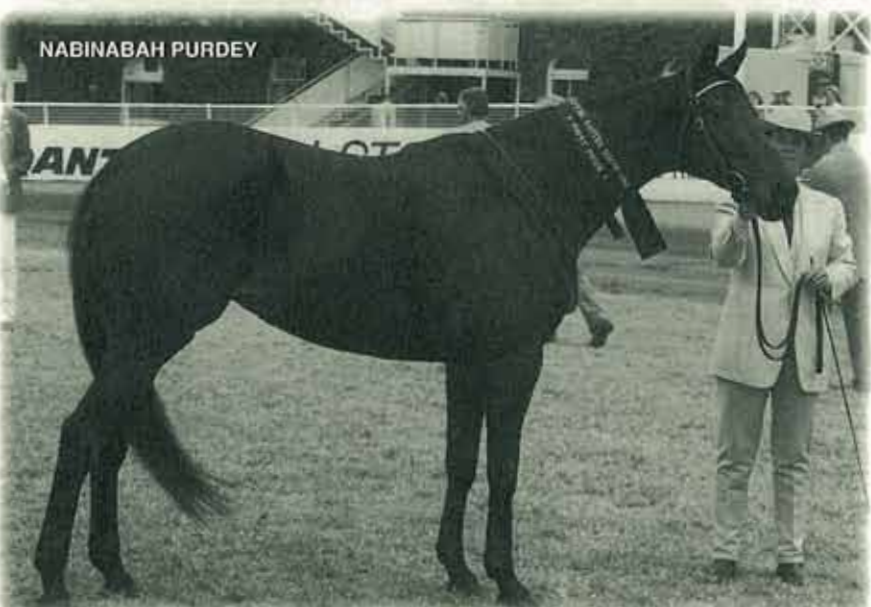
(top) NABINABAH COOL GUN - A top sire with 183 registered progeny in his first generation of offspring.

(middle) NABINABAH PURDEY - pictured here winning at the RAS Sydney in 1987.

(bottom) NABINABAH GUNNER - proved to be a very successful sire.



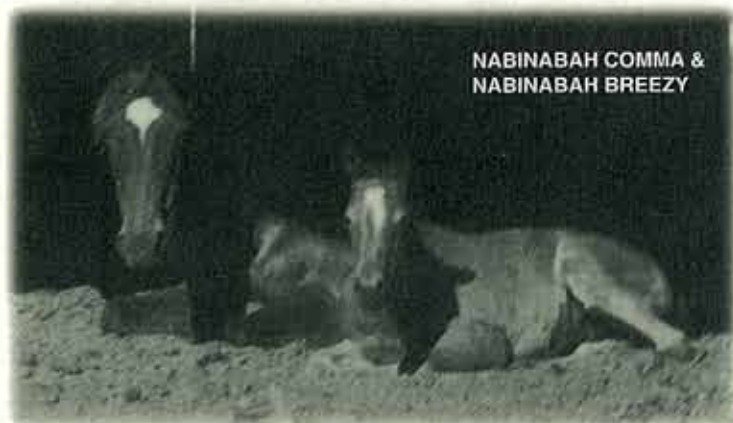
NABINABAH COOL GUN



NABINABAH PURDEY



NABINABAH GUNNER



NABINABAH COMMA &
NABINABAH BREEZY



NABINABAH SOLO



NABINABAH BREEZETTE

In 1981 NABINABAH BREEZETTE completed the campdrafting trifecta - winning the World Championship Campdraft in Sydney, the Melbourne RAS and the Warwick Gold Cup. NABINABAH BREEZETTE is also proven to be a good broodmare producing PALMERS NAVAHO, winner of the Gold Medal for Campdrafting at the Olympic Year Championships. Joyce Palmer was very meticulous with her record keeping and NABINABAH BREEZETTE's full performance record has been tabulated.

Foal number six, NABINABAH TOP GUN (foaled 12-8-75), a gelding, proved a good campdrafter. Her seventh foal, a bay stallion, Nabinabah Brengun (foaled 15-10-76), was showing tremendous potential and was ready to win a campdraft according to his trainer, Bob Palmer, but unfortunately he was found with a broken leg in the paddock. The eighth foal took her name from her grandmother, NABINABAH CALM II, a bay mare (foaled 26-10-77). This mare proved a very good polo pony for Sandy Archibald. Foal number nine, NABINABAH SHOGUN, a bay stallion (foaled 29-10-78), was used as a sire in the north. Foal number ten NABINABAH COOL GUN, a bay stallion (foaled 9-10-79), (See article 'The Laws of Yarrawa Park' - March/April 2000 Issue) sold in 1983 to Phillip Frame and Barry Law for \$13,000. This horse has proved an outstanding sire for his owners producing most of the Laws' current top mares and also sire of PALMERS FUNNY FACE, Champion Led Mare RAS Sydney. The difference in price in six years between NABINABAH GUNNER (\$4,200) in 1977 and NABINABAH COOL GUN (\$13,000) in 1983 is an indication of a reputation that was growing very strongly. Foal number 11, NABINABAH COOL CHANGE, is a very good mare belonging to Virginia Glew.

These 11 full brothers and sisters would be one of the most successful families in the Stud Book. With the passing of NABINABAH THE GUN a new sire was needed to mate with this great broodmare. Mated to NABINABAH SINGH she produced an outstanding gelding, NABINABAH SOLO (foaled 18-12-81). This horse was capable of performing at a top level in any event.

Her next three foals were by JAIPUR and produced NABINABAH COOL BREEZE (foal 13, foaled 14-11-83). A very good polo mare. NABINABAH HERALD, a bay stallion (foal 14, foaled 19-11-84) and ISIS CHRISTMAS (foal 15, foaled 25-12-85), a good mare who went to Queensland. Her final foal was by PALMERS FAME - NABINABAH BREEZY (foal 16, foaled 10-11-87). This mare belonged to Bob Palmer.

Throughout her long stud career she produced outstanding progeny by four different sires, perpetuating the idea of the importance of the mare's influence when breeding. A.

Photos

(top) NABINABAH COMMA rests with her last foal, NABINABAH BREEZY.

(middle) NABINABAH SOLO - an all round gelding that could compete in any discipline.

(bottom) 'The Queen of them all' - NABINABAH BREEZETTE.