

Impact Sire

NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS

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The horses of Yarrawa Park have featured in the pages of the Australian Stock Horse Journal many times over the last 35 years. The Law Family were proud to recently have their late resident sire NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS recognised as an Impact Sire in the Australian Stock Horse Society Stud Book.

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This is in fact the second stallion stood by the Law family to be recognised with this honour - the first being RIVOLI RAY - IS. NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS was an extremely competitive campdrafter in his younger days, and a sought after sire until his death in 2005.

While standing at the Law family's Yarrawa Park Stud in northern New South Wales, the stallion sired 288 progeny from 1982 to 2005. He was bred to many well-performed mares with foundation bloodlines, creating a wealth of breeding and performance history in the resulting progeny. His influence lives on in over 1,000 direct descendants in the Australian Stock Horse Stud Book.

After selling RIVOLI RAY - IS in 1980 to David Wilson, Barry and Annette Law were looking for new bloodlines to cross with their RIVOLI RAY - IS, DICKIE BAR JOE and ELLIOTT'S CREEK CADET - FS mares. The Nabinabah horses—so sought after in polo and later in campdrafting and ASH events with Bobby Palmer—were bloodlines that Barry and Annette admired. In the early 1980s, Barry purchased a mare from the Nabinabah Stud, NABINABAH MISTRAL, who was by NABINABAH THE GUN - FS and out of NABINABAH GALE (by MUSTER - FS).

Originally Barry intended to campdraft the mare, but he soon realised her potential for polocrosse. His daughter Tamara started riding her, and played her as a junior in the 1982 Australian Championships in Armidale, as well as other representative carnivals during the early 1980s. NABINABAH MISTRAL was then sold to David McNeil, who took her to the top of the sport, competing at National level. The mare was considered a champion horse of her era.

When Barry heard that a full brother to NABINABAH BREZETTE was to be auctioned in the 1983 Nabinabah Sale, Barry rang Phillip Frame, a friend from

Inverell, and asked him if he was interested in a partnership share. Phillip agreed, so Barry, wife Annette, Phillip and his wife Judy all drove down to Scone for the sale. The roadtrip was eventful, with lots of yarns told between Barry and Phillip, who were very good mates. However, the idea of being able to purchase a colt by 'The Gun' [NABINABAH THE GUN - FS] was foremost on their minds, and they envisaged the possibility that they may be able to secure a horse with some of the top bloodlines ever seen in Australian Stock Horse history.

The late David Archibald and his family originally produced horses for polo, and chose traits that were successful on the field, such as agility, and natural ability. Bobby Palmer, a champion horseman, who worked with the Archibald family, had prepared NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS for the sale. The impressive young colt worked beautifully, and Barry and Phillip had to pay top price of the sale (\$13,000) to secure him. Annette recalls, 'I still



NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS in his early twenties, with Annette Law. Photo: Ann James



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GERALLA COOL POWER (NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS/FLOWER POWER) and Codie Law, scoring 87 points in the 1993 Warwick Gold Cup
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remember the workout Bobby gave on [Cool Gun] as a 3 year old colt. It would stand a test at Royal level to this day.'

NABINABAH THE GUN - FS is a legend of the Australian Stock Horse Society. He has 5,438 descendants (see Jan/Feb 2003 *ASH Journal* for the article on NABINABAH THE GUN - FS. This article can also be downloaded from the Online Stud Book entry for NABINABAH THE GUN - FS. *ASH Reg: 406*). The late David Archibald was a keen student of bloodlines, and introduced the Thoroughbred influence into his horses by purchasing a mare called Serene from the Finlays of 'Thornthwaite' station in 1949. The Thornthwaite horses were bred on successful Thoroughbred lines who won significant races around

Australia in the late 1930s and early 1940s.

NABINABAH THE GUN - FS was by Panzer, who was a great polo pony stallion owned by Bob Mackay and was the grandson of Pantheon. Pantheon also sired Peter Pan, who was the winner of two Melbourne Cups. These horses have played a strong role in the early foundations of Australian Stock Horse bloodlines.

The dam of NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS was the great NABINABAH COMMA - FM, owned and bred by the late Mr David Archibald of the Nabinabah Stud. NABINABAH COMMA - FM produced 16 foals in her lifetime, resulting in over 1700 descendants in the Australian Stock Horse Stud Book. NABINABAH COMMA - FM was sired by MUSTER - FS, who was by

the legendary Bobbie Bruce. The dam of MUSTER - FS was the great campdraft mare Mopsy, owned by Alex Wiseman.

NABINABAH COMMA - FM did not perform herself, but during her life as a broodmare she produced an exceptional line of progeny, including NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS's full sister, NABINABAH BREEZETTE. Considered to be one of the best mares in the history of the Australian Stock Horse Society, NABINABAH BREEZETTE partnered with Bobby Palmer to win two Warwick Gold Cups in 1981 and 1984, and the World Championship Campdraft at Sydney Show an incredible five times. In 1981 the mare achieved a rare feat, winning the World Championship Campdraft in Sydney,



Left: YARRAWA ROSALINA II (NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS/ DANDILLA BABY ROSE), with Codie Law at the 1995 NSW ASH Championships, Grafton.

Above: YARRAWA MISS EIGHTY NINE ER (NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS/YARRAWA CADDIE), ridden by Codie Law.

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Other notable progeny of NABINABAH COMMA - FM include NABINABAH GUNNER - IS, also by NABINBAH THE GUN - FS, who has been particularly successful as a sire of polo and polocrosse horses. BELLTREES MUSKET - IS is another son of NABINABAH COMMA - FM and NABINABAH THE GUN - FS who has proven himself as a sire. NABINABAH SHOGUN was a promising sire for Ken Payne, but unfortunately died at a young age. NABINABAH COOL BREEZE, NABINABAH ZEPHYR, NABINABAH SOLO and NABINABAH COOL CHANGE were other progeny of note.

NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS began his stud career at Yarrowa Park soon after he was purchased, although he had been put over some mares at Nabinabah before he was sold. By 1985, his progeny out of Yarrowa Park mares were on the ground. COOMALEA MADALINE and PALMERS FUNNY FACE were successful mares by NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS. COOMALEA MADALINE was out of a BROWN MY WAY - IS mare, NEVLYN HOLLY. She was ridden by Jonathan McDonald and bred by his cousin Mick. She was a brilliant camp horse, winning a Maiden, three Novices, ten Opens and two Ladies campdrafts. She also won the 2003 Rookie Horse Border Zone, 2006 ABCRA Novice Mare, 2007 Runner-Up ABCRA Open Mare, and was part of Johnathon's team of horses that helped him win ABCRA Most Successful Rider two years in a row. In 2010, as a 13 year old mare, COOMALEA MADALINE was sold at the Landmark Classic sale in Tamworth, for \$32,000 to Balfour Downs Pty Ltd in Western Australia.

PALMERS FUNNY FACE has performed well in ASH events and campdrafting with Bobby Palmer. She was Champion ASH Exhibit at Sydney Royal Easter Show, won two Junior Australian Championships, an Associate Australian Championship, an Open Australian Championship, and the coveted Bayer Classic Open

campdraft at Armidale, New South Wales. PALMERS COOL MAY was a top polocrosse mare, a campdraft winner, and herself a producer of top polocrosse and campdraft horses, including PALMERS COOL DUDE ridden by Brett Parkinson of Muswellbrook, New South Wales.

NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS was not just a sire. Barry competed on him at a limited number of campdrafts, as did Phillip, and both had success. Then Barry and Annette's son Codie began riding him. Codie recalls, 'I was about 14 when some people came to Yarrowa Park looking at horses. Barry showed them Cool Gun, who had been retired for some six years. They asked if we could ride him for them, so Dad said to me, "Quick boy, go and get your saddle". I had never ridden him before, but he went so well that soon after I began to compete on him.' He was an attractive horse, nicely marked with a good length of rein. He had a quiet nature, a trait that has bred on in his progeny. They are easy to handle and break-in.

NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS progeny have in the past and will continue to perform at State and National standards in campdrafting, ASH classes, pony club, polocrosse and polo. His progeny are inherently versatile. YARRAWA COOLRAY, featured on the cover of the May/June 2011 Journal, was bred by Yarrowa Park and enjoys celebrity status on the Gold Coast, performing in front of thousands each week as a liberty horse in the R.M. Williams Australian Outback Spectacular 2.

NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS horses have been used for stockwork on properties and stations throughout Australia. Numerous colts have been kept as station sires, to breed sensible, athletic horses that can endure the daily work required on large properties. NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS is also an influential sire of broodmares, and can be commonly found in the dam line of many horses offered in ASH approved sales around the country.

The Yarrowa Park stud has produced YARRAWA ROSALINA

II, YARRAWA MISS EIGHTY NINE ER, YARRAWA RAMONA and YARRAWA DREAM. YARRAWA ROSALINA II was an outstanding all-round mare ridden by Codie, mostly as a Juvenile competitor. She won 20 campdrafts, won Maiden, Novice and two Zone Open Campdraft Horse awards, and placed in the Canning Downs Campdraft at Warwick. She was awarded the Champion Working Stock Horse at the 1995 NSW Australian Stock Horse Championships, as well as wins at Queensland Royal Show and the Australian Stock Horse National Championships. She was then a quality broodmare, producing eight foals that are all now starting to show promise in the showring and campdraft arena. Her last foal, YARRAWA GUNS N ROSES (by KNEIPPS CONRAY), a two year old colt will begin his stud career at Yarrawa Park this season and is showing a lot of promise.

YARRAWA MISS EIGHTY NINE ER was a brilliant campdraft mare, winning 10 Opens, and was awarded the Border Zone Open Horse on three occasions. YARRAWA RAMONA won ten Novice, Open and Ladies campdrafts and was the Border Zone Novice and Open horse, as well as winning Encouragement and Ladies campdrafts with Natalie Law. She also won multiple working ASH events up to National level. YARRAWA DREAM had many ASH wins and seven campdrafts. She also drafted at Melbourne Royal Show. YARRAWA DREAM has now produced seven foals, including YARRAWA SPECIAL (BEAVIEW LANCE), who recently won at her second campdraft start.

Phillip and Judy Frame bred many quality horses by NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS over the years, including the mare FRAMES LIBERTY. She won an extensive list of Champion Led, Hack and Ridden classes. Phillip and Judy's daughter Mandy rode the mare at Pony Club and represented Inverell Club at many jamborees and zone competitions. FRAMES LIBERTY has now become a successful broodmare, producing seven registered foals including, BEAU SHOWGIRL and BEAU POLO, the latter now a successful sire in Victoria. BEAU SHOWGIRL, owned by Belinda Williamson, is an Open campdraft horse and has many wins in Challenge, Working and Junior ASH events.

A full sister to FRAMES LIBERTY, BEAU IMPULSE, was a successful campdraft mare for Phillip, winning a Zone Novice Horse award, and has since produced his current campdraft mare BEAU QUESTION. Another excellent campdraft mare was GERALLA COOL POWER owned by Geoff and Christine Lynn and ridden by Codie Law. Her dam, FLOWER POWER (by Jester) was a good polocrosse mare for Geoff. GERALLA COOL

POWER won ten Open campdrafts, was a good polocrosse mare for Geoff, and has produced five registered progeny.

NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS was also the producer of quality performance sires. NABINABAH ARJUNA, from the first foal crop, out of NABINABAH EASY GOING - IM, was a resident sire at Ellerston producing quality polo ponies. YARRAWA TRUE BLOOD is a top campdraft horse owned by Jim Gilbert; ridden by Mark Buttsworth and then later by Bob Black. True Blood was a very clever camphorse and won many campdrafts and was a regular finalist at Warwick Rodeo. He has also been a quality sire producing many good camphorses.

Given the depth of Cool Gun's pedigree on the dam line it is probably no surprise that he is now proving to be a successful sire of broodmares. NABINABAH TWINKLE, (NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS/NABINABAH TWILIGHT), was bred by Mr Ian Archibald and born in 1982. She had nine foals, most notably SODA JUSTICE, bred by Lindsay and Jan Knight and now owned by Willdraft Partnership. His impressive list of results include many Champion Working Stallion and Open Challenge working events at the ASH National Championships from 2007 – 2009.

SODA JUSTICE is still competing with success, winning the Ladies campdraft, Ladies Cut Out, and Stallion campdraft at the 2011 ASHS World Championship Show in Tamworth. His successful progeny include WILLDRAFT REFLECTION, winner of the 2010 Cloncurry Stockman's Challenge, and BLUEJAY JUSTINE, Champion Novice Working at

the 2011 World Championship Show.

Other successful horses out of NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS mares are YARRAWA ROWENA (WARRENBRI ROMEO - IS/BOXHURST BARCELONA), who won the 2010 ASHS Maiden Campdraft Series with Codie Law. YARRAWA RENITA (NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS/RIVOLI RENATA) produced ten foals, including YARRAWA TOPLESS, who was eighth in the 2009 Warwick Gold Cup. YARRAWA THREE O THREE ridden by Pete Comiskey placed in the Warwick Gold Cup, and YARRAWA ALIAS was the top priced Open Aged mare at the inaugural Landmark Classic Sale.

It is evident that the decision to purchase NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS has been successful for the Law family. The challenge for every breeder is in choosing the right outcross for their existing stock, and introducing new genetics that will enhance carefully developed bloodlines.

The Nabinabah pedigree has certainly added quality to the Yarrawa Park stud and has provided a good outcross for the stud's RIVOLI RAY - IS, DICKIE BAR JOE and ELLIOTTS CREEK CADET - FS broodmares. With the continuing interest in the Australian horse sports of campdrafting and polocrosse, the Law family hopes to direct some of the NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS bred horses to these growing markets.

There is also an increasing demand for Australian Stock Horses internationally, as their agility, toughness, and cool temperament make them sought after. The legacy of NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS is truly a remarkable chapter in the continuing story of the Australian Stock Horse. 🇺🇸

NABINABAH COOL GUN - IS

Colour: Bay **Height:** 15hh **Lifespan:** 1979 - 2005 (26 years)

Breeder: Ian Archibald

Performance: campdrafted with success, then retired to stud

Notable Progeny: COOMALEA MADALINE, GERALLA COOL POWER, FRAMES LIBERTY, NABINABAH TWINKLE, PALMERS FUNNY FACE, YARRAWA ROSALINA II, YARRAWA MISS EIGHTY NINE ER

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			nellie 02
	NABINABAH COMMA - FM	serene 02	pantler 02
			brown girl 02
	MUSTER - FS		bobbie bruce 02
			mopsy 02
calm 02		nabinabah 02	
		lorette ii 02	