

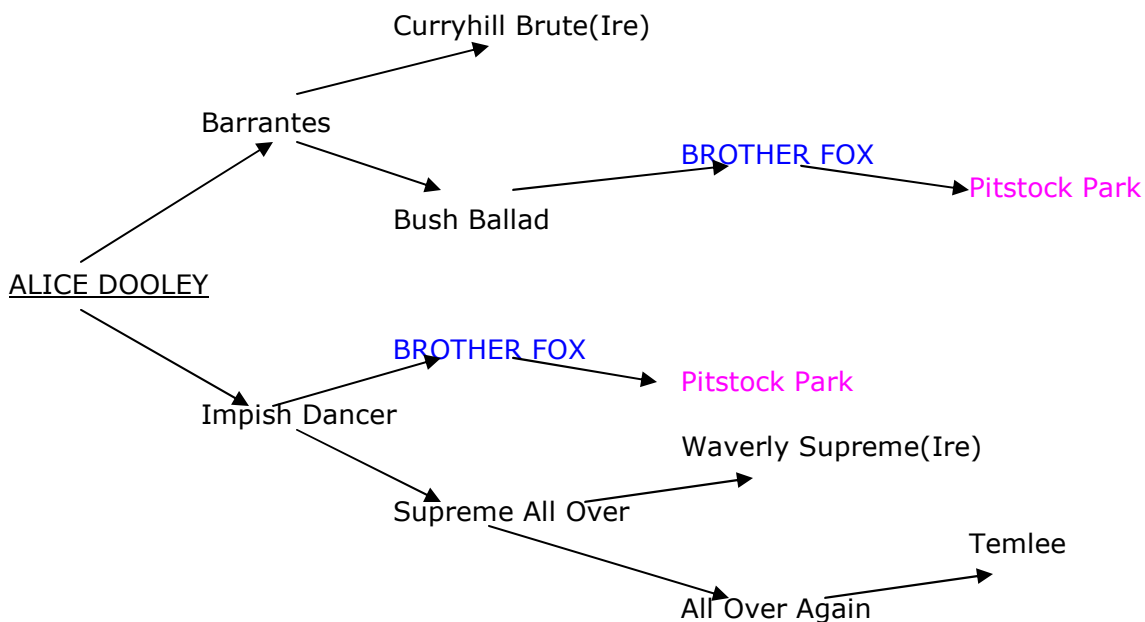
Bloodlines and Bi-lines

Paua to Burn - Classic 3x2 breeding combined with hybrid vigour

Paua to Burn will rightfully be remembered as one of the greatest racing bitches of the modern era. Group 1 wins in the Golden Easter Egg, Laurels and Sapphire Classic(twice), track records runs at major tracks (Sandown, Wentworth Park, The Meadows and Bulli), consistency at the elite level over a long period and the ability to sustain her speed for at least 600 metres are among her outstanding credentials.

Yes, Awesome Assassin's best daughter certainly did it all on the racetrack. But what made her so special?

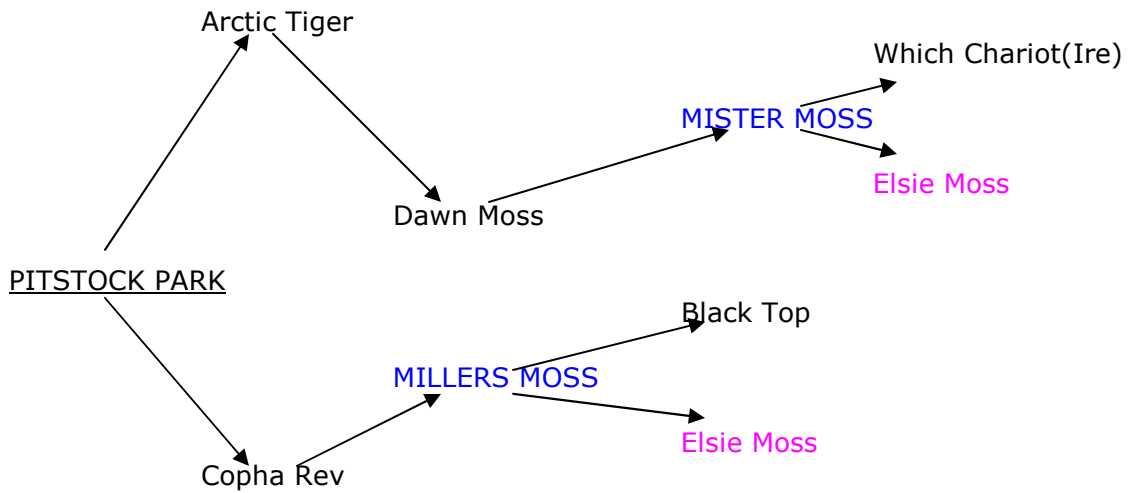
Firstly, let's look at the breeding of her dam Alice Dooley:-



We'll start by taking a wander down her tail female line. Her 2nd dam Supreme All Over is by Waverly Supreme out of a Temlee daughter (All Over Again). This is the same formula as the great Versatile Miss, dam of legendary chaser Worth Doing. Not a bad comparison to start off with.

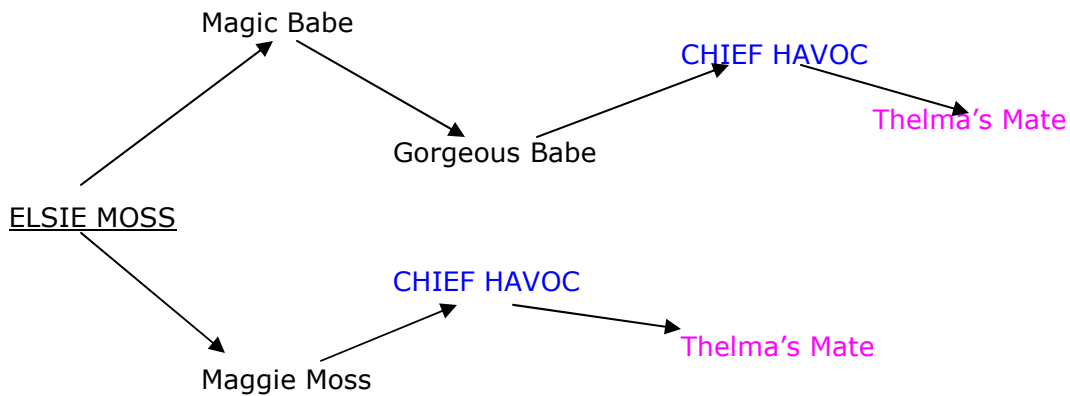
The next step is to look at the role played by Brother Fox in her pedigree. He is both the damsire of her sire Barrantes and the sire of her dam Impish Dancer. This pattern of breeding is referred to as 3x2 breeding. It is key position breeding to Pitstock Park via her brilliant son Brother Fox.

What about Pitstock Park herself?



From the above it can be seen that Pitstock Park is also bred on a 3x2 pattern. This time it is to sons of the legendary Elsie Moss, namely Mister Moss(by Which Chariot) and Millers Moss(by Black Top).

What then about Elsie Moss?



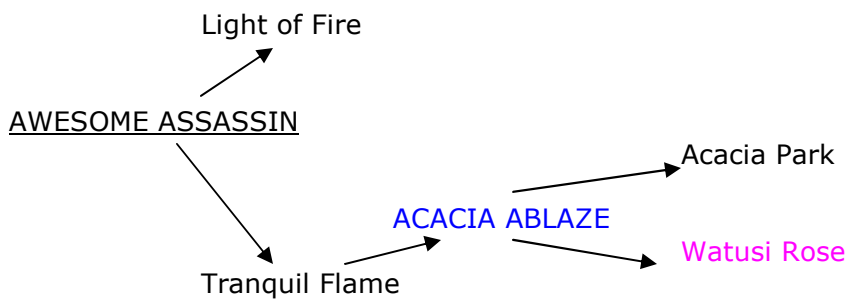
So Elsie Moss is herself bred in a 3x2 pattern to the immortal Chief Havoc.

Thus we can see what I believe is the key to Paua to Burn's bloodlines. Her dam is tied into a unique sequence of 3x2 breeding to three of the greatest-ever broods in Pitstock Park, Elsie Moss and Thelma's Mate, via their outstanding sons. It is a classic example of concentrated in-breeding to superior females.

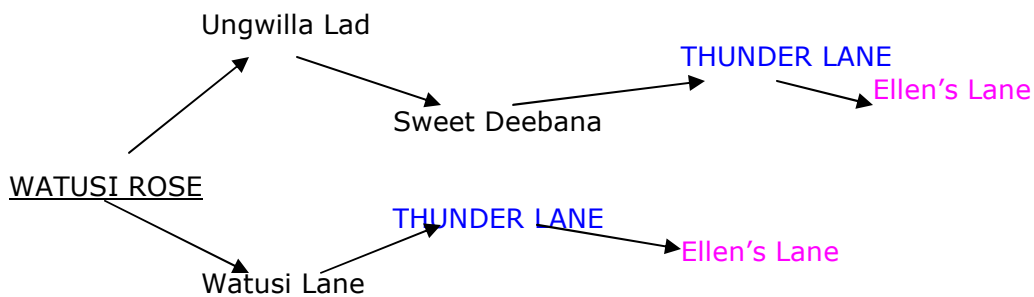
A major risk in following this pattern of breeding is that it can magnify both the strengths and weaknesses of the bloodlines involved. It is very important to try and incorporate sire-line diversity/hybrid vigour at the same time as in-breeding to superior female lines. In Alice Dooley's case there is some good evidence of this being done. Firstly, her sire is Barrantes, a little known sire who only had a few litters here and then in the USA. He is a son of Irish import Curryhill Brute whose considerable contribution to Australian bloodlines has been mostly through the progeny of his daughters. Nevertheless Barrantes and Curryhill Brute have played their part in the genetic balance of Alice Dooley and Paua to Burn. Others who have also played their part are Which Chariot(sire of Mister Moss) and Waverly Supreme(sire of Supreme All Over).

What has her sire Awesome Assassin contributed to the breeding of Paua to Burn?

The short answer is plenty! From a pure pedigree perspective though there are two areas in particular where he complements Alice Dooley very nicely.



Firstly, his damsire Acacia Ablaze plays a significant role in adding sire-line diversity to the mix. He has often been referred to as a "colonial outcross" due to the fact he carries no Temlee or Waverly Supreme blood. Also Watusi Rose, the dam of Acacia Ablaze, is herself a product of 3x2 breeding to Thunder Lane:-



..... in summary then it would appear that Awesome Assassin and Alice Dooley were well made for each other and Paua to Burn was their crowning achievement.

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