

THURSDAY 21 MAY 2015

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

This Saturday Ellerslie will headline the Northern region. The \$50,000 Graeme Thomson Jewellers Northern Foal Stakes has an exceptional history. Former winners include Avisto, Hera, Mistrum and Whoshe. The last four winners have gone on to further black type success in the same calendar year. Impressive last start winner High Class is an exciting runner for Jenna Mahoney and has drawn barrier 12. A slow surface should not deter the daughter of Melbourne Cup winner Shocking, considering her explosive win on a heavy Avondale track. The race is scheduled to start at 2.49pm.

The Otago Racing Club's meeting on 31 May will mark the return of racing to Wingatui. The meeting was given the go-ahead following jump-outs on the course last Tuesday and a vote of confidence from jockeys and officials.

Wellington Racing Club has their annual Members' meeting this Saturday with \$265,000 in stakes, including the \$50,000 Dunstan Feeds Autumn Sprint Series at 3.37pm. The meeting has had 110 acceptors.

NZTR STRATEGIC PLAN CONSULTATION MEETINGS

NZTR is holding 20 workshops, between 18 May and 15 June 2015, with race club committees and sector organisation committees and councils to discuss a draft Strategic Plan for FY16-20.

This follows workshops held with the Chairs and CEOs of the five major Clubs in January and February 2015 and a broader group of major and regional racing club managers in March 2015.

These meetings cover the whole country, from Whangarei to Gallop South, and all stakeholders including the Trainers', Jockeys', Owners' and Breeders' associations

The overriding aim is to find out from clubs and sector organisations their priorities and direction in order to develop an industry strategic plan. Stakeholder forums will be held after this feedback has been received.

TRAINER, JOCKEY, STABLE HAND/TRACKWORK RIDER & RIDER AGENT LICENCE RENEWALS

Renewals for all licence-holders for the 2015-16 season will be underway early next week where NZTR has been provided with the licence-holder's email address.

All such licence-holders are encouraged to renew on-line in accordance with the instructions in the email. Those licence-holders who do not have email addresses will receive their renewal forms in the post towards the end of the first week of June.

Licence-holders who have email addresses, but who have not renewed on-line by early June, will also be sent a licence renewal form through the post.

If you haven't received an email by early next week but believe you should have, or have any questions, please contact the Licensing Department at NZTR on 04 576 6279 or licensing@nzh racing.co.nz

COLOURS RENEWALS 2015-2020

Please note the five year colours registration cycle finishes on July 31 2015. Renewals for the next five year period will be able to be completed on-line. Renewal details will be sent out later this month. Those unable to renew on-line will be sent an invoice.

Owners are reminded that should they not wish to re-register their colours at this time then they will expire and become available for others to register from 1 September 2015.

New colours which have been previously registered with NZTR from 1 January 2015 will not incur another fee.

REMINDERS FOR BROODMARE OWNERS

Late 2014 Mare Returns

2014 mare returns were due by 28th February 2015. If you have not lodged the 2014 return for your mare please contact the Stud Book on studbook@nzh racing.co.nz or 04 576-6240. A return is required every season to maintain the registration of the mare in the Stud Book, and needs to be lodged even if she has not produced a live foal or has not been covered.

If a mare has been sold/given away, retired or died, notify the Stud Book so the records can be updated.

Branding of 2014 Foals

Foals born in the 2014 season must be branded, microchipped, and sampled for DNA parentage testing by 31 July 2015. Owners need to organise this with a veterinarian that has NZTR-issued microchips and DNA sampling documentation.

If you have any questions about this requirement, or have a foal that may not be branded before the deadline due to injury, please contact the Stud Book as above.

OTAGO RACING CLUB MORE FM THINK PINK RACE DAY – 31 MAY 2015

The Otago Racing Club has partnered up with More FM and Arthur Barnett to guarantee you a great day out, helping us on our mission to raise funds for the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation. Last year we raised nearly \$7,000. Our aim for 2015 is to reach \$10,000.

Tickled Pink Sunday Luncheon - for \$70 per person you will receive a glass of bubbles followed by club priced beverages, a reserved seat in the Winning Post Lounge, a delicious roast lunch followed by a hot dessert, tea and coffee, a goodie bag courtesy of Arthur Barnett, 2 fundraising auctions as well as raffles throughout the day. \$5 from every ticket sold goes directly to the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation.

The day features the Otago Hurdles and Steeplechase and also a special fundraising race - The ABC Business Sales NZBCF Oaks - when fourteen local riders will be riding against a champion jockey. Each track rider is aiming to raise \$500 each for the privilege to compete, with all proceeds being donated to the NZBCF.

The day also plays host to the annual Showgate Awards. This award is dedicated to a South Island female who has delivered a lifetime contribution to racing and will be presented by a special guest of honour.

TRENTHAM WEATHER STATION UP AND RUNNING

The Trentham weather station is operating again. The cause of a recent 'no rain' reading at the online station was a blocked rain funnel due to a mixture of sand and silt built up from the regular track and tractor work on the sand track during the long dry summer. The station has been repositioned on a new pole on the old semaphore board which allows easier maintenance and checking.

TURNOVER INFORMATION

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races		Starters	
		14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14
13-May	Waipa	38,246	21,999	726,149	443,059	285,888	188,973	11	8	119	93
14-May	Otaki-Maori	12,484	22,068	472,739	428,939	201,174	180,846	7	7	70	77
15-May	South Canterbury	24,722	17,373	555,331	422,324	301,232	154,769	11	8	115	76
16-May	Waikato	98,824	138,571	1,141,928	1,132,103	568,889	513,614	11	10	105	102
16-May	Rangitikei	66,649	94,351	803,025	1,153,613	403,250	371,119	9	9	76	117
17-May	Riverton	21,435	33,879	343,623	353,086	163,186	144,430	7	9	56	80

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance + / ()	Variance + % / (%)
Meetings	275	285	(10)	(3.51%)
Races	2,327	2,372	(45)	(1.90%)
Total Starts	24,188	24,638	(450)	(1.83%)
Avg Field Size	10.394	10.387	+0.01	+0.07%
Number of races less than 8 starters	381	394	(13)	(3.30%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	337,845,650	327,730,355	+10,115,295	+3.09%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	30,150,471	31,518,329	(1,367,859)	(4.34%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	367,996,120	359,248,684	+8,747,436	+2.43%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	260,697,732	273,939,814	(13,242,082)	(4.83%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	107,296,085	85,308,855	+21,987,230	+25.77%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	158,142	151,454	+6,688	+4.42%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	15,214	14,581	+633	+4.34%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,381,078,176	1,236,594,420	+144,483,756	+11.68%
Subtotal NZ Racing Turnover	680,946,932	671,865,354	+9,081,578	+1.35%
Subtotal Imported Racing Turnover	700,131,244	564,729,066	+135,402,178	+23.98%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	321,598,427	224,946,624	+96,651,803	+42.97%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,702,676,603	1,461,541,044	+241,135,559	+16.50%

NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 10 May)	279,017,714	259,211,571	+19,806,143	+7.64%
Total Races (to 10 May)	2,271	2,310	(39)	(1.69%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	122,861	112,213	+10,648	+9.49%

Meeting details:

1. Waipa RC Wednesday meeting equivalent was run on the Monday prior last season; 11 races this season, 8 races last season.
2. Otaki-Maori RC Thursday meeting equivalent was run on a Monday three weeks later in FY14. 7 races were run in FY15; race 8, the last scheduled race, was abandoned due to poor visibility. 7 races were run in FY14.
3. South Canterbury RC Friday meeting ran 11 races this season, 8 races last season.
4. Waikato RC Saturday meeting ran 11 races in FY15, 10 in FY14.
5. Riverton RC Sunday meeting equivalent was run on Monday last season; 7 races this season, 9 last.

Turnover summary notes:

1. Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 2.4% year to date.
2. 10 less meetings and 45 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
3. Turnover per race is up 4.4%.
4. Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 450, 1.8% less.
5. Average field size is 10.394 in FY15, up slightly from 10.387 (+0.1%) in FY14.
6. The number of races with less than 8 starters is 13 lower than the season prior (381 v 394).
7. The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.8%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 25.8%).
8. Export turnover (\$NZ) is up 9.5% per race to 10 May.

Note: Turnovers are provided by the NZRB from various reports. On-course is totalisator turnover on the meeting and on intertrack meetings, plus FOB racing turnover on the meeting only (FOB intertrack is not provided from these reports at present). On-course self service turnover is also not currently included. Total NZRB racing turnover is all racing bet on through the NZRB. NZ racing turnover is NZ thoroughbred, harness and greyhound turnovers combined; imported racing turnover is all imported thoroughbred, harness and greyhound turnover. Combined with sports, the racing turnover provides the total NZRB turnover. NZ thoroughbred export turnovers are stated in \$NZ, generally up to a week or two behind other turnover numbers.