

**Thursday 21 August 2014**

**FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH**

Congratulations to all the winners from last week's Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards including:

Dundeel (Horse of The Year & Middle Distance)	Vespa (2 Year Old)
Silent Achiever (Stayer)	Lisa Latta (Trainer)
Bounding (Sprinter)	Matthew Cameron (Jockey)
Puccini (3 Year Old)	Rory Hutchings (Apprentice)

The ITM/New Plymouth Building Supplies Interprovincial is the feature race of the weekend. The brainchild of GM of Taranaki Racing, Carey Hobbs, the race continues to be a success since it's inauguration in 1995. The first ever winner of the race was Profit Taker. The novelty factor of Provincial pride consistently generates quality turnover. NZTR and the Club also contribute additional prize money to the meeting. A special mention to last year's winner Kalgoorlie Bomber - the 13 year old lowers his sights on the ITM/PSP consolation for Frank Stammers.

The Pakuranga Hunt R.C. meeting this Saturday indicates the strength of Jumps Racing. Each jumping event has attracted good sized fields and no doubt punters will enjoy the competitive events. This meeting serves as a key build up to Great Northern Day on September 6<sup>th</sup> at Ellerslie. Not to mention an abundance of quality flat racing accompanying the jumps card.

The latest international ratings highlight the respect of locally trained Thoroughbreds. Seven thoroughbreds obtained a rating higher than the International Group One benchmark rating of 115. As predicted Dundeel 122\* topped the list with his stellar performance in the Queen Elizabeth Stakes. This puts the Mapperley Stud-bred entire in the top 20 horses in the world. Notable candidates Silent Achiever 118\* (O'Reilly) and Veyron 118\* (Thorn Park) figured prominently in the list.

Dundeel 122 *	El Roca 114
Silent Achiever 118 (Mare) *	Mufhasa 114
Veyron 118 *	Viadana 113 (Mare)
Nashville 116	Bounding 112 (Filly)
Survived 115	Rising Romance 112 (Filly)
Puccini 115	A Touch Of Ruby 111 (Mare)
Xanadu 115 (Mare)	

**SECOND CROP OF NZB INSURANCE PEARL SERIES ENROLLED**

Enrolment for the 2014 NZB Insurance Pearl Series is now complete. When enrolments closed, a total of 473 two-year-old fillies were signed up to the incentive scheme which features bonus payments on designated races.

All told, bonuses totaling \$2.6 million will be on offer for two, three and four-year-old fillies and mares from each crop.

The enrolments have been taken in two stages; the first was a \$690 payment for those 2012 fillies making the "earlybird" cut of February 28, or a payment of \$920 by 31 July, with the proviso that fillies sold at the South Island Yearling Sale could be enrolled by the end of April at the "earlybird" fee.

"The numbers that enrolled met our expectations," said Michael Martin, CEO of the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association, the administrators of the Pearl Series. "We will now watch with interest as the bonus races roll out. The bonus series is a great assistance to owners and breeders who are racing fillies and mares in New Zealand as the bonus payments run for three years."

Nine of the fifteen two-year-old bonuses were won by the first crop of NZB Insurance Pearl fillies who are now three-year-olds and will compete for 100 bonuses each year for the next two years.

"Fillies are the foundation of our breeding industry and it is vitally important that they get every opportunity to race and then breed once they have finished their racing careers," commented NZB Insurance manager Jim Bruford, whose sponsorship of the Series continues New Zealand Bloodstock's significant support of racing in New Zealand.

See list of NZB Insurance Pearl Series Bonus Races for September-November below.

### **RACING STARS BACK INAUGURAL DAFFODIL RACE DAY**

Hawkes Bay Racing Club has declared the first Group One Race of the season – traditionally known as Makfi Stakes Day on 30 August – Daffodil Race Day.

Lance O'Sullivan ONZM, James McDonald and Trackside presenters Brendan Popplewell and Aidan Rodley have backed the move, recording their cancer connections via video clip on Social Media. Former Champion Jockey and Trainer Lance O'Sullivan lost his sister Lisa Chittick this year to leukaemia.

All proceeds of admission on the day will go to the Hawke's Bay Cancer Society. Race goers can also make donations via collectors around the track or online at [www.daffodilday.org.nz](http://www.daffodilday.org.nz). For more information contact: Greg Howie, Hawkes Bay Racing 027 428 1318

Daffodil Race Day is the first day of the Spring Racing Carnival with the Windsor Park Plate on 20 September and the Spring Classic on 4 October.

### **JUMP RACING ANNUAL FORUM – 5 SEPTEMBER AT ELLERSLIE**

NZTR and the committee of NZ Jumps Inc. invite all industry stakeholders and members of NZ Jumps to attend the Annual Jump Racing Forum. The event will take place at Ellerslie Racecourse at 5pm on Friday, September 5.

The forum will commence with a review of the 2014 season including a statistical review of the season to date. Agenda items for discussion will focus on the changes put in place this season as a result of recommendations made at last year's forum in Christchurch. These include the open entry system, maximum top weights in Premier Jump Races (PJR), increased stakes in PJR races and the restructure of South Island jump racing.

Those in attendance will be invited to raise any relevant matters for discussion during the evening. Points raised will be reviewed by the NZ Jumps committee and NZTR at the conclusion of the jump racing season. The forum will finish no later than 7pm.

For further information contact Andre Klein, Secretary, NZ Jumps: [andre@wingatui.co.nz](mailto:andre@wingatui.co.nz)

### **TWO STALLION SERVICES TO POSTPONED OFFERED BY TENDER**

In conjunction with Westbury Stud, Counties Racing Club is offering by tender two Stallion Services to Postponed (Summer Squall x Bridal Tea), sire of winners Dorabella (G1), Pasta Post (G1), Postman's Daughter (G2), Naturo (G2), Mr O'Ceirin and sire of exciting three-year-old Martiniz Special and impressive filly Consensus. 2013 Ready to Run Sale saw two-year olds sold for up to \$220,000 with an average of \$97,000. Top two-year old sire in NZ by winners for the 2011 season – ahead of Savabeel, O'Reilly, Pins and Darci Brahma. 2014 Service Fee: \$6,000

All tenders must be lodged by 20th September 2014 in writing to: Greg Mitchell, Counties Racing Club, P O Box 47, Pukekohe 2340 or [greg@countiesracing.co.nz](mailto:greg@countiesracing.co.nz) For enquiries ring: 09 238 8049

### **EGMONT RACING CLUB – THURSDAY 28 AUGUST - FINAL RACE CONFIRMED**

The following race has been added to the programme for the Egmont Racing Club's race meeting on Thursday 28 August 2014: Maiden SW – 1400m of \$7,000, \$4,375, \$1,400, \$700, \$350, \$175. All other races on the programme remain unaltered.

The Central Region Clubs are trialing an initiative where a number of days out from a mid-week industry meeting the Central Regional Programming Committee & NZTR will consider an additional race based on recent nominations and a review of upcoming opportunities for those horses in the region. The flexibility to programme the extra race is designed to provide an opportunity for horses which might otherwise not be able to start.

### **SOUTH CANTERBURY RC - MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER – STAKE INCREASE**

The South Canterbury RC has increased the stake of the Benchmark Rating 75 Hcp 1600m race at their Monday 22 September meeting from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

**NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK INSURANCE PEARL SERIES BONUS RACES – SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2014**

<b>CENTRAL</b>		<b>PEARL BONUS</b>	
<b>Otaki</b>	Thur 4/9	R65 1600 F&M \$12k	\$11,500
<b>Taranaki</b>	Thur 11/9	R65 1400 F&M \$12k	\$11,500
<b>Otaki</b>	Thur 25/9	R65 1400 F&M \$12k	\$11,500
<b>Taranaki (f)</b>	<b>Sat 27/9</b>	<b>R85 1200 F&amp;M \$25k</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Wanganui</b>	Thur 2/10	Mdn 1600 F&M \$12k	\$11,500
<b>Wairarapa</b>	Thur 9/10	Mdn 1000 F&M \$12k	\$11,500
<b>Woodville-Pah</b>	Thur 16/10	Mdn 1200 F&M \$12k	\$11,500
<b>Otaki</b>	Tue 4/11	R65 1200 F&M \$12k	\$11,500
<b>SOUTHERN</b>		<b>PEARL BONUS</b>	
<b>South Canterbury</b>	Mon 22/9	R85 1200 F&M \$12k	\$11,500
<b>Gore</b>	Fri 31/10	R65 1335 F&M \$12k	\$11,500
<b>Banks Peninsula</b>	Sun 2/11	R75 1400 F&M \$12k	\$11,500
<b>NORTHERN</b>		<b>PEARL BONUS</b>	
<b>Counties</b>	Wed 3/9	Mdn 1400 F&M \$12k	\$11,500
<b>Waikato</b>	Wed 10/9	Mdn 1200 F&M \$12k	\$11,500
<b>Counties (f)</b>	<b>Sat 20/9</b>	<b>R65 1600 F&amp;M \$25k</b>	<b>\$20,000</b>
<b>Matamata</b>	Wed 24/9	Mdn 1400 F&M \$12k	\$11,500
<b>Taupo</b>	Wed 8/10	Mdn 1300 F&M \$12k	\$11,500
<b>Tauranga</b>	Fri 17/10	Mdn 1600 F&M \$12k	\$11,500
<b>Counties</b>	Wed 29/10	Mdn 1200 F&M \$12k	\$11,500
<b>Rotorua</b>	Fri 7/11	R65 1200 F&M \$12k	\$11,500
<b>Matamata</b>	Wed 12/11	Mdn 1600 F&M \$12k	\$11,500

**THOMAS RUSSELL**

NZTR has provided its nominated Raceday account for donations to be channelled directly through to Thomas. Donations are placed in the account 01-0517-0063944-09 with reference 'T Russell.' NZTR has an 'Authority to Deduct' form available on its website ([www.nzracing.co.nz](http://www.nzracing.co.nz)) to facilitate donations. All that needs to happen is the designated Racing Manager of a

horse completes the form and sends it to NZTR and the agreed prize money deduction will be made.

The TAB is also helping Thomas. For the month of August the NZRB is donating 10% of total turnover on Jockey's Challenges to Thomas to assist with his on-going financial needs in the wake of his accident. This will include Jockey's Challenges at 26 thoroughbred race meetings. The Jockey's Challenge is currently sponsored by vehicle wholesaler Ezygo, however for the month of August the Jockey's Challenge will be known as the Thomas Russell Ezygo Jockeys Challenge and will be promoted through its broadcasting and social media channels.

### **TAB ROLLING OUT EARLY QUADDIES OVER NEXT THREE MONTHS**

The TAB will be rolling out early quaddies on NZ racing (in addition to existing quaddies) over the next three months, with the following promotional guarantees.

- September launch Harness: Each of the 14 NZ Harness meetings in September to have a \$40,000 Early Quaddie and a \$40,000 Quaddie
- October launch Thoroughbred: Each of the 28 NZ Thoroughbred meetings in October to have a \$40,000 Early Quaddie and a \$60,000 Quaddie

After each month's launch promotion, the early quaddies will be a continuing part of the TAB's standard suite of bet types for each Code (ex-guarantees).

### **DATES FOR NZTR REGIONAL MEETINGS & RACING CLUB CONFERENCE/AGM**

September 2014 Regional Meeting will be held as follows. All industry participants are welcome to attend.

Monday 22 September: 12pm – AUCKLAND at Ellerslie / 5.30pm – HAMILTON at Te Rapa  
Tuesday 23 September: 11.30am - INVERCARGILL at the Ascot Park Hotel / 5.30pm – DUNEDIN at Wingatui  
Wednesday 24 September: 12pm – CHRISTCHURCH at Riccarton Park  
Friday 26 September: 10.30am – PALMERSTON NORTH at Awapuni / 4.00pm – NEW PLYMOUTH at Pukekura Park

Other dates for the diary:

6 November 2014: Racing Club Conference and NZTR AGM, Room 4, Shed 6, Queen's Wharf, Wellington.

### **TURNOVER INFORMATION**

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races		Starters	
		13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13
13-Aug	Whangarei	54,811	39,697	503,456	540,536	212,744	169,662	7	7	57	67
14-Aug	Oamaru	9,957	11,584	371,653	469,673	128,127	114,505	6	6	53	66
15-Aug	Avondale	28,269	23,574	530,958	635,140	232,024	212,020	7	8	63	88
16-Aug	Waikato	143,897	170,109	1,684,668	2,113,052	514,348	420,189	9	9	101	102
16-Aug	Otaki-Maori	25,069	-	734,301	-	216,937	-	7	-	67	-
17-Aug	Wanganui	43,131	21,748	581,976	483,914	165,732	121,656	10	7	94	69

NZ Thoroughbred Summary Full Season FY14	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/()	Variance +%/(% )
Meetings	15	15	0	0.00%
Races	120	116	+4	+3.45%
Total Starts	1,138	1,166	(28)	(2.40%)
Avg Field Size	9.48	10.05	(0.57)	(5.65%)
Number of races less than 8 starters	27	19	+8	+42.11%
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	15,479,325	15,762,355	(283,030)	(1.80%)
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	1,070,094	1,060,552	+9,542	+0.90%
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	<b>16,549,419</b>	<b>16,822,907</b>	<b>(273,488)</b>	<b>(1.63%)</b>
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	12,232,227	13,481,107	(1,248,880)	(9.26%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	4,317,192	3,341,800	+975,392	+29.19%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race</b>	<b>137,912</b>	<b>145,025</b>	<b>(7,113)</b>	<b>(4.90%)</b>
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter</b>	<b>14,543</b>	<b>14,428</b>	<b>+115</b>	<b>+0.79%</b>
<b>Total NZRB Racing Turnover</b>	<b>68,623,677</b>	<b>68,817,389</b>	<b>(193,712)</b>	<b>(0.28%)</b>
<b>Total NZRB Sports Turnover</b>	<b>16,909,942</b>	<b>11,766,553</b>	<b>+5,143,389</b>	<b>+43.71%</b>
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>85,533,619</b>	<b>80,583,942</b>	<b>+4,949,677</b>	<b>+6.14%</b>

NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 10 Aug)	7,037,517	9,174,224	(2,136,707)	(23.29%)
Total Races (to 10 Aug)	74	80	(6)	(7.50%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	95,102	114,678	(19,576)	(17.07%)

#### Meeting details

- Oamaru JC Thursday meeting equivalent was on a Friday the season prior.
- Avondale JC Friday equivalent meeting was run at Te Awamutu the following Wednesday in FY14; 7 races in FY15, 8 races in FY14.
- Otaki-Maori RC Saturday meeting equivalent in FY14 was transferred to Trentham, but abandoned due to damage from the July 2013 earthquake.
- Wanganui JC Sunday equivalent meeting was run at Egmont on a Thursday last season; 10 races this season, 7 last.

#### Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is down 1.6% year to date.
- 4 more races have been run than to the same date last season.
- Turnover per race is down 4.9%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 28, 2.4% less.
- Average field size is 9.48 in FY15, down from 10.05 in FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is 8 higher than the season prior.
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 9.3%) is partly offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 29.2%).
- Export turnover per race (\$NZ) is down 17.1% to 10 August.