

Thursday 25 September 2014

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

The Auckland Racing Club's meeting on Saturday looks into the future. The \$70,000 three year old feature races include the Manuka Doctor Bonecrusher Stakes and Allied Workforce Soliloquy Stakes. These races provide insight on potential Guineas contenders leading up to November. It is extremely pleasing to see New Zealand based second season sires feature prominently in our early three year old stakes events.

The races present a fantastic opportunity to acquire Black Type and reward the breeding industry for constant investment of new stallions. Second season sires such as Battle Paint (Chequers Stud), Mastercraftsman (Former Windsor Park Stud), Red Giant (Westbury Stud), Swiss Ace (Westbury Stud), Tavistock (Cambridge Stud) and TheWayYouAre (Windsor Park Stud) have progeny contesting each event. In previous years, classic thoroughbreds such as Spellbinder, Artistic, Sacred Park and Warhorse have been successful on this day.

Taranaki Thoroughbred Racing's Extreme Race day will look to entice once a year punters this Saturday. The brainchild of CEO Carey Hobbs features a plethora of interesting races. The club's innovation has drawn 145 acceptances for the ten-race card. The Benchmark Rating 85 3,210m race is a crowd favourite and remains one of the very few two mile flat races on the calendar.

This Sunday Te Rapa will host the last jumps meeting of the season. Seven quality races are programmed. Previous Sunday Jumps meetings have proved successful and enthusiasts will look to capitalise on their last chance at Jumps action.

Congratulations to the connections of Sacred Falls. It was another dominant performance over the Randwick mile. He remains a live chance in the \$3,000,000 Cox Plate.

TIMES FOR TOMORROW'S NZTR REGIONAL MEETINGS

Please note tomorrow's Regional Meetings will be held at the following times. All industry participants are welcome to attend.

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

APPLICATIONS FOR DIRECTOR ON THE NZTR BOARD CLOSE ON TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER

Applications for director on the NZTR Board close at 5pm on Tuesday, 30 September 2014.

The NZTR Members' Council is seeking applications from professionals with proven experience as a director and/or senior executive. Knowledge of and experience within the Thoroughbred racing industry and racing administration is essential. Applicants must have highly effective governance skills and have had success in areas such as stakeholder engagement and strategic planning.

A Position Description and a Director Application Form can be viewed at the NZTR website at 'NZTR' > 'Industry Jobs' <http://www.nzracing.co.nz/NZTR/Resources/Industry-Jobs.aspx>

2014 NZTR PERFORMANCE REPORT AVAILABLE ONLINE

The 2014 NZTR Performance Report, which records NZTR's performance against the 44 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) in the 2014-2016 NZTR Business Plan, is available on the NZTR website (together with the 2012 and 2013 Performance Reports) at <http://www.nzracing.co.nz/NZTR/Resources/NZTR-Publications.aspx>

NZTR's Business Plan 2015-17, which sets out key improvement strategies for New Zealand thoroughbred racing over the next three years focusing on the 2014-15 season will be published shortly. This is required to be approved by the NZ Racing Board before publication.

RACING SAFETY DEVELOPMENT FUND APPLICATIONS

Applications for the next round of the Racing Safety Development Fund (RSDF) close on 30 September 2014. Application forms are available from <http://www.dia.govt.nz>. The RSDF application form outlines the criteria to be used to assess applications, and the supporting information that is required. Clubs are also encouraged to contact NZTR directly to discuss applications before submitting.

2013-2014 OTAGO RACING AWARDS – THIS SATURDAY AT 6:30PM

The Otago Racing Awards this year take place on the evening following South Otago Cup Day, Saturday, 27 September 2014. Tickets are \$30 for a buffet meal and a cash bar. RSVP to charlotte@wingatui.co.nz if you would like to come along.

WANGANUI JC – THURSDAY 2 OCTOBER - FINAL RACE CONFIRMED

The following race has been added to the programme for the Wanganui JC race meeting on Thursday 2 October 2014:

Benchmark Rating 65 Hcp* - 1340m

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 midweek industry meeting the Central Regional Programming Committee & NZTR will confirm the additional race to be programmed 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.

WINTON JC 12 OCTOBER 2014 – WINTON CUP STAKE INCREASE FROM \$15,000 TO \$25,000

NZTR has increased the stake of the Open Handicap 2000m Winton Cup race on Sunday 12 October from \$15,000 to \$25,000. This increase is a result of the added Country Cup funding NZTR has distributed for the 2014-15 season.

TAB ROLLING OUT EARLY QUADDIES

In October the TAB will be rolling out early quaddies on NZ Thoroughbred racing (in addition to existing quaddies). Each of the 28 NZ Thoroughbred meetings in October will have a \$40,000 Early Quaddie and a \$60,000 Quaddie

RACING CLUB CONFERENCE/AGM

The annual Racing Club Conference and NZTR AGM will be held from 10.30am on 6 November 2014 at Room 4, Shed 6, Queen's Wharf, Wellington. Clubs and Sector Organisations are requested to return their attendance forms.

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
17-Sep	Avondale	46,417	29,665	603,827	473,548	322,254	160,609	10	8	81	76
18-Sep	Gore	21,181	12,207	512,482	400,812	186,149	158,322	7	8	77	72
19-Sep	Taupo	33,141	41,303	584,665	527,716	319,240	262,388	7	8	73	86
20-Sep	Hawke's Bay	113,562	152,897	2,062,878	1,658,987	846,644	533,740	9	8	109	103
20-Sep	Counties	38,439	59,850	816,072	893,329	261,580	220,981	9	8	78	78

20-Sep	Canterbury	71,534	76,937	748,639	835,815	293,727	196,955	9	9	85	96
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NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance + / ()	Variance + % / (%)
Meetings	43	47	(4)	(8.51%)
Races	351	367	(16)	(4.36%)
Total Starts	3,511	3,642	(131)	(3.60%)
Avg Field Size	10.00	9.92	+0.08	+0.80%
Number of races less than 8 starters	58	69	(11)	(15.94%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	47,353,953	46,892,311	+461,641	+0.98%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	2,880,143	3,009,658	(129,515)	(4.30%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	50,234,095	49,901,969	+332,126	+0.67%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	36,586,886	39,338,875	(2,751,988)	(7.00%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	13,647,209	10,563,095	+3,084,115	+29.20%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	143,117	135,973	+7,144	+5.25%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,308	13,702	+606	+4.42%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	211,110,917	194,002,164	+17,108,753	+8.82%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	51,878,448	36,679,798	+15,198,651	+41.44%
Total NZRB Turnover	262,989,366	230,681,962	+32,307,404	+14.01%
NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 14 Sep)	35,598,745	34,881,023	+717,722	+2.06%
Total Races (to 14 Sep)	300	310	(10)	(3.23%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	118,662	112,519	+6,143	+5.46%

Meeting details:

- Avondale JC Wednesday meeting equivalent was run on a Monday in FY14; 10 races run this season, 8 last season.
- Gore RC Thursday meeting equivalent was on a Monday two weeks later in FY14; 7 races in FY15, 8 in FY14.
- Racing Taupo Friday meeting equivalent was on a Monday a week early in FY14; 7 races this season, 8 last.
- Hawke's Bay RI Saturday meeting ran 9 races this season, race 9 was abandoned last season due to track conditions.
- Counties RC meeting equivalent ran 9 races in FY15, 8 in FY14.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 0.7% year to date.
- 4 less meetings and 16 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
- Turnover per race is up 5.3%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 131, 3.6% less.

- Average field size is 10.00 in FY15, up from 9.92 in FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is 11 less than the season prior (58 v 69).
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 7.0%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 29.2%).
- Export turnover per race (\$NZ) is up 5.5% to 14 September.