

## **THURSDAY 28 MAY 2015**

### **FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH**

There is plenty of New Zealand Racing this Queen's Birthday weekend. Within the space of three days there are five race meetings across the country featuring \$817,000 in stake money, 527 acceptances and 46 races. The meetings provide ample variety with jumps racing featuring heavily on the Auckland Racing Club card on Monday, headlined by the \$50,000 Rheem NZ McGregor Grant Steeplechase and \$50,000 Faceup-Low Fees In Real Estate KS Browne Hurdle.

There are two black type races at Wanganui, being the WFA A G Challenge Stakes (1600m), and the Castletown Stakes (1200m) for 2 Year Olds.

Sunday will mark the return to Wingatui Racecourse and four jump events will round out the eleven races programmed.

New Zealand's raid on Queensland continues this Saturday. The \$500,000 Queensland Oaks over an adjusted 2200m, where the three year old fillies classic features Platinum Witness, Exquisite Jewel and No Tricks. New Zealand trained fillies have dominated the event since the year 2000 with Quintessential, Scarlett Lady, Miss Keepsake, Eskimo Queen, Ethereal and Giovana gracing the honours board.

New Zealand black type was highly valued at the Magic Millions Broodmare & Weanling sale. Former New Zealand Bloodstock Filly of the Year Fix was sold for \$1,250,000, Diademe was hammered down for \$740,000 and Former New Zealand Champion two year old Ruud Awakening went for \$675,000.

### **NZ RACING BOARD CONFIRMS 2015/16 CALENDAR**

The New Zealand Racing Board has released its 2015/16 racing calendar with a focus on delivering better value to the community and the wider racing industry.

Monetising the calendar is a key strategic focus over the coming year, and the NZ Racing Board is working closely with the Greyhound, Thoroughbred and Harness Codes on further shaping the calendar to maximise the potential from race meetings.

Harness Racing NZ has decided to consolidate in a bid to increase field sizes and improve the quality of racing. A total of four race meetings and 59 races have been removed from the 2015/16 season and the Auckland Trotting Cup has moved back to New Years Eve.

The number of Greyhound and Thoroughbred races is largely unchanged. Two of Thoroughbred's marquee races, the Auckland Cup and the Karaka Million, have moved dates in the calendar in an initiative that will improve community and industry attendance.

The 2015/16 calendar, comprising 1,060 meetings and 10,877 races across the three racing Codes, has been devised to optimise returns to the industry while recognising specific requirements for racing to reflect the importance of community engagement and alignment with international meetings.

Following is a summary of the key dates, features and changes to the 2015/16 racing calendar:

- Thoroughbred Spring Racing commences at Hastings on Saturday 29 August 2015 with the first day of the Hawke's Bay Spring Carnival
- New Zealand Cup and Show Week in Christchurch will run from 7 – 14 November 2015
- Auckland Trotting Cup returns to 31 December 2015 (from first week of March)
- Karaka Million Twilight Racing is on 24 January 2016
- Wellington Cup Day will be held on 30 January 2016
- Auckland Cup Week runs from 5 March to 12 March 2016
- The Harness Jewels take place at Cambridge on 4 June 2016

Printed 2015/16 racing calendar booklets will be available free from TAB retail outlets from mid-July.

## **LICENCE RENEWALS**

Licence renewal applications for ALL licence-holders for the 2015/16 season are now underway. Licence-holders are encouraged to renew on-line where possible.

Those with active email addresses received their licence renewal applications by email from NZTR earlier this week.

The licence renewal applications for those who do not have active email addresses are being posted out, and should be with recipients later next week.

If you have any questions concerning your licence renewal application, please contact the Licensing Department at NZTR on 04 576 6279 or [licensing@nzracing.co.nz](mailto:licensing@nzracing.co.nz)

## **FLAIR NATIONAL AMATEUR RIDERS' SERIES 2015**

After the second round of the Flair Amateur Riders' Series Scotty MacNab still tops the leader-board.

There are 13 rounds in the competition, as follows:

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|------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 1. Egmont 24 May       | 6. Manawatu 23 July                     |
| 2. Auckland 1 June     | 7. Canterbury 5 August                  |
| 3. Wellington 6 June   | 8. Te Aroha 9 August                    |
| 4. Otago 25 June       | 9. Pakuranga Hunt at Auckland 22 August |
| 5. Hawke's Bay 27 June | 10. Egmont 30 August                    |

11. Rotorua 13 September

12. Waikato 27 September

First Name	Surname	Hawke's Bay 7 May	Egmont 24 May	Total
Scotty	MacNab	10	5	<b>15</b>
Caley	Myers	3	7	<b>10</b>
Lisa	Kennedy		10	<b>10</b>
Harley	Cushing	7		<b>7</b>
Linda	Wheeler	5		<b>5</b>
Jamie-Lee	Lupton		3	<b>3</b>
Aaron	McDonald	2		<b>2</b>
Danielle	Hirini		2	<b>2</b>
Marita-Jane	Frith	1		<b>1</b>
Jonty	Reid		1	<b>1</b>

**Points:** 1st - 10; 2nd - 7; 3rd - 5; 4th - 3; 5th - 2; 6th - 1

### TURNOVER INFORMATION

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance + / ( )	Variance + % / ( % )
<b>Meetings</b>	281	291	(10)	(3.44%)
<b>Races</b>	2,384	2,427	(43)	(1.77%)
<b>Total Starts</b>	24,820	25,231	(411)	(1.63%)
<b>Avg Field Size</b>	10.411	10.396	+0.015	+0.15%
<b>Number of races less than 8 starters</b>	387	399	(12)	(3.01%)
<b>Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator &amp; FOB)</b>	344,867,015	333,895,363	+10,971,652	+3.29%
<b>On-Course Turnover (Totalisator &amp; FOB)</b>	30,637,560	32,049,873	(1,412,312)	(4.41%)
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	<b>375,504,575</b>	<b>365,945,236</b>	<b>+9,559,340</b>	<b>+2.61%</b>
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	266,157,998	279,085,906	(12,927,908)	(4.63%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	109,344,274	86,859,314	+22,484,960	+25.89%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race</b>	157,510	150,781	+6,729	+4.46%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter</b>	15,129	14,504	+625	+4.31%
<b>Total NZRB Racing Turnover</b>	1,411,973,856	1,264,787,274	+147,186,582	+11.64%

Subtotal NZ Racing Turnover	695,151,610	685,381,652	+9,769,958	+1.43%
Subtotal Imported Racing Turnover	716,822,246	579,405,622	+137,416,624	+23.72%
<b>Total NZRB Sports Turnover</b>	327,766,733	230,451,608	+97,315,125	+42.23%
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>1,739,740,589</b>	<b>1,495,238,882</b>	<b>+244,501,707</b>	<b>+16.35%</b>

<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 17 May)</b>	282,946,010	264,243,460	+18,702,550	+7.08%
<b>Total Races (to 17 May)</b>	2,327	2,372	(45)	(1.90%)
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race</b>	121,593	111,401	+10,191	+9.15%

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
20-May	Whangarei	96,922	110,341	924,678	766,513	420,516	284,155	11	10	135	106
21-May	Woodville	32,323	50,856	625,941	544,052	264,327	176,458	9	8	111	87
22-May	Oamaru	17,192	10,929	626,815	391,757	248,339	134,296	9	7	101	65
23-May	Auckland	116,187	154,681	1,330,094	1,381,566	491,218	389,127	10	10	102	121
23-May	Wellington	177,717	173,062	1,313,733	1,336,630	417,787	366,662	9	9	97	107
24-May	Egmont	46,749	32,385	537,213	491,710	206,003	163,579	9	8	86	91

Meeting details:

- Whangarei RC Wednesday meeting ran 11 races this season, 10 races last season.
- Woodville-Pahiatua RC Thursday meeting equivalent was run a week earlier in FY14; 9 races were run in FY15, 8 in FY14.
- Oamaru JC Friday meeting ran 9 races this season, 7 races last season.
- Egmont RC Sunday meeting equivalent was run on Monday in FY14; 9 races FY15, 8 in FY14.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 2.6% year to date.
- 10 less meetings and 43 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
- Turnover per race is up 4.5%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 411, 1.6 % less.
- Average field size is 10.411 in FY15, up slightly from 10.396 (+0.15%) in FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is 12 lower than the season prior (387 v 399).
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.6%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 25.9%).
- Export turnover (\$NZ) is up 9.2% per race to 17 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.