

**Friday 4 July 2014**

**FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH**

**THOROUGHBRED HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS – HAMILTON 14 AUGUST 2014**

The NZTR Awards Panel consisting of Brett Scelly, George Strickland, Dennis Ryan, Tim Barton and John Costello met early today to decide the finalists for each of the horse categories in this years Thoroughbred Horse of the Year awards. Each of the category finalists have been chosen based on their race performances for the 2013/14 season taking both New Zealand and International races into consideration. The finalists for the Jumper category will be announced shortly after the running of this years Wellington Steeplechase due to be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> July.

<b>Two Year Old</b>	<b>Three Year Old</b>	<b>Sprinter</b>	<b>Middle Distance</b>	<b>Stayer</b>	<b>Jumper</b>
Lady Royale	Bounding	Bounding	Dundeel	Graphic	TBC
O'Marilyn	Costa Viva	Irish Fling	Nashville	More Than Sacred	
Steel Rose	Kirramosa	Survived	Ransomed	Silent Achiever	
Vespa	Puccini	Veyron	Shuka	Who Shot Thebarman	
	Recite	Viadana	Silent Achiever		
	Rising Romance		Viadana		

**SOUTH CANTERBURY RC FRIDAY 11 JULY**

A reminder that the Fillies & Mares tag has been removed from the Maiden 1200m race Friday 11 July. This race will now be run as a straight Maiden 1200 with a \$7,000 stake.

A Benchmark rating 65 HCP 1200m \$7,000 has been added to the South Canterbury programme.

**WAIPA TRIALS**

As a result of the Tuesday 1 July Waipa Trials not going ahead, they have been re-scheduled to run on Tuesday 8 July. Nominations close for the trials 12 Noon Monday 7 July.

### PROVISIONAL DATES FOR UPCOMING NZTR REGIONAL MEETINGS

September 2014 Regional Meeting dates are provisional:

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:

14 August 2014: Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards Dinner, Hamilton  
6 November 2014: Racing Club Conference and NZTR AGM, Wellington.

### NZ RIDING FOR THE DISABLED 2<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GINGERBREAD HORSE CAMPAIGN

NZ Riding for the Disabled has launched its 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Gingerbread Horse Campaign, a community-led fundraising initiative which asks people to register as a Gingerbread Baker, bake and decorate some yummy Gingerbread Horse biscuits, then sell your biscuits to friends, family, workmates and the public during NZRDA Awareness Week (28th July), before finally donating the proceeds to RDA.. Find out more at [www.gingerbreadhorse.co.nz](http://www.gingerbreadhorse.co.nz). You receive a baking pack, which includes a horse-shaped cookie cutter, a recipe and decoration card, clear bags, stickers and inserts for wrapping up your Gingerbread Horse creations, advertising posters to sell your biscuits, and other information.

### TURNOVER INFORMATION (FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 15 JUNE 2014)

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
23-Jun	Rotorua, Racing	32,474	31,172	406,685	438,870	168,526	127,590	7	7	71	78
25-	Whakatane	24,708	38,573	505,546	547,705	185,141	166,281	7	8	70	86

<b>Jun</b>	<b>RC</b>										
<b>26-Jun</b>	<b>Otago RC</b>	12,300	-	309,739	-	135,913	-	7	-	50	-
<b>27-Jun</b>	<b>Stratford RC</b>	24,653	46,932	516,214	666,157	171,448	177,242	7	10	76	130
<b>28-Jun</b>	<b>Whangarei RC</b>	74,451	87,872	1,176,888	1,319,698	430,015	335,060	8	10	84	113
<b>28-Jun</b>	<b>Hawke's Bay RI</b>	104,917	113,804	1,174,936	1,104,223	370,366	255,332	10	10	118	112

<b>NZ Thoroughbred Summary</b>	<b>This Season, Year to Date</b>	<b>Last Season, Year to Date</b>	<b>Variance +/-</b>	<b>Variance +%/(-%)</b>
Meetings	322	331	(9)	(2.72%)
Races	2,685	2,783	(98)	(3.52%)
Total Starts	27,981	28,999	(1,018)	(3.51%)
Avg Field Size	10.42	10.42	+0.00	+0.01%
Number of races less than 8 starters	431	391	+40	+10.23%
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	363,929,528	365,991,854	(2,062,326)	(0.56%)
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	33,752,513	35,315,565	(1,563,052)	(4.43%)
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	<b>397,682,041</b>	<b>401,307,419</b>	<b>(3,625,378)</b>	<b>(0.90%)</b>
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	302,997,940	317,195,209	(14,197,269)	(4.48%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	94,684,086	84,112,210	+10,571,876	+12.57%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	148,112	144,200	+3,913	+2.71%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,213	13,839	+374	+2.70%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,407,943,761	1,364,789,227	+43,154,534	+3.16%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	277,951,371	227,380,574	+50,570,797	+22.24%
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>1,685,895,132</b>	<b>1,592,169,801</b>	<b>+93,725,331</b>	<b>+5.89%</b>
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 22 Jun)</b>	<b>286,609,494</b>	<b>336,991,434</b>	<b>(50,381,939)</b>	<b>(14.95%)</b>
<b>Total Races (to 22 Jun)</b>	<b>2,639</b>	<b>2,728</b>	<b>(89)</b>	<b>(3.26%)</b>
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race</b>	<b>108,605</b>	<b>123,531</b>	<b>(14,925)</b>	<b>(12.08%)</b>

Meeting details:

- Whakatane RC Wednesday meeting ran 7 races in FY14, 8 in FY13.
- Otago RC Thursday meeting had no direct equivalent meeting in FY13.
- Stratford RC Friday meeting equivalent was a Thursday last season; 7 races this season, 10 races last season.
- Whangarei RC Saturday meeting ran 8 races in FY14, 10 races in FY13.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is down 0.9% year to date.
- With 98 less races than run over the same period last season, turnover per race has actually increased, up 2.7%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 1,018, 3.5% less.
- Average field size is 10.42 in FY14, the same as FY13 year to date.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is now 40 higher than a season ago.
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.5%) has been partly offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 12.6%).
- \$NZ export turnover per race to 22 June is down (12.1%). The variance in the \$NZ/\$A exchange rate is responsible for a large proportion of this decline. The remainder, as well as the absence of any growth, appears to have resulted from the loss of coverage on Sky 1 in Australia for midweek races run after 2pm.