

THURSDAY 5th FEBRUARY 2015

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

The Racing industry lost one of its sons on Tuesday. Steven John Anderton will be greatly missed. He was the trainer of Group One Winning mare The Jewel, who achieved outstanding success in the North Island and Australia. He was relatively young for a trainer and The Diamond One will be a sentimental favourite in the \$70,000 White Robe Lodge In Memory of Steve Anderton Handicap. Our thoughts are with his wife Claire and two children.

Waikato R.C. International Day showcases a plethora of features. The \$300,000 Group One Herbie Dyke Stakes includes a showdown between Soriano and Shuka. The \$200,000 NRM Sprint is always a highlight. The race has past winners of the Telegraph, 2000 and 1000 guineas and over the distance of 1400m, the race should provide an exciting finish. The \$100,000 Cambridge Stud Sir Tristram Fillies Classic has a distinguished list of past winners that include King's Rose, Katie Lee and Zurella. The race features star fillies Platinum Witness, Saavoya, Vavasour and Tavy. Platinum Witness will look to continue her dominating form in the New Zealand Bloodstock Filly of the Year series. She currently leads the series at 18 points, while rival Saavoya is second at 16.

TV3 New Zealand Derby and Wellfield New Zealand Oaks 2nd withdrawals were processed at the National Racing Bureau this week. The TAB have adjusted their fixed odds markets accordingly, derby highlights include: Volkstok'n' barrell \$2.50, Mongolian Khan \$5, Gaultier \$10 and Rockfast \$12.

The Karaka sales finished on Sunday with 1364 lots catalogued this year, 898 were sold for \$67,388,650, an increase in the overall average (3%) of \$75,043. The median also held strong at \$45,000. The clearance rate stood at 75%.

KARAKA OPEN DAY

Last night saw the inaugural Karaka Open Day hosted by New Zealand Bloodstock at the Karaka sales complex. The evening offered potential owners the opportunity to enjoy a drink in a relaxed atmosphere whilst meeting industry experts and syndicators. Host Aidan Rodley was joined by a discussion panel that included Hamish Bond, Nathan Cohen, Mark Chittick and Sir Colin Meads.

The experience included the opportunity to view the recent purchases of the some of New Zealand's registered syndicators.

If you missed the event but are looking to become involved in Ownership you can view current opportunities at - <http://www.nzracing.co.nz/The-Guide/Ownership/Syndication-Opportunities.aspx>

TARANAKI INTERTRACK INVESTORS COMPETITION – PUKEKURA RACEWAY SATURDAY 14th FEBRUARY

Registrations for the Taranaki Intertrack Investors Competition (1st Prize \$4,000) are progressing well.

This great social day of Premier Racing Action is at Pukekura Raceway Saturday February 14th featuring the Hooker Pacific Taranaki Cup.

Information on this fun competition is available by contacting taranakiracing@xtra.co.nz

CHAMPIONS DAY FRIDAY 6th FEBRUARY

This Friday, Waitangi Day, will witness the rescheduled running of the popular Champions Day race meeting at Wingatui Racecourse.

Gates open at 10.30am and admission is free.

There is a 10 race programme, with the first event due to start at 12.09pm.

Steve Anderton To Be Remembered

Patrons on the day will be asked to observe a minutes silence at 3.45pm in memory of Steve Anderton, the Wingatui racehorse trainer, who passed away on Tuesday, aged only 43.

The feature race of the day, the \$70,000 Group 3 White Robe Lodge Handicap, will also be run in his honour. For the many racegoers who hold fond memories of Steve and wish to share them, there will be a tribute book located outside the Presidents Room for you contribute to.

Steve Anderton trained last year's White Robe Lodge winner, The Diamond One and the talented 5-year-old mare is attempting to secure back to back successes. Leading New Zealand apprentice, Rory Hutchings, who has ridden 42 winners this season, is booked to take the ride.

The Racing

Prize money at this Premier grade fixture is in excess of \$300,000 and to complement the White Robe Lodge, the meeting also features the ABC Business Sales Dunedin Guineas and the Fire and Mechanical Listed Dunedin Gold Cup, both staked at \$50,000. Peter Lyon Shearing sponsor the Premier Sprint, valued at \$40,000. A fantastic day of racing looks assured.

Remedial work has been carried out on the track following Saturday's abandoned meeting and the much needed rain should ensure a true racing surface.

Punter of the Year

The Otago Punter of the Year competition will be re-run for both teams and individuals and we urge your participation in this fun event. There are some great prizes up for grabs.

The Club's resident tipster, Trackspy will be assisting with the Punters Club. His selections this season are running at over 30% for winners.

More Information

For more info contact the Otago Racing Club - 03 489 6233 or email; theracecourse@wingatui.co.nz

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
26-Jan	Whakatane	120,481	124,774	678,381	766,441	274,902	212,631	8	8	74	79
28-Jan	Ashburton	9,226	14,837	368,463	361,065	157,613	133,020	6	6	53	57
29-Jan	Hawke's Bay	42,557	25,281	551,167	479,356	280,223	212,925	8	7	68	57
30-Jan	Taranaki	74,551	70,763	542,840	649,997	315,407	277,907	8	7	66	69
31-Jan	Waikato	113,047	148,291	1,723,092	1,625,863	768,543	572,966	9	9	89	103
31-Jan	Otago	21,634	128,965	118,317	1,959,614	39,400	477,318	1	10	15	142

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Meetings	177	186	(9)	(4.84%)
Races	1,499	1,544	(45)	(2.91%)
Total Starts	15,842	16,269	(427)	(2.62%)
Avg Field Size	10.57	10.54	+0.03	+0.30%
Number of races less than 8 starters	222	236	(14)	(5.93%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	227,442,622	222,840,167	+4,602,454	+2.07%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	22,319,624	22,829,984	(510,359)	(2.24%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	249,762,246	245,670,151	+4,092,095	+1.67%

Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	180,344,296	189,033,693	(8,689,397)	(4.60%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	68,991,145	56,636,443	+12,354,703	+21.81%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	166,619	159,113	+7,506	+4.72%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	15,766	15,101	+665	+4.41%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	897,822,472	814,870,441	+82,952,031	+10.18%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	183,236,780	138,822,569	+44,414,211	+31.99%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,081,059,252	953,693,010	+127,366,242	+13.36%

NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 25 Jan)	186,649,142	175,621,835	+11,027,307	+6.28%
Total Races (to 25 Jan)	1,459	1,498	(39)	(2.60%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	127,930	117,238	+10,692	+9.12%

Meeting details:

- Hawke's Bay RI Thursday meeting ran 8 races this season, 7 last season.
- Taranaki TRI Friday meeting equivalent ran on a Sunday in FY14; 8 races this year, 7 last.
- Otago RC Saturday meeting was abandoned after race 1 due to the state of the track. The meeting was postponed until Waitangi Day. 10 races were run in FY14.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 1.7% year to date.
- 9 less meetings and 45 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
- Turnover per race is up 4.7%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 427, 2.6% less.
- Average field size is 10.57 in FY15, up from 10.54 in FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is 14 less than the season prior (222 v 236).
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.6%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 21.8%).
- Export turnover per race (\$NZ) is up 9.1% to 25 January.

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 NZ thoroughbred, harness, greyhound plus all imported thoroughbred, harness and greyhound turnover; combined with sports this provides the total NZRB turnover. NZ thoroughbred export turnovers are stated in \$NZ, generally up to a week or two behind other turnover numbers.

