

FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 2015

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

Saturday is the final day of Grand National week and promises to deliver with exceptional fields.

The \$75,000 Racecourse Hotel & Motor Lodge 141st Grand National Steeplechase will see 12 runners vying for the prestige jumping classic. The race starts at 2.17pm and the gruelling 5600m contest features runners from all over the country.

The \$40,000 Christchurch Casino Winter Classic will complement flat racing enthusiasts with a strong 17 horse field.

The Victorian Spring Carnival (excluding the Melbourne Cup) 1st nominations closed on Tuesday. The likes of Volkstok'N'Barrell, Mongolian Khan, Maygrove, Puccini, Rock Diva, Savaria, Dal Cielo and Ponderosa Miss are representing the country. New Zealand trained runners have a strong history in Melbourne with greats such as Bonecrusher, Sunline and Ethereal gracing the honours board.

The Egmont RC meeting that was abandoned yesterday (Thursday 6 August) has been re-scheduled to run on Monday 10 August. This decision was made by NZTR in conjunction with the Central Programming Committee and the Egmont Racing Club.

In order to include the final 2014/15 season statistics, the August issue of *Thoroughbred Racing Monthly* will be posted to readers next Monday, 10 August.

New Zealand Thoroughbred Horse of The Year function tickets are still available. The event will take place at the Claudelands Event Centre in Hamilton on Thursday 13 August. Book tickets here <http://form.jotform.co/form/51806897632870> or contact: KJ Smith at Verve 04 499 6909 or kj@verve.co.nz

NEW AWARD TO BE PRESENTED AT THOROUGHBRED HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) has announced the 21 Awards to be presented next Thursday, 13 August at the 2014-15 Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards to be held at the Claudelands Events Centre, Hamilton. The three Premiership trophies, for Owner, Trainer and Jockey, will also be presented at the Awards Dinner.

A new Award will be presented at the dinner for the first time – Award for Outstanding Global Achievement.

Matthew Goodson announced the Award today stating: "This Award recognises truly outstanding achievement on the world stage. With the globalisation of thoroughbred racing, it celebrates achievement above and beyond the New Zealand and Australian focus of the existing and long-standing awards."

"It is awarded at the discretion of the NZTR Chairman after consultation and may not be awarded every year."

This Award is in addition to the Award for Outstanding Contribution to New Zealand Racing which the NZTR Board has conferred for the past 24 years on those who have made significant and positive long-term contributions to New Zealand Thoroughbred racing.

**GROSVENOR
AWARD**
(Earnings in NZ)

There are no finalists for this Award. To be determined at the end of the season and presented at the Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards Dinner.

DEWAR AWARD
(Earnings in Australasia)

There are no finalists for this Award. To be determined at the end of the season and presented at the Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards Dinner.

**CENTAINÉ
AWARD**
(Earnings worldwide)

There are no finalists for this Award. To be determined at the end of the season and presented at the Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards Dinner.

**BROODMARE OF
THE YEAR**

1. **Exodus** (NZ) by Kaapstad out of Lady Genesis – dam of Aerovelocity
2. **Mica's Pride** (AUS) by Bite the Bullet out of Gainesville – dam of Criterion
3. **Parfore** (NZ) by Gold Brose out of Classy Twiggy – dam of Terravista & Tiger Tees

**BREEDER OF
THE YEAR**

1. **Graham and Helen-Gaye Bax** – breeders of Lucia Valentina and Pasadena Girl
2. **Garry Chittick/Waikato Stud** – breeders of Sacred Falls, Costume, Diademe & I Do
3. **IDL Breeding Ltd (Dominic Li)** – breeder of Volkstok'N'Barrell & Sauvito
4. **Monovale Holdings Ltd (Paul and Cushla Smithies)** – breeders of Platinum Witness & Puccini

**NZ BLOOD-
STOCK FILLY OF
THE YEAR**

Platinum Witness – The 2015 New Zealand Bloodstock Filly of the Year is Platinum Witness (California Dane – Chartreuse) owned by John Street and Neville McAlister, and trained by Lisa Latta. Lisa Latta purchased Platinum Witness at the 2013 Karaka Select Yearling Sale for \$55,000 from Monovale Farm. Platinum Witness has earned \$387,775 with four wins from 14 starts.

MEDIA AWARD

1. **Brenda Collins** – The driving force behind NZ Thoroughbred Magazine for nearly a decade, Brenda has opened up the audience base by making it accessible to on-line readers. Her magazine, featuring news and stories about both the horses and people surrounding them, also includes historic features, industry news and entertainment.
2. **Des Coppins** – Des brings a considerable repertoire to Radio Trackside. His historical perspective, knowledge of the horses currently racing, and rapport with all involved with the industry adds depth to his interviews. An outstanding year for Des with a new show on Monday mornings reviewing the weekend highlights and the week ahead.
3. **Steve Davis** – Steve continues a wide body of work with his sixth year hosting Off the Track, Trackside's popular in-depth interviews that delve behind the headlines into the lives of some of the most compelling figures in racing. Steve's work as an interviewer and presenter is across a number of

shows, including The First Call.

4. Brendan Popplewell – With a decade of excellence under his belt at Trackside, Brendan has become the recognised host of New Zealand’s premier racing action. He now draws upon his experience, and rapport with the industry’s participants, to gain the best information from his interviews, and present racing in a compelling light.

5. Matt Smith – Matt’s outstanding work at the Otago Daily Times has kept readers up to date and entertained throughout the season. From his evaluation of the year to in-depth features on the industry’s leading lights, he has showcased South Island racing.

**MCBEATH
APPRENTICE
JOCKEY OF THE
YEAR**

Rory Hutchings – currently he has 75 wins including 6 Group and Listed Races, 57 seconds and 76 thirds from 687 starts with a strike rate of 9.16, and won \$1,749,027 in stakes

**JUMPS JOCKEY
OF THE YEAR**

1. **Michael Mitchell** - Premiership Winner (wins) & Most Stake Money Won
2. **Charlie Stud** - Most Prestige Jump Races Won
No nominations from the NZ Jumps Inc

**JOCKEY OF THE
YEAR**

1. **Matthew Cameron** - Premiership Winner (wins)
2. **Opie Bosson** - Most Group & Listed Races Won & Most Stake Money Won
3. **Danielle Johnson** - Nominated by the NZ Jockeys’ Association

**TRAINER OF
THE YEAR**
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Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman - Premiership Winner (Wins), Most Stake Money Won & Most Group & Listed Races Won
No nominations from the NZ Trainers’ Association

**OWNER OF THE
YEAR**

Inner Mongolia Rider Horse Industry (NZ) Ltd
Sir Peter Vela
Miss D Howell
Lincoln Farms Ltd & N J McAlister
Monovale Holdings Ltd
A R Chisholm, A, N & S Egan, G Lamperd & M McKernan
G J Chittick
B J Lindsay MNZM & Mrs J E A Lindsay
Raffles Thoroughbred Racing
A G, K J, M C & P R Dennis
Scott Richardson Bloodstock Ltd

**CHAMPION
JUMPER**

1. **Amanood Lad**
2. **Mr Mor**
3. **Sea King**
4. **Wee Biskit**

**CHAMPION TWO
YEAR OLD**

1. **Dal Cielo**
2. **Marky Mark**
3. **Rocanto**
4. **Serena Miss**

CHAMPION

1. **Mongolian Khan**

**THREE
YEAR OLD**

2. **Platinum Witness**
3. **Turn Me Loose**
4. **Volkstok'n'barrell**
5. **Werther**

**CHAMPION
SPRINTER
(-1500M)**

1. **I Do**
2. **In Style**
3. **Sacred Star**
4. **Whosyourmaster**

**CHAMPION
MIDDLE
DISTANCE
HORSE
(1501-2100M)**

1. **Iamishwara**
2. **Puccini**
3. **Sakhee's Soldier**
4. **Silent Achiever**
5. **Soriano**

**CHAMPION
STAYER
(2101M +)**

1. **Maygrove**
2. **Mongolian Khan**
3. **Rising Romance**
4. **Rock Diva**
5. **Werther**

**OUTSTANDING
GLOBAL
ACHIEVEMENT**

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**OUTSTANDING
CONTRIBUTION
TO NZ RACING**

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**HORSE OF THE
YEAR**

Finalists for the NZTR Horse Of The Year Award comprise finalists in all horses-in-training categories

DAFFODIL RACE DAY IS BACK

Hawke's Bay Racing and Westbury Stud are once again joining forces for the Makfi Challenge Stakes - Daffodil Race Day on Saturday 29th August.

The Makfi is the first group one race of the season and traditionally falls the day after Daffodil Day – the day when more than five hundred volunteers hit the streets of Hawke's Bay to collect donations for the Cancer Society.

Incoming CEO Andrew Castles says this year Hawke's Bay Racing will host 'High Tea at the Races' - a free event for Hawke's Bay Cancer Society volunteers.

"These volunteers work tirelessly for cancer patients, their families and carers. This is our way of saying thank you for their time, commitment and hard work."

Once again some of the biggest names in New Zealand racing are getting behind the event.

One jockey in every race on the day will wear the Cancer Society colours and every time one of those horses wins, the TAB will donate \$1,000.

Entry to the course is by donation to the Cancer Society. Race goers can also give money to collectors around the track or online at www.daffodilday.org.nz.

“In its first year, Daffodil Race Day raised an amazing \$20,000 so to have it back again with this show of support for our volunteers is very special,” says Cancer Society Hawke’s Bay spokeswoman Trudy Kirk.

Makfi Challenge Stakes - Daffodil Race Day is the family day of the Spring Racing Carnival and there will be plenty of fun and free children’s entertainment and live music for Mum and Dad.

It kicks off the Spring Carnival with the Windsor Park Plate on September 19 and the Livamol Classic on October 3.

RACING SAFETY DEVELOPMENT FUND OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The next round of applications for the Racing Safety Development Fund has opened.

The fund supports projects around the country for improving racecourse health and safety standards. In the past this has included improvements for safety running rails, irrigation and drainage, swabbing boxes, and grandstand repairs.

The fund can also support projects that improve the health and safety of the racing animals, riders, spectators, and officials. Many of these facilities are public places and widely used by the community in rural areas, outside of racing events as well as at race days.

Two rounds of funding are held each year with a total of \$1 million available. All racing clubs and code bodies may apply for funding. On-line applications must be submitted by 23 September 2015. Further information is available from: www.communitymatters.govt.nz and Racing Safety Development Fund - dia.govt.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
29-Jul	Waipa	20,079	-	571,248	-	244,794	-	9	-	92	-
30-Jul	Waverley	20,313	25,273	484,234	623,779	193,258	230,343	7	7	73	84
31-Jul	Avondale	23,419	21,609	475,339	473,795	258,687	206,790	7	7	64	61

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/()	Variance +%/ (%)
Meetings	337	345	(8)	(2.32%)
Races	2,848	2,875	(27)	(0.94%)
Total Starts	29,749	30,031	(282)	(0.94%)
Avg Field Size	10.446	10.446	+0.000	+0.00%
Number of races less than 8 starters	453	454	(1)	(0.22%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	397,396,916	387,634,708	+9,762,208	+2.52%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	33,515,214	35,043,979	(1,528,764)	(4.36%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	430,912,130	422,678,686	+8,233,444	+1.95%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	306,739,246	321,697,560	(14,958,314)	(4.65%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	125,513,234	100,981,111	+24,532,123	+24.29%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	151,303	147,019	+4,285	+2.91%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,485	14,075	+410	+2.91%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,689,562,261	1,527,098,531	+162,463,730	+10.64%
Subtotal NZ Racing Turnover	813,785,102	807,785,547	+5,999,555	+0.74%
Subtotal Imported Racing Turnover	875,777,159	719,312,984	+156,464,175	+21.75%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	405,337,638	315,863,282	+89,474,356	+28.33%
Total NZRB Turnover	2,094,899,899	1,842,961,813	+251,938,086	+13.67%

NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 26 Jul)	327,478,402	307,202,265	+20,276,137	+6.60%
Total Races (to 26 Jul)	2,825	2,851	(26)	(0.91%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	115,922	107,752	+8,169	+7.58%

Meeting details:

1. Waipa RC Wednesday meeting equivalent was scheduled at Counties on a Monday in mid-July last season, but abandoned due to the state of the track; 9 races this season.
2. Avondale JC Friday 31 July 2015 equivalent meeting was also run on the first day of FY15, 1 August 2014.

Turnover summary notes:

1. Total NZ thoroughbred turnover for the 2014/2015 season was up 2.0%.
2. 8 less meetings and 27 less races were run compared to last season.

3. Turnover per race was up 2.9%.
4. Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ were down 282, 0.9 % less.
5. Average field size was 10.446 in FY15, exactly the same as in FY14.
6. The number of races with less than 8 starters was 1 lower than last season (453 v 454).
7. The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.7%) was offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 24.3%).
8. Export turnover (\$NZ) was up 7.6% per race to 26 July.

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 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.