



Tuesday 17 January 2012

NZTR National Fillies and Mares Series

As part of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing's strategy to reposition the industry, a new National Series of restricted class Fillies and Mares races have been programmed to commence from 1 March, 2012.

A total of 30 \$12,000 midweek races for Fillies and Mares will be scheduled between March and the end of the current season.

NZTR Chief Executive Greg Purcell said: "The NZTR Board is committed to developing opportunities for fillies and mares long term and NZTR will continue to work with the Clubs and the Regional Programming Committees to provide a schedule of 80 \$12,000 midweek Fillies and Mares races nationally in the 2012-13 season."

Across a full season it is envisaged that there will be a minimum of \$1.2 million in advertised prizemoney attached to the 80 midweek and 10 Saturday Fillies and Mares races that will be held.

Please [click here](#) for full information.

David Bennett Passing

The Board and Management of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing are very saddened to learn of the passing of well known Palmerston North racing administrator David Bennett.

David died while competing in the Taupo 2.5km Epic Swim on Saturday afternoon. Aged 54 David was the immediate past chairman of the RACE Inc Group of Clubs and a Past President of the Manawatu Racing Club. He was a very well known and respected racing administrator, who had raced numerous horses with considerable success both here and in Australia, a number in partnership with his cousin Guy Sargent, the former Chairman of NZTR.

NZTR extends its sincere condolences to David's wife Estelle, his daughters and family and many friends on their sad loss.

Reefton at Riccarton Park on 1 February 2012

The racemeeting to be held at Riccarton Park Racecourse on Wednesday 1 February 2012 will now be run under the auspices of the Reefton Jockey Club.

The New Zealand Racing Board approved the change of licence on Monday 16 January 2012.

The Canterbury Jockey Club has agreed to the transfer of the date to the Reefton Jockey Club to enable that Club to have a racing opportunity following the abandonment of its racemeeting on Wednesday 4 January 2012.

The programme will remain as published in the *Thoroughbred Racing Monthly* and South Island Racing Programme booklet in respect of ratings and distances but the Reefton Jockey Club, with the support of its sponsors, is able to announce that stake increases will apply to each race.

The programme is therefore as follows:

Rating 85 1200m \$9,500 (\$5,938, \$1,900, \$950, \$475, \$237) Acc \$81.94

Rating 75	1800m	\$8,500 (\$5,313, \$1,700, \$850, \$425, \$212)
Rating 75	1400m	\$8,500 (\$5,313, \$1,700, \$850, \$425, \$212)
Rating 65	2000m	\$7,000 (\$4,375, \$1,400, \$700, \$350, \$175)
Rating 65	1400m	\$7,000 (\$4,375, \$1,400, \$700, \$350, \$175)
Maiden	2000m	\$6,500 (\$4,063, \$1,300, \$650, \$325, \$162)
Maiden	1400m	\$6,500 (\$4,063, \$1,300, \$650, \$325, \$162)
Maiden	1100m	\$6,500 (\$4,063, \$1,300, \$650, \$325, \$162)
2YO	800m	\$7,000 (\$4,375, \$1,400, \$700, \$350, \$175)

All other details as advertised in the *Thoroughbred Racing Monthly* remain unchanged. The Reefton Jockey Club records its gratitude for the Canterbury Jockey Club's co-operation and assistance in facilitating a replacement raceday for its abandoned meeting.

Wairarapa RC, 6 February – Stake Increase

The Wairarapa RC has increased the stake for the Wairarapa Cup – Rating 85 Benchmark 2050m, to be run on Monday 6 Feb 2012, to \$15,000. This is a \$3,000 increase on the stake originally advertised.

Trials - Canterbury Region - Venue Swap

Due to remedial work being planned for the Phar Lap Raceway at the end of February the venues for the next two sets of Trials in the Canterbury region have been swapped.

The next two trials are now as follows:

Tuesday 7 Feb	Phar Lap Raceway
Tuesday 28 Feb	Motukarara Racecourse

Feature Race Nominations and Withdrawals Information

Wellington RC

Final late noms for the Pacific Jewellers Wellington Cup and Harcourts Thorndon Mile close with the National Racing Bureau on Tuesday 24 January at 12 noon.

The Oaks Stud 104th Manawatu Sires Produce Stakes - Saturday 31 March

First nominations for The Oaks Stud 104th Sires Produce Stakes close with the National Racing Bureau on Tuesday 14 February at 4 pm. Nomination fee is \$287.50.

Please [click here](#) for full information.

Next Weeks' Media Bulletin

As a consequence of next Monday 23 January being Wellington Anniversary Day, next week's Media Bulletin will be published on **Wednesday 25 January**.

Turnover Information for the Period ending 15 January 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								11-12	10-11
9/1	Kumara (1)	120,572	66.6%	975,389	26.8%	216,623	22.6%	123	7.9%
12/1	Westland (2)	72,125	27.4%	612,154	16.7%	136,607	41.0%	102	8.5%
12/1	Waikato	53,514	14.7%	606,824	29.2%	174,180	1.5%	84	15.2%
13/1	Paeroa	62,466	8.0%	605,976	10.2%	145,701	8.8%	76	18.3%
14/1	Marton	183,454	18.1%	1,802,654	7.9%	287,010	11.7%	123	2.4%
14/1	Greymouth (3)	86,037	38.3%	791,736	12.7%	161,991	26.8%	90	12.6%
14/1	Auckland	146,268	3.4%	1,240,705	3.3%	276,739	1.4%	96	5.9%
15/1	Hawke's Bay	53,374		761,410		140,549		99	

- (1) Kumara RC; transferred to Monday from previous Saturday where meeting had been postponed due to slippery track conditions.
- (2) Westland RC; 11 races this year, in comparison with 10 races last year. Meeting was postponed from Wednesday until Thursday due to slippery tack conditions.
- (3) Greymouth RC; meeting detrimentally affected by poor weather and heavy track conditions.

Racing turnover was up 10.2% (+\$2.59m) for the week, Racing Tote was up 7.1% (+\$1.61m) with Domestic tote up 1.5% (+\$232k).

Domestic thoroughbreds up 3.2% (+\$252k) with an additional meeting and 13 more races (+20%) with Kumara on Monday having been moved into this week. Consequently horse starts were up 12.0%, with field sizes 0.7 starters a race less than in the same week last year.

The Listed Marton Cup at Awapuni on Saturday was the largest betting race for the week with turnover (tote and fob) of \$265k, down 18.2% on last year (four less starters this year). Interestingly the Kumara Gold Nuggets still made the top ten for the week despite having been run on the Monday; at \$179k was down 35% on last year.

Thoroughbred Summary – 11/12 Year to Date 1 August 2011 – 15 January 2012

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Races	1,469	1,489	(20)	(1.34%)
Starters	15,425	15,858	(433)	(2.73%)
Avg Field Size	10.50	10.65	(0.15)	(1.41%)
Off-Course Turnover	159,503,412	171,383,268	(11,879,856)	(6.93%)
On-Course Turnover	19,168,705	22,005,138	(2,836,433)	(12.89%)
Total Totalisator Turnover	178,672,117	193,388,406	(14,716,289)	(7.61%)
Fixed Odds	31,232,557	29,089,770	+2,142,787	+7.37%
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	209,904,674	222,478,176	(12,573,502)	(5.65%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	142,889	149,414	(6,525)	(4.37%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	13,608	14,029	(421)	(3.00%)
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	653,444,348	659,622,629	(6,178,282)	(0.94%)
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	111,593,393	78,042,022	+33,551,371	+42.99%
Total NZRB Turnover	765,037,741	737,664,652	+27,373,089	+3.71%

Note: NZRB supplied On-course Turnover total represents On-course turnover placed on NZ thoroughbred meetings from all on-course venues. 'Total' NZ Thoroughbred turnover figure includes Off-course (including Pick 6), On-course (NZRB figure as commented above) and all Fixed Odds Turnover. All Turnover figures are supplied by the NZRB.

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