



Wednesday 11 April 2012

Important Notice – Changes to Northern Region Programmes

The recent decision to defer the resumption of racing at Avondale has resulted in some changes to the programmes contained in the latest Programme Booklets and the April issue of the *Thoroughbred Racing Monthly*. These changes affect the following race meeting licenses:

- Monday 16 April was previously Counties RC is now Waipa RC
- Wednesday 25 April was previously Avondale JC at Avondale is now Avondale JC at Counties
- Wednesday 2 May was previously Avondale JC is now Whangarei RC
- Wednesday 23 May was previously Avondale JC is now Waipa RC

Full details of the amendments can be obtained from the Racing Calendar on the NZTR website or by contacting the National Racing Bureau. Printing and publishing deadlines unfortunately precluded the inclusion of these changes in the April issue of the *Thoroughbred Racing Monthly*.

All details (stakes, distances etc) pertaining to the 25 April and 2 May programmes remain unaltered.

Changes to the distances at the 16 April and 23 May (now) Waipa RC licenses are as follows:

16 April 2012 – Now Waipa RC

\$7,000 Rating 65 1150m	(previously 1200m)
\$7,000 Maiden 2000m	(previously 2200m)
\$7,000 Maiden 1580m	(previously 1600m)
\$7,000 Maiden 1400m	(no change)
\$7,000 Maiden 1150m	(previously 1200m)
\$7,000 Maiden 3YO 1580m	(previously 1600m)
\$7,000 Maiden 2YO 1150m	(previously 1200m)

23 May 2012 – Now Waipa RC

\$8,000 Rating 75 2000m	(previously 2200m)
\$8,000 Rating 75 1150m	(previously 1200m)
\$7,000 Rating 65 1580m	(previously 1600m)
\$7,000 Maiden 1580m	(previously 1600m)
\$7,000 Maiden 1580m	(previously 1600m)
\$7,000 Maiden 1400m* App Riders	(no change)
\$7,000 Maiden 1150m	(previously 1200m)
\$7,000 Maiden 3YO 1580m	(previously 1600m)
\$7,000 Maiden 2YO 850m	(previously 800m)

All other conditions pertaining to these two meetings remain unaltered.

Text TrackWalk to 2427, now live

On Easter Monday 9 April, commencing at the Gore Racecourse, Lance O'Sullivan, Simon Cooper, Andre Klein and Jason Fleming started their attempt to run round all 51 thoroughbred racecourses in New Zealand in 6 days, raising funds for the CatWalk Spinal Cord Injury Trust www.catwalk.org.nz

They will finish at Ellerslie Racecourse in Auckland this coming Saturday on Easter Handicap Race Day.

The Text Campaign is now live. You can text **TrackWalk to 2427** to donate \$3 to TrackWalk for CatWalk.

Click on www.fundraiseonline.co.nz/trackwalk/ to make a donation online.

The itinerary and route are at www.nzracing.co.nz where you can also see progress reports.

They were travelling “well within themselves” on Day Three at 8.30am this morning when completing a circuit of the 2.2km Trentham track. By the end of today they will have travelled up the West Coast of the North Island with the last track run today being Pukekura Raceway, New Plymouth.

Riding Master - Central Districts Apprentice Academy

Working alongside the Apprentice Jockey Mentor and the Apprentice Academy Director, the Riding Master will play an important role in the development of the riding skills of our Apprentices.

A hands-on role, you will undertake instruction on the sprung horse, providing feedback and guidance on riding technique. You will also review race day footage and ensure Apprentices are aware of new riding techniques and changing race day requirements.

This role contributes to the overall success of our Apprentices and the thoroughbred racing industry as a whole. This paid position requires the commitment of attending Apprentice Academy on a fortnightly basis.

For further information or to submit your application, please contact Deb Bragger on 04 576 6271 or email deb.bragger@nzracing.co.nz

The Great Kiwi Rural Expo Raceday

The Woodville-Pahiatua Racing Club is delighted to announce that the inaugural “Great Kiwi Rural Expo Raceday” will be held at the Woodville racecourse on Thursday 19 April 2012.

Aimed at the farming community the day will feature all sorts of rural activities including Trade Stalls, Jack Russell racing, a Designer Gumboot Competition and much more. Other attractions include fashion displays, children’s entertainment and of course 8 exciting races.

Entry to the course and all the attractions are free, as is entry to the Members stand where patrons will be kept entertained with spot prizes, raffles and a Punters Club, with guest selector local racing expert Brent Wall.

The indoor activities will be hosted by well known racehorse syndicator Albert Bosma, who will also be syndicating racing shares in a very exciting filly to be trained at Woodville by Stephen Marsh, plus the Tui girls will be there to serve things up with a smile.

So be sure to hang up the working boots for the day, give the kids something to do in the school holidays and head along to the Great Kiwi Rural Raceday – Thursday 19 April 2012 at the Woodville racecourse.

The action starts from 12 noon.

Amateur Riders Series 2012

This year’s Amateur Riders Series commences at Paeroa on Monday 14 May and will culminate with the running of prestigious Duke of Gloucester Cup for amateur riders on National Jumps at Te Rapa on Sunday 30 September.

NZTR is keen to see the amateur riders series gain a higher profile and will provide an opportunity for interested and potential amateur riders to attend a series of amateur rider’s workshops.

The workshops will be held regionally at NZTR’s apprentice academies and will be run by jockey mentors Tommy Hazlett and Will Harnett, along with the input of the riding master in each region. This will provide a valuable opportunity for all current and prospective amateur riders to hone their riding skills.

Workshops will be held between 5 pm and 7 pm as follows:

- Tuesday 24 April Pukekohe
- Tuesday 1 May at Cambridge
- Monday 7 May at Awapuni
- Monday 28 May at Riccarton (2.30 - 4.30 pm)
- Tuesday 29 May at Wingatui

All those wishing to attend are asked to RSVP to the National Racing Bureau on 0508 722 464 by 17 April to confirm session times and arrangements.

NZTR Amateur Rider Races Scheduled:

Paeroa RC	Mon 14 May	Rating 65 2200m
Hawke's Bay RI	Thu 24 May	Rating 65 2000m
Otago RC	Sun 10 Jun	Maiden 1600m
Racing Te Aroha	Wed 13 Jun	Maiden 2200m
Wanganui JC	Thu 12 Jul	Rating 65 2040m
Paeroa RC	Wed 25 Jul	Rating 65 2100m
Oamaru JC	Mon 30 Jul	Rating 65 & Jumpers 2200m
Egmont RC	Thu 16 Aug	Rating 65 & Jumpers 2100m
Pakuranga Hunt	Sat 25 Aug	Rating 65 & Jumpers 2200m
Rotorua BOP Hunt	Wed 19 Sep	Rating 65 & Jumpers 1950m
Waikato RC	Sun 30 Sep	Rating 75 & Jumpers 2100m - Duke of Gloucester Cup

Ann Browne's Jumping School - Cambridge

A Jumping School will be held at Ann Browne's property, Redoubt Road, Cambridge on Thursday, 12 and Friday, 13 April, 2012 at 10 am.

Any rider who may be schooling or riding over fences this season is welcome.

Trainers wanting to educate horses are asked to bring horses for our young riders. If you have any horses that are suitable please contact Sheryl McGlade.

Any horses wanting qualification certificates may go for them on the 2nd day. Trainers must ring and book-in so we can work out times.

All horses will be charged a ground fee of \$20 per day to help with the maintenance of fences.

Any help with spare horses would be appreciated.

Contact Sheryl McGlade Ph 07 827 8529 or 0274 508 797

Reminder: Cambridge Jockey Club Jumping Trials on Tuesday, 17 April at 10.30 am.

Egmont-Wanganui Hunt Jumping Trials - Sunday 15 April

Egmont-Wanganui Hunt is holding its annual Point to Point at Waverley Racecourse on Sunday 15 April 2012 at 12 noon.

Catchweight and Open Jumping Heats.

Entries/Enquiries to John Boon 06 346 5365 / 0272 840 764 or Harvey Wilson 06 346 5874

Hawera 2100m Start Distances - 12 March

A review by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing and the Racing Integrity Unit has determined that the starting gates at the Egmont Racing Club meeting conducted at Hawera on Monday 12 March were incorrectly positioned for the two 2100m distance races.

The Egmont Racing Club has confirmed that their staff made an error in positioning the gates for the two 2100m races at the 2000m mark after the Club had measured the track circumference and made an adjustment to allow for the rail being moved out 5m from 600m point.

NZTR has corrected the official results to show that both Race 1 the Lowe Schollum and Jones/NZI Maiden and Race 5 the Platinum Homes (NZ) 2100m were run over 2000m, not 2100m.

Turnover Information for the Period ending 8 April 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								11-12	10-11
2/4	Paeroa (1)	37,749		337,585		147,841		64	
3/4	B / Peninsula (2)	19,240		440,831		110,826		78	
4/4	Counties	30,517	16.2%	578,847	18.4%	186,457	80.8%	83	7.8%
5/4	Taranaki (3)	23,158	47.8%	419,954	38.8%	136,925	13.8%	54	44.3%
7/4	Wellington (4)	102,162		751,681		204,679		74	
7/4	Riverton (5)	185,636		811,270		162,961		103	
7/4	Te Aroha	216,215	3.8%	1,675,017	13.3%	467,131	44.1%	121	13.6%

- (1) Paeroa RC; meeting was held on a Wednesday in late March last year.
- (2) Banks Peninsula RC; meeting was run on a Sunday last year.
- (3) Taranaki TR; 7 races this year, compared to 9 races last year. Raced in late March last year.
- (4) Wellington RC; last year this meeting was part of a 3 meeting day held a week later.
- (5) Riverton RC; was held at Easter last year which fell on a different weekend (for which the comparison figures are not readily available).

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Races	2,159	2,183	(24)	(1.10%)
Starters	22,651	23,258	(607)	(2.61%)
Avg Field Size	10.49	10.65	(0.16)	(1.53%)
Off-Course Turnover	231,997,205	248,453,509	(16,456,304)	(6.62%)
On-Course Turnover	27,961,056	31,038,454	(3,077,398)	(9.91%)
Total Totalisator Turnover	259,958,261	279,491,963	(19,533,702)	(6.99%)
Fixed Odds	50,377,821	43,101,520	+7,276,300	+16.88%
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	310,336,082	322,593,483	(12,257,402)	(3.80%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	143,741	147,775	(4,035)	(2.73%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	13,701	13,870	(169)	(1.22%)

Total NZRB Racing Turnover	959,666,579	959,893,294	(226,715)	(0.02%)
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	162,004,626	122,562,320	+39,442,305	+32.18%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,121,671,205	1,082,455,615	+39,215,590	+3.62%

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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