

Friday 13 June 2014

Otago RC's "Think Pink" Race Day

The Otago Racing Club raised a sum just shy of \$7,000 at the recent Queens Birthday weekend, "Think Pink Race Day" for the benefit of the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation.

The funds were raised through numerous on-course activities with the principal earner being the ABC Business Sales Charity Rider Oaks.

The success of the day was made mostly possible by the outstanding efforts of the riders who lined up in the Charity Riders Race, which took place at the end of what had been a thoroughly enjoyable race day. The contestants in this initiative raised over \$3,500 between them, which was topped up by people placing bets on the Equalisator tote run on the race.

Other activities on-course included an auction, a raffle, the sale of NZBCF merchandise and also a fund raising cocktail function which branded, Tickled Pink.

"We had around 150 guests in The Tickled Pink Function. The feedback from the event has been really very positive. It is certainly an hospitality option we look forward to hosting again next year. So many businesses and individuals gave to the race day, it would be impossible to name them. We would like to acknowledge their support though. Without them we would not have been able to achieve what we have" stated Andre Klein, Otago Racing Club secretary.

One of the afternoon's other attractions was the second rendition of the Show Gate Awards. These presentations are made to Ladies who have dedicated a life time to horse racing. The nominations are forwarded by racing clubs from around the south island,

"This year's worthy recipients were Diana Strang, a former President of the Otago Racing Club and educator at the Otago Apprentice Jockey School, Valerie Christophers, the Southland owner, breeder and trainer and also Donna Green, an enthusiastic and busy member of the Marlborough Racing scene."

Website and IT System Support Leader

NZTR has a vacancy for a Website and IT System Support Leader. <http://www.nzracing.co.nz/NZTR/Resources/Industry-Jobs.aspx>

Northern Region Trials - Waikato RC Thursday 19 June

Trials are to be held at Te Rapa racecourse on Thursday, 19 June 2014, commencing at 10.30 am.

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| 1. Two Year Old | Catchweight | 1000 metres |
| 2. Maiden | Catchweight | 1000 metres |
| 3. Two Year Old | Catchweight | 1200 metres |
| 4. Maiden | Catchweight | 1200 metres |

Entries close at 12 noon Wednesday, 18 June, 2014 with the National Racing Bureau. Free phone (0508) RACING (722 464) – Fax (04) 568 8213.

Scratchings must be notified by 9 am to the National Racing Bureau.

Turnover Information for Period Ended 1 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
2-Jun	Wairarapa	43,498	44,105	707,073	805,293	208,246	185,152	8	8	99	101
2-Jun	Auckland	107,919	92,596	951,517	906,718	302,099	203,234	10	8	100	81
4-Jun	Matamata	32,090	42,143	637,257	686,522	209,075	182,148	8	9	107	115
5-Jun	Taranaki	36,284	34,460	550,432	520,981	170,515	181,809	7	8	77	70
7-Jun	Waikato	77,057	91,008	1,266,029	1,201,094	429,235	291,068	8	8	110	106
7-Jun	Wellington	73,973	79,811	677,459	813,425	191,186	171,371	8	8	61	72
8-Jun	Waimate	28,758	18,449	488,417	421,135	183,082	117,481	10	8	82	82

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Meetings	305	315	(10)	(3.17%)
Races	2,548	2,644	(96)	(3.63%)
Total Starts	26,516	27,412	(896)	(3.27%)
Avg Field Size	10.41	10.37	+0.04	+0.38%
Number of races less than 8 starters	418	384	+34	+8.85%
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	347,238,536	349,932,932	(2,694,396)	(0.77%)
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	32,839,260	34,330,547	(1,491,288)	(4.34%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	380,077,795	384,263,479	(4,185,684)	(1.09%)

Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	289,815,930	303,562,183	(13,746,253)	(4.53%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	90,261,850	80,701,296	+9,560,554	+11.85%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	149,167	145,334	+3,833	+2.64%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,334	14,018	+316	+2.25%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,323,808,940	1,288,755,646	+35,053,294	+2.72%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	243,502,789	211,174,283	+32,328,506	+15.31%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,567,311,729	1,499,929,929	+67,381,800	+4.49%

NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 30 Apr)	273,573,733	320,204,074	(46,630,342)	(14.56%)
Total Races (to 30 Apr)	2,481	2,562	(81)	(3.16%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	110,268	124,982	(14,715)	(11.77%)

Meeting Details

- Auckland RC Queen's Birthday Monday meeting held 10 races in FY14, 8 in FY13.
- Matamata RC Wednesday meeting ran 8 races this season, 9 races last.
- Taranaki TRI Thursday meeting held 7 races in FY14, 8 races in FY13.
- Waimate RC Sunday meeting was a Friday last season; 10 races in FY14, 8 races in FY13.

Turnover Summary Notes

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is down 1.1% year to date.
- With 91 less races than run over the same period last season, turnover per race has actually increased, up 2.6%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 896, 3.3% less.
- Average field size is up from 10.37 in FY13 to 10.41 in FY14, 0.04 starters per race (0.4%) more.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is now 34 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 11.9%).
- \$NZ export turnover per race to 31 May is down (11.8%). 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.