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NZTR Supports the Racing Integrity Unit's Testing Regimes

"NZTR supports the Racing Integrity Unit's drug testing policy as a way to maintain the integrity of drug free racing in New Zealand", NZTR Chief Executive Greg Purcell stated today.

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing has invested in world class integrity systems with a strong compliance and commitment by thoroughbred racehorse trainers and veterinarians to ensure horses are presented to races and trials drug free.

The thoroughbred racing industry spends more than \$3.4 million annually (approximately 5% of the code's total funding) to ensure the integrity of the sport in New Zealand.

In 2012, NZTR contributed:

- \$2.1 million to the Racing Integrity Unit which undertakes race day stewardship and non-raceday investigations;
- \$0.7 million to the Judicial Control Authority which rules on protests, penalties and appeals;
- \$0.6 million to the New Zealand Racing Laboratory for drug testing.

For the season ending 31 July 2012 there were 3,341 thoroughbred horses tested in competition (compared to 3,349 in FY11). In addition 982 thoroughbreds (compared to 492 in FY11) were subject to pre-race TCO2 tests.

Despite this extensive drug testing regime, no thoroughbred racehorses returned a positive drug test in the 2012 racing season.

As part of its testing regime, the Racing Integrity Unit, in addition to drug testing undertaken by the New Zealand Racing Laboratory, now sends some post-race samples to Hong Kong for additional testing.

Whilst all eighteen thoroughbred samples tested in Hong Kong have proven negative, three harness samples have returned positive samples to arsenic and capsaicin.

However, some concerns have been raised by trainers about the potential presence of minute trace elements of arsenic given New Zealand's volcanic geology and dependence on tanalised timber in stables and yard fencing, and capsaicin given its inclusion in some pastes used in stables and horse floats to discourage horses from biting wood and chewing wood, metal, rugs and tails.

"The addition of drug testing by the Hong Kong Jockey Club laboratory is to deter any potential drug cheats rather than punishing the innocent. Of the eighteen thoroughbred horses tested in Hong Kong none have tested positive to any substances", Greg Purcell, Chief Executive of NZTR stated.

"NZTR is committed to supporting the Racing Integrity Unit and the New Zealand Equine Veterinary Association to ensure the efficacy of prescribed withholding periods for therapeutic substances administered by veterinary surgeons."

For recent responses from Mike Godber, General Manager of the Racing Integrity Unit, to questions from journalist Barry Lichter, refer the article on www.nzracing.co.nz

NZTR Regional Meetings

The next round of Regional Meetings, to which all industry participants are invited, are as follows:

Palmerston North Regional Meeting:	5.30 pm, Monday 17 September 2012, Stewards Lounge, Awapuni Racecourse
Hamilton Regional Meeting:	12.00 noon, Tuesday 18 September 2012, Kentucky Lounge, Te Rapa Racecourse
Auckland Regional Meeting:	5.30 pm, Tuesday 18 September 2012, Hunterville Room, Ellerslie Racecourse
Invercargill Regional Meeting:	5.00 pm, Wednesday 19 September 2012, Aparima Room, Ascot Park Hotel
Dunedin Regional Meeting:	10.30 am, Thursday 20 September 2012, Kumai Room, Wingatui Racecourse
Christchurch Regional Meeting:	5.30 pm, Thursday 20 September 2012, the Phar Lap Room, Riccarton Park Racecourse
Taranaki Regional Meeting:	12.00 noon, Friday 21 September 2012, La Mer Lounge, New Plymouth Racecourse

2012 Horse of the Year Awards Finalists Announced

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing has announced finalists for all 2011-12 New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Horse of the Year Awards. The winners will be announced at the Awards Dinner at the Claudelands Events Centre, Hamilton, on Wednesday, 12 September 2012.

Matthew Goodson, Chairman of NZTR, offered his congratulations to all finalists nominated for this year's Awards: "The last twelve months have seen some great performances by New Zealand horses, horsemen and horsewomen in New Zealand and around the world and that will be celebrated at our Awards Dinner in Hamilton on 12 September."

"As well as the horses themselves, and their owners, breeders, trainers and riders, we will celebrate someone who has made an Outstanding Contribution to Racing in New Zealand over the years, and the Media Award."

"It is important we celebrate all our successes and recognise how much every one of these, both nominees and winners, has promoted our racing and breeding industries."

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2012 Broodmare of the Year

Sheila Cheval - Dam of Mufhasa
Sunday Joy (Aus) - Dam of More Joyous
Triassic - Dam of So You Think and Now You Know

2012 Stallions Awards

Zabeel - Dewar Stallion Trophy
O'Reilly - Grosvenor Award
Pins (Aus) - Centaine Award

2012 Breeder of the Year

Karreman Bloodstock Ltd (Dick Karreman) - Artistic, Single Minded, Zurella, et al
Llanhennock Trust (Hawkins Family) - Little Bridge & At The Heads

Piper Farm Ltd (Alex & Cecile Smith) - So You Think & Now You Know
Colin and John Thompson - Mufhasa

Jumps Jockey of the Year

Richard Cully - Joint Premiership Winner & Most Stakes Won
Richard Eynon - Joint Premiership Winner
Matthew Gillies - Most Prestige Jumping Races Won

Jockey of the Year

Lisa Allpress - Premiership Winner
Matthew Cameron - NZJA Nominee
James McDonald - Most Group & Listed Races Won, Most Stakes Won

Dunstan Trainer of the Year

Jason Bridgman - Joint Most Group & Listed Races Won
Lisa Latta - Joint Most Group & Listed Races Won
Stephen McKee - Joint Most Group & Listed Races Won
John Sargent - Premiership Winner, Most Stakes Won
Allan Sharrock - NZTA Nominee

Owner of the Year

A A Baeyertz, J P Goodin, G A Macdonald, G H Phillips & R W Sharrock - (37 Points) Shez Sinsational
A J & Mrs I M Barker - (35 Points) Veyron
D L, Ms N N & S C Archer & Mrs D J Wright - (46 Points) Mufhasa & Eight Schillings
The Oaks Stud - (62 Points) Artistic, Zurella et al

Champion Jumper

Counter Punch
Ima Heroine
Morpheus
Southern Countess
Tobouggie Nights

Champion Two Year Old

Choice Bro
Pussy Willow
Rollout The Carpet
Warhorse

Champion Three Year Old

Planet Rock
Quintessential
Rock 'N' Pop
Silent Achiever

Champion Sprinter (-1500m)

Guisippina
Mufhasa
Veyron

Champion Middle Distance Horse (1501m-2100m)

Jimmy Choux
Mufhasa
Shez Sinsational
Veyron

Champion Stayer (2101+)

Shez Sinsational
Single Minded

Six O'Clock News
Spiro

Horse of the Year (Finalists for the NZTR Horse of the Year Award comprise finalists in all horse categories):

Choice Bro; Counter Punch; Guiseppina; Ima Heroine; Jimmy Choux; Morpheus; Mufhasa; Planet Rock; Pussy Willow; Quintessential; Rock 'N' Pop; Rollout The Carpet; Shez Sensational; Silent Achiever; Single Minded; Six O'Clock News; Southern Countess; Spiro; Tobouggie Nights; Veyron; Warhorse.

Further information and tickets: office@nzzracing.co.nz or 04 576 6256.

Otago RC – Friday 17 August

Due to the predicted weather forecast, the current heavy track conditions and also a lack of nominations, the viability of this meeting is being reviewed by the Otago Racing Club and NZTR.

The club is investigating the possible transfer of the fixture to an alternative venue, although this looks at present to be an unlikely proposition due to the weather conditions being experienced across the entire region.

A final decision will be made shortly after 9 am Wednesday 15 August.

All races for this meeting have been left open until 9 am Wednesday 15 August

Ellerslie Jumps School, Re-scheduled to Friday 17 Aug

The Jumps School programmed for Ellerslie on Monday 13 August which was postponed, will now be held on Friday 17 August, commencing 10.30 am.

Accordingly, nominations will be re-opened and will close with the National Racing Bureau at 12 noon, Thursday 16 August.

Waikato Racing Club – Saturday 18 August 2012

Following the abandonment of the Matamata RC race meeting yesterday, Monday 13 August and post consultation between Waikato RC, the Northern Regional Programming Committee & NZTR, a Maiden SW 1400m race for a stake of \$12,500 has been added to the programme for the Waikato RC meeting on Saturday 18 August.

Post the Matamata abandonment NZTR will also give consideration, should nomination numbers deem it appropriate, to potentially dividing race(s) at the Racing Taupo meeting on Monday 20 August.

Wall Planners – 2012/13 Season

Wall Planners for the 2012/13 season are available on request. Please advise postal address details and number required to allan.child@nzzracing.co.nz

This includes any Thoroughbred Racing Monthly recipients who inadvertently did not receive the correct Wall Planner.

Gallop South – Otago Office Relocation

Gallop South Inc. has relocated its office from Wingatui Racecourse to 32 Teviot Street, South Dunedin.

The new postal address is: PO Box 2373
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Cheltenham Dream Series – Latest Points

Following the completion of the Canterbury Racing Grand National Carnival, the points accumulated in the Cheltenham Dream Series is as below. The next races in the Series are the Hurdle and Steeplechase events at the Pakuranga Hunt meeting on 25 August.

78 Morpheus
61 Volkswagin
58 Waitaha Toa
46 Penstar
41 Wotabuzz
40 Tom's Myth
40 Honey
37 Lautenschlager
36 Sir Heelan
35 Thatz David, Brushman
30 Cape Kinaveral
29 Ho Down, Zagata
28 Logan James
27 Myths And Legends
25 Borrack, At The Top
24 No Rush'N
21 Bally Heights

Turnover Information for the Period ending 12 August 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								11-12	10-11
6/8	Hawke's Bay (1)	18,128		383,593		99,700		61	
8/8	Canterbury (2)	161,441	4.5%	912,010	8.2%	213,271	35.1%	120	2.4%
9/8	Waverley (3)	15,115		469,010		103,607		67	
10/8	Te Aroha (4)	27,596		588,593		141,975		99	
11/8	Counties (5)	74,391		1,100,319		270,629		86	
11/8	Canterbury (6)	194,129	8.2%	1,415,584	9.2%	283,768	0.5%	93	21.2%

- (1) Hawke's Bay RI; no equivalent meeting last year; 7 races this year.
- (2) Canterbury Racing; 9 races this year, compared to 10 races last year.
- (3) Waverley RC; last year this was a Foxton RC meeting where there were 8 races; this year there were 7 races.
- (4) Racing Te Aroha; last year this was a Racing Taupo meeting where there were 8 races; this year there were 10 races.
- (5) Counties RC; last year this was a Waikato RC meeting where there were 10 races; this year there were 8 races.
- (6) Canterbury Racing; 9 races this year, compared to 10 races last year.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/()	Variance +%/(%)
Races	92	105	(13)	(12.38%)
Starters	955	1,025	(70)	(6.83%)
Avg Field Size	10.38	9.76	+0.62	+6.34%
Total Totalisator Turnover	10,402,942	11,433,716	(1,030,774)	(9.02%)
Fixed Odds	2,332,473	2,024,173	+308,300	+15.23%
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	12,735,415	13,457,889	(722,474)	(5.37%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	138,428	128,170	+10,258	+8.00%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	13,336	13,130	+206	+1.57%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	47,554,731	45,452,345	+2,102,386	+4.63%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	7,975,986	10,607,328	(2,631,342)	(24.81%)
Total NZRB Turnover	55,530,717	56,059,673	(528,956)	(0.94%)

Overall TAB turnover was up 4.1% (+\$1.18m) last week on the same week last year.

Racing turnover was up 9.2% (+\$2.15m) for the week, with domestic racing down 5.4% (-\$676k).

Domestic thoroughbreds turnover was down 10.5% (-\$792k) (tote + fob) with the same number of meetings and five races less (-9.1%), with horse starts down 9.0% (avg. field size unchanged).

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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