



**Tuesday 15 May 2012**

## **2012 Bayer Lecture Series**

### **“Understanding Horse Behaviour”**

Dr Sue McDonnell is the key-note speaker for this year’s Bayer Lecture Series.

Dr McDonnell completed a post doctoral study in clinical veterinary reproduction at the University of Pennsylvania’s New Bolton Centre in 1987 and became board certified in Applied Animal Behaviour in 1991. She is the founding head of the Equine Behaviour Program at the University of Pennsylvania’s School of Veterinary Medicine, where her work includes clinical, research, and teaching activities focused on horse behaviour.

Dr McDonnell’s first talk will be *“Horse Cognition 101: The science of how horses learn and why it’s important to horse owners, handlers, trainers and veterinarians.”*

Horses follow the general laws of learning for all animals and humans that are well described in the scientific literature. This talk will focus on how to most effectively teach your horse to stand patiently when necessary, lift feet when asked, load for transport, happily accept veterinary treatments, come when called, or have otherwise generally good ground manners, using all-positive reinforcement techniques.

The second talk is titled *“Behaviour problems can be physical, psychological or both: why this is important for horse owners, handlers, trainers and veterinarians to appreciate.”*

When it comes to figuring out behavioural changes in horses, it can often be quite challenging to work out whether the underlying cause is physical, psychological or a combination of both, and if a combination of both, which came first. While problems are often assumed to be behavioural, in many cases the underlying cause is physical but difficult to identify.

This talk will feature a number of clinical behaviour cases presented to the New Bolton Centre for evaluation, where a team of behaviour and medical specialists were able to successfully diagnose the underlying cause. Examples will include difficulty with transport, collapsing in the cross-ties while being saddled, head tossing under saddle, panic-like episodes, aggression toward people, and self-mutilation. The method of evaluation and treatment for each case will be described in detail.

The 2012 Lecture Series will follow the same afternoon format as previous years and will be held from 1 pm to 5.30 pm on:

### **Friday 29 June**

Auckland  
NZN karaka Sales Complex

### **Sunday 1 July**

Matamata  
Matamata Club Inc  
Rawhiti Ave

### **Tuesday 3 July**

Palmerston North  
Awapuni Racecourse

**Saturday 7 July**  
Christchurch  
Riccarton Racecourse

**Registrations are to be arranged through:**

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Cost is \$50 pp which includes copy of printed proceedings and afternoon tea. Payment prior to the day is preferable, but payment can be made on the day. Numbers attending needs to be known prior to the day for catering purposes.

**Warm up winter!**

The cooler months are fast approaching so we're planning to brighten up the mid-year by throwing a Mid-Winter Christmas party at the races! The Mid-Winter Christmas parties will take place around the country throughout June and July.

Book a table and you'll be catered for in a beautifully themed room where you can sit back and enjoy the hospitality, racing action and warming festive treats – yum!

Enquire about an event before 5 June 2012 and you'll go in the draw to win six bottles of Lindauer Special Reserve\*.

Galloping events involved are at Te Rapa on 9 June, Wingatui on 10 June, Riccarton Park on 23 June, Tauranga on 23 June, Hastings on 30 June and Trentham on 14 July.

For a full list of events or to enquire, email [info@theraces.co.nz](mailto:info@theraces.co.nz) or visit [theraces.co.nz](http://theraces.co.nz)

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**Hawke's Bay Racing Inc – Additional Jumping Race – Thursday 24 May 2012**

Following requests from license holders and after consultation between NZTR, NZ Jumps Inc, Hawke's Bay Racing and the Regional Programming Committees, an additional jumps race has been added to the programme for the Hawke's Bay Racing Inc meeting on 24 May 2012.

The programme for the extra race is:

**RST OPN STP- 4000m**

Of \$12,000. \$7,500, \$2,400, \$1,200, \$600, \$300. Nom \$57.50.

The additional race will only proceed if nominations/acceptances render it appropriate and as is always the case, NZTR reserves the right to delete it or combine it with another race if it considers entries are insufficient to justify it being run as a stand alone event.

**Canterbury Jockey Club – Additional Jumping Races – Friday 25 May 2012**

Following requests from license holders and after consultation between NZTR, NZ Jumps Inc, Canterbury Jockey Club and the Regional Programming Committees, two additional jumps races have been added to the programme for the Canterbury Jockey Club meeting on 25 May 2012.

The programmes for the extra races are:

**RST OPN STP- 4250m**

Of \$12,000. \$7,500, \$2,400, \$1,200, \$600, \$300. Nom \$57.50.

## **RST OPN HDL - 3100m**

Of \$12,000. \$7,500, \$2,400, \$1,200, \$600, \$300. Nom \$57.50.

The additional races will only proceed if nominations/acceptances render it appropriate and as is always the case, NZTR reserves the right to delete them or combine them with other races if it considers entries are insufficient to justify them being run as stand alone events.

## **A \$3 cash bet at Masterton's Horse & Hound Motel turned into almost \$25,000 at the weekend!**

The staggering \$20,000 Bonus Turbo Quaddie bet consisted of three runners in one leg, two in another and two anchors across the remaining two legs. The punter collected 50% of the \$49,686 dividend and it all happened in just 45 minutes!

The Turbo Quaddie has been a popular introduction for Thoroughbred punters with dividends declared of \$9,384, \$22,553, \$28,207 and \$49,686 in the first four weeks.

Throughout the month of May \$20,000 is being injected into each Turbo Quaddie pool on Saturdays. This week's Turbo Quaddie will run across two races at Te Rapa and two at Awapuni. Like a regular Quaddie, you need to pick the winner in all four selected races.

## **NZTR Handicapping Review – May 2012**

In early 2011 NZTR instituted a detailed Review of its Handicapping policies and procedures. The Review identified a number of key changes that were formally adopted by the NZTR Board and implemented on 14 November 2011. The NZTR Board made a commitment to monitor the changes including six monthly reviews.

NZTR now invites submissions and recommendations from industry participants on any aspect of the Review outcomes and the changes that were introduced in November.

NZTR will also be consulting with various sector groups in May including the three Regional Programming Committees, Racing Clubs, NZ Trainers Association, NZ Thoroughbred Breeders Association, NZ Jockeys Association, NZ Racehorse Owners Federation and the New Zealand Racing Board.

As part of your response please provide any supporting statistics, comments or examples of your viewpoint. If you wish, you might also like to provide a response to the following questions:

- Has the current NZTR Programming and handicapping system worked for you, and why?
- What parts of the current system do not work, and why?
- What would you change, and why?

Amongst the handicapping/rating issues that have been already been identified are weight penalties for horses racing out of their class, horses being re-rated out of their class for placings and the order of entry into Open Group One races for 3YO's.

NZTR welcomes further comment and feedback on any aspect of the current handicapping/rating system. Submissions close Tuesday 31 May 2012 and should be directed to:

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For further details, [click here](#).

## **Turnover Information for the Period ending 13 May 2012**

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								11-12	10-11
7/5	Counties (1)	54,004		503,146		198,456		109	
8/5	Waverley (2)	16,301		421,298		140,484		62	
9/5	Matamata (3)	27,505		639,373		178,241		103	
10/5	Wanganui (4)	20,804	52.2%	495,500	27.1%	155,003	37.4%	70	40.2%
11/5	S/Canterbury (5)			443,792	28.3%	96,180	3.6%	72	41.5%
12/5	Taranaki (6)	110,249	8.8%	835,953	30.1%	216,236	3.2%	89	14.4%
12/5	Rotorua (7)	177,296	93.1%	1,462,970	29.0%	342,261	100.0%	123	41.4%
13/5	Riverton (8)	50,250		427,531		96,080		77	

- (1) Counties RC; no equivalent meeting last year.
- (2) Waverley RC; no equivalent meeting last year; this date was originally scheduled as a Foxton RC meeting.
- (3) Racing Matamata; this meeting last year was a Dargaville RC meeting.
- (4) Wanganui JC; 8 races this year, compared to 10 races last year.
- (5) South Canterbury RC; no on-course tote operated this year due to vandalism of TAB on-site equipment; 7 races this year, compared to 10 races last year.
- (6) Taranaki TR; 8 races this year, compared to 10 races last year.
- (7) Racing Rotorua; 9 races this year, compared to 10 last year. This year the meeting was upgraded to Premier status with the two Group and Listed races being run on this date, whereas they were run on the first day of a two day Feature meeting last year.
- (8) Riverton RC; this meeting last year was a Wairio JC meeting.
- (9) Turbo Quaddie; turnover for this initiative last week was \$58,695.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/( )	Variance +%/(% )
<b>Races</b>	2,484	2,480	+4	+0.16%
<b>Starters</b>	26,107	26,662	(555)	(2.08%)
<b>Avg Field Size</b>	10.51	10.75	(0.24)	(2.24%)
<b>Off-Course Turnover</b>	261,155,686	277,648,454	(16,492,768)	(5.94%)
<b>On-Course Turnover</b>	30,224,528	33,481,088	(3,256,560)	(9.73%)
<b>Total Totalisator Turnover</b>	291,380,214	311,129,542	(19,749,328)	(6.35%)
<b>Fixed Odds</b>	58,310,360	48,240,614	+10,069,746	+20.87%
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	349,690,574	359,370,156	(9,679,582)	(2.69%)
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race</b>	140,777	144,907	(4,130)	(2.85%)
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter</b>	13,395	13,479	(84)	(0.62%)
<b>Total NZRB Racing Turnover</b>	1,094,234,427	1,082,620,470	+11,613,958	+1.07%
<b>Total NZRB Sports Turnover</b>	188,356,248	144,366,206	+43,990,041	+30.47%
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>1,282,590,675</b>	<b>1,226,986,676</b>	<b>+55,603,999</b>	<b>+4.53%</b>

Overall turnover was up 11.1% (+\$3.19m) last week on the same week last year, +4.5% season to date. Racing turnover was up 8.8% (+\$2.14m) for the week, with Domestic racing up 9.4% (+\$1.28m).

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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