



Friday 19 July 2013

From the Horse's Mouth

It's been a busy two weeks on the road with meetings with race clubs and cluster groups around the country, including meetings at Auckland, Hamilton, Palmerston North, Christchurch, Dunedin and Gore regarding New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing's (NZTR) strategic and operational planning. I also attended committee meetings with the Waipa Racing Club and with Hawera Racing Club to talk about the impact that some policy changes have had on them.

At the meetings we discussed NZTR's business development strategies across the areas of race club partnership agreements, infrastructure development, branding, digital media and racing innovation.

We outlined NZTR's innovation strategies across the areas of new experience innovation, product innovation, major event endorsement, media innovation and virtual innovation, all designed to support the development of a thoroughbred racing brand and make thoroughbred racing more relevant and fashionable to all New Zealanders.

NZTR also outlined its proposal to increase minimum prizemoney levels at our top twenty premier race meetings and our 92 feature race meetings from 1 January 2014. Specific details of prizemoney increases will be made once the New Zealand Racing Board releases its 2013-2016 Statement of Intent in early August.

NZTR has been working closely with New Zealand Racing Board to ensure that the strategies of both organisations are closely aligned. The improved trading performance on the NZRB will make it possible for NZTR to undertake a number of new initiatives in the upcoming season.

2013 Thoroughbred Horse Of The Year Awards Finalists Announced

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) has announced finalists for all 2012-13 Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards. The winners will be announced at the Awards Dinner at the Claudelands Events Centre, Hamilton, on Thursday, 15 August 2013.

Matthew Goodson, Chairman of NZTR, offered his congratulations to all finalists nominated for this year's annual Awards:

"Every one of these finalists have been outstanding performers over the last 12 months and have helped to promote our wonderful racing and breeding industries."

"At our annual Awards Dinner in Hamilton on the evening of 15 August we will find out which horses, their owners, breeders, trainers and riders, will be crowned New Zealand Champions. We will also celebrate on that night someone who has made an Outstanding Contribution to Racing in New Zealand over many years."

Finalists for the Owner of the Year, Trainer of the Year, Jockey of the Year, Jumps Jockey of the Year and the three Stallion Awards (Grosvenor Award, Dewar Award and Centaine Award) will be announced on 1 August, immediately after the close of the current season.

For further information and tickets contact office@nzracing.co.nz or 04 576 6256.

BROODMARE OF THE YEAR

Iguazu's Girl *dam of Sacred Falls*
Sayyida *dam of Ocean Park*
Stareel *dam of Dundee*

BREEDER OF THE YEAR

Joanne and Murray Andersen *for Dundee*
Garry Chittick (Waikato Stud) *for Sacred Falls & 11 other black type winners*
Karen Parsons *for Final Touch*
Trelawney Thoroughbred Ltd- Brent and Cherry Taylor *for Ocean Park and 3 other black type winners*

CHAMPION JUMPER

Cape Kinaveral
Rioch
Tom's Myth
Wotabuzz

CHAMPION TWO YEAR OLD

Bounding
Recite
Ruud Awakening

CHAMPION THREE YEAR OLD

Dundee
Fix
Habibi
Platinum Kingdom

**CHAMPION SPRINTER
(-1500M)**

Final Touch
Fleur De Lune
Mufhasa
Xanadu

**CHAMPION MIDDLE DISTANCE
HORSE
(1501M-2100M)**

Nashville
Ocean Park
Shez Sensational
Veyron

**CHAMPION STAYER
(2101M+)**

Blood Brotha
Quintessential
Sangster
Silent Achiever

HORSE OF THE YEAR
(Finalists for the NZTR Horse Of The Year Award comprise finalists in all horse categories)

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“Jappeloup” – New Zealand International Film Festival

Jappeloup depicts the true story of French equestrian show jumper Pierre Durand and his horse, Jappeloup. This young horse was widely deemed by many to be too small, too stubborn and too impetuous to compete at world class events. Others were convinced that the problem lay with the rider.

And yet this improbable duo of former lawyer Durand and young Jappeloup became one of the fiercest competitive jumping teams at the Seoul Olympics in 1988.

Christian Duguay shows a seasoned hand in depicting the rarefied art of professional show jumping, and Canet certainly impresses by pulling off many of the horse stunts on his own ... Daniel Auteuil is most memorable as the jockey's warm and understanding dad.” — Jordan Mintzer, Hollywood Reporter

Here is a link to the trailer for the film: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sNqS4LkzEAq>

Visit www.nziff.co.nz for information on screening dates, venues and ticket purchases.

Auckland	18 July – 4 August
Wellington	26 July – 11 August
Christchurch	1 August – 18 August
Dunedin	8 August – 25 August

Concession rates are available for groups of over twenty people. If interested in this arrangement, contact catherine@nziff.co.nz or call 04 802 3140.

NZ Jumps Annual Forum Notification

NZ Jumps, in co-operation NZTR, will be hosting an open forum during the Grand National Carnival at Riccarton Park and is extending an invitation to all of its members to attend.

The purpose of the forum is to provide jump racing stakeholders with an opportunity to raise any concerns they may have in regards to jump racing within New Zealand.

Any items you would like to see included on the agenda should be forwarded to Andre Klein by 2 August.

Date: Thursday, August 8
Time: 1pm
Venue: The Tea House, Riccarton Park

For further information:

Andre Klein, NZ Jumps Secretary
Email: andre@wingatui.co.nz
Telephone: 027 242 3767

Super Easy to Stand at Hallmark Stud

Singapore star and multiple Group One winner **Super Easy (NZ)** (Darci Brahma) will begin the second phase of his career at Hallmark Stud.

“We’re extremely excited to have snared him in the face of hot competition and it is great to have the first son of Darci Brahma to go to stud,” stud master Mark Baker said.

Darci Brahma is the leading sire in Singapore and has a very good reputation in Hong Kong.

Super Easy recorded his third Group One victory last month in the Patron’s Bowl at Kranji, but injury subsequently forced his retirement at the height of his powers.

He began his juvenile career in New Zealand with a track record-breaking win over 1000 metres on debut at Trentham where he beat subsequent Group One winner and NZ Filly of the Year Planet Rock (Fastnet Rock) in 56.20. He was then runner-up in the Gr.3 Eclipse Stakes and fourth in the Listed Karaka Million.

Super Easy lived up to his name during his three-year-old season in Singapore with 11 straight victories, including six at stakes level. He claimed the Singapore Triple Crown, which culminated in his win in the Gr.1 Singapore Guineas.

“It’s easy to understand why he was a cult figure there. We remember him as a yearling at Karaka and he was an outstanding individual who we’ve tracked ever since.”

Final Reminder for the NZB Insurance Pearl Series 2013

A reminder to all filly owners it’s not too late to enrol your yearling filly in the NZB Insurance Pearl Series as final entries will close on July 31.

“Early bird” entries closed on March 31 and 545 fillies were enrolled before that date and final entries are now being accepted at a nomination fee of \$920 (including GST).

The NZB Insurance Pearl Series is open to all fillies foaled in 2011 in the Southern Hemisphere and not just those that have been through the national yearling sale series. In their two-year-old season they will be eligible for 15 bonus races available with an added bonus of \$8,000. As three and four-year-olds there will be bonuses on 180 midweek races (90 races as three year olds and 90 races as four year olds) and 20 Saturday races programmed especially for fillies and mares (10 for three year olds and 10 for four year olds).

NZB Insurance Pearl fillies will be eligible for an \$8,000 bonus in their two-year-old season, from which their trainers receive \$700 and their nominator \$300. In addition in their three and four-year-old season the bonus will increase to \$11,500, including \$1,000 for their trainers and \$500 for the nominator, on 90 mid-week races. The 10 nominated Saturday races in the 2014-15 season will carry a \$20,000 bonus, (including \$2,000 for the trainer and \$1,000 for the nominator) furthermore if the filly is insured with NZB Insurance from enrolment, and she wins the Group One New Zealand 1000 Guineas that year, she will pick up a \$100,000 bonus on top of the stake-money.

Full Information and Enrolment forms are available at www.nzthoroughbred.co.nz or Telephone the Pearl Hotline 0508 222 202.

Enrolments can be made online, or mailed to NZTBA, Private Bag 99908, Newmarket, Auckland, 1149.

Racing Assistant Vacancy – National Racing Bureau

Fulltime position - 40 hours per week.

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) is the governing body for thoroughbred racing, and is currently seeking a **Racing Assistant** in the National Racing Bureau.

The **Racing Assistant** will be required to co-ordinate all functions relating to the entry of horses into races, race fields and associated activities.

They will also be required to liaise with Club personnel in the collection and distribution of race information, process entries for overseas races and other administrative duties.

The successful candidate will:

- Possess a drive to continually address and exceed expectations of customers;
- Demonstrate excellent communication skills, coupled with a high level of attention to detail;
- Be motivated and comfortable working actively and successfully in a team environment and developing productive relationships; and
- Thrive on the challenge of working in a high-pressure environment with strict deadlines to be achieved.

Ideally candidates will have had experience in customer service and be prepared to work on a roster basis covering 10 days per fortnight, with a requirement for some weekend work.

A keen interest and/or knowledge of thoroughbred racing would be an advantage.

If you would like to apply for this role please send your covering letter and CV to natasha.freeman@nzracing.co.nz or post your CV and covering letter to Natasha Freeman, New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing, PO Box 38 386 Wellington Mail Centre 5045.

For a full copy of the job description please email natasha.freeman@nzracing.co.nz

Applications close Wednesday 31 July 2013.

Turnover Information for the Period ending 14 July 2013

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races	
		12-13	11-12	12-13	11-12	12-13	11-12	12-13	11-12
8-Jul	Oamaru	15,870	19,736	351,636	363,466	99,907	98,006	7	7
10-Jul	Counties	47,828	55,811	777,870	752,088	190,634	164,053	10	10
11-Jul	Wanganui	31,724	38,764	719,969	636,163	161,279	141,198	9	8
12-Jul	Sth Canterbury	15,109	17,721	522,131	515,326	160,935	111,557	8	10
13-Jul	Whangarei	91,038	87,710	1,044,141	1,229,963	287,031	276,038	7	8
13-Jul	Wellington	233,508	226,227	1,572,101	1,577,031	353,968	272,700	10	10

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Meetings	343	339	+4	1.18%
Races	2,886	2,971	(85)	(2.86%)
Starters	30,127	31,471	(1,344)	(4.27%)
Avg Field Size	10.44	10.59	(0.15)	(1.45%)
Number of races less than 8 starters	403	478	(75)	(15.69%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	378,086,848	370,112,122	+7,974,726	2.15%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	36,094,278	38,521,656	(2,427,377)	(6.30%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	414,181,126	408,633,778	+5,547,349	1.36%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	327,545,527	342,987,797	(15,442,271)	(4.50%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	86,635,600	65,645,980	+20,989,619	31.97%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	143,514	137,541	+5,973	4.34%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	13,748	12,984	+763	5.88%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,420,341,144	1,320,597,575	+99,743,569	7.55%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	237,167,838	236,159,828	+1,008,010	0.43%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,657,508,982	1,556,757,403	+100,751,579	6.47%

NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover (to 30 Jun)	342,862,662	337,071,664	+5,790,998	+1.72%
Total Races (to 30 Jun)	2,783	2,870	(87)	(3.03%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover per race	123,199	117,447	+5,752	+4.90%

Note: Meetings, races, starters and turnovers are totals of NZRB supplied meeting by meeting turnovers. Off-course turnover is totalisator and FOB combined. On-course turnover is totalisator and FOB racing combined, placed on-course at NZ thoroughbred meetings. Total NZRB racing turnover is NZ thoroughbred, harness, greyhound and all imported racing turnover; total NZRB turnover also includes sport. NZ thoroughbred export turnovers are now included, up to the most recently available meetings. All turnover figures are supplied by the NZRB, derived from various sources.

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