



**Thursday 20 December 2012**

### **The Informant to Publish Form Guide Extras for Holiday Racing**

To cater for the needs of racing fans through the Christmas-New Year holiday period, The Informant will be publishing additional Form Guides to complement its traditional weekly edition.

On top of this week's Friday issue, which will as usual accommodate full gallops and harness action from Friday through Sunday, The Informant will also produce a Form Guide, due out this Sunday, containing full form for all New Zealand gallops and harness meetings on Boxing Day and the following day, 27 December.

While it will not be possible to publish the normal editorial section as well, the 64-page Form Guide will still contain editorial content centred on Boxing Day feature racing.

On Friday 28 December, the usual weekly edition of The Informant will be published, and again the following Sunday a Form Guide will be available containing all three New Year's Day gallop meetings as well as all New Zealand gallops and harness action on 2 January. And again the Form Guide special will have editorial content around New Year's Day feature racing.

Due to holiday period publishing and mail delivery schedules, it will not be possible for subscribers to The Informant to receive the Form Guide extras, which will be available through normal retail outlets. To check out The Informant's retail network, visit [www.theinformant.co.nz/retailers](http://www.theinformant.co.nz/retailers)

An alternative option for those seeking up-to-date form and expert tips right through the holiday period is to subscribe to the online Informant, which is optimised for your i-pad, smart-phone or other contemporary device. To check out The Informant subscription options, visit [www.theinformant.co.nz/subscribe](http://www.theinformant.co.nz/subscribe)

### **Christmas at the Races – Last Week!**

Several Racing Clubs hosted the biggest Christmas at the Races weekend last weekend! On Saturday Awapuni, Te Rapa, and Ascot Park all broke their previous year's record for the number booked into hospitality, on-course turnover and attendance! Well done to all involved.

This week we have the final events for the Christmas at the Races season including:

Ashburton	Friday 21 December
Te Rapa	Saturday 22 December
Awapuni	Saturday 22 December
Gore	Sunday 23 December

Visit [theraces.co.nz](http://theraces.co.nz) for details.

### **TBS Races for Two Year Olds**

#### **22 December 2012 – 21 February 2013**

22 December	Manawatu	1100m	\$10,000
1 January	Auckland	1200m	\$30,000
4 January	Woodville	1100m	\$10,000
10 January	Waikato	1150m	\$10,000
17 January	Taranaki	1200m	\$30,000

24 January	Gore	1000m	\$10,000
8 February	Taranaki	1100m	\$10,000
31 January	Canterbury	800m	\$10,000
6 February	Wairarapa	1100m	\$10,000
16 February	Southland	1100m	\$10,000
21 February	Te Aroha	1000m	\$10,000

## 2012 New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Annual

### The Perfect Christmas Present for any Racing Enthusiast

This is a must read for thoroughbred racing enthusiasts of all generations, an opportunity to reflect on the past season and experience the excitement and glamour of the New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing industry.

With detailed profiles on equine champions the length and breadth of the country, and the people behind them, the New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Annual is the perfect Christmas gift for anyone interested in racing.

Continuing in the vein of Annuals past, the 41st Edition recaps on all the highlights of the 2011/2012 season and includes features on:

- New Zealand Horse of the Year Mufhasa (NZ)
- Star Kiwi three-year-old Silent Achiever (NZ)
- Top class sprinters Guiseppina (NZ) and Atomic Force
- Champion 2YO Warhorse (NZ)
- Weight-for-age stars Jimmy Choux (NZ), Veyron (NZ) and Shez Sinsational (NZ)
- International high-flyers So You Think (NZ), Super Easy (NZ), Fay Fay (NZ) and Little Bridge (NZ)
- In depth profile on the Raffles Farm team of Sacred Falls (NZ) fame
- A tribute to Black Caviar
- And much, much more....

Purchase the Racing Annual online at <http://www.nztm.co.nz/Racing-Annual> or send a cheque for \$45.50 to New Zealand Thoroughbred Marketing, PO Box 20580, Hamilton 3241

### Festive Season's Greetings

All the staff at NZTR wish readers an enjoyable Christmas, and a prosperous New Year.

The first issue of the Media Bulletin in 2013 will be published on Tuesday 15 January.

### Turnover Information for the Period ending 16 December 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								12-13	11-12
10/12	Counties (1)	20,122		360,142		144,819		80	
10/12	Winton (2)	14,357		199,042		93,244		60	
11/12	Canterbury (3)	20,501		528,007		226,116		85	
12/12	Auckland (4)	186,914	223.5%	838,522	17.9%	295,890	126.4%	77	21.4%
13/12	Hawke's Bay (5)	85,965		754,163		259,126		81	
14/12	Tauranga	151,825	5.3%	688,855	3.0%	222,041	33.5%	97	0.0%
15/12	Manawatu	239,331	17.3%	1,329,456	7.0%	388,139	66.2%	118	0.9%
15/12	Waikato	484,891	9.5%	1,943,877	1.8%	678,354	41.7%	131	0.8%
15/12	Southland (6)	213,637	1.8%	634,715	4.0%	180,283	77.6%	90	10.9%
16/12	Auckland	75,125	26.3%	842,694	5.4%	389,027	55.1%	86	22.9%

- (1) Counties RC meeting was a new meeting established after the abandonment of two Northern Region meetings the previous week; there were 7 races.
- (2) Winton JC; no equivalent meeting last year; there were 7 races this year.
- (3) Canterbury Racing; this meeting was transferred from the previous week where the meeting had been abandoned due to slippery track conditions; there were 9 races.
- (4) Auckland RC; there were 6 races last year, compared with 7 races this year.
- (5) Hawke's Bay RI; last year this meeting was a Taranaki TR meeting at which there were 9 races; this year there were 8 races.
- (6) Southland RC; last year there were 10 races, compared with 9 races this year.

<b>NZ Thoroughbred Summary</b>	<b>This Season, Year to Date</b>	<b>Last Season, Year to Date</b>	<b>Variance +/( )</b>	<b>Variance +%/(-%)</b>
<b>Races</b>	1,141	1,144	(3)	(0.26%)
<b>Starters</b>	12,120	12,066	+54	+0.45%
<b>Avg Field Size</b>	10.62	10.55	+0.08	+0.71%
<b>Off-Course Turnover</b>	121,676,736	123,366,054	(1,689,318)	(1.37%)
<b>On-Course Turnover</b>	12,429,231	13,497,483	(1,068,252)	(7.91%)
<b>Total Totalisator Turnover</b>	134,105,967	136,863,537	(2,757,570)	(2.01%)
<b>Fixed Odds</b>	35,221,719	23,367,863	+11,853,856	+50.73%
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	169,327,686	160,231,400	+9,096,286	+5.68%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race</b>	148,403	140,062	+8,340	+5.95%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter</b>	13,971	13,280	+691	+5.21%
<b>Total NZRB Racing Turnover</b>	585,271,941	510,894,651	+74,377,290	+14.56%
<b>Total NZRB Sports Turnover</b>	92,172,507	97,143,013	(4,970,506)	(5.12%)
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>677,444,448</b>	<b>608,037,664</b>	<b>+69,406,784</b>	<b>+11.41%</b>

The largest betting race for the week was the Group 3 Waikato Times Gold Cup on Saturday at Te Rapa which turned over (tote + final field) \$395k down 6.6% on last year's edition of the race.

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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