



Tuesday 24 July 2012

New Appointments to Racing Board

Racing Minister Nathan Guy has announced the appointment of Dr Alan Jackson, Greg McCarthy, Rod Croon, Graham Cooney and Alistair Ryan to the New Zealand Racing Board's (NZRB) governing body.

Dr Alan Jackson was appointed as independent Chairperson following consultation with the racing industry. Greg McCarthy was nominated by the thoroughbred racing code and Rod Croon by the harness racing code.

Independent board members Graham Cooney and Alistair Ryan were recommended by the statutory nomination advisory panel, following consultation with the industry.

Important Licence Reminder

Trainers are reminded that if they have not sent their licence renewal forms back to NZTR they will NOT have their licence renewed for the 2012/2013 season.

Jockeys and Apprentices that want to join the Jockey's Association are required to complete and return the appropriate form.

If you have paid your licence renewal online you MUST still send in both pages of the completed and signed renewal form, before your licence for the new season will be renewed.

This also applies to payments made by direct debit.

Northern Region Venue Changes

Whakatane RC at Te Teko replaces Avondale JC on Monday 27 August. No distance changes are required to the programme as advertised for the Avondale JC meeting in the Programme Booklet.

Racing Te Aroha replaces the Northern Region meeting on Monday 3 September. The distance changes (from what appears in the Programme Booklet) are listed below:

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| Benchmark 65 | 2200m | no change |
| Benchmark 65 | 1670m | now 1600m |
| Maiden 3YO | 1350m | now 1300m |
| Restricted Open Steeple | 4000m | now 3500m |
| Maiden Steeplechase | 4000m | now 3500m |
| Restricted Open Hurdle | 2950m | now 3100m |
| Maiden Hurdle | 2950m | now 3100m |

New Trackside Programme - *Kiwi Bred*

Hosted by Simon Doull, *Kiwi Bred* is a new show focusing on the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeding Industry and the people who make it function.

Highlighted in this half hour, 12-part series are some of the country's prominent stud farms together with stallions both established and new. Each week *Kiwi Bred* also takes a look at the pedigree of a prominent racehorse, checks in with what the NZ-breds are up to in Australia and Asia and zooms in on the world of equine veterinary science.

The first episode will screen on Trackside on Wednesday 1 August at 8 pm and every Wednesday after that for a further 11 weeks. Below also are the times that it will be repeated. (They may also be played at other 'non live' times).

Repeats

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| Thursday | 11.30 am |
| Friday | 11.30 am |
| Sunday | 10.30 am |

Notification to Trainers - Capsaicin

The following notice is issued on the advice of NZTR's Veterinary Advisor:

Any preparations used to control 'crib biting' and 'wood chewing' containing Capsaicin oil or any other derivative of capsaicin has the potential to cause a positive urine test.

Contamination can occur by ingestion or absorption through the skin of a horse.

No horse that is entered into a race should be in contact with any source of capsaicin at least 2 days prior to the day of a race. Potential contamination not only includes the direct application to the tail or mane of a horse entered in a race but any paddock mate with capsaicin applied to it that is in contact with a horse entered in a race.

Formites, including horse box walls where crib biting products are used to prevent wood chewing, are also potential sources of capsaicin contamination.

Suspension of Use of Caco Iron Copper in Performance Horses

Following on from informal discussion at the recent AGM of the NZEVA, it is considered prudent that members consider not using the product Caco Iron Copper in performance horses.

This is recommended until issues of detection and the potential significance of arsenic and its metabolites with regards to perceived performance enhancement, and hence its status as a prohibited substance, are resolved.

If you have any questions, please contact Murray Brightwell at lammermoor@xtra.co.nz

Full Season of Monday Gallops Confirmed

A full season of Monday thoroughbred racing meetings is one of the notable aspects of the new season's racing calendar.

The 2012/13 calendar has been released by the New Zealand Racing Board following consultation with NZ Thoroughbred Racing, Harness Racing NZ, Greyhound Racing NZ, industry groups and racing clubs throughout the country.

Following the introduction of Monday domestic gallops meetings toward the latter stages of last season, 2012/13 comprises a full programme of Monday thoroughbred racing.

The initiative ensures consistency in domestic and international wagering opportunities, with racing now available every day each week.

The majority of traditional race dates for the 2012/13 season remain unchanged from previous seasons.

The Spring Classic will be run on Saturday, October 6, at Hastings, with the New Zealand Cup and Show Week in Christchurch scheduled for November 10-17.

Next year's Wellington Cup Day will be held on Saturday, 26 January, while Auckland Cup Week runs from Friday 1 March, to Saturday 9 March. The Melbourne Cup will be run on the traditional first Tuesday in November, this year being 6 November.

A number of domestic racing clubs will again participate in the NZ Racing Board-led Interislander Summer Festival, Christmas at the Races and the newly created Mid-Winter Christmas events this coming season. There will be 46 Christmas at the Races events, 36 Interislander Summer Festival events and 12 Mid-Winter Christmas events in 2012/13.

The 2012/13 racing calendar is available online from the TAB.co.nz website, with printed calendar booklets available free from TAB retail outlets now.

Key gallop code race dates in 2012/13:

- New Zealand Bloodstock Insurance Spring Classic – Saturday 6 October 2012
- NZ Cup and Show Week (Christchurch)
 - * Christchurch Casino 149TH New Zealand Galloping Cup – Saturday 17 November 2012
- Wellington Cup Day – Saturday 26 January 2013
- Auckland Cup Week
 - * Telecom NZ Derby – Saturday 2 March 2013
 - * Stella Artois Auckland Cup – Wednesday 6 March 2013

Lost: At Trentham Races 14 July

Tie Clip/Pin, Red & White quartered jockey's cap on gold whip.

Belonged to my late father, precious and sentimental, reward offered.
Phone/txt Diane 022 165 9127

Kiwi Christmas Parties are Sorted at the Races

Christmas at the Races is back and bigger than ever with 20 thoroughbred Racing Clubs hosting 25 events nationwide throughout November and December. If you, or anyone you know, is organising a Christmas party for friends, family or colleagues – here's the perfect solution.

Simply reserve a prime location on raceday and you'll be free to sit back and enjoy the great atmosphere, fresh festive food, live entertainment and racing action.

Enquire at theraces.co.nz before 31 August 2012 and go in the draw to win \$500 worth of skincare products compliments of Trilogy*.

To find an event near you or for a free brochure [Click Here](#).

*Conditions apply.

2012 Horse of the Year Awards to be held in the Waikato

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing's 2012 Horse of the Year Awards will be held at the Claudelands Events Centre in Hamilton starting at 6 pm on Wednesday 12 September 2012.

The Waikato Racing Club is racing on the same day.

Finalists for the Awards will be announced in early August. Voting papers are then sent out to the Voting Panel for submission to NZTR's auditor, Deloitte, in the week before the Awards night.

A total of 20 Awards for the 2011-2012 racing season are celebrated on the night.

Tickets are available for \$150.00 each and can be obtained from Amanda Fensom on 04 576 6240 or amanda.fensom@nzzracing.co.nz

Turnover Information for the Period ending 22 July 2012

| Date | Club | On-Course | | Off-Course | | Fixed Odds | | Starters | |
|------|---------------|-----------|-------|------------|------|------------|-------|----------|-------|
| | | | | | | | | 11-12 | 10-11 |
| 16/7 | Te Aroha (1) | 13,364 | | 355,732 | | 84,145 | | 68 | |
| 18/7 | Tauranga (2) | 74,469 | 10.6% | 708,098 | 9.6% | 142,301 | 66.9% | 92 | 1.1% |
| 19/7 | Hawke's Bay | 30,414 | 8.8% | 637,209 | 4.2% | 157,043 | 43.7% | 78 | 7.1% |
| 20/7 | Taranaki (3) | 196,621 | 3.1% | 1,539,750 | 2.4% | 294,234 | 20.0% | 106 | 4.5% |
| 21/7 | Whangarei (4) | 79,962 | | 1,106,846 | | 263,358 | | 90 | |
| 21/7 | Oamaru (5) | 38,679 | | 779,644 | | 158,226 | | 88 | |

- (1) Racing Te Aroha; no equivalent meeting last year; 7 races this year.
- (2) Racing Tauranga; 9 races this year, compared to 8 races last year.
- (3) Taranaki TR; 9 races this year, compared to 10 races last year.
- (4) Whangarei RC; last year this meeting was abandoned after 7 races due to waterlogged track conditions; this year there were 9 races.
- (5) Oamaru JC; this meeting was held on a Friday last year, when there were 10 races; 8 races this year.

| NZ Thoroughbred Summary | This Season, Year to Date | Last Season, Year to Date | Variance +/() | Variance +%/(-%) |
|--------------------------------------|------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Races | 3,048 | 2,992 | +56 | +1.87% |
| Starters | 32,347 | 32,042 | +305 | +0.95% |
| Avg Field Size | 10.61 | 10.71 | (0.10) | (0.90%) |
| Off-Course Turnover | 312,345,597 | 325,894,288 | (13,548,691) | (4.16%) |
| On-Course Turnover | 33,920,754 | 37,143,406 | (3,222,652) | (8.68%) |
| Total Totalisator Turnover | 346,266,351 | 363,037,694 | (16,771,343) | (4.62%) |
| Fixed Odds | 69,600,468 | 56,512,081 | +13,088,387 | +23.16% |
| Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover | 415,866,819 | 419,549,775 | (3,682,956) | (0.88%) |
| NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race | 136,439 | 140,224 | (3,785) | (2.70%) |
| NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter | 12,856 | 13,094 | (237) | (1.81%) |

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| Total NZRB Racing Turnover | 1,349,611,528 | 1,319,482,613 | +30,128,915 | +2.28% |
| Total NZRB Sports Turnover | 240,775,674 | 186,258,015 | +54,517,659 | +29.27% |
| Total NZRB Turnover | 1,590,387,202 | 1,505,740,629 | +84,646,574 | +5.62% |

Overall turnover was up 8.6% (+\$2.34m) last week on the same week last year, +5.6% season to date. Turnover has now reached \$1.590b for the 11/12 season surpassing the previous record for a season of \$1.583b.

Racing turnover was up 14.9% (+\$3.35m) for the week, with Domestic racing up 7.3% (+\$868k).

Domestic thoroughbreds turnover was up 8.8% (+\$563k) (tote + fob) with the same number of meetings and races with horse starts up 1.0% (avg. field size up 0.1 starters a 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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