



Tuesday 3 April 2012

Avondale Return to Racing to be Rescheduled

The Avondale Jockey Club meeting scheduled for Wednesday 25 April is now planned to be held at Counties. NZTR is in discussion with the New Zealand Racing Board Dates Committee and both the Avondale JC and Counties RC, and expect to be able to confirm the change in the licence and any consequential programming changes by Thursday this week.

As a result of the proposal for the Avondale JC Anzac day licence being run at Counties, the Counties Racing Club licence on Monday 16 April has been transferred to Waipa. The Waipa programme for Monday 16 April will remain as was advertised for the Counties meeting that day in the *Thoroughbred Racing Monthly* except for the following distance changes:

\$7,000 R65 1150m	(not 1200m)
\$7,000 Mdn 2000m	(not 2200m)
\$7,000 Mdn 1580m	(not 1600m)
\$7,000 Mdn 1400m	(no change)
\$7,000 Mdn 1150m	(not 1200m)
\$7,000 Mdn 3YO 1580m	(not 1600m)
\$7,000 Mdn 2YO 1150m	(not 1200m)

NZTR is working with the Northern Regional Programming Committee and the New Zealand Racing Board to confirm venue changes for the Avondale Jockey Club meetings that were programmed for Wednesday 2 May and Wednesday 23 May, 2012.

At this time subject to NZRB confirmation and further discussion with the respective Clubs it is planned for the Wednesday 2 May meeting to now be conducted by the Whangarei Racing Club at Ruakaka and the Wednesday 23 May licence by the Waipa Racing Club. Programmes and any consequential distance changes will be advised shortly when the licence changes are confirmed.

The decision to postpone a return to racing at Avondale was made last Thursday following jump-outs on the track.

Chief Stipendiary Steward Cameron George reported that the Avondale track had raced inconsistently and appeared to be quite deep. The track was also cutting out in places. "It was evident to all parties involved that the track will benefit by having some more time to consolidate given the extent of the drainage and sand slitting work that had been carried out earlier this year. "

NZTR will continue to work with the Club with a view to programming trials and racing resuming at Avondale once it has been established that the track is ready.

Trial Meeting Changes – Northern Region 10 and 12 April 2012

Following consultation between the Avondale JC, Whakatane RC, Auckland RC, the Northern Region Programming Committee, the RIU and NZTR, the following changes have been made to upcoming trials in the Northern region:

Tuesday 10 April	was Te Teko	now Ellerslie (inside track)
Thursday 12 April	was Avondale	now Te Teko

Amateur Riders Series 2012

This year's Amateur Riders Series commences at Paeroa on Monday 14 May and will culminate with the running of prestigious Duke of Gloucester Cup for amateur riders on National Jumps at Te Rapa on Sunday 30 September.

NZTR is keen to see the amateur riders series gain a higher profile and will provide an opportunity for interested and potential amateur riders to attend a series of amateur rider's workshops.

The workshops will be held regionally at NZTR's apprentice academies and will be run by jockey mentors Tommy Hazlett and Will Harnett, along with the input of the riding master in each region. This will provide a valuable opportunity for all current and prospective amateur riders to hone their riding skills.

Workshops will be held between 5 pm and 7 pm as follows:

- Tuesday 24 April Pukekohe
- Tuesday 1 May at Cambridge
- Monday 7 May at Awapuni
- Monday 28 May at Riccarton (2.30 - 4.30 pm)
- Tuesday 29 May at Wingatui

All those wishing to attend are asked to RSVP to the National Racing Bureau on 0508 722 464 by 17 April to confirm session times and arrangements.

NZTR Amateur Rider Races scheduled:

Paeroa RC	Mon 14 May	R65 2200m
Hawke's Bay RI	Thu 24 May	R65 2000m
Otago RC	Sun 10 Jun	Mdn 1600m
Racing Te Aroha	Wed 13 Jun	Mdn 2200m
Wanganui JC	Thu 12 Jul	R65 2040m
PaeroaRC	Wed 25 Jul	R65 2100m
Oamaru JC	Mon 30 Jul	R65 & Jumpers 2200m
Egmont RC	Thu 16 Aug	R65 & Jumpers 2100m
Pakuranga Hunt	Sat 25 Aug	R65 & Jumpers 2200m
Rotorua BOP Hunt	Wed 19 Sep	R65 & Jumpers 1950m
Waikato RC	Sun 30 Sep	R75 & Jumpers 2100m - Duke of Gloucester Cup

Fiber Fresh NZ Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes Day – Golf Tournament

With the Fiber Fresh NZ Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes Day this long Easter Weekend, all-comers are invited to be part of one of the pre-events in the lead up to the big day – the Annual Te Aroha Golf Club Breeders Stakes Golf Tournament.

Scheduled for Thursday 5 April 2012, Men, Women and Non Golfers are most welcome with tee-off from 11am.

Entry \$25 - 18 holes, \$15 - 9 holes, and includes BBQ lunch on course and afternoon tea.

Proudly sponsored by Kate Smyth House Of Travel, TRAC Racing Te Aroha, and Super Liquor Te Aroha.

Entries should be rung through to the Clubhouse (07 884 9656) or Dave Gore (07 884 4247).

\$10,000 Bonus Quaddies on Monday and Tuesday NZ Thoroughbred Meetings in April

Every NZ Thoroughbred Meeting on Monday and Tuesday will have a \$10,000 Bonus Quaddie through April to Tuesday 1 May at Otaki.

April	9 th	Ellerslie, Riverton
	10 th	Otaki
	16 th	Pukekohe
	23 rd	Wanganui
	30 th	Te Awamutu
May	1 st	Otaki

Text TrackWalk to 2427, now live

On Monday 9 April Lance O'Sullivan, Simon Cooper, Andre Klein and Jason Fleming start their attempt to run round all 51 thoroughbred racecourses in New Zealand in 6 days for the CatWalk Spinal Cord Injury Trust.

The Text Campaign is now live. You can text **TrackWalk to 2427** to donate \$3 to TrackWalk for CatWalk. Click on www.fundraiseonline.co.nz/trackwalk/ to make a donation online.

They are raising money for The Catwalk Spinal Cord Injury Trust www.catwalk.org.nz.

They start early morning on Easter Monday 9 April 2012 at Gore Racecourse and finish 6 days later on Saturday 14 April 2012 at Ellerslie Racecourse in Auckland on Easter Handicap Race Day.

The route and timings have been amended back to their original schedule due to the early re-opening of the Waikoeka Gorge. The itinerary is at www.nzracing.co.nz

Ann Browne's Jumping School - Cambridge

A Jumping School will be held at Ann Browne's property, Redoubt Road, Cambridge on Thursday, 12 and Friday, 13 April, 2012 at 10 am.

Any rider who may be schooling or riding over fences this season is welcome.

Trainers wanting to educate horses are asked to bring horses for our young riders. If you have any horses that are suitable please contact Sheryl McGlade.

Any horses wanting qualification certificates may go for them on the 2nd day. Trainers must ring and book-in so we can work out times.

All horses will be charged a ground fee of \$20 per day to help with the maintenance of fences.

Any help with spare horses would be appreciated.

Contact Sheryl McGlade Ph 07 827 8529 or 0274 508 797

Reminder: Cambridge Jockey Club Jumping Trials on Tuesday, 17 April at 10.30 am.

Egmont-Wanganui Hunt Jumping Trials - Sunday 15 April

Egmont-Wanganui Hunt is holding its annual Point to Point at Waverley Racecourse on Sunday 15 April 2012 at 12 noon.

Catchweight and Open Jumping Heats.

Entries/enquiries to John Boon 06 346 5365 / 0272 840 764 or Harvey Wilson 06 346 5874

Turnover Information for the Period ending 1 April 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								11-12	10-11
26/3	Wairarapa (1)	18,833		332,565		143,718		66	
27/3	Matamata (2)	20,308		508,422		174,822		82	
28/3	Waikato	32,954	58.5%	652,535	5.8%	247,945	140.0%	101	3.1%
29/3	Wanganui (3)	34,844	5.0%	634,180	10.2%	180,557	63.6%	98	10.9%
30/3	Otago (4)	19,573	10.1%	532,170	22.6%	112,605	19.0%	92	15.6%
31/3	Manawatu	237,365	6.3%	1,839,038	11.4%	578,578	49.0%	126	3.1%
31/3	Auckland (5)	102,967	21.7%	1,133,055	18.3%	319,552	63.7%	102	17.1%

(1) Wairarapa RC; no equivalent meeting last year. Had originally been a Foxton RC licence.

(2) Racing Matamata; no equivalent meeting last year

(3) Wanganui JC; 8 races this year, compared to 10 races last year.

(4) Otago RC; 8 races this year, compared to 10 races last year.

(5) Auckland RC; 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	2,102	2,116	(14)	(0.66%)
Starters	22,074	22,526	(452)	(2.01%)
Avg Field Size	10.50	10.65	(0.14)	(1.35%)
Off-Course Turnover	226,905,213	242,232,017	(15,326,804)	(6.33%)
On-Course Turnover	27,379,278	30,518,958	(3,139,680)	(10.29%)
Total Totalisator Turnover	254,284,491	272,750,975	(18,466,484)	(6.77%)
Fixed Odds	48,938,528	42,035,101	+6,903,427	+16.42%
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	303,223,019	314,786,076	(11,563,057)	(3.67%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	144,255	148,765	(4,510)	(3.03%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	13,737	13,974	(238)	(1.70%)

Total NZRB Racing Turnover	936,390,257	934,046,616	+2,343,641	+0.25%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	158,042,060	118,573,006	+39,469,054	+33.29%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,094,432,317	1,052,619,622	+41,812,695	+3.97%

Overall turnover was down 0.5% (- \$147k) last week on the same week last year, + 4.0% season to date.

Racing turnover was up 2.2% (+ \$0.56m) for the week, Racing Tote was down 4.1% (- \$0.9m) with Domestic tote down 11.7% (- \$1.5m). Domestic thoroughbreds turnover was down 11.3% (- \$775k) with broadly the same number of horse starts.

Import tote turnover was up 6.3% on the same week last year (+ \$588k) with 13.4% more races taken.

FOB Racing, with 204 Final Field Place options offered (\$827k) was up 52.2% (+ \$1.46m) last week (up 68% or \$1.29m domestically), with + 59% more options available than in the same week last year.

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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