

**Friday 30 May 2014**

### **Canterbury Racing - June Racemeeting Cancelled**

The Canterbury Jockey Club and New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing have jointly agreed to the cancellation of the Industry racemeeting scheduled for Riccarton Park Racecourse on Friday 6 June 2014.

As replacement venues were unavailable races from this programme will be added to the Waimate Racing Club on Sunday 8 June and the South Canterbury Racing Club on Friday 13 June to provide options that do not already exist on those programmes.

Races will also be split if the number of acceptances so warrant. The primary reason behind the decision is the impact that the extremely wet autumn has had on a compact racing programme at Riccarton Park Racecourse.

Christchurch has experienced the wettest April in history as news items of flooded houses, stranded vehicles and suburban streets turned into lakes bear testimony.

- 219mm of rain fell at Riccarton Park in that month;
- A further 39mm has fallen in May after the racemeeting on Saturday 3 May 2014;
- Given the average rainfall is 625mm a year, having over a third of the yearly average at a time of year with almost no drying has made a significant impact;
- This has led the CJC and NZTR to consider the priorities for the next seven weeks and then onto the three day Grand National Carnival in August;
- The racemeeting this coming Friday 30 May will be run on heavy going and given that there is another 'Feature Meeting' scheduled for Saturday 21 June, the Course Proper will benefit from having three weeks to prepare for that meeting;
- History was also taken into account as the comparable meeting to Friday 6 June last year attracted only 49 starters in six races;
- The first priority is to make every effort to ensure that the Saturday Feature Meeting (\$140,000 in stake money) proceeds in the best condition and is not compromised if at all possible;
- The second priority is the preparation and management of the Course Proper from these two feature meetings on to the Grand National Meeting (\$870,000 in stake money).

The irony is that such a wet autumn eventuated after the important sand-slitting component of the planned Course Proper drainage project was unable to be completed in time for this winter. Its installation was re-scheduled for after the New Zealand Cup Meeting of 2014. As a consequence the following changes have been made to the Waimate (8 June) and South Canterbury (13 June) meetings.

- Maiden 1400m added to Waimate.
- Benchmark Rating 65 1200m added to Waimate.

- Benchmark Rating 85 1600m added to South Canterbury.
- Benchmark Rating 65 CG&E 1600m added to South Canterbury.

### **South Canterbury RC 11 July – Programme Amendments**

In the upcoming June issue of the *Thoroughbred Racing Monthly* it should be noted that the F&M Maiden 1200m race is now an open Maiden 1200m race, and there is an additional race, being a Rating 65 Benchmark 1200m race.

### **Inaugural TiES Title Goes to Christchurch**

The first year of the new Thoroughbreds in Equestrian Sports (TiES) initiative was wrapped up at the at the prestigious NRM National Three Day Event recently with promising Christchurch based rider Claudia Wilson taking the inaugural title on her mount Citadelle.

The TiES programme, which was announced in January this year, is a partnership between ESNZ (Equestrian Sports NZ) and NZTR (New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing) with the scheme designed to increase opportunities for the thoroughbred breed off the racetrack while raising awareness of their potential for a career in equestrian sports other than racing.

The goal of the programme is to achieve more of a balance between the numbers of horses retiring from the racetrack and the number of people willing to take on responsibility for them. To be eligible to enter the series the horse must have been registered with NZTR, although they do not have to have raced.

A series of competitions across the ESNZ registered sports of Jumping, Dressage, and Eventing were held throughout the summer that culminated in the final at the NRM National Three Day Event at Taupo on the 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> of May.

Individual titles were on offer at each show with the national title going to the horse with the most points accumulated at the end of the season. Although the combination only finished 4<sup>th</sup> at Taupo, Wilson and Citadelle had done enough during the year to clinch the championship with 140 points ahead of Amanda Pottinger and her horse Just Kidding who finished second on 120 points.

The ten-year-old Citadelle (formerly Vintage Peak) managed two wins and four minor placings in a twenty start racing career from the stable of top Awapuni trainer Lisa Latta, before being retired from the track in 2009. Re-education in the equestrian sport disciplines followed before the gelding was purchased by Wilson last year with an eye to a dressage career.

“We were looking for a replacement for my horse Shapeshifter who was injured so we ended up buying Citadelle last August,” explained Wilson.

“We decided to have a go at the TiES series and finished second at the South Island Dressage Championships in January then second again at the McLeans Island one-day event in March before we ended up fourth at Taupo.

“It was really exciting to win the title in its first year as he is a super horse and I think he has a good future ahead of him, especially in dressage where he excels.”

The Canterbury University student will now aim Citadelle towards further dressage competitions and is hoping he can help in her bid to establish an equestrian sport career at the completion of her studies.

### **1 Shot at \$5 Million**

How would you like to make a cool \$5 million on the 2014 Football World Cup – FOR FREE?

The TAB has launched ‘1 Shot at \$5 Million’. If you pick all 64 winners of the tournament, the TAB will give you \$5 million.

This is the single biggest prize pool the TAB has ever offered on any event. It’s easy, and it’s free! Why not have a shot at becoming \$5 million richer.

All you have to do is log on to [www.tabchallenge.co.nz](http://www.tabchallenge.co.nz) and make your picks.

You’ve got until Midnight on 12 June to get your picks in. The World Cup kicks off with the opening match between Brazil and Croatia on 13 June.

The competition is open to all New Zealand residents aged 18 or over. There is a limit of one entry per person.

The TAB is also offering 5 prizes of \$1,000 for the top five most accurate picks.

Full contest rules along with more information about the ‘1 Shot at \$5Million’ can be found at [www.tabchallenge.co.nz](http://www.tabchallenge.co.nz).

### **Twilight Meetings 2014/15 Season**

The following are the meetings in the 2014/15 season that are twilight meetings.

| <b>Day</b> | <b>Date</b> | <b>Club</b>       |
|------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Friday     | 21 November | Taranaki TRI      |
| Sunday     | 23 November | Cambridge JC      |
| Friday     | 28 November | Winton JC         |
| Wednesday  | 3 December  | Counties RC       |
| Friday     | 5 December  | Canterbury Racing |

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| Wednesday | 10 December | Otago RC          |
| Wednesday | 10 December | Auckland RC       |
| Thursday  | 11 December | Hawke's Bay RI    |
| Sunday    | 14 December | Auckland RC       |
| Wednesday | 17 December | Matamata RC       |
| Monday    | 22 December | Taranaki TRI      |
| Friday    | 26 December | Otago RC          |
| Sunday    | 25 January  | Auckland RC       |
| Friday    | 30 January  | Taranaki TRI      |
| Thursday  | 5 February  | Racing Tauranga   |
| Wednesday | 11 February | Auckland RC       |
| Thursday  | 12 February | Wanganui JC       |
| Wednesday | 25 February | Waikato RC        |
| Thursday  | 26 February | Marton JC         |
| Thursday  | 5 March     | Canterbury Racing |

**Total 20**

### **Winners Circle Club – Taranaki Thoroughbred Racing**

Love Horse Racing? Enjoy Coming To The Races? Want To Be An Owner?

**Join the Taranaki Thoroughbred Racing "Winners Circle Club" to enjoy all the trappings at a fraction of the cost!**

Winners Circle Club Membership Benefits Include:

#### **Young or Single Membership to Taranaki Thoroughbred Racing**

Free admission to all race days where there is a gate charge for the public; access to the La Mer Lounge each race day; Car Park Pass; guests can join you in the La Mer Lounge, and other members' only areas, for only \$10 per race day; \$5 per person discount to all hospitality packages purchased by members; and lots more.

#### **One Ticket to each of the following Summer Carnival Race Day Events**

Winners Circle Club : Twilight Friday 21 November and Crowded House Party Central Marquee : 27 December.

As a member of Taranaki Thoroughbred Racing you'll also have member's privileges to access the La Mer Lounge and other facilities on both days.

## Central Districts Race Day & Hospitality Package

Bus trip to a selected central districts race day including food and beverage package.

### Invitation to open days at local stables

### 1% share in a racehorse to be leased and trained at Pukekura Raceway

Cost: \$500 per annum payable in one sum or \$11 per week.

Contact Taranaki Thoroughbred Racing for full details: [www.tarankiracing.co.nz](http://www.tarankiracing.co.nz) or email [events@tarankiracing.co.nz](mailto:events@tarankiracing.co.nz)

## Turnover Information for Period Ended 25 May 2014

| Date   | Club        | On-Course (Tote & FOB combined) |         | Totalisator (Off & on-course combined) |           | Fixed Odds (Off & on-course) |         | Races |       | Starters |       |
|--------|-------------|---------------------------------|---------|--|-----------|------------------------------|---------|-------|-------|----------|-------|
|        |             | 13-14                           | 12-13   | 13-14                                  | 12-13     | 13-14                        | 12-13   | 13-14 | 12-13 | 13-14    | 12-13 |
| 19-May | Riverton    | 33,879                          | -       | 353,086                                | -         | 144,430                      | -       | 9     | -     | 80       | -     |
| 21-May | Whangarei   | 110,341                         | 79,347  | 766,513                                | 690,193   | 284,155                      | 220,717 | 10    | 9     | 106      | 104   |
| 22-May | Hawke's Bay | 48,652                          | 29,592  | 697,267                                | 457,997   | 231,790                      | 123,727 | 10    | 9     | 114      | 89    |
| 23-May | Oamaru      | 10,929                          | -       | 391,757                                | -         | 134,296                      | -       | 7     | -     | 65       | -     |
| 24-May | Auckland    | 154,681                         | 86,383  | 1,381,566                              | 1,214,054 | 389,127                      | 295,577 | 10    | 9     | 121      | 94    |
| 24-May | Wellington  | 173,062                         | 171,776 | 1,336,630                              | 1,142,258 | 366,662                      | 296,932 | 9     | 9     | 107      | 82    |

| NZ Thoroughbred Summary                 | This Season, Year to Date | Last Season, Year to Date | Variance +/() | Variance +%/(%) |
|---|---------------------------|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------|
| Meetings                                | 291                       | 300                       | (9)           | (3.00%)         |
| Races                                   | 2,427                     | 2,523                     | (96)          | (3.80%)         |
| Total Starts                            | 25,231                    | 26,133                    | (902)         | (3.45%)         |
| Avg Field Size                          | 10.40                     | 10.36                     | +0.04         | +0.37%          |
| Number of races less than 8 starters    | 399                       | 369                       | +30           | +8.13%          |
| Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB) | 333,895,363               | 336,636,377               | (2,741,014)   | (0.81%)         |
| On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)  | 32,057,934                | 33,528,043                | (1,470,108)   | (4.38%)         |
| Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover          | 365,953,298               | 370,164,420               | (4,211,122)   | (1.14%)         |
| Subtotal Totalisator Turnover           | 279,093,968               | 292,181,384               | (13,087,416)  | (4.48%)         |

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| Subtotal FOB Turnover                       | 86,859,314           | 77,983,035           | +8,876,279         | +11.38%       |
| <b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race</b>    | 150,784              | 146,716              | +4,068             | +2.77%        |
| <b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter</b> | 14,504               | 14,165               | +339               | +2.40%        |
| <b>Total NZRB Racing Turnover</b>           | 1,264,798,700        | 1,233,050,334        | +31,748,366        | +2.57%        |
| <b>Total NZRB Sports Turnover</b>           | 230,525,407          | 200,272,174          | +30,253,233        | +15.11%       |
| <b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>                  | <b>1,495,324,107</b> | <b>1,433,322,508</b> | <b>+62,001,599</b> | <b>+4.33%</b> |

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| <b>NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 30 Apr)</b> | 251,552,493 | 295,831,571 | (44,279,078) | (14.97%) |
| <b>Total Races (to 30 Apr)</b>                          | 2,222       | 2,288       | (66)         | (2.88%)  |
| <b>NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race</b>    | 113,210     | 129,297     | (16,087)     | (12.44%) |

### Meeting Details

- Riverton RC Monday meeting had no direct equivalent in FY13.
- Whangarei RC Wednesday meeting equivalent was a week earlier last season. 10 races in FY14, 9 races in FY13.
- Hawke's Bay RI Thursday meeting equivalent was on a Monday a week later in FY13. 10 races this season, 9 last season.
- Oamaru JC Friday meeting had no direct equivalent in FY13.
- Auckland RC Saturday meeting equivalent ran 10 races this season, 9 races last season.

### Turnover Summary Notes

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is down 1.1% year to date.
- With 96 less races than run over the same period last season, turnover per race has actually increased, up 2.8%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 902, 3.5% less.
- Average field size is up from 10.36 in FY13 to 10.40 in FY14, 0.04 starters per race (0.4%) more.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is now 30 higher than a season ago.
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.5%) has been partly offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 11.4%).
- \$NZ export turnover per race to 30 April is down (12.4%). The variance in the \$NZ/\$A exchange rate is responsible for a large proportion of this decline. The remainder, as well as the absence of any growth, appears to have resulted from the loss of coverage on Sky 1 in Australia for midweek races run after 2 pm.