



**Tuesday 30 October 2012**

### **“Off The Rails” Comes Back To Christchurch – Tuesday 13 November**

The extremely popular Sky Racing Australia television show “Off the Rails” is venturing out of Australia and back to Christchurch for New Zealand Cup and Show Week.

Made possible with the sponsorship of Barneswood Farm proprietors Sarah and Chris Green ‘The Show’, as it is affectingly known, will be screened live out of The Show Gate at Riccarton Park Racecourse on the evening of Tuesday 13 November 2012. Last year the venue was The Tea House so a much a larger audience can be accommodated this year.

The Racecourse Hotel & Motor Lodge and Trevino’s Restaurant & Bar have also provided support.

Host Greg Radley is no stranger to New Zealand race goers having commentated at the iconic Kumara Racemeeting for a number of years whilst, well known to New Zealanders through their exploits in the saddle, panellists champion jockeys Malcolm Johnston and Corey Brown will both be making their second trip to Christchurch.

The “Off the Rails” team are putting together an entertaining evening to coincide with the filming of the programme. Starting at 7 pm the panel will entertain with their own brand of humour, take questions and conduct an auction to raise funds for the local branch of the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders Association so that they can continue with the “First Girl Home” stakes bonus scheme.

A meal will be served at 8:30 pm when the panellists will adjourn to prepare for the live filming of ‘The Show’ from 9 pm.

Auction items include:

- Gold plated Zabeel shoe, mounted with photo & video from Cambridge Stud
- 12 original watercolour cartoons by Lynley Driver
- 2 x \$500 horse insurance vouchers from NZ Bloodstock Insurance
- A \$5,000 Sky Racing advertising package

Anyone who is unable to attend the show but would like to bid on any of the items can do so by viewing the items on their website [www.nztba.co.nz](http://www.nztba.co.nz) and emailing their bid to The Auctioneer c/o NZTBA Canterbury Branch Treasurer, Wendy Wakefield at [wendy.wakefield@xtra.co.nz](mailto:wendy.wakefield@xtra.co.nz)

For the second time ‘Off the Rails’ will be screened live both in Australia and New Zealand through the Trackside Channel. Normally the New Zealand screening is delayed until Wednesday night.

### **New Zealand Racing Board Annual General Meeting**

**6 December 2012 at 10:30am**

**Grand Conference Room, Rydges Hotel, 75 Featherston Street, Wellington**

New Zealand Racing Board Chairman Alan Jackson invites interested parties to attend the 2012 Annual General Meeting of the New Zealand Racing Board to be held in Wellington on 6 December 2012.

The Meeting will feature the release of the 2011/12 Annual Report by Alan Jackson and an address by the Honourable Nathan Guy, Minister for Racing. There will also be presentations by external speakers and an opportunity for attendees to provide feedback via industry workshops.

A luncheon will be served and the Meeting is scheduled to finish around 4:45pm, followed by light refreshments.

Presentations from the Meeting will be filmed for subsequent broadcast on Trackside. Those unable to attend the Meeting will be able to view, or record for later viewing, these special broadcasts on our Trackside television channel at 2:00am on Tuesday, 11 December and again at 12:30am on Wednesday, 12 December 2012.

In order to ensure numbers can be accommodated, a RSVP is requested before the 28 November 2012, by emailing your name to [agm@nzracingboard.co.nz](mailto:agm@nzracingboard.co.nz).

### **\$250,000 Pick Six – Saturday 3 November**

The Spring Splurge may be over but this coming Saturday there is a \$250,000 Pick6 on Feilding Cup day at Awapuni.

### **Tauranga Christmas at the Races Kicks of the Festive Season**

The first Christmas at the Races event gets underway at Tauranga Racecourse this Friday.

It will be the first of 25 thoroughbred events nationwide on the Christmas at the Races calendar.

Santa's Pick will be back along with on-course entertainment and promotions throughout the day. Watch this space for a weekly update of upcoming Christmas at the Races events.

For more information visit [www.theraces.co.nz](http://www.theraces.co.nz)

### **Engaging a New Audience**

The NZRB's highly successful Santa's Pick promotion will be returning to Christmas at the Races events in 2012 for another festive season. Last year over 100,000 people attended a Christmas at the Races event and for over 18,000 of them it was their first time ever at the races. Santa's Pick is really helping to engage this new audience in racing - making it fun and easy for them to pick out and follow a horse.

This season one horse will be chosen as Santa's Pick for each race at a Christmas at the Races event. No Santa's pick hat will be worn in any Black Type races. The horse chosen as Santa's Pick will be promoted on-course in collaboration with the Christmas Cracker bet in order to involve and entertain the crowd and to boost revenue for Clubs.

NZTR fully supports the concept as it certainly created some added spice and interest to the busy Christmas racing period. From a practical perspective however, NZTR needs the support of owners and trainers in that if their horse is selected as "Santa's Pick" its cap will be replaced with a red & white one at the time jockeys leave the weigh out area. Most connections embraced the idea last year but naturally both the NZRB and NZTR fully respect the wishes of owners and trainers, hence if the Racing Bureau receives any requests asking that their standard cap be worn, then naturally these will be accommodated.

**It is important that such requests are made before the raceday so as to prevent the wrong list of Picks being distributed to Phonebet, Trackside and printed for the tipsheets on-course.**

**Any owners or trainers who wish to retain their standard registered coloured cap for their horse are asked to notify the NZTR National Racing Bureau.**

## Banks Peninsula RC Stake Increases for Meeting on Sunday 4 November

Banks Peninsula Racing Club has announced increases to stakes for eight of the nine races at its race meeting on Sunday 4 November 2012.

The Rating 75 1400m event is now to be run for a stake of \$13,000, up from the originally advised amount of \$8,000.

The Rating 65 Fillies and Mares event, which is an NZTR F&M Bonus Stake Race, is run for a stake of \$12,000.

All other events have a stake increase of \$1,000.

## Northern Trials – Ellerslie, Thursday 8 November

Following consultation between NZTR, the Auckland RC and the Northern Regional Programming Committee trials have been confirmed on the inside track at Ellerslie on Thursday 8 November 2012.

These trials replace those previously advertised at Avondale on this date, with Avondale JC now due to race Monday 12 November.

Nominations for the Ellerslie trials close at 12 noon, Wednesday 7 November with National Racing Bureau.

## Waverley RC Trials Transferred to 22 November

Following consultation between NZTR, the Central Region Programming Committee and Waverley RC the Waverley RC Trial Meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday 20 November has now been transferred to Thursday 22 November.

This revised schedule avoids a clash with the Ready to Run Sale being held on 20 & 21 November.

## Turnover Information for the Period ending 28 October 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								12-13	11-12
22/10	Waikato (1)	139,555	5.2%	1,580,463	13.9%	544,777	74.1%	125	19.4%
24/10	Te Aroha (2)	55,862	3.8%	795,496	2.0%	249,905	45.9%	132	28.2%
25/10	Hawke's Bay (3)	43,145		815,576		305,930		106	
26/10	Wyndham (4)	21,737	54.8%	457,711	33.0%	118,851	8.2%	84	13.4%
27/10	Auckland	186,015	47.6%	1,376,655	13.3%	385,818	53.6%	120	6.2%
27/10	Wellington (5)	229,642	19.7%	1,869,676	19.7%	490,189	64.6%	139	52.7%
28/10	NthCanterbury (6)	69,621	23.1%	948,343	9.0%	348,957	43.1%	101	13.7%

- (1) Waikato RC; only meeting this Labour Monday, whereas last year on this day there was also a Woodville-Pahiatua RC meeting at which there were 8 races.
- (2) Racing Te Aroha; there were 11 races this year, compared to 10 races last year.
- (3) Hawke's Bay RI; last year this meeting was a Taranaki TR meeting at which there were 8 races, the same number as this year.
- (4) Wyndham RC; there were 9 races this year, compared to 8 races last year.
- (5) Wellington RC; last year this meeting was run on a Heavy 11 track, whereas this year the track was rated a Dead 5.
- (6) Canterbury Racing – North Canterbury; there were 9 races this year, compared to 11 races last 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>	695	749	(54)	(7.21%)
<b>Starters</b>	7,251	7,613	(362)	(4.76%)
<b>Avg Field Size</b>	10.43	10.16	+0.27	+2.65%
<b>Off-Course Turnover</b>	72,068,204	73,498,705	(1,430,501)	(1.95%)
<b>On-Course Turnover</b>	5,562,148	6,295,479	(733,331)	(11.65%)
<b>Total Totalisator Turnover</b>	77,630,352	79,794,184	(2,163,832)	(2.71%)
<b>Fixed Odds</b>	19,515,587	14,005,775	+5,509,813	+39.34%
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	97,145,939	93,799,959	+3,345,981	+3.57%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race</b>	139,778	125,234	+14,545	+11.61%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter</b>	13,398	12,321	+1,077	+8.74%
<b>Total NZRB Racing Turnover</b>	356,225,796	314,222,496	+42,003,300	+13.37%
<b>Total NZRB Sports Turnover</b>	66,208,420	78,767,291	(12,558,871)	(15.94%)
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>422,434,216</b>	<b>392,989,787</b>	<b>+29,444,429</b>	<b>+7.49%</b>

Overall turnover was up 14.6% (+\$4.60m) last week on the same week last year.

The largest domestic betting race for the week was the Group 2 New Zealand Bloodstock Wellington Guineas on Saturday which turned over (tote + fob) \$332k up 45% on last year's edition of the race, also the highest turnover for this race in five years, benefiting from a full field of 16 starters (just nine last year) and the first time in five years there has been a better than Heavy track for this race.

The largest overall betting race for the week was the Cox Plate on Saturday won by kiwi runner Ocean Park which turned over \$1.03m, down 9.0% on last year's edition which had benefited from the following built up around Jimmy Choux's participation. This year's turnover was however up on the previous two runnings 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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