

Thursday 5 June 2014

Northland Identity Dick Stevenson Passes Away

Northland racing has lost one of its staunchest supporters with the passing on Wednesday morning of Dick Stevenson.

A committed administrator, he also held an owner-trainer's licence since 1992 and from small numbers he prepared more than 70 winners with the well-performed staying mare Tui Akarana his leading representative.

Vale Ada Parnwell

The New Zealand racing and breeding industries lost a respected and enthusiastic supporter with the death on Monday of Ada Parnwell.

In her late eighties, she passed away at her Tauranga home after a period of failing health. She had a wide and varied involvement as the principal of Cambridge Lodge, which was the base for various aspects of her bloodstock interests.

Thoroughbred auctions have taken place at Cambridge Lodge in the central Waikato for more than two decades, while the Parnwell racing and breeding stock were based there along with the popular tourist attraction, the Kiwi Horse Magic Show.

Mrs Parnwell was also a generous sponsor of races and was also underwrote the Thoroughbred Bonus Scheme (TBS), which provided payments to the enrolled winners of designated races.

Ada was a hard taskmaster and kept me on my toes, but there's no denying her tremendous investment in racing," Cambridge Lodge general manager Lee Somervell, who trained the bulk of the Parnwell racing team in more recent years, told The Informant.

"Corndale was an early star to race for the Parnwell's, while in recent years Fleur De Lune, who Mrs Parnwell raced in partnership with Hawke's Bay couple John and Colleen Duncan, provided her with her first Group One success in the 2013 Railway Stakes at Ellerslie. That was an absolute thrill for me personally, but especially knowing what it meant to Ada," Somervell said.

Cambridge Lodge is also the home of the Parnwell-owned Danehill stallion Civics, whose progeny include this season's Listed Newmarket Handicap winner Civics Rock.

Website and IT System Support Leader

NZTR has a vacancy for a Website and IT System Support Leader. Please refer

Woodville-Pahiatua RC Jump-Outs 10 June

The Woodville-Pahiatua Racing Club will be holding Jump-outs on Tuesday 10 June 2014, using the clubs own starting gates.

Start time: 9 am

Entries close: Monday 9 June 2014 at 4 pm

Entries to warren@awemcnicol.co.nz or phone Robbie McLean on 0274 436 416

Trials - Canterbury Region

Next Trials

The next Trials meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 17 June 2014 and will be held, as planned, at the Rangiora Racecourse.

Replacement Venue

Due to the unavailability of the buildings at the Waimate Racecourse the Trials scheduled for Wednesday 9 July will now be held at: Rangiora Racecourse.

South Canterbury RC 11 July – Programme Amendments

In the 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.

Turnover Information for Period Ended 1 June 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
26-May	Egmont	32,385	40,738	491,710	680,310	163,579	211,990	8	9	91	120
28-May	Counties	50,764	41,925	660,929	646,996	232,554	184,380	10	9	123	93
29-May	Feilding	33,932	29,930	548,914	530,753	212,713	149,202	8	8	71	76
30-May	Canterbury	34,346	15,057	488,008	386,306	174,001	126,323	9	6	80	49

31-May	Auckland	91,566	112,568	1,152,325	1,349,087	359,969	304,974	9	9	93	95
31-May	Wanganui	111,823	118,183	1,344,003	1,389,745	433,808	265,232	10	9	129	122
1-Jun	Otago	26,931	30,615	413,135	411,327	132,474	96,309	8	7	62	55

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/()	Variance +%/(-%)
Meetings	298	307	(9)	(2.93%)
Races	2,489	2,580	(91)	(3.53%)
Total Starts	25,880	26,730	(850)	(3.18%)
Avg Field Size	10.40	10.36	+0.04	+0.36%
Number of races less than 8 starters	410	374	+36	+9.63%
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	340,424,975	342,824,883	(2,399,908)	(0.70%)
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	32,439,681	33,897,362	(1,457,681)	(4.30%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	372,864,656	376,722,245	(3,857,590)	(1.02%)
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	284,296,229	297,449,520	(13,153,292)	(4.42%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	88,568,412	79,272,725	+9,295,687	+11.73%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	149,805	146,016	+3,789	+2.59%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,407	14,094	+314	+2.23%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,293,702,078	1,259,987,961	+33,714,117	+2.68%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	237,961,553	205,218,315	+32,743,238	+15.96%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,531,663,631	1,465,206,276	+66,457,355	+4.54%

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

Meeting Details

- Egmont RC Monday meeting equivalent was a Thursday in mid May last season; 8 races in FY14, 9 in FY13.
- Counties RC Wednesday meeting equivalent was a Friday in FY13; 10 races this season, 9 races last.
- Feilding JC Thursday meeting equivalent was a Wednesday in FY13.
- Canterbury Racing Friday meeting equivalent was a Thursday last season; 9 races in FY14, 6 in FY13.
- Wanganui JC Saturday meeting ran 10 races this season, 9 races last season.
- Otago RC Sunday meeting ran 8 races in FY14, 7 in FY13.

Turnover Summary Notes

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is down 1.0% year to date.
- With 91 less races than run over the same period last season, turnover per race has actually increased, up 2.6%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 850, 3.2% 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 36 higher than a season ago.
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.4%) has been partly offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 11.7%).
- \$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 2pm.