



**Thursday 6 March 2014**

**EGMONT RACING CLUB – MONDAY 10 MARCH 2014 - EXTRA RACE CONFIRMED**

NZTR, in consultation with the Club, the Central Regional Programming Committee and the CD Trainers Association has confirmed that a Maiden 2100m race will be added to the Egmont RC on Monday 10 March.

Specifics of the added race are:

**Maiden SW – 2100m**

Of \$7,000, \$4,375, \$1,400, \$700, \$350, \$175.

All other races on the programme remain unaltered.

The CD Clubs are trialing a new initiative where 10 days out from a midweek industry meeting the Central Regional Programming Committee will confirm the additional 8<sup>th</sup> race to be programmed based on recent nominations and a review of upcoming opportunities for those horses in the region. The flexibility to programme the extra race is designed to provide an opportunity for horses which might otherwise not be able to start.

**NORTHERN TRIALS VENUE CHANGE – TUESDAY 11 MARCH – WAS PAEROA NOW ROTORUA**

The trials scheduled for Paeroa on Tuesday 11 March 2014 will now be run by Racing Rotorua at Arawa Park.

The decision has been made following a further inspection of the Paeroa track and after consultation between the Club, Waikato RC Course Management, the RIU and the NZTR Venue Inspector. Whilst the Paeroa track's condition has improved since the cancellation of the 25 February trials meeting at the venue, its surface remains slightly inconsistent in places.

Nominations for the Rotorua trials close 12 noon, Monday 10 March.

## **WAIPA RC – THURSDAY 13 MARCH 2014 – RACE MEETING CANCELLED**

The Waipa RC race meeting programmed for Thursday 13 March 2014 has been cancelled.

The decision has been made at an early stage following inspections of the track by the NZTR Venue Inspector and the Racing Integrity Unit, amidst concerns that the surface will in all likelihood be too firm to race on, and as a result of there being no irrigation system at the venue. Also, the forecast is for there to be little rainfall in the region in the next week, so this too was a contributing factor in the decision.

The early decision to cancel the meeting will also allow trainers to consider alternative options for nomination opportunities over the next week & in particular for the South Waikato RC race meeting (at Matamata) on Wednesday 12 March, for which nominations close noon, Friday 7 March 2014. The programming of a replacement licence (post the Waipa cancellation) at an alternative venue was considered, but it was deemed unnecessary given the significant volume of alternative opportunities in the region in the next fortnight.

Two additional races have however been programmed for the South Waikato meeting and these are:

**Maiden SW                      1400m**  
**\$7,000**  
**\$4,375, \$1,400, \$700, \$350, \$175**

**Maiden 3YO SW                1600m**  
**\$7,000**  
**\$4,375, \$1,400, \$700, \$350, \$175**

## **WINGATUI HOSTS HIGH QUALITY FEATURE RACING THIS SATURDAY**

The feature race of the afternoon, the \$50,000 NZB Airfreight Stakes, run over 1400m is the second leg of the NZB Southern Filly of the Year Series. The first leg, the Canterbury Belle Stakes, run in September at Riccarton was won by Orovola , trained by Danny Champion and Kezia Murphy. This quality filly lines up again on Saturday against some tough opposition.

The day also features two outstanding open grade races - both sponsored by Clearview Park. The Club is pleased to announce a stallion tender to Clearview Park's exciting sire, Natural Destiny. [Please click here for details.](#)

Local tipster Trackspy hit the TAB for six on Champions Day with some huge priced winners. \$10 each way on all his selections would have yielded a profit of \$430. Six winners from nine runners, a close second and two unplaced.

Below are his choices for Saturday:  
Race 1 Annabel Rose

Race 2 Vector Change  
 Race 3 The Governorator  
 Race 4 Drumregal  
 Race 5 Valiant  
 Race 6 Soubettes  
 Race 7 Mikabella  
 Race 8 Paraketo  
 Race 9 Barberry Roze

### World's Top 50 Group/Grade One races

The latest report for World's Top 50 Group/Grade One races is now posted on the IFHA website at <http://www.ifhaonline.org/racingDisplay.asp?section=25>.

### TURNOVER INFORMATION (FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 2 MARCH 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
24-Feb	Avondale	95,870	18,512	402,924	282,307	204,002	178,874	7	7	59	44
26-Feb	Waikato	53,323	34,296	675,449	524,868	297,756	226,340	8	8	78	63
27-Feb	Marton	45,336	25,780	692,071	546,548	255,198	179,996	8	8	84	73
28-Feb	Central Otago	37,785	52,097	446,496	677,283	148,988	173,114	8	9	66	81
1-Mar	Auckland	629,866	636,507	3,258,399	2,813,156	1,008,925	782,327	10	10	107	110
1-Mar	Hawke's Bay	59,486	74,933	810,806	1,156,393	296,645	291,023	7	9	58	81
2-Mar	Otago@ Cromwell	91,866	122,302	592,191	779,895	170,522	194,028	8	9	72	81

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Meetings	215	217	(2)	(0.92%)
Races	1,776	1,832	(56)	(3.06%)

<b>Total Starts</b>	18,461	19,007	(546)	(2.87%)
<b>Avg Field Size</b>	10.39	10.38	+0.02	+0.19%
<b>Number of races less than 8 starters</b>	293	266	+27	+10.15%
<b>Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator &amp; FOB)</b>	253,950,240	256,807,500	(2,857,260)	(1.11%)
<b>On-Course Turnover (Totalisator &amp; FOB)</b>	25,617,316	26,948,211	(1,330,896)	(4.94%)
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	279,567,556	283,755,711	(4,188,155)	(1.48%)
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	214,269,598	224,668,549	(10,398,951)	(4.63%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	65,297,943	59,087,162	+6,210,781	+10.51%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race</b>	157,414	154,888	+2,526	+1.63%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter</b>	15,144	14,929	+215	+1.44%
<b>Total NZRB Racing Turnover</b>	928,443,682	912,344,029	+16,099,653	+1.76%
<b>Total NZRB Sports Turnover</b>	159,795,758	137,105,965	+22,689,793	+16.55%
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>1,088,239,440</b>	<b>1,049,449,994</b>	<b>+38,789,446</b>	<b>+3.70%</b>

<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 23 Feb)</b>	178,367,980	238,501,880	(60,133,900)	(25.21%)
<b>Total Races (to 23 Feb)</b>	1,720	1,781	(61)	(3.43%)
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race</b>	103,702	133,915	(30,212)	(22.56%)

#### Meeting details

- Central Otago RC Friday meeting ran 8 races in FY14, 9 in FY13.
- Hawke's Bay RI Saturday meeting ran 9 races in FY14, 7 races in FY13
- Otago RC Sunday meeting at Cromwell ran 8 races this season, 9 last season.

#### Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is down 1.5% year to date.
- With 56 less races than run over the same period last season, turnover per race has actually increased, up 1.6%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 546, 2.9% less.
- Average field size is up slightly from 10.38 in FY13 to 10.39 in FY14, 0.02 starters per race (0.2%) more.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is now 27 higher than a season ago.
- Decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.6%) has been partly offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 10.5%).
- \$NZ export turnover per race to 23 February is down (12.9%). The variance in the \$NZ/\$A exchange rate is responsible for 11.7% of this decline. The remainder of this decline (1.2%), 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.