



Tuesday 8 May 2012

Massey Equine Research

Getting the right information to you!

Charlotte Bolwell, Massey Equine Research, is currently looking to find out the best ways to tell people in the racing and breeding industry about the projects that they are doing at Massey University.

The aim is to find out what information people would like to know that could assist them with their businesses or their role in the industries. This would allow the results of research projects to be spread throughout the industry. To find out the best way to do this, a short survey has been designed to ask your views about two areas:

- 1) The topics of horse research information you would like to know about
- 2) The best ways of getting that information to you

Hopefully you received an email over the last week with an internet link to complete the survey online.

If not, and you would like to take part in the survey, please contact Charlotte Bolwell on c.bolwell@massey.ac.nz or 06 356 9099 ext 7792 to request a link to the online survey.

Racing Integrity Unit – Casual Swabbing Officials Required in Central Districts Region

The Racing Integrity Unit Ltd commenced operations in February 2011 and is an independent organisation charged with managing integrity issues within the New Zealand racing industry. Bringing together Stipendiary Steward and Racecourse Investigator functions for the three codes – harness, thoroughbred and greyhound, the RIU is responsible for investigating and prosecuting breaches of the Rules of Racing.

The RIU is looking to build a pool of Casual Swabbing Officials in the Central Districts region for race meetings south of Taupo. This role involves taking urine samples from horses on course throughout harness and thoroughbred race meetings and completing required documentation.

The people being looked for will have a basic knowledge of racing, and will be experienced working with and around horses. Most importantly applicants will be able to demonstrate a high level of integrity and follow processes carefully.

These Casual positions are rostered with hours often outside normal business hours.

You will have energy, enthusiasm and a passion for the racing industry and a willingness to embrace change.

A job description is available on our website – www.riu.org.nz.

To apply, please email your CV and covering letter in one Word or PDF document to admin@riu.org.nz.

Applications close on Thursday 17 May 2012 at 5 pm.

NZTR Handicapping Review – May 2012

In early 2011 NZTR instituted a detailed Review of its Handicapping policies and procedures. The Review identified a number of key changes that were formally adopted by the NZTR Board and implemented on 14 November 2011. The NZTR Board made a commitment to monitor the changes including six monthly reviews.

NZTR now invites submissions and recommendations from industry participants on any aspect of the Review outcomes and the changes that were introduced in November.

NZTR will also be consulting with various sector groups in May including the three Regional Programming Committees, Racing Clubs, NZ Trainers Association, NZ Thoroughbred Breeders Association, NZ Jockeys Association, NZ Racehorse Owners Federation and the New Zealand Racing Board.

As part of your response please provide any supporting statistics, comments or examples of your viewpoint. If you wish, you might also like to provide a response to the following questions:

- Has the current NZTR Programming and handicapping system worked for you, and why?
- What parts of the current system do not work, and why?
- What would you change, and why?

Amongst the handicapping/rating issues that have been already been identified are weight penalties for horses racing out of their class, horses being re-rated out of their class for placings and the order of entry into Open Group One races for 3YO's.

NZTR welcomes further comment and feedback on any aspect of the current handicapping/rating system. Submissions close Tuesday 31 May 2012 and should be directed to:

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For further details, [click here](#).

Waipa RC Trials Moved To Paeroa – Friday 25 May

As a consequence of the Waipa RC now hosting a race meeting (replacing Avondale JC) on Wednesday 23 May, the trials scheduled for this day have been moved to Paeroa.

Nominations for the now Paeroa RC trials will still close at 12 noon, Thursday 24 May 2012 with the National racing Bureau.

Turnover Information for the Period ending 6 May 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								11-12	10-11
30/4	Waipa (1)	15,327		388,777		108,669		72	
1/5	Otaki-Maori (2)	21,954		394,753		108,149		80	
2/5	Whangarei (3)	54,994		526,211		165,453		87	
3/5	Riverton (4)	33,466		461,374		126,159		99	
4/5	Hawke's Bay (5)	36,799		616,270		201,371		76	
5/5	Canterbury (6)	73,369	15.2%	1,291,864	0.3%	303,980	54.5%	119	11.2%
5/5	Waikato (7)	47,693		725,385		184,185		68	

- (1) Waipa RC; no equivalent meeting last year; this date was originally scheduled as a Counties RC meeting, but with the Avondale track not yet approved for racing there has been a shuffle of dates in April and May between Counties RC, Waipa RC and Whangarei RC to accommodate that situation.
- (2) Otaki-Maori RC; no equivalent meeting last year.
- (3) Whangarei RC; no equivalent meeting last year; was originally scheduled to be an Avondale JC meeting (see note 1 above).
- (4) Riverton RC; no equivalent meeting this week; Riverton RC raced Thursday 15 April 2011.
- (5) Hawke's Bay RI; no equivalent meeting last year
- (6) Canterbury Racing; 9 races this year, compared to 10 races last year.
- (7) Waikato RC; no equivalent Saturday meeting; Waikato RC raced on Thursday 5 May 2011.
- (8) Turbo Quaddie; turnover for this initiative last week was \$65,159.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/()	Variance +%/(-%)
Races	2,415	2,423	(8)	(0.33%)
Starters	25,353	26,073	(720)	(2.76%)
Avg Field Size	10.50	10.76	(0.26)	(2.44%)
Off-Course Turnover	255,615,578	272,895,506	(17,279,928)	(6.33%)
On-Course Turnover	29,786,184	33,126,542	(3,340,358)	(10.08%)
Total Totalisator Turnover	285,401,762	306,022,048	(20,620,286)	(6.74%)
Fixed Odds	56,774,444	47,407,496	+9,366,948	+19.76%
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	342,176,206	353,429,544	(11,253,338)	(3.18%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	141,688	145,864	(4,177)	(2.86%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	13,496	13,555	(59)	(0.43%)
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,067,782,485	1,058,311,977	+9,470,508	+0.89%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	182,951,945	140,006,788	+42,945,157	+30.67%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,250,734,431	1,198,318,765	+52,415,666	+4.37%

Overall turnover was up 7.5% (+\$2.12m) last week on the same week last year.

Racing turnover was up 2.0% (+\$482k) for the week, with Domestic racing down 9.8% (-\$1.31m).

Domestic thoroughbreds turnover was down 12.3% (-\$866k) (tote + fob) with two additional meetings but three less races (-5.0%) with horse starts also down 14.4%.

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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