



Friday 9 August 2013

From the Horse's Mouth

NZTR Members Council Elections

The NZTR Members Council comprises 12 Members:

- Nine regional members elected by race clubs within each region - three from the Northern Region, three from the Central Region and three from the Southern Region and,
- Three Sector Members - one from the Owners Federation (NZTROF), one from the Breeders' Association (NZTBA) and one joint-member from the Trainers' Association (NZTA) & Jockeys' Association (NZJA).

The following six regional members will retire at the conclusion of the 2013 AGM and will be eligible for re-election:

- Mr Danny Moss (Northern Region)
- Mr David Smith (Northern Region)
- Mr Wayne Guppy (Central Region)
- Mr Bruce Perry (Central Region)
- Mr Murray Acklin (Southern Region)
- Mr John Wood (Southern Region)

All clubs in each of the three regions (Northern, Central and Southern) may nominate one person each for election as a Regional Member for *their* Region to the Members' Council.

Nominations must be received by the Returning Officer at NZTR by no later than 12.00pm on Friday 30 August 2013.

NZTR Race Club Conference and Annual Meeting

The 2013 Race Club Conference and Annual General Meeting of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) and Racing Club Conference will be held from 10.30am on Thursday, 7 November 2013 in the Oceania Room on Level 3 at Te Papa, Cable Street in Wellington.

The detailed programme for the day and speakers at the conference will be confirmed next month.

The conference and AGM is open to:

- All race club committee/board members and executives; and,
- All executive committee/council members and all members of management of each recognised sector organisation on behalf of NZTROF, NZTA, NZJA, NZTBA and NZTM

New Zealand Thoroughbred Live Foals

NZTR analysis indicates that the thoroughbred foal crop will fall by just -1.2% from 4,066 in 2011-2012 to 4,018 in 2012-2013, with improved conception rates materially offsetting a -5.0% reduction in mares served

in the comparative seasons.

Previous NZTR analysis reported "registered live foals" and failed to take into account live foals that had been DNA tested but not yet registered and live foals that were returned but not yet DNA tested or registered.

As at 31 July 2013:

- 3,676 foals have been registered by NZTR, compared to 4,028 2YO's and 4,171 3YO's;
- 224 foals have been DNA tested but not yet registered, compared to 46 2YO's and 20 3YO's;
- 215 foals have been "foal returned" but are yet to be DNA tested or registered, compared to 26 2YO's and zero 3YO's;
- NZTR estimates that 97 of the 439 currently unregistered foals are likely to be reported as "dead foals", with an estimated 34 of the 72 unregistered 2YO likely to be reported as "dead foals".

Pearl Series

NZTBA has advised that they have received 630 nominations for the 2013 Pearl Series from yearling fillies prior to 31 July 2013. Only unbroken 2YO's entered for the South Island Sale remain eligible to nominate for the 2013 Pearl Series.

Female Performance

In 2012-13 females horses provided 48.3% of flat race starters, producing 48.6% of wins.

Anabolic Steroids

The International Horses Racing Federation is proposing a total ban on the use of steroids for horses in training.

Currently all Asian jurisdictions (including Australian and New Zealand) except Japan, allow the use of anabolic steroids provided horses are presented drug free on race day.

At the most recent meeting of the Asian Racing Federation, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, India, South Africa and Dubai all indicated their support for the ban.

The Australian Racing Board is meeting on 12 September 2013 to finalise Australia's position. I understand that Australia is likely to support the ban.

NZTR will be meeting with representatives of the NZ Equine Veterinary Association, NZ Harness Racing and the NZ Trainers Association on 15 August 2013 to discuss the ramifications should Australia support the proposed ban.

The NZTR Board will consider the matter in September once the Australian position is known.

Racing Safety Development Fund (RSDF) Open for Applications

The next round of the RSDF is now open for applications. This Fund supports various projects that improve racecourse health and safety. Racing clubs should consider whether their facilities and equipment are safe for personnel, patrons and the racing animals.

This round of the Fund opened for applications on 1 August 2013 and closes on 30 September 2013. (The following round will open on 1 February 2014 and close on 31 March 2014.)

There is \$1.0 million (GST excl.) available for allocation over the Fund's two funding rounds.

Applications forms should be completed and received by the Department of Internal Affairs by 5.00pm on the closing date.

The form details the criteria and all the information needed when applying.

Clubs wanting funding assistance for projects are encouraged to discuss their projects and seek further advice, contact: Dalpat Nana at Internal Affairs on - (04) 495 6834.

Trackside to Broadcast Ascot's Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup Meeting this Sunday Morning Featuring Lisa Allpress

All races from Ascot's Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup featuring Lisa Allpress will be shown on Trackside this coming Sunday morning (NZ time).

The Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup is Britain's premier jockeys' competition, a unique event where top jockeys in four teams - Great Britain & Ireland, Europe, the Rest of the World and The Girls - battle against each other in a thrilling six-race showdown.

Points are awarded on a 15, 10, 7, 5, 3 basis to the first five horses home (non runners score 4 points).

The Girls team comprises three of the finest female riders from across the globe. Rosie Napravnik (USA, Captain) is a Classic-winning jockey in her homeland, having taken the 2012 Kentucky Oaks on Believe You Can. The 25-year-old has ridden in excess of 1,600 winners and is best-known for riding Shanghai Bobby to victory in the 2012 Breeders' Cup Juvenile. Napravnik is joined by 38-year-old **Lisa Allpress** (New Zealand), the first female jockey to partner over 1,000 winners in New Zealand where she was the premiership winning jockey in the 2011/12 season, and Cathy Gannon (Ireland), Ireland's first female champion apprentice and twice female jockey of the year at The Lesters.

\$50,000 ITM Interprovincial - Taranaki TR 24 August

Free nominations for the ITM Interprovincial closed on Monday with a total of 50 nominations. Strongest numbers of nominations are from Waikato, whilst Coat Of Arms from Southland is the sole South Island nomination.

The nominations are led by the Rating 88 horses Elusive Tracy and Khemosabi. The selection of horses is completed on Monday 19 August.

Riccarton Park Labour Weekend Enhanced

The Canterbury Jockey Club ('CJC') Labour Weekend racemeeting has been enhanced with three significant innovations.

Holloway (Builders) Stakes

The Listed Canterbury Stakes has undergone a name change and a significant stake increase to cement its place further as a key lead up to the Sothys New Zealand 2000 Guineas® and the New Zealand Bloodstock 1000 Guineas®.

Holloway Builders has joined the CJC's stable of sponsors resulting in a \$20,000 stake increase for the 1600 metre three-year-old feature. The race will be run for \$70,000 in 2013 with further increases planned for future runnings.

Christchurch Casino Spring Classic

The Christchurch Casino Spring Classic, a Listed open handicap over 2000 metres, has been shifted to Labour Weekend. The race has been held at the Club's meeting in early October since 2001. The move is designed to enhance the quality of its field to protect its Listed Status and provide an even more appealing pattern of staying races leading up to the 3200 metres of the 150th running of Christchurch Casino sponsored New Zealand Cup. The race will now sit two weeks prior to the 2500 metres of the Gold Club Metropolitan Handicap which is itself one week prior to the NZ Cup®. It will also, based on past programmes, be the only open handicap staying race in New Zealand that weekend.

Racing Saturday rather than Sunday

The 2013 renewal of the Labour Weekend Meeting will be held on the Saturday, 26 October, as opposed to Sunday, the day on which the meeting has been held in recent decades. Besides creating an exciting Saturday for punters with the premier meeting at Trentham and the Cox Plate meeting at Moonee Valley the move will be well received by industry stakeholders as it removes the clash at Riccarton Park with the

popular Riccarton Rotary Sunday Market.

CD Trials Venue Change - Tuesday 13 August, Was Otaki Now Foxton

The trials on Tuesday 13 August 2013 originally programmed for Otaki, have been transferred to Foxton. Nominations close with the Racing Bureau at 12 noon, Monday 12 August.

Turnover Information for the Period ending 4 August 2013

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races	
		13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13
1-Aug	Waverley	14,802		433,726		149,219		7	
2-Aug	Avondale	35,577		558,364		158,090		7	
3-Aug	Canterbury	170,827	167,848	1,819,524	1,833,144	473,073	395,396	10	10
3-Aug	Whangarei	49,680	59,908	913,709	982,165	267,544	244,183	8	8

- (1) Waverley RC; last year this was a Stratford RC meeting where there were 8 races.
- (2) Avondale JC; last year this was a Whangarei RC meeting where there were 8 races; last year Whangarei RC had meetings on consecutive days (Friday and Saturday).

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance /()	Variance %/ (%)
Meetings	4	5	(1)	(20.00%)
Races	32	42	(10)	(23.81%)
Starters	297	429	(132)	(30.77%)
Avg Field Size	9.28	10.21	(0.93)	(9.13%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	4,746,109	5,642,922	(896,813)	(15.89%)
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	270,886	348,887	(78,002)	(22.36%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	5,016,995	5,991,809	(974,815)	(16.27%)
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	3,969,068	4,897,287	(928,218)	(18.95%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	1,047,926	1,094,523	(46,596)	(4.26%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	156,781	142,662	14,119	9.90%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	16,892	13,967	2,925	20.94%

Note: Meetings, races, starters and turnovers are totals of NZRB supplied meeting by meeting turnovers. Off-course turnover is totalisator and FOB combined. On-course turnover is totalisator and FOB racing combined, placed on-course at NZ thoroughbred meetings. Total NZRB racing turnover is NZ thoroughbred, harness, greyhound and all imported racing turnover; total NZRB turnover also includes sport. NZ thoroughbred export turnovers are now included, up to the most recently available meetings. All turnover figures are supplied by the NZRB, derived from various sources.

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