

THURSDAY 19 MARCH 2015

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

The Racing Tauranga meeting on Saturday 21st March features the \$100,000 Group Two Windsor Park Stud Japan NZ International Trophy. An elite field of fourteen includes Diademe, Recite, Kawi and Weregointogetcha. The race is a stepping stone for potential overseas campaigns and open handicap conditions offer punters value. The feature nine race card has \$261,000 in stakes with 97 acceptances.

The \$70,000 Valachi Downs South Island Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes headlines the Canterbury Racing-Horata card. The Solitaire, Sucre and My Chino highlight the Listed fillies and mares event. The minimum stake of \$17,500 for Benchmark 65 races has proven popular with 33 acceptances across the two benchmark races. A group of North Island jockeys are making the journey to compete for a share of \$237,000 prize money across the ten race card.

New Zealand trained thoroughbreds are represented at Rosehill Gardens, Sydney on Saturday. Times listed below on Trackside One.

Rising Romance (Donna Logan) - 3.15pm

Silent Achiever (Roger James), Fast Dragon (Bruce Wallace) - 4.30pm

Mongolian Khan (Murray Baker) Volkstok'N'Barrell (Donna Logan)

Maygrove (Murray Baker) - 7.50pm

NZRACING123 PICK & WIN PUNTERS CHALLENGE FINAL RESULTS

The NZRacing123.com Pick & Win Punters Challenge has now concluded! The virtual tipping competition involved participants from all over the world competing for punting supremacy. The majority of players were from New Zealand with cash prizes being paid into their TAB accounts.

A couple from Invercargill claimed 1st prize of \$600 under the username of no19. They were, as predicted, thrilled with the result. They picked a competition high of 15 winners, with consistent performance over four meetings proving to be a winning formula. They had an overall total winning dividend of \$112.30 and the margin from 1st to 50th was only \$30.

The \$300 second prize went to Azaa from Christchurch who came extremely close at \$108.30. Only a short priced winner away; Cambridge, the horse capital of New Zealand, was represented by Tongy in 3rd place at \$107.60.

Every New Zealand based participant was eligible for spot prizes, and side competitions. These prizes included raceday experiences at Ellerslie's Auckland Cup week, and Wellfield New Zealand Oaks day (including Ladies Day) in Wellington, racing annuals were also awarded.

We were very happy with the level of participation in the NZRacing123.com Pick & Win Punters Challenge, and if you enjoyed the contest we welcome you to share your experience. If you have any feedback, feel free to drop us an email at facebook@nzzracing.co.nz.

2015 NEW ZEALAND RACECOURSE MANAGERS' CONFERENCE ON 10-12 MAY IN INVERCARGILL

The Racecourse Managers' Association's (NZRMA) Conference will be held in Invercargill on 10-12 May. Two major issues will be covered in depth at this year's Conference:

1. Irrigation and how it affects the performance of racecourses, particularly in light of more and more issues with climate.
2. Occupational Health and Safety in anticipation of new legislation in 2015. The Conference will look at

requirements under the new law and what we will need to do to abide by the new law.

For more information contact Alan Chapman, NZRMA Chairman, PO Box 11-137, Sockburn, Christchurch 8443 / alan@riccartonpark.co.nz / (027) 249 5833

RACING SAFETY DEVELOPMENT FUND (RSDF) APPLICATIONS CLOSE ON 31 MARCH

A reminder to all clubs that application to the 2nd round of the RSDF closes on 31 March 2015.

Please go to <http://www.communitymatters.govt.nz/Funding-and-grants---Crown-Funds---Racing-Safety-Development-Fund#Who> for all information on the RSDF, including what projects fit the purpose of the fund, who may apply and what you need to apply. Clubs are encouraged to contact NZTR directly to discuss applications before submitting.

As previously noted, The Department of Internal Affairs (DIA) is introducing a new online process to facilitate applications to the RSDF. All details on this and a connection to the 'RealMe' online system are available at the above address.

CHANGES TO RULE 707 - BETTING BY RIDERS

Following consultation on proposed changes to Rule 707 with industry stakeholders, the Racing Integrity Unit, Judicial Control Authority and the Racing Board, further changes have been made to Rule 707 - Betting by Riders.

Riders are no longer permitted to bet on any race under the Rules of Racing. Previously Riders were not permitted to bet on any race run on a day on which a Rider was riding in a race.

A Rider may bet (other than on a race under the Rules of Racing) provided the Rider places the bet through his or her betting account with an Authorised Wagering Operator (as defined in the Rules) using his or her mobile phone or any other electronic communication device including a smartphone, laptop, personal computer, tablet, pager or similar device. Amateur Riders are permitted to bet on races other than any race in which he or she is riding.

These changes bring New Zealand into closer alignment with the Rules in Australia and other major racing jurisdictions.

BEAUMONT RACE MEETING ON 23 MARCH 2015 TO PROCEED AT WINGATUI

The Beaumont Racing Club meeting at Wingatui on Monday, 23 March 2015 will proceed as scheduled following the completion of an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the abandonment of the Otago Racing Club's meeting at Wingatui on Saturday 7 March 2015.

The track surface was inspected by representatives of the Racing Integrity Unit, NZTR and the New Zealand Jockeys' Association before the decision was taken.

Photographic evidence taken by RIU Co-Chairman of Stewards Nigel McIntyre during his post meeting inspection on 9 March 2015 indicates that the only evidence of lateral movement on the track was at the 800m where the incident involving Cent High occurred. That incident was initially the result of Cent High clipping heels. Some thatch was identified in the track however this was most predominant in the home straight. The area around the 800m where the incident involving Cent High occurred was not found to be significantly affected by thatch.

In consultation with NZTR, the Club brought forward scheduled maintenance involving verti-draining and scarification. Gypsum has been applied and the track also received 25mm of rainfall between the abandonment and Thursday 12 March. Approximately 50 horses galloped on the Course Proper (on the rail) throughout the week following the abandonment with experienced track riders reporting no issues.

Senior members of the NZJA inspected the track over the weekend of 14&15 March after the maintenance work had been carried out and reported they were satisfied with the work undertaken by the Club.

NZTR will continue to work with the Club to provide whatever assistance is required, including a suitable renovation period to undertake routine track maintenance. NZTR will also commission an audit of the irrigation system and provide assistance to the Club with regard to any improvements required as a result.

NZTR acknowledges the support of the Racing Integrity Unit, Otago Racing Club officials and representatives of the NZJA for their assistance at short notice throughout this process.

EXEMPTION FOR WINNER OF THE COURTESY FORD MANAWATU SIRES PRODUCE STAKES - 28 MARCH 2015

The winner/s of the Courtesy Ford Manawatu Sires Produce Stakes on 28 March 2015 will be exempt from the ballot for the BMW Australia J J Atkins (Group 1 1600m \$600,000 2YO) to be held at Doomben on 6 June 2015.

AUSTRALIAN RACING CONFERENCE 2015 - BRISBANE 21 - 23 MAY

The Australian Racing Conference is the largest national symposium for the thoroughbred racing industry. It

brings together racing administrators, clubs, track managers, commercial stakeholders, media and government, owners, breeders and racing enthusiasts to discuss and debate topical issues and key areas of administration relevant to the industry.

The conference will be held at the Sofitel Brisbane Central between 21 - 23 May.

The conference programme will include international speakers and leading Australian sporting authorities including Dr Bernie Mullin, CEO of The Aspire Group and Gillon McLachlan, CEO of the Australian Football League. View the full conference program [here](#)

Registration \$1,430 incl GST to include two full conference days, the Australian Racing Hall of Fame Dinner and a day in The Birdcage at the Doomben 10,000 Race Day function. Go to: 61 7 3858 5400 or email <mailto:arc2015@offsitconnections.com>

The program at a glance:

1. Thursday, 21 May 2015 - Full programme of speakers will address topical racing issues followed by the Australian Racing Hall of Fame Dinner
2. Friday, 22 May 2015 - Delegates will break into streams followed by networking drinks and then a free evening to explore Brisbane. Streams include Racing Administrators/ PRAs/ Race Clubs, National Racing Training, Racecourse Managers, Racing Ministers, Stewards/Integrity
3. Saturday, 23 May 2015 - Day at the Brisbane Racing Club's Group 1 Doomben 10,000 Day at Doomben Racecourse in The Birdcage situated trackside.

TURNOVER INFORMATION

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races		Starters	
		14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14
9-Mar	Egmont	40,343	54,158	347,785	404,577	202,776	162,077	7	8	59	66
11-Mar	South Waikato	99,609	101,426	698,248	740,270	333,872	289,958	8	9	84	101
12-Mar	Te Aroha	23,043	-	571,890	-	278,728	-	7	-	79	-
13-Mar	Ashburton	26,010	33,499	615,668	595,131	265,016	211,357	9	9	104	92
14-Mar	Waikato	64,716	59,225	1,051,785	1,049,467	486,556	363,547	9	9	81	86
14-Mar	Wellington	214,708	228,752	1,960,399	2,258,489	1,019,879	823,727	10	10	107	121
15-Mar	Wyndham	50,224	162	683,261	162	278,148	-	11	-	127	-

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance /()	Variance %/(%)
Meetings	217	225	(8)	(3.56%)
Races	1,824	1,865	(41)	(2.20%)
Total Starts	18,978	19,387	(409)	(2.11%)
Avg Field Size	10.40	10.40	0.00	0.00%
Number of races less than 8 starters	296	305	(9)	(2.95%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	275,534,696	268,897,478	6,637,218	2.47%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	26,328,511	27,344,374	(1,015,863)	(3.72%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	301,863,207	296,241,852	5,621,355	1.90%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	215,191,333	226,655,358	(11,464,025)	(5.06%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	86,245,070	69,586,480	16,658,590	23.94%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	165,495	158,843	6,652	4.19%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	15,906	15,280	626	4.09%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,092,149,415	987,442,801	104,706,614	10.60%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	239,545,486	170,172,800	69,372,686	40.77%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,331,694,901	1,157,615,601	174,079,300	15.04%
NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 28 Feb)	212,547,953	203,764,129	8,783,825	4.31%
Total Races (to 28 Feb)	1,714	1,751	(37)	(2.11%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	124,007	116,370	7,637	6.56%

Meeting details:

- Egmont RC Monday meeting ran 7 races this season, 8 last.

- South Waikato RC Wednesday meeting at Matamata ran 8 races in FY15, 9 in FY14.
- Racing Te Aroha Thursday meeting ran 7 races; last season the equivalent meeting at Te Awamutu was abandoned due to a dry track and lack of irrigation.
- Wyndham RC Sunday meeting ran 11 races in FY15; the equivalent meeting was abandoned before race 1 in FY14 due to a slippery track.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 1.9% year to date.
- 8 less meetings and 41 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
- Turnover per race is up 4.2%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 409, 2.1% less.
- Average field size is 10.40 in FY15, matching FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is 9 less than the season prior (296 v 305).
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 5.1%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 23.9%).
- Export turnover (\$NZ) is up 6.6% per race to 28 February.

Note: Turnovers are provided by the NZRB from various reports. On-course is totalisator turnover on the meeting and on intertrack meetings, plus FOB racing turnover on the meeting only (FOB intertrack is not provided from these reports at present). On-course self service turnover is also not currently included. Total NZRB racing turnover is NZ thoroughbred, harness, greyhound plus all imported thoroughbred, harness and greyhound turnover; combined with sports this provides the total NZRB turnover. NZ thoroughbred export turnovers are stated in \$NZ, generally up to a week or two behind other turnover numbers.

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