



Tuesday 5 February 2013

“From the horse’s mouth ...”

Welcome to a new section in the News Bulletin where I will highlight some of the good things happening in thoroughbred racing to remind us all that we are moving forward.

Last week saw the removal of noms fees from lower tier races resulting in savings of over \$1.2 million to owners. We could only do this thanks to the Racing Board’s reforecast of a higher profit increase. This means our code gets a little bit more money which in turn we have passed on as part of our commitment to grow the industry.

Another goal of ours is to provide increased opportunities for owners to race fillies and mares in New Zealand. The NZB Insurance Pearl scheme offering bonuses of nearly \$2.6 million across 200 races for 2YO, 3YO and 4YO fillies and mares should help this.

The scheme was created with owners, trainers and breeders of fillies in mind and is another means to securing the future of thoroughbred breeding and racing in NZ.

Finally, fingers crossed for Lisa Allpress, who sits on 999 wins, to have one more winner!

Greg Purcell, CEO NZTR

Phoenix Park New Sponsors of Taranaki TR’s 2YO Classic

Taranaki Thoroughbred Racing has announced that Phoenix Park have taken over sponsorship naming rights to the Group 3 \$70,000 2YO Classic to be run at Pukekura Raceway on Saturday 16 February.

Phoenix Park’s Janine Dunlop “I’m delighted to acquire naming rights to this prestigious Group 3 2YO race. We get a lot of support from all around the country and it’s great to put something back in to our industry”.

With two Group 3 races, the Hooker Pacific Taranaki Cup and the Phoenix Park 2YO Classic, Taranaki TR are looking forward to a sensational day of racing, especially given there is no clash this year with the Avondale Cup and Guineas racing on a Sunday at Ellerslie.

Auckland RC Trials, Tuesday 5 February 2013 – Transferred to Thursday 7 February at Paeroa

Following consultation between NZTR & the Northern Region Programming Committee, the trials programmed for Ellerslie on Tuesday 5 February have been transferred to Paeroa & will now be held on Thursday 7 February.

Nominations will now close at 12 noon, Wednesday 6 February.

Woodville Trials – Tuesday 12 February

There will be trials at Woodville on Tuesday 12 February. Nominations will close with the Racing Bureau at 12 noon on Monday 11 February.

Turnover Information for the Period ending 3 February 2013

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								12-13	11-12
28/1	Whakatane	122,245	11.1%	544,804	3.9%	199,814	12.7%	67	8.2%
30/1	Hawke's Bay (1)	29,692		504,531		187,847		64	
31/1	Canterbury (2)	18,397		587,415		164,803		70	
2/2	Waikato	107,220	17.6%	1,261,463	12.9%	404,184	10.4%	88	21.4%
2/2	Otago	173,826	87.6%	1,526,389	9.3%	414,473	44.0%	132	10.2%

- (1) Hawke's Bay RI; this meeting on this day last year was a Reefton JC meeting at which there were 10 races; this year there were 8 races.
- (2) Canterbury Racing; the meeting on this day last year was a Wanganui JC meeting at which there were 8 races; this year there were 7 races.

For reasons beyond NZTR's control the Thoroughbred Performance Summary information is unavailable this week.

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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