

**Thursday 20 November 2014**

## **FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH**

A great weekend of racing ahead with 38 races attracting 500 acceptances, an average of over 13 starters per race.

The \$100,000 Chep Pallecon Solutions Counties Cup (G3), to be run at Avondale due to extensive remedial track work at Pukekohe Park, attracted 14 entries including many looking to continue the Cups series across the summer. The \$100,000 NRM/Auckland Thoroughbred Stakes Fillies & Mares 1400 (G2) boasts an exceptional field including The Filly, Fix and Pussy O'Reilly. Perhaps consistent mare Goldminer could break through a black type drought for Shaune Ritchie. The \$50,000 IMG Counties Bowl showcases the Return of Champion Two year old Ruud Awakening. She has been out of form since her dominant two year old season that included a win in the Karaka Million. She drew barrier two, which will allow her natural speed to sustain on the pace.

Day one of the Ready to Run sale (18-19 November) was strong with both the median and clearance rates up and the top price of the day, a son of boom sire Fastnet Rock, knocked down for NZ\$320,000 on behalf of Hong Kong buyer William Tai.

## **LOOKING TO RE-HOME AND PROVIDE A SECOND CAREER FOR YOUR THOROUGHBRED?**

As part of the NZTR/ESNZ (Equestrian Sports New Zealand) joint welfare initiative TIES (Thoroughbreds in Equestrian Sports) ESNZ has established a database of equestrian sportsmen and women throughout New Zealand who are interested in receiving information on Thoroughbreds who have finished their racing careers and are looking for new homes/second careers.

There are currently over 60 people from equestrian sports registered on this ESNZ database looking for ex-racehorses to re-home and provide second careers.

If you have a Thoroughbred you are looking to re-home please send the following to Nicky McBride at ESNZ at [nicky@nzquestrian.org.nz](mailto:nicky@nzquestrian.org.nz)

1. the horse's details (particularly age, sex and breeding)
2. your preferred contact details
3. the location of the horse
4. photos of the horse

Once these details are received they will be sent out to the group. Group members are asked to contact you directly for more information and possible viewing.

## **THE GREAT RDA HORSE DOODLE**

New Zealand Riding for the Disabled (NZRDA) is pleased to announce the website launch of a new campaign – The Great RDA Horse Doodle, sponsored by Pet-n-Sur.

The Great RDA Horse Doodle campaign asks 30 diverse and well-known New Zealanders to 'doodle' their interpretation of a Horse onto a high-quality canvas, which are then auctioned off on TradeMe in late November with 100% of the funds raised going towards to the work of RDA in New Zealand.

The participants range from sporting stars such as Sir Mark Todd and Sean Fitzpatrick, to musicians and actors such as Jason Kerrison (lead singer of Opshop and judge on NZ's Got Talent) to TV presenters such as Mike and Toni (Seven Sharp). The campaign is not aimed at the participant's level of drawing ability or art skills, but about creating something fun and quirky. Some of the participants, including Dick Frizzell and Greg Broadmore (lead artist / designer for Weta Workshop), are accomplished artists, but many are not, so RDA is encouraging them to inject their personality into the doodle. The key message from RDA is to give it a go – just like RDA asks its disabled Riders when they climb onto a horse for the first time.

More information on the Great RDA Horse Doodle is at [www.rda.org.nz/horsedoodle.htm](http://www.rda.org.nz/horsedoodle.htm), with imagery of each participant's artwork - and a link to their TradeMe auction – scheduled to go 'live' on the website throughout November.

### **SPALATO IN TOP HONG KONG SPRINT ON SUNDAY**

Trainer John O'Hara is hopeful of success for unbeaten five-year-old Spalato, who is part owned by racing photographer Trish Dunell, in Sunday's BOCHK *Wealth Management* Jockey Club Sprint (1200m) at Sha Tin. At home in Singapore he has won from 1000m to 2000m, clocking up six wins, including the SG1 Patron's Bowl (1600m) and the SG1 Singapore Derby (2000m).

His last start in the Luzerne Cup on 26 October produced a record time for the 1200m over Kranji's Long Course and a wide margin victory. Spalato made virtually all under James McDonald, and drawing clear for a four-length success from the previous record holder Faaltless. His winning time of 1m 08.15s was the same as the mark achieved by Hong Kong's Champion Sprinter Lucky Nine in this year's G1 KrisFlyer International Sprint.

Spalato will face the best Hong Kong has to offer on Sunday in the traditional lead-in to the LONGINES Hong Kong Sprint. Multiple G1-winning globetrotter Lucky Nine and this year's two Dubai heroes, the G1 Al Quoz Sprint victor Amber Sky and the G1 Dubai Golden Shaheen winner Sterling City, lead the home defence. Also among the 14 engaged are last year's winner Charles The Great, and the emerging talents Aerovelocitly and Peniaphobia.

### **CHRISTMAS AT THE RACES AT CROMWELL**

One of the highlights of the Central Otago calendar takes place a week on Sunday (30 November), at Cromwell's Roundhill Racecourse.

Gates open at 10.30am and the first race is at 12.10pm (10 Races including the AWS Legal Queenstown Cup and 1791Diamonds.com Wanaka Cup). Admission is \$15 (includes a free racebook or pen) and under 18s are free.

There are a few mini marquees still available if you are heading to the races in a group of up to 15 and a few other options. [Check website for specifics.](#)

Entertainment includes the third running of the New Zealand Sheep Derby in aid of Otago Hospice, live music from Maggie Ruddenklau, Fashions on the Field (Theme: Blue Christmas) with a huge pool of prizes for Ladies and Gents, Helicopter flights over the Racecourse by Helitour Flights, free pony rides, face painting and more

Supporters of Cromwell Racing Club, NZ Ski, has extended the Treble Cone Early Bird Season Pass Sale exclusively for patrons of the Cromwell Christmas at the Races until Wednesday, 3 December. Visit the Treble Cone promotion marquee on-course today or head on-line to [www.treblecone.com](http://www.treblecone.com)

Buses from Queenstown have been arranged at \$35 return, including admission to the course or \$25 for ticket holders - 03 489 6233.

The race meeting is no longer BYO.

#### **CHRISTMAS AT THE RACES DATES/VENUES 2014**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>Race Course</b>
Saturday, 22 November 2014	Rangitikei RC	Awapuni
Sunday, 23 November 2014	Cambridge JC	Te Rapa
Friday, 28 November 2014	Levin RC	Otaki
Saturday, 29 November 2014	Auckland RC	Ellerslie
Saturday, 29 November 2014	Wanganui JC	Wanganui
Saturday, 29 November 2014	Geraldine TC	Orari
Sunday, 30 November 2014	Otago RC @ Cromwell	Cromwell
Thursday, 4 December 2014	Taranaki TRI	New Plymouth
Friday, 5 December 2014	Canterbury Racing	Riccarton Park
Saturday, 6 December 2014	Auckland RC	Ellerslie
Saturday, 6 December 2014	Wellington RC	Trentham
Sunday, 7 December 2014	Waipukurau JC	Waipukurau
Wednesday, 10 December 2014	Otago RC @ Wingatui	Wingatui
Thursday, 11 December 2014	Hawke's Bay RI	Hastings
Friday, 12 December 2014	Racing Tauranga	Gate Pa
Saturday, 13 December 2014	Manawatu RC	Awapuni

Saturday, 13 December 2014	Waikato RC	Te Rapa
Saturday, 13 December 2014	Southland RC	Invercargill
Sunday, 14 December 2014	Auckland RC	Ellerslie
Wednesday, 17 December 2014	Matamata RC	Matamata
Thursday, 18 December 2014	Levin RC	Otaki
Friday, 19 December 2014	Ashburton RC	Ashburton
Saturday, 20 December 2014	Manawatu RC	Awapuni
Saturday, 20 December 2014	Waikato RC	Te Rapa
Sunday, 21 December 2014	Tapanui RC @ Gore	Gore
Monday, 22 December 2014	Taranaki TRI	Pukekura Raceway

### **NZTR 2015-17 BUSINESS PLAN & NZTR 2014 PERFORMANCE REPORT AVAILABLE ONLINE**

The 2015-2017 NZTR Business Plan and 2014 NZTR Performance Report are available on the NZTR website at <http://www.nzracing.co.nz/NZTR/Resources/NZTR-Publications.aspx>

### **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
11-Nov	Manawatu	25,600	34,800	583,611	815,157	309,911	304,787	8	9	75	98
12-Nov	Canterbury	521,291	501,970	1,942,190	2,025,364	794,495	745,053	10	10	123	141
12-Nov	Matamata	34,421	67,262	597,237	990,548	236,530	403,195	9	10	102	130
14-Nov	Dargaville	143,001	120,769	802,856	621,521	310,291	278,876	9	7	95	62
15-Nov	Canterbury	1,056,068	1,054,751	4,074,830	3,914,528	1,297,481	817,938	10	10	147	138
15-Nov	Tauranga	165,281	211,283	1,314,834	1,372,548	464,887	470,689	9	9	87	95

<b>NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15</b>	<b>This Season, Year to Date</b>	<b>Last Season, Year to Date</b>	<b>Variance +/( )</b>	<b>Variance +%/ ( )%</b>
<b>Meetings</b>	96	103	(7)	(6.80%)
<b>Races</b>	812	856	(44)	(5.14%)
<b>Total Starts</b>	8,681	9,028	(347)	(3.84%)
<b>Avg Field Size</b>	10.69	10.55	+0.14	+1.37%
<b>Number of races less than 8 starters</b>	103	128	(25)	(19.53%)
<b>Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator &amp; FOB)</b>	119,136,772	116,407,135	+2,729,638	+2.34%
<b>On-Course Turnover (Totalisator &amp; FOB)</b>	9,693,010	9,826,372	(133,363)	(1.36%)
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	<b>128,829,782</b>	<b>126,233,507</b>	<b>+2,596,275</b>	<b>+2.06%</b>
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	94,067,025	98,088,937	(4,021,912)	(4.10%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	34,762,757	28,144,556	+6,618,201	+23.52%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race</b>	158,657	147,469	+11,188	+7.59%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter</b>	14,840	13,982	+858	+6.14%
<b>Total NZRB Racing Turnover</b>	514,917,723	462,019,824	+52,897,899	+11.45%
<b>Total NZRB Sports Turnover</b>	103,624,755	81,779,842	+21,844,913	+26.71%
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>618,542,478</b>	<b>543,799,666</b>	<b>+74,742,812</b>	<b>+13.74%</b>
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 9 Nov)</b>	95,260,766	91,615,558	+3,645,209	+3.98%
<b>Total Races (to 9 Nov)</b>	757	784	(27)	(3.44%)
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race</b>	125,840	116,857	+8,983	+7.69%

Meeting details:

- Manawatu RC Tuesday (NZ Trotting Cup Day) meeting ran 8 races, last season the equivalent meeting ran 9.
- Matamata RC Wednesday meeting equivalent was run on the following Thursday last season; 9 races this year, 10 last year.
- Dargaville Racing Friday meeting ran 9 races in FY15, 7 in FY14.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 2.1% year to date.
- 7 less meetings and 44 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
- Turnover per race is up 7.6%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 347, 3.8% less.
- Average field size is 10.69 in FY15, up from 10.55 in FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is 25 less than the season prior (103 v 128).
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.1%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 23.5%).
- Export turnover per race (\$NZ) is up 7.7% to 9 November.

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). 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.