

FRIDAY 31 JULY 2015

## FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

Canterbury Jockey Club Grand National three day carnival begins on Saturday. The \$100,000 eStar Winter Cup and \$30,000 NZI Koral Steeplechase headline the eleven race card. The first race is scheduled to run at 10.40am and the last at 4.17pm. Live music in the birdcage between the races and a big screen will be infield. Tickets available with the following link:

[https://www.facebook.com/CanterburyRacing/app\\_211157918903041](https://www.facebook.com/CanterburyRacing/app_211157918903041)

Whangarei will host two Open 1000m trial heats for Group & Listed performed horses. The heats feature Group One stars such as Volkstok'N'Barrell, Mongolian Khan, Turn Me Loose, Puccini, In Style and Dal Cielo. The two trials start at 11.45am and 11.57am prior to the first race at Ruakaka. This is a fantastic opportunity to see established thoroughbreds in the flesh before their ambitious campaigns.

This Saturday marks the start of the 2015/16 season. This will also indicate the start of the breeding season. Certainly, Foal photos will begin to crop up on social media and breeding services will commence in September; all the best for the breeding staff during this productive period.

## 2015 THOROUGHBRED HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS FINALISTS ANNOUNCED

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) have announced the remaining finalists for the 2014-15 Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards. The winners will be announced at the Awards Dinner at the Claudelands Events Centre, Hamilton, starting at 6.30pm on Thursday, 13 August 2015.

### GROSVENOR AWARD

(Earnings in NZ)

There are no finalists for this Award. To be determined at the end of the season and presented at the Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards Dinner.

### DEWAR AWARD

(Earnings in Australasia)

There are no finalists for this Award. To be determined at the end of the season and presented at the Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards Dinner.

### CENTAINE AWARD

(Earnings worldwide)

There are no finalists for this Award. To be determined at the end of the season and presented at the Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards Dinner.

### BROODMARE OF THE YEAR

1. **Exodus** (NZ) by Kaapstad out of Lady Genesis – dam of Aerovelocity
2. **Mica's Pride** (AUS) by Bite the Bullett out of Gainesville – dam of Criterion
3. **Parfore** (NZ) by Gold Brose out of Classy Twiggy – dam of Terravista & Tiger Tees

### BREEDER OF THE YEAR

1. **Graham and Helen-Gaye Bax** – breeders of Lucia Valentina and Pasadena Girl
2. **Garry Chittick/Waikato Stud** – breeders of Sacred Falls, Costume, Diademe & I Do
3. **IDL Breeding Ltd (Dominic Li)** – breeder of Volkstok'N'Barrell & Sauvito
4. **Monovale Holdings Ltd (Paul and Cushla Smithies)** – breeders of Platinum Witness & Puccini

### NZ BLOODSTOCK FILLY OF THE YEAR

**Platinum Witness** – The 2015 New Zealand Bloodstock Filly of the Year is Platinum Witness (California Dane – Chartreuse) owned by John Street and Neville McAlister, and trained by Lisa Latta. Lisa Latta purchased Platinum Witness at the 2013 Karaka Select Yearling Sale for \$55,000

from Monovale Farm. Platinum Witness has earned \$387,775 with four wins from 14 starts.

- MEDIA AWARD**
- 1. Brenda Collins** – The driving force behind NZ Thoroughbred Magazine for nearly a decade, Brenda has opened up the audience base by making it accessible to on-line readers. Her magazine, featuring news and stories about both the horses and people surrounding them, also includes historic features, industry news and entertainment.
  - 2. Des Coppins** – Des brings a considerable repertoire to Radio Trackside. His historical perspective, knowledge of the horses currently racing, and rapport with all involved with the industry adds depth to his interviews. An outstanding year for Des with a new show on Monday mornings reviewing the weekend highlights and the week ahead.
  - 3. Steve Davis** – Steve continues a wide body of work with his sixth year hosting Off the Track, Trackside’s popular in-depth interviews that delve behind the headlines into the lives of some of the most compelling figures in racing. Steve’s work as an interviewer and presenter is across a number of shows, including The First Call.
  - 4. Brendan Popplewell** – With a decade of excellence under his belt at Trackside, Brendan has become the recognised host of New Zealand’s premier racing action. He now draws upon his experience, and rapport with the industry’s participants, to gain the best information from his interviews, and present racing in a compelling light.
  - 5. Matt Smith** – Matt’s outstanding work at the Otago Daily Times has kept readers up to date and entertained throughout the season. From his evaluation of the year to in-depth features on the industry’s leading lights, he has showcased South Island racing.

**MCBEATH  
APPRENTICE JOCKEY  
OF THE YEAR**

**Rory Hutchings** – currently he has 75 wins including 6 Group and Listed Races, 57 seconds and 76 thirds from 687 starts with a strike rate of 9.16, and won \$1,749,027 in stakes

**JUMPS JOCKEY  
OF THE YEAR**

To be confirmed after the last Jumps race of the 2014-15 season on Sunday, 26 July 2015.

**JOCKEY OF THE  
YEAR**

- 1. Matthew Cameron** - Premiership Winner (wins) & Most Stake Money Won
- 2. Opie Bosson** - Most Group & Listed Races Won
- 3. Danielle Johnson** - Nominated by the NZ Jockeys’ Association

**TRAINER OF THE  
YEAR [Sponsored by  
DUNSTAN]**

**Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman** - Premiership Winner (Wins), Most Stake Money Won & Most Group & Listed Races Won (No nominations from the NZ Trainers’ Association)

**OWNER OF THE  
YEAR**

- 1<sup>st</sup>** **Inner Mongolia Rider Horse Industry (NZ) Ltd (37 points):** MongolianKhan (AUS) - 1<sup>st</sup> Group 1 NZ Derby, 1<sup>st</sup> G1 ATC Derby
- 2<sup>nd</sup>** **Sir Peter Vela (36 points):** Silver Eclipse - 1<sup>st</sup> Listed Yesberg Insurance Services Pegasus Stakes & Atacama- 1<sup>st</sup> Listed Cup Day Plate
- 3<sup>rd</sup> =** **Miss D Howell (27 points):** Soriano - 1<sup>st</sup> Group 1 Zabeel Classic, 1<sup>st</sup> Group 1 Herbie Dyke Stakes
- 3<sup>rd</sup> =** **Lincoln Farms Ltd & N J McAlister (27 points):** Platinum Witness (AUS) - 1<sup>st</sup> Group 1 New Zealand 1000 Guineas
- 5<sup>th</sup>** **Monovale Holdings Ltd (24 points):** Puccini - 1<sup>st</sup> Group 1 Thorndon Mile
- 6<sup>TH</sup> =** **A R Chisholm, A, N & S Egan, G Lamperd & M McKernan (23 points):** Sakhee's Soldier - 1st Group 1 New Zealand Stakes
- 6<sup>TH</sup> =** **G J Chittick (23 points):** Costume - 1st Group 1 Livamol Classic & Sports Illustrated - 1st Group 2 Cal Isuzu Stakes

- 8<sup>th</sup>= **B J Lindsay MNZM & Mrs J E A Lindsay (20 points):** Marky Mark - 1st Group 1 Manawatu Sires' Produce Stakes
- 8<sup>th</sup>= **Raffles Thoroughbred Racing (20 points):** Sacred Star - 1st Group 1 JR & N Berkett Telegraph, 1st Group 1 NRM Sprint
- 10<sup>th</sup>= **A G, K J, M C & P R Dennis (19 points):** The Diamond One - 1st Group 3 Cuddle Stakes
- 10<sup>th</sup>= **Scott Richardson Bloodstock Ltd (19 points):** Diademe - 1st Group 1 NZ Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes

**CHAMPION JUMPER**

1. Amanood Lad
2. Mr Mor
3. Sea King
4. Wee Biskit

**Horses-in-Training Awards (announced on 7 July 2015):**

**CHAMPION TWO YEAR OLD**

1. Dal Cielo
2. Marky Mark
3. Rocanto
4. Serena Miss

**CHAMPION THREE YEAR OLD**

1. Mongolian Khan
2. Platinum Witness
3. Turn Me Loose
4. Volkstok'n'barrell
5. Werther

**CHAMPION SPRINTER (-1500M)**

1. I Do
2. In Style
3. Sacred Star
4. Whosyourmaster

**CHAMPION MIDDLE DISTANCE HORSE (1501-2100M)**

1. lamishwara
2. Puccini
3. Sakhee's Soldier
4. Silent Achiever
5. Soriano

**CHAMPION STAYER (2101M +)**

1. Maygrove
2. Mongolian Khan
3. Rising Romance
4. Rock Diva
5. Werther

**OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION TO RACING**

There are no finalists for this Award. To be determined at the end of the season by the NZTR Board and presented at the Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards Dinner.

**HORSE OF THE YEAR**

Finalists for the NZTR Horse Of The Year Award comprise finalists in all horses-in-training categories

**For reservation enquiries: KJ Smith at Verve - the event agency 04 499 6909 or [kj@verve.co.nz](mailto:kj@verve.co.nz)**

## **GRAND NATIONAL RACING CARNIVAL**

The three day Grand National Racing Carnival racemeeting, one of the few of its kind left on the calendar, starts on Saturday 1 August with the running of the eStar 118<sup>th</sup> Winter Cup, moves to Wednesday 5 August featuring the Hospitality New Zealand Canterbury 126<sup>th</sup> Grand National Hurdles and culminates with the Racecourse Hotel 141<sup>st</sup> Grand National Steeplechase on Saturday 8 August 2015.

Jumps racing provides the very real point of difference at 'The National Carnival' with eight of the 30 races throughout the racemeeting being over obstacles. The first day provides \$30,000 lead-ups to the two Grand Nationals with the NZI Koral Steeplechase and the Racecourse Hotel Sydenham Hurdles and a \$15,000 maiden steeplechase is also on the programme. A \$20,000 0-1 win steeplechase and a \$15,000 maiden hurdle race complement the \$75,000 Grand National Hurdles on the second day. The final day has a 0-1 win hurdle with a stake of \$20,000 providing the support role to the \$75,000 Grand National Steeplechase.

the Canterbury Jockey Club is supporting Amateur Riders with a new race - The Grand National Amateur Championship, a \$17,500 Benchmark 65 race over the 1800 metres on the second day of the Carnival – Wednesday 5 August 2015. An antique silver Challenge Trophy will be presented on the day and a permanent trophy will also be presented to the winning rider.

The Grand National welcome event takes place in the Nightmarch Room on Friday 31 July from 5pm until 7:30 pm with a happy hour bar and a complimentary light meal. A similar function is again held on the Friday night prior to Grand National Day from 5pm to 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

## **GRAND NATIONAL LUNCHEON**

The annual Grand National Luncheon will again be hosted by the Canterbury Club with MC David McCarthy and guest leading trainer Lisa Latta. Tickets cost \$65 with meal and table wines included and can be obtained from [gm@canterburyclub.co.nz](mailto:gm@canterburyclub.co.nz) or 03 365 0353.

## **PREMIERE OF *HORSE TOWN* STARTS 6 AUGUST ON COUNTRY TV**

With a prestigious history that dates back to James I, Newmarket is the original home of modern horse racing. Horse Town offers viewers unique access to the town, the race course and Newmarket's ancillary racing related industries including the British Racing School, Tattersalls horse auction, Jockey Club, National Stud and National Equine Hospital. This is a classic multi-narrative observational documentary that lifts the lid on the people, the passions and the drama of life in Newmarket.

## **NOTICE TO LICENCE HOLDERS**

If you are renewing via hard copy/ the post, please ensure you complete the questions on the front page and sign the back page before returning to NZTR. Otherwise you can renew online via the NZTR website.

## NZ JUMP RACING ANNUAL FORUM

NZTR and the committee of NZ Jumps Inc invite all industry stakeholders and members of NZ Jumps to attend the Annual Jump Racing Forum.

The event will take place at Riccarton Park Racecourse at 1pm on Thursday, 6 August.

Those in attendance will be invited to raise any relevant matters for discussion during the meeting. Points raised will be reviewed by the NZ Jumps committee and NZTR at the conclusion of the jump racing season.

For further information contact Andre Klein, Secretary, NZ Jumps: [andre@wingatui.co.nz](mailto:andre@wingatui.co.nz)

### 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
22-Jul	Matamata	22,532	44,594	414,350	614,776	206,669	309,574	7	8	66	96
23-Jul	Manawatu	19,672	25,033	435,065	552,717	170,304	221,012	8	9	88	93
24-Jul	Ashburton	20,233	29,794	518,411	613,787	200,706	206,467	8	10	95	116
25-Jul	Levin	96,645	62,218	1,277,127	1,128,075	511,967	416,202	10	8	123	87
25-Jul	Whangarei	88,999	61,531	1,235,016	818,790	563,941	368,367	9	8	103	68
26-Jul	Rotorua	46,890	51,566	499,748	684,078	259,811	236,065	9	10	72	117

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Meetings	334	342	(8)	(2.34%)
Races	2,825	2,851	(26)	(0.91%)
Total Starts	29,520	29,773	(253)	(0.85%)
Avg Field Size	10.450	10.443	+0.007	+0.06%
Number of races less than 8 starters	451	451	0	0.00%
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	395,200,796	385,448,281	+9,752,515	+2.53%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	33,451,403	34,959,092	(1,507,688)	(4.31%)
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	<b>428,652,200</b>	<b>420,407,373</b>	<b>+8,244,827</b>	<b>+1.96%</b>
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	305,176,055	320,021,055	(14,845,000)	(4.64%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	124,816,495	100,386,303	+24,430,192	+24.34%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race</b>	<b>151,735</b>	<b>147,460</b>	<b>+4,276</b>	<b>+2.90%</b>
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter</b>	<b>14,521</b>	<b>14,120</b>	<b>+400</b>	<b>+2.84%</b>
<b>Total NZRB Racing Turnover</b>	<b>1,673,378,667</b>	<b>1,515,513,703</b>	<b>+157,864,964</b>	<b>+10.42%</b>
Subtotal NZ Racing Turnover	806,671,502	802,612,460	+4,059,042	+0.51%
Subtotal Imported Racing Turnover	866,707,165	712,901,243	+153,805,922	+21.57%
<b>Total NZRB Sports Turnover</b>	<b>400,754,944</b>	<b>313,238,272</b>	<b>+87,516,672</b>	<b>+27.94%</b>
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>2,074,133,611</b>	<b>1,828,751,975</b>	<b>+245,381,636</b>	<b>+13.42%</b>

NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 19 Jul)	322,080,118	302,680,024	+19,400,093	+6.41%
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<b>Total Races (to 19 Jul)</b>	2,774	2,808	(34)	(1.21%)
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race</b>	116,107	107,792	+8,315	+7.71%

**Meeting details:**

Matamata RC Wednesday meeting equivalent was on the Friday prior last season; 7 races this season, 8 last.  
Manawatu RC Thursday meeting ran 8 races in FY15, 9 in FY14.

Ashburton RC Friday meeting ran 8 races this season, 10 last season.

Levin RC Saturday meeting ran 10 races in FY15, 8, in FY14.

Whangarei RC Saturday meeting ran 9 races this season, 8 last season.

Racing Rotorua Sunday meeting equivalent was on the following Wednesday in FY14; 9 races in FY15, 10 in FY14.

**Turnover summary notes:**

Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 2.0% year to date.

8 less meetings and 26 less races have been run than to the same date last season.

Turnover per race is up 2.9%.

Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 253, 0.9 % less.

Average field size is 10.450 in FY15, up from 10.443 (+0.06%) in FY14.

The number of races with less than 8 starters is that same as the season prior (451).

The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.6%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 24.3%).

Export turnover (\$NZ) is up 7.7% per race to 19 July.

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 all racing bet through the NZRB. NZ racing turnover is NZ thoroughbred, harness and greyhound turnovers combined; imported racing turnover is all imported thoroughbred, harness and greyhound turnover. Combined with sports, the racing turnover provides the total NZRB turnover. NZ thoroughbred export turnovers are stated in \$NZ, generally up to a week or two behind other turnover numbers.