

**Thursday 4 September 2014**

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

September marks the first day of spring, but is also the start of Stallion services. Stud staff will be working overtime to ensure our future champions will have the best possible start.

The Christchurch Cup Carnival received the first set of nominations on Tuesday. The \$400,000 2000 Guineas received 105 nominations. The race produced top class sire Darci Brahma and we look forward to the progeny of previous winners Jimmy Choux, Rock 'N Pop and Sacred Falls (Active) in the years ahead.

It was pleasing to see 117 nominations for the 1000 Guineas. Racing a filly in New Zealand is increasingly lucrative with incentives such as the NZTR F&M Bonus and NZB Insurance Pearl Series offering additional prize money pools. The New Zealand Cup and Couplands Bakeries Mile attracted 73 and 43 nominations.

The Melbourne Cup nominations were also due on Tuesday. Locally-trained horses include Silent Achiever, Puccini, Deane Martin, Costume, Colonel Carrera, and Sangster. Former locals include Kirramosa, Who Shot Thebarman and Lucia Valentina. After a promising effort in the New Zealand Bloodstock Memsie Stakes, Champion Stayer Silent Achiever looks our best cup chance since Xcellent. A Melbourne Cup victory has eluded champion sire O'Reilly to date.

This weekend includes a triple header race card from Ellerslie, Wanganui and Riccarton. The legendary Great Northern day will be on most punters schedules. The 4 mile (6400m), 25-jump contest, with the Ellerslie hill climb featuring three times, is one of the great tests of stamina and fitness in Thoroughbred racing anywhere in the world. Since 1999, Ann Browne has won the great race five times.

## **SUCCESSFUL INAUGURAL DAFFODIL RACE DAY**

The inaugural Daffodil Race Day raised \$20,000 for the Hawkes Bay Cancer Society. The Chittick family and winning trainer Alan Sharrock donated a percentage of their mare I Do's winnings from the Group One Makfi Stakes to the cancer society, Westbury stud donated a stallion service and all proceeds of admission were donated to the cause.

The TAB also provided a \$1 donation for every Fixed Odds Win and place bet on 'I Do' and 'Silent Achiever' in Melbourne, taking the total funds raised on Daffodil Race Day to \$20,000.

Daffodil Race Day kicked off a spectacular month of Hawkes Bay racing, with the Windsor Park Plate on 20 September and the iconic Livamol Spring Classic on 4 October. Donations to the Cancer Society can still be made online at [www.daffodilday.org.nz](http://www.daffodilday.org.nz).

## **SOCIAL RACING SYNDICATES UPDATE**

Aotearower has come through her solid debut effort for 4<sup>th</sup> at Taupo in good order. She was not happy in the wet track conditions but still fought very well to the finish. Trainer Ken Kelso will look for a suitable race in the next couple of weeks on firmer ground and she will step up in distance to either 1200m or 1400m. The target for her is to be competing in the 3yo filly races at Ellerslie over Xmas such as the Eight Carat and Royal Stakes.

Sisterhood ran an excellent 2<sup>nd</sup> placing in her 800m trial at Te Teko on 20 August. As with her first trial, she was lost for early speed but powered home late. This is likely to be her pattern of racing and she will excel once she steps up to longer distances. Team Hawtin will look for a suitable race for her over the next couple of weeks in which to make her race day debut. Link to trial here (heat 10): <http://www.nzracing.co.nz/RaceInfo/43536/Meeting-Overview.aspx>

Social Kay is still enjoying a little break as she goes through a growth spurt. She has won both her jump outs so is showing plenty of promise. It won't be long before she is back in the Stephen Marsh stables.

#### **RACING SAFETY DEVELOPMENT FUNDING APPLICATIONS**

Applications for the next round of the Racing Safety Development Fund (RSDF) close on 30 September 2014. Application forms are available from <http://www.dia.govt.nz>. The RSDF application form outlines the criteria to be used to assess applications, and the supporting information that is required. Clubs are also encouraged to contact NZTR directly to discuss applications before submitting.

#### **INVITATION TO JUMP RACING ANNUAL FORUM – 5PM ON 5 SEPTEMBER AT ELLERSLIE**

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 Ellerslie Racecourse at 5pm on Friday, 5 September.

The forum will review the 2014 season including a statistical review of the season to date. Agenda items for discussion will focus on the changes put in place this season as a result of recommendations made at last year's forum in Christchurch. These include the open entry system, maximum top weights in Premier Jump Races (PJR), increased stakes in PJR races and the restructure of South Island jump racing.

Those in attendance will be invited to raise any relevant matters for discussion during the evening. Points raised will be reviewed by the NZ Jumps committee and NZTR at the conclusion of the jump racing season. The forum will finish no later than 7pm. For further information contact Andre Klein, Secretary, NZ Jumps: [andre@wingatui.co.nz](mailto:andre@wingatui.co.nz)

#### **EXTRA RACE PROGRAMMED AT AUCKLAND RC SATURDAY 6 SEPTEMBER FOLLOWING TE AROHA ABANDONMENT**

NZTR in conjunction with the Northern Region Programming Committee and the Trainers Association have programmed a 0-1 Win Steeplechase of \$20,000 (\$12,000, \$3,900, \$1,900, \$900, \$500 & horses placed 6<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> \$200) over 4150m at the Auckland RC meeting on Saturday 6 September 2014.

### **THOMAS RUSSELL**

A Golf Tournament will be held at the Matamata Golf Club this Sunday, 7 September 2014 for Thomas Russell with a shotgun start at 11.30am. Entry fee is \$30 with on-course refreshments provided. Tel: Brad Smith on 027 292 6545. Northern Racing clubs are providing sponsorship.

NZTR has provided its nominated Raceday account for donations to be channelled directly through to Thomas. Donations are placed in the account 01-0517-0063944-09 with reference 'T Russell.' NZTR has an 'Authority to Deduct' form available on its website ([www.nzracing.co.nz](http://www.nzracing.co.nz)) to facilitate donations. All that needs to happen is the designated Racing Manager of a horse completes the form and sends it to NZTR and the agreed prize money deduction will be made.

### **THE CHRISTCHURCH CASINO 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL SOUTH ISLAND RACING AWARDS**

The awards will be presented at a Cocktail Function at the Tea House, Riccarton Park Racecourse from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm on Friday 19 September 2014 prior to The Canterbury Jockey Club Spring Racemeeting on Saturday 20 September 2014.

### **2013-2014 OTAGO RACING AWARDS - 6:30PM 27TH SEPTEMBER 2014**

The Awards this year take place on the evening following South Otago Cup Day, Saturday, 27 September 2014. Tickets are \$30 for a buffet meal and a cash bar. RSVP to [charlotte@wingatui.co.nz](mailto:charlotte@wingatui.co.nz) if you would like to come along.

### **WOODVILLE TRIALS - TUESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER**

Woodville Trials, which were to be run Tuesday 16 September, will now be run Tuesday 9 September. This trials date has been changed to meet demand following a request from several trainers. Nominations close Monday 8 September.

### **TARANAKI TRI – THURSDAY 11 SEPTEMBER - FINAL RACE CONFIRMED**

A Benchmark Rating 65 - 1600m Of \$7,000 (\$4,375, \$1,400, \$700, \$350, \$175) has been added to the programme for the Taranaki TRI race meeting on Thursday 11 September 2014: . All other races on the programme remain unaltered.

## **SOUTH CANTERBURY RC - MONDAY 22 SEPTEMBER – STAKE INCREASE**

The South Canterbury RC has increased the stake of the Benchmark Rating 75 Hcp 1600m race at their Monday 22 September meeting from \$8,000 to \$10,000.

## **TARANAKI – SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER - ADDITIONAL RACE PROGRAMMED**

The following race has been added to the programme for the Taranaki TRI race meeting on Saturday 27 September 2014: Maiden SW 990m - \$10,000 stake. All other races on the programme remain unaltered. This race will appear in the September edition of the TRM.

## **TAB ROLLING OUT EARLY QUADDIES**

In October the TAB will be rolling out early quaddies on NZ Thoroughbred racing (in addition to existing quaddies). Each of the 28 NZ Thoroughbred meetings in October will have a \$40,000 Early Quaddie and a \$60,000 Quaddie

## **NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK INSURANCE PEARL SERIES BONUS RACES**

The following races will be run as a F&M Bonus & Pearl Series Bonus races. \$25,000 stake money and a \$20,000 bonus attached for Pearl Series Registered horses.

Otaki-Maori RC Saturday 18 October - Benchmark Rating 65 F&M 1600 - \$25,000 with \$20,000 Pearl Bonus  
Racing Rotorua Saturday 18 October - Benchmark Rating 65 F&M 1200 - \$25,000 with \$20,000 Pearl Bonus

## **DATES FOR NZTR REGIONAL MEETINGS & RACING CLUB CONFERENCE/AGM**

September 2014 Regional Meeting will be held as follows. All industry participants are welcome to attend.

Monday 22 September: 12pm – AUCKLAND at Ellerslie / 5.30pm – HAMILTON at Te Rapa  
Tuesday 23 September: 11.30am - INVERCARGILL at the Ascot Park Hotel / 5.30pm – DUNEDIN at Wingatui  
Wednesday 24 September: 12pm – CHRISTCHURCH at Riccarton Park  
Friday 26 September: 10.30am – PALMERSTON NORTH at Awapuni / 4.00pm – NEW PLYMOUTH at Pukekura Park

Other dates for the diary:

6 November 2014: Racing Club Conference and NZTR AGM, Room 4, Shed 6, Queen's Wharf, Wellington.

## **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
27-Aug	Matamata	27,793	24,930	581,446	496,101	233,189	165,093	8	6	77	53
28-Aug	Egmont	23,964	6,471	549,139	164,477	202,544	53,868	9	3	82	30
29-Aug	Ashburton	29,796	28,945	485,316	547,006	188,081	164,455	7	8	72	75
30-Aug	Hawke's Bay	147,544	156,591	2,140,917	1,779,512	935,580	522,912	9	9	113	97
30-Aug	Whangarei	64,186	75,805	947,832	982,249	387,959	314,319	10	8	97	78
31-Aug	Te Aroha	11,322	17,630	168,117	339,364	65,474	123,547	3	6	27	45

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Meetings	26	27	(1)	(3.70%)
Races	205	203	+2	+0.99%
Total Starts	2,018	2,069	(51)	(2.46%)
Avg Field Size	9.84	10.19	(0.35)	(3.42%)
Number of races less than 8 starters	38	29	+9	+31.03%
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	27,262,204	27,386,762	(124,558)	(0.45%)
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	1,698,855	1,714,765	(15,910)	(0.93%)
<b>Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover</b>	<b>28,961,060</b>	<b>29,101,528</b>	<b>(140,468)</b>	<b>(0.48%)</b>
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	21,217,262	23,184,152	(1,966,890)	(8.48%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	7,743,798	5,917,376	+1,826,422	+30.87%
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race</b>	<b>141,273</b>	<b>143,357</b>	<b>(2,084)</b>	<b>(1.45%)</b>
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter</b>	<b>14,351</b>	<b>14,066</b>	<b>+286</b>	<b>+2.03%</b>
<b>Total NZRB Racing Turnover</b>	<b>121,895,716</b>	<b>119,388,466</b>	<b>+2,507,250</b>	<b>+2.10%</b>
<b>Total NZRB Sports Turnover</b>	<b>31,566,085</b>	<b>21,877,523</b>	<b>+9,688,562</b>	<b>+44.29%</b>
<b>Total NZRB Turnover</b>	<b>153,461,801</b>	<b>141,265,989</b>	<b>+12,195,812</b>	<b>+8.63%</b>

<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 24 Aug)</b>	18,026,556	18,907,003	(880,448)	(4.66%)
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<b>Total Races (to 24 Aug)</b>	159	162	(3)	(1.85%)
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race</b>	113,375	116,710	(3,335)	(2.86%)

Meeting details:

- Matamata RC Wednesday meeting ran 8 races this season, 6 last.
- Egmont RC Thursday meeting ran 9 races in FY15, was abandoned after 3 races in FY14 due to persistent rain and surface water.
- Ashburton RC Friday meeting ran 7 races this season, 8 last.
- Whangarei RC Saturday meeting ran 10 races in FY15, 8 races in FY14.
- Te Aroha Racing Sunday meeting was abandoned after 3 races due to high winds; the equivalent meeting ran 6 races on the following Friday last season.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is down 0.5% year to date.
- 2 more races have been run than to the same date last season.
- Turnover per race is down 1.5%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 51, 2.5% less.
- Average field size is 9.84 in FY15, down from 10.19 in FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is 9 higher than the season prior.
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 8.5%) is partly offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 30.9%).
- Export turnover per race (\$NZ) is down 2.9% to 24 August.