



Tuesday 26 June 2012

2012 Horse of the Year Awards to be held in the Waikato

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing's 2012 Horse of the Year Awards will be held at the Claudelands Events Centre in Hamilton starting at 6.00pm on Wednesday 12 September 2012.

The Waikato Racing Club is racing on the same day.

Finalists for the Awards will be announced in early August. Voting papers are then sent out to the Voting Panel for submission to NZTR's auditor, Deloitte, in the week before the Awards night.

A total of 20 Awards for the 2011-2012 racing season are celebrated on the night.

Tickets are available for \$150.00 each and can be obtained from Amanda Fensom on 04 576 6240 or amanda.fensom@nzracing.co.nz

Ticketing information will be included in the July issue of the *Thoroughbred Racing Monthly* magazine published on Friday, 6 July 2012.

Ben Nettleton Appointed To New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Board

The Chairman of the Members' Council of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR), Peter Francis, is pleased to announce the appointment of Ben Nettleton, a Barrister and Solicitor, to the Board of NZTR.

Nettleton graduated from the University of Otago with a Bachelor of Laws and Bachelor of Commerce in 2009. Following admission to the Bar, he worked for a Queens Counsel before joining French Burt Partners Law Firm in July 2010.

He advises primarily on commercial, corporate and property matters, and in dispute resolution/civil litigation. His particular areas of interest include media/entertainment and agri-business.

He previously worked as a journalist, and radio broadcaster/producer, including at More FM, and in television within the production team of Trackside TV. He has also tutored in business management and business law.

He is a member of the New Zealand Institute of Directors, and is involved with a number of commercial boards and non-profit organisations.

On his appointment, Ben Nettleton stated he was looking forward to making a positive contribution to the governance of the New Zealand Racing industry. "I have a passion for the racing industry and a keen interest in its growth and development."

"I am a regular racegoer. Racing has a long history in my family and I presently have an interest in a broodmare and a filly."

"My interest is in how racing can be developed to ensure inter-generational interest, development and engagement. It is critical racing is equally if not more relevant for both mine and future generations."

NZTR Chairman Matthew Goodson said he welcomed the appointment of Ben Nettleton to the Board, given his racing industry knowledge, and legal and broadcasting experience.

Canterbury's Iconic Week Supported

Support for Canterbury's iconic week of celebration in November has received a boost with Christchurch Casino agreeing to continue its significant financial support to the two big race events.

The nationally recognised Cup races will continue to be known as the Christchurch Casino New Zealand Trotting Cup at Addington and the Christchurch Casino New Zealand Cup at Riccarton Park.

These races and the five days of racing in November are an integral component of New Zealand Cup and Show Week in Christchurch where the New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club, the Canterbury A&P Show and the Canterbury Jockey Club combine with the Christchurch City Council to present Canterbury's biggest and brightest event.

This agreement continues the Casino's involvement with both races and is a positive response to what has been a difficult period since the earthquakes.

Canterbury Jockey Club Chairman Jeff McCall said his Club was delighted to be a party to this announcement.

"So many things have changed forever in our city, it is so pleasing that the Casino has seen fit to renew their association with us and commit to the future", he said.

New Zealand Metropolitan Trotting Club Chairman David Rankin echoed these sentiments "it would be easy to walk away at times like these but their commitment is a massive statement regarding the importance of the week'.

Barry Thomas, Chairman of Christchurch Casinos Limited said that the Casino is pleased to be able to continue its support.

"Times are tough but this is Canterbury at its best and we feel privileged to be a part of it, a time when all Cantabrians can celebrate and present a positive message to the rest of the country".

Christchurch City Council Mayor Bob Parker is delighted that the Christchurch Casino is continuing their long term support of these two key racing events in the New Zealand Cup and Show Week.

The Christchurch Casino New Zealand Trotting Cup will be run on Tuesday 13 November with the Christchurch Casino New Zealand Cup on 17 November.

Cambridge JC Meeting on 4 July – Leading Jumping Trainer and Jumping Rider Trophies

There will be trophies awarded for the leading jumping trainers and riders at the Cambridge JC race meeting at Te Rapa on Wednesday 4 July 2012. Points will be accrued in the jumping races on the programme as follows:

1 st	five points
2 nd	three points
3 rd	one point

The trophies have been kindly donated by Porritt Sand of Cambridge.

Turnover Information for the Period ending 24 June 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								11-12	10-11
18/6	Egmont (1)	28,651		341,237		74,169		69	
20/6	Whangarei	67,548	20.7%	703,518	0.0%	159,288	0.2%	114	5.6%
21/6	Oamaru (2)	16,380		457,245		96,972		73	
22/6	Otaki-Maori (3)	57,371		721,837		178,816		99	
23/6	Canterbury (4)	64,594	12.0%	798,226	1.7%	157,183	5.0%	89	0.0%
23/6	Tauranga	180,538	20.9%	1,859,171	6.9%	371,183	38.8%	140	4.5%

- (1) Egmont RC; no equivalent meeting last year; 7 races this year.
 (2) Oamaru JC; last year this was a Wanganui JC meeting; 8 races this year.
 (3) Otaki-Maori RC; last year this meeting was held on a Sunday, with a Racing Te Aroha meeting held on the Friday date. This year there were 8 races.
 (4) Canterbury Racing; 8 races this year, compared to 10 races last year.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Races	2,821	2,816	+5	+0.18%
Starters	29,931	30,189	(258)	(0.85%)
Avg Field Size	10.61	10.72	(0.11)	(1.03%)
Off-Course Turnover	292,450,465	307,884,258	(15,433,793)	(5.01%)
On-Course Turnover	32,530,126	35,928,769	(3,398,643)	(9.46%)
Total Totalisator Turnover	324,980,591	343,813,027	(18,832,436)	(5.48%)
Fixed Odds	65,112,977	53,646,700	+11,466,277	+21.37%
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	390,093,568	397,459,727	(7,366,159)	(1.85%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	138,282	141,143	(2,861)	(2.03%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	13,033	13,166	(133)	(1.01%)

Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,247,717,143	1,229,411,003	+18,306,140	+1.49%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	220,838,184	168,942,049	+51,896,135	+30.72%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,468,555,327	1,398,353,052	+70,202,275	+5.02%

Overall turnover was up 10.3% (+\$2.97m) last week on the same week last year, +5.0% season to date.

Racing turnover was up 3.1% (+\$787k) for the week, with Domestic racing up 0.3% (+\$40k).

Domestic thoroughbreds turnover was down 5.4% (-\$380k) (tote + fob) with the same number of meetings and five less races (-9.1%) with horse starts down 3.6% (avg. field size up 0.7 starters a race).

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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