



**Tuesday 28 August 2012**

### **New Zealand Pattern Committee Completes 2011-12 Review**

The New Zealand Pattern Committee (NZPC) has undertaken its annual review of the Group and Listed races run in New Zealand in the 2011-12 season.

The full report of the NZPC for the 2011-12 season is available on the [NZTR website](#).

In accordance with the Rules of Racing the following decisions have been made:

- 1. The Waikato Racing Club's **Waikato Guineas** (1600m) has been upgraded from Group 3 to Group 2 for the 2012/13 season.
- 2. The Auckland Racing Club's **Mr Tiz Trophy** (1200m), **Sunline Vase** (2100m) and the **Westbury Classic** (1400m), which are all conducted as part of the Auckland Racing Club's March Cup carnival, have been upgraded from Listed to Group 3 status.
- 3. The Waikato Racing Club's **Waikato Times Gold Cup** (2400m) was downgraded from Group 2 to Group 3.
- 4. The Auckland Racing Club's **Concorde Handicap** (1200m) was downgraded from Group 2 to Group 3.
- 5. The Canterbury Jockey Club's **Easter Cup** [George Adams (Tattersalls) H] (1600m) was downgraded from Group 3 to Listed.
- 6. Racing Tauranga's **Ancor Kiwi - LRK Kiwifruit Cup** [Owens Trophy] (2100m) has been demoted from Listed status.

The Chairman of the NZPC, Chas Amon, said the Committee conducted its review of the 2011-12 season utilizing for the first time the strict guidelines for qualifications for Graded (G1, G2, G3) status and the movement of races within that framework that had been established by the Asian Racing Federation's Pattern Committee (APC), which now oversees the work undertaken by the countries that are members of the Asian Racing Federation.

The APC Ground Rules provide for automatic downgrades for Group 2 and Group 3 races to be enforced after three years and Group One races after four years, where those races have not met the minimum race rating benchmarks in successive years. Amon said that the APC was not concerned with Listed races at this time.

The ANZ Race Classifications issued earlier this month for the 2011-12 season were the first set of ratings to be utilized by the NZPC since New Zealand agreed to accept the APC Ground Rules last December. The NZPC has resolved to continue to utilize its warning system as provided in the Rules of Racing (Rule 506 (8)), with a first warning being issued when any race fails to attain the minimum race rating required. Such a failure in consecutive years is likely to attract a second warning. As a result there have been changes to the warning status of a number of races in the NZPC Annual Report issued today.

In total there will be 145 black-type races scheduled in 2012-13, one less than in 2011-12. The schedule will comprise 22 Group One, 22 Group Two, 36 Group Three and 65 Listed races. The NZPC will review the schedule of Prestige Jumping Races (PJR's) in November.

## 2012-13 Racing Schedule at Major Venues

Summary of licence and race count changes across venues conducting 100 races comparing 2012/13 schedule with 2010/11 before the changes to the structure of racing was introduced by NZTR to accommodate a regular schedule of Monday and the additional Tuesday licences.

Venue	2012-13 schedule		2010-11 schedule		12/13 vs 10/11 change	
	No. Meetings	No. Races	No. Meetings	No. Races	Meetings	Races
Ellerslie	26	232	26	236	0	(4)
Riccarton	23	206	22	226	1	(20)
Te Rapa	21	185	19	178	2	7
Awapuni	17	154	17	164	0	(10)
Hastings	15	126	11	104	4	22
Otaki	15	121	13	121	2	0
New Plymouth	14	117	15	136	(1)	(19)
Pukekohe	14	116	16	137	(2)	(21)
Matamata	14	113	10	86	4	27
Tauranga	13	111	11	103	2	8
Wingatui	13	109	8	80	5	29
Trentham	11	103	12	117	(1)	(14)
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>1,693</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>1,688</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>5</b>
<i>Summary all Venues</i>	<i>366</i>	<i>3,079</i>	<i>330</i>	<i>3,069</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>10</i>

In developing the calendar the 2012/13 schedule of licences and races reflects the sum of runners that have started in each region in the past 12 months.

Regions	Sum of Meetings	% Race Meetings	Total Races	% of Races	Sum of Runners	% Total Runners
<b>North</b>	<b>154</b>	42.08%	<b>1,283</b>	41.67%	<b>13,616</b>	42.33%
<b>Central</b>	<b>116</b>	31.69%	<b>979</b>	31.80%	<b>10,252</b>	31.87%
<b>South</b>	<b>96</b>	26.23%	<b>817</b>	26.53%	<b>8,297</b>	25.80%
<b>Total</b>	<b>366</b>	100%	<b>3,079</b>	100%	<b>32,165</b>	100%

## Racing and Trials to be held at Paeroa under Management of the Waikato RC

Racing and trials are set to continue at Paeroa under the direct management of the Waikato Racing Club.

A Northern Region trials meeting was held today at Paeroa. This followed settlement of an initial one year agreement between the Waikato Racing Club and the owners of the Paeroa racecourse, The Barbara Anderson Family Trust, for the Club to conduct racing and trials at the venue for the 2012-13 season. The Paeroa Racing Club Committee had announced in July that it would cease racing at the venue at the end of the 2011-12 season.

All of the remaining Northern Regional licences that were previously conducted by the Paeroa Racing Club will now be allocated by NZTR to the Waikato Racing Club for the 2012-13 season.

The Northern Region licence on Monday, 3 September 2012, that had already been re-scheduled, will still be conducted by the Te Aroha Racing Club.

## Dr Patricia Pearce Appointed to Executive Advisor for NZ Equine Health Association

The NZ Equine Health Association (NZEHA) has appointed Dr Patricia Pearce to the position of Executive Advisor on behalf the equine community and industries for the purposes of maximising the health protection and welfare of all horses in New Zealand.

Dr Pearce will represent the NZEHA, liaise with the Ministry for Primary Industries and stakeholders within the equine sectors, draft and implement NZEHA's policy, and provide critical analysis and reporting to the Committee of the NZEHA.

The New Zealand Equine population is more dependent upon bio security than any other developed country. The country's freedom from pest and diseases is critical for primary productivity and free trade, as well as enjoyment of the recreational and cultural aspects of equestrianism.

### **The Christchurch Casino 17th 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 21 September 2012 prior to The Canterbury Jockey Club Spring Racemeeting on Saturday 22 September 2012.

### **2011/12 Season Finalists (Listed alphabetically)**

<b>Two Year Old</b>	Gold Terror, Napatap, Canny Franco
<b>Three Year Old</b>	Bangalore Bullet, Planet Rock, Rock 'N' Pop, Shuka
<b>Sprinter</b>	El Chico, Final Touch, Keep the Conflict, So Elusive
<b>Miler</b>	Final Touch, Hold It Harvey, I'm Your Venus, Jaggard
<b>Stayer</b>	Hold It Harvey, Inferno, The Solitaire, Zabene
<b>Jumper</b>	Cee Gee Jay, Kid Columbus, Lautenschlager
<b>Horse of the Year</b>	To be awarded to one of the above finalists.
<b>Trainer</b>	Brian & Shane Anderton, John & Karen Parsons, Michael Pitman
<b>Jockey</b>	Jamie Bullard, Jay Misbah, David Walsh
<b>Apprentice</b>	Toni Direen, Brittany Moore, Shankar Muniandy
<b>Jumps Jockey</b>	Ross Doherty, Chris Johnson, Stewart Moir
<b>Owner</b>	Sarah Green, Kevin Hickman, Trevor Luke, Eric Parr, Greg Tomlinson
<b>Breeder</b>	Brian & Lorraine Anderton, Kevin Hickman, Edwina Morris & Alan Jones

**NZ Bloodstock Southern Filly of the Year:** Ortem Fire

**Broodmare of the Year:** To be announced on the day

### **Canterbury Racing - Cup Carnival Deadlines**

First nominations for the NZ Cup Carnival in November close with the national Racing Bureau at **4 pm on Tuesday 4 September 2012**

- Sothys 40<sup>th</sup> New Zealand 2000 Guineas
- 8<sup>th</sup> Coupland's Bakeries Mile
- Christchurch Casino 149<sup>th</sup> New Zealand Cup
- New Zealand Bloodstock 40<sup>th</sup> 1000 Guineas

## **Foxton RC Trial Meeting Postponed to Wednesday 29 August**

The trials programmed for Foxton today, Tuesday 28 August, have been put back one day and will now be held on Wednesday 29 August. The decision was made as a result of there being surface water on the track but it is hoped that with the forecast for clearing weather over the next 24 hours the rescheduled programme will be able to proceed.

The same fields as were previously drawn will be retained.

## **Otago Racing Club - Additional Races on Tuesday 4 September**

Following the abandonment of the Otago RC racemeeting on Friday 17 August, NZTR, after consultation with the Southern Regional Programming Committee & Otago RC, has added two races to the programme for the race meeting at Otago RC on Tuesday 4 September. The races have been carded with a view to providing opportunities that may have been lost with the recent abandonment.

The programmes for the extra races are:

Maiden SW - Stake \$7,000 - 800m.

\*Benchmark R65 Highweight Handicap - Stake \$7,000 - 2100m.

\*This race will proceed as a Highweight on the basis that the Restricted Open Hurdle 3200m on the programme receives sufficient nominations for it to be run. If the Open Hurdle does not proceed then this race will be amended to a Benchmark R65 Handicap (2070m) with the Highweight stipulation removed. In this event, nominations will be re-opened and taken under the revised conditions of the race.

All other races on the card remain as previously programmed.

## **Spring Splurge \$50k Bonus Quaddies across September/October**

A feature will be that all of the Thoroughbred Bonus Quaddies will be Turbo Quaddies, operating across two races from each of the NZ Thoroughbred meetings.

1 September	Hastings, Tauranga
8 September	Ellerslie, Wanganui
15 September	Whangarei, Awapuni
22 September	Hastings, Riccarton Park
29 September	Ellerslie, New Plymouth

And...each Wednesday and Thursday from 19 September through to 25 October, there will be a **Terminating Turbo Bonus Quaddie** starting around 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm running across four Australian races.

## Turnover Information for the Period ending 26 August 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								12-13	11-12
20/8	Taupo (1)	30,494		421,924		195,143		79	
22/8	Whangarei (2)	57,345		658,883		231,993		88	
23/8	Wdvl-Pahiatua (3)	17,446		443,449		104,550		59	
24/8	Sth Canterbury (4)	19,627		534,441		130,261		75	
25/8	Taranaki (5)	82,179	26.5%	1,209,534	4.1%	277,023	33.2%	78	3.7%
25/8	Pakuranga (6)	185,862	10.6%	938,284	2.4%	207,003	23.6%	85	0.0%

- (1) Racing Taupo; no equivalent meeting last year; this year there were 9 races.
- (2) Whangarei RC; last year this was a Waipa RC meeting at which there were 8 races; there were 7 races this year.
- (3) Woodville-Pahiatua RC; no equivalent meeting last year; this year there were 7 races.
- (4) South Canterbury RC; last year this was a Racing Te Aroha meeting at which there were 8 races; this year there were 9 races.
- (5) Taranaki TR; last year there were 9 races; compared to 8 races this year.
- (6) Pakuranga HC; last year there were 9 races, compared to 8 races this year.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance /()	Variance %/ (%)
Races	172	199	(27)	(13.57%)
Starters	1,718	1,919	(201)	(10.47%)
Avg Field Size	9.99	9.64	0.35	3.58%
Total Totalisator Turnover	19,061,936	21,559,509	(2,497,573)	(11.58%)
Fixed Odds	4,338,312	3,722,797	615,516	16.53%
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	23,400,248	25,282,306	(1,882,058)	(7.44%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	136,048	127,047	9,001	7.08%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	13,621	13,175	446	3.38%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	97,553,257	88,511,566	9,041,691	10.22%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	18,429,319	20,290,365	(1,861,046)	(9.17%)
Total NZRB Turnover	115,982,576	108,801,931	7,180,645	6.60%

Overall turnover was up 10.9% ( \$3.02m) last week on the same week last year.

Racing turnover was up 9.4% ( \$2.01m) for the week, with domestic racing down 5.1% (-\$0.59m).

Domestic thoroughbreds turnover was down 11.5% (-\$762k) (tote fob) with one extra meeting and one race less (-2.0%), horse starts down 5.9% (avg. field size down 0.4 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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