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TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMICS, INTEGRITY AND PLEASURE OF THE SPORT OF THOROUGHBRED RACING ON BEHALF OF ALL OWNERS.

PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Neil Oldfield

WELCOME MEMBERS AND READERS TO THIS EDITION OF THE BULLETIN.



On behalf of your executive, I extend to all owners and sector participants our heartfelt deepest sympathy to the people of the Canterbury area. Some would have lost loved ones, some their homes and others their livelihoods. The magnitude of this disaster is impossible to quantify. We are thinking of you all.

The recent publicity surrounding the entry of owners to the stabling area on race day has raised a number of questions. A recent NZTR Board meeting unanimously endorsed its previous position – that only license holders are permitted entry to the saddling enclosure. The primary reasons being safety and the ability to offer less congestion within these areas. It does however raise a debate over the access areas on trial days and jump-outs, as the resolution only covered race days. We as a Federation have taken up with NZTR the position surrounding this, requesting NZTR to encourage clubs to upgrade facilities to allow owner contact with their horse on race day and asking NZTR for a letter outlining entitlements to be sent to all owners subsequent to registration of a horse. It would also be an opportune time to seek further interaction with our jockeys, either prior to the race, or immediately after. While these issues are being brought into focus, the issue of safety is paramount for horse, rider, and owners alike.

The current funding reduction as outlined by the Racing Board in December is very serious indeed. This will affect our code by a reduction of \$ 2.709 million on the budget adopted for this racing season. The only recourse available to NZTR at this stage of the season was a reintroduction of riding fees from the 1st of February 2011. This will address the shortfall by approximately \$1.2 million. The NZTR Board has written on behalf of clubs seeking a grant from the Racing Board for relief, as they signed off on our funding model budget at the beginning of this season. We await their reply. It is far from acceptable to not have either reserves or contingencies available when you accept and sign off on funding. The owners are asked to pay yet again! It is also unacceptable to ask a new incoming Board to have a deficit of the magnitude of \$2.7 million. With just five months of the season remaining, whatever options are available will be unpalatable. I can assure you that all steps are being taken to achieve the best results to maintain viability to all participants. There are 33,000 full time equivalent employees dependent on an industry not only surviving, but prospering.

I wish all owners success and we look forward to the Auckland Carnival with anticipation.

Regards, Neil.



NOTES FROM THE REGIONS

AUCKLAND

Neil Miller

Greetings from Auckland. Firstly may we convey our sympathy to all who have suffered loss in the recent Christchurch earthquake. As the true extent of the loss of life becomes evident, we grieve with you. Then there is the loss of material things. It is on a scale not witnessed in this country in any of our living memories.

Since I last wrote, racing has continued in the North but the signal event was the annual Karaka Yearling Sales. This years sales were well supported by a large overseas bench of buyers. That was not unexpected due to the huge success of our NZ bred stock on the race tracks overseas, notably in Australia and Asia.

My take on the Premier Sale was that the average sales price held up well. However for the first time in many years there was no headliner million dollar colt. This may be reflection of the current economic state, but it could also mean that there was a wide range of top types for the buyers to bid on reducing the competition for a "stand out".

Following are some statistics of clearances provided by the Auckland Owners President Ken Cramer Roberts with his comments on them below

PREMIER SALE

Total offering, fillies 189, colts 314, total = 503, clearance rate 73% (median)
Sold fillies 69%, colts 76%

SELECT SALE

Total offering, fillies 200, colts 416, total = 616, clearance rate 68% (median)
Sold fillies 65%, colts 69%

It can be seen that the clearance rate of fillies is slightly below colts but not disastrously so. And when so many more of the top colts are sold overseas, it seems that we still have good purchase and retention of fillies to carry on the NZ bloodlines

Ken comments, "Owners, don't give up on fillies. In time they will be the mares that will produce the bloodstock international buyers seek. We in New Zealand need to race our fillies so that the simple rule of breeding winners to winners is followed. In that way we show that our bloodstock are not only well bred but robust racing stock and we maintain and even enhance our industry's reputation"

AUCKLAND ANNUAL STUD AND STABLE TOUR TO THE WAIKATO

SUNDAY 27 MARCH

The Auckland committee are pleased to announce that last years great trip to the Waikato is being repeated. Auckland members will be receiving a notice soon but we would like to be inclusive so that members of other Associations can join up with us.

The coach will leave the Commercial Travelers Club in Vincent Street Remuera at 8.30am and head for Matamata. Penciled in are stops at Rich Hill stud and the Autridge and Sargent stables. Then on to Cambridge Lodge for lunch where there will also be a guest speaker. From there we go to Windsor Park Stud and we have another stud penciled in as well. After that we call at Tim and Margaret Carter's stable before heading home via Candyland at Taupiri.

We will be joined on the bus by new NZTR CEO – Greg Purcell. Greg will address us at the luncheon and tell us about his aspirations in this new role. You will also have an opportunity to talk to Greg if you wish.

The cost of this tour is \$45, which includes the luncheon. If folk would like to convoy around with us in their cars they are very welcome to do so. The only cost would be if they wished to have lunch with us. Below are contact details so you can get more information and a timetable of our stops.

We want to name tag all those in our party so we know who we are talking to whilst "on the hoof" or at lunch. We also invite anyone from the Waikato or Bay of Plenty to join up with our tour at any stage. We will have a great day.

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Joan Palmer (09) 575-5979



WAIKATO

Jenny Cowan

Horses – and people – racing and the show-ring – permanently entwined, but usually in the same order. Same pleasures, disappointments and highs – and attention to detail.

This group highlight all of the above. The horse is "Blue Sapphire" – Gisborne bred and Supreme Champion Hack at the Paeroa Show in Jan 2011.

On the right is judge, Jim Keyte – Federation Secretary and regular judge of horseflesh in the show-ring. Associate judge George Hihi is on left.

The rider is Sarah Campbell, former jockey and rider of an Auckland Cup winner, Royal Tiara. The owner is Wally Moore from Gisborne – the subject of a racehorse owners story in a previous Bulletin.

Last edition I referred to Gary and Lynda Harding's farm in Tirau as Fayette Park. This was incorrect and I apologise for any concern or confusion.

HAWKES BAY

Tony Lyndon

Just Call Me Bond a \$4600 purchase and "Defiant" a \$28,000 buy at the 2008 ready to run sale were both winners at Otaki in December. Just Call Me Bond has now won 4 races for her owners Grant Cullen, Larry Dallimore, Jeff Drinkwater, Wayne Mudgway and Luke Shadbolt. Defiant is raced by John Bary and Allan Chapman.

Star Guru, a winner of 4 races from 5 starts was bred by Danny and Lynette Birnie who race her with Gordon and Jane Thomas-Long.

Doratea Dior won her second race of 6 starts at Awapuni when winning fresh up from a 9-month break. Purchased for \$250,000 at a mixed bloodstock sale, she is raced by Chris and Ken Russell. She may not have many more starts as she is in foal to Zabeel.

Noel Nicholson better known as an Ear Nose and Throat Specialist than an owner breeder got a great thrill when Mr Archibald made it 3 wins from 4 starts at Hastings.

Former N.Z. Owners Assn. President Mrs Ada Parnwell in partnership with H.B. couple John and Colleen Duncan raced the promising Stravinsky filly Fleur De Lune who won on debut at Rotorua in January, making it 2 from 3 starts.

Jimmy Choux continued his quest for the \$2.2 million N.Z. Derby by winning the \$70,000 Wellington Stakes and the \$70,000 Waikato Guineas. Some of the breeding buffs say "he won't get the trip of the Derby". This bulletin will not be printed by the time the Derby is run on March the 5th. But I am mindful of the quote (class will outrun arse)!

H.B. was saddened by the passing of well respected Breeder Judy Glazebrook. Judy and her sister Jill Gould bred from many of the descendants of the champion Oncidium mare Leilani, who was bred by their father Ian McRae. Leilani, champion Australian galloper of the 1974-75 season, won 14 races from Bart Cummings stable including the Caulfield and Australian Cups, A.J.C.Oaks and a total of 5 Group Ones including a courageous second to her stable mate Think Big in the 1974 Melbourne Cup.

A \$70,000 yearling Dancing Dee lived up to her breeding winning at Waipukurau for Alister and Jeanette Cameron. The Cameron's have shared success over the years with Clifton Prince and Kayes Awake.



Hastings Stables had a great day at Waipukurau winning 4 of the 8 races. Frank Brown who raced the good galloper Eraheedy a few years back produced Outback Girl to win the maiden. A \$16,000 purchase as a yearling she shows lots of potential.

Sandra Dee won for Grant Cullen and his South African born partner Haley Dustin.

Nippin a \$210,000 yearling who has finished further back in 6 starts registered his second win in a \$30,000 special conditions 1600 at Ellerslie. Part owned by H.B.R.C. Chief Executive Jason Fleming who was our Oct/Nov Bi-Monthly Trophy winner with Kiwi Hustler. Jason followed this up with a win with Daisy Louise, a \$57,000 yearling.



PHOTO FLASHBACK – Wellington Cup winning Jockey Kane Smith being presented with second prize in the 1993/94 Hawkes Bay Apprentice Riders Series by the Hon. John Falloon, Minister of Racing. Tony Lyndon looking on.

WANGANUI – OBITUARY

On the 19th of January 2011, the Wanganui Racehorse Owners Association lost the services of foundation member Mr James Skou. He was aged 89 years. Jim, as he was widely known throughout the lower North Island was a real racing enthusiast and supported our Association for many years, earning him life membership.

He raced his first horse in 1942, and was still actively racing horses at the time of his death. The best horse he raced on his own account was Kay Royal, who won the Wellesley Stakes at Trentham in track record time. Jim was also involved in the formation of Tudor Thoroughbreds, a long running and successful syndicate, with the majority of their horses being trained by Bruce Marsh. Big winners for Tudor Thoroughbreds included Karaoke (New Zealand Cup) and Play On (8 wins including the \$1m Three Year Old Goldrush Final at Trentham).

Jim was a Steward of the Marton Jockey Club for a long number of years and developed the concept of a Promotions Committee, of which he was the first chairman. Many racing clubs throughout NZ later followed suit in establishing their own Promotions Committee. Through his company Foxtan Fries he sponsored many, many races in the central region.

A farmer at heart, potatoes were a particular crop that Jim specialised in. He was also a Rangitikei District Councillor for a period of 28 years. His forthright approach to all matters, was endearing, and the Wanganui Association has lost a true advocate for the ownership of Thoroughbred Racehorses.



Spiro connections

MANAWATU

Allan Fenwick

CENTURY CITY WELLINGTON CUP DAY HIGHLIGHTS

Century City Wellington Cup Day proved a most successful race day for the Manawatu Association with members being involved with the winners of the 2 biggest races.

- Clearly the biggest triumph was the Century City Wellington Cup win of Spiro, bred, raced and trained by Paddy & Sylvia Kay and ridden by Kane Smith. Now the winner of 8 races from 26 starts, Spiro has been a genuine performer. He clearly still has a long way to go to match another stable star of the past, Sapio. The winner of 16 races and nearly \$1.4m in stakes Sapio took Paddy & Sylvia on a journey that included 2 trips to Hong Kong, two starts in the Melbourne Cup and racing in Brisbane. Major wins included 2 New Zealand Cups, a Tatts Cup and a Doomben Cup. Both Paddy & Sylvia are most experienced and genuine racing people who always do the best for their horses. Winning the Wellington Cup in front of friends and family was a highlight for them, although as a traditionalist Sylvia would have preferred the race to have been over 3200 metres.
- Sharing the stage with Spiro was Palmerston North jockey Kane Smith, who was recording the biggest win of his career. Kane served his time with Bruce Marsh and was a very successful apprentice. After spending time riding in the South Island Kane returned to live in Palmerston North. He now rides a lot of work for Kevin Gray and attributes much of his recent success to this association. Kane and Spiro have proved a very successful team combining for 7 wins.
- Victory in the Harcourts Thorndon Mile (Group 1) went to Booming, which is part owned by Don Frampton. Last season Booming was rated by many as a promising stayer with his first 5 wins being at 2000 metres or longer and a second to Zavite in the 2010 Stella Artois Auckland Cup. This season however he has shown how much he has improved with a first up win over 1200 metres, followed 2 starts later with a barnstorming win in the Group 1 Zabeel Classic over 2000 metres. Freshened by Awapuni horseman Jeff Lynds Booming finished strongly along the rails to win the Harcourts Thorndon. Owner Don Frampton has been a long time client of the Lynds stable and the combination have had many successes including winning the Group 1, Whakanui International Stakes with the talented Snazzy.
- The rider of Booming at Trentham was Japanese born jockey Masa Tanaka. After learning to ride in Australia, Masa signed up as an apprentice with Graeme Rogerson and was based at his Awapuni stable. Masa impressed many with his dedication to his riding career and was rewarded by being named Head Pupil of the Central Districts Apprentice School in 2009. His Trentham win was his first at Group level.

TIM FOWLER PASSES ON

Former Ashhurst trainer A C (Tim) Fowler passed away in Waitara at the end of February, aged 93. Tim trained on the old Ashhurst racecourse up until the early 1990's. He was a true horseman of the old school, shoeing his own horses, attending to many of their veterinary needs, riding work and driving his own float all over the country.

His horses always had a long and solid preparation and were able to stand up to plenty of racing, particularly during the winter. Successful open handicappers Escameno, Just Dianna, Just Wishing, Guardian & Young Burnell, the winner of the Winter Cup at Riccarton, were amongst his best known. He however also won a Triton Stakes (now known as the Castletown Stakes), for two year olds, at Foxton with Pad, ridden by Garry Phillips, who did much of the stable riding. There was never a big team in work.

Tim bred and raced many horses himself from descendents of an early broodmare purchase, Fairyscene. In recent times Zena's Wish, whom Tim gifted to his good friend and client Gerry Arber, when he retired from racing and breeding, has kept the family to the fore. Horses bred by Gerry from this mare include the Wanganui Cup winner Govicar and Hawkes Bay Gold Cup & Matamata Cup winner King of Ashford.

There were a number of apprentices who served their time with Tim including Paddy Kauri, Gerry O'Neil, Ricky Bone, Ken Nightingale, Paul Reid and John Bullard, father of southern horseman, Jamie

For many years Tim was a member of the Manawatu Association. A Returned Serviceman, away from racing he also took a keen interest in rugby and travelled overseas to follow the All Blacks. He was a Taranaki supporter through and through having been a prominent player himself.

CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND Pam Trusttum

YA DREAMIN JONESY

Orari owner-trainer Graham Dobbs is having a dream run at the moment with his 5 year old, Pins gelding, Ya Dreamin Jonesy, winning his last three starts in emphatic style. Graham purchased the gelding for a \$1000, when holidaying in Auckland in the winter. He was staying with relations of Ya Dreamin Jonesy's owners, and although the gelding had only had two placings out of ten starts and was considered a cheat, Graham felt the horse had a sensible nature and a good frame, which would develop and strengthen up with time and conditioning. Ya Dreamin Jonesy arrived at Orari in August and Graham said he just bloomed in his new environment, so much so that it took two or three starts to actually get the condition off him enough to race competitively.

Ya Dreamin Jonesy finished fifth in a maiden at Timaru on December 28, then won his next start at Reefton on January 5 taking out the Maiden 2000m. He had another three starts on the West Coast circuit, including a second at Hokitika, and has never looked back. Graham's father-in-law, the late Lionel Pratt, was a regular visitor to the Coast circuit and his team was a force to be reckoned with in their day.

Three wins in a row, Canterbury January 29 over 2000m, Otago February 5 over 2200m, and then the jewel in the crown, success in the Dunedin Casino Invercargill Gold Cup over 2600m on February 19, has given Graham and his talented stayer a very profitable and rewarding summer.

Ya Dreamin Jonesy is a lovely horse to train, "a real old mans horse" says Graham, and I'm sure regular race rider Jillian Morris will echo his sentiments.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Tony Lyndon

13TH JANUARY 1937

Mr E.G. Sutherland of The N.Z. Owner-Trainers-Breeders Assn. attended The Hastings Race course with the intention of forming a local branch of the Assn.

Mr W.J. Wood was elected President
Mr W.H. Gaisford and Mr G Polerston Vice President.

Committee Representing:-
Owners: Mr G McCormick,
Mr J.A. Diak
Trainers: Mr G.W. Greene,
Mr V. Collelo.
Breeders: Mr J.B. Donnelly,
Mr A.A. Small.

24TH APRIL 1937

It was proposed to ask the District Committee that a scale of weight allowances for apprentices be implemented.

Scale: 7lbs up to 15 wins
5lbs up to 30 wins
3lbs up to 40 wins

It was proposed that apprentices be allowed to use whips and spurs in apprentice races as they are allowed in other races but not apprentice races. It was proposed that the minimum be retained at 7 stone (44kg's) as owners were reluctant to put on apprentices and a higher minimum would make senior jockeys more assessable. Mr. S. Reid was voted secretary and the annual subscription set at 10/- (\$1) annually.

22ND JULY 1937

It was proposed to ask the H.B.J.C. to pad the wooden hurdles on raceday and if they would erect pony hurdles for educating young jumpers and build a permanent barrier for the education of young horses.

24TH OCTOBER 1937

Mr W.J. Wood said that it was essential that the Assn. carry on as information he had received was that in a distant date Government would bring pressure on racing that could be detrimental.

23RD MARCH 1938

Mr. W.J. Wood introduced Mr C.E. Craig the Dominion Secretary. Mr Craig outlined discussion with the N.Z. Racing Conference on a number of proposals:

Padded Hurdles
Badges for Licensed Trainers

Trainers Licenses for men only and to qualify they must have worked 4 years in a stable or served a Jockeys Apprenticeship.



Early morning. A lone horse doing pacework Byerley Park

BYERLEY PARK

Neil Miller

Byerley Park is a name that is becoming increasingly prominent in racing circles. We are aware of it as the origin of the trainers of horses that we see in racing publications.

Also it is more frequently being reported as the home of winners from those entries.

I thought it was time to go and have a look at this place so I googled Byerley Park. That got me the website www.byerleypark.co.nz and I sent an online enquiry. Very promptly, came back a reply and a cordial invitation to visit from Daniel Nakhle. He is the joint principal, with his father Elias, of the company that has developed the property.

The Nakhle family are well known owners of racehorses and absolute enthusiasts of the sport. Daniel is also a board member of the Auckland Racing Club. Elias came to New Zealand in 1969 from Lebanon and has been in business here since. He has skills in construction, property development and management and that is obvious when you visit this place. That has been and is still his role in this property.

Elias greeted me warmly and we were joined by Ben Foote, the first trainer to start at Byerley Park. Ben has been there for only three years. Then Daniel joined us and we stood on the deck of the trackside viewing box (see photo) and discussed the details of the place.

The property is 230 picturesque acres of semi flat land. It is out past Karaka by the Clarks Beach turn off. That area has light soil and is very suitable for horses I believe. The track is one mile around with a 1000 metre lead in track. It is undulating and has a groomed black sand surface. There is a grass track formed outside the sand track. Such is the circumference of the existing track that more tracks can be formed on its inner. There is a separate sand exercise track. Around 160 horses use the facility including those from outside stables. Weekly jump outs are held and some horses are trucked in. As an example Moira Murdoch and Dominic Olson's horses come over from Kariotahi.

The scale and development of the place stunned me. It is well thought out with post and rail fences that subdivide well-maintained pasture. There are 6 existing stable blocks. A resource consent has been granted for the development of 6 more blocks in the future. Each will have a dedicated 5-acre allotment. They will be available for purchase of the freehold. Byerley Park will develop more stables on their holding. They will work with prospective tenants to achieve a mutually agreeable design and build.

The most recent block to be built was for Molloy Racing. This stable has burst into prominence, by its early success with the very speedy mare Celeris, who is owned by the Nakhles together with Darren Brady and Alan Montgomery. It is Leo Molloy's philosophy to train using science and technology and also he says "that happy horses want to run fast". Elias and Molloy Racing worked in together to design the facility. I was impressed with the design of galvanized steel elements in the building and 45mm plywood infills to those. The boxes each had an outside small yard layered with clean wood shavings (see photo). It was notable that most of the horses were enjoying the morning air. It is said "freedom is but options". No doubt this adds to the happy horse.

Back away from the stables the Nakhles have built a nice modern utility building. It will house the Byerley Park Equine Academy. The opening date of the first course is 1 June this year and will take 15 students for an NZQA accredited course in equine competencies and horsepersonship skills. (Apologies for the PC word there)

A picnic area is being created not too far from the entrance and safely away from horse traffic. There are young olive trees on ground that slopes gently down to an attractive large pond. This will be available for those who visit, mainly children and parents. Safety and enjoyment of the place is the wish of Elias and Daniel Nakhle.

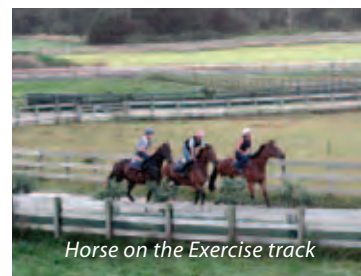
In walking around we were greeted by many people. Mostly stable staff. All had a smile for us and I was left with the impression that this was a happy place to be and to work. I am filled with admiration for the vision and commitment the Nakhles, father and son, have for the creation that is Byerley Park. At a time when racing is struggling to reverse a downward, trend they demonstrate a willingness to invest and an optimism in its future.

There is a quotation that says "Luck is a residue of design". If that is true then the principals and their families together with those who work at Byerley Park deserve very good fortune indeed.

"Foote note" – As this goes to press I can advise that I saw a fit rangy sprinter at Byerley Park. It was EGO, E Dubai (USA) – Buckling (Aus). He won at Matamata while I was writing the above. The time for the 1200m was a very fast 1.08.62. Ego is owned by Elias and Daniel Nakhle and trained at Byerley Park by Ben Foote



First trainer at Byerley Park Ben Foote flanked by Elias Nakhle (left) and Daniel Nakhle



Horse on the Exercise track



The newest stable block for Molloy Racing

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We would like to thank all of our readers for their support and patience over the past few months and hope that the 'new look' version of The Informant will be enjoyed by all. I hope that upon our relaunch all of our supporters will do their utmost to promote The Informant to their friends and family in an effort to help grow our readership.

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Kind regards,

Gus Wigley

General Manager, Thoroughbred Publications Ltd

THE OWNER'S FEDERATION WELCOMES RECENT NEW MEMBERS

We wish to extend a very warm welcome to the new members who have joined the Owner's Federation in January and February. We really appreciate your membership support and look forward to a long and enjoyable association with you.

AUCKLAND	
Nigel Dodd	Whangarei
Craig Norgate	Auckland
Ralph & Francis Maxwell	Pukekohe
Graeme Price	Auckland
E M Tynan	Howick
Bev Hopper	Silverdale
Arthur Avis	Pukekohe
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Ian Moore	Auckland
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Peter Goodwin	Waikanae
CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND	
Robert Webster	Riccarton
Nicole Bowis	Fairlie
D R & Mrs D M McKenzie	Wyndham

JUMPING SEASON

By Wally Pollock

As the jumping season is almost on us, we look forward to a show of interest from Clubs to put more (or even some) jumps races on their programmes. The Waikato and Auckland regions are where the biggest horse population is situated. It would be easier for all concerned to have more races close to home.

Matamata, Waipa and Rotorua were off the list last year, while the battlers Te Aroha and Paeroa continue to cater for jumpers. The latter two clubs having some of the best jumping viewing available – and facilities on courses. Te Rapa which has the best and most central course held only 3 days of jumping – their two Waikato days, and one for Cambridge Jockey club. Who could forget the first jumping race of the season at Te Rapa – George Simon was even more excited than when he calls Group Ones' for those huge sums of money.

I know they don't attract enough betting, but reflect on the interest and excitement engendered by each jump, up to 3200 metres, as against a 1200 metre dash, with a westerly wind blowing. To get and keep a horse fit and racing through the grades, connections have to travel most of the North Island and by-pass many suitable venues in the quest for the only suitable race.

We can't all win a Group 1 race, but we like to think we have a chance to win a maiden race nearer home.

In any event, we wish them all good luck, anyway.



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RETURNS TO OWNER'S & RACE DAY ACCESS TO HORSES

The Owner's Federation recently made the following submission to NZTR on these two areas of concern for Owner's.

3 March 2011

Mr Greg Purcell
Chief Executive
New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Inc
P O Box 38 386
Wellington Mail Centre
WELLINGTON



Dear Greg

Over recent months members of the New Zealand Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners Federation have increasingly expressed their concerns about two aspects of racing that are currently impacting on them very negatively. The purpose of this letter is to formally bring these issues to your attention on behalf of Owners and to request New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing ("NZTR") to take whatever steps necessary to address these issues as quickly as possible.

Returns to Owners

In seeking to balance its budget, NZTR has recently announced the removal of some free racing and riding fee subsidies, effectively transferring 100% of this cost back to the Owners of racehorses.

A key benefit of the free racing and riding fee subsidy initiatives is they more effectively transfer greater value to Owners than for example, increasing stake money by the same amount. It follows that removal of these initiatives has a greater impact on Owners than the removal of almost anything else, including stake money.

Firstly, the 15% GST component of these costs can be claimed back by NZTR whereas in the majority of situations, cannot be claimed back by Owners. Secondly, Owners are not required to pay trainer and jockeys percentages totalling another 15% on these subsidies. From an Owner's perspective, NZTR's decision to balance its budget in this way is approximately 30% less effective than if it had made other changes, say to stake money.

By way of example, if one compares the removal of \$1,000 riding fee subsidy (scenario 1) to the removal of \$1,000 stake money (scenario 2), the relative impact on an owner not registered for GST is as follows:

	Scenario 1	Scenario 2
Stake Money	\$7,000.00	\$6,000.00
Riding Fee Subsidy	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Return to Owner		
Stake Money	\$7,000.00	\$6,000.00
Less Percentages Incl. GST	-\$1,207.50	-\$1,035.00
Less Riding Fee Incl. GST	-\$1,150.00	\$0.00
	\$4,642.50	\$4,965.00
Difference between Scenario 1 & Scenario 2	\$322.50	
Expressed as a Percentage of the Riding Fee Change	32.25%	

Obviously we are not advocating further across the board reductions in stake money, as the extent to which day to day racing stakes have already fallen is seriously threatening the viability of the industry and is having a profoundly negative impact on Owner's willingness to invest. Given the reduction to lower level stakes that has already occurred, what will be NZTR's policy next season for the higher staked and Group races. The old adage of having to walk before one runs has now been replaced with the reality that having to crawl comes before walking!

The Owner's Federation submits that NZTR must seek ways to balance its budget other than by further reducing returns to Owner's. The time has surely come for it to have another hard look at the industry's cost structures.

Pre and Post Race Access to Horses

While we understand (albeit not totally accept) the health and safety concerns behind NZTR's recent directive restricting an Owners pre and post race access to their horse, an effect of this directive is to further reduce an Owners sense of involvement and connection with their horse on race day – the day when all of the work and effort comes together. We believe this can only have a negative impact on the ownership experience and will further contribute to Owners leaving the industry.

Leading Australian clubs have addressed this issue by installing "safe" areas for their Owners within the stabling or saddling area. We believe NZTR should take a proactive role in urging clubs to provide similar facilities.

We understand the Racing Board has established a \$1 million Racing Safety Development Fund – of which a relatively small amount has been used in the current year. Applications for the remainder of these funds close on 31 March 2011. It would be very disappointing if this available funding were not utilised when there is clearly an opportunity here to enhance an Owner's race day experience while addressing NZTR's safety concerns.

Yours sincerely

Jim Keyte
Secretary

CONGRATULATIONS TO FEDERATION MEMBERS ON THEIR RECENT WINS!

THERE IS NOTHING QUITE LIKE THE THRILL OF WATCHING YOUR HORSE WIN!

We continue to track winning horses owned by Owner's Federation members. As we only have visibility of owner's named in the race book, we know we will have missed members involved in winning syndicates and may have inadvertently missed others. We apologise to any member we have missed and extend our congratulations to all members who have recently experienced the thrill of winning.

T W Archer	Whangarei	CELTIC FANTASY	C A & Mrs N R Leishman	Auckland	AFFIRMATIVE
S R Autridge	Matamata	MR CLOONEY	T G Lines	Otahuhu	SIR JACK GUNNO, TYPHOON WARNING & CHAMPAGNE JOY
Arthur Avis	Pukekohe	RIOTOUS	John E Maetzig	Lower Hutt	SPIRO
J G G Bary	Hastings	DEFIANT	Miss C A Marshall	Cambridge	ROLLO
R S Baulcomb	Takapuna	PENDULUM	R K & Mrs F M Maxwell	Pukekohe	ARAKTI (AUS)
B O Blackler	Feilding	KIWI LADY	Mrs F S McCarthy	Timaru	HALO BUSTER
N V Burnside	Papatoetoe	MR CLOONEY	P A McDougall	Marton	CHETTAK
A J & Mrs J W Cameron	Napier	DANCING DEE	B T McKenzie	Gore	THE MEISTA
J W Campin	Cambridge	TRADEMARK & PEACE	D R & Mrs D M McKenzie	Wyndham	STRAVINSKAYA
David Capes	Tauranga	SAY NO MORE	M S & Mrs L McClennan	Ohaupo	MINDY
J G & Mrs E A Carran	Otautau	MILO & SAND TOYZ	Mrs V A McVean	Ohaupo	ANTARCTICA
J T Cassin	Bombay	VOLKARA	Maurice Mehlhopt	Auckland	TOM KIAH
W A Chapman	Havelock North	DEFIANT	I P Moore	Auckland	HAPPINS
Chouxmaani Investments Ltd	Havelock North	JIMMY CHOUX	Nigal A Mortimer	Tauranga	CALGACUS
M A Collinson	Browns Bay	MCLAREN	W A Mudgway	Hastings	JUST CALL ME BOND
J M Creaven	Palmerston North	RED EYE SPECIAL & CROCODILE CANYON	P M Murphy	Napier	MISTY HEIGHTS
R E Demler	Te Awamutu	STELLA BELLA	Miss M Murray	Papakura	COOL RADIANCE
Nigel B Dodd	Whangarei	RUSTALLI	P S & Mrs C Nelson	Hastings	SAN PEDRO
J R Drinkwater	Wellington	JUST CALL ME BOND	P A Newman	Otorohanga	OPTIONS
Mrs G M Drought	Opunake	CASSINI	Graig Norgate	Auckland	GENTULLAH
Duchess of Bedford	Matamata	RAVE REVIEW	W R O'Hearn	Matamata	IT'S ESSENTIAL
D McK Duncan	Marton	FEARS NOTHING & ANNIHILATOR	C G Oldfield	Masterton	THE MINER
K M Duncan	Hunterville	FEARS NOTHING	J B & Mrs E M Parcell	Timaru	BEATA
Mrs J M Duncan	Wanganui	DEPUTY	D Paykel	North Shore City	SO PRISTINE
D J Enright	Foxton	CROWN GEM	Mrs A D Paykel	Remuera	ROLLO
Mrs M E A Evans	Howick	OUTRAGEOUS FORTUNE	W K Pomare	Rotorua	FASTNFREE
H A Fletcher	Auckland	READY STEADY	Harvey Poole	Orewa	CROWNED
B W Foote	Pukekohe	LIL MISS TAIT	G V Price	Auckland	STRAIGHT MELODY & BEEJAY BELLE
Dr D R Frampton	Paraparaumu	BOOMING	J B R Ralph	Hamilton	IT'S A MESSAGE
R & Mrs D M Goodeve	Waimate South	NUMERO DE LAGO	Mrs J E Robinson	Matamata	SHIBBOLETH
Peter Goodwin	Waikanae	METTERNICH	G A Rogerson MNZM	Hamilton	QUEEN SABELL, JUSTINE'S PRIDE, MARADA & MAYA
C J Grace	Hamilton	ANABANDANA & ZANKURO	C P Russell	Hastings	SOLZHENITSYN & SHESALLJAZZ
C R & Mrs S Grace	Hunterville	TULLAROAN, HIGH COUNTRY & HINEMOA	Mrs Sue Scott	Waikanae	INTO WIN
K Gray	Palmerston North	KIWI LADY & STYLISH BELT	G A Shand	Huntly	SHANDREAM & SHANTAINE
K & Mrs K A Gray	Palmerston North	GRAND BELT	D S & M L Shuker	Pokeno	CHALAEV
J W Gray Jnr	New Plymouth	I PREDICT A RIOT	Mrs J H Tapper	Matamata	THE MUFFIN MAN
M W & Mrs C M Greig	Warkworth	NEEDLLY	J C & Mrs M A Thompson	Howick	SIERRA NEVADA
Mrs J A Hale	Cambridge	FANCY PANTS	R Thornley	Mt Maunganui	POWERPLAYA
K G Harrison	Wanganui	KINGS RAG	A C Timpson	Auckland	IRISH OPERA & STARCHEEKA
C D Harvey	Waipukurau	INFORMANT	E M Tynan	Howick	POWERPLAYA
D R & Mrs S C Haworth	Levin	FEARS NOTHING & SUPREMACY	P J & P M Vela	Hamilton	VIA VENETO, VIVA ROMA, MIRANDA MISS, OUR ELLA BELLE, DOLMABACHE, KUDAMM, BANCHEE & AMARYLLIS
G J Hennessy	Waimate	STORMY RAIN	B Vickers	Levin	MISTY
W J Hilsden	North Shore City	CATZAHCOOL	P J Walker	Clevedon	STARCHEEKA
Sir Patrick & Lady Hogan	Cambridge	CLEVER DIX, SHIBBOLETH & COOL RADIANCE	P J R Walker	Auckland	DANVINSKY
P C & Mrs S M Holden	Havelock North	CHETTAK	L J Ward	Opunake	JUMOKE
Mrs M F Hood	Hamilton	VERONICA FRANCO	Ms M M J Watson	Silverdale	MISTY HEIGHTS
Bev Hopper	Silverdale	ZORRO'S STAR	R A Webster	Christchurch	VILLEFRANCHE
L J Howard	Timaru	PETRANOVA	J R Wheeler	New Plymouth	PENDULUM, JUST LIKE A PRAYER, BELLE VITESSE, I GOTTA FEELING, BENNY'S SISTER & PULSATION
P E & Mrs N E Izett	Otaki	ROXON			
D S James	Waimate	D'ALAMO			
Miss Jolene Johnson	Hamilton	CHENNAI			
R I & Mrs M A G Johnson	Taupo	PINNAFERO & CHETTAK			
H G & Mrs K E Jones	Wairoa	SHAN'T GET COURT			
Mrs B A Jones	Lumsden	O'CARTIER			
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