

NEW ZEALAND THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE OWNERS FEDERATION

OWNERS' BULLETIN



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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

THE GOOD, THE BAD AND THE UGLY SUMMARISES RACING IN NEW ZEALAND.

Everyone is putting their five cents worth in and we appear to be going nowhere in direction from a governance perspective. Leadership is still coming to grips with past failed intent and objectives and NZTR still has no distinctive business plan in place to measure performance or progress. I have no issue with free speech from racing participants so long as it does not get personal or border on harassment and bullying. Racing is a close second to rugby when it comes to criticism! Everyone has their say but, in the end, no one seems to offer any evidence-based solutions.

I do not think I will ever see the day of a transparent governance model in the New Zealand racing industry where all participants can work together and move in the same direction for the benefit of racing in general. When was the last time any participant in racing was able to read published Minutes from NZTR's Board. A lot of Boards these days live-stream their meetings to members, and most will provide Minutes. Remember, NZTR is an Incorporated Society or quasi-government entity under The Racing Act 2020. The only difference is that the Government does not finance racing but does have a lot of say if called for through the Minister of Racing.

It is time for the governance and leadership of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing to stand up and be counted. Their Annual General Meeting is just around the corner (25th November) and their Annual Report to the industry will be eagerly awaited around both its financial performance and plans for the next six months. The past six months has been a period of the good, the bad, and the ugly – and one to forget! We may also hear about the long-awaited result of the industry Survey recently conducted but, at the same time, this information may be published to all before this Spring Owners Bulletin is published. One matter to celebrate is that your Owners' Federation will finally be acknowledged as a member of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing along with Breeders, Trainers, and Jockeys. It has taken five years but, after much work, we finally get our status recognised!

We are approaching the business end of racing with Cup Week at Riccarton and then the Summer of Racing is upon us through to the end of March next year. Not to mention those racing classics across the ditch through Spring – but I discount them

as we will never be at the same scale as our Australian counterparts. The only good thing is that our NZ thoroughbreds and breeding ranks rise to the top and we must continue to increase our breeding stocks to ensure we have good mares to entice good stallions to stand in NZ. All in all, the coming months of Spring and Summer racing will have something for all of us to enjoy.

On the Racing Administrative front, your Federation continues to be your advocate through the NZTR Members' Council to ensure that our Industry Leaders are working for "Owners" and the industry participants in general. The Federation will soon advertise its Annual General Meeting (scheduled for 7th December in Auckland) and, again, in these times of the digital world we have decided to hold this meeting as a hybrid, both in-person and via Zoom. The upside of this is that you will all have the opportunity to be involved if you so wish – we encourage you to attend and the Zoom link will be provided to all those who register accordingly.

"Happy Racing" to all.

Bernard Hickey, NZTROF President ↩

UPDATE FROM EXECUTIVE OFFICER Denise Mayhew

AS A MEMBER OF THE OWNERS FEDERATION, YOU MAY BE CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT IT IS WE ACTUALLY DO BEHIND THE SCENES.

To put it in a nutshell, we advocate on behalf of Owners on issues that are important to you. Most of our advocacy is with New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR), though we have in the past also presented submissions to Ministers on racing law changes.

One of our key areas of advocacy has been stakes money, but there has been a range of other issues such as jumps racing, track conditions, health and safety, the Pattern, etc, to ensure that our Members' interests are looked after, and that, wherever you live in the country, you have the opportunity to participate in a range of racing events.

For the last several years President Bernard has been fiercely petitioning for NZTROF and the other Recognised Industry Organisations (Breeders, Trainers and Jockeys) to become members of NZTR. As it stands at the moment, the only members are the Racing Clubs – and therefore Owners have no representation at their meetings and no voting rights.

We are therefore pleased to advise that all Bernard's hard work is now coming to fruition as we have cleared the first hurdle and, in NZTR's updated draft Constitution, the four RIOs have been added to the membership list of NZTR.

It still remains for the Clubs to vote for this change at NZTR's AGM. We therefore request that if you are a member of a Club, please urge it to support the RIOs' membership of NZTR.

Turning to our next goals, NZTROF has identified a number of initiatives which we will be working towards in conjunction with NZTR. These align well with what the ROA is doing in the UK (see page 9).

- Survey Owners for their suggestions on how thoroughbred ownership can be nurtured and expanded. Who better to ask than those already involved?
- Survey the Clubs to research the benefits that they currently offer to Owners and how these can potentially be expanded. We would like Owners to feel welcomed and valued when they attend meetings.
- Organise and promote subsidised Owner Race Days through joint ventures with NZTR and the Clubs to provide enjoyable social events for Owners and their friends and family. We are keen for Owners to have an opportunity to meet and mix with other like-minded people, and for their friends and family to experience the fun, thrill, and drama of racing.
- Investigate safe access to the saddling area for Owners on race days to provide them with the opportunity to connect with their horse and enhance the Ownership experience.
- Ensure that Maiden and lower grade races cater well to smaller owners, ensuring a pathway for those with horses coming through those grades and an opportunity for success. We repeatedly hear from our members that the big players and top horses dominate the industry and this limits the opportunities for smaller operators to experience the thrill of winning in the big stakes races.

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My motto – “You can, until you can’t”

SORRY FOLKS, AT THIS TIME I CAN'T. THAT IS, I CAN'T EDIT ANOTHER *BULLETIN* FOR YOU.

You see, we went up to Fiji for most of July for a “warm up” and I got unwell

Back home, a doctor’s visit and a blood test revealed I have AML blood cancer. That’s pretty rare as the incidence is 4 in 100,000. Kind of the wrong end of a reverse raffle, eh!

But that’s how I roll, I have rare things happen. Like when I retired in 2006 – I bought a leg of a horse that won the NZ Oaks in 2008 and then nearly won the AJC Oaks in Sydney – would have, but for a crook ride from Ollie. The mare took us to the Caulfield and Melbourne Cups, and we were right there having amazing experiences.

Prior to that I’d joined the Auckland Owners Association and was asked to become its Delegate to the Federation. At my first Fed meeting I was asked to be on the Board and declined as I didn’t know the issues. I did a year later.

The *Bulletin* in those days was a professional organ funded from “Pokie” money. That got pulled and Greg McCarthy, a time-poor Waikato Delegate, carried it on in a voluntary capacity. Greg had to resign from that task when he took on a role with NZTR.

Then the Board had a phone conference to discuss what to do. After a long silence I “put my hand up”. I said back then, “If you don’t like what I do I would defer to another.” And, knowing that I lack patience with the glacial progress rate of committees, Allan Fenwick was asked to “ride shotgun” with me. And so it’s been like that for 16 years.

I did say I would do it for five years max until racing got off the canvas. But that didn’t happen, so we plugged on.

You know the most efficient committee size is... ONE. No arguments!

I changed the format to a mini magazine – and it’s like old boots that nobody wants to change. The 16-page format, at one pass through a printing machine, is the most cost effective for poor organisations.

The reason for me taking the editorship on was to “put back” after earlier good fortune, but then the realisation came... it’s not about me, it’s to support a whole industry of land use and employment, and many workers were battlers then. I’ve seen them, haven’t you!?

The flat-out truth is that Owners are the ultimate bill-payers, without whom racing would suffer. Not even the big studs would survive without local racing.

There are all those people I need to thank. Like Jeanette, the Evalovin’ who puts up with my swearing when the Mac loses stuff and I lose my cool.

Then there’s Allan Fenwick who I think is the “Keeper of Knowledge and Fact” of all things

NZTROF. Knowing Allan has always been there to check the work has kept me in line.

There’s Sally Blyth my “bestie” that I handed over the template to the other day. Go well pal, you will do a better issue than dyslexic me.

There are all the Regional scribes who have, past and present, faithfully fronted with their copy. I want to let you into a secret, that I have sweet-talked you, as you are all volunteers. I am not a very tolerant guy and you may have made me a better person. Don’t laugh now!

Then there are the Advertisers. Going way back – Windsor Park Stud, Steve Till and Co. Followed by Lucinda Laxon. Luci was with us for a long time till she left to start a family.

LA’s Sam and Dame Cat Williams, the latter being a mate and a great inspiration to me. We have toured, wine & dined and wheeled together. And I hope we can still stay in touch.

Denise Thomson of Bite Design – it’s 16 years since we took you to dinner in Wellington. You have been my rock, and I have always said that I couldn’t do the job without you. We have done 70 issues together and each has been fresh and classy. Thanks for your work! You said we were an Amazeballs team and I agree!

Leroy D’costa of Nicholson Print – thanks mate for always being on the ball with us. And that extends to your parent company Blue Star Group. The Karaka Sales issue in January had been a nightmare to get out with business holidays and, invariably, Sales opening Auckland Anniversary Day. One year I had to hunt down the CEO of Blue Star with a plea for help to get the issue out before the sales opened. She was magnificent and we got there! (*Ed’s note: The January 2026 Bulletin will come out after the Sales which will ease the pressure.*)

There are others along the way I have leaned on, and I thank you. There’s Mary Mountier, a scary hard-marker, as well as my daughter Karen who has an MA at this writing caper. It’s sometimes hard to get the balance right in what you’ve written, and sometimes I worried about going OTT.

Now, if I can put in my 10-cents worth, as a close observer, as to the future of Racing.

In my book, it relies entirely upon the future performance of NZTR. Currently that is held back by the fact that NZTR has been a body comprised of Racing Clubs. Is the tail wagging the dog, or vice versa? No one can answer that – let alone NZTR. Their relationship with the so-called Sector groups has been authoritarian and may at times have been punitive. The grassroots “producers” have had little say in NZTR

policies, and that is not natural justice. The denial of inclusion of Sector groups/ licensees is not in the spirit of the Racing legislation.

With the influx of funds downstream from Entain, NZTR appears to be increasing its internal costs. It is said to reach 13 million dollars this year. New managers are being installed. And they will want to have someone to manage, won’t they?

Yet at the same time, the country is in a fiscal swamp and betting revenue from racing is flat. Unless things change smartly, a day of reckoning will come.

Oh well, our little filly ran in the Guineas at Riccarton in November. She did well, came sixth. Couldn’t get clear air, should have come third. I will live for the “now” and wait for her next start. My head is in the sand too; I’m just living in hope, like you!

So, I will no longer have the pleasure of opening a new *Bulletin* merely to see what it looks like, even though I won’t read it, as I know all the content.

I might come back and write a story, in time, but it’s now up to others and I wish them all the best!

I would also proffer the readers of prior year’s issues the best of fortune and health!

Thank you for reading my “burbles” over a long time.

Neil Miller. 



OUR COVER

HELLO YOU MZAIN-NIGHT NIGHT DORA FILLY

Born at 6pm on 17th September 2025.

Bred by Auckland Members Mike Gething and Pat Woollaston.

Scott Eagleton at Seaton Park where she foaled said, “This is a super first foal. Gracie is tall, leggy and plenty of presence. A quality filly.”



EDITORIAL Sally Blyth

AS YOU'LL READ, REGULAR EDITOR NEIL MILLER HAS BEEN UNWELL AND SO I DONNED ACTING EDITOR HAT FOR THIS EDITION.

Writing/editing publications has been in my world forever (among other things!) so offering to step in was a no-brainer, although it was a bit of a manic operation to pull it all together alongside another publication deadline. It's a real shame that Neil was unable to edit this one as it was to be his final swansong. He shares with us his parting words. In turn, I'd like to thank Neil on behalf of our membership, for a sterling job done over many years. It's good to know that, whilst he's hanging up his Editor hat, he'll remain very much in touch with racing and all things ownership. Neil, we wish you well.

There's a focus on the Ownership Experience in this issue and it's refreshing to learn about what has been, and continues to be, done in the UK to enhance all aspects of this. There is often reference to what is offered to Owners in Australia as something to align with, but following the UK model would be a great way to go.

NZTR outline their new Strategic approach which focuses on excellence, collaboration and sustainability and it's pleasing to see that Owners are part the overall picture.

Executive Officer Denise Mayhew provides a great summary of what goes on in the engine room of our Federation and I'd like to thank her hugely for the work she does with great insight and efficiency.

The weather continues to perplex, with Cup Day at Riccarton on Saturday 16th November being about as extreme as things can get! Mind you, it was also rather cool and inclement at Flemington for Melbourne Cup Day. Umbrella, jacket, sunglasses, and a hat that can ward off both sun and rain are required just about every day these days, no matter where you are or what you're up to.

Track conditions are up and down as usual – in terms of the going rather than being undulating like the UK tracks mentioned in this issue. Jockeys are loving riding on the Ellerslie track and it certainly provides a benchmark surface.

I'm loving our cover photo – fellow Auckland Committee members Mike Gething and Pat Woollaston bred this filly from their mare Night Night Dora who had two wins and four seconds in her 21-race career. We'll follow her progress as she matures into a racehorse. She's by the same sire (Hello Youmzain) as Neil Miller's good horse Cream Tart – another one we're keeping an eye on!

Members Sue Bourke and Stephen Hawkings in the Waikato share in the ownership of Well Written, an exciting 2YO filly by Written Tycoon who has excelled to date. With three trial wins and three impressive wins on the trot on race day, one being by 6¾L, this is a filly to keep a close eye on.

Thank you to: all the scribes who contributed to this edition; Neil for guidance; Denise Mayhew and Allan Fenwick for casting their eyes over things; Denise Thomson for making the content look great; and Leroy D'costa for printing expertise. A team effort!

Our Summer 2026 issue would normally come out prior to the Karaka Sales, but next year, to ease the timing pressure during a busy period for everyone, it will come out after the Sales. If you have a story about your time and/or acquisition(s) at the Sales that you'd like to share, please email it to admin@racehorseowner.co.nz

Enjoy the run-up to Christmas and the great racing that lies ahead over the festive season. Good luck to all members with horses running over coming summer months. 🍀



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REGIONAL ROUNDUP

AUCKLAND & NORTHLAND Sally Blyth

OUR COMMITTEE MET IN OCTOBER AND DISCUSSED VARIOUS MATTERS INCLUDING THE REVISED CONSTITUTION WHICH HAS BEEN REVISED IN LINE WITH THE NEW INCORPORATED SOCIETIES ACT. A SUB-COMMITTEE WAS TASKED WITH FINALISING THIS READY FOR RATIFICATION AT OUR AGM SO THAT WE CAN RE-REGISTERING OUR ASSOCIATION.

Our AGM will be held on Sunday 30th November at Ellerslie. We encourage Auckland members to come along, meet Committee members and enjoy a bit of fellowship afterwards. We offer best wishes and healing thoughts to our fellow Committee member Neil Miller and hope you will be well enough to join us at the AGM.

Congratulations to all Auckland members who had winners during the period. Some race their horses in the North, others in the South.

Members Carl & Amy Elliott are part of the Te Akau Army Racing Partnership that races Out Of The Blue, a 2YO gelding by Tivaci who has had two starts for two lovely wins at Riccarton on 27th September and 25th October. Obvious talent right there! I note there have been two horses of the same name in the past, one raced 2001-2005 and the other way back in 1979.

Fleur & Dan Freeman are part of the Te Akau syndicate that raced Alminette – I note this 6YO mare by Burgundy is now retired, having had her last win on 2nd August, and final race on 13th September. She had 35 starts for 3 wins, 7 seconds and 9 thirds. A good innings.

Go Racing had a winner in With Grace, a 5YO Ocean Park mare who won at Taupo at her tenth start on a Heavy 8 track. After several nice placings, patience paid off. Go Racing's Fun Never Sets, a 4YO mare by Priosir, flew home down the outside for a narrow win, with a great ride by Samantha Collett. This was her second win but alas there have been three very ordinary runs since. Gone off the boil, as we know mares can do. Several Auckland members, as well as some from other regions, are in the ownership of these two Go Racing horses.

Loraine Grant, Gary Pratt and Brenda Gerard had success with Fernandez, a 6YO mare by Per Incanto who clocked up her second win in the north at Ruakaka on a rare Heavy 8 track over 1200m – she also flew home down the very outside with Jack Taplin in the saddle.

Members Bryan & Deirdre Black had a thrill with Mizella, a 4YO mare by Too Darn Hot (GB) who had been racing in Australia where she had four wins. Off to the races at Ellerslie for her first start in NZ, and she won nicely with a big finish over 1600m at big odds (6th September). She followed that up with a good second over 1400m, also at Ellerslie.

Rayner & Lynn Bonnington's mare Thedreamsnotover, which they bred, had a nice win at Timaru – her second win, the first being on debut when she raced in Victoria early in her career. CSI member Murray Hollamby also has a share in the ownership. Let's hope the dream is just beginning!

Mate Vlasic has a slice of racehorse Ka Ying Lucky (by Zoustar) who won in May (Awapuni synthetic), June and August (both at Riccarton). A couple of nice second placings in between. Diane Rushworth and Shane Voice again had success with Bella Luce at Riccarton, her sixth win. The horse is obvious happy in the south.

Other winners are noted at the back of this *Bulletin* – congrats to all and good luck for upcoming racing. 🐾

Mizella's happy owners at Ellerslie on 6th September 2025



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WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY

Jill Lunn

AS I WRITE THIS, I AM SITTING HERE BEMOANING THE RAIN AND THE MUD UNDERFOOT KNOWING THAT THIS HAPPENS IN THE WAIKATO REGION EVERY SPRING AND LOOKING FORWARD TO BETTER TRACKS SOON! RACING ON THESE HEAVY TRACKS IS NOT A PLEASANT SPECTATOR SPORT AS THE HORSES PLOUGH THROUGH THE GROUND OUT WIDE, LOOKING FOR BETTER GROUND. AT LEAST WE CAN BE MORE SHELTERED THAN HORSE AND RIDER!

Despite that, many of our members have experienced success in recent months with their horses winning. Several of our Committee members had winners on these heavy tracks.

Steve and Lynne Forsman had a winner with their 3YO gelding Fat Cat, by Written Tycoon, who is trained by their son Andrew at Cambridge. He won on a heavy 9 over 1200m at Waverley.

Berri Schroder and Henrietta, the Duchess of Bedford, had a winner with their 4YO mare, Breadwinner, by Reliable Man who is trained by Allan Sharrock at New Plymouth. She won on a heavy 10 at the Egmont meeting over 1600m.

John and Helen Steffert had a winner with their 5YO gelding, Zeffert, by Zed who is trained by Peter and Jessica Brosnan at Matamata. He won on a heavy 10 at Te Aroha over 1400m.

Other winners were:

Fred and Lindsay Cornege who won with the first starter, Chatelle Rose. She is a 3YO filly by US Navy Flag who is a half-sister to another good mare they trained – Rose 'N' Power. Chatelle Rose won over 1200m at Te Rapa on a heavy 9 track.

Our member Gregory McCarthy has an interesting horse that is trained in Southland by Robert Dennis. His name is Sir Sterling, a 6YO gelding by Iffraaj. He won at a meeting in Southland on 3rd October over 1400m on a Heavy 10. He also won over 1600m back in May and then over 1335m in September. He has had 29 starts for 6 wins, 4 seconds, and 4 thirds. That works out at about 48% achievement. A great record.

The sire Wrote also had winners for our members.

- Overrated, a 6YO gelding won for Murray and Julie Garrett at Rotorua on a heavy 8 over 1950m.
- Sonoran, a 4YO gelding won for Frank Hilliar at Matamata on a Heavy 10 over 1600m.

Other Wrote horses that won over the preceding three months are: Jethro Tull (two wins); Radiant Lass (two wins); Tolstoy; Midnight Edition; Robbie Burns; and Atlanta Gold.

Our members who are involved with Te Akau syndicates, the Social Racing syndicate or Stephen Marsh syndicates also experienced success in the Winners' Circle over the last period.

For me, as a horse lover, the horse run of the period was by Stonybreck, trained by Te Akau, who, at Riccarton, lost his rider at the start of the 1400m. His great training ensured he ran the race right out. Without a jockey at the end of the race he accelerated in the last 50m to go across the line first.

Congratulations to all our winners and best wishes for more wins. 🐾

HAWKES BAY

Bernard Hickey

ONLY A SHORT BLURB FOR THIS QUARTER AS I HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY WORKWISE AND THE HAWKE'S BAY RACING SCENE HAS BEEN VERY MUCH IN THE DOLDRUMS OVER THE LAST THREE MONTHS. THE HASTINGS TRACK CONTINUES TO HAVE RECAMBERING WORK UNDERTAKEN AND THE REALLY PLEASING ASPECT IS THAT THE WEATHER GODS HAVE PLAYED THEIR PART. JUST A PITY WE WERE NOT ABLE TO GO RACING!

With track issues at Awapuni making a further mockery of matters for the Central District, it was a surprise – but not without some good work by local trainer (and HB Councillor) Kirsty Lawrence – that NZTR has allowed the Waipukurau Racing Club to stage a couple of meetings, with the first of these to take place on 16th November. I will be on course to soak up the atmosphere which this day promises to produce. I just hope that the Hawke's Bay people also get out and support these meetings, thereby proving that good old-fashioned country community racing is not dead and that there is indeed a place for it outside the metropolitan centres.

The HB Racehorse Owners Association has not been active with the closure of the Hastings track, but your committee is looking at a function next year for our Owner members when more is known around when we can get back on track. So do watch this space!

The Summer of Racing is upon us, and I wish all of you in Hawke's Bay who race a horse or have a share all the best over the festive season. I hope to be able to write about your success in our next issue. Some of you have had success in the last three months and your names are included in the back of this *Bulletin*. If I have missed someone please do not hesitate to contact me direct via hickeyb@xtra.co.nz. 🐾

WANGANUI & TARANAKI

Bret Field

WE HAVE HAD AN INTERESTING JUMPS SEASON HIGHLIGHTED WITH JESKO'S OUTSTANDING SUCCESS FOR SHAUN & HAZEL FANNIN WITH SIX VICTORIES AND TWO SECONDS. AFTER TAKING OUT BOTH THE MANAWATU & WELLINGTON STEEPLECHASES THE 8YO GELDING TOPPED IT OFF WITH A WIN IN THE GREAT NEW ZEALAND STEEPLECHASE OVER 6200M. IT WAS EXCITING TO SEE THREE OF OUR MEMBERS INVOLVED IN THE SUCCESSES OF THIS OWNERSHIP WHICH MUST HAVE GIVEN THEM MANY THRILLS THROUGHOUT THE SEASON.

Jesko was run down in the 150th running of the Grand National Steeplechase by Captains Run who is locally trained out of Marton by Dan O'Leary – a fantastic achievement for this iconic racing family.

Other big names in our region also enjoyed success as owners including: Auret, Corcoran, Dravitzki, Green and Hobbs to mention a few. We congratulate you all and wish you well with Spring racing and leading into the busy schedule of events building into the Christmas and holiday period.

The Wanganui Racehorse Owners Association Committee had met to decide on the future of the Association with the impending changes to the Incorporated Societies Act 2022 and, while we have an ageing group and no future likelihood of hosting trials, there was a unanimous decision to reregister and to continue our Association with the Taranaki region.

At this point we would like to acknowledge the contribution of Brian O'Dea who will stand down as President after many years in the role but who will remain on the Committee. We welcome long-serving Committee man, trainer, owner and farrier extraordinaire, Ian "Banjo" Hackett back to the role of President. Thank you to all. 🐾

MANAWATU/WELLINGTON

Allan Fenwick

CONGRATULATIONS TO JONATHAN RIDDELL

Well respected horseman, Jonathan Riddell, finally recorded his 1000th NZ winner when successful on Perfect Pete at Waverley in October. A successful apprentice who started with a winning debut, increasing weight looked like the end of a riding career until he linked up with Sheryl Douglas (later McGlade) who was then training at Tauherenikau.

Jonathan quickly became one of our very best jumping riders, combining with Paul Nelson for multiple victories in many of our feature jumping races.

Notwithstanding the battle with weight, Jonathan continued to ride with success both on the flat and over fences despite the difficulty of balance required of losing weight for the flat rides and being strong enough for the jumping races. But when the ride on Jimmy Choux came along, Jonathan made the decision to concentrate on flat racing.

Jimmy Choux and Jonathan were a wonderful combination winning 10 stakes races, five at Group 1 level, as well as running a gallant second in the 2011 Cox Plate and competing in Hong Kong.

Well done, Jonathan, we salute you on your milestone.

CENTRAL REGION-BRED HORSES TO THE FORE IN THE WORLD'S RICHEST TURF RACE

Ka Ying Rising confirmed his status as one of the world's very best racehorses with his 15th win, from only 17 starts, when successful in The Everest, at Randwick – the richest race on turf in the world. The Hong Kong star was bred by Marton-based Fraser and Erin Auret.

Running a very gallant third in the same event was Wairarapa-bred Jimmysstar who, a few days later, gained a deserved win in the \$3m Russell Balding Stakes. A winner of two of his three starts for Guy Lowry, a majority share was sold by breeders Chrissy & Pete Algie and Little Avondale Stud to clients of Ciaran Maher and he has now gone on to earn more than \$6m in stakes.

SUCCESS IN THE 2025 DUKE OF GLOUCESTER CUP – A FAMILY OCCASION TO CELEBRATE

Current Central Region Apprentice Mentor, Kim Clapperton, enjoyed plenty of success as a rider, both in New Zealand and in Singapore/Malaysia, but daughter Caitlin Rennie winning this season's Duke of Gloucester Cup – the Melbourne Cup for amateur riders – on Joejoeccini would have been right up there with her proudest moments.

Now based in Cambridge and riding out for Sam Mynott, Caitlin and Sam put together a plan to give Caitlin her first winning ride, with the plan being executed perfectly by Caitlin. To add to the occasion, Caitlin's Dad, Andy Rennie, was trusted with the lead rope on the day.

RACING SUCCESS

Tolstoy has been a model of consistency since resuming in June with three wins and five thirds from his eight starts. The Wrote gelding is raced by Erin & Neil Connors and their family from the stable of Ilone Kelly.

Unplaced at his very first start, Spot on Time has gone on to record seven wins and four minor placings in his only starts since, including the last four wins in succession. By Time Test, the gelding was bred by the late Kevin Pratt's Kamada Bloodstock and races in the ownership of the Pratt family from the Riccarton stable of Terri Rae.

Kevin Myers' skills were to the fore when Yolo returned from a setback after being pulled up in the Wellington Hurdles to achieve successive wins. The first was on the flat at Otaki and the second in the Road to Jericho, 3210m, at New Plymouth. Lining up six days later in the Great New Zealand Hurdles, nothing went right for her in the running and the race for her was over when she blundered badly on landing three fences from home.

Just Charlie bounced back to winning form in the Waverley Cup and seems to be on target for the New Zealand Cup for owner/ breeders Roz & Mike Southey and trainer Kevin Myers.

RACE 2024/25 HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Champion jumper West Coast was named the 2024/25 RACE "Horse of the Year" at the annual RACE Awards held at Awapuni in August.

West Coast cemented his reputation as New Zealand's premier jumper with a third consecutive victory in the Grand National Steeplechase and a second triumph in the Great Northern Steeplechase – the country's two most prestigious jumping events.

Lisa Latta secured her fourth straight Trainer of the Year title after another successful season and Ownership honours went to Tineke Balcombe and IntoWin Syndications.

The Outstanding Contribution to Racing Award went to Craig McNeill. A Feilding Committee member since 1993, McNeill has served as President and contributed to numerous racing committees over three decades, while also remaining a loyal owner with trainer Lisa Latta since her early years.

A FULL LIST OF WINNERS IS AS FOLLOWS -

LEADING APPRENTICE 2024/2025 SEASON – Lily Sutherland

HEAD PUPIL APPRENTICE SCHOOL 2024/2025 – Toni Davies

MOST IMPROVED APPRENTICE 2024/2025 SEASON – Amber Riddell

HOULT CONTRACTORS TRAINER OF THE YEAR – Lisa Latta

POWER FARMING SYNTHETIC TRAINER OF THE YEAR – Lisa Latta

THE PAVEMASTERS JOCKEY OF THE YEAR – Leah Hemi

POWER FARMING SYNTHETIC JOCKEY OF THE YEAR – Bruno Queiroz

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OWNER OF THE YEAR – Tineke Balcombe and IntoWin Syndications

CROWLEY FORGE MASTER FARRIERS LTD STABLEHAND OF THE YEAR – Tyler Mercer

EQUIVETS NZ BROODMARE OF THE YEAR – Strictly Maternal, dam of El Vencedor

RACE SYNTHETIC HORSE OF THE YEAR – Showbastian Coe

NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK 2 OR 3YO OF THE YEAR – Too Sweet

EQUUS JUMPER OF THE YEAR – West Coast

HORSE OF THE YEAR – West Coast

HUMPHRIES CONSTRUCTION CONTRIBUTION TO RACING – Craig McNeill

MAJESTIC HORSE FLOATS 2025/2026 POINTS SERIES

Tolstoy holds a narrow lead after the first three months of this season's contest, but there is a lot more racing to come. Can he lead all the way in this competition which is generously sponsored by Majestic Horse Floats?

2025/2026 MAJESTIC HORSE FLOATS POINTS SERIES LEADERS AS AT 31 OCTOBER 2025

1st.....	16.....	TOLSTOY.....	Erin Connors
2nd =.....	14.....	SPOT ON TIME.....	Rosy Cooper
	14.....	YOLO.....	Philippa & Sam Trotter
4th.....	13.....	BUNDY.....	Allan & Susan Fenwick
5th.....	12.....	BOLD BELLE.....	Angeline Porter
6th =.....	11.....	DUBAI'S POTIKI.....	Tony Bambry
	11.....	ON ALERT.....	Carol Fisher
	11.....	SOTIRIO.....	John Roache (Estate Of)
9th.....	10.....	GRAND PROSPECT.....	Caroline Marner
10th.....	9.....	JUST CHARLIE.....	Mike & Roz Southey
11th =.....	8.....	FOURTY EIGHT.....	Allan & Susan Fenwick
	8.....	SWEET ENVY.....	Mark Verran
	8.....	TURN IT UP.....	Bob Wiltshire
14th =.....	7.....	BRADY.....	Erin Connors
	7.....	IMA BRAZEN ONE.....	Angeline Porter / John Roache (Estate Of)
	7.....	KAWATIRI.....	Darryl Burrow
	7.....	SHOWBASTIAN COE.....	Richard Algar
	7.....	SIR MIKKI.....	Noel Buckman / Steve Haylock
	7.....	SUBTLE IMAGE.....	Roger Parkinson

Reminder it is not too late to enter, but remember, points only accrue from the date of receipt of your entry. Entry is free!



THE OWNERS' FEDERATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

1 AUGUST TO 31 OCTOBER 2025

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UPDATE FROM EXECUTIVE OFFICER

- Ensure that jumps races are well represented throughout the calendar and the country. There has been strong support from our members for the continuation of jumps races which are popular with the racegoing public. NZTROF is keen to ensure that multiple racing formats are offered throughout the country.
- Ensure that there are enough longer distance races throughout the grades to enable Owners of horses who are stayers full opportunity for their horses to run.
- Review the NZ Pattern each year to ensure that opportunities exist for Owners throughout the country. Combined with this is a desire to avoid, where possible, the transfer of race meetings from the smaller tracks to the larger North Island tracks. We are very conscious of the costs involved in having to travel long distances to meetings.
- Review the charging of GST on the 1% Welfare Levy as it is suspected that Owners are being over-charged GST and therefore their financial returns are not being maximised.
- Transition towards a digital version of the Owners Bulletin and membership cards to reduce spending on printing and postage, and in consideration of environmental concerns.
- Encourage racehorse ownership through the distribution of clear, easy-to-understand information.

Overarching all the above is to continue advocating for Owners' rights. We welcome your feedback and suggestions and encourage you to become active in your local Regional Association if you feel you would like to become more involved. Just drop us a line at

admin@racehorseowner.co.nz



Giannis scores on the Riccarton Synthetic

Photo: www.faceimages.co.nz

CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND

Peter Faulkner

HELLO FROM THE MAINLAND, WHERE WE'VE JUST SEEN ANOTHER CUP WEEK GO BY. WE SAW A ROCK-HARD TRACK ON THE FIRST DAY TO THE CRAZY SCENES ON THE LAST DAY OF PEOPLE DUCKING FOR COVER FROM THE RAIN, HAIL AND LIGHTNING WHICH MADE THE TRACK UNSEASONABLY WET. STILL SOME GREAT OUTCOMES FOR MANY.

Owner/trainers Christine and Lance Robinson have had a great start to the season with 12 wins already. They are in the ownership of Alottago with two wins recently. Devil In Disguise has had two wins also and Elusive Impact scored twice in the last few months. Mr Bully Tee won in September, taking his winning tally to four.

Owners Cris and Liz Cowell had a double celebration when two of their horses won on the same day at Riccarton. It was the end of July on the synthetic when the late three-year-olds delivered. First was Pure Artist, by Trapeze Artist, ridden positively by Ashvin Goindasamy from gate 2 to secure the 1x1 in the running. He wasn't the easiest steer for Ashvin but was always travelling to the turn where he hooked out and sailed past his opposition to win by 1.5L. Next it was the turn of Jetstream, a gelding by Ferrando, who ran in the Maiden 1200m, also ridden by Ashvin. From gate 2, like his stablemate, he ended up getting a very nice run in the 1x1. He wore the leaders down and finished it off nicely to win by 2.3L, going away. Both of these horses are trained by the Pitman team. Pure Artist has been a consistent performer in all his starts and holds a nomination for the Stella Artois 1500m Championship Final at Ellerslie on Boxing Day.

Giannis, a 6YO Time Test gelding for owners Chris and Justine Fogarty, scored his second win back on 11th September on the Riccarton synthetic. Trained by Lyn Prendergast at West Melton, and ridden by regular jockey Kylie Williams, they landed the trail from barrier one. Chasing the pacemaker Ice Cold Gold, there was never any doubt they were going to run him down and they went on to win comfortably by 1.8L R60 1200m. He has also run a couple of strong races during Cup Week, consistently being in the top five in more than half his starts.

A very good mare with a rating of 100 is Ears Back. Her latest triumph was win 9 at Trentham for owner Phil Blacktopp. The 7YO mare by Jakkalberry is trained by John Blackadder at Rangiora. They tackled the Group 3 Hunterville Vet Club Metric mile that was run on a Soft 6. With Jockey Mereana Hudson aboard, they jumped from gate 3 and sat just off the leader on an easy pace. She mastered the front runner heading into the straight and kicked for home. She was very game to the line, defying the challengers. She had previously won the listed AGC Training at Wanganui over a mile on a Heavy 8. And before that, the Timaru Cup on a Soft 5. A versatile mare and I'm sure there is more to come.

Finally, I wish everyone a safe and successful Summer/Christmas period. Hope to see some of you at our local meeting at Timaru on 28 December, we have our usual Owners and Trainers tent for refreshments and nibbles during that day – feel free to bring along any prospective new members. 🍀

THE OWNER'S RACEDAY EXPERIENCE – NZ

Jill Lunn, Waikato

IF WE WANT TO IMPROVE RACING, THEN WE NEED MORE PEOPLE AS OWNERS. WHAT IS THERE TO ENTICE ANYONE TO BE AN OWNER OF A RACEHORSE THESE DAYS? HOW DOES THOROUGHBRED RACING SHOW THAT IT VALUES OWNERS? THE BIG SYNDICATION GROUPS DO A VERY GOOD JOB OF GETTING NEW OWNERS INTO RACING BUT, SURELY, WE NEED TO DO MORE THAN THIS. IS THERE A ROLE FOR CLUBS IN ENCOURAGING NEW OWNERSHIP?

I read with interest an article published in the July 2014 edition of the NZTROF Owners Bulletin in regard to the Owners' Raceday Experience in the United Kingdom and what they did about it over there. (Ed's note: See facing page to find out about what the ROA are currently doing to improve the experience for Owners).

I also read in The Waikato Stud News "The Corner" with Gary Chittick, where he retold his experience as an Owner at one of our larger racecourse venues. He states: 'Now I know various clubs do have easy access to owners' rooms, but not enough, and more importantly not easily found or welcoming... a welcoming, easily identified facility is, in my view, the minimum clubs need to provide.'

I concur with his sentiments. Most clubs offer owners a free drink voucher. My question is, is this enough? Recently, at a Cambridge meeting, the Waikato/BOP Thoroughbred Owners Association gave the owners of every horse two vouchers worth \$5.00 each to be spent at the coffee caravan located close by, where they could get a free coffee, hot chocolate or chips. This initiative was well-received and at the subsequent meeting at Cambridge, the owner of the caravan related to me that many people approached her to see if they could use their bar beverage voucher to get a coffee from her caravan. A simple thing that could have been actioned with a little organisation.

We all demonstrate what we value as per the old saying "actions speak louder than words". How do clubs demonstrate they value Owners? I am not seeking great expenditure on free beverage and food, however an easily accessible place with welcoming signage for Owners would be a good start, especially at some of our bigger venues. Such a room should have full service, the ability to purchase food and beverage, and have a tote for those who choose to still use this method to bet. A place where Owners can base themselves for the day, a place where they can meet other Owners and share in the joys of winning, whether they have a share in a particular horse or not.

It appears some of our smaller venues have a greater vibe than larger ones – is this because Owners feel more welcomed and well-catered for – i.e. they feel truly valued!

I hark back to what Owners are offered in the UK – a bit of creativity and proaction can enable great improvement in the ownership experience. 🍀

THE UK RACEHORSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION (ROA) - WORKING TO IMPROVE THE OWNERSHIP EXPERIENCE

THE UK RACEHORSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION (ROA) - THE UK EQUIVALENT OF NZTROF - IS BASED IN READING, BERKSHIRE. THEIR AIM IS "TO MAKE OWNERSHIP MORE REWARDING" WITH A FOCUS ON ENHANCING THE OWNERSHIP EXPERIENCE IN THE UK. AS YOU'LL READ HERE, THERE IS MUCH ALIGNMENT.

ROA GOLD STANDARD AND RACECOURSE ACCREDITATION

Since 2006 the ROA has run a Gold Standard awards programme to recognise racecourse excellence for Owners (emphasis on Owners!) and in 2019 an additional Accreditation Scheme was introduced. This is overseen by AA Hotel & Hospitality Services.

There were 46 courses awarded a Gold Standard for 2024 (up from 31 in 2023), testament to the commitment of racecourses to ensure Owners enjoy a premium experience at the races. The list (below) includes Chepstow and the Newmarket July course, both featured in this Bulletin.

Aintree, Ascot, Ayr Bangor-on-Dee, Bath, Brighton, Carlisle, Catterick Bridge, Cheltenham, Chepstow, Chester, Doncaster, Epsom Downs, Ffos Las, Fontwell Park, Goodwood, Hamilton Park, Haydock Park, Hereford, Huntingdon, Kempton Park, Leicester, Lingfield Park, Market Rasen, Musselburgh, Newbury, Newcastle, Newmarket (July course), Newmarket (Rowley Mile course), Nottingham, Perth, Redcar, Ripon, Sandown Park, Sedgefield, Southwell, Stratford-On-Avon, Thirsk, Uttoxeter, Wetherby, Wincanton, Windsor, Wolverhampton, Worcester, Yarmouth and York.

CHANGES AND IMPROVEMENTS

Louise Norman, Chief Executive of the ROA commented that the ROA would continue to drive further innovation and improvement for the benefits of racehorse Owners in recognition of the consistent and loyal support they provide. They will continue to raise the bar towards providing the highest-quality experience for Owners.

To ensure this, in July 2025, following extensive collaboration with Owners, racecourses, ROA Board members and accreditation assessors the criteria were given a complete overhaul. The assessment questions were streamlined, with greater emphasis on the factors most valued by Owners – car parking facilities with no queues; comfortable seating for Owners;

ambience; quality complimentary food and for the winners' experience to be truly memorable.

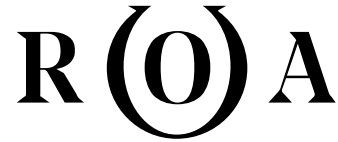
A group of highly trained AA hospitality assessors visit each racecourse across the year and complete a detailed report that measures 38 aspects of the raceday, including: pre-raceday communication; arrival; Owners & Trainers facility; accessibility provision; shared ownership provision; food and beverages; watching the race; post-race experience; exit from the racecourse. A percentage score is calculated, with Accreditation awarded to any racecourse scoring the minimum of 70%. Those that score a minimum of 85% will also be eligible for consideration for a 2025 Gold Standard Award. This coveted accolade highlights those courses that go above and beyond for Owners, providing an aspirational experience throughout the day, without losing their own individuality and uniqueness.

Owner feedback to the racecourses and the ROA is highly encouraged as this allows the assessment criteria to continue to evolve, as well as assisting racecourses to understand how their provision is experienced by Owners.

OWNER RELATIONS

Owner Relations is a new function, launched in 2025, with the primary objective of improving the retention of Owners within British racing. A cross-industry initiative between the ROA and the British Horseracing Authority, it looks holistically at the Owner Experience. The ROA has a dedicated team working on this under the Head of Owner Relations. In view of Owner numbers declining in the UK, with more leaving than joining, especially those with sole ownerships, there's strong focus on retention and recognition. It starts with understanding the different types, background and involvement levels of Owners and why they might leave, as well as ways to recognise Owners for the investment they make. An Owner Survey was undertaken which revealed consistent feedback and confirmed that "the raceday experience matters". Often, it falls short of expectations.

[We are saying the same thing here in NZ!]



OWNERS EXPERIENCE WORKING GROUP

Most courses currently operate a "one size fits all" approach when it comes to Owners' access and facilities. While understandable from an operational point of view, this doesn't always reflect the needs of today's diverse ownership base.


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In response to this, the ROA are working, through the cross-industry Owners Experience Working Group, and collaborating with several racecourses, to explore new approaches to improve the raceday experience. There's an opportunity to develop a more flexible, tiered approach and, done well, this could help retain Owners, re-engage lapsed ones, and encourage further investment in the sport. Several racecourses will begin trialling new approaches and initiatives.

The ROA are realistic and recognise that change won't happen overnight, and not every course can deliver the same experience. But with shared Ownership on the rise and more people than ever accessing Owners & Trainers facilities, this is an area that needs focused, coordinated attention.

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Bear in mind, the ROA is a well-funded organisation with a CEO and full staff team, alongside its elected Board of 11 members. They have some excellent initiatives in place to and have been very proactive in addressing issues similar to what we continue to experience, in collaboration with the British Horseracing Authority (our NZTR equivalent). A well-funded and collaborative approach to optimise the Owners Experience, along the lines of what the ROA is doing, is what our own organisation is aspiring to!

Let's hope we can achieve similar here in NZ. Baby steps... but NZTR's new strategy is a step in the right direction (see page 13). 

GO TO WWW.ROA.CO.UK TO FIND OUT MORE

A NUMBER OF OUR MEMBERS WILL HAVE ATTENDED RACE MEETINGS AT VARIOUS COURSES AROUND THE UK OVER THE YEARS, EACH EXPERIENCE DIFFERENT. HERE WE SHARE TWO RECENT OUTINGS TO GOLD STANDARD RACECOURSES IN THE UK.

NEWMARKET – THE UK VERSION (JUNE 2025)

Words and photos by Richard Davey, Auckland Member

LEAVING MY WIFE AND DAUGHTER IN FULHAM, LONDON, I MAKE THE ONE-HOUR TRAIN TRIP FROM KINGS CROSS STATION TO CAMBRIDGE FOLLOWED BY A 20-MINUTE TRAIN TRIP TO THE HOME OF THOROUGHBRED HORSERACING – NEWMARKET.

First stop is a tour of Juddmonte Stud to meet Frankel, organised by Discover Newmarket Tours, who I recommend if you want to discover Newmarket. <https://discovernewmarket.co.uk>

Henry Bletsoe, the Nominations Manager, shows the group around. Like most young people I was to meet, he has worked in New Zealand or Australia – in his case, at Rich Hill Stud.

The stud itself is picture-perfect in an unobtrusive little village just north of Newmarket called Cheveley. It's full of racing people and the homes of Warren Place and William Buick are pointed out to us on the drive. The stallions are all beautiful although Chaldean is not at home, being on his way to Cambridge Stud.

The star of the show – and the reason we are here – is Frankel. He has mellowed from his racing days but looks superb and acts like a rockstar – which, at an advertised service fee of GBP350,000, he is! Frankel trivia... he constantly moves his head which is a trait he inherited from his mother and he is the only stallion not allowed to spend a night in his paddock on his insurance company's orders!

With an impressive Juddmonte goodie bag in hand, next stop is the Newmarket Racing

Museum at the Palace House Estate which formerly occupied King Charles II's sporting palace and stables. <https://www.nhrm.co.uk>

The Museum displays a large variety of treasures and there is a primary school group there learning all about racing and having a lot of fun. The café and gift shop add to the attraction but the highlight for me was what I thought was a library but in fact is an extension of the gift shop. All books are gifted by local people to support the Museum. With ten books in my pile, I think of my wife back in London and the fact that we are only one week into our four-week European holiday so I narrow it back to three!

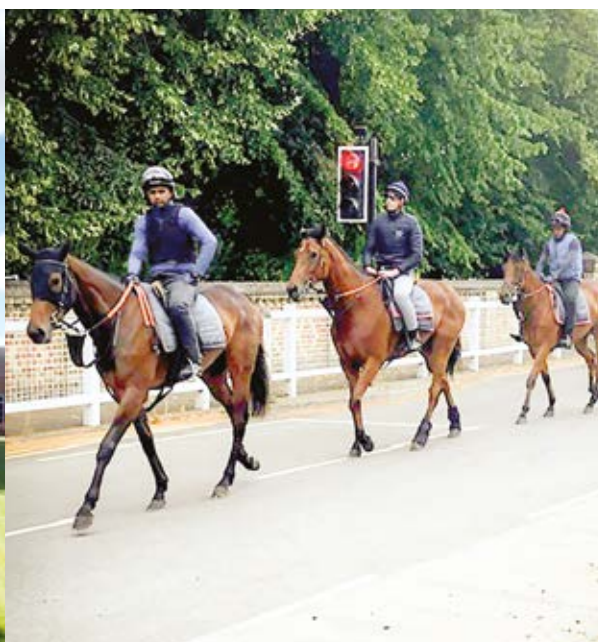
One of the books is about Fred Archer, the most famous Worldwide sporting celebrity of the 1890s. My morning coffee is consumed looking at the All-Saints Church where he was married and where his funeral was held – both major events. I walk past Heath House Stables many times – this is where he was apprenticed and trained and the Stables are used today by Sir Mark Prescott. More morbid is that the revolver that he used to take his life is housed in the Museum and he is buried at the cemetery at the southern end of town with many other famous racing people.

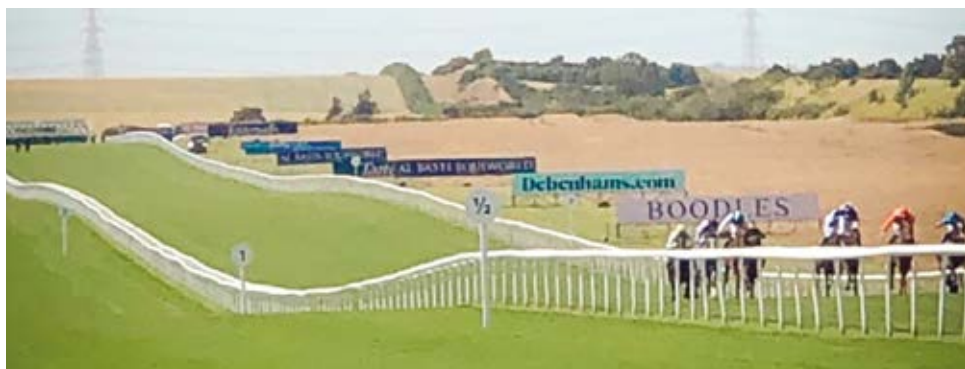
The next morning at a leisurely 8am – by New Zealand trackwork standards anyway – I am collected by Discover Newmarket in a black London cab to watch Newmarket in action. With some 3,000 horses in work – 44% being in Middle Eastern ownership – and a large percentage of the town's employment involved in the industry, they really do rule the town. Teams of horses seem to appear out of nowhere crossing town to get to training, controlling traffic lights as they go; it's a magic experience. With 2,500 acres of land, including 50 miles of turf gallops and 14 miles of artificial tracks, the training options seem endless.

HORSES RULE THE TOWN!

First stop is the Bury Side where the famous Warren Hill gallops take place. The Hill is used for conditioning work and attracts the largest number of horses. In the distance I can see a string of about 10 horses walking back from one of the large areas of forest where horses go walking for variety and a change of scene.

Then it's back to the Racecourse side where most of the fast work takes place. It comprises flat land for as far as the eye can see and white markers create the latest track. As the track starts to get worn, the





markers are moved to produce a fresh track. In the distance I can also see the Rowley Mile and, further away, the July Course.

The last stop is to meet local trainer Ross Burdon, who worked for Chris Waller. He has rented stables that look back up Warren Hill and has about seven horses in work. His partner Hollie worked for Ciaran Maher and now works in the office of Charlie Appleby at Godolphin, as well as helping Ross get the business off the ground. She offers me coffee and croissants, mints to feed the horses and Godolphin tickets to the races the next day. I am to regret not taking those tickets as the ground entry fee to the July course on a low-key day turns out to be a whopping 25 pounds!

They are very knowledgeable and genuine. We chat about the differences between Northern and Southern hemisphere racing, their time spent in our part of the world and the challenges they have encountered trying to get the stable up and running. I get to meet their horses and watch one of them working up Warren Hill. This visit is one of the highlights of my time in Newmarket. I follow them religiously on Facebook (RB Racing) and sincerely hope they can climb to the top of the mountain in front of them.

On my final morning, I head to Main St to take the free bus to the July Course for an afternoon of racing. Initially I'm the only

person waiting for this low-key midweek meeting. However, to my surprise, within ten minutes there is a large queue. Similar to London and its underground Tube trains, I find myself having to hold my ground just to get on the bus.

The track has a straight one-mile called the Bunbury Mile which starts with a downhill stretch then a challenging uphill final furlong. The first race is six furlongs – 1200m in our terms – but looks to me more like a 1400-to-1500m equivalent on a level track. For obvious reasons the draws are not as important as they are with a bend. The racing is super competitive although I consider the total stakes per race to be low at 10,000 pounds up to 40,000 for the main listed race. Godolphin and William Buick win the first and throughout the day the finishes are tight and the jockeys first class.

All facilities are open to the public. The crowd is knowledgeable and clearly there for the racing so there's competition for my preferred spots around the parade ring before each race. Space is also tight after each race as I cheer back the winner and then move around to the winner's circle where Nick Luck interviews connections for ITV.

I am trying to take everything in so am not particularly focused on the betting. To make things easy I decide to follow Ryan Moore

for the day. However, when I see Cieren Fallon – son of retired Irish jockey Kieren Fallon – outside the jockey room chatting to members of the public who approach him for selfies, I switch – this proves to be a good move and, happily, I make a profit for the day. A local tells me that Cieren works for Godolphin riding work in Newmarket over summer and in Dubai over winter.

What an enjoyable day's racing; the course is beautiful with a great atmosphere in an upmarket country way and a real contrast to previous visits to Ascot and Sandown in London. Racing is held here in June, July and August only and on weekends they host big-ticket concerts after the races.

I have been to Newmarket twice before but this is the first time – intentionally – without a car. It's an easy town to get around, especially if you enjoy walking, and it definitely made me more social. So, my final advice... head to Newmarket in the summertime; do your prep work before you arrive; and, if you love racing and haven't experienced Newmarket – as Nike would say, "Just Do It"!

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AN EVENING AT CHEPSTOW RACES (AUGUST 2025)

Words and photos by Sally Blyth

IN AUGUST, ON A SOLO SEMI-WORKING SEMI-LEISURE UK ODYSSEY FROM GLASGOW TO LONDON, I FIND MYSELF AT CHEPSTOW RACES IN SOUTH WALES. IT'S THE ONLY RACE MEETING THAT WORKS IN WITH MY SCHEDULE AND GIFTS ME A WONDERFUL WEEK DISCOVERING THE AREA IN MY RENTED CAR. I HAD A BALL... CASTLES, PUBS, BEACHES, VILLAGES, MOTORWAYS, BRIDGES, COUNTRY LANES... AND A FABULOUS EVENING AT THE RACES!

Chepstow is an historic racecourse in Monmouthshire with a wide and testing left-handed track. The 3200m oval circuit is long and thin, like a squashed ellipse, and it's the biggest course in Wales. The track is endlessly undulating with a finishing straight of about 1000m. There is also a straight mile course. Chepstow hosts 32 race fixtures, both flat and jumps, including the Welsh Grand National in December which attracts

top chasers from across the UK and Ireland. Either flat racing or jumps, stamina is most definitely required.

Racing in the area began in 1892 and, in 1925, a group of ten South Wales gentry and businessmen purchased the current site for development as a new racecourse which opened in 1926. Financial pressures meant it was almost closed down after



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its first meeting – it survived thanks to a large bank loan but continued to struggle financially for the first ten years. Jumps racing began in March 1927 and both flat and jumps racing have taken place here throughout its existence. During WWII, the site was designated as an RAF operational outpost.

Interesting fact: In 1933, champion jockey Sir Gordon Richards (one of England's most prestigious riders and the only one to receive a knighthood) won eleven consecutive races – all six on the first day of a two-day meeting, and the first five on the next.

The course is easily accessible from both Wales and England, with plenty of parking. The weather had been inclement all day during my drive south from Yorkshire and, once I've settled into my accommodation in the village of Magor, I make the easy 15-minute drive to the racecourse. I don't arrive until 6:30pm, later than I'd hoped, but I'm in time to see Race 3, the main race of the day – a Class 2 with £38k going to the winning horse.

It's a "Racing League" meeting – a format with seven teams (Ireland; London & The South; Scotland; The East; The North; Wales & The West; and Yorkshire) competing across 42 races over six meetings for more than \$2m in prize money. Each team consists of a Group of Trainers, a squad of Jockeys and a Team Manager and has its own identifying silks colours. They can enter up to two runners in each race, with a field of up to 14 runners.

The League starts on 24th July at Great Yarmouth and concludes at Southwell on 28th August. The Chepstow meeting is the third in the League, held on the evening of Thursday 7th August. The other meetings are held at Wolverhampton, Windsor and Newcastle. There's a points allocation system, a Joker card to play and bonus prizes too, which makes it a fun and attractive competition for all involved. The 2025 League was taken out by London & The South.

I enter the course, find the office, and introduce myself as an Owner from NZ and VP of the NZTROF. The staff are hugely welcoming and love that I've made the effort to come to Chepstow races, especially given

it's not the loveliest weather. I'm given free entry and a racebook and the friendly staff point out where the various facilities are, including the Owners/Trainers area where there's both a marquee and a permanent bar area which owners can move between. Like most racecourses in the UK, owners receive free food and there's a fair bit of cheer going on in and around that area.

Despite the drizzle, the going had started off as Good for Race 1 run at 5:30pm. There are 30 minutes between races and, by Race 3, although the rain was abating, the track gets downgraded to Soft. It's chilly; puffer jacket and scarf definitely required.

The main public stand is sleek and functional with good viewing from everywhere. There's a variety of lounges, suites, boxes, bars and eateries, including a dedicated Syndicate Lounge. You can get right up close to the horses as they parade pre-race, with ringside seating, and tiered steps. The winner's enclosure and the podium are right there in front of you, at arm's length, with a special Accessible Viewing area right by the finishing line. Health and safety is taken seriously, without compromising a thing.

Chepstow blends the best of city race facilities with the rustic ones of a country course. It's the antithesis of the opulence, fanfare and dressed-up crowds during my time at Royal Ascot (see Winter 2025 *Owners Bulletin*).

The horses are not visible – except on the big screen – as they run along the back straight (except for on the big screen). The straight is as intriguing as it's impressive – it goes on for miles with undulations that stretch into the distance. The horses take an age as they run towards you, and then, suddenly, they're past the post – and the happy winning owners can celebrate amongst cheers from the patrons.

There's a decent crowd on course, especially given it's a mid-week evening meeting, and a dreary cold one. Despite that, I enjoy wandering around outside, people-watching and taking in the relaxed oncourse vibe. The bookies are rugged up but still looking sharp as they tout their odds and drum up trade. Young, old and in between, people of all guises and sizes are enjoying themselves: family groups wandering around happily (it's school holidays); couples out on a fun date night; friends having a fine time; and a number of solos like me. It is evident that the Welsh take their racing seriously, with a mix of dour study and understated joy going on everywhere. Did you see the film *Dream Horse*?

As the half hours tick quickly by, a watery evening sun tries hard to emerge. As I leave after the final race at 8:30pm and walk back to my car, I smile happily to myself. Another fabulous racing experience under my belt. 🍷



EVERY RACE TELLS A STORY | NZTR 2025 STRATEGY

IN OCTOBER, NZTR RELEASED ITS 2025 STRATEGY – A CLEAR PLAN TO STRENGTHEN AND MODERNISE NEW ZEALAND RACING.

Every race tells a story – of the horse, the people behind it, and the sport we share. This strategy sets the next chapter: improving how we care for and understand the Thoroughbred, lifting the quality and appeal of our racing, working more effectively as one industry, and building a sustainable future for everyone involved.

We've captured the essentials below which consider how your pivotal role as an Owner, and an extension of our organisation, contributes to this plan.

1) A GLOBAL REPUTATION FOR EXCELLENCE

We will be admired not only for the performance of our horses, but for how well we care for them and our people.

What we'll do: deliver a world-leading welfare strategy; lift training facilities and track infrastructure; grow international awareness of NZ racing and breeding success; support our workforce with a range of programmes.

2) A SPORT THAT CAPTIVATES THE NATION

Racing should feel accessible to every New Zealander.

What we'll do: stage marquee events at a world-class level; launch a data-led fan strategy; make ownership easier, more personal and more rewarding; digitise participant services.

3) ONE INDUSTRY, WINNING TOGETHER

To thrive, we need one strategy, one voice, one industry.

What we'll do: implement a simpler governance model and operating structure; lift professional standards; engage opening with Owners, Breeders, Clubs and participants; embed innovation and collaboration at every level.

4) A SUSTAINABLE INDUSTRY

Sustainability is about legacy; financial, environmental and social.

What we'll do: grown and diversify revenue beyond wagering; launch the NZTR Industry Investment Fund; establish regional operating hubs; align with environmental and social goals.

SUMMARY

- Better racing, with upgraded surfaces, facilities and welfare settings.
- Bigger audiences and value via premium events and modern digital engagement.
- Simpler, smarter operations with streamlined governance and digitised services.
- Stronger future economics.
- Proudly New Zealand, globally admired – a sport our people can be proud of and the world respects.

VIEW THE FULL STRATEGY ON WWW.NZTR.CO.NZ/2025-STRATEGY

MEET NZTR'S EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP TEAM

MATT BALLESTY | CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Matt has a vast commercial career and has held several senior executive roles internationally across Australia, Macau and Canada. Prior to joining NZTR as CEO in March 2025, Matt was the Managing Director of Three Points Consulting. His passion for racing as both an owner and enthusiast combined with commercial and corporate expertise underpins his commitment to ensuring the racing industry reaches its full potential in New Zealand.

MITCH LAMB | GENERAL MANAGER RACING

With over 25 years' experience in international racing, wagering and media, Mitch has led growth and innovation across OlyBet Europe, Tabcorp, William Hill and Sky Channel, specialising in audience engagement and high-performing teams.

ZAC REYNOLDS | GENERAL MANAGER - BRAND EXPERIENCE, COMMUNICATIONS AND INDUSTRY PROMOTION

Zac brings nearly 20 years in global racing and wagering, including senior roles at Tabcorp, Sportingbet and Churchill Downs, and founding two US agencies focused on digital fan engagement.

DARIN BALCOMBE | GENERAL MANAGER - SPECIAL PROJECTS

Darin Balcombe moves into the role following more than two decades in the racing industry and a successful tenure as NZTR's Chief Operating Officer, applying his deep industry experience and operational insight.

DAN SMITH | GENERAL MANAGER - STRATEGY AND TRANSFORMATION

Dan has been with NZTR since February 2018, leading major strategic projects such as the LOVERACING.NZ brand launch and The Grand Tour Racing Festival. Before NZTR, he held a strategy role at TAB (now Entain) and brings 20+ years of experience across racing and wagering.

SAM FURSDON | GENERAL MANAGER - WELFARE AND INDUSTRY CAPABILITY

Sam brings over 15 years' experience in the New Zealand racing industry, her work has spanned horse welfare and industry development, applying a strong evidence-based approach built on a Bachelor of Science in Equine Studies and project-management qualifications.

CHARLOTTE MILLS | RACING CONSULTANT

Charlotte has been appointed Racing Consultant (12-month term) and brings over a decade of executive experience from Racing and engagement, and national strategy.





stud chat with Sam

How proud were we with Jimmysstar's 3rd in the Everest! Not only is he quick, but he's also extremely tough. If Jimmy or War Machine couldn't win, we were cheering for the CD-bred Ka Yang Rising, whose dam is by Per Incanto.

Incredible day at Randwick. They shut the gates with 50,000 of us on course. What was clear was the extremely large number of people under the age of 26 – 60% they tell us. This is fantastic for the long-term health of the industry.

Per Incanto is having a great spring in Australia all round. He's already inside the top five on their Sires Premiership. Gringotts lumped 62kgs to win consecutive Big Dances. Both Evaporate and Jimmysstar ran in the Group 1 CF Orr Stakes WFA at Caulfield on Saturday

15th November over 1400m. Jimmysstar stepped up again and won the race in awesome style, and Evaporate ran a great race, in front for much of the way and finishing third. (Ed's note: What a fantastic result for LA Stud, almost got a Per Incanto quinella in this prestigious race!)

Eurocanto, who won a 2YO stakes race at Flemington, and Elizabeth and Peter Martin's Twain registered the 34th and 35th individual stakeswinners for Per Incanto. The 2YO is being aimed at the Blue Diamond in the Autumn, a race won, of course, by Little Brose. The Hayes boys tell me to keep an eye out for a Per Incanto 2YO colt out of the mare Lancashire Lass, which we sold to them at this year's Magic Millions.

Little Brose has been having a great time! He spent a few days working it all out but he's the right Warren Beatty now. He will serve around 140 mares and I am very encouraged and pleased with the standard of mare that breeders have brought to him. These include the dam

of Marotiri Molly, the mother of Bellucci Babe, Group 1 winner Bonham's dam, a half-sister to the dam of Jimmysstar and a half-sister to Marble Arch.

Congratulations to Jamieson Park for breeding Hong Kong's progressive sprinter Raging Blizzard. The 6YO son of Per Incanto has placed in Group races at his two most recent starts.

Finally, I couldn't go this month without acknowledging Per Incanto. Bruce Perry and I really cracked it securing a son of Street Cry, whose influence down-under goes from strength to strength; in addition to all of Per Incanto's stars, think of Tentyris, Treasure the Moment, Pride of Jenni and Tempted. Little Brose is perfectly placed to carry that legacy on.

I look forward to seeing many of you out and about at the yearling sales or races over the summer. Merry Christmas to you all from the team here at LA.

Sam

SPRING 2025

EV: THE POWER OF A SPECIAL HORSE

WE'VE PROFILED EL VENCEDOR (FONDLY KNOWN AS EV) AND OWNER DAVID PRICE PREVIOUSLY BUT, GIVEN HIS NEW STATUS AS HORSE OF THE YEAR, A BRIEF UPDATE IS IN ORDER. SALLY TALKED AGAIN WITH DAVID TO FIND OUT THE LATEST.

Since his return from Hong Kong, EV has had four runs, all ridden by Wiremu Pinn. EV ran fifth at Ellerslie on 6th Sept in the Group 1 Proisir Plate over 1400m. He was held up on the home turn and got squeezed but finished only 2L behind the winner (Quintessa).

On 27th September he ran seventh at Te Rapa in the Group 1 Howden Insurance Mile over 1600m, 4L behind winner Waitak.

In the Group 1 Livamol Classic WFA over 2040m run at Ellerslie on 18th October, he was a very gallant second to Waitak who took the race out stylishly with astounding final sectionals, winning by 5.3L. Wiremu went a bit early on him in the run but the horse pulled up well.

His next mission was on Melbourne Cup Day at Ellerslie on 4th November where he was set to run in the Group 3 Elsdon Park WFA Balmerino Stakes over 2000m. EV won this race last year, 2024, and it effectively launched his career. This year, he took it out again, notching up his 13th win – and done in great style too. His EV power was in full flight during that run! Winning by 2.3L he beat outsider Diamond Jak who ran strongly despite a slow start. Good horse Sharp 'N' Smart ran a very creditable third, showing he may have more to offer as the season progresses.



David Price (Right, with HOTY award) and trainer Stephen Marsh

David says that EV isn't usually at his best pre-Christmas and he wasn't sure what might happen in the Balmerino, given he's a bit "like a V8 running on 91" at this time of year. However, David thought he was more forward this time than ever before and, being a bit older and in trim condition, a win was definitely a possibility. Trainer Stephen Marsh had blended all the right ingredients and the run on MC Day turned out to be a most excellent one!

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FOCUS ON THE LOCAL SPORTS BAR IN MATAKANA, THE RUSTY PELICAN

QUADDIE LUCK

In the Winter issue I reported on a couple of nice First 4s being won at the Rusty. This time I'm happy to report about a couple of nice Quaddie's being won, one of them by me! I'd taken a last minute \$5 Easybet Quaddie at Moonee Vallee Friday night races and, with the first leg being run so late, after 10pm, I didn't watch. Next morning, I was listening to The Mail Run on Sport Nation and went into my TAB account to look at form and dividends for a couple of horses they were talking about. I did a double take when my eyes flicked up to the account balance – what the hell!?!? There's been some kind of mistake! Then I remembered that Quaddie I'd taken and checked the results. Could it be... yes it could! It had come in overnight while I was asleep and paid a whopping \$20k. I only had a small chunk of it, but it enabled me to go ahead and sign up for a new car I'd had my eye on! An upgrade was long overdue and now I could make it happen without further ado.

I'm still not sure which scenario creates the most euphoria – watching each of the four races unfold with great anticipation that the next leg will come in for you... or the surprise of waking up in the morning to a very healthy account that you're not sure how it got there!!! I rarely take a Quaddie – it's hard enough to get one winner let alone four – so either way is good if you score all four legs!

Needless to say, I went to the Rusty next day with a happy tale to tell and a huge

smile on my face. Te Rapa races that day and everyone hoped my Quaddie luck might be contagious. One of the crew did indeed get lucky and, with the Quaddie coming in at a massive \$75k, he had an even bigger smile on his face than I'd had! Happiness all round, and a shout in order!

I'm still lamenting the loss of the "Joker" facility when betting on your TAB account. Sometimes you just need a random computer pick to help you out on a certain leg – but it's frustratingly disappeared from any type of online bet.

RUGBY – RACING – BEER

It's busy in the Rusty when a ballgame is on, but our trusty Racing table is always reserved. Multi-tasking is required and necks gets sore switching from the racing screens to the rugby ones!

In true Kiwi "rugby, racing, beer" style, a sweep is run when the All Blacks are playing, near or far. For \$2 entry you have to pick the exact score to win... otherwise the funds jackpot. It's been a long time since it was struck and, like Powerball, the pot has crept up. We all had a go for the England game. One of few to predict a win for England, I was closest, but not exact. We'll keep trying to turn \$2 into more – on rugby and horses!

OUR HORSES

Horrie ran at Avondale. I was overseas but watched from afar. Too hard, too early. He lost a shoe and came down track. Next time...

The boys' unraced 3YO Circus Maximus filly She Means Business ran a decent trial at Taupo on 30th October ridden by Opie Bosson. Wide all the way she ran on well, without being urged too much. With a bit more racing business acumen under her belt, I'm sure she'll do the boys proud. In October some of us spotted a pacer running at Globe Derby (South Australia) called Shemeanbusiness! We had a chuckle and watched it run down track with a sigh. Since then – when nobody was watching – she has run a nice second and then had a win!!! Let's hope the galloping version can do the same in due course!

I was away for Melbourne Cup Day – in Port Lincoln of all places, home of Makybe Diva. I visited her statue on the waterfront on the morning of the big race and then watched the action unfold in a sports bar called Sharky's. The atmosphere was great and Jamie Melham's ride on winner Half Yours was superb. How poignant that, exactly ten years after Michelle Payne did the deed back in 2015, another female jockey wins the big one. Apparently good times were had back at the Rusty where the locals always come out in droves and Rusty racing merriment is at its peak.

Whilst I wish I had more Rusty Crew horse success to report in this issue, I hope I can do so in the Summer Edition! Meanwhile, we'll have lots of fun trying to win in whichever ways we can – and I'm driving around in my lovely new car!!!

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EV – NZTR HORSE OF THE YEAR

The NZ Thoroughbred Horse of The Year (HOTY) Awards for the 2024-25 season were held on Sunday 7th September at Claudelands Event Centre in Hamilton. A black-tie event to acknowledge the achievements and salute the successes of racing's top athletes – both horse and human – this annual event is where excellence, passion and a love for our sport is celebrated.

El Vencedor was a finalist for the Champion Middle Distance Horse category (sponsored by Happy Hire) along with La Crique and Snazzytavi. EV won.

EV also took out the honoured "Sport Nation" Horse of the Year Award. Up against a heap of racing talent, this was no mean feat although, given EV's outstanding stats of winning three Group 1 races and a Listed race in February/March, all on the trot, he was a clear winner.

Other finalists for this top category were: Alabama Lass, Berry The Cash, Billy Boy, Blue Sky At Night, Captured By Love, Crocetti, Damask Rose, Grail Seeker, Here To Shock, Jesko, La Crique, La Dorada, Leica Lucy, Mehzebeen, Provence, Return To Conquer, Savaglee, Snazzytavi, Trav, West Coast, Willydoit and Wolfgang.

Congratulations to all finalists and winners on the night!

David attended the event and was ecstatic that his horse was recognised and he accepted the awards with great satisfaction. Fellow owner/breeder Mark Freeman had every intention of being there but his flight home from Bali, where he'd attended his son's wedding, was cancelled which prevented him being able to make it. Gutted. Big time.

Go well EV – you're an exciting horse and we will no doubt see you power home again in the future!

EL VENCEDOR:

By Shocking out of Strictly Maternal

7yo bay gelding bred by M W Freeman & D G Price

Trained by Stephen Marsh in Cambridge

46 starts: 13 wins, 10 seconds, 5 thirds, 5 fourths, 2 fifths, 11 unplaced

Has run and won at all distances

Prefers Good and Soft going

See articles on EV in previous Owners

Bulletins: Autumn 2025 (p.10/11) and Winter 2024 (p.14/15).

Ed's note: La Crique (by Vadamos) was nominated for the same awards that EV won. Owned by Auckland members John and Jan Cassin, we'll be profiling them and their ultra-consistent mare in our Summer 2026 Edition. La Crique has earned herself a unique place in NZ racing history for finishing runner-up in a Group 1 the most times – eight as at mid-November. Find out more next issue!

CONGRATULATIONS TO FEDERATION MEMBERS ON THEIR RECENT WINS!

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.

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