

Thursday 4 December 2014

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH

The Group One \$200,000 Wellington Rydges Captain Cook Stakes has drawn a select field. I Do, Puccini and Pure Champion are stars of the spring and look to bring their form into the summer. Puccini has won over the course and distance recently.

The abandonment of the Levin R.C meeting at Otaki last Friday will see the Listed \$50,000 Chainey's Panasonic Levin Stakes and a newly added \$50,000 Ekraar & Echoes of Heaven@Linwood Park Three Year Old 1400 run at Trentham. And a \$50,000 Three Year Old 1600 has been added to the 20th Manawatu R.C. meeting at Awapuni Racecourse.

December marks the start of Summer racing, A Premier meeting will feature once a week until 30 January. The Wellington and Waipukurau meetings will be Christmas at the Races events this weekend and Auckland's meeting will see last week's impressive winner Tavy. She is currently joint favorite for the TV3 New Zealand Derby alongside Volk'Stok N Barrell. The first set of withdrawals are due on Thursday 4th December - go to www.nzracing.co.nz.

NORM HOLLAND RECOGNISES THE GENERAL TRUST FUND

Norman (Norm) Holland, OBE, who died on Sunday at the age of 90, has generously bequeathed \$32,024 to the NZTR General Trust Fund.

NZTR Chairman, Matthew Goodson, and the three trustees of the General Trust Fund - John Rattray, Keith Neylon and Colin Jenkins - have expressed their appreciation for Norm Holland's bequest.

Matthew Goodson added: "These funds were gathered by Norm during his lifetime for the express purpose of assisting jockeys and other licensees."

"The Fund provides financial assistance to current or former licensees who are injured or, for whatever reason, find themselves in difficulty. During the last 12 months it has helped many people in the racing industry including, for example, Thomas Russell, Grant Laursen and Ashley Frye, to name only three."

"This donation is just one of many ways through which Norm has made a huge contribution to racing in New Zealand over his long life."

Norm Holland's funeral will be at Ellerslie at 9am, before racing, this Saturday, 6 December.

His family has asked that donations, in lieu of flowers, be made to the General Trust Fund: 'NZTR GTF' account number 01-0517-0063944-003.

AUCTIONS OPEN FOR THE RDA GREAT HORSE DOODLES

The 'Great Horse Doodle' auction, including one drawn and signed by legendary artist Dick Frizzell MNZM, is now open for bidding on TradeMe. His doodle is currently at \$5,550.

Horse doodlers offering their work for auction on TradeMe, to raise money for Riding for the Disabled (RDA), include Frizzell, Sean Fitzpatrick (currently \$158), Sir Mark Todd (currently \$1,752), Lady Janine Matapaere (currently \$218), Shane Cortese (currently \$121), Jono and Ben (currently \$102), and Barnaby Weir (currently \$171). The auction closes next Monday, 8 December at 1.43pm.

A second group close in one week, 11 December at 12.52pm, and they include doodles by Jason Kerrison, Mike Hosking, Toni Street, Andrew Nicholson, Jock Paget and Greg Murphy.

For live auctions go to: <http://www.rda.org.nz/Horsedoodle/artworks.htm>

EQUESTRIAN DATABASE LOOKING FOR RETIRED THOROUGHBREDS

There are currently over 60 people from equestrian sports registered on Equestrian Sports New Zealand's database interested in receiving information on Thoroughbreds who have finished their racing careers and are looking for new homes/second careers.

If you have a Thoroughbred you are looking to re-home please send to Nicky McBride at nicky@nzquestrian.org.nz at ESNZ: the horse's details (particularly age, sex and breeding); your preferred contact details; the location of the horse; and photos of the horse. Once these details are received they will be sent out to the group. Group members are asked to contact you directly for more information and possible viewing.

HORSE SCULPTURE FOR CANCER AUCTION

Ray Lee, a Master Farrier of 40 years from Taranaki, has spent countless hours creating a life-sized horse sculpture in honour of his friend and fellow Farrier David McGuire who is battling cancer. The sculpture is made from 156 rasps and 291 horseshoes. It is 16 hands high and weighs 312 kgs.

He will be donating all the proceeds from the auction of the sculpture to the Taranaki Cancer Society to support people with cancer in Taranaki.

The horse is now on Trade Me for viewing. The auction has a bid on it at \$6000 and closes on Saturday at 9pm. Follow the link <http://www.trademe.co.nz/art/carvings-sculpture/metal/auction-802482355.htm>

CHRISTMAS AT THE RACES DATES/VENUES 2014

Date	Club	Race Course
Friday, 5 December 2014	Canterbury Racing	Riccarton Park
Saturday, 6 December 2014	Auckland RC	Ellerslie
Saturday, 6 December 2014	Wellington RC	Trentham
Sunday, 7 December 2014	Waipukurau JC	Waipukurau
Wednesday, 10 December 2014	Otago RC @ Wingatui	Wingatui
Thursday, 11 December 2014	Hawke's Bay RI	Hastings
Friday, 12 December 2014	Racing Tauranga	Gate Pa
Saturday, 13 December 2014	Manawatu RC	Awapuni
Saturday, 13 December 2014	Waikato RC	Te Rapa
Saturday, 13 December 2014	Southland RC	Invercargill
Sunday, 14 December 2014	Auckland RC	Ellerslie
Wednesday, 17 December 2014	Matamata RC	Matamata
Thursday, 18 December 2014	Levin RC	Otaki
Friday, 19 December 2014	Ashburton RC	Ashburton
Saturday, 20 December 2014	Manawatu RC	Awapuni
Saturday, 20 December 2014	Waikato RC	Te Rapa
Sunday, 21 December 2014	Tapanui RC @ Gore	Gore
Monday, 22 December 2014	Taranaki TRI	Pukekura Raceway

NZTR 2015-17 BUSINESS PLAN & NZTR 2014 PERFORMANCE REPORT AVAILABLE ONLINE

The 2015-2017 NZTR Business Plan and 2014 NZTR Performance Report are available on the NZTR website at <http://www.nzracing.co.nz/NZTR/Resources/NZTR-Publications.aspx>

TURNOVER INFORMATION

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races		Starters	
		14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-15	13-14	14-	13-	14-	13-

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26-Nov	Te Aroha	60,237	39,433	969,206	713,178	355,780	240,938	11	8	144	101
27-Nov	Waipa	39,076	23,158	660,613	579,830	292,806	210,022	9	8	109	76
28-Nov	Levin	32,383	169,629	217,038	1,215,699	79,945	413,565	3	9	24	112
28-Nov	Winton	17,178	-	357,265	-	130,134	-	6	-	62	-
29-Nov	Auckland	233,120	187,826	1,903,890	1,858,977	770,576	624,004	9	10	116	127
29-Nov	Wanganui	118,800	147,356	1,274,169	1,394,580	430,593	353,877	9	9	114	122
30-Nov	Otago@ Cromwell	248,125	227,058	1,201,637	1,014,317	435,322	270,358	11	9	140	106

NZ Thoroughbred Summary FY15	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/()	Variance +%/(%)
Meetings	109	116	(7)	(6.03%)
Races	926	966	(40)	(4.14%)
Total Starts	9,996	10,264	(268)	(2.61%)
Avg Field Size	10.79	10.63	+0.17	+1.60%
Number of races less than 8 starters	112	143	(31)	(21.68%)
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	135,822,218	132,036,129	+3,786,089	+2.87%
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	11,009,897	11,071,049	(61,152)	(0.55%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	146,832,115	143,107,178	+3,724,937	+2.60%
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	107,060,013	110,694,936	(3,634,923)	(3.28%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	39,772,102	32,412,227	+7,359,875	+22.71%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	158,566	148,144	+10,422	+7.03%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,689	13,943	+746	+5.35%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	578,425,609	517,980,100	+60,445,509	+11.67%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	117,213,689	93,048,926	+24,164,764	+25.97%
Total NZRB Turnover	695,639,298	611,029,026	+84,610,272	+13.85%

NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 23 Nov)	110,769,738	108,664,983	+2,104,755	+1.94%
Total Races (to 23 Nov)	868	908	(40)	(4.41%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	127,615	119,675	+7,940	+6.63%

Meeting details:

- Racing Te Aroha Wednesday meeting ran 11 races; last season the equivalent meeting was on the following Monday and ran 8 races.
- Waipa RC Thursday meeting ran 9 races in FY15, 8 in FY14.
- Levin RC Friday meeting was abandoned due to unsafe track conditions after 3 races this season; 9 were run last season.
- Winton JC Friday twilight meeting ran 6 races in FY15; no direct equivalent in FY14.
- Auckland RC Saturday meeting ran 9 races this season, 10 last season.
- Otago RC at Cromwell Sunday meeting ran 11 races in FY15, 9 in FY14.

Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is up 2.6% year to date.
- 7 less meetings and 40 less races have been run than to the same date last season.
- Turnover per race is up 7.0%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 268, 2.6% less.
- Average field size is 10.79 in FY15, up from 10.63 in FY14.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is 31 less than the season prior (112 v 143).
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 3.3%) has been offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 22.7%).
- Export turnover per race (\$NZ) is up 6.6% to 23 November.

Note: Turnovers are provided by the NZRB from various reports. On-course is totalisator turnover on the meeting and on intertrack meetings, plus FOB racing turnover on the meeting only (FOB intertrack is not provided from these reports at present). Total NZRB racing turnover is NZ thoroughbred, harness, greyhound plus all imported thoroughbred, harness and greyhound turnover; combined with sports this provides the total NZRB turnover. NZ thoroughbred export turnovers are stated in \$NZ, generally up to a week or two behind other turnover numbers.