



Wednesday 1 August 2012

Avondale Confirmed for 4 September Trials Meeting

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) has approved a trials licence for Avondale on Tuesday, 4 September, following a series of track gallops at the course yesterday, 31 July 2012.

NZTR Venue Inspector, Garry Foskett, and Stipendiary Steward, Alan Coles, met with Avondale Jockey Club officials, riders and trainers after 39 horses had galloped on the course proper on Tuesday.

Foskett confirmed that the feedback from everyone was very positive and all parties involved had supported the recommendation that the trials meeting scheduled for early next month should proceed as planned.

The Avondale track reading was a genuine Heavy 10 after approximately 120mm of rainfall had fallen over the past week, with 55mm recorded in the 24 hours prior to yesterday's gallop session.

Riders described the Avondale track as being quite holding, but all were complimentary, stating that the track was consistent and provided safe footing for all horses. Track gallops were conducted over approximately 1000 metres, with the rail out five metres. Up to five horses galloped at a time, with all sections of the track being utilised.

Trainers Graeme and Debbie Rogerson and Richard Collett provided the bulk of the horses for the gallops, which were organised by the Club at the request of NZTR. Riders in attendance included Mark Du Plessis, Rory Hutchins, Debbie Rogerson, Josh Oliver, Michael Mitchell and Derek Nolan.

NZTR and Avondale Club officials, together with Eilerslie Track Manager Jason Fulford, inspected the Avondale track prior to and again at the conclusion of the gallops. Garry Foskett said he was pleased with the significant improvement in the surface over recent months. There has been no racing at Avondale for the past three years. The Club had planned to resume racing at Avondale in April this year after completing an extensive drainage and sand slitting programme. However, their return to racing was postponed by NZTR to give the track more time to consolidate.

Graeme and Debbie Rogerson and Richard Collett stated they were very happy with the surface and would not hesitate to trial and race horses at Avondale when a meeting could be scheduled.

Avondale Club President, Ron Murphy, thanked the trainers and riders involved for making themselves and the horses available for the session and confirmed that the Club was looking forward to seeing racing back at Avondale once a full trials meeting in September had been successfully held.

Congratulations to Premiership Winners

Congratulations to Lisa Allpress (159 wins) for winning her first Jockeys premiership after a stirring tussle over recent weeks with Matt Cameron (156 wins).

Congratulations also to John Sargent whose Trainers premiership tally of 111, which included 4 on the last day of the season, establishes a new record for winners trained in a year.

Jockey Fee Increases from 1 August 2012

NZTR has confirmed that jockey riding fees are increased by 1% from \$125.00 to \$126.26 plus GST (\$145.20 total) from 1 August 2012 in accordance with the three year agreement with the New Zealand Jockeys Association, where annual riding fee increases would be limited to the national CPI amount through to 31 July 2015.

The riding fee for jumps jockeys are also increased by 1% from \$173.00 to \$174.75 plus GST (\$200.96 total) at the same time.

As part of the negotiations with the NZJA it was also agreed that the rider engagement fee would increase to \$63.13 plus GST (\$72.60 total) at 1 August 2012. The rider engagement fee is payable by connections of a horse where a rider is engaged and the horse is subsequently scratched and the rider does not obtain another ride in that event.

The minimum riding allowance is also to increase in line with the agreement with the NZJA to \$50.00 plus GST (\$57.50 total) from 1 August. The minimum riding allowance is paid directly by NZTR where a rider has two or less rides at a meeting.

Horse of the Year Awards Function

Gather your friends, your stable, stud and club staff together and help us celebrate the champions for the 2011-2012 racing season.

The 2012 Horse of the Year Awards will be held at the Claudelands Events Centre in Hamilton starting at 6 pm on Wednesday 12 September 2012.

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

The Waikato Racing Club is racing on the same day, so why not make it a big day of racing and celebration!

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

For further details, [click here](#)

Some of the History behind the Canterbury JC's EstarOnline Winter Cup

115th running to be held on Saturday 4 August 2012

Multiple Winners

Two horses have won the Winter Cup on three occasions: Catalogue 1937, 1938 & 1939 and Rongonui: 1988, 1989 & 1990

Age

Five-Year-Olds have the best record in the 114 year history of the race with 33 wins followed by; 6YO 28 wins, 4YO 27 wins, 7YO 15 wins; 8YO 8 wins, 9YO 2 wins; 10YO 1 win.

Winning Jockeys

Hall of Fame Jockey Bill Broughton holds the record for the most riding wins with five; Catalogue 1937, Golden Coronach 1953, Lady Tinkle 1940, Soneri 1946 & 1947.

In more recent years notable performers have been Bill Skelton – Fairassan 1961, Lei 1963 & Triton 1971; Brian Hibberd – on Rongonui on three successive years 1988 1989 & 1990; Russell Meara – Dandyman 1974, Corrigan Lad 1993 and Amore Mia 1996 all recorded three riding victories.

Trainers (since 1925)

Mark Oulaghan is the 'most winning' trainer in Winter Cup history having prepared four winners; Amore Mia 1996, Jolly Rodger 2000, Shamrock Star 2008 and Propel 2010. Among the five trainers to have saddled

three winners have been Warren Collett: Rongonui 1988, 1989, 1990; Syd Brown: Golden Coronach 1951, Free Pass 1968, Triton 1971; and 'Granny' McDonald: Catalogue 1937, 1938, 1939.

Dividend (Dollars and Cents only)

The smallest win dividend of \$1.60 was paid on Triton in 1971 with the largest being \$97.30 by Diamond Pal in 1977. The longest winner in the market was Princess Doreen in 1934 who stated 22/24 in the betting.

Hawke's Bay RI Feature Race – First Withdrawals Makfi Challenge Stakes

The first withdrawals for Hawke's Bay RI's Makfi Challenge Stakes to be run on 22 September 2012 close with the National Racing Bureau on **Wednesday 8 August at 10 am**.

New Season, New Look for Trackside in Milestone Year

The start of the new racing season kicks off a milestone year for Trackside as it counts down to its 20th anniversary of broadcasting in early November.

"The 20th anniversary gives us the opportunity to give Trackside a bit of makeover," said Glen Broomhall, Trackside boss and NZ Racing Board General Manager Broadcasting.

"We will be introducing a fresh look later in the year, but from August we'll be revamping some of our programme content and look, as well as bringing in some new shows as we build up to 20 years on air."

There will be plenty for Trackside viewers to enjoy from August 1, starting with the launch of a new breeding show called *Kiwi Bred*. (see below).

Following *Kiwi Bred* at 8.30 pm, *The Box Seat* will have the same great content but a fresh look and feel, with new titles and graphics throughout the programme.

New season Saturdays will see *The First Call* with a new look and format and a new starting time of 10 am.

Presenters Karyn Fenton Ellis and Stu Laing will continue to lead *The First Call* team from the Waikato studio, while veteran racing broadcaster and personality Des Coppins steps aside to focus on Radio Trackside responsibilities, although he will still make regular appearances.

The final addition to the August line-up is a six-episode show called *Your Choice* hosted by Trackside's George Simon and Mark McNamara.

Your Choice will celebrate Trackside's 20 years of broadcasting, giving viewers the chance to nominate their favourite races shown on Trackside since 1992.

These viewer requests, plus the hosts' own favourites, will make for a nostalgic look at the past two decades of racing on Trackside.

Viewers get a chance to win a day trackside with three mates at the NZ Galloping Cup at Riccarton in November.

Join Trackside in the new season as celebrations get underway in anticipation of a milestone year.

Trackside's 20th Anniversary Celebrations

- **Kiwi Bred** - Wednesdays from August 1 at 8 pm
- **The Box Seat** - Wednesdays from August 1 at 8.30 pm
- **The First Call** - Saturdays from August 4 at 10 am
- **Your Choice** - Mondays from August 20 at 8 pm

New Trackside Programme - *Kiwi Bred*

Hosted by Simon Doull, *Kiwi Bred* is a new show focusing on the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeding Industry and the people who make it function.

Highlighted in this half hour, 12-part series are some of the country's prominent stud farms together with stallions both established and new. Each week *Kiwi Bred* also takes a look at the pedigree of a prominent racehorse, checks in with what the NZ-breds are up to in Australia and Asia and zooms in on the world of equine veterinary science.

The first episode will screen on Trackside on Wednesday 1 August at 8 pm and every Wednesday after that for a further 11 weeks. Below also are the times that it will be repeated. (They may also be played at other 'non live' times).

Repeats

Thursday	11.30 am
Friday	11.30 am
Sunday	10.30 am

Brighthill Farm to Parade Dalghar, Perfectly Ready and Patapan!

Dalghar has arrived safely at Brighthill Farm and settled in to his new surroundings.

"He is a stunning and imposing individual, with the most amazing athletic walk, and he certainly fills the eye - here at Brighthill Farm we pride ourselves with being able to offer breeders attractive and well credentialed stallions for their mares, and he's no exception!" says Nick King.

The Stallion Open Day is to be held on Sunday 12 August at 2 pm.

Light refreshments - Everyone Welcome!

August Issue of the Thoroughbred Racing Monthly

As advised in the July issue, recipients are reminded that the August issue of the Thoroughbred Racing Monthly will be posted on Wednesday 8 August. The delay is necessary in order to publish the full end-of-season statistical information concerning Jockey and Trainer Premierships and Leading Sires tables.

Turnover Information for the Period ending 29 July 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								11-12	10-11
26/7	Manawatu (3)	28,812		487,982		108,245		71	
27/7	Marlborough (4)	28,567		443,426		101,821		70	
28/7	Taumarunui	215,601	6.3%	1,489,001	3.1%	335,809	32.1%	126	16.7%
28/7	Levin (5)	95,979	7.9%	1,023,088	10.4%	246,351	50.1%	80	5.9%

- (1) Racing Rotorua; meeting was abandoned due to waterlogged track conditions.
- (2) Paeroa RC; meeting was abandoned due to waterlogged track conditions.
- (3) Manawatu RC; last year this was a Wanganui JC meeting where there were 10 races; this year there were 7 races.
- (4) Marlborough RC; last year this was a Racing Matamata meeting where there were 8 races; this year there were 8 races.
- (5) Levin RC; 8 races this year, compared to 10 races last year.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/()	Variance +%/ ()
Races	3,080	3,048	+32	+1.05%
Starters	32,694	32,592	+102	+0.31%
Avg Field Size	10.61	10.69	(0.08)	(0.73%)
Off-Course Turnover	315,983,537	331,068,742	(15,085,205)	(4.56%)
On-Course Turnover	34,262,327	37,557,278	(3,294,951)	(8.77%)
Total Totalisator Turnover	350,245,864	368,626,020	(18,380,156)	(4.99%)
Fixed Odds	70,453,899	57,313,231	+13,140,668	+22.93%
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	420,699,763	425,939,251	(5,239,488)	(1.23%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	136,591	139,744	(3,153)	(2.26%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	12,868	13,069	(201)	(1.54%)

Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,373,818,717	1,341,998,328	+31,820,389	+2.37%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	244,821,440	191,439,002	+53,382,437	+27.88%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,618,640,156	1,533,437,330	+85,202,826	+5.56%

Note: NZRB supplied On-course Turnover total represents On-course turnover placed on NZ thoroughbred meetings from all on-course venues. 'Total' NZ Thoroughbred turnover figure includes Off-course (including Pick 6), On-course (NZRB figure as commented above) and all Fixed Odds Turnover. All Turnover figures are supplied by the NZRB.

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