



Friday 16 August 2013

Otaki Maori Racing Club Meeting at Trentham on Saturday 17 August 2013 has been abandoned

As a result of several earthquakes this afternoon in Wellington, the Otaki Maori Racing Club Meeting at Trentham tomorrow - Saturday 17 August 2013 - has been abandoned.

While there is no noticeable damage to the grandstands, an engineer is required to assess the buildings before a meeting can take place.

All New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing operations, including the National Racing Bureau, will be operating normally, remotely from the Petone offices.

The TAB/NZTR Office building will be assessed and we will endeavour to keep everyone updated with information as it becomes available. The office is expected to be closed until at least 12 noon on Saturday, 17 August 2013.

Additional programming opportunities will be advised by the National Racing Bureau for the Woodville-Pahiatua Racing Club meeting on Thursday, 22 August and the Egmont Racing Club meeting on Thursday, 29 August to accommodate some of the races lost at Trentham. These changes will be confirmed by the National Racing Bureau in consultation with the Central Regional Programming Committee and the Clubs and advised tomorrow morning.

As a result of the closure please take note of the following:

The free 0508 Racing number will be monitored. Please call the National Racing Bureau support mobile on 0276219860 for any urgent enquiries during the day.

Management Contact details for all general enquiries, including Bureau functions, should be directed to the following numbers:

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Please check the NZTR homepage of the website for all information and updates as they become available.

Ocean Park Named 2013 New Zealand Thoroughbred Horse of the Year

2012-13 five-time Group 1 winner Ocean Park was crowned Horse of the Year at New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing's 2013 Horse of the Year Awards, held in Hamilton on Thursday evening. Ocean Park took 44 of a possible total 46 votes.

Last season the now five-year-old bay horse won 5 of his 8 starts - all Group 1 races - and \$3,443,272 in prize money. His victories came in the Cox Plate, Caulfield Stakes, Makfi Challenge Stakes, the Underwood and the Lindauer New Zealand Stakes.

The prestigious Award for Outstanding Contribution to Racing was awarded posthumously to Mr Jim Campin, an Owner, Trainer and Breeder of distinction in New Zealand and overseas. Mr Campin died in April this year aged 76. His son Mark Fraser-Campin accepted the Award on behalf of his late father and read out a short address written by his father, in the knowledge he had been awarded this accolade.

Click [here](#) for all Award winners and finalists, with vote counts.

Ocean Park was also crowned Champion Middle Distance Horse unanimously; his owners - Mr A Wong, Mr S Yan and Mr G Hennessy - awarded the Owner of the Year title; his breeders, Trelawney Thoroughbred Ltd - Brent and Cherry Taylor, awarded Breeders of the Year; and Ocean Park's dam, Sayyida, Broodmare of the Year.

The only other unanimous decision by the Voting Panel was for Sprinter of the Year, Final Touch.

Sangster took the Champion Stayer title; Ruud Awakening, Champion Two-Year-Old; and Dundee, Champion Three-Year-Old.

New Zealand Bloodstock Champion Three Year Old Filly went to Fix; and Tom's Myth won was Champion Jumps Horse.

O'Reilly won an unprecedented three stallion titles in the same year - the Dewar Stallion Trophy (based on New Zealand earnings only) , the Grosvenor Award (New Zealand & Australia) and the Centaine Award (worldwide earnings).

Premiership winner Opie Bosson was voted the Champion Jockey and Isaac Lupton awarded Champion Jumps Jockey. Rory Hutchings collected the McBeath Champion Apprentice Rider trophy with 73 wins and \$990,425 won in prize money.

Dundee's trainers - Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman - took out the Dunstan Champion Trainer title. Murray Owles took out the Media Award.

Trackside will be showing a 30-minute programme of the NZTR Horse of the Year Awards at 8.30pm on Monday evening.

Asian Young Guns Challenge

Te Rapa will host the Asian Young Guns Challenge, an international apprentice jockeys' competition, held in New Zealand for the first time on Saturday.

Jockeys from New Zealand, Japan, South Africa, Korea, Malaysia, Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia and Macau will compete in the series, which will be contested over three races on Waikato Stud Foxbridge Plate day.

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing chairman Matthew Goodson was delighted the Asian Racing Federation had invited New Zealand to host this year's series.

"The Asian Young Guns Challenge was developed to showcase the very best apprentice riders from throughout the Asian Racing Federation [ARF] and we appreciate the support of all the major racing jurisdictions in Asia and the ARF," he said.

As hosts, New Zealand is allowed two riders and they include Hamilton-based apprentice Rory Hutchings and New Plymouth's Miranda Dravitzki, who will become the first female rider to compete in the series.

"The quality of the riders competing at this year's international is arguably the strongest to date," Goodson said.

Amongst the visitors are several riders with previous links to New Zealand.

Hong Kong-based Alvin Ng was previously indentured to Matamata trainer Lance Noble, riding 69 winners in two seasons in New Zealand. Ng will be out to defend his Young Guns Title, having won the prestigious series in Macau last year.

Outstanding Singapore apprentice Harry Kasim will also feel right at home at Te Rapa. Kasim rode his first winner at the Waikato course and spent the best part of three seasons in New Zealand.

Meanwhile, Australian representative Jordan Childs wasted little time in connecting with his roots. The son of champion Kiwi hoop Greg Childs partnered the Kevin Myers trained Duffers Creek to victory in his first ride on 'home soil' at Hawera on Thursday.

Enjoying his time in New Zealand is 20-year-old South African rider Julius Mariba.

"They have looked after us so well since we arrived on Wednesday," Mariba said. "We had a welcome function in Auckland on Wednesday evening, then we went and saw the film set where *The Hobbit* was made on Thursday. We also visited Waikato Stud, which is absolutely beautiful."

Mariba was pleased with his rides on Saturday, which include Jackabean for Tina Egan, Roll With Pulse for Michael Moroney and Chad Ormsby, and Alfonze for Stephen Ralph.

"I haven't spoken to the trainers yet, and we are heading to Te Rapa for a look at the track tomorrow. They look like nice rides, although some of them aren't drawn the best.

"I'm just enjoying every minute and can't wait for Saturday."

Flair Amateur Rider's Series 2013 - Current Standings

28	Scott Wenn
17	Arron Tata, Kurt Hillis, Linda Wheeler, Alysha Verrall
16	Rebecca Goldsbury
15	Shaun Fannin
13	Martin Dunne
10	Karen Bruce, Ryan Thistoll
8	Michael Roustoby
7	Alexandra Galliers-Pratt, Jacob McKay
6	Danny Frye
5	Anna Swainson, Bruce Smith
4	Michelle Northcott
3	Cheyenne Rusling, Sarah Sutherland
2	Niall Quinn, Ben Ropiha, Megan Fenwick
1	Kelvin Peterson, Harry Duncan

Thoroughbred Racing Monthly - Renewals

Subscribers to the *Thoroughbred Racing Monthly* magazine are reminded that subscriptions are now due. For any enquiries, please contact Allan Child (04 576 6279) or allan.child@nzcycling.co.nz

Turnover Information for the Period ending 11 August 2013

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races	
		13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13
5-Aug	Stratford	22,932		306,691		102,717		6	
7-Aug	Canterbury Racing	192,247	169,074	917,365	1,073,451	254,531	249,402	10	9
8-Aug	Hawke's Bay	20,368		534,234		199,307		7	
9-Aug	Te Aroha	29,752	28,567	613,118	616,192	178,005	174,148	8	10
10-Aug	Canterbury	187,534	203,998	1,546,373	1,609,713	348,589	316,799	9	9
10-Aug	Counties	70,989	78,935	1,108,511	1,174,710	240,553	272,466	8	8

- (1) Stratford RC; last year this was a Hawke's Bay RI meeting where there were 7 races.
- (2) Hawke's Bay RI ; last year this was a Waverley RC meeting where there were 7 races.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance /0	Variance %/(%)
Meetings	10	11	(1)	(9.09%)
Races	80	92	(12)	(13.04%)
Starters	782	955	(173)	(18.12%)
Avg Field Size	9.78	10.38	(0.61)	(5.83%)
Number of races less than 8 starters	17	11	6	54.55%
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	10,846,038	11,925,806	(1,079,768)	(9.05%)
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	794,708	865,365	(70,657)	(8.17%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	11,640,745	12,791,171	(1,150,426)	(8.99%)
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	9,269,116	10,458,834	(1,189,718)	(11.38%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	2,371,629	2,332,337	39,292	1.68%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	145,509	139,034	6,475	4.66%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,886	13,394	1,492	11.14%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	43,934,614	44,662,029	(727,415)	(1.63%)
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	7,014,630	7,096,093	(81,463)	(1.15%)
Total NZRB Turnover	50,949,244	51,758,122	(808,878)	(1.56%)

Note: Meetings, races, starters and turnovers are totals of NZRB supplied meeting by meeting turnovers. Off-course turnover is totalisator and FOB combined. On-course turnover is totalisator and FOB racing combined, placed on-course at NZ thoroughbred meetings. Total NZRB racing turnover is NZ thoroughbred, harness, greyhound and all imported racing turnover; total NZRB turnover also includes sport. NZ thoroughbred export turnovers are now included, up to the most recently available meetings. All turnover figures are supplied by the NZRB, derived from various sources.

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