



**Tuesday 17 July 2012**

### **Paeroa Racing Club**

Following a Special Meeting of members of the Paeroa Racing Club last night and their unanimous decision to cease racing after its meeting on 25 July 2012, New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) is working with the Northern Region Programming Committee and all other clubs in the northern region to secure alternative venues for the Paeroa scheduled meetings in 2012-13.

Arrangements will also be made to re-locate trials not now being held at Paeroa.

NZTR aims to confirm alternative arrangements, subject to approval by the Racing Board Dates Committee, before the start of the new season.

The NZTR Board expressed its appreciation to the Committee, Secretary/Manager Jennifer Stewart, staff and members of the Paeroa Racing Club for their hard work and contribution to racing.

### **Foxton Licence Transfers**

NZTR in consultation with the Central Regional Programming Committee and the New Zealand Racing Board has confirmed that the Foxton Racing Club licence scheduled for Monday 2 August 2012 will now be conducted by the Stratford Racing Club. The programme for the Stratford meeting was advertised in the July TRM and in the latest Regional Programming booklet.

The Foxton Racing Club licence scheduled for Thursday 23 August that had been advertised to be run at Tauherenikau, will now be conducted by the Woodville-Pahiatua Racing Club. Please note the following programme distance changes for the Woodville meeting:

Benchmark Rating 75	1100m not 1000m
Maiden	1200m not 1300m
Maiden 3YO	1100m not 1000m

While the Foxton racecourse continues to be unavailable for racing as a result of the fire damage to the grandstand last year, NZTR is working with the Club and the Central Regional Programming Committee for a trials meeting to be held at Foxton on Tuesday 21 August subject to satisfactory arrangements being concluded for the venue to be utilized.

### **Race Goers Help Kiwis Get Back on Track**

**Sponsored Race Day at Pukekohe Park Race Course, supporting the New Zealand Spinal Trust on Saturday 11 August 2012.**

Counties Racing Club are supporting the New Zealand Spinal Trust again this year to help Kiwis with a spinal cord impairment to get 'back on track'. The Sponsored Race Day on 11 August marks the start of a series of events for the 2012 season to raise funds for the charity. Further events are planned at Tauranga Racecourse on 1 September and Matamata and Christchurch later in the programme.

Counties Racing Club are acutely aware that a spinal cord injury can happen to anyone at any time, through sport, driving accident or illness, so are particularly supportive of services that help people move forward and live their lives to the full. The NZ Spinal Trust provides information, support networks and back to work services for the 3,500 Kiwis with a SCI (from accident or illness), their families, carers and supporters.

Karen Blanchard, Marketing and Sponsorship Manager at Counties Racing said "I know that horse riding accidents are second only to mountain biking when it comes to spinal cord injuries from sports. So the racing industry is keen to get behind an organisation like the NZ Spinal Trust."

Events in previous years have attracted people to a day out at the races from all over the Auckland and the Waikato area. For many it was their first time at a race track, but the friendly tote staff soon got everyone involved and the crowd was happy to pass on tips and endless advice to the new-comers.

Chris Robson, Careers Consultant at Kaleidoscope, the NZ Spinal Trust's back to work programme, said "The Pukekohe Race Day provides a great opportunity to get together with staff or friends, devour some delicious food, have a bet, and know that it's all for a good cause!"

Tickets for the Sponsored Race Day are \$60 each, and tables of ten are available.

The price includes a drink on arrival, buffet lunch with wine, dessert, unlimited tea and coffee and a finishing post view. The day features eight live horse races with an MC hosting the event throughout, and tote and bar facilities are available in the lounge.

Book your place by visiting contacting Karen at Counties Racing Club on 09 238 8049.

In addition, Sponsorship opportunities for the races are disappearing fast, so email [karen@countiesracing.co.nz](mailto:karen@countiesracing.co.nz) if your company would like to be part of this fun and inspiring day.

### **Suspension of Use of Caco Iron Copper in Performance Horses**

Following on from discussion at the recent AGM of the NZ Equine Veterinary Association (NZEVA), the NZEVA is advising members consider not using the product Caco Iron Copper in performance horses.

This is recommended until issues of detection and the potential significance of arsenic and its metabolites with regards to perceived performance enhancement, and hence its status as a prohibited substance, are resolved.

If you have any questions, please contact Murray Brightwell at [lammermoor@xtra.co.nz](mailto:lammermoor@xtra.co.nz)

### **Kiwi Christmas Parties are Sorted at the Races**

Christmas at the Races is back and bigger than ever with 20 thoroughbred Racing Clubs hosting 25 events nationwide throughout November and December. If you, or anyone you know, is organising a Christmas party for friends, family or colleagues – here's the perfect solution.

Simply reserve a prime location on raceday and you'll be free to sit back and enjoy the great atmosphere, fresh festive food, live entertainment and racing action.

Enquire at [theraces.co.nz](http://theraces.co.nz) before 31 August 2012 and go in the draw to win \$500 worth of skincare products compliments of Trilogy\*.

To find an event near you or for a free brochure [Click Here](#).

\*Conditions apply.

### **Cheltenham Dream Series 2012**

Following the running of the Grant Plumbing Wellington Steeplechase and Ricoh Wellington Hurdles on Saturday 14 July, the current leaders in the Cheltenham Dream Series 2012 table are as follows:

<b>Points</b>	<b>Horse</b>
78	Morpheus
61	Volkswagin
40	Tom's Myth

39	Penstar
37	Waitaha Toa
35	Thatz David
33	Sir Heelan
31	Brushman
29	Ho Down, Zagata
27	Myths And Legends
26	Lautenschlager
25	Borrack, At The Top
24	No Rush'N, Honey
21	Bally Heights
20	Kid Columbus, Lord Custom
19	Arose,
17	Yourein, Big Brownie
13	Dubhdara, Cheap Date, Solid Steal
12	O'Connor, Banna Strand

The next races in the Series are the Interisland Steeplechase and Paeroa Hurdle on Wednesday 25 July.

### **Flair Amateur Rider Series 2012**

After the sixth race in the Flair Amateur Rider Series at Wanganui last week the points table is:

35	Scott MacNab
22	Linda Wheeler
16	Scott Wenn
15	Danny Frye
13	Michelle Northcott
12	Aaron Kuru
10	Tauí Johnson
8	Michael Roustoby
7	Kerry King
5	John Boyack, Karen Bruce
3	Rebecca Black, Kelvin Peterson Michael Gibbs
2	Kurt Hillis, Corrie Auchterlonie, Marita Frith, Graeme Hughes
1	Nicola Brown, Jacob McKay, Jane Hunt

The next race in the Series is at Paeroa on Wednesday 25 July.

### **Senior Management Opportunity in Wellington**

#### **Manager Government Industry Agreement Secretariat – Applications Close 23 July**

***Bio security is a critical aspect of racing industry management. An experienced Senior Manager with outstanding relationship management skills is now being sought by the Ministry for Primary Industries.***

You'll establish and lead a new team and a new function: the Secretariat will bring industry and government together on bio-security matters. You'll facilitate joint decision-making and cost-sharing agreements, to enable New Zealand to better prepare for, and respond to, new pests and diseases. You'll need to engage stakeholders in this vision, and your knowledge of the Primary sector will be key to your success. We encourage applications from those of you currently working within industry organisations.

More information, including a job description, is available at:

<http://careers.haines.co.nz/MPI/Pages/Opportunities.aspx?vacancyId=cbb2e706-e7a8-4e52-bae1-0f4072d0280c>

Or to discuss the position further please contact Judith Miller [Judith.Miller@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:Judith.Miller@mpi.govt.nz) +64 4 894 2684, or Karen Pugh [Karen.Pugh@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:Karen.Pugh@mpi.govt.nz) +64 4 894 0531.

## 2012 Horse of the Year Awards to be held in the Waikato

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing's 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.

The Waikato Racing Club is racing on the same day.

Finalists for the Awards will be announced in early August. Voting papers are then sent out to the Voting Panel for submission to NZTR's auditor, Deloitte, in the week before the Awards night.

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

Tickets are available for \$150.00 each and can be obtained from Amanda Fensom on 04 576 6240 or [amanda.fensom@nzracing.co.nz](mailto:amanda.fensom@nzracing.co.nz)

Ticketing information will be included in the July issue of the *Thoroughbred Racing Monthly* magazine published on Friday, 6 July 2012.

## Turnover Information for the Period ending 15 July 2012

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								11-12	10-11
9/7	Oamaru (1)	16,811		346,655		98,006		67	
11/7	Counties (2)	52,657		699,431		164,053		123	
12/7	Wanganui	35,469	3.4%	600,694	1.2%	141,198	53.9%	82	7.9%
13/7	Sth Canterbury (3)	16,450		498,876		111,557		84	
14/7	Wellington	211,147	0.7%	1,365,883	5.0%	272,700	26.7%	94	14.5%
14/7	Whangarei (4)	79,353	26.2%	1,150,611	12.3%	276,038	7.7%	80	33.3%

(1) Oamaru JC; no equivalent meeting last year; 7 races this year.

(2) Counties RC; last year's meeting was abandoned due to waterlogged track conditions. 10 races this year.

(3) South Canterbury RC; raced on a Sunday last year, when there were 10 races, the same as this year.

(4) Whangarei RC; 8 races this year, compared with 10 races last year.

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/-	Variance +%/(-%)
Races	2,998	2,942	+56	+1.90%
Starters	31,825	31,525	+300	+0.95%
Avg Field Size	10.62	10.72	(0.10)	(0.93%)
Off-Course Turnover	306,993,036	320,691,572	(13,698,536)	(4.27%)
On-Course Turnover	33,501,949	36,774,621	(3,272,672)	(8.90%)
Total Totalisator Turnover	340,494,985	357,466,193	(16,971,208)	(4.75%)
Fixed Odds	68,417,611	55,691,891	+12,725,720	+22.85%
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	408,912,596	413,158,084	(4,245,488)	(1.03%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	136,395	140,434	(4,039)	(2.88%)
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	12,849	13,106	(257)	(1.96%)

Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,323,716,776	1,296,942,379	+26,774,398	+2.06%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	236,967,247	181,434,871	+55,532,375	+30.61%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,560,684,023	1,478,377,250	+82,306,773	+5.57%

Overall turnover was up 16.1% (+\$4.17m) last week on the same week last year, +5.6% season to date.

Racing turnover was up 16.8% (+\$3.74m) for the week, with domestic racing turnover up 19.7% (+\$2.08m).

Domestic thoroughbreds turnover was up 31.9% (+\$1.64m) (tote + fob) with two additional meetings (no Wednesday or Friday meeting last year) and 15 more races (+39.5%) with horse starts up 30.5% (avg. field size down 0.7 starters a race).

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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