

Friday 16 May 2014

FROM THE HORSE'S MOUTH -

There has been some encouraging two year old activity this week with 235 individual two year old horses accepting for races and trials, with:

- 44 acceptances for the four 2YO races carded at Tauranga, Te Aroha and Awapuni; and
- 191 acceptances for the 29 2YO barrier trial heats carded at Auckland and Waipa.

As at yesterday 4,893 individual horses have started in a race this season compared to 5,001 for the prior year period, a reduction of -108 (or -2.2%) horses which is in line with NZTR Business Plan forecast of -2.0%, with:

- Males down by -76 (or -2.9%) individual horses from 2,595 to 2,519; and
- Females down by -32 (or -1.2%) individual horses from 2,406 to 2,374.

This week also saw the release of the FY15 race dates, which contains a number of changes compared to the previous year including:

- 26 less race meetings and 159 less races as compared to FY14;
- 40 less Monday fixtures will be conducted with 14 additional meetings scheduled on Wednesdays (3), Fridays (4), Saturday (1) and Sundays (7) with one less meeting on a Thursday.
- 54.4% of all our race meetings will now be held on Saturdays 33.7%, Sundays 9.5% and Public Holidays 11.2%; and
- 3.2% increase in the proportion of races held at Strategic, Significant and Supporting venues.

Consistent with previous seasons the:

- Hawke's Bay Carnival will be held on Saturday 30 August, Saturday 20 September 2014 and Saturday 4 October 2014;
- Riccarton New Zealand Cup Carnival will be held on Saturday 8 November 2014, Wednesday 12 November 2014 and Saturday 15 November 2014;
- Auckland Christmas Carnival on Friday 26 December 2014 and Thursday 1 January 2015;
- Wellington Cup Carnival Saturday 17 January 2015, Monday 19 January 2015 and Saturday 24 January 2015;
- Karaka Million on Sunday 25 January 2015; and
- Auckland Racing Carnival on Saturday 28 February 2015 (New Zealand Derby), Wednesday 4 March 2015 (Auckland Cup) Cup and Saturday 7 March 2015.

Specific changes to the race calendar include:

- Greymouth moving on a one-year only basis to Sunday 4 January 2015 to allow Central Otago to race on Saturday 3 January 2014;

- Gisborne integrating with Wairoa to conduct a three meeting circuit in Sunday 15 February 2015 at Poverty Bay, Thursday 19 February 2015 at Wairoa and Sunday 22 February 2015 at Wairoa;
- Riverton Great Western meeting moving to a Sunday on 17 May 2015;
- Egmont races returning to a Sunday on 24 May 2015.

TV2 ON SATURDAY MAY 17TH 2014 AT 9.30AM: *JUST THE JOB* - CAREERS IN EQUINE

The TV series *Just the Job* will be airing an equine industry episode on TV2 on Saturday May 17th 2014 at 9.30am. The programme highlights careers in the Equine sector. The production team visited stables in the Waikato and Auckland.

In this programme Martin White from Sacred Heart College tries out three roles in the equine industry. His first stop is Cambridge to learn all about thoroughbred breeding at Windsor Park Stud.

He then travels to Matamata to experience working in thoroughbred racing. His last stop is working with harness racing in Takanini. The programme features Rodney Schick, Jason Bridgman, Tommy Hazlett, Graeme Styles, Virginia Tocher, Brendan Harrison, Patrick Sells, Barry Purdon, Sean Grayling and Daniel Miller.

2ND RACY GIRLS CALENDAR

After a 10-year break the second Racy Girls Calendar is being produced as a fundraiser for CATWALK TRUST - this time it is in colour. Each jockey will be dressed in a uniquely designed outfit by Ooby Ryn emulating the sponsors' racing colours.

Orders must be placed with payment and recipient's delivery address details by no later than 30th June 2014. Calendars are set to retail at \$35 each. Calendars will also be sold on track at various race meetings. For more information contact Zea Marks at 021 296 7447.

RIVERTON RACING CLUB - MONDAY 19 MAY - DISTANCE OF SPECIAL CONDITION OPEN ENTRY HURDLE

The Special Condition Open Entry Hurdle to be run at Riverton on Monday, 19 May will be run over 2500m, not the previously programmed 2600m. All other races on the programme remain unaltered.

CAMBRIDGE JUMPS TRIALS DATE CHANGE - WAS MONDAY 19 MAY, NOW MONDAY 26 MAY

The jumps trials meeting programmed for Monday, 19 May at Cambridge has been transferred to Monday 26 May. The change has been necessary to avoid engagement clashes for jumps riders. Nominations for the trials will close midday on Friday, 23 May.

ADDITIONAL JUMPS TRIALS - OTAGO RC - TUESDAY 27 MAY

Otago RC has organised a set of additional jumping trials & these will be held at Wingatui on Tuesday 27 May 2014. The trials will follow the Jumpouts previously programmed on that day.

Nominations should be made directly with Andre Klein on 027 242 3767 or via andre@wingatui.co.nz

To assist with the sourcing of riders the deadline for nominations will be 2pm, Wednesday 21 May.

AUTUMN RACING CARNIVAL NRM TRAINERS' PRIZE

Name	Runners	10 pts	6 pts	4 pts	2 pts	1 pt	Total Points
K & P Hughes	18	40	6	16	2	8	72
J & K Parsons	23	30	18	4	2	15	69
M Pitman	31	20	6	8	8	22	64
L Latta	23	20	6	4	8	15	53
Kennedy/Furlong	17	20	6		6	11	45

Claiming the prize of a \$2000 NRM feed.

In the event of a tie, stakes won is used to determine the winner.

AUTUMN RACING CARNIVAL LEADING HORSE AT THE CARNIVAL

	10 pts	6 pts	4 pts	2 pts	1 pt	Total Points
Madam Victoria	20					20
The Glitzy One	10	6		2		18
Kings Pal	10	6			1	17
Umshami Wami	10	6			1	17

Securing a \$1000 suite credit for connections at Riccarton Park on June 21st

In the event of a tie, stakes won is used to determine the winner.

THINK PINK RACE DAY AT THE WINGATUI RACES ON SUNDAY, 1 JUNE (QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND)

Book a seat or table at the NZ Breast Cancer Foundation (NZBCF) Tickled Pink Cocktail Function. Tickets for the Think Pink function are \$60 per person, which includes a \$5 per ticket donation to the NZBCF. You will receive:

- 1. A glass of Lindauer Fraise on arrival followed by club priced beverages
- 2. A reserved seat in the Winning Post Lounge, the best room in the house
- 3. All day sumptuous platters and food delivered to your table
- 4. Delicious selection of deserts
- 5. A goodie bag
- 6. Live Music
- 7. Special auctions and raffles, presentations for best dressed and NZBCF merchandise on sale

NZBCF Oaks Day features the Otago Hurdles and Steeplechase and also a special fundraising race; The NZ Breast Cancer Foundation Oaks - where seven local amateur riders will be riding against the Champion Chris Johnson in an "extra" race on the programme. Each amateur is fundraising a

minimum of \$300 for the privilege with all proceeds being donated to the NZBCF. If you want to sponsor a rider, give us a call the Otago Racing Club 03 489 6233 or 027 589 5511 and your name will be listed in the racebook as the riders official sponsor.

NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK INSURANCE PEARL SERIES BONUS RACES - JUNE-JULY 2014

Avondale JC Wednesday 11 June Maiden Two Year Old SW 800m \$7K

Avondale JC Wednesday 2 July Maiden Two Year Old SW 1200m \$7K

WAIMATE RC RACE MEETING LICENCES - SUNDAY 8 JUNE & MONDAY 7 JULY 2014

There are changes to the previously published Waimate RC programmes for its 8 June and 7 July race meetings. This has been necessary following extensive damage to the Waimate venue during a recent storm.

1. The race meeting licence programmed for Monday 7 July has been relinquished and has not been replaced. The Ashburton RC race meeting on Friday 4 July has however been upgraded from Tier 2 Feature to Feature status and, as a consequence, the following changes have been made:

Open Hcp	2100m was \$15,000, increased to \$25,000
Open Hcp	1400m was \$15,000, increased to \$25,000
Benchmark R75 Hcp	2100m was \$10,000, increased to \$17,500
Benchmark R75 Hcp	1600m was \$10,000, increased to \$17,500
Benchmark R75 Hcp	1200m \$17,500 *added to programme replacing Mdn 1600m below
Benchmark R65 Hcp*	2100m was \$8,000, increased to \$15,000
Benchmark R65 Hcp*	1400m was \$8,000, increased to \$15,000
Maiden SW	1600m *deleted & replaced by R75 1200m above

Maiden SW 1400m was \$7,000, increased to \$10,000

2. The race meeting programmed for Sunday 8 June will still be a Waimate RC licence but will be run at Oamaru. The consequential distance changes are:

Open Hcp (Waimate Cup) was 1800m, changed to 2200m

Benchmark R75 Hcp was 1800m, changed to 1600m

Benchmark R65 Hcp* was 1800m, changed to 2200m

Maiden SW was 1800m, changed to 1600m

3. The aforementioned changes have also resulted in the following amendments to the South Canterbury RC race meeting on Friday 13 June:

Benchmark R75 was 1600m, changed to 2100m

Maiden SW 1200m for \$7,000 has been changed to the following:

Maiden SW Fillies & Mares 1200m

NZTR F&M Bonus Race

\$12,000. \$7,500. \$2,400, \$1,200, \$600, \$300.

TURNOVER INFORMATION (FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 11 MAY 2014)

Date	Club	On-Course (Tote & FOB combined)		Totalisator (Off & on-course combined)		Fixed Odds (Off & on-course)		Races		Starters	
		13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13
5-May	Waipa	21,999	22,659	443,059	383,757	188,973	127,070	8	9	93	86
7-May	Matamata	31,385	20,746	653,464	398,445	187,695	125,531	8	9	91	82
8-May	Wanganui	32,811	21,222	598,231	355,829	170,972	105,253	9	8	99	65
9-May	Ashburton	28,328	18,592	510,719	362,975	148,277	123,948	8	7	99	73
10-May	Rotorua	157,217	135,671	1,485,211	1,511,335	478,116	346,937	9	9	113	113

10-May Taranaki	108,482	109,687	804,098	898,949	288,256	173,235	8	9	82	89
11-May Wairio	38,895	23,471	461,311	413,003	144,967	111,305	8	8	77	74

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance /()	Variance %/(%)
Meetings	279	285	(6)	(2.11%)
Races	2,318	2,399	(81)	(3.38%)
Total Starts	24,048	24,778	(730)	(2.95%)
Avg Field Size	10.37	10.33	0.05	0.45%
Number of races less than 8 starters	389	355	34	9.58%
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	321,798,276	323,922,307	(2,124,031)	(0.66%)
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	31,139,095	32,633,473	(1,494,378)	(4.58%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	352,937,370	356,555,780	(3,618,410)	(1.01%)
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	269,276,235	281,333,694	(12,057,458)	(4.29%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	83,661,120	75,222,087	8,439,034	11.22%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	152,259	148,627	3,633	2.44%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,676	14,390	286	1.99%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,209,256,724	1,179,414,428	29,842,296	2.53%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	218,622,912	190,676,498	27,946,414	14.66%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,427,879,636	1,370,090,926	57,788,710	4.22%
NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 30 Apr)	251,552,493	295,831,571	(44,279,078)	(14.97%)
Total Races (to 30 Apr)	2,222	2,288	(66)	(2.88%)
NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race	113,210	129,297	(16,087)	(12.44%)

Meeting details:

- 1. Waipa RC Monday meeting equivalent was a week earlier in FY13. 8 races in FY14, 9 in FY13.
- 2. Matamata RC Wednesday meeting equivalent was on a Monday last season. 8 races in FY14, 9 races in FY13.
- 3. Wanganui JC Thursday meeting equivalent was on a Tuesday last season. 9 races this season, 8 last season.
- 4. Ashburton RC Friday meeting equivalent was on a Tuesday a week later in FY13. 8 races in FY14, 9 races in FY13.
- 5. Taranaki TRI Saturday meeting equivalent ran 8 races this season, 9 last season.
- 6. Wairio JC Sunday meeting equivalent was on a Friday a week later last season.

Turnover summary notes:

- 1. Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is down 1.0% year to date.
- 2. With 81 less races than run over the same period last season, turnover per race has actually increased, up 2.4%.

- 3. Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 730, 3.0% less.
- 4. Average field size is up from 10.33 in FY13 to 10.37 in FY14, 0.05 starters per race (0.5%) more.
- 5. The number of races with less than 8 starters is now 34 higher than a season ago.
- 6. The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.3%) has been partly offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 11.2%).

7. \$NZ export turnover per race to 30 April is down (12.4%). The variance in the \$NZ/\$A exchange rate is responsible for a large proportion of this decline. The remainder, as well as the absence of any growth, appears to have resulted from the loss of coverage on Sky 1 in Australia for midweek races run after 2pm.