Thursday 8 May 2014

REPLACEMENT NORTHERN TRIALS MEETING - WAIPA - TUESDAY 13 MAY

A replacement trial meeting has been programmed for Waipa on Tuesday 13 May 2014.

A replacement meeting was sought during the current week (beginning 5 May) but, due to venue unavailability, this could not be facilitated. Nominations for the meeting close noon, Monday 12 May.

The trials programmed for Ellerslie (inside grass) on Thursday 15 May remain as programmed.

RACING TE AROHA - WEDNESDAY 14 MAY - ADDITIONAL RACE ADDED

An additional race has been added to the programme for the Racing Te Aroha race meeting on Wednesday 14 May 2014: **Benchmark Rating 65 Hcp*** - **1200m**

Of \$7,000. \$4,375, \$1,400, \$700, \$350, \$175.

All other races on the programme remain unaltered.

WOODVILLE PAHIATUA RACING CLUB - THURSDAY 15 MAY - FINAL RACE CONFIRMED

The following race has been added to the programme for the Woodville Pahiatua RC race meeting on Thursday 15 May 2014:

Jumpers Flat Highweight HCP - 2100m

Of \$7,000. \$4,375, \$1,400, \$700, \$350, \$175.

All other races on the programme remain unaltered.

The Central Region Clubs are trialing an initiative where a number of days out from a mid-week industry meeting the Central Regional Programming Committee and NZTR will confirm the additional race to be programmed based on recent nominations and a review of upcoming opportunities for those horses in the region. The flexibility to programme the extra race is designed to provide an opportunity for horses which might otherwise not be able to start.

CENTRAL REGION PROGRAMMES - RANGITIKEI RC 17 MAY

There have been some minor changes to the programme for the race meeting at Rangitikei on 17 May. They are the inclusion of stakes for horses that finish in 6^{th} to 10^{th} placings in the James Bull Rangitikei Gold Cup:

Opn Hcp 1600m (Listed Race)

Of \$50,000: \$28,125, \$9,000, \$4,500, \$2,250, \$1,125. Horses placed 6th to 10th \$1,000

No allowances

Nom \$143.75. Acc \$431.25.

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 - MAY-JULY 2014

Racing Te Aroha	Monday 14 May	Two Year Old Hcp	1000m	\$7K	
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 4 MAY 2014)

Date	Club	On-Course FOB con		Totalisator (Of combi		Fixed Odds cour	`	Rac	es	Start	ers
		13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13
28-Apr	Woodville	17,775	-	417,910	-	157,579	-	8	-	88	-
30-Apr	Avondale	40,358	60,081	656,909	621,400	245,253	201,944	10	8	110	101
1-May	Riverton	28,165	18,174	491,526	411,329	175,190	115,574	11	8	102	72
2-May	Otaki-Maori	30,166	26,475	577,307	626,190	226,563	152,403	8	8	95	93
3-May	Waikato	78,575	80,584	1,281,063	1,125,034	432,579	271,533	10	10	111	110
3-May	Canterbury	61,903	91,513	830,858	1,247,508	356,889	324,577	9	9	80	105

N7 Thoroughbrod Cummony	This Season,	Last Season,	Variance	Variance
NZ Thoroughbred Summary	Year to Date	Year to Date	/()	%/(%)
Meetings	272	277	(5)	(1.81%)
Races	2,260	2,331	(71)	(3.05%)
Total Starts	23,394	24,100	(706)	(2.93%)
Avg Field Size	10.35	10.34	0.01	0.12%
Number of races less than 8 starters	382	342	40	11.70%
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	315,518,048	317,582,082	(2,064,034)	(0.65%)
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	30,719,977	32,211,543	(1,491,565)	(4.63%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	346,238,025	349,793,625	(3,555,600)	(1.02%)
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	264,184,145	275,898,464	(11,714,319)	(4.25%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	82,053,865	73,895,161	8,158,704	11.04%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	153,203	150,062	3,141	2.09%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	14,800	14,514	286	1.97%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,181,682,686	1,152,669,226	29,013,460	2.52%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	212,566,239	185,342,212	27,224,027	14.69%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,394,248,925	1,338,011,438	56,237,487	4.20%
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. Woodville-Pahiatua RC Monday meeting had no direct equivalent in FY13.

- 2. Avondale JC Wednesday meeting equivalent was run at Counties in FY13. 10 races in FY14, 8 races in FY13.
- 3. Riverton RC Thursday meeting ran 11 races this season, 8 races last season.
- 4. Otaki-Maori RC Friday meeting equivalent was run on a Thursday at Waverley RC in late May.

Turnover summary notes:

- 1. Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is down 1.0% year to date.
- 2. With 71 less races than run over the same period last season, turnover per race has actually increased, up 2.1%.
- 3. Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 706, 2.9% less.
- 4. Average field size is up from 10.34 in FY13 to 10.35 in FY14, 0.01 starters per race (0.1%) more.
- 5. The number of races with less than 8 starters is now 40 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 11.0%).

7. \$NZ export turnover per race to 30 March 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.