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Festive Greetings

NZTR management and staff wish all readers a safe and enjoyable festive season.

The first Media Bulletin in the New Year will be published on Tuesday 12 January 2010.

NZ Racing Hall of Fame – Further Inductees named at Dinner on 5 March 2010

Ten greats of the New Zealand turf will be inducted into the New Zealand Racing Hall of Fame next March.

The Racing Hall Of Fame has announced the induction ceremony dinner will be held at Ellerslie on 5 March, the eve of the \$2.2 million New Zealand Derby at the same venue.

Already 27 racehorses and personalities have gained entry into the Hall Of Fame, with 14 inducted in the inaugural ceremony in 2006 and 13 inducted last year: <http://www.racinghalloffame.co.nz/>

Among the racing identities already in the Racing Hall Of Fame are breeding icon Sir Patrick Hogan, jockey greats Bill Broughton, Bill and Bob Skelton and Lance O'Sullivan, and training greats Dave O'Sullivan, Colin Jillings and Ken Browne.

The champion racehorses already in the Racing Hall Of Fame include Sunline, Phar Lap, Tulloch and Rising Fast.

Tickets are available at the price of \$175 per head from Joanne Davis (T:027-217-9450).

National Syndicate on New Year's Day

New Zealand TAB and Trackside will run a National Syndicate on domestic thoroughbred meetings on New Year's Day, January 1, 2010.

The expert selector will be Brent Wall, a regular panelist on First Call and Racing Manager for Manawatu Racing Club.

Bets will be spread throughout the day on races at Ellerslie, with additional bets placed on meetings at Hastings and Waikouaiti.

"The racing at Ellerslie is first class with the likes of the Group 1 Railway Handicap and City of Auckland Cup, and the majority of the bets will be placed there," said Brent. "I will also be placing bets on the Quaddie and other selected races at the two other domestic meetings."

Customers can get a share by taking a Win bet on Meeting 30, Race 1 from 22 December until 1:30pm on Friday 1 January through TAB stores, Touch Tone (0800 10 20 33) and Phonebet (0800 10 20 30) or online via the TAB.co.nz website. The dividend for a \$1 unit will be displayed approximately 20 minutes after the last race on the website and Teletext page 610.

Trackside Television (Sky Digital Ch 36), Radio Trackside, TAB.co.nz and Teletext page 610 will provide details of the bets prior to each race, along with a running pool balance. TAB TV (Sky Digital Ch 35) will also provide updates throughout the day.

For more information and terms and conditions visit www.TAB.co.nz.

NZTR Appoints Cameron George to Senior Stipendiary Steward Position

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) has appointed Cameron George as its Chief Stipendiary Steward effective 15 February 2010.

Cameron first joined NZTR in the capacity of Senior Stipendiary Steward in July 2006, after 10 years working as a Stipendiary Steward in New South Wales, and was promoted to the position of NZTR Chief Stipendiary Steward from 1 March 2007.

Since leaving NZTR he has been Chairman of Stewards for Harness Racing Victoria.

Cameron will work from NZTR's Wellington Office.

Ian Chambers Retires after 30 Years of Calling Races.

Ian Chambers has just retired as a race commentator after 30 years of service to gallops, harness and greyhound sports.

Ian has covered races from Christchurch to the West Coast and north to Blenheim. For a period he also covered Greyhounds at QE2 Park.

His replacement will be Thomas Wood, a young man who has come through the commentator cadet programme, trained and mentored by the icon Reon Murtha. Thomas has been calling trials in Canterbury as part of his training and was now ready to take on the challenge of race day.

Thomas' first full day solo will be at the Westport Trotting Club on Boxing Day. Ironically, one of the horses he will be calling home will be Ian Chambers' Darnie Cornetta.

Stake Increase at Waikouaiti 1 January 2010

Thanks to a generous sponsorship from Highview Stud, who stand the up and coming stallion, Align, the Open Handicap, 1250m, New Year's Day Sprint at Waikouaiti Races will have a stake increase of \$2,000 making the total stake on offer for the race now \$13,000.

The race will be known as the Speight's/Highview Stud New Year's Day Sprint.

Thoroughbred Bonus Scheme – Recent Results

Friday 18 December, North Canterbury

B Bonus

3rd Hughie's Hope (4g Viking Ruler – Ballycairn) \$675

Saturday 19 December, Waikato

A Bonus

3rd Damiani (4m Daggers Drawn – Sharyn Stone) \$1,350

Thoroughbred Bonus Scheme - Upcoming Bonus Races

Sat 26 Dec	Otago RC	Maiden 1600m	\$7,500
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Sun 27 Dec	Racing Rotorua	Maiden 1800m	\$7,500
Sun 27 Dec	Taranaki TR	Maiden 1200m	\$7,500
Mon 28 Dec	Auckland RC	Rating 90 1600m	\$15,000
Mon 28 Dec	South Canterbury RC	Rating 80 2100m	\$15,000

Wed 30 Dec	Racing Taupo	Rating 90 1950m	\$15,000
Thu 31 Dec	Stratford RC	Rating 80 2000m	\$7,500
Fri 1 Jan	Hawke's Bay/Waipuk.	Rating 70 2000m	\$7,500
Sat 2 Jan	Racing Tauranga	Rating 80 1600m	\$15,000
Sat 2 Jan	Wairarapa RC	Rating 90 2050m	\$15,000
Sun 3 Jan	Thames JC	Maiden 1700m	\$7,500
Mon 4 Jan	Otaki-Maori RC	Rating 80 1400m	\$15,000
Wed 6 Jan	Reefton JC	Rating 85 1400m	\$7,500
Thu 7 Jan	Hawke's Bay RI	Rating 70 1400m	\$7,500
Sat 9 Jan	Racing Tauranga	Rating 70 1400m	\$15,000
Sat 9 Jan	Woodville-Pahiatua RC	Maiden 2100m	\$7,500

For eligible 4YO horses.

Bonus race information beyond these dates can be found on www.nzthoroughbred.co.nz or www.nzracing.co.nz websites.

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Send us a picture or logo to advertise your ad (if you have one), plus a small introduction (50 words or less) and we will do the rest! It's that easy! See some examples here:

<http://www.nzracing.co.nz/marketplace/>

Contact James Preston to book your space: james.preston@nzracing.co.nz

Turnovers for the period ending 20 December 2009

Date	Club	On-Course		Off-Course		Fixed Odds		Starters	
								09-10	08-09
16/12	Counties (1)	88,216	8.9%	971,568	19.1%	86,113	57.5%	120	8.4%
17/12	Levin (2)	88,513	21.3%	1,025,315	6.1%	97,938	134.7%	128	4.1%
18/12	Canterbury (3)	93,840	27.0%	1,117,562	2.5%	118,983	172.3%	130	15.0%
19/12	Waikato	201,822	2.1%	1,489,974	18.0%	220,634	5.1%	123	6.1%
19/12	Manawatu	348,620	5.6%	2,124,744	0.5%	348,219	7.6%	140	22.8%
20/12	Tapanui (4)	83,041	20.0%	730,518	23.5%	78,892	66.8%	112	3.7%

Notes:

- (1) Counties RC; 9 races this year, compared to 10 last year.
- (2) Levin RC; 11 races this year, compared to 10 last year.
- (3) Canterbury Racing; 12 races this year, compared to 11 last year.
- (4) Tapanui RC; 11 races this year, compared to 10 last year.

Thoroughbred Summary – 09/10 Year To Date 1 August 2009 – 20 December 2009

	Off Course		On Course		Fixed Odds		Total	
Turnover	\$151,555,849		\$18,403,321		\$19,807,046		\$189,766,216	
Variance v Last Year	1.0%		2.0%		25.5%		2.8%	
Races								
No of Races v Last Year	1,191	0.1%	1,191	0.1%	872	35.2%	1,191	0.1%

Avg. Turnover per Race v Last Year	\$127,251	1.1%	\$15,452	1.9%	\$22,715	7.2%	\$159,334	2.9%
Runners								
No of Runners v Last Year	12,956	1.8%	12,956	1.8%			12,956	1.8%
Avg. Turnover per Runner v Last Year	\$11,698	2.8%	\$1,420	0.2%			\$14,647	4.6%

Note: 'Total' figure includes On-course, Off-course, Fixed Odds, Pick 6 and Six Pack Turnover.

Turnover figures are supplied by the New Zealand Racing Board.

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