



**Thursday 10 April 2014**

### **ASHLEE MUNDY MEMORIAL JOCKEY'S CHOICE AWARD WINNER**

South Island Apprentice Jockey, Courtney Barnes, won the inaugural Ashlee Mundy Memorial Jockey's Choice Award. Courtney is flying up to the North Island on 13 April and returns on the 18 April and is available for rides at Counties, Rotorua and Taranaki.

The Mundy family has kindly donated \$1,000 for this award for the next 10 years.

As part of her Award, Courtney receives a trip to Steven Ramsey's training establishment in Cambridge and will ride work for Lance Noble and Stephen Marsh.

Courtney was chosen by a panel of Senior Riders. Criteria for the Award includes overall performance on and off the track; ability and potential to go on to be a good jockey; manner on the track and in the jockey's room; dedication and enthusiasm.

### **'THEO THE THOROUGHbred' SUPPORTS NZ RIDING FOR THE DISABLED**

A children's storybook - *'Who can help Theo?'* – has just been published by NZ Riding for the Disabled. The educational book is aimed at children aged 3-10. It tells the story of Theo, a retired racehorse, who loves people and wants a new job - but not just any job. This 24-page book introduces the reader to the world of Riding for the Disabled as part of a story brought to life by illustrators Dustys & Lulu and words by Belinda Jackson.

Profits from *Who can help Theo?* will be used to help Riding for the Disabled Groups across New Zealand to run riding sessions for over 3,000 children and adults living with disabilities. Copies can be purchased for \$14.95 each at [www.rda.org.nz/kidspage/whocanhelptheo.htm](http://www.rda.org.nz/kidspage/whocanhelptheo.htm)

### **NEW RUNNING RAIL AT RICcarton PARK**

The new 'Mawsafe' plastic running rail was in use at Riccarton Park Racecourse for the first occasion at the racemeeting on Saturday 29 March 2014.

Widely in use on Australian tracks the rail has now been installed at Ellerslie, Pukekohe Park, Te Rapa and Riccarton Park as part of an overall project to roll these out to Strategic and Significant venues around the country. The Riccarton plastic rail was funded as a joint initiative between New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing, the Racing Safety Development Fund and Canterbury Racing.

Standing about 300mm higher than the previous 'Zincalume' rail its construction, materials and manner in which it joins together provides greater safety for horses and riders. Its benefits have already been experienced in an incident on Saturday 5 April when a horse gained access to the inside of the course without injury to it or rider and no damage to the rail.

### **ST JOHN'S AMBULANCE CHALLENGE**

Tim Mills, CE at the Canterbury Jockey Club, is taking part in this year's St John's Ambulance Challenge - a 12 hour night shift with St John paramedics and ambulance officers in a 'behind the scenes' experience tonight. Alongside taking part in the challenge he is also fundraising in competition with other participants to raise money for St John which goes directly to supporting the ambulance services. His fundraising link can be found at [http://www.everydayhero.co.nz/tim\\_mills](http://www.everydayhero.co.nz/tim_mills)  
Please help thoroughbred racing, through Tim, support St John during their Annual Appeal.

### **TARANAKI TRI – THURSDAY 17 APRIL - FINAL RACE CONFIRMED & FURTHER ADDITIONAL RACE ADDED**

The following races have been added to the programme for the Taranaki TRI race meeting on Thursday 17 April 2014.

#### **Benchmark Rating 65 Hcp\* - 1400m**

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

#### **Maiden Highweight SW – 2000m**

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

### **APRIL CAMBRIDGE JC JUMPING TRIALS DATE CHANGE**

The jumping trials previously programmed to take place on Thursday, 17 April at Cambridge will now be held the following week, on Thursday 24 April (commencing 10.30am).

### **TRACKSIDE CHANNEL EXCLUSIVELY ON SKY FROM 14 APRIL 2014**

From 14 April 2014 Trackside channel will be exclusively on SKY. Information on the change, including frequently asked questions, is publicly available on the [TAB website](#), while details of the SKY deal are provided at [www.skytv.co.nz/tab](http://www.skytv.co.nz/tab).

This change will enable Trackside to offer enhanced content across both channels, including an additional 5,000 races which are not currently broadcast on television. Premier events such as the Melbourne Cup, the New Zealand Trotting Cup, New Zealand Galloping Cup, Wellington Cup, Karaka Million, Waikato Sprint, Auckland Cup, Harness Jewels and the Great Northern Steeplechase will continue to be broadcast on Prime.

### **MARLBOROUGH RC – SUNDAY 27 APRIL 2014 – SPECIAL CONDITION ADDED TO MAIDEN 2YO+ RACE**

Following consultation between NZTR, the Southern Region Programming Committee & Marlborough RC a Special Condition has been added to the Maiden 2YO+ (1000m) at the Marlborough RC, race meeting on Sunday 27 April 2014.

The conditions of the race are now: **Mdn 2YO+ SW 1000m \$8,000 \$5,000, \$1,600, \$800, \$400, \$200.**

**Special Condition:** Any horse entered for this race which wins the Maiden two-year-old and upward race over 1000 metres at Waterlea Racecourse on Thursday 24 April 2014 will be eligible to start in this race and will be subject to a 2kg penalty for each such win.

### **TRIAL RESULTS**

Trial placings from 4<sup>th</sup> backwards are now being recorded in the results system by the National Racing Bureau when the videos are available. First meeting being processed is Cambridge on Tuesday, 25 March.

### **NEW ZEALAND BLOODSTOCK INSURANCE PEARL SERIES BONUS RACES – APRIL-JULY 2014**

Counties RC	Monday 14 April	Maiden Two Year Old SW	1200m	\$7K
Taranaki TRI	Saturday 10 May	Maiden Two Year Old SW	1200m	\$10K
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

### **TURNOVER INFORMATION (FOR THE PERIOD ENDING 23 MARCH 2014)**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Club</b>	<b>On-Course (Tote &amp; FOB)</b>	<b>Totalisator (Off &amp; on-course)</b>	<b>Fixed Odds (Off &amp; on-course)</b>	<b>Races</b>	<b>Starters</b>
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		13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13	13-14	12-13
31-Mar	Woodville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-Apr	Matamata	42,811	24,211	542,077	364,116	212,464	141,644	8	7	77	67
3-Apr	Otaki-Maori	35,970	45,606	569,042	749,364	233,137	231,848	8	9	83	111
4-Apr	Whangarei	38,001	62,691	346,664	454,000	151,976	138,370	6	7	47	57
5-Apr	Te Aroha	185,219	209,026	1,521,667	1,746,877	503,360	478,370	9	10	96	109
5-Apr	Hawke's Bay	74,935	-	844,770	-	279,205	-	9	-	91	-
5-Apr	Canterbury	116,069	125,485	1,071,720	1,263,953	253,338	280,840	9	9	115	112

NZ Thoroughbred Summary	This Season, Year to Date	Last Season, Year to Date	Variance +/(0)	Variance +%/(-%)
Meetings	245	247	(2)	(0.81%)
Races	2,024	2,089	(65)	(3.11%)
Total Starts	21,003	21,569	(566)	(2.62%)
Avg Field Size	10.38	10.33	+0.05	+0.50%
Number of races less than 8 starters	335	307	+28	+9.12%
Off-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	288,449,143	290,739,104	(2,289,961)	(0.79%)
On-Course Turnover (Totalisator & FOB)	28,803,507	30,396,406	(1,592,899)	(5.24%)
Total NZ Thoroughbred Turnover	317,252,650	321,135,511	(3,882,861)	(1.21%)
Subtotal Totalisator Turnover	242,428,925	253,268,353	(10,839,428)	(4.28%)
Subtotal FOB Turnover	74,823,710	67,867,158	+6,956,552	+10.25%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Race	156,745	153,727	+3,018	+1.96%
NZ Thoroughbred Turnover per Starter	15,105	14,889	+216	+1.45%
Total NZRB Racing Turnover	1,069,292,655	1,045,625,860	+23,666,795	+2.26%
Total NZRB Sports Turnover	187,317,637	161,572,318	+25,745,319	+15.93%
Total NZRB Turnover	1,256,610,292	1,207,198,178	+49,412,114	+4.09%

<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export Turnover \$NZ (to 22 Mar)</b>	221,877,052	260,505,085	(38,628,032)	(14.83%)
<b>Total Races (to 22 Mar)</b>	1,908	1,963	(55)	(2.80%)
<b>NZ Thoroughbred Export turnover \$NZ per race</b>	116,288	132,708	(16,420)	(12.37%)

#### Meeting details

- Woodville-Pahiatua RC Monday meeting was cancelled due to the surface being too firm to race on and an absence of an irrigation system at the venue. The equivalent meeting last season was abandoned for the same reason.
- Matamata RC Wednesday meeting was a Monday in late March last season, 8 races this season, 7 last.
- Otaki-Maori RC Thursday equivalent meeting was a Friday in FY13 with 9 races; this season's meeting hosted 8 races.
- Whangarei RC Friday meeting was transferred from Dargaville due to a dry track. This season the 6 races were run at Ruakaka, last season 7 races at Dargaville.
- Racing Te Aroha Premier meeting ran 9 races this season, 10 last season.
- Hawke's Bay RI Saturday meeting did not have an equivalent last year.

#### Turnover summary notes:

- Total NZ thoroughbred turnover is down 1.2% year to date.
- With 65 less races than run over the same period last season, turnover per race has actually increased, up 2.0%.
- Total starts made by thoroughbreds in NZ are down 566, 2.6% less.
- Average field size is up from 10.33 in FY13 to 10.38 in FY14, 0.05 starters per race (0.5%) more.
- The number of races with less than 8 starters is now 28 higher than a season ago.
- The decline in NZ thoroughbred totalisator turnover (down 4.3%) has been partly offset by an increase in FOB turnover (up 10.3%).
- \$NZ export turnover per race to 22 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.
- (Note the last two weeks' turnover have been compared against Easter weeks last season)