



# NZTR OWNERS FEDERATION BULLETIN Issue 1/09

## Mission Statement

To maximize the collective long term benefit of current and future thoroughbred racehorse owners and provide them with the information and assistance they require to maximize the benefits to them of available opportunities within the thoroughbred industry.

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## WELCOME

Welcome to the first issue of the NZTROF Bulletin. This is to keep all members informed on Federation and general racing matters until such time as we are able to publish the magazine again. We look forward to input from members so please forward any interesting topics to the Federation secretary.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome members and readers to the NZTROF Bulletin. The Federation has taken the step of producing this as a facility to keep members informed.

Since the Thoroughbred Owners magazine went into recess we have been investigating options for the continued development of the Federation. The agreement with NZTR will offer a strong and viable base for the growth we desire in ownership numbers and participation at regional association level.

The respective associations will receive \$25 from each subscription fee for activities that their respective committees wish to use to advance ownership and owners within their region. The balance will be utilised by the federation.

While the economic recession is still having a significant effect on turnovers, the introduction of a second racing channel by the NZ Racing Board will allow a greater personal aspect to be portrayed.

I hope that we get to meet the owners of some of the horses in feature races. I have no doubt that the enthusiasm, delight and passion relayed will captivate further potential owners.

It is now obvious that the daily print media will have a lesser effect on racing as the immediacy of internet and television is hard to compete with.

Another point of real interest to all NZ owners is the continuing development of Asian racing, Singapore in particular. The recent addition of 300 new stable boxes there must inevitably affect what owners are willing to pay for the purchase of thoroughbreds and what they will accept in the event of a sale.

I wish all owners a successful season, invite you to participate at your regional association level at every opportunity, and hope to witness some outstanding performances as we have in recent years.

Thoroughbred racing may be the 'Sport of Kings' but it is also the 'King of Sports'.

## SECRETARY'S DESK

### From the AGM, held on August 30.

**Patron:** Alan Galbraith QC.

**President:** Neil Oldfield.

**Delegates:** Auckland - Neil Miller, Waikato - Jenny Cowan, Bay of Plenty - Keith Herbert, Hawke's Bay - Tony Lyndon, Manawatu - Allan Fenwick, Wanganui - Neil Oldfield, Taranaki - Noel Hurley, Central South Island - Fiona Hurst, Co-opted - Greg McCarthy.

New rules were adopted changing the financial year to end on July 31, thus bringing it line with other racing organisations.

The membership structure of the Federation and all Regional Associations was also changed. All members are now members of the Federation - which then pays a capitation fee to each member's nominated association. This will centralise and simplify the annual subscription process that will be handled by the Federation and will facilitate consistent communications with all members.

As a result, a uniform subscription fee has been set at \$40 for the coming financial year - as enclosed.

### From the Delegates meeting

An executive committee was appointed comprising of The President, Secretary, John Rennie, Allan Fenwick and Greg McCarthy.

An agreement with NZTR was adopted to help fund, promote and expand the Federation and its membership.

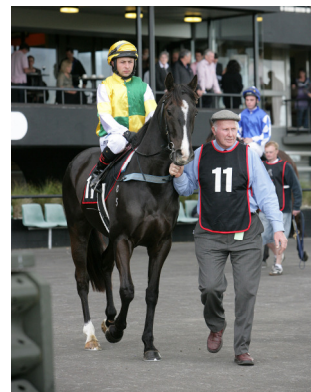
NZTR will also help with the printing and posting of subscription invoices, the Federation Bulletin and upgrading the owners website.

NZTR will also send their news releases to Members who have email addresses. If you wish to receive those be sure to include your email address when you return your subscription.

## PHOTO GALLERY



**Qualitee, by Kapstaad, has had three nice placings to date and is ready to embark on a new campaign for former Federation president Ada Parnwell and trainer Lee Somervell.**



**Waikato committeeman John Steffert with Back In Black. By Storm Creek from Shurticia, Back In Black is owned by John, Mrs H M & Miss P J Steffert and trained by John. The four-year-old recorded back-to-back wins, in the The Informant 1400 at Counties on September 20 and Moet & Chardon Premier (1400m) at Hawke's Bay on October 3.**

## REGIONAL ROUND-UP

### Auckland

**President:** Ken Cramer Roberts. **Secretary:** Diane Martin.

Each year, just before the commencement of daylight saving, the Auckland branch has a day out visiting studs and stables.

This year it attracted a full bus load of owners and the tour commenced at Steven Cooper's Brookby Stables, where Auckland Cup winner Spin Around was paraded.

The party was shown the treadmill, the stable's technical approach to training and the exercise track, which went up into the dizzy heights.

There was also an interesting question and answer time with trainer Steve Cooper.

The next port of call was to the McKee stables at Ardmore.

Sunline we saw you cosy in your stable, with Boundless opposite you asking questions how to be so able.

Sunline we know where you will always be found now Boundless will carry on those whispers advising how to take over the crown.

One got the feeling it's a very busy stable hence the results.

A big thanks to Steve and Trev.

It was then off to Ardmore Lodge, the property of Jamie Graham, and then next door to a new comer to the training ranks in Daniel Flavell and his partner Sara Boyd.

Both are great set-ups, with an excellent training track and facilities.

You could say that Ardmore Lodge, along with Bruce and Ray Wallace's Village Farm and the Avondale racecourse are the training places that service the Auckland owners.

It was then on to a luncheon at the Kentish Hotel, Waiuku, where the guest speaker was accountant and Counties committeeman Mark Taylor.

He gave an informative address on ownership and its implications and rewards.

Moir Murdoch's stable was the next call, where everyone got a chance to get up close to the 20-year-old 1994 Cox Plate winner Solvit.

The huge sized stables, regularly groomed training beach and picturesque countryside are the ingredients that make up her successful operation.

It was then on to Wayne and Alison Larsen's Te Runga Stud where their three resident stallions, Strategic Image, Chianti and Castledale, were paraded and analysed.

Seeing stallions in the flesh, showing their behaviour and temperament, is a must for owners in the breeding game.

Time was moving on, with the last scheduled stop being Abderby horse school.

There Cheski Brown, a retired jockey from England, greeted the party, along with four of her staff.

A practical demonstration was then given of handling a youngster in (a) a chute with a rider on (b) in the huge dome with the long rein (c) out in the jumps arena (d) being ridden for the 10<sup>th</sup> time. The whole process was an eye opener for all.

The Auckland association's other major activity was helping to sponsor the Auckland Owners' Cup at Avondale. This race was won by Sunline's son. He is a big boy and hopefully he could work his way to continue the precious breeding lines of his famous dam and leading sire.

The Auckland association's AGM is to be held on Sunday, October 18, in the Takanini Room at the Ellerslie racecourse, commencing at 2pm. There will be a guest speaker and refreshments.

If you have any news or obituary notices please phone a committee member.

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### Waikato

**President:** Jenny Cowan. **Secretary:** Barbara Keyte.

From our "FED PRES" - Make History or Be History!

With this in mind, we have made some changes. We have undergone a joint relationship with NZTR for the betterment of

both parties, as outlined by our Federation secretary, Jim Keyte.

This should enable every association to be pro-active in lifting membership numbers; improved administration areas; remove the burden of invoicing subscriptions; various online communication options; be part of an improved website; and benefit from a grant from NZTR to the Federation to cover operating expenses.

When our gaming grant money was withdrawn, we were forced to stop publishing the Owners magazine.

It was a vital part of the workings of the Owners' Federation and our wish is that we continue with a similar production.

We welcome any offer, if there is someone interested in putting a new version together. It can be an entirely different version, and can be a three monthly or six monthly production. It is a real challenge for someone to try their hand at publishing - you only need an editor!

Contact the Federation secretary or Jenny Cowan on 07 827 6654.

The AGM is to be held on 16 November at Cambridge Jockey Club rooms.

### Hawke's Bay

**President:** Tony Lyndon. **Secretary:** Henry Taylor.

#### Association projects

The by-monthly award for Hawke's Bay owners is still very well received. It is a joint project by the Hawke's Bay association and the Hastings National Service Club.

The winners from the 2008-09 racing season were:

**August – September:** Don Gordon – Secret Mission.

**October – November:** Derek Hill – Baloo.

**December – January:** Dr Peter Foley – TonaFun.

**February – March:** Murray Anderson – Twoeezy.

**April – May:** John Bary & Allan Chapman – Miss Isti.

The Hawke's Bay Racehorse Owners Association, in conjunction with Greg Horton Plumbing Limited, again staged a Jumping Riders' series run over all hurdle and steeplechase races run on the Hastings track this year. The series was won by Richard Eynon with 49 points from Shelley Houston on 35.

The Association gave caps to the strapper of the winning horse in each of the 15 jump races.

Without the sponsorship of the Hastings National Service Club, Greg Horton Plumbing Ltd and Reinforcing Steel & Mesh Ltd (Mr Peter Kitson), the association would not be able to carry on with the projects and we sincerely thank them for their assistance.

The annual Hawke's Bay Racing & Breeding Awards evening resulted in the following awards –

**Sue Harty** won the Breeder of the Year Award which is based on the most points of horses bred during the year by a breeder.

**Kelly Burne**, who was training out of Waipukurau but has now shifted to Hastings, shared the top billing with Paul Nelson on the most wins. They had nine wins each.

**Kelly** also won the award for the trainer with the best strike-rate. It was 6.44, which was one of the highest in the country.

She also trained **My Astron**, who won both the Hawke's Bay-trained Horse of the Year and Hawke's Bay Owned Horse of the Year awards.

The leading owner of the year, also worked out on a points system, was **John Bary** who was also in his first year as a trainer and saddled up seven winners.

Champion broodmare was **Gussy Godiva** who was the dam of this year's AJC Derby winner Roman Emperor and is owned by Waipukurau's Mick Ormond.

### Manawatu

**President:** Jim Watson. **Secretary:** Allan Fenwick.

#### Racing Awards

The 2009 Regional Racing Awards Dinner was held in the Silks Lounge, Awapuni racecourse, at the beginning of September.

The function, sponsored by New Zealand Bloodstock, provided an opportunity to recognise outstanding achievements during the past season and it was very pleasing that, for the first time, all of the racing clubs in the region were involved – Marton, Rangitikei, Feilding, Manawatu, Foxton, Levin, Otaki-Maori and Wellington.

Hopefully this spirit of co-operation will continue to grow in the future.

Many of the categories were closely contested, a good indication of the successful season enjoyed by horses, riders and trainers from the region.

Winners on the night were –

**Outstanding Horse** – Daffodil, raced by Gary & Mark Chittick.

**Outstanding Broodmare** – Dorinka, owned by John O'Brien, the dam of Gallions Reach.

**Outstanding Owner** – Bruce McCarrison, Peter Cutts, Gordon Powley, Kevin Donovan & Sarah Haworth, owners of MacO'Reilly.

**Outstanding Trainer** – Lisa Latta.

**Outstanding Owner-trainer** – Martin O'Malley.

**Outstanding Jockey** – Hayden Tinsley.

**Outstanding Apprentice** – Buddy Lammass.

**Outstanding Contribution to Racing** – Gerald Fell.

### Race Trials

The association has continued its involvement in conducting race trials this past season at Foxton (4 meetings) and Woodville (2 meetings).

More trials were scheduled but bad weather caused cancellations. The association is appreciative of the clubs for making their facilities available and for those who assist on trials day.

The association is also pleased to note that the NZTR directive limiting the distances over which trials can be programmed has been amended from the start of the new season, much to the relief of owners and trainers.

## **Taranaki**

The association's AGM was held on Sunday, September 6.

**President:** Cedric Syd Adlam.

**Vice-president:** Kerin Schumacker.

**Life member:** Dave Brophy.

**Committee:**– J. Thompson, B. Schumacker, R. Stanley, W. Collins, J. Goodwin & N. Hurley.

Also in attendance were Mr Neil Oldfield & Mr Ian Hackett, who informed the members of the changes taking place within the Owners Federation that will improve the communication between the Federation and its members as well as give NZTR a better understanding of the Owners Federation.

The association's annual dinner and awards evening was held on Tuesday, September 22, in conjunction with the Taranaki-Wanganui Branch of NZTBA and the guest speaker was Jane Ivil.

Special thanks to the generous sponsorship by Mark Corcoran of Grangewilliam Stud.

Trials are planned at the Waverley racecourse on Friday, November 20 and Tuesday, January 12.

The Taranaki District Turf Club wishes all owners and trainers the best for the future and will endeavour to run trials for the betterment of their horses.

We encourage more owners and everyone to be part of a team who organise these trials and to enjoy this thoroughbred industry.

## **Wanganui**

The Wanganui Owners Association held its AGM on September 10.

**Patron:** Charles Simpson.

**President:** Ian Hackett.

**Vice-presidents:** Charlie Waaka & Paul Bardell.

**Secretary:** James Talbot.

**Trial Secretary:** Janice Webster.

**Committee:** Neil Oldfield, Mark Healey, Alan Hawkins, Judy Duncan, Mark Buckley, Bryce Hackett, Brian O'Dea, Paul Smith, Eddie Symes.

Janice Webster was made a Life Member, after 30 years a member of the association and secretary for many years.

Janice is the proud owner, along with others including committeemen, Paul Bardell, and Brian O'Dea, of the very promising Beau Dane.

The president highlighted our 50<sup>th</sup> Year celebrations when we sponsored the fillies race and we all had a great day.

Our guest speaker was Tim Pearce, who was the selector and vet for the Olympics.

The horses were stabled in Japan, where the facilities were amazing.

Thank-you Tim, as your knowledge and passion is awesome.

All the best to all of our members for the coming season.

## **Central South Island**

**President:** Fiona Hurst.

**Secretary:** Richard White.

Our committee is busy putting the finishing touches to a new Summer Points Series, which will be run over a three month period, and eligibility for entry will be for financial members of our Central South Island Association.

They will be able to nominate racehorses that they share in the ownership of and each horse will earn points by racing during the three month period, culminating in an overall winning horse and placegetters.

It is hoped that this series will provide an incentive for owners to join our association and therefore be given the opportunity to cash in on some extra monetary rewards.

We will also be providing race sponsorship for some of our local meetings this season.

In the last six months trainers within our region have provided us with a lot of winners, many of whom have been bred, owned, or raced by members of this association.

Fourteen trainers have trained 31 individual winners.

## **GENERAL NEWS**

**Web site:** [www.racehorseowner.co.nz](http://www.racehorseowner.co.nz)

Check the upgraded site.

### New Rating 70 Conditions

NZTR has recently announced a decision to implement set weights with penalties & allowances conditions for all Rating 70 races.

The scale of weights for these races includes a 1.5kg sex allowance for fillies and mares. The base weight for a one win horse is 56kg, with each subsequent win incurring a 1kg penalty up to a maximum of 59kg for horses that have won four races or more. Fillies and mares then receive a 1.5kg allowance.

The penalty structure does not mean that a two, three or four win horse remains eligible for a Rating 70 race. Eligibility will continue to be determined by rating. Horses rated higher than 65 that win Rating 70 races will generally be re-rated out of the Rating 70 band regardless of the weight carried.

The penalties and allowances will determine the weight a horse will have to carry if it drops back into the band, or wins with a low rating and remains in the band.

Maiden winners continue to be rated to 68 or 69 and are then assessed by a handicapper at each subsequent run.

Fillies and mares will always receive an allowance in Rating 70 races, but there will be no change to the way they are weighted in handicap races.

The following table summarises the weight received under the new conditions.

RACES WON	CG&E WEIGHT	F&M WEIGHT
0-1	56kg	54.5kg
2	57kg	55.5kg
3	58kg	56.5kg
4+	59kg	57.5kg

### **Pollocks' UK trip**

Waikato members Brett Pollock and his wife Narelle embarked on a UK trip to see the Cheltenham Gold Cup and the Grand National. They relayed the following observations.-

We went to the last two of the four day Cheltenham festival.

A huge crowd was ferried to the course from the railway station in double decked buses.

A very picturesque course but the jumps were a long way from the viewing areas.

The field sizes ranged from 16 to 28, and on the same day there were two other jumping meetings in Britain. The Queen was present to see her horse finish down the track.

The Grand National at Aintree, just out of Liverpool was held three weeks later.

Another massive crowd was in attendance. We found that we could not see the horses in the parade ring and get to the stand in time to watch the same race.

Forty horses started in the Grand National and there were a further 33 entries eliminated. Try picking a winner out of that.

The two New Zealand-breds, by Super Imposing and Zabeel, both fell.

We walked the course before the first race and were able to view the immense size of the obstacles, particularly those with an open ditch in front.

The fields were up to 28 runners, with dividends paid up to 4th place.

Other observations were -

Less than one in three horses wore jumping boots.

Leather reins were in use.

Horses were washed down with a bucket in the unsaddling closure.

The top jockeys are treated like movie stars and are besieged by autograph hunters, almost entirely female, on the way to the mounting yard.

The jumpers' flats are all over more than two miles.

The champion jockey, Tony McCoy, had 800 rides for 178 wins for the season up until Aintree. He has yet to win a National !

The crowd at both events was made up almost entirely of Anglo Saxon type people which, given the cosmopolitan make-up of the UK population, was surprising.

They are great jumping courses but, from a spectators perspective, don't rate with Ellerslie, Te Rapa or even Paeroa for that matter.

These two festivals are icon events on the UK sporting calendar and enjoy wall to wall media coverage, and massive public support. Apparently the jumping (National Hunt) scene has never been stronger than it is now. It's a pity a bit of it couldn't rub off on us here.

As supporters of jumping we viewed this trip as a Muslim would a pilgrimage to Mecca - something that should be done at least once in a lifetime.

### **MORE PHOTOS**



**Trackwork morning at Cambridge: Margaret Carter riding The Guitar Man, who is said to be a lovable but problem horse.**

**He's hoping they will put him in a race if he puts in the ground work!**



**At the Cambridge Jockey Awards evening, Ngaire Fraser won the Leading owner-trainer award with her horse, Sanjeev. By St. Petersburg out of Waiwinet, he won four races last season, a fine achievement for an owner-trainer.**

### **JOIN UP**

Now you have succeeded in your ambition of owning a racehorse, it is important that you protect your interests by joining the Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners Federation.

You have the choice of which association you would like to join, with Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Hawkes Bay, Manawatu, Taranaki, Wanganui and Central South Island being the respective regions.

This will ensure that you not only have full participation within the organisation, but also help to create a strong base from which the Federation can build a constructive policy to directly benefit owners.

### **Membership Application Form**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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\_\_\_\_\_

**Post Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Tel:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to be associated with -

Auckland	<input type="checkbox"/>	Bay of Plenty	<input type="checkbox"/>
Hawkes Bay	<input type="checkbox"/>	Manawatu	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taranaki	<input type="checkbox"/>	Waikato	<input type="checkbox"/>
Wanganui	<input type="checkbox"/>	Central South Island	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_