

# OWNERS' BULLETIN

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NEW ZEALAND THOROUGHBRED  
**RACEHORSE OWNERS**  
FEDERATION



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## OUR GOAL

TO IMPROVE THE ECONOMICS, INTEGRITY AND PLEASURE OF THE SPORT OF THOROUGHBRED RACING ON BEHALF OF ALL OWNERS.

### PRESIDENT/MEMBERS COUNCILLOR'S MESSAGE

Neil Oldfield

Welcome members and readers to this last Owners Bulletin for the season.



The season is all but over, the shortest day is a memory, and we all look forward to the increasing daylight hours. I expect that the spring cannot come soon enough for the equine athletes and their supporters. I must say however, what a revelation the jumping races have been so far. Close finishes with great displays of hurdling and steeplechasing. A few years ago, the jumping calendar was revitalised and shortened and prize money was increased. This has certainly paid dividends. A jumping horse in form is a delight to watch and wager on.

At a recent Executive meeting, Matt Goodson and Victoria Carter outlined the NZTR Strategic Plan to members. The Executive was impressed with the depth and direction of the proposals as outlined. I would encourage all members to attend the regional forums scheduled for September to gain an understanding and knowledge of the future as seen by the NZTR Board. The proposal offers significant reason for optimism. There are clear targets and goals, and the finalising of contractual agreements is expected shortly.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank most sincerely Matt Goodson for the work and effort he has done over the last few years. We are saddened by his decision, due to work pressure, to not seek re-election as a Director of NZTR. His stewardship has seen NZTR move forward with a significant improvement in financial stability, the addressing of key elements, such as Sky TV, the movement towards addressing the Racefield legislation and a number of other vital ingredients to make thoroughbred racing sustainable and progressive. He is not a man alone, the whole Board is striving to achieve. But certainly congratulations on a job exceedingly well done are merited.

All the best for the remainder of the season.

Cheers, Neil.

## ALIESHA MORONEY – PROJECT MANAGER NZTR

**Winter is now upon us and jumps racing is in full flight. No doubt those of you who own a share in a jumper have experienced the thrill that jumps racing can offer and hopefully have also enjoyed success.**

Since my last update New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) sent out an Ownership Questionnaire which aimed to better understand the needs of thoroughbred owners throughout the country. The survey was sent out via email and post, with over 2,196 owners taking the time to respond. To encourage owners to complete the questionnaire a \$1,000 incentive that went toward the winning owner's training fees was offered. I can say it was certainly nice to be able to phone Dave D'abo who was the winner of the prize draw to congratulate him.

We have not long received the report back from IER, the independent organisation who ran the questionnaire on NZTR's behalf, however we have learnt a lot from the results. Below you can find a very high-level summary of the key findings.

By simplistically taking the most common, or the average of responses provided by respondents, the 'typical' New Zealand thoroughbred owner:

- Is likely to be approximately 59 years of age and either male or a couple living with no children at home.
- Is likely to live in the Waikato and Auckland regions, be self employed or employed full time and earn on average \$117,250 before tax.
- Sees themselves as a 'horse racing fan' and has ownership interests in two horses.
- Is likely to be loyal to one trainer and have been with their current trainer for 5 years or more.
- Will have selected their trainer initially through an acquaintance recommending the trainer or by researching the trainer's reputation, winning record or strike rate.
- Is likely to continue their involvement in racehorse ownership in the next 12 months.
- Is motivated to own a thoroughbred race horse for 'the thrill of winning', 'the fun/ excitement of racing' and 'the love of horses'.
- Prefers industry ownership privileges to be focused around race days, rather than external benefits, such as discounts/vouchers etc.
- Believes that 'winning or having a horse running well' is the most memorable part of their ownership experience.
- Finds the 'financial aspect' of racehorse ownership is considered to be the least liked aspect of the sport.
- Wants to win the TV3 NZ Derby more than any other race.
- Prefers for their trainer or syndicate manager to communicate with them by email, over the phone or in person over more modern forms of communication such as audio reports, videos or via social media.
- Has a smart phone or tablet and use them to access social media/networking and wagering websites and apps as well as watching replays of races/trials and searching for other racing/ ownership content.

The findings presented above are at a very high-level and may not have surprised many of you. However, when we dig deeper into respondent feedback and identify specific owner segments and trends or common themes, then the insights gained are extremely useful for NZTR, trainers, racing managers, syndicators and racing clubs.

This information allows us to understand the ownership profile and the wants and needs of owners throughout the country so that we can structure our plans to best meet these needs and focus resource accordingly. For example, knowing that people are motivated to become owners for the thrill of winning, the fun/excitement of racing and for the love of horses suggests any campaign we produce to attract new owners must show case these elements of the sport.

It also shows us that it is important that the industry creates an ownership experience for our current owners that celebrates their wins, ensures they are having fun and allows them (subject to ensuring safety) to get up close with their horses.

We would like to thank those of you who participated in the survey for taking the time to do so, it is greatly appreciated. We look forward to reporting back to you about how we have used this data to improve the ownership experience and hopefully attract more owners to our great sport.

Good luck with any runners you may have in the near future. We also look forward to the nominations for the national awards closing and celebrating the success of many of our owners at the Thoroughbred Horse Of The Year Awards next month.

### NEW ZEALAND THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE OWNERS FEDERATION INC

## NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Wednesday 2 September 2015 at 10.00am  
(Morning Tea)

Awapuni Racecourse, Palmerston North.

#### AGENDA

1. Welcome.
2. Apologies.
3. Minutes of 2014 AGM.
4. Matters arising from those minutes.
5. Correspondence relative to the AGM.
6. President's Report.
7. Reviewed Accounts.
8. Subscriptions. 2016/17 season.
9. Capitation Fee to Associations for the 2016/17 season.
10. Confirmation of Delegates –  
Auckland Central South Island  
Hawkes Bay Manawatu  
Waikato Wanganui

11. Appointments –  
Patron, Reviewer, Hon Solicitor

12. General Business.  
Notice of Motion: "That the Rules of the Federation as amended in whole and publicised via Federation website be accepted"

Jim Keyte (Secretary)



# EDITORIAL

Neil Miller

**It's been a funny old winter. Snow galore in the south, excess rain in the CD and very mild in the north. It's a time when those who can head for foreign shores for more sunlight hours and to follow their passions.**

Michael Dowd Auckland Owners Secretary and his wife Barbara headed off to the UK to take in the racing at Royal Ascot. They have kindly written for us to tell us of the experience. It's instructive and if you were wishing to emulate them you can't just swan in to the Royal enclosure. First comes a Vet Check before you are declared a starter!

Midnite who is a bit of a dark horse writes about the Myers family. It's a really nice story of a family of "go getters."

Tony Lyndon, the Hawkes Bay Owners stalwart, is also the Manager of the Bogga Syndicate's Mr Mor who won the Hawkes Bay Steeplechase. Tony writes for us about the group and the horse. What he doesn't say is that they hadn't planned to race but when only 4 or 5 noms came in Tony got on the blower to trainer Evan Rayner and said "What do you reckon?" As it turned out there were nine starters eventually and it was a strong win by Mr Mor.

Brent Cooper and I talk about Social Racing. It's a low cost way of becoming involved. in 'Ownership' and to get people talking about racing as well as getting them to the races.

Brent, an ideas man with a sales and marketing background in the fashion industry, cut his teeth in syndication 7 years ago with the "Auckland Racing Club Winners Circle" syndicate. This sought to create a niche operation that was

complimentary to the industry. NZTR have taken a close interest in the success of this and other entry level ownership initiatives, leading to the launch of Social racing in 2013. They have recently extended Social Racing for a further season.

A big thank you to Aliesha Moroney for bringing us the results of the NZTR Owners Survey. As is said with navigation, "If you don't know where you are now how are you going to get to where you want." We value our connection to NZTR and having the very bright Aliesha as our intermediary.

Right at the back is a great story of Triple Crown winner American Pharoah from the unrivalled 'Sports Illustrated.'

I sought their permission to use it and got a stock email that said I might not get a reply from their editorial department. I didn't hear back so after giving it some thought put it in as its superb journalism by Tim Layden who goes 'all out.'

There is a vexing story about cobalt that's looking at the situation from the equine welfare aspect. It is a most unwelcome situation to confront the industry. In my opinion the problem in Australia has come about from expediency, whereby Authorities were aware of the use and sought to eliminate that with strong warnings of punitive action. They set a high level of 200, which apparently did not discourage, with probably the idea to lower the level as soon as compliance became apparent. Unfortunately the stuff is a heavy metal and with usage cumulative.



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## OUR COVER

HIGH TAILING IT – MR MOR WINS  
THE HAWKES BAY STEEPLECHASE

In my view expediency has no place in administration. Integrity is not only required from licence holders and owners it should extend to administration too.

Well as I said that's my opinion and if yours differs I don't mind that.

Lets move on with some happy news...

Lucinda Laxon  
is having a  
baby – was our  
announcement in  
the last issue. Well  
Luci and husband  
Steven Christopher  
have been blessed  
with the birth of...  
Turn to page 7  
for Awwwww!



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## PRESS RELEASE

# HASSELHOOF TO REMAIN IN NEW ZEALAND

**Hasselhoof's trainer and part-owner, Donna Logan, has called on racing royalty to ensure the three-year-old will not be lost to New Zealand.**

Off-shore offers for the son of Tavistock, a \$14,000 yearling purchase, have exceeded \$1 million however he will remain in New Zealand with industry identities Sir Peter Vela, Sir Patrick Hogan, the Dowager Duchess of Bedford, Jim and Ann Gibbs, Berri Schroeder, Bob Emery, Gerald Shand, Gary Hannan, Shayne Heape and Wealleans Bloodstock joining in the ownership.

"It's a win-win for all of us," said Logan. "I'm excited and honoured to be able to continue to be involved in this horse's career.

"It's great for New Zealand racing that we can retain him and everyone feel part of it.

"What he's done to date has been amazing and he may well join Volkstok'n'barrell in Melbourne.

"The thing about him is the further he goes the faster he goes – we saw that the way he gapped them last Saturday. He's out of a Zabeel mare and there's so much stamina elsewhere in his pedigree, so who knows, this time next year we could have a serious Melbourne Cup prospect."

*Every once in a blue moon a horse will win by a street and we quickly get excited all over again. Hasselhoof the late (November) 3yo gelding shocked us all the other day by the manner and ease of his win at Ruakaka. Quickly the excitement was tempered with the news he was going to be sold and even our cousins across the ditch lamented on Racing chat sites that they would not see him.*

*Then came the exciting news you see above. Although it was said that the purchasers acted on the desire to protect and enhance the value of Hoss's young sire Tavistock, we who love the game can only feel grateful to be able to follow this horse's potential.*

*Our pleasure is enhanced by the knowledge that the principals in the negotiation are our members. They are Sir Peter Vela, Sir Patrick Hogan, the Dowager Duchess of Bedford, Jim and Ann Gibbs and Gerald Shand. And of course on the other side of the deal is part owner and trainer Donna Logan a long time owner.*

*We know that its early days and there is no sure thing in racing and this is a big punt. But it's a good one and it sure is going to be exciting to see how it plays out. The very best of fortune to you all!*

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# REGIONAL ROUNDUP

## AUCKLAND & NORTHLAND ADVICE

Neil Miller

### WAL HILSDEN EULOGY

**Wal was a deeply valued Committee member of our Auckland Thoroughbred Owners Association. He was valued for his intelligence, clear thinking and well stated opinions. We followed Wal's health issues with growing concern because we were all very fond of him.**

I edit the New Zealand Thoroughbred Owners Bulletin and Wal was my biggest fan, he praised my writing lavishly. If I was first with a story he called me Scoop, so I thought Wal was just the best.

Wal and I loved to chat about our horse hopes and we also talked about his health. He said, "Every time the cardiologist gives me a bad report I buy another share in a horse" They are only small shares but a win is the same no matter the size of the share"

Winning is uplifting. It is something you keep in your head and in your heart.

If you liken a life to a race the start does not define the outcome. The middle part is important where good placement is most advisable, but it's the push on to the finish that decides the outcome.

Wal was a Winner and wasn't he a magnificent one? Julie and the family had the biggest shares in him but all of us here had a small share too. So we were so very fortunate in that. And that is something we can keep in our heads and our hearts. Bye for now Wal, as Damon Runyon said, "See you at the track sometime!"

*Wal was a great runner and in his life completed 50 marathons including all the majors such as New York, Hawaiian, Tokyo and London. At the age of 65 he ran 500kms in 10 days through Nepal. He arrived at the end of every day ahead of his age group competitors.*

*Wal had many shares in horses in his life the best of them being the Te Akau trained Spellbinder.*

Auckland Committee member Frances Crimmins, of Sir Slick fame, advises that she has found a home for her Little Wonder. It's all about keeping the gene pool going.

### LITTLE WONDER TO STAND IN TARANAKI

19<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2015 PRESS RELEASE

*Regal Fern Lodge in association with owner Frances Crimmins will stand Little Wonder (NZ), the only son of eight-time champion sire Volksraad at stud in New Zealand, this breeding season.*

*The three-quarter brother to mighty galloper Sir Slick was victorious on six occasions, twice at Group Three level and also placed at the elite level in the Railway Stakes won by Bounding last year.*

*"We are absolutely delighted to be able to keep this bloodline in New Zealand, and to continue the legacy that the now deceased Volksraad has left," said Crimmins.*

*Little Wonder will be standing at the Taranaki stud farm for the 2015 season at an introductory price of \$1,000 + GST.*

**For further details email [regalfarmlodge@gmail.com](mailto:regalfarmlodge@gmail.com)**

Hayden Nicholson, Peter Lister and Michael Dowd are also Auckland committeemen. Hayden part owner of Addictive Habit had plenty to cheer about when the good horse won a \$100k race in Brisbane.

Peter's Les Silk came back to racing with a nice 4th at Te Teko after copping a couple of bumps.

Michael Dowd Auckland Secretary who has been swanning around with the toffs at Royal Ascot is heading to Singapore to see his Mark Walker trained Aspen run in the Singapore Derby on 12 July. At the time of writing it looked like he would need another win to get the qualifying points.

## HAWKES BAY HAPPENINGS

Tony Lyndon

**Gold Moet won his second race for Graham Wainwright when winning at Hastings on May 7th. He last won 2 years ago at Waipukurau. Graham purchased Gold Moet as a weanling for \$11,000 at the Karaka Mixed Bloodstock sale.**

Gwynethanne took her earnings to over \$100,000 when winning at New Plymouth on May 9th. She is raced by a syndicate which includes Lindsay McIntosh who is on the Hawkes Bay Owners Committee and was also in the syndicate that raced Tilbury Docks, the winner of over \$100,000. Lindsay is also in the Bogga Syndicate that races the steeplechaser Mr Mor who is approaching the \$100,000 mark.

Sea Prince will do his future racing in Australia after demolishing a good field in the Waikato Steeplechase. The winner of 13 races and more than \$440,000 in stakes, he was bred by Sue Harty at Pourere Station and races in partnership with Rachel Frost and Chris O'Reilly. The winner of last year's Australian Grand National Hurdles and 3rd in the Grand National Steeple another trip is being planned.

Kipkeino won his 3rd race from his last 4 starts when winning the \$25,000 open handicap at Awapuni on the 13th June. He has now won 6 races from 37 starts and nearly \$90,000 in stake money. Raced and trained at Waipukurau by the husband and wife team of Will and Lucy de Lautour, he is adept in heavy going and will probably been seen in a jumping roll towards the end of the season.

Mr Mor returned to winning form at Hawera by winning the steeplechase by 12 lengths, he has now won 7 races 3 of them over jumps. His last 2 seasons have been cut short by injuries, however this season he was rejuvenated after a back manipulation. From his Hawera win he ran close 2nds at Wellington and Manawatu. He is raced by the Bogga Syndicate, who are members of the Hawkes Bay Owners Assn.

Waipukurau's N.Z. Show jumping representative Simon Wilson and Waverley trainer Sam Lennox with Patea resident Paul Mitchell have the makings of a top jumper in Field Daze. Making his jumping debut at Hawera he gave a faultless exhibition to win the maiden hurdle. Heavy conditions seemed to suit him so he should be in for a good winter.

Couplands Mile winner Addictive Habit returned to winning form in a \$112,000 listed 1800m race on Australia's Gold Coast. Unplaced in the Group One Doomben Cup and Group 3 Lord Mayors Cup it was thought he may have been suffering a virus at the time. The connections which include breeders Isobel and Graham Roddick decided to leave him with ex Kiwi Bevan Laming at Jacob Wells. He will have one more start before freshening up and coming home for the Hastings Spring Carnival. Addictive Habit has won 8 races and placed 8 seconds with stakes amounting to \$360,000. He was the last foal of Chasing the Habit who had 10 to race and all but one were winners.

The Bi-Monthly Trophy for April/May has been won by Graham Wainwright's Gold Moet.





Taaxman Collects again

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## WAIKATO WORDS

Jenny Cowan

**There are a group of OWNERS' who don't fear the regular taxman because – they OWN a horse called Taaxman. This group of Steve and Deeane Carter, BR Carter, N Bason, V Fenneman, M Heath, M Liley and D and Mrs R Quintal have shared their racing for quite a few years. They also have an older brother and a younger one somewhere in their paddocks.**

April 11th at Tauranga is a day to remember when Taaxman won with Anna Jones riding. Then a good second at Rotorua point to some distance races in the future. He is trained by Tony Gillies at Matamata.

Speaking of 'Gillies' in racing brings decades of racing to mind. Matt Gillies rode the winner of the Waikato Steeples, Sea King, just this May.

There must be 4 decades of Gillies families we can recall. I'm not sure if he was the first but Jim, rode jumpers in the 50's, sons Tony, Jamie, Stephen, and the late Michael from Awapuni. Now we have Stephen's son Matt. I notice a Joe Gillies training from Ruakaka – is he an Irish import?? All great horsemen licensed in our industry.

A winner at Ellerslie on May 22 was Chill Bill owned by Frank Paviour Ltd but presume it is David Paviour now, son of Frank and Betty Paviour, who bred the dam, Ismalia and many others from their Bruntwood property near Cambridge. Another winner for Danielle!

A little secret is one who trialled at Cambridge on 21 May and looks promising – Bobsidi – what a great name for our patron Bob Pollock and maybe family interests too. Bred by Bob out of his mare Jazzy Annie and is by Lucky Unicorn. Trained by Keith and Gavin Opie.

Tarissa Mitchell owns and trains Champagne Tastes, by Darci Brahma – Tarissa could have ridden him herself 15 years ago when she had a Jockey's Licence but now does all the work, riding, feeding, travelling etc. She was 'McDonald' as a jockey – but not James' cousin.

Many will know or have shared times with Pat Millen, and would have been pleased to see one of her progeny, High Class, win at Avondale on 8 May at her first start. Trained by Jenna Mahoney. Millen is a name with a lot of history in racing in the Pakuranga /Auckland area, her brother Archie was a big hunting man too.

Barbara Brough from Huntly has a likely young one by Postponed named Martinez Special. It ran 2nd at Taranaki, which made it 5 starts for 3 seconds and a 3rd.

One to keep an eye on is Giardini owned by our Federation Patron Alan Galbraith with his family, and M.Lewis. She has had 19 starts for 3 wins, 3 seconds and is trained by Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott. Another couple, preferably in black print, and she will be a valuable brood mare for Alan.

Trials were held on their monthly date of May 21st at Cambridge. The fee for a start is \$115 including GST, plus a riding fee of \$55 or apprentices \$35. Approx 280 horses on the day, 15 heats of 2 year olds – with 6-9 in each, and a further 15 heats for maidens, and 2 open catch weights. Plenty of young horses and owners getting ready to race.

**Welcome to noted new members – John Charters and Jennifer Campin.**

## TARANAKI – WANGANUI ROUNDUP

Rosie Hackett

**Congratulations to the Proud Owners of Mr Mor! Including Tony Lyndon and his syndicate. What a huge effort from a lovely horse that just gets better all the time. He is everyone's favourite. He acts like a youngster and is so happy. Good on you all. He looked headed and then just changed gear and off he went.**

The Rayner stable has Taurus looking good. By No Excuse Needed – Stars in Her Eyes he is owned by the well named Starry Eyes Syndicate. He is always there in the weigh in stalls it seems – 43 starts -7 wins – 10 seconds – 6 thirds – 4 fourths – 3 fifths for \$186,350.

Star of Iffraaj is back looking great. She is a brave young lady and should give her owners more thrills. And they do know how to enjoy her.

We said goodbye to the beautiful Start Wondering. He has left Paul Belsham's to race in Chris Waller's Stable in Sydney. He is a very special horse and we wish him all the very best. It will be great to follow him.

Back in work at Paul's is Slazenjah. He has done well during his break and loves to be back. He has strengthened and should have an exciting season. Also looking good as he starts a new campaign is Perfect Harmoniee. He is a lovely young horse and has got stronger.

The floods have taken their toll on several of the locals. Gerard Cvitanovich has been one affected. He along with his Dad, long time member John, has been working three nice horses. The Don Eduardo is the older one and two very nice 2year olds by Iffraaj and Showcasing. It is great to see Gerard's family enjoying them as well, daughter Claire riding work, and Nick and Kate helping as well, and Rachael of course. Hope they go really well and make those floods seem not so bad.

Down the road Raymond Connors got hit pretty bad as well, so it was awesome to see him win with Grey Guru, ridden by Emma Glasgow. Emma is a lovely young lady who runs the Bulls stable for Raymond so it was so special to see her get her first win in the Duke of Gloucester, a race that all amateurs would love to win. Good on you girl and lets hope there are many more. Emma's Granddad raced some really good horses years ago Fort Hagen and others and his colours are carried by another Granddaughter in Deborah Parry, who won a race as well at Hastings on the same day.



Taurus is a Star

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## MANAWATU – WELLINGTON MATTERS

Allan Fenwick

**Beven and Christine Parlato's pride and joy Marotiri Miss has been a model of consistency since resuming in late March with a win and 5 minor placings from seven starts. In the hands of Chris Johnson she got up close to the line in the North Island Challenge Stakes at Trentham in May. The Richard French trained Al Akbar mare is on track to return to Riccarton to see if she can improve on her last year's second placing in the Winter Cup. It is likely that she will go to Stud this spring with a booking to Shocking already in place.**

Association President Jim Watson was finally back in the winners' circle when Bang prevailed at Wanganui this month. His partners in the Danger Looms gelding, which is trained by Jack Scott, include Association Member Errol Shearman. Bang's win no doubt rekindled memories of the best horse that Jim has been

involved with, the versatile Fairassan, trained by the late Fred Pratt and winner of the 1961 CJC Winter Cup and later the Woodville Pahiatua Cup. The hardy Avonova, trained by Jim himself at Levin was also a good winner for him.

Itsagem recoded her second win recently at Wanganui. She is trained by Lisa Latta and is raced by a syndicate which includes Members Tony & Denise Climo, John Roache, Mark & Fay Fearon and Kevin & Carla Tod. Some of the same owners also race Phoenix Tycoon a winner in the autumn.

Jacksstar trained by Gary Vile won well at Awapuni in May. Peter and Christine Algie bred the Zed gelding and share in the racing of him.

One of the more promising gallopers seen out in the last couple of months is the Fraser

Auret trained Aide Memoire, who followed up a promising debut second with 2 very easy wins at Otaki and Awapuni. He is by Remind and involved in racing him are Members Murray Deans and Alan Groves.

Ken Duncan has had his jumpers out in force this winter. In For Fun gained his maiden hurdle victory at Te Rapa and Shamal was successful in a highweight at Wanganui. Last year's Schweppes Great Northern Hurdle winner Wee Biskit, showed her liking for Ellerslie with a bold second in the K S Browne Hurdle at Queen's Birthday. No doubt she will be heading to the Auckland again.

The Central Regional Awards evening will be held at Awapuni on Thursday 20th August. Further details are available from the office at Awapuni.



Super tough Superturf

## SUPERTURF

**Superturf has once again turned it on for his connections with a stunning victory in the ITM Awapuni Hurdles. His 5 start hurdle career has produced 3 minor placings followed by wins at Trentham and Awapuni. The quality winter galloper of 8 flat races displayed his customary trait of settling well back in the field and then finishing strongly in the closing stages for Charlie Studd, to provide a memorable hometown victory for his Manawatu Owners.**

The Lambert family's Lambourn Stud bred Superturf from their Black Minnaloushe mare Alfred's Jewell which traces back two generations to Sanctimonious who was imported into New Zealand by Greg's father. Foals from that original mare and her broodmare daughters have performed with distinction on both sides of the Tasman. King Phoenix was a big winner in Victoria when trained by the late ex pat New Zealander Theo Howe.

When Superturf failed to meet his reserve at the Yearling Sales Greg syndicated him locally. A promising galloper from the outset his biggest flat win has been the 2011 Aussie Browne's Pharmacies Winter Cup at Riccarton.

Superturf and many of his owners have returned to the Grand National Carnival every year since, they are all great travellers, and it will be their focus again this year with the Grand National Hurdles firmly in their sights.

Association Committeemen Greg Lambert and Kevin Tod and their wives Adele and Carla race Superturf with Phil Wenham and first time owners Barbara and Graeme Montgomerie and Sue and Mike Stewart.

## AUCKLAND CUP MOVES TO WEEKEND

### ARC CREATES RACEDAY "FOR ALL AUCKLANDERS"

**Auckland Racing Club is moving Auckland Cup Day to run on a Saturday in a move it says will create a "raceday for all Aucklanders".**

Part of Auckland Cup Week, the 141 year old Auckland Cup has been run on a Wednesday at Ellerslie Racecourse since 2006. Now Auckland Racing Club CEO Cameron George says they have decided to move the Cup raceday to the Saturday to enable even more Aucklanders to attend.

"The way people want to be entertained, and when, is changing. As a Club, we are keen to ensure that all Aucklanders of all generations get to experience this iconic event," Cameron George says.

The Club is planning to enhance the week with an increase in minimum race stakes to \$50,000, additional catwalk fashion competitions and increased off track entertainment which all combines to deliver the best in racing, fashion and entertainment. "Our aim is to create an Auckland Cup Week Carnival that features the glamorous tradition of Derby Day on the first Saturday followed a week later by the excitement and prestige of an Auckland Cup Day for the people of Auckland."

*Abridged.*





# NZTROF

## NEW SEASON SUBSCRIPTIONS

National 'Owners' Secretary advises the Subscriptions will be posted at the start of the new season. There is an increase of \$5 per single and \$5 per double as approved at the 2014 AGM. It was considered prudent to make this small increase to assist in the cost of production of this Bulletin.

## ADVERTISING

As we are "not for profit" our advertising rates are very reasonable.

We have Little Avondale Stud and Haunui Farm as our two studs and we value them. We have other advertisers that come on board from time to time and it is this group we would like to enlarge. Contact us and we will be keen to work with you.

**Owners keep this racing game afloat.  
If you support us we will support you!**



**The Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards is New Zealand Thoroughbred racing's most prestigious and glamorous occasion, a celebration of success and excellence where racing's biggest stars gather.**

Those from across the breadth of the racing industry and the length of the country will gather to recognise outstanding achievement and excellence during the 2014/15 Thoroughbred racing season.

Featuring 20 awards culminating with the coveted "Thoroughbred Horse of the Year", the evening also includes fabulous entertainment, top quality wines and delicious cuisine.

**6:00pm, Thursday 13 August 2015**

**Claudlands Events Centre, Hamilton**

**Tickets are on sale now for Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards Dinner**

**Individual Tickets: \$200.00 (including GST)**

**Table of 10: \$2000.00 (including GST)**

**For more information and to book your tickets visit: <https://www.nzracing.co.nz/The-Guide/Champions/Industry-Awards>**

**Otherwise email KJ Smith on [kj@verve.co.nz](mailto:kj@verve.co.nz) or call 04 499 6909**

## THE OWNER'S FEDERATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

We wish to extend a very warm welcome to the new members who have joined the Owner's Federation in May to June 2015.

We really appreciate your membership support and look forward to a long and enjoyable association with you.

<b>AUCKLAND</b>	
Linda & Cathy Cai	Auckland
<b>WAIKATO</b>	
David & Jocelyne Wallace	Hamilton
Jun Naito	Tokyo
Kevin & Diane Hopson	Cambridge
David Lunn	Hamilton
<b>BAY OF PLENTY</b>	
Pat Allan	Katikati
Paul Alexandre	Tauranga
<b>MANAWATU</b>	
R M Opie	Porirua
D G Smith	Carterton
Caroline Marner	Porirua
Sue Scott	Waikanae
Mike & Roz Southey	Masterton
<b>HAWKES BAY</b>	
Graham Wainwright	Hastings
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# THE MYERS FAMILY OF TURAKINA

Story by 'Midnite'

Out in the Turakina Valley south of Wanganui, the Myers family live and love all things equestrian. This valley which has been part of thoroughbred racing since at least the 1870's has a charm all of its own. On a neighbouring property, the Open Hack race was competed for a sum of eighty sovereigns. The entry fee was three sovereigns, and walkers that finished received half of that as their stake money entitlement. That in 1870 was a tidy sum to receive from a racing club that has long since ceased to be.

## So what of today?

The Myers family farm, could be described as a New Zealand Moo-Neigh valley. A herd of cows share the property, with both sports, and thoroughbred horses.

Angela the mother is well known for her skills in Show Jumping. She along with the family regularly attend A&P Shows, Horse of the Year and the like. They participate in the local Sports Days, Point to Point's, Castlepoint Beach Races and are often at either the Rangitikei or Egmont Wanganui Hunt Club events. Angela says, "We enjoy the competition, and family involvement that these events offer and we all participate in some way."

Kevin and Angela provide the opportunity for the family to participate at home also, and the gathering of many is a frequent occurrence. It is a common sight to see, the ringmaster Kevin encouraging all in the middle of the jumping arena over fences. By all, I mean, Kelly, and Rosie Myers, the nieces, Simon Harrison a nephew, Scott and Sarah Mc Nab amateurs, Shaun Fannin the jumps jockey and the children, Caley 16, Jason 15, and Luke 11. Others are also there, Ron Balcombe, for instance has been "mucking" out now for the last twenty years. The Bull family from Hunterville also make appearances. This is very much a family affair 'equine family' interest that is, all joining in, banter abounds, and man and horse all thrive on this environment. The property also has an 1800 metre purpose built track for faster work, so diversity rules the day, every day, fresh mind, fresh body, a recipe for success.

Of the children, Caley, is currently a pupil at Nga Tawa School. This is a very successful academic College and also is widely known for its equine activities. The odd thoroughbred is taken there for Caley to ride. She has an Amateur Riders Licence, and is still waiting for that first win that we all know is close at hand. You cannot be competitive and fail to succeed, it just requires a development of judgement, timing and a little luck. "I might get a trip to Australia, I've got my name down, I would like to see different countries, and travel a bit later, it would be exciting," says Caley.



Myers juniors Caley Luke and Jason with a friend

Jason has also recently applied for an Amateur Riders Licence. He is a year 11 student at Wanganui Collegiate. "I hope to have a show jumping team competing this next coming season", he goes on to say. That will also provide more competition to Caley, a year twelve student at Nga Tawa School. "I had hoped to ride at Oamurā last week on my fifteenth birthday, but broke my collarbone the week before, I would have been ready for the Duke of Gloucester Cup too," he adds. "Still the 23rd of July is when I am hoping to make my debut".

I am keen on rugby, being the captain of the under fifteen grade at Collegiate. Jason would also like to travel, experience other countries, and see the world.

Luke, the youngest, is just as focused. "I don't want to be an amateur, I want to get paid for it" he quips. They all have their favourites, Luke's is Sealed By A Dance. "I love riding at least six horses in the mornings trackwork, before going to Turakina Primary School. Then I ride my two ponies after school." He like Jason is also rugby focused, running and tackling hard just loving the game, and its competitiveness. "I play for the Hunterville under thirteen grade, my favourite rugby player is Beauden Barrett, a Taranaki boy of course".

Kevin says "Angela and I really appreciate the support that the racing community give us as a family, We in our racing family all muck in and help each other, no matter where in the country a race meeting is. It makes you proud to be a Kiwi".

You can only admire the love and respect that abounds in this family. Each competing as individuals, but each there to keep one another on "their toes" ready to offer a "tongue in cheek" piece of advice. That is so constructive to character.

It is so pleasing to see, competition, dedication and desire, that all are key to the Kiwi way of life and success and it is asy to see these young filling the ranks of owners in the future.

Mum and Dad surely are avid current owners, like their parents, and siblings, either thoroughbred or sporting horses, the families of Myer's and Illston's have played a significant role in anything equestrian for a considerable time.





## STUD CHAT WITH SAM July 2015

Nadeem (Redoute's Choice-Candide by Sound Reason) had 15 winners in a 30 day period including two Australian Saturday metropolitan doubles. His group winners Target In Sight and Spanish Bay added more black-type to their resumes with a second placing in a Listed sprint in Brisbane and a third placing in the Gr.1 Singapore Guineas respectively.

Consider Nadeem Lass whose genuineness epitomises everything that is good about dad's progeny. She finishes in the first three 19 times out of 36 starts and last month she grabbed another stakes placing when third in a Gr.3 in Adelaide behind Hazard who came out and won a Gr.2 defeating Catkins and Bound For Earth at her next start.

Australia is home to some of the best sprinters in world racing and week in week out Nadeem's progeny are competitive against the top echelon. Kiwi breeders won't get a better opportunity to infuse proven speed into their stock for such a reasonable service fee of \$6,500 plus GST.

Nadeem is also proving to have a wonderfully successful affinity with mares from a couple of proven sirelines. Find out more about these staggering statistics by logging onto [www.lastud.co.nz/stallions/nadeem/about](http://www.lastud.co.nz/stallions/nadeem/about)

Towkay has also enjoyed a magic period also, culminating in 16 winners over a 30 day period.

Highlight: Smackdown, a track record winner here at his only start before his sale to Australia, won the \$100,000 Golden Topaz in Victoria, while locally Wise Move could hardly have been more impressive when winning at Riccarton.

A big thank-you to all the racing folk who contributed and bid so generously at the CatWalk 10 Year Celebration. A very special night for spinal cord injury research.

Sam



## MR MOR AND THE BOGGA SYNDICATE

**The Bogga Syndicate won their biggest race to date when Mr Mor was victorious in the \$50,000 Hawkes Bay Steeples. This time honoured race first run in 1879 is the second oldest steeplechase in the country. (The Grand National first run in 1875 is the oldest).**

A perusal of the horses who have won the Hawkes Bay Steeples include New Zealand Hall of Fame inductee Moifaa (1901) who went on to win the English Grand National (1904) – Freda White's Teak who won it (1974) only one month short of his 16th birthday. The youngest horses to win were the 4 year olds Heliotype (1934) and Skerryvore (1938). Wallace Young's Master Meruit was the only horse to win it 3 times. (1946–48–49).

Mr Mor (Corrupt – Redmor) is raced by the Bogga syndicate:- Pat and Sheryl Watson, Tony Lyndon, Lindsay McIntosh, Greg Horton, Peter Johnstone, Peter Unverricht all from Hastings, Diane Denton from Waipukurau and daughter Symone Stevens from Blenheim and Paul Kavanagh from Christchurch and is managed by Tony Lyndon.

Copper (stable name) was bred by the late Brian Denton (Bogga) and wife Diane from the Red Tempo mare Redmor: after cousin Tony Lyndon gave them a free service to Corrupt. They won 3 races with him. After Brian passed away Diane leased him to the syndicate to race. Given to Kevin Myers to train he won 3 of his 6 starts

before transferring to Evan and J.J. Rayner of Wanganui. The first 2 seasons were a disaster, breaking down in the 2012/13 season after only 4 jumping starts, and slashing his leg open after only 3 jumping starts in the 2013/14 season.

This season got away to a good start running 4th on a hard track at Hastings then winning by 12 lengths at Hawera, 2 close seconds at Wellington and Awapuni (Manawatu Steeplechase) before winning easing down by 4 and a half lengths in the Hawkes Bay Steeplechase.

The Wellington Steeplechase is next on the agenda with high hopes to increase his 8 wins and stake money of over \$118,000 dollars.



PHOTOS: RACE IMAGES

# WINTER RACING – DOES IT NEED A SPELL?

**I was talking to 'The Legend' the other day. He is pretty old and in his time has trained and owned a lot of horses. He thinks about 2,000 winners so far and counting.**

The talk got around to winter racing and he said, "I haven't seen you at the track lately" I said once the horses started heading for the outside rail I'm going home and not going back until we get proper racing again.

He reckoned that we should shut racing down in the mid winter for 6 weeks –

- To save the tracks
- To give the trainers and staff a break.
- To allow the punters money to catch up.

Hong Kong does that and every new season starts off with a big promotion so it seems that a break can work. But I don't work in the industry so my opinion is worth 3/5 of not much. Read On!

## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

### **New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association – Spring 2015**

*The winter from Hell! Cold, wet, windy, snow, ice; colder, wetter, windier, more snow, more ice. And did I mention it was really cold? At Aqueduct, we had 16 full-card cancellations, and we lost part of another, all the result of the worst winter New York has experienced in more than 50 years. But the hardness of those who worked through it and survived is not surprising. It's what horsemen do. It's their job.*

*The harshness of the weather has, however, led to the knee-jerk reaction in some camps that we need to put an end to winter racing. Those who have been opposed to winter racing for a long time are arguing for its elimination as if this historically bad season is the norm. They are exceptionally short-sighted.*

*To satisfy the naysayers, and for there to be any real money saved, NYRA would have to close down the entire backside at Aqueduct AND Belmont for 60 to 90 days. Every single horse would be gone and with them would go tens of thousands of full-time jobs. The effect would be devastating, not only for the workers, but for the communities, from the significant ancillary loss to local businesses – the delis, the gas stations, the grocery stores, the housing rentals, the restaurants, etc., etc., etc.*

*The cost to those businesses would pale in comparison to the catastrophic effect a winter shutdown would have on New York's breeders. New York's foal crop has grown for the last four years, defying the worldwide trend, but a significant cutback in racing opportunities for New York-breds would not only be financially damaging, but would cause material harm to the stability of the industry.*

*What would be better for New York racing – uncertainty about the future of winter racing, or a firm commitment to continuity, to providing an environment that cultivates long-term planning and investment, that encourages expansion and provides a basis for year-round employment?*

*The equine industry has a \$4.2 billion economic impact on the state of New York. It is the second largest agribusiness, behind only dairy farming. We have an obligation to commit every resource available to making it safer, enhancing its integrity, increasing its appeal to fans and horseplayers alike.*

*The cold hard truth? We want to make New York a better place to do business. We can't let one unthinkable bad winter drive horsemen – dollars and jobs – out of the state.*

**Rick Violette Jr. (Trainer)  
President New York Thoroughbred Horsemen's Association**

**So maybe our winter is not so bad after all. Perhaps we just need better tracks for winter racing!** Neil M

## MONGOLIA WITH MARK FRASER-CAMPIN

Jenny Cowan

**With Mongolian Khan gracing our racecourses in no uncertain manner, we turn our thoughts to the Inner Mongolian Rider Horse Club.**

The principal Owner Manager, Mr Lin Lang, made an offer to members of the racing fraternity who were interested in, or had connection with anything Mongolian, to visit his country.

Mark and Chris of Chequers Stud, gladly took up his offer and found a very different world.

Mr Lang a Chinese business man with a passion for racing had the foresight to look further afield to seek knowledge of, and to purchase racing stock.

He has purchased heavily in NZ over a 4-5 year period of up to 500 horses up to this date. A further plane load of approximately 160 horses left our shores in June 2015. He chooses to leave 4-6 colts with prospective stud value here and consigns them directly to their NZ trainers. Mongolian Khan is one of these.

Racing in China has been run over the years in various forms and Mr Lang and other parties are endeavouring to get it to a regulated basis.

With no stud book in place, no DNA testing, and no branding, identification has become a priority. No gambling dictates a lessening of the need for rules, but safeguards for all must be put in place to protect participants – a big task.

At present racing in China is of a limited amateur style but is a continually developing.

The quality of jockeys is good as all have learnt their trade and received licenses in Macau or Singapore.

Race day may provide three codes of racing a horse – thoroughbreds, ridden trotters, and local Mongolian breeds. Thoroughbreds race by a lap system – 3 laps equated to 3000 metres.

Ridden trotters were ex NZ trotters or pacers – no sulkies could be used because the sand is too deep. The Mongolian breeds had the best stamina with races up to 5000 meters.

From Mark's observation all the horses were in great condition. Most are kept in a stable/barn environment, especially during the harsh winter months, but have access to yard areas in summer.

Much development is happening with the company providing and building a new racecourse, in Khorchin. Also a new quarantine station and livestock sales complex are being built to facilitate the large importations of thoroughbreds – almost all from NZ.

Mr Lang has purchased 5 stallions and at this stage most of the breeding is done with artificial insemination.

As an aside to the horses, the tour was hosted with some outstanding activities and dining – some at Mr. Lang's private hotel and restaurants. His empire began in his 'small' hometown of Jilin – just 11 million people. Mark could only describe the dining and hospitality as phenomenal! He said, "We were very lucky to have the opportunity to visit this new and exciting operation and anyone in the future that gets the same chance should jump at it".



# HAUNUI FARM STALLIONS 2015

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# COLONIALS DO WELL AT ROYAL ASCOT

Michael and Barbara Dowd

**Stretching over twelve monarchs beginning with Queen Anne in 1711 to our present Queen Elizabeth II in 2015, Ascot celebrates 3 centuries of the ultimate in horse racing, pageantry, and fashion.**

Multiple major redevelopments have taken place over the years, relocation of the straight mile to the northern side of the track in 1954, construction of the Queen Elizabeth II grandstand in 1961.

Later in 2002 Ascot changed to a five day meeting, marking the Queen's Golden Jubilee. Closed in September 2004 for major redevelopment the 2005 Royal meeting was held in York. The £220 million refurbished new Ascot, was opened 20th June 2006.

Today's Ascot presents a panorama of fashion, elegance, and style, from the multiplicity in dress, variety of dining choices, viewing areas, Ascot is the doyen of racing experiences. Coupled with the horses and breeding lines on display, racegoers are being treated to a consistent view of the worlds finest.

Having selected our 2 day race package within the Royal Enclosure we found strict dress codes are enforced. Gentlemen top hat, tie and tails. Ladies no contrasting pant suits, fascinators, strapped dress, bare midriffs. Also intending persons must be vetted, and approval given, prior to being granted permission to enter into the Royal enclosure.

The NZ High Commission has a vexatious, frustrating and obstinate stance in providing

their vetting, approval system. Published in May each year in the news section of their website, they allow registration. With Ascot being run the very next month in June, it is impossible for prospective visitors to be vetted, then plan and organize their trip within this ridiculously short time.

Fortunately Doug Thompson of "Racing Europe," our hosts for this trip, circumvented NZ house's uncompromising stance and our application was granted.

Race day commenced at 2.00pm, with the Royal party in their respective Windsor grey horse drawn carriages entering the course from the gates of Windsor Castle at the one mile post. They head up the straight into the parade ring then up to the Royal Box. This grand parade sees us all enthralled at the pageantry, gentlemen waving their top hats at the conclusion of the national anthem, three cheers for the Monarch. It's all rather foreign to us colonials.

Racing starts at 2.30pm with a six card programme, thirty five minutes between races. James McDonald rides on day one, unfortunately without success. Likewise Sir Owen Glenn's Criterion was unable to salute the judge. We made a pound, lost a pound, and had an unforgettable experience. This is the only course we've been on where ground crews are suited, complete with white gloves, maintaining a pristine rubbish free Royal Enclosure. Missing from the course are our "Clerks of the Course". Horse and rider make their own way to the start.

Horses refusing to load up are quickly isolated and declared a non runner, as Frankie Dettori found with his mount Euro Charline on day two. Speaking of Dettori, he rode his first Ascot winner 25 years ago and his 50th Osaila in June 2015.

We completed our programme on day two, a fantastic experience, witnessing tradition, spectacular racing, pageantry, pomp and splendour of the highest order. Racing at an elite level. We now have a lifetime memory which we will treasure forever.

## WHAT ABOUT THE HORSES?

**A group of respected horse veterinarians from around Australia are dismayed at the direction the cobalt debate has taken and have contacted media.**

The vets said: "What about the horse? Who is looking after the health and welfare of the horse? The real debate here is one of animal welfare and even perhaps animal cruelty".

They say that cobalt is a heavy metal poison and that is undisputed. "There is an actual case study from a brewery in Canada in the mid-1960s where cobalt was added to the beer which very quickly led to over 50 Quebec beer drinkers developing heart disease and 20 of these beer drinkers died. When the cobalt additive was stopped, so did the deaths and the brewery was closed down soon after."

The group say chronic or long-term poisoning by cobalt, which is usually irreversible, is as important as the acute toxicity. The heavy metal accumulates in the body over time and can affect the brain, heart, liver and kidneys.

The vets pointed out that horses do not need cobalt and that there has never been any report of cobalt deficiency in horses.

Cobalt is needed to produce vitamin B12, but a horse on a balanced diet gets enough dietary B12. However, if the supplement was thought necessary, it would be appropriate to use vitamin B12 directly, not cobalt, they said.

"The Victorian and Australian threshold of 200 micrograms/litre urine represents cobalt in the body at toxic levels, as the normal level of cobalt is less than 10 mcg/litre. Cobalt has been widely

identified as a blood doping agent which is why it is banned in all sports, and also why it has come on to the radar of horseracing here and around the world," they said.

"The human sports medicine community is constantly warning athletes of the dangers of cobalt abuse; this means that a human athlete using cobalt has made a conscious decision to ignore these warnings in the pursuit of performance enhancement. Horses don't have that luxury".

"In racing we entrust animal welfare to the trainers and their veterinarians. However, watching over are the racing regulators who need to step in when the system is failing the horse. This welfare role of racing regulators is non-negotiable. It is as important a role as that of looking after the integrity of racing and creating a level playing field. For without the regulators enforcing animal welfare, there is a chance it might get lost in the mire of gambling and winning."





# Social Racing

## *Enjoy the Ride*

**Social Racing is about to head into its fourth season.**

**We speak to Manager Brent Cooper about how things have been going so far, and plans for the future.**

### **Brent what exactly is Social Racing?**

It is a NZTR backed initiative and originally started out as an opportunity for people to align themselves with a sporting, fashion or media brand in "free ownership" of four different racehorses. These included Dan Vettori, Radio Hauraki and ZM. This was made possible with support from Pencarrow, Windsor Park and Waikato Studs.

### **How did that go?**

All four horses actually won races over the two seasons and there was some really good publicity generated, especially by the two radio stations, which had some good natured rivalry and broadcasted on track a couple of times. It set a platform and created a good profile for the Social Racing brand, but the concept needed to evolve. Essentially, having an interest in a horse at no cost to the individual didn't facilitate real connection or engagement, so that's when I came on board to help restructure it.

### **So how does it work now?**

We re-launched Social Racing last August in a simplified format, with one managed syndicate of 200 members. The syndicate has a 50% lease in three horses – Aotearower with Cambridge Stud, Sisterhood with Westbury and Social Kay with Little Avondale. Members currently pay a flat fee of \$199 per year. This gives them an interest in all three horses and other privileges, including course entry to many NZ Racing clubs.

### **Then how has it gone so far?**

It sold out really fast, which was to be expected. Aotearower has won and been placed on four occasions. She has raced twice in Group races. Sisterhood has been placed three times while Social Kay is still a developing prospect. All look like they will progress further next season.

### **Aotearower, is that the one named by the Olympic rowers?**

Yes, Social Racing shares the ownership with Hamish Bond, Eric Murray, Mahe Drysdale, Nathan Cohen and Joseph Sullivan and they came up with the (very clever) name.

### **Have the rowers enjoyed being racehorse owners?**

They sure have, they have been great supporters and have been to almost every trial or race. Unfortunately, the only time at least two of them were not on course was the day she won! Hamish and Nathan also attended the NZ Bloodstock Karaka Owners evening and took part in a discussion forum. They are absolute champion blokes on and off the water.

### **What are the main aims of Social Racing?**

To provide an entry level opportunity to racing ownership – essentially, the first step on the ladder to increased future investment. To encourage members to attend race days with friends and family. To give people an affordable and enjoyable taste of ownership and keep them well informed with regular and modern communication.



**Hamish Bond and Brent Cooper**

### **Do you think it is benefiting the Industry as a whole?**

Absolutely. It is actually all about creating opportunities for trainers and other authorised syndicators by bringing potential customers to the racetrack and engaging them further with the racing experience. It also stimulates betting turnover because of the number of people involved in the ownership – they tip two friends and they tip two friends...

We have now also developed a new audience and really good social media forum that will become even more informative and entertaining in future, and be used to promote NZ Racing and ownership opportunities in general.

Trainers need to recognise and satisfy the communication demands of syndicate members – the bar has been lifted in terms of owners' expectations of communication with the racing manager or trainer.

I'm seeing similar large scale ownership initiatives being launched in the UK and Australia and it's quite clear that syndication (sometimes termed 'fractional ownership') at all levels is hugely important to the racing industry globally. NZTR is very supportive of Authorised Syndicators who wish to advertise and attract a new ownership base, so I encourage racehorse trainers considering syndication as a means of filling their stables, to get in touch with NZTR for guidance.

### **Are there plans to develop Social Racing further?**

The existing syndicate will be renewed next season and we would expect most members to stay involved. We are also looking at a couple of regional syndicates aligned to Racing Clubs. The first of these will be the Ellerslie Social Racing Club and I am in discussions with Central Districts and South Island clubs as well. The basic formula will remain the same and all communication will be managed through Social Racing.

Having gotten a taste of racing from the owners' perspective I will, with NZTR's assistance, also be seeking new ways to work with Authorised Syndicators to enable Social Racing members to build a deeper commitment and involvement in ownership.

The Social Racing syndicate will be open for applications again from August 1st. Existing members have first right of renewal but if you are interested in available shares in this or other syndicates you can email : [brent@hotice.co.nz](mailto:brent@hotice.co.nz) for more information.

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# AMERICAN PHAROAH – TRIPLE CROWN TRIUMPH

BY TIM LAYDEN Sports Illustrated

**ELMONT, N.Y. – And so in the long shadows of an early evening in the 37th June since the last, the last, the last – and my god, the last – at a venerable place where hope and desperation had so often melted into painful defeat, history finally let go. The moment unfolded as if from another time, asking a sport for trust that had been lost in too many defeats, too many disappointments, too many euphoric buildups that crashed in gutting failure and sent its loyal fans sulking into the darkness, unfulfilled. For so long, horse racing had been stuck on the same, yellowed page, so many times the Triple Crown had seemed at hand and so many times cruel reality dropped a hammer on old Belmont Park and so many times a generation and more was left without a legend of its own to pass along, left instead to live with musty recollections, growing more distant by the year.**

It was a bay colt named American Pharoah who finally set everybody free. At a few minutes before seven on Saturday night, he won the 147th running of the Belmont Stakes and became the 12th winner of racing's Triple Crown (the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness Stakes and the Belmont Stakes), mercifully ending the drought that had held racing hostage since 1978, when Affirmed held off Alydar in the stretch at Belmont to win the third Triple Crown of the decade. Twelve horses had since won the Kentucky Derby and the Preakness, only to fail in the Belmont Stakes (a 13th, I'll Have Another, won the first two legs but was scratched from the Belmont with an injury). Twelve horses had lost in every imaginable way, and some had begun to say that perhaps there would never be another Triple Crown at all.

All of that ended in dominance. American Pharoah led for every step of the Belmont's

brutal 1½ miles, a distance which is rarely run in American horse racing and which none of the Belmont's eight starters is likely to run again in their lifetime. Jockey Victor Espinoza, who previously lost Triple Crown attempts in 2002 (War Emblem) and in 2014 (California Chrome), scarcely asked Pharoah to run until he hit the top of the Belmont stretch, and then hit him just twice right-handed with his whip, at which point Pharoah accelerated away to win by 5½ lengths over second-place finisher Frosted.

Pharoah rolled through the homestretch, each of his graceful strides a scream of atonement for the past failures of others, failures that had been shared and mourned by the entire sport – here for Spectacular Bid (1979) and his safety pin and overmatched jockey, here for Real Quiet ('98) and his nose-length loss to Victory Gallop, here for Smarty Jones (2004), run down in the homestretch by Birdstone. With every stride, the Belmont grandstand quaked, engulfed by a primal roar of exorcism, desperation given sound.

In a second floor box stood trainer Bob Baffert, the familiar, 62-year-old white-haired veteran who had three times seen his horses beaten for Triple Crowns in the Belmont. Behind him was his 21-year-old daughter Savannah – whom Baffert held in his arms as Real Quiet, whom he trained, was beaten at the line – a reminder of time gone by and opportunities painfully lost. He watched nearly stone-faced as the race unfolded, but shot his right fist into the air at the finish before embracing his wife, Jill. "That's it," Baffert said. Jill threw her arms around her husband's shoulders, began to cry and said, "You did it." They held each other for what seemed like minutes.

Belmont exploded in celebration, the roar growing louder when louder seemed inconceivable, a prayer of thanks delivered in

full throat. Rival trainer Todd Pletcher, whose Materiality chased Pharoah early before finishing a distant eighth (the modern-day version of Sham, who chased Secretariat early in his epic 1973 Belmont and finished nearly 50 lengths behind), fought through the crowd to congratulate Baffert. "That horse is too good," he said as he walked away. Another trainer, Kiaran McLaughlin, who trains runner-up Frosted, also pushed his way to Baffert and congratulated him as the roar built ever louder.

Baffert walked along a catwalk toward the winner's circle and was embraced by a weeping Ahmed Zayat, the controversial and flamboyant Egyptian expatriate who owns American Pharoah and had delivered him to Baffert's barn last spring. Zayat screamed over the din to Baffert: "Bob! Bob!" And when Baffert stopped, Zayat threw his arms around Baffert's neck and began weeping. "We all wanted this," Zayat would say later. "We all wanted this for the sport."

Around the breadth of the giant grandstand, insiders and spectators alike were moved by an event that had seemed so distant for so long. Chris McCarron, 60, a retired Hall of Fame jockey who rode in dozens of Triple Crown races, watched from the grandstand. "Thirty-seven years!" he shouted. "This is the most exciting thing I've ever seen in my life. What a horse. What an incredible horse."

Trainer Graham Motion, an Englishman with a passion for American racing and winner of the 2011 Kentucky Derby with Animal Kingdom, said, "He's such an amazing horse, with a beautiful way of moving. But more than anything, I'm so happy for the sport, because now it's been done. And maybe now there won't be so much talk about changing the Triple Crown because it hasn't been done in so long – because now it's been done."





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## CONGRATULATIONS TO FEDERATION MEMBERS ON THEIR RECENT WINS!

We continue to track winning horses owned by Owner's Federation members. As we only have visibility of owner's named in the race book, we know we will have missed members involved in winning syndicates and may have inadvertently missed others. We apologise to any member we have missed and extend our congratulations to all members who have recently experienced the thrill of winning.

P C Alexandre	Tauranga	SNOW SECRET	David Lunn	Hamilton	IMPRINT
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R G & Mrs A Allen	Carterton	PASS IT ON	H A MacDonald	Palmerston North	MISS APPLETON
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James Bridge	Pukekohe	ALLEYOOP	J E Maetzig	Lower Hutt	DR WATSON
John Bridge	Havelock North	ALLEYOOP	J F Marks	Matamata	DARTING
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