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WELCOME MEMBERS, AND READERS TO THIS EDITION OF THE BULLETIN.

The recent Annual General Meeting of New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing has endorsed a new governance model for our code. This is an opportunity for the development of the code as never before, as the Thoroughbred Racing Board will be selected on a skill level, by a representative base throughout the country.

In short, there will be a two tier structure with a representative Members Council overseeing the appointment of a non-representative independent board, the members of which will be selected to ensure the overall board membership contains the range of skills and industry knowledge believed necessary to govern the thoroughbred code.

The Members Council will consist of twelve representatives. The three regions, North, Central, and South, will elect three members each and one representative will be nominated by each of the three sector groups, License holders (Trainers or Jockeys), Thoroughbred Breeders and the Owners Federation.

This Members Council of twelve will elect a six member Thoroughbred Racing Board. To be eligible for this Board, you must have a widespread knowledge of the thoroughbred industry, but not hold an executive or governance position within the industry upon your appointment to the Board. For instance, if you are a board member of a racing club or say the Owners Federation, you must resign from that role prior to your appointment to the Thoroughbred Racing Board.

It is obviously important for both the Members Council and the Thoroughbred Racing Board to have members that fully understand the important role played by owners as key industry investors and stakeholders. We therefore encourage any owners that have extensive commercial backgrounds and the skills suitable to assist govern the thoroughbred code to contact the Owner's Federation secretary as soon as possible to be considered for one of these key industry roles to assist advance our code in the best possible manner for the future.

PRESIDENT/DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Neil Oldfield



The impending reintroduction of riding fees from 1 February 2011 for owners is an indication of the declining turnovers experienced since the start of the season. The indicated distribution from the Racing Board has declined by approximately \$5 million, of which the thoroughbred code has a 54% share. This is not a decision that is in anyway palatable and a further review will almost certainly be inevitable to address the shortfall. I am sorry it is not better news, but we are all experiencing the effects of a discretionary dollar squeeze.

Best Wishes for the rest of the season, the Wellington, and Auckland Carnivals are almost upon us.

Cheers for now, Neil.





AUCKLAND

Neil Miller

Summer came early in the North with parched fields and gardens. Then when things were looking grim the heavens opened and lushness returned. Our racing focus turned squarely to Ellerslie, the home of Premier racing in the north.

Boxing Day saw us all dressed up and mingling with the crowd. The fashions were in evidence everywhere with some notably high stepping fillies evident. The areas in front of the stands and the infield were a mass of colour and the track with its mown strips looked spectacular. There were queues at the tote windows.

The "black type" races started with the Hallmark Stud Newmarket Handicap 1200m.

The Logan's 6yo mare Dashing Donna (Don Eduardo – Epic Pulse) dashed late to take this out.

Then came the most popular win of the day when the hot favourite Jimmy Choux (Thorn Park – Cierzo) emphatically took out the Group 2 Stella Artois Great Northern Guineas 1600m. To the cries of Jimmy Jimmy Jimmy he bounded to the lead at the 200 then put his head in the air as if sniffing the breeze. He had a good look at the top decks of both stands and went on to win with consummate ease, in a smart time of 1.33.

It was the fillies turn next to shine in the Group 2 Cambridge Stud Eight Carat Classic. Smoulder (Traditionally – Flying Firebird) came with a well-timed run to beat a fast finishing Banchee (Oratorio – Miss Jessie Jay) with Annie Higgins (O'Reilly – Diva Belle) in third. Smoulder was bred by the Oaks Stud and owned by Karreman Bloodstock

The Zabeel Classic Group 1 was an interesting race with Red Ruler favoured to win. Ginga Dude coming off an arduous and successful campaign lead out at a leisurely pace. The sprint came on at the 600m peg which should have favoured the front-runners but the long striding Booming (Don Eduardo – Beautiful Sea), from back on the fence, wound up a sustained sprint. He found clear air out wider in the straight and powered home. Booming is owned by the well known Don Frampton together with GVK Holdings

New Years Day dawned bright and clear. The track a good 3 but just days before it had been a raced on 10. This proved to be the downfall of the favoured topweights who stayed down on the rail.

The Stella Artois Eclipse Stakes was won by Anabandana (Anabaa USA – Great Notice USA). She is owned by CJ Grace.

The NZ Bloodstock Royal Stakes went to Kings Rose (Redoute's Choice – Nureyev's Girl USA). The filly won narrowly but looked in control over the very genuine Annie Higgins. Kings Rose looks likely to take out the 3yo Filly of the Year title. She is owned by Dr G W Tsoi.

Fears Nothing proved too fit and tough for the opposition in the Rich Hill Mile Gr 2. This fellow has done a good few miles on the track and a lot of road trips as well. His owners are Ray Coupland, D & K Duncan, David Haworth (trainer) A Hurley and J O'Brien.

Rank outsider Miss Raggedy Ann came with a late run to take out the time honoured Blandford Lodge Railway Stakes Group 1. Like Fears Nothing above, she is by Faltaat and owned by her breeders Llanhennock Trust.

The last major for the day was the Waiwera Water City of Auckland Cup where the lightweights Showcause (by Giants Causeway from the good racemare Showella) and Cassini prevailed over the gallant topweight Red Ruler.

That's two memorable days at Ellerslie but there is still a lot more to come. Upcoming is the Karaka Million meeting which precedes the annual New Zealand Bloodstock sale. Then we head into early autumn – Cup and Derby time. Along the way are novel promotions on the course to provide interest for racegoers and hopefully attract some new ones to the great sport.

However the world does not end at the Bombay hills and tomorrow we head over them to Thames to try and win the race that eluded us in the big smoke. From us in the Auckland area, we wish you and your families a happy and healthy 2011. May your horses run well and may they and you pull up well afterward chomping at the bit and keen to go again.

NEW BLOOD WANTED FOR COMMITTEE

To keep up with all that is going on, your committee needs a few new members that have an interest in the racing industry. The owner's points-of-view needs a continuity of representation. We would be pleased to talk with people interested in becoming involved.

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NOTES FROM THE REGIONS CONTINUED

Twoeezy



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HAWKES BAY

Tony Lyndon

Napier Owner Bruce Keighly scored his first open handicap win when Beau Dane won the 20,000 Harcourt Hospice Cup. It was Beau Dane's sixth win which includes the \$50,000 Inter provincial Cup, at New Plymouth

Hastings brothers Chris and Ken Russell received the news they have been waiting for when their broodmare Avant Jazz foaled a colt to High Chaparral. Shoot Out a dual Group one winner of seven races in Australia is by High Chaparral out of Pentamorous a full sister to Advant Jazz.

Twoeezy out of the Zabeel mare Stareel a daughter of the champion 3 year old filly Staring returned to form when winning at Taranaki her fifth win. She is raced by her breeders Murray and Jo Anderson.

Hastings Trainers Guy Lowry and Grant Cullen were to the fore at the two-day Poverty Bay meeting saddling up five winners. Patrick Campbell also saddled up two winners. Patrick who only prepares a small team these days started his career in Hastings before transferring to Awapuni and then onto Malaysia before coming back to Hastings. Amongst his credits are champion filly Burletta – Avondale Cup winner Valdarno and the good miler Avedon who was placed in the New Zealand Derby. Current star of the stable is Dorotea Star raced by the Russell brothers. The Redoute's Choice mare won her second race of six starts at Awapuni on Boxing Day but the \$250,000 mare may not have many more races as she is in foal to Zabeel.

Spartanicus returned to the winner's circle at Trentham for his fourth win. A Spartacus gelding who has been hampered by soft tracks, has eleven members of his syndicate residing at Hastings and are also Owners Federation members.

Tim Symes and the Chats syndicate won twice at the New Zealand Cup meeting with Second Chance who seems to have got a second chance since transferring to Kevin Myers to be trained.

Rampant won his second race from three starts at Rotorua for the On Honeymooners Syndicate which has three Hawkes Bay members, local Vet Doug Callaghan, Graham Wedd and Kate Ranger.

The Keepsake Syndicate was rewarded when Firekeeper won at Te Aroha. Managed by David Martin who holds a 10% share with his wife Elaine and raced by a syndicate which include brother and sister Gerard Moughan and Mary Stanley who bred Firekeeper out of there Woodman mare Woodsong, thus making him a half brother to Firebolt, the Group two winner of six races including two in Australia.

Hawkes Bay Racing General Manager Jason Fleming is not slow when putting some of his salary back into racing. A shareholder in four or five horses he had a change of luck when Kiwi Hussler won at South Canterbury and Volgus at Whanganui.

The racing game is a great equaliser; one day you are on a high, the next a low. No one would know this better than Owner Breeders Liz and Richard Wood. After winning the Hawkes Bay and New Zealand two thousand Guineas with their champion colt Jimmy Choux. Going into the Group One Levin Classic with great expectation only to see him finish tailed off. It was obvious something was wrong and on Veterinary examination was found to have a heart arrhythmia. After a short break and treatment John Bary put him through some searching gallops before getting a Veterinary clearance to start in The Great Northern Guineas. Jimmy carried the day and is now on target for the New Zealand Derby.

The Bi-Monthly Trophy has a new sponsor with Richard and Liz Wood kindly co-sponsoring with the H.B. Racehorse Owners Assn.

BI-MONTHLY TROPHIES WON FOR:

August/September – Ian and Helen Holloway -- Jungle Recipe

October/ November – Jason Fleming -- Kiwi Hussler

WAIKATO

Jenny Cowan

A man of many parts – Gary Harding – with the ‘main part’ wife Lynda and their High Chaparral 3yr old gelding – Wisecrack ex Limerick. Trialing one High Chaparral on one day is nice, but two is much better. The second is a 3 yr old colt, Confederate ex Starstepper; both having a learning experience at Cambridge on Nov 23rd, finishing on well from the back of the field.

Gary and Lynda live on their stud farm Fayette Park at Tirau, and enjoy a variety of interests which include some 70 greyhounds in work with their 2 private trainers on the property – with many more waiting in the wings. Some have named the property Fayette Bark.

Gary loves a challenge and as the trainer himself won the NZ greyhound Cup at Christchurch with his dog Sergio. He has 4 others that he trains.

Gary owns 6-8 trotters as well. He invested in the Harness world approximately 3 years ago with some help from Brent Mangos.

He loves all the challenges, but says he really loves the human interest stories about the history of racing and peoples racing trials and tribulations.

Also pictured is his trainer, Ken Kelso with Wisecrack. This partnership appears to be having fun, and hopefully has more fun ahead with a variety of animals.

A serious study of proceedings! Owner Warner Bowyer, trainers Paul Duncan and Toni Croon. Warner was watching one of their two horses trialing on Nov 23rd, Gotoobgood, by Ustinov. A nice and easy trial win, ridden by Matt Cameron. The name looks fortuitous. The talented Pinsoir, is the other in the same interests with Bob Burt included. Warner runs his own kiwifruit orchard in Te Puke.

WAIKATO AGM

As much as we dislike going to meetings, once we get there, we usually enjoy it, or benefit in a small way – as in meeting someone we haven’t met before. The Waikato Owners AGM fitted that cliché with approximately 20 attending to hear our guest speaker, Bjorn Baker talk about his origins, experiences and travels as well as the story surrounding the celebratory response (in OWNERS STYLE) when Lion Tamer won the Victorian Derby.

Although the numbers present at the meeting were light in comparison to members, the atmosphere was inclusive and entertaining – we had a lot in common and the room was abuzz with conversation.

The amount of the Owners Federation subscription fee was queried as to whether it had affected membership. Given all association committees are volunteers and the focus to ensure the involvement of all associations in Federation matters, this level of subscription is required to meet the travel and associated costs of association delegates to attend Federation meetings. The consensus was that while racing has become an expensive activity – our membership fee is relatively modest in comparison and extremely worthwhile.

Discussion was had about Sam Spratt incurring a one month suspension for failing to weigh-in recently. There was concern that one of her ability should be removed from racing when she is of value in the ranks. Whether a fine would have sufficed was debated with interest – but most felt that ultimately these penalties are intended to protect the interests of owners and that as a professional, she should have taken more care to weigh in.

It is difficult not to be “tunnel visioned” with outcomes of stewards enquiries. Questions were asked regarding the inter-action between the Stipendiary Steward and the Judicial Control Authority. It was felt that both Offices should be independent of each other. In previous years once deliberations were put forward, all parties left the room while the JCA came to a decision/verdict. In fairness, all or none should be present.

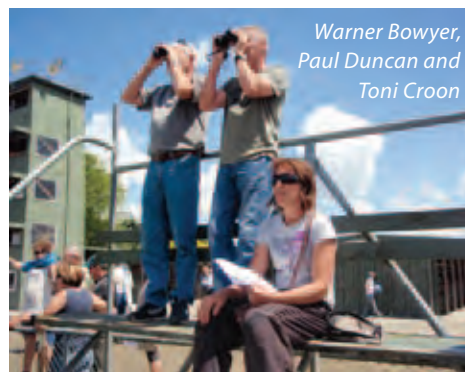
A convivial chat and cup of tea closed the meeting, as all Officers were welcomed to their positions for the forthcoming year, again.



Lynda and Gary Harding with Wisecrack



Ken Kelso with Wisecrack



Warner Bowyer,
Paul Duncan and
Toni Croon

WANGANUI

Rosie Hackett

Hope you have had a great Christmas and all the very best for the New Year.

On reflection we have had some lovely horses in our area, and many proud owners, who have enjoyed some great days, and long may it continue.

The Marshment stable have some nice young horses including O Fille who went a great race first up at Manawatu on Boxing day. She ran on really well in a smart field, and is raced by a syndicate managed by our committee man Charlie Waaka. They are very enthusiastic Owners and have lots to look forward to.

Their other runner at Manawatu was Secret Service, he is a beautiful black horse by Kaapstad. He was very slow away and made huge ground for 4th. He has a great bunch of owners including Peter and Lynette Wood and one of our best trainers in Don Grubb. Don was the complete horseman, a

good jockey before becoming a very astute trainer here in Wanganui, then he moved to Feilding. He had many top horses, including Monastic who was a Wanganui Specialist, Kay Royal an outstanding two year old, Amalfi a good hurdler, heaps and heaps of very good horses. A perfectionist, he had a few tricks up his sleeve, and was always having someone on. Kevin Grubb who has a share in the horse was an apprentice to his Dad.

A New Trainer in our area is Ken Harrison. Ken is Kevin Myers brother in law and has been the travelling man for the team for ages so he will know the ropes and will have learned his skills from Kevin. All the Best Ken, Kevin might give you some stars to train.

As the year gets under way there are big crowds of people at the races, so lets hope they get the figures up and those at the top let our Wonderful Industry go ahead.



MANAWATU

Allan Fenwick

MANAWATU CARNIVAL HIGHLIGHTS

The 3 day Manawatu Christmas Carnival providing many highlights, although rain leading up to the premier day on 18 December resulted in a number of scratchings including Salvatore, the pre post favourite for the Group 3 Higgins Challenge Stakes.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDED –

- The Ezibuy Eulogy Stakes win of King's Rose, currently leading the N Z Bloodstock Filly of the Year series
- Victory in the Hotel Coachman Manawatu Cup of Tullaroan, bred and raced by Christopher & Susannah Grace, who are currently enjoying a very successful time with their many horses
- The evergreen Fritz Boy winning his 11th race with success in the Higgins Challenge Stakes after being hotly pursued by last season's top 2 year old Cellarmaster
- Nine wins from 28 races for leading Awapuni trainer Lisa Latta, including 2 trifectas. Three of the winners were raced by John Street or his company Lincoln Farms
- A win by leading apprentice Jason Collett, riding at Awapuni for the first time, on the promising Shantaine

CENTRAL DISTRICTS APPRENTICE JOCKEY ACADEMY PRIZE GIVING

The 2010 Prize giving was held after racing at Awapuni on 11 December. Major winners were –

- Most Improved Apprentice Matthew Ward
- Most Promising Apprentice Rosie Myers
- Stable Hand Award Dana Carmont
- Central Districts Leading Apprentice Rosie Myers
- Central Districts Head Pupil Leah Hemi

The industry is indebted to Academy Director Sarah Malone and Riding Master Kim Clapperton for the contribution they make to the development of apprentices in the Central region.

THE MANAWATU ASSOCIATION RECOGNISES CONTRIBUTION

Two long serving members of the Committee, Dave Enright and Bob Leader were recognised with life membership of the Association at the AGM in December. Bob, a retired builder from Palmerston North, was a member of the Committee for many years and a great contributor at the trials. Foxton trainer Dave, the current Vice President, has also been a Committee member for over 25 years.

GROUP 1 SUCCESS CONTINUES FOR JEFF LYND'S

Quality rather than quantity has been the hallmark of Jeff Lynd's success this season. On the back of a stellar season in 2009/2010 Jeff has kept the momentum going this year with

- Wall Street, 3 starts in NZ all at Group 1 level for a close second and 2 wins and 2 starts in Australia, also at Group 1 level, including a win in the prestigious Emirates Stakes
- Booming 3 starts, 2 at Group 1 level, for 2 wins including a restricted open success and a win in the Group 1 Zabeel Classic
- Vosne Romanee, the current horse of the year, 2 starts at Group 1 level. Although taking time to reach top form his performance in the Zabeel Classic was encouraging.

CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND

Fiona Hurst

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS A FREE LUNCH... OR IS THERE?

At the recent South Canterbury Race Meeting on December the 28th, the CSI Owners provided members that were on course that day a free lunch. An appreciative bunch of owners claimed a free lunch ticket and dined in the Phar Lap Lounge while enjoying the Xmas racing at the Phar Lap raceway. Unfortunately the weather was not as kind to them as the CSI Owners Association!!!

Last year we ran two Points Series with delighted owners winning a combined total of \$8,000 over the summer and winter competitions. This year we are going to spread funds over a few different options, such as free lunches and race sponsorship, so the Points Series will still go ahead but with reduced financial reward. We hope to return more benefits to more owners.

Reaping the rewards of ownership of late is the small syndicate racing 'Princess Halo' trained out of the Michael Daly Stables. With a win on boxing day at Wingatui and her previous form line reading 23212, some of her first time owners could be forgiven for thinking this racing game is easy! 'Remembrance' trained out of the Pitman stable notched up her maiden win back in September, a thrill for her owners and also her breeders, the McGifferts of Oataio, who also bred 'Princess Halo'. With the successful sale of their gelding 'Go with the Flo' to the Gai Waterhouse barn, there might be some more attention paid to the McGiffert line up at the South Island sale this year.

As we all know racing has its ups and downs. Bob Goodeve, another supporter of the Michael Daly racing stable, recently tasted success with his newly acquired Encosta De Lago gelding 'Numero De Lago'. His win came on New Years Day over 2000m at Waikouiti. Interestingly, the first win for this horse came about in October 2009, being prepared by his north island trainer, at Timaru when building towards the 2000 Guineas the same year. Maybe it's something in the south island water! Unfortunately, for Bob and his wife, they lost their promising galloper, Sunray gelding 'So Far' when he suffered an injury during a training session. His race record to date was two wins, two seconds, a third and a fourth from seven starts.

If CSI Owners would like updates on future membership benefits and entry to the Points Series, please email your email address to Fiona Hurst at fomies@hotmail.com. You can't enjoy our benefits if you don't know about them.



ALAN GALBRAITH – RACEHORSE OWNER'S FEDERATION PATRON

Alan has been a racegoer since his youngest years, courtesy of his parents who were friends of the Winder family. In his University days in England he rode out for a period for a leading National Hunt stable and had the opportunity of seeing great horses like Mill Reef, Brigadier Gerard, Royal Palace and jockeys like George Moore, Ron Hutchinson, Lester Piggott at the height of their careers.

Back in New Zealand he was fortunate to begin his ownership interests with horses trained by Dave O'Sullivan and Colin Jillings. Since then he has raced horses from the stables of Graeme Rogerson, Mike Moroney, Jim Gibbs, Howie Matthews, Mark Walker, Chris Gibbs, Gai Waterhouse, Peter Moody and others. Probably most successful, and certainly the most notorious, of the horses he has been involved in racing was Pravda which held up the Melbourne Cup for 10 minutes or so by refusing to go to the start.

For some years he was a steward at Ellerslie and sat on the Judicial Committee when it was chaired by Lloyd Brown QC and the Chief Stipendiary Steward was Tony Poulsen, the most knowledgeable of stipendiaries. He also has appeared as counsel in numerous racing enquiries – one which he especially recalls was for Maurice Campbell who was charged for his ride on Balmerino when winning the Avondale Guineas. Alan later had the luck to be in England when Maurice rode Balmerino in the Eclipse Stakes at Sandown. Alan also acted as counsel to the Federation in its early years when Sid Munro and others were doing so much to make administrators responsive to the interests of owners and the professionals whose livelihood was derived from racing. With the support of the Federation Alan was a member of the Racing Industry Board for a period.

In the breeding world he and Richard and Judy Gould set up Patawa Stud at Ohaupo, he was later involved with Blandford Lodge when Imposing stood there, and now is associated with John Thompson at Rich Hill Stud, which stands Pentire, the English Derby winner Sir Percy, Any Suggestion and Bahhare.

Of the Federation, Alan says that over the years it has been an important force for giving owners a necessary voice, a voice which was insufficiently recognised by past administrations. New owners are now recognised to be fundamental to the health of New Zealand racing and the livelihood of all racing professionals. Without owners, there simply isn't a game and one of the principal challenges to racing administrators, particularly in these difficult times, is to make racing relevant and interesting so that there are people willing to take up the challenge and excitement of racing a horse. The Federation has and will continue to play a major role.



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JOCKEY'S MINIMUM WEIGHT SUBMISSION

The Owner's Federation recently made the following submission to NZTR on its proposed changes to minimum riding weights.

8 December 2010
Mr Craig Baker
Racing Manager
New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Inc
P O Box 38 386
Wellington Mail Centre
WELLINGTON

Dear Craig

Thank you for the opportunity to provide feedback on the proposed changes to minimum riding weights outlined in your letter dated 24 November 2010.

In summary it is proposed that the minimum and maximum weights in all races be increased by 1Kg, except those run under the following conditions:

- 2yo and 3yo set weights;
- Set weights and penalty; and
- The WFA scale.

The Thoroughbred Racehorse Owner's Federation recognizes this is a complex issue and that there are both pro's and con's for the proposal. Rather than express a strong view for and against the proposal, we identify herein a number of issues we believe need to be considered by NZTR in its evaluation of this proposal, including comment where relevant.

WELFARE BENEFITS

A key reason given for the proposed increase is the fact the average weight of the general population has increased by approximately 5% over the past decade. If this increase was applied to a 52Kg rider, it equates to a 2.6Kg increase. It is contended that if the minimum riding weight is not increased:

- There will be fewer riders able to ride safely and the recruitment of new riders will suffer.
- Current riders are likely to find it harder to maintain this weight, and may exit the industry.
- Riders are more likely to take more risks to maintain their weight including drugs, starvation and dehydration.

Claimed welfare benefits from raising the minimum weights are that riders will:

- Find it easier to maintain good nutrition.
- Be under less pressure to use cigarettes, diuretics and illegal drugs.
- Be at less risk of dehydration.

Producing more riders who are healthier and who ride regularly at top performance with less risk to themselves and others.

It is also indicated that increasing the minimum will also mean the better riders who are currently having difficulty making the minimum weight will become more accessible to a greater portion of horses racing, benefiting all owners.

COMMENT

1. While we have no reason to doubt there has been a 5% increase in the average weight of the general population over the past decade, we question whether this is also true of the elite athlete sub-set of the population that riders do or should form part of. Does a significant portion of this 5% average increase reflect a reduction in the overall level of fitness of other segments of the population?
2. While we accept that a 1Kg increase in the minimum weight will make it easier for riders to make the minimum weight, we question whether this will have the fundamental impact on the decisions some riders make regarding the use of drugs and/or to be professional in their approach to riding that NZTR suggests.

We see this at best being a possible or marginal benefit and suggest that if NZTR wants to address issues such as drug usage and professionalism, then focused initiatives built around structured education, professional development and life skills training for riders is more likely to yield results in this area. An increase in rider's earnings potential via an increase in stake money would also have a positive outcome.

3. While nominally a 1Kg increase in the minimum weight will increase the number of horses a rider that can only get down to say 54 or 55Kg may ride, we believe there is a real risk that if the minimum weight is increased by 1Kg, the better riders who currently have weight issues but are already obtaining close to full books of rides at higher weights, may simply increase the minimum weight they choose to ride at, thereby more comfortably managing the status quo from their own perspective.
4. When protective vests were first introduced the weight was in excess of 0.5Kg and so the allowance was set at 1Kg. We understand the weight of a vest is now less than 0.5Kg. Jockeys appear to work on the basis of taking the full 1Kg allowance when they weigh out. Accordingly, there is a case for suggesting the allowance for the vest should be reduced to 0.5Kg without compromising safety standards. Has this been considered by NZTR when formulating this proposal.

IMPACT ON RACING

As the proposed increase in the minimum weight will be coupled with a rise in the maximum, the proposal maintains the existing spread between top and bottom weights. It could therefore be argued the relative weight being carried by all horses will remain unchanged and therefore no horse will be disadvantaged by the proposed increases.

Has NZTR researched and/or analysed the risk that by increasing the absolute weight carried by all horses, it could advantage or disadvantage any segments within the racing population. For example:

1. Will the requirement to carry more weight have a greater relative impact on fillies and mares who may simply be less able to carry more weight?
2. As fillies and mares represent a higher percentage of the potential domestic racehorse population than colts and geldings, if they are disadvantaged, will this have a negative impact on the absolute level of participation of fillies and mares?

We note the recent successful initiatives in the R70 grade to make fillies and mares relatively more competitive – thereby increasing their participation levels. It would be disappointing if this proposal had an opposite impact in other grades not “insulated” by the set weight and penalty conditions.

Our next submission relates to the welfare of all horses being raced. While the average weight of the human population may have increased over the past decade, the focus of the thoroughbred breeding industry over many decades has been genetic selection to produce lighter boned faster equine athletes.

This is particularly relevant to current and future levels of participation given the majority of all temporary and permanent physical injuries relate to muscular skeletal issues, resulting in horses being spelled or retired. Has NZTR considered and/or ascertained the likely impact on lifetime participation levels of horses being required to carry increased weights?

We understand NZTR has proposed maintaining the existing 5Kg spread between the top and bottom weights because this fits in well with a handicapping system that allocates 0.5Kg per rating point, with a 10 point spread between each rating level. An alternative would be to adopt the system applied in Australia with the minimum set at 53Kg and the maximum at 59Kg (other than in Gr1 & Gr2 races).

This could give the handicapper a bit more flexibility and help a handful of horses at the bottom although with a higher top weight the majority will carry more weight. It may also mean that the good horse may not need to carry say 60kg because the handicapper would have a 1Kg bigger spread available and could leave that horse at 59Kg. Did NZ consider this approach and if so why was it rejected?

CONCLUSION

While we accept the proposed increase in weights will make it easier for riders to make allocated weights, we are not convinced that this change will have the full welfare, professionalism and rider availability benefits suggested in NZTR’s paper.

There is a risk this proposal tinkers with the status quo without having full regard to the possible adverse impacts it could have on the horse population and participation levels – which potentially could outweigh any benefits.

We question why if New Zealand makes a change, it would adopt a scale that significantly differed from that in Australia.

We trust this submission assists NZTR’s consideration of this proposal.

Yours sincerely



Jim Keyte



WHAT DO AN APPLE, AN ACTRESS AND A KIWI LARRIKIN HAVE IN COMMON?

IN NINE WEEKS TIME, NEW ZEALAND CAN CRITIQUE THE ARTISTIC TALENTS OF 18 HIGH PROFILE KIWIS.

Some of the 18 are artists, most of them aren't.

These "artists'" efforts are part of the Resene Fastest Art Exhibition and their canvas will be one of 18, life size, fibreglass thoroughbred racehorses.

Why 18? Because that's how many horses will line up at Ellerslie on March 5, 2011 in the Southern Hemisphere's richest Derby race, the Telecom New Zealand Derby.

Billy Apple should be ok with his, but no one's quite sure what Lucy Lawless and Marc Ellis will come up with.

The finished art works won't be seen together until Wednesday 16 February 2011, when they will be unveiled at the Barfoot & Thompson Twilight Summer Series at Ellerslie.

In the following two and a half weeks, these horses will go on tour all around Auckland in the build up to New Zealand's richest sporting event, Auckland Cup Week.

The horses will be appearing across the city in some likely, and some very unlikely locations.

Then, at the end of this exciting exhibition, the horses will return to Ellerslie, where they will be auctioned with all proceeds from their sale going to a charity of their artist's choice.

This campaign will support 18 worthy charities and deliver Auckland City an exciting and unique way to celebrate the beginning of Auckland Cup Week 2011, in a year which is shaping up to be huge for the new Super City.

For more information and for regular updates on how the artists and horses are doing, visit <http://www.facebook.com/ellerslieraces>



THE OWNER'S FEDERATION WELCOMES RECENT NEW MEMBERS

We wish to extend a very warm welcome to the new members who have joined the Owner's Federation in November and December. We really appreciate your membership support and look forward to a long and enjoyable association with you.

AUCKLAND

Andy Tait	Whangarei
John Struthers	Takapuna
Ben Foote	Waiau Pa
Mrs Shirley Starkie	Papatoetoe
Neil Twentyman	Orewa
Marie Leicester	Taupo
Craig Leishman	Ellerslie
Philip J R Walker	Epsom
R C Fulton	Pukekohe

WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY

Peter & Rosemary Cribbens	Pauanui
Max Donnelly	Hamilton
Ian Moses	Whangamata
Barry Waldron	Hamilton

HAWKES BAY

Michael & Tina Corbett	Hastings
Ian & Helen Holloway	Hastings

MANAWATU

Roger & Ann Allen	Carterton
John Druce	Woodville
Douglas Duncan	Marton
Peter Gillespie	Palmerston North
Peter Zander	Waikanae
John A Roache	Marton
John Gilbert	Lower Hutt

WANGANUI/TARANAKI

Harold Forbes	Waitara
Alan Burnet	Wanganui

CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND

J G & E A Carran	Otautau
Mrs Beverley Jones	Lumsden
Margaret R Svensson	Hawarden
Andy Denham	Palmerston



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CONGRATULATIONS TO FEDERATION MEMBERS ON THEIR RECENT WINS!

THERE IS NOTHING QUITE LIKE THE THRILL OF WATCHING YOUR HORSE WIN!

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.

T W Archer	Whangarei	GALILEO'S STAR
J G G Bary	Hastings	CELTIC FANTASY
D F & Mrs M D Bodle	Morrinsville	NEVERSAYNEVER
W L & Mrs C Bolton	New Plymouth	ONCE MORE
		DUKE OF YORK
		ABOVE STRATUM
J A Burnet CBE	Wanganui	GLENDOVEER
		MERCURY MISTRESS
N V Burnside	Papatoetoe	ALLSORTSAFUN
J G & Mrs E A Carran	Otautau	EL CHICO
		FONEELEVEN
J T Cassin	Bombay	DESTINY COVE
W L Chittick	Otane	BEAU SON
Chouxmaani Investments Ltd	Havelock North	JIMMY CHOUX
T M & Mrs D K Climo	Feilding	BRACKENWOOD
Mrs K Courtney	Palmerston North	CHINON
M P Daly	Timaru	PRINCESS HALO
A E Denham	Palmerston	RIC O'SHEA
C W Devine	Waiheke Island	SEAFLYTE
J G Donovan	Wellington	KYLEMORE ABBEY
J D Druce	Woodville	MISS MARAUDER
D McK Duncan	Marton	FEARS NOTHING
K M Duncan	Hunterville	FEARS NOTHING
D J & Mrs S M Enright	Foxton	GOLDEN CROWNS
		CHINON
W M & Mrs F L Fearon	Palmerston North	BRACKENWOOD
		TIDAL WAVE
		OUR MILLY SMITH
		CHINON
R J Fiddes	Waimate	ARONSAY
H A Fletcher	Auckland	FIRESIDE
B W Foote	Pukekohe	SHAHLA
		UP TOWN GIRL
		CZECHOUT GIRL
		STREET SIREN
H M & Mrs P M Forbes	Waitara	DIANA
Mrs P Fowler	Timaru	PRINCESS HALO
D R Frampton	Paraparaumu	MORPHEUS
		BOOMING
A R Galbraith	Auckland	THE FLANEUR
		MAE JINX
J T E & Mrs A J Gilbert	Lower Hutt	O'REILLY'S PRIZE
Peter Gillespie	Palmerston North	VINCITORE
C R & Mrs S Grace	Hunterville	HINEMOA
K Gray	Palmerston North	KIWI LADY
I D Grieve	Hastings	NEVERSAYNEVER
D L Hammond	Timaru	PRINCESS HALO
R Harrison	Hastings	TIMETAKEN
Mrs S M Harty	Waipawa	TIDAL WAVE
D R Haworth	Levin	FEARS NOTHING
		LOOSE CHANGE
Miss S L Hobbs	Cambridge	KAAPDIVA
Sir Patrick Hogan	Cambridge	KYLEMORE ABBEY
		ON THE LEVEL
		YOU'RE IN
I K & Mrs H Holloway	Hastings	JUNGLE RECIPE
P E & Mrs N E Izett	Otaki	SHYLO
Dr A T & Mrs C M Jackson	Auckland	ASTROGAL
		MERCURY MISTRESS
		FASHION ROCKS
B W B Jensen	Tauranga	CHAPEL BAY
R I & Mrs M A G Johnson	Taupo	PINNAFERO
R L Johnstone	Outram	MINNALOUSHKA
H E & Mrs K E Jones	Wairoa	NO EXCUSE MAGGIE

P J & Mrs S L Kay	Levin	SPIRO
D A J (Sam) Kelt	Hastings	SUAZA
Marie Leicester	Taupo	ANNIE HIGGINS
Craig Leishman	Auckland	AFFAIRE D'HONNEUR
T G Lines	Otahuhu	SIR JACK GUNNO
S B Marsh	Cambridge	KAAPDIVA
		RECESSION PROOF
I E McCarrison	Wellington	TINSELTOWN
J F Meyer	Palmerston North	STORMY AFFAIR
N A & Mrs J U Mortimer	Tauranga	CHAPEL BAY
I W Moses	Whangamata	CATALINA
D E & E Y Nakhle	Manukau	CELERIS
		EGO
J D Naylor	Palmerston North	TIDAL WAVE
P A Newman	Otorohanga	OPTIONS
K W Oddy	Waiuku	ROUGH ODDS
Mrs L M Oddy	Waiuku	ROUGH ODDS
Paul & Jude Pearce	Palmerston North	SALVATORE
J C Pender	Tauranga	LILY L'AMOUR
G E Petersen	Tauranga	ELBLITZEM
A R Piercy	Ashburton	DOWN TOWN
		BELLES FAST
		NIPPIN
		VOLGUS
D N & Mrs W E Pye	Auckland	STOPPER
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G A Rogerson MNZM	Hamilton	MARADA
		MORPHEUS
		CINNIE
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		FINDERSKEEPERS
P J B & Mrs B C Smith	Wanganui	OUR MILLY SMITH
J J & Mrs H M Steffert	Te Aroha	BACK IN BLACK
W J Stewart	Wanganui	BALTIS
J B Struthers	North Shore City	HE'S REMARKABLE
J C & Mrs M A Thompson	Howick	REDESSI
		PENTRIDGE
		ATAPI
K J Tod	Palmerston North	TIDAL WAVE
S K Turner	Taihapa	A LA VOTRE
W N Twentymann	Silverdale	ZORRO'S STAR
P M Vela	Hamilton	SERCIAL
		POMELLATO
		COQUETEA
		MIRAFLORES
		PINK BEACH
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		PINK BEACH
B M Waldron	Hamilton	STORM PARK
Philip J R Walker	Auckland	DANVINSKY
		RUSTALLI
P J Walker	Clevedon	THE MINER
J R Wheeler	New Plymouth	KYLEMORE ABBEY
		GALILEO'S STAR
		ESPRESSO
		BELLE VITESSE
Windsor Park Stud Ltd	Cambridge	GLENDOVEER
		FAXED
		SANTERIA
Peter Zander	Waikanae	FASTNET ROCKETTE

HIGH CHAPARRAL

30 May 09
SHOOT OUT
Gr.2 Sires' Produce S.
1400m 2YO
Eagle Farm

3 Oct 09
MONACO CONSUL
Gr.1 Spring Champion S.
2000m 3YO
Randwick

24 Oct 09
SO YOU THINK
Gr.1 WS Cox Plate
2040m WFA
Moonee Valley

31 Oct 09
MONACO CONSUL
Gr.1 Victoria Derby
2500m 3YO
Flemington

13 Feb 10
SHOOT OUT
Gr.2 Royal Sovereign
1200m 3YO
Randwick

13 Mar 10
SHOOT OUT
Gr.1 Randwick Guineas
1600m 3YO
Randwick

1 Apr 10
SHOOT OUT
Gr.1 Australian Derby
2400m 3YO
Randwick
(Trifecta, 2nd Descarado 3rd Monaco Consul)

2 May 10
FAIRY OAK
Gr.3 Auraria S.
1800m 3YO
Morphettville

14 Aug 10
SHOOT OUT
Gr.2 Liston S.
1400m WFA
Caulfield

28 Aug 10
SO YOU THINK
Gr.2 Memsie S.
1400m WFA
Caulfield

18 Sep 10
DESCARADO
Gr.2 Hill S.
1900m WFA
Rosehill

18 Sep 10
SO YOU THINK
Gr.1 Underwood S.
1800m WFA
Caulfield

9 Oct 10
SO YOU THINK
Gr.1 Yalumba S.
2000m WFA
Caulfield

16 Oct 10
DESCARADO
Gr.1 Caulfield Cup
2400m Hdcp.
Caulfield
(3rd Monaco Consul)

23 Oct 10
SO YOU THINK
Gr.1 WS Cox Plate
2040m WFA
Moonee Valley

30 Oct 10
SO YOU THINK
Gr.1 Mackinnon S.
2000m WFA
Flemington
(2nd Descarado)

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