# NEW ZEALAND THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE OWNERS FEDERATION





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# **PRESIDENT'S UPDATE**

## GET VACCINATED NOW.

Kia ora everyone. Welcome to the October issue of the Owners' Bulletin. My message to all members is simple and clear, get yourself vaccinated and help our Government and the Ministry of Health stop the spread of COVID-19 (DELTA VARIANT) across our Nation. The fate of the national economy and that of racing is imperative to the success of our season.

We've been here before and none of us want closed race meetings to become the norm. I want to be on course when my thoroughbred races and experience the feeling of winning

or the lows of running down the field. That's why we invest in the industry, to participate and share our experiences and memories with friends and fellow owners. The Racing Industry needs our support and getting yourself vaccinated is the only answer!

We are approaching the business end of racing with Hawke's Bay Spring carnival coming to an end, soon followed by the Canterbury Carnival and not to mention those racing classics across the ditch. In all, the coming month's right through to March next year will have something for all of us to enjoy.

On the Racing Administrative front your Federation continues to advocate through the



NZTR Members Council to ensure that our Industry Leaders are working for 'Owners' and the industry participants in general.

The Federation will soon advertise its Annual General Meeting and in these times of the digital world we've had to revert to this meeting being held by ZOOM. The good side about this, is that you will all have the opportunity to be involved if you so wish and register accordingly. A separate notification regarding the AGM will be emailed to all paid up members.

'Happy Racing'

**Bernard Hickey** President

# NZTR'S COVID STRATEGY (abridged)

## THE STATE OF PLAY

As your National Body it our role to ensure that as a sport we can continue to function with the least amount of restriction and interruption, but within the framework of the binding orders made by the Government. We see it as our role to advocate for the industry to improve the conditions of operation, within the realms of what is fair. reasonable and attainable.

It is important to be clear that the restrictions that we operate under as a result are legally binding orders from the Government. They are not requests or invitations. Compliance with them is not optional. Breaches constitute offences and can attract severe penalties, and NZTR has a duty as the steward of the sport to comply and to support participants to comply.

In that context, it is important to be clear that thoroughbred racing holds a relatively privileged position as opposed to other sports as we have been able to resume racing at Alert Level 3, albeit with restrictions on attendance and regional movement. Most other sports are only able to fully resume at Alert Level 2. The Government can remove our ability to race, train and trial with the stroke of a pen if we are not seen to be responsible.

## **OUR ADVOCACY TO GOVERNMENT**

NZTR has engaged on a weekly and monthly basis with the Government from the outset of the pandemic, both during periods where there have been restrictions in place and during periods where all of New Zealand has been at Alert Level 1. We have engaged with racing officials, animal welfare officials, health officials, Ministers' offices and Ministers directly. The objectives of our activities, either solely or through Racing New Zealand, have been:

- To secure our ability to race at heightened Alert Levels:
- To ensure that we understood the Government's expectations and were adhering to them;
- To minimise, where it was responsible to do so, the impact of the Government's restrictions on our sport.

We believe that now is the time for a different approach. The Government has been clear that as vaccination rates increase, it will find itself with more options for controlling coronavirus outbreaks than strict lockdowns and rigid internal borders. That means a shift away from restricting business activity based on whether it is 'essential' or 'necessary' towards an assessment based on safety and risk minimisation

That presents us with new options in terms of our approach to coronavirus risk management. Our new priorities when we engage with Government need to be:

- Being quick to understand the Government's expectations as they shift, and being agile and responsive to changing expectations;
- Being ahead of, and where possible, involved in, policy discussions with Government as it formulates new responses to coronavirus outbreaks that affect our business; and
- Being seen as a responsible and reliable partner to Government in its coronavirus response, whether that means encouraging vaccination or adhering meticulously to Government requirements.

This approach is only now worth exploring because the Government has signalled a



change in approach. It would have been a misguided strategy in the past, but we now believe, based on our experience advocating for the industry over the past 18 months, that it is now worthwhile to pursue.

What might be substantively achieved for our participants as part of this strategy depends in part on a range of factors outside our control, but we will be looking to improve our current very strong position.

## WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

We will look to convene a group of experts to provide us with advice as we navigate our new landscape. We are also working with other sports, while we have some ideas ourselves, we invite you to provide us with any candidates who you believe could make our advocacy to Government stronger.

We also need you and your members to keep up the good work. As an industry and a sport, we can collectively be very proud of our track record of adherence to the Government's requirements, and the thoughtful and measured way all of our people have conducted themselves in the media. But we need that to continue - one wrong move will taint us all and undermine everything we are working so hard to achieve.

# **EDITORIAL**

## Neil Miller

Hello to All – from our personal Utopia, Level 3. This issue is a mission to keep you informed and perhaps to say again we are a community of Racing people and hopefully this issue is a little bit of glue that binds us together, still!.

In this issue there is firstly a message from NZTR to the sector groups, a heartfelt plea for all in the industry to conform to various governmental edicts. I edited it down from four pages to what is really salient and fit the space available. Emotion runs through the lines – and who is not emotional at this time? Stress is everywhere!

There's stuff in the following pages to inform you and at the back a quizzical look at the horse, owner, trainer, jockey to make you chuckle. This from Laraine Sole, still writing up a storm.

We live in change as well as Covid. Here is info on SENZ media and the new Auckland Thoroughbred Racing Club where if we hang in there, we will have a chance to run on a Strathayr track for a stake that pays a season's fees

Back to the beginning. The front cover is a Time Test foal and his Mum, Angel Van Harlem at Little Avondale Stud.

Its spring. You see it all around. New shoots. New life. New hope! That's the way to think. Isn't it?

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## **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

I really enjoyed the July issue of Owners' Bulletin it was a good read from start to finish.

But as I've long had an interest in racing history, the story on the Wanganui Jockey Club, taken from Larraine Sole's book, was especially enjoyable. It occurs to me that readers might also be interested in a fact I unearthed relating to the club's second annual meeting in 1849. I included it in my book "How to Pick a Winner", under the chapter "Some Moderately Interesting Facts about Racing".

The renowned warrior chief Te Rauparaha took an interest in horse racing, according to Sir William Fox's book "The Six Colonies of New Zealand." Describing the great chief's final days, when a missionary was among his bedside visitors, Fox writes that after the missionary left, Te Rauparaha "turned the conversation to the Whanganui races, where one of his guests had been running a horse."

Since Te Rauparaha died on 27 November 1849, and the second race meeting was held on 6 and 7 November of that year, this account rings true. Apparently, he said, "those are fine words [by the missionary] but they won't help my belly [it's thought he died from stomach cancer]...now, how did your horse go...? (Or words to that effect.)

Mary Mountier

## OUR COVER

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# WINNERS GALLERY

Do check the Winners Gallery page of the NZTROF website to see if you can find you and/or your winning horse(s).

The page gets updated regularly in cycle with each new edition of the Owners Bulletin – all horses featured are owned by NZTROF members and listed by the date of their win. We try to showcase photos of smiling owners as well as victorious horses!

All images courtesy of Race Images https://www.racehorseowner.co.nz/winnersgallery/ and https://raceimages.co.nz/ 🔇



# REGIONAL ROUNDUP

## **AUCKLAND & NORTHLAND**

Mike Gething and Sally Blyth

# Covid seems to dictate everything at present. Nightmare!

The Auckland Owner's social day at the Ellerslie meeting on the 25th September of course could not take place. We need to be at Level 1 to hold this so we are looking at February/March next year. We do have a tentative booking for November 27th 2021 but it is unlikely we will be at Level 1 by then.

Covid Levels have made life very difficult for Trainers in the Auckland area. Our horses under their care have been able to travel to Waikato or beyond for trials or races but without their human caregivers who were not permitted to cross the border. This has only been possible because trainers in the Waikato and beyond have gone out of their way to help managing these horses. We have sent a letter of thanks to the Trainers Association expressing the gratitude of all Auckland owners for this support.

Sally, Neil & Mike held a Zoom meeting with Paul Wilcox, CEO of Auckland Thoroughbred Racing, to discuss how plans for the new amalgamated Counties & Auckland Racing Clubs were progressing. Neil has written up the details for this issue of the bulletin – the prospects sound very encouraging.

Best wishes. Just everyone hang in there. Mike

## Classy 5YO NZ mare Probabeel notched up her 12th win on 9th October 2021 at Caulfield in the Neds Might and Power over 2000m.

There may have only been five horses in the race but it was hotly contested nevertheless, with all eyes on hot favourite Zaaki. Probabeel pushed through in the hands of Brett Prebble and kept fighting to get up by 0.1L. Zaaki ran third.

By Savabeel out of the Pins mare Far Fetched, this was a gutsy win by a talented mare owned by NZTROF Auckland members BJ Lindsay MNZM and Mrs JEA Lindsay. Trainer Jamie Richards also had a nice win with Kahma Lass earlier in the day. Congratulations!

This time of year is always an exciting one for racing enthusiasts as the Spring Racing Carnival in Australia gets into full swing! It's wonderful that the talent of NZ-bred horses is being showcased over the Tasman during these challenging times – there's been plenty of success already, and more to come we're sure. Good luck to all members who have an interest in a horse running during the Carnival.

## **RIODINI - RACING IN AUSTRALIA**

Alan Galbraith was appointed NZTROF's Patron at the 2009 AGM. He is a member of the Auckland Association and he and his family own Riodini, a 5YO stakeswinning Proisir gelding who is now racing in Australia. Out of Giardini (Perfectly Ready) and trained by Waterhouse/Bott at Randwick, Riodini has had 16 starts for 4 wins. His last 10 starts have been in Australia, following six excellent runs in NZ.

Riodini went out favourite at his latest start in the 2021 Epsom Handicap on 2nd October and was leading the field at the 300m mark. However, the swoopers came and he finished 11th but only 5L behind the winner Private Eye who stormed home from the back.

Riodini won first up as a 2YO at Pukekohe Park on 20th June 2019 and followed that up with two strong wins at Tauranga in October and November that year. A hat trick turned into four-in-a-row with a fantastic win at Ellerslie in the Gr3 Bonecrusher Stakes in December 2019.

This boy was proving impossible to run down, although the string of wins came to an end on 1st January 2020 when he went down narrowly to Dragon Leap in the Auckland Guineas at Ellerslie. He then ran a decent third in the Levin Classic at Trentham (won by Travelling Light).

With such great early form under his belt, Riodini was transferred to Sydney over the winter of 2020. He ran a first-up 9th place at Rosehill in a Gr2 and followed that up with a classy 2nd placing in the Gr2 Shannon Stakes, behind I Am Superman.

The Kiwi horses were in great form at Randwick on 3rd October 2020 where Probabeel took out the Gr1 Epsom Handicap, with Riodini giving a great sight, hanging on for a tight and gritty third placing.

After a mediocre run at Randwick, he was given a spell over the summer and was back in business at Randwick in July 2021 with two runs in preparation for spring racing.

A decent 5th placing at Hawkesbury in August was followed up by a great run for second at Randwick in September in the Gr2 Chelmsford Stakes. Verry Eleegant won the Gr1 George Main Stakes stylishly on 18th September 2021 but Riodini's run for second (0.8L) was strong all the way to the line.

Alas, the Epsom Handicap result wasn't as hoped, but we wish the Galbraiths and connections all the best for Riodini's racing future.

**Riodini (Proisir-Giardini)** Trained by: G Waterhouse & A Bott, Randwick Owned by: A R Galbraith, M Lewis, Mrs E A Galbraith & Ms C E Galbraith 16 starts: 4-4-2 🛛 🖗



## WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY

## What Waikato/BOP is Doing

Of immediate focus: a fundraiser for the Horse Ambulance. We are taking a stall at Matamata Market Day when these re-emerge. Grant Kingsford and Keith Opie are organising that. We'll keep you posted when this launches.

The Horse Ambulance is a fantastic vehicle with hydraulic ability to enable a sore horse to be brought on board at little effort. We will be notifying owners when they can see the ambulance up close at a race meeting, possibly at Te Aroha, we'll keep you posted. If you want

## Karen Remitis

to donate directly, please go to New Zealand Horse Ambulance Trust – Give a Little. That should take you directly to their website.

We have pushed hard for increasing stakes. The poor performance of NZTR in this regard means Waikato/BOP Association has written a letter to the Minister of Racing citing a No Confidence vote in NZTR. Poor stakes and poor communication show an organisation with no respect for owners at all. Everything else is peripheral. The word I most get back from owners is 'demoralising'. Staff on the frontline are great in my experience. Some higher up staff are surprisingly openly belligerent and unprofessional

Chasing increased stakes, we will again undertake a Giving Back to Owners event in the summer, at Tauranga. More on that coming.

## WAIKATO/BOP RACEHORSE OWNERS' AGM

This will be October 28 at The Merchant, Broadway Matamata 7pm start.

If you are interested – come and join us.

## HAWKES BAY

## Tony Lyndon

**Raucous who started in Katie** Hercock's stable won his first race at the Te Aroha meeting in June. Katie found him a problem horse to train and suggested transferring him to Paul Nelson and Corrina McDougal's stable to try him as a jumper. His win in the restricted hurdles wasn't an easy win. "but he can only improve," said his part owner breeder Ken Browne. Ken races him in partnership with Paul **Nelson along with Jeananne Hercock and her sister Rose** Sellwood.

The Cossack won his sixth hurdle race when winning the Grand National Hurdles at Riccarton. He had previously won the Great Northern Hurdles at Ellerslie, Wellington Hurdles at Hastings and Waikato Hurdles at Te Rapa. He has since added a second Great Northern Hurdles at Te Aroha on 2 October. He is raced by Paul Nelson, Peter Grieve and son Doug and also Waipukurau farmer John Frizzell and has won \$320,000 in stake money.

Mizzena won her second hurdles in the space of six days when following up her win at Awapuni by winning at Whanganui. Bred by Barry Smyth who retains 40% in her along with brother John and six others.

Carnaby is raced by trainer Kevin Myers and eight New Zealand Owners members Allan Fenwick (Marton), Michael Collinson (Feilding), Allan's wife Sue, Cam Arnott (Palmerston North) and from Hastings, members Tony Lyndon, Peter Johnstone, Peter Unverricht and Greg Horton. He has now won seven races and two over jumps and \$98,000 in stakes.

The John Bary trained Callsign Mav earned a start in the Cox Plate when following his win in the Group 1 Tarzino Trophy he added the Group 1 Windsor Plate a fortnight later. Bary trained Jimmy Choux to run second in the Cox Plate in 2011 and will be named as the trainer of Callsign Mav in this year's Cox Plate. After that Callsign Mav will transfer to Danny O'Brien's stable in Melbourne.

> NZTR©F HAVE YOU PAID YOUR SUBS?

## WANGANUI & TARANAKI Brian O'Dea

When the same owner wins the Wanganui Guineas twice in three years you think was it luck – or good planning? The 2019 winner Cooga Doon was impressive and graced the cover of our December 2019 magazine – and was then sold for a substantial sum.

This year's winner Soldier Boy has potential as a staying type, particularly as he is a full brother to Vancooga, 2nd in last year's N.Z Oaks. Unfortunately, she was retired to stud due to bone chips. The owner of both is Gavin O`Dea –only a distant relation of mine.

Was it luck or planning? Gavin in association with breeding guru Earl Feck of Feilding, checks pedigrees back 7 generations before Gavin runs his accountant's rule over the cross.

Proisir has been the sire of Vancooga and Soldier Boy and Darci Brahma will continue to feature in upcoming matings. Where does the name Cooga come from? The O'Deas' originally came from County Limerick in Ireland and Cooga and Doon are very small villages close by.

Is 11yo Tallyho Twinkletoe the best jumper in the last 50 years? Jockey Shaun Phelan says he is. Unbeaten over the larger fences on both sides of the "ditch" he has won the latest running of the Grand National Steeplechase at Riccarton with ease carrying 70 kilos. Trained by Kevin Myers and owned by Simon Harrison, David MacNab and Jo Rathbone his record stands at 15 wins, 5 seconds 1 third, 2 fourths, 1 fifth over 33 races (flat and jumps) with stakes at \$667,000 and no doubt more to come.

One of the veteran trainers of Wanganui Wayne Marshment is almost a new man. He has worked through the last few years with a buggered hip giving him a lot of pain. He finally got the Op and is almost fully recovered. Wife Judy has also had hip knee and ankle problems, so they have been very lucky son Charlie Waaka has been keeping the stable ticking over in addition to his full-time job, plus sister-in-law Janice Webster has helped out when needed.

Wayne is closing on 260 wins in 30 odd years from a stable that normally has less than ten in work. Included in his good winners have been Centre Crest, O'Fille and a number for local breeder Peter Smith whose mares' bloodlines go back to Wotan.

Dan O'Leary and wife Jane Nugent-O'Leary had one of the thrills of racing winning the Great Northern Steeplechase with Te Kahu. It might not have been over the hill, but it was still 6200 metres. They have, of course, had many family thrills as they are part of the group of four O'Leary's and their spouses who own Who Shot Thebarman.

On a sad note, Wellington Cup winner Gorbachev has been retired, but trainer Bryce Newman considers he will have great potential in the equestrian world for the breeder's daughter Krissie O`Donnell.



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## MANAWATU/WELLINGTON

## Allan Fenwick

## KAMADA PARK 2020/2021 POINTS SERIES

The Kamada Points Series is a season long contest for horses owned by members of either the CD Breeders' or the Manawatu Owners' Associations. The top five points earners receive prize money.

Horses receive points as follows ... 7 for finishing 1st; 4 for 2nd; 3 for 3rd; 2 for 4th; 1 for 5th

Deerfield was a dominant winner of the Kamada Park Points Series for last season. Nominated by Judith Bambry Deerfield won 5 races and was placed 9 times in an 18 race campaign from the stable of daughter Chrissy Bambry.

Second placed Never Quitz won 2 races and had 7 minor placings from the stable of Kerry & Ian Taplin. Although trained in Southland Palmerston North's Bruce Dilks is part of the team that bred and race Never Quitz.

Cruz Ramirez finished third equal with Kapinos. The former was nominated by Wayne Kitching and had 3 wins and 3 placings from the stable of Bryce Newman. Kapinos nominated by her breeder and part owner, the late Lorraine Jameson had only 1 win but 8 minor placings.

In 5th place was Hartley, nominated by Erin Connors, with 2 wins and 8 minor placings. Hartley was a remarkably consistent performer for the Connors family over 4 seasons of racing, no doubt a tribute to the conditioning skills of trainer Neil Connors. Sadly, Hartley passed away just recently, a sad loss of a well-loved horse.

First Deerfield nominated by Judith Bambry 55 points
Second Never Quitz nominated by Bruce Dilks 35 points
Third = Cruz Ramirez nominated by Wayne Kitching
Kapinos nominated by Lorraine Jamieson
Fifth Hartley nominated by Erin Connors
Sixth = Tamahine nominated by Gail Temperton & Stan Alexander 28 points
Torre Del Greco nominated by Susan & Allan Fenwick
Eighth = Dolcetto nominated by Sylvia Kay
Love For All nominated by Wayne Kitching
Tenth = Retzena nominated by Liz & John Hancock
Savanah Belle nominated by John Gilbert
Twelfth
Thirteenth = Ocean Belle nominated by John Gilbert
Fiano nominated by Sylvia Kay
Fifteenth Cast in Bronze nominated by Hamish MacDonald

The Association once again thanks Kamada Park and the late Kevin Pratt and his family for supporting the Points Series for the last 3 seasons.



## **RACING MATTERS**

Welcome back Robert Hannam – it was great to see the likeable senior jockey Robbie Hannam back on the track at Awapuni at the beginning of October having not ridden raceday since prior to the March, 2020 Covid lockdown. Before racing recommenced after that lockdown Robbie suffered a broken femur in a trackwork accident.

A triumphant return was not to be on hot favourite Big Franck who could only finish second. But, on his next ride he tasted success when he pushed Heidi Belle to a 1/2 neck win. Appropriately, Heidi Belle is trained by wife Kim's brother Peter Didham.

Talking of Peter, hasn't he had his team firing up in recent weeks capped off by the win of House of Cartier in the Group 3 Boehringer Ingelheim Metric Mile at the Marton Jockey Club's raceday at Awapuni in September? House of Cartier commenced her racing career from the stable of Nigel Tiley then went to John Sargent in Sydney. She is raced by Pee Gee & W J Bloodstock Ltd the principals of whom are Peter Gillespie and Bill Gleeson.

A former jockey and then Track Manager at Awapuni for a time Peter then linked up with Bill Gleeson when he developed Wellfield Stud. The Wellfield business model now has more focus on pre training and breaking in which has also meant having a racing team. In just his second season as a trainer Peter has claimed the 2020/2021 Newcomer to Training Award. Congratulations Peter.

Against all odds it seemed Vespa three-year-old Wakari bounced back to the form he had shown as a juvenile when winning the El Roca-Sir Colin Meads Trophy on the first day at Hastings and backed that up with a meritorious 2nd in the Hawkes Bay Guineas. After winning as a two-year-old at Awapuni last November Wakari was diagnosed with a chipped sesamoid and a very doubtful future. A patient approach including 2 months on a water walker has seen Wakari suitably recovered. His record of 5 starts for 2 wins and 3 seconds is very impressive.

Wakari is trained by Roydon Bergerson and raced by a syndicate including Association members Bob Wiltshire, Keith Towers, Mark & Fay Fearon and Gerald Haddon & Jill Dixon.

It was good to see the familiar colours of Paraparaumu's Don Frampton to the fore at Moonee Valley in August when Smokin' Romans was successful. The Ghibellines – Inferno gelding, trained by Ciaron Maher & David Eustace has now won 6 races from a total of 15 starts.

Dubai's Moko has struck a real purple patch of form for Tony & Judith Bambry and Foxton's Robin & Kathy Hapi completing a hattrick of wins at Awapuni in early October. The Chrissy Bambry trained mare is a daughter of Dubai Belle a winner of 9 races for the same owners.

New member R J Mollo enjoyed success with Double Happy the recent winner of the Ruakaka Cup from the Clotworthy stable. Rue Cler backed up her promising debut 3rd with a convincing win at Waverley for trainer Bryce Newman. Wayne Kitching shares in the ownership of the Proisir filly.

Ken Duncan's Eion had the perfect lead in to the Great Northern Steeplechase with a strong win over Zartan & Te Kahu in the Pakuranga Hunt however in a thrilling finale to the jumping season the tables were turned with Te Kahu winning from Zartan and No Tip with Eion 4th. He will no doubt return next season.

## MAJESTIC HORSE FLOATS 2021/2022 POINTS SERIES

# Reminder to Members of the Manawatu Association and the Central Districts Breeders Association

It is not too late to enter your horse/s in this season's Points Series but remember that points only accrue from the date of receipt of your entry. Entry is free.

The Leader Board is updated on the Federation website from time to time. This can be found on the Manawatu page on the drop-down box under the "Regional Associations" heading Entry forms can also be downloaded from the same place on the website.

## CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND

Hi from the mainland, Winter is over and some nice horses are emerging with spring racing well underway. We just managed to get National Week finished before we all went back into lockdown. At least we are back racing, albeit closed doors meetings, they feel a bit like trial days to us.

The past couple of months we have lost two members, both however got to see their respective horses win day's before they passed on. Firstly it was at national week where Judy Smith of Hawarden, got to see Spindleshanks break maiden ranks. Owned with son Bruce and trained by him, the 6yo mare by Iffraaj, led early, then took a trail till the 400m, where under the urgings of jockey Chris Johnson was too strong late and prevailed to give Judy one last thrill.

Judy, a very good horsewoman, spent a lifetime involved with horses, she rode showhorses for a long time, or the countless kids she taught to ride, or five years as huntswoman for the Brackenfield Hunt, she gave a lot. She also held

## Peter Faulkner

a trainer's license for a number of years, and had success with a jumper called Te Haritu who won three including a Hawkes Bay Steeples, and placed in the Grand National and Homeby Steeples. She also had several horse's with John and Karen Parson's including one called Don't Ask which won three.

A month later, we lost Bob Goodeve, a life member of the Waimate Racing Club. Bob had a long association with thoroughbreds – and several trainer's. He had one last winner when He's Tunza Grunt drove through and got up where it counts at Wingatui to also break maiden's at his fifth start. Bob's wife Diana, who is also a member and long time owner with Bob, replayed the win a few times for him until he passed away four days later. He's Tunza Grunt, a 4yo gelding by Pure Champion is trained at Timaru by Steph Clark, and hopefully as he matures will go on with it and score again.

From their first horse, Silver Road who won twice back in 1982, they've had some handy horses like open class galloper Petrify who won 12 including the Beaumont Cup three year's running and several listed races. Whitford Fun won 5 and placed second 18 times.

The good stayer, Never Plead Guilty won 6 including a Dunedin Gold Cup. Astro Turf had 5 wins and Numero de Lago won 4 including 2 over fences from 2 starts.

Both Judy and Bob will be sorely missed from the racing fraternity having given so much.

A quick mention for the Sarah and Matt Smith owning/training duo of Ashburton, they have had a good couple of months with wins from Splendior, Dioradelle, Thistle, and a double in the last week with Vermont. Keep up the good work.

Lastly our winter points series came to a conclusion at Timaru. With a very good score of 34, Original Gangster was very consistent for nominating owners Bill and Helen Bishop. Second and third went to Lacy Stewart and Aaron Tapper collectively with Miss Harley Quinn and Take the Deel on 28 and 24 respectively. Congratulations to all.

# BUCKINGHAM PASSES AWA

## Gregarious, generous, a great contributor, best describe Clyde Buckingham who passed away recently after a short illness in Middlemore Hospital, aged 83.

Buckingham was a Gold Star member of the Auckland Racing Club, where he had served as a director in the late 1990's and early 2000's, and an active member of the Auckland Branch of the NZTBA.

He also served as a director of the Counties Racing Club, the nearest club to the Karaka lifestyle property he shared with his wife Patricia on their retirement.

Originally from Levin, Buckingham made a successful career for himself in the printing business in Auckland, and it was during the 1990's that his interest in thoroughbreds and racing developed through an association with Mapperley Stud's Kit Davison.

One of the first horses Buckingham purchased was the Gr.1 AJC Derby (2400m) winner Ebony Grosve, a son of Grosvenor whom he raced with Patricia, her sister Shirley and her husband Trevor Tobin.

The striking looking entire was named after the Grove Hotel where he was known to drink with friends including Davison before heading to the rugby at Eden Park.

Ebony Grosve won four races in total including the aforementioned Derby, the Gr.1 McKinnon Stakes (2000m) and the Gr.2 Hill Stakes (2000m).

He also ran second in the Gr.1 VRC Derby (2500m), a race that he and Patricia attended regularly, with the couple on hand to see their homebred Sangster triumph in 2011. That was the first Group One winner the couple had bred, but Buckingham had success in breeding a number of stakes winners under his Emblem Limited banner including Kaptaan, Appiel and Yearn.

It was the deeds of Ebony Grosve that thrust Buckingham into the role of breeder, after electing to stand him at stud himself. Not shy to invest in the industry, he purchased a farm at Ohaupo to stand the horse and a select bunch of mares to send to him. Later after meeting BBA agent Joss Collins at a lunch at Windsor Park he purchased a number of mares from Europe.

Buckingham watched his mare Kate Velour, a Showcasing half-sister to Group One winner Consensus, race at Cambridge on his phone shortly before he passed away.

Other winners he was associated with included Fooram, whom he raced with good friends Brian Stevenson and John and Margaret Thompson and his seven wins included a Gr.2 Chairman's Handicap (2600m) at Randwick; Richard Beymer, who won 11 races and ran third in the Gr.1 Railway Handicap (1200m) and Appiel who placed in the Gr.2 Auckland Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes (1400m) at Counties.

This year he purchased the Per Incanto mare Belle Fascino and she went on to win the Gr.3 South Island Breeders' Stakes (1600m) in his emerald green and white chequered silks, and she now has a date with Almanzor in the breeding barn.

A memorial service was held for Buckingham on 13th August at Papakura, where many a tale of the gentleman who loved to banter and tell a tale, always had an opinion, was known for his love of red wine and notorious long lunches was shared by his many friends and colleagues in the thoroughbred industry. NZTBA (abridged)

## The below is a screenshot of the KIWI givealittle page.

At the tail of that are comments from subscribers to the statue.

# Kiwi - the Racehorse Statue for Waverley.

To bring this piece of history to life we need the nation to help us make this possible.



New Plymouth sculptor Fridtjof Hansen has created a beautiful statue of 'Kiwi' the racehorse and will be donating his time and expertise creating it to the town of Waverley. The price of bronzing and installation be around \$250,000-\$300,000. At this stage we have got a committee together and are in the process raising funds for this project. The South Taranaki District Council will help financially with a small portion toward this project, but we need to find a big portion of the funds as a community.

Kiwi is a big part of Waverley's past and we think it would be a point of interest for the passing traffic to stop and see this statue. Kiwi's victory in 1983 has become one of the most memorable performances in the history of the Melbourne Cup, and illustrated a classic stayer's victory. Since winning the race, Kiwi has become a household sporting hero in New Zealand and formed a key example of the underdog winning a horse race against the odds'. It would be a poignant statement to install a statue of our most famous horse in its hometown of Waverley.

To this day the world still remembers Kiwi. Thirty-eight years have passed since that win, and we are hoping that we can immortalize Kiwi in bronze for future generations.

## About us

The Waverley Lions Club are behind the fundraising for a Bronze Statue by award winning Sculptor Fridjtof Hansen, of Jimmy Cassidy riding Kiwi to victory. Snow & Anne Lupton of Waverley owned and trained Kiwi, winner of the 1983 Melbourne Cup.

## Use of funds

Funds will be used for the bronzing and installation of the statue in Waverley,

## Megan Gundesen

### 3 days ago

To Johanna, Christian and Kirstie. Fridtjhof gave such a lot to the equestrian community. His views have opened people's minds to better ways to enhance horse welfare and the horse/rider connection. I would love to see his influence preserved in the statue of Kiwi. Megan Gundesen and Neil Florence

## Murray

## on 28 Sep 2021

Hi Christian / Kersti, I hear there was a good send off for Fridtjof, very well deserved. I had the privilege of seeing the sculpture in its early stages. I do hope that it is completed as a tribute not only to Kiwi but also your dad. Best wishes, Murray Cox

## AL

on 22 Sep 2021

Love Fridtjof's sculptures! I do hope that Kiwi the Racehorse can be finished.

# Fridtjof Hanson

*{abridged extract from the Taranaki Daily News}* 

Fridtjof Hanson will be remembered for his work immortalising

Taranaki's heroes. The New Plymouth surgeon, sculptor and avid horseman died on September 15, after a long battle with cancer.

His work in bronze is seen throughout Taranaki – his first was Manaia's statue of George, a brave little dog, followed by the sculptures of Peter Snell at Opunake, Colonel Malone in Stratford and surveyor Frederick Carrington and an Anzac soldier in New Plymouth.

The 79-year-old's last work, a full-size sculpture of 1983 Melbourne Cup winner Kiwi, is soon to be installed at Waverley in South Taranaki, provided the cost of casting the Plasticine horse and jockey in bronze can be met.

Friends and family are contributing towards the cost, Hanson's daughter Kersti, who lives in New York, said. Her father had been determined to complete the horse, which symbolised his admiration for great achievers who demonstrated courage, persistence and vision.

Surgery and horses were her father's greatest passions, she said. "He rode his horse for the last time 10 days before he died." He carried a scar on his nose all his life from a fall as a toddler, running to see some horses going past. "He tripped over and skinned his nose," she said. "A horse came up to him, and he looked up into the blowing nostrils and big brown eyes of this huge horse Van Halem and felt very safe."

She and her brother Christian grew up in a house where friends and their horses were always welcomed. "We grew up riding, it was compulsory, and we got a lot of enjoyment out of it."

Their father could recite all of Shakespeare's sonnets and also loved the outdoors, camping and fishing. She vividly remembers being woken with her brother Christian one moonlit night to climb Taranaki Maunga and watch the sunrise.

Hanson's interest in horse welfare led to his work with a bioethicist and a vet from the USA studying how much better one of his own horses, a thoroughbred named Erin, breathed without a bit, and he became a keen advocate of bit-free bridles.

Hanson's parents were Dutch refugees who arrived in Australia two weeks before WWII broke out.

"He comes from four generations of military doctors, and his grandfather worked with Marie Curie on the development of using radiation for treating cancer," Kersti said. "When my father was having radiation for his cancer, he showed me the book his grandfather had written."

Hanson studied medicine in Melbourne then continued his education in both the London College of Surgeons and Edinburgh College of Surgeons.





# STUD CHAT WITH SAM OCTOBER 2021

Being woken up in the middle of the night by the Director of The English National Stud to tell me **Time Test**'s just had another stakes performer makes this job the best in the world! I've always believed in **Time Test** but his results (eight winners from twenty three runners including four stakes winners giving him an impressive strike rate of 14.8% stakes winners to runners, a figure significantly superior to his GB first season sire contemporaries) are much more impressive than me. As we did for **Per Incanto** earlier in the year, the 2021 book full sign has gone up for **Time Test**, thank you breeders.

**Time Test** has nine NZB RTR entries with many vendors no doubt keen to cash in on the momentum from his NH results. LA have a half-brother to the promising **Dark Alley**, recently sold to Hong Kong, from the family of Hong Kong superstar Ambitious Dragon and are partners in the colt from the Green Desert mare Knocknacrea. There's plenty happening in Knocknacrea's family, including a relation who ran 2nd in the Group 1 Middle Park a fortnight ago.

Hong Kongs champion sire by winners last season, **Per Incanto**, has started his new season where he left off, leading sire by winners and wins. Hong Kong and Australian interest in his progeny continues to be incredibly strong and I expect him to have another successful RTR Sale, where he's got 16 entries. The LA bred Justacanta, gave **Per Incanto** his 21st stakes winner when successful at Flemington last week in a listed event. **Per Incanto** – PROVEN.

Hopefully our PM can see her way to let us all back to the races soon. Those of you looking for a couple of horses to follow from the first two days of the Hawkes Bay Carnival; last season's stakes winner **Miss Aotearoa (Per Incanto)** will have benefited enormously from her first run in 12 months on day 1 and promising mare **Belclare**, bred and part owned by Wairarapa couple David and Deb Woodhouse, can make it a double after winning so impressively on the middle day.

The Lib Petagna bred and part owned **Lost And Running** (**Per Incanto**-Dreamlife by Danroad) ran a much-improved 4th in the **Group 2** Premiere Stakes in Sydney. When John O'Shea says he's the best sprinter he's trained you listen. The Everest field is the strongest bunch of sprinters assembled anywhere in the world this year so it's a real credit to **Per Incanto** that he's got a runner and a competitive one to boot.

See you at level 1!







above: Time Test x Angel Van Harlem left: Per Incanto x Winehouse



Words by Sally Blyth

During Level 4 lockdown, Neil Miller (Bulletin Editor) and Sally Blyth met with Jess Innes and Louis Herman-Watt, via Zoom, to find out all the gen on the recently launched SENZ sports channel. Jess's role is Commercial Manager. Louis is breakfast producer of the popular Baz & Izzy show and a weekend host alongside Ian Smith.

SENZ - it's stands for Sports Entertainment Network New Zealand, a new sports radio channel which launched in July 2021. Whilst SENZ is registered in NZ as its own entity and has a New Zealand-based CEO, they share talent and resources with SEN Australia, enabling a kind of sister/brother set up.

Billed as "New Zealand's Home of Sport", SENZ aims "to connect brands with fans" providing racing and sports information 24/7.

The great news for racing fans is that they have taken over the old Radio Trackside frequencies - see the table for a list throughout the country. With 15+ presenters, based in Auckland and around the country - including racing fan Brendon McCullum – SENZ offers all sorts of content including a decent amount of airtime dedicated to racing. Finally, it is easy to get a racing fix while driving again!

You can also download the SENZ app on your device so that you have the radio shows at your fingertips at any time, wherever you are. It's easy to click directly from the app into Trackside and watch races too when you're out and about.

On Saturdays, the Mail Run programme between 8-10am includes lots of racing talk, interviews, commentary etc. NZTROF President Bernard Hickey gives out an "Owners' tip of

the day" - with some success at odds, we can report! Tune in to see if he can continue picking winners.

All New Zealand races are broadcast on the Good Oil programme between 1-6pm, Saturdays.

SENZ is in its early days, focusing on delivering programmes with enlightening and engaging content and with lots of scope to grow. The team will be moving into new premises in Auckland when lockdown levels allow. Income is derived through advertising, often using their talent within the shows. With a number of key partners, they consider themselves a client-led operation.



We horseracing enthusiasts and owners have missed getting our fill of race talk via radio and I'm sure all NZTROF members will be relieved to have quality sports coverage back on the radio waves. Whilst SENZ is not a "racing only" channel, it's brilliant to see that racing is finally being embraced into mainstream sports rather than being treated like a separate industry altogether.

Jess and Louis report a hugely positive response to date. Having high-profile presenters with a big dose of enthusiasm and passion for all things sports, along with lots of great content, will continue to draw people in. Let's hope racing surges in popularity and comes to the forefront rather than bringing up the rear in the huge world of sport.

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The SENZ on-air team, LtoR: Mark Stafford, Rikki Swannell, Israel Dagg, Brendon McCullum, Kirstie Stanway, Ian Smith and Stephen Donald

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# FUTURE • RACING

OWNERS' *BULLETIN* EDITOR NEIL MILLER, AUCKLAND ASSOCIATION PRESIDENT MIKE GETHING AND VICE PRESIDENT SALLY BLYTH MET WITH PAUL WILCOX, CEO OF AUCKLAND THOROUGHBRED RACING INCORPORATED (ATRI) – THE NEW RACING CLUB SET UP AS A RESULT OF THE AMALGAMATION OF AUCKLAND AND COUNTIES RACING CLUBS, EFFECTIVE AS OF 1ST AUGUST 2021. HERE'S AN OVERVIEW OF WHERE THINGS ARE AT...

The new Club (to be known informally as ATR) aligns with the Racing Industry Act 2020 and is the starting point of a new direction for thoroughbred racing in the Auckland region. Paul Wilcox – an owner and member of the Auckland Owners Association – has been appointed CEO of the new Club, a position for which he has sound experience and enthusiasm. Under his leadership, the Ellerslie team is working with Pukekohe staff as the Club transitions to become one business unit.

## Five Directors have been appointed:

Doug Alderslade (Chair) Mark Chitty (Deputy Chair) Geoff Vazey John Crawford Alistair Sutherland

During lockdown, meetings have been held on Zoom to keep things moving along and Paul assured us there will be no reduction in staff other than natural attrition.

Re-zoning of the land at Counties is moving ahead at pace. Marketing of the Hill is going well, with expressions of interest being called for. An announcement will be made in due course. Paul reiterated that the decision to sell the Hill is a strategic one that will benefit the industry, particularly owners, as a major focus is to significantly increase stakes money. The Club knows that, without breeders and owners, they have no show to put on, and there is strong awareness of the financial impacts for owners with the current minimal returns that are making some owners question whether they can continue in the game they love so much.

Being unable to run final jumps races over the Hill was a sad reality of Covid and lockdown restrictions and the loss of the Pakuranga Hunt and Great Northern meetings was hugely disappointing. Having only a handful of senior jockeys available in Auckland has added further levels of compromise during lockdown.

The intention is to run trials at both Pukekohe Park and the new track, although there will be no jumps races on the new StrathAyr all-weather turf at Ellerslie due to technical reasons as jumping can affect the consistency of the surface.

The Club has continued to work through the difficulties thrown up by Covid and strict lockdown levels in Auckland, with staff wellbeing at the fore. Restrictions have impacted on membership cards being sent out to members so please be patient, the team is working on this. In an effort to minimise paper and postage, and maximise the value of communications, any members who have changed or acquired an email address should contact their respective club and let them know.

A rebranding exercise will be undertaken when the course closes to have the new StrathAyr surface laid. Racing at Ellerslie will conclude after Auckland Cup week in March 2022 and work is expected to take 18-20 months. Meanwhile members are encouraged to go onto the website of the individual Clubs to get full information.

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Ellerslie is now "geo-fenced" which means you can wager with the TAB using digital devices. The TAB recognises that you are on course and betting through your account and the Club receives the appropriate commission. There is free wi-fi on course to make this easy and it's a great win-win result for all.

In summary, the new Auckland Thoroughbred Racing Club will provide a blueprint for other clubs who may consider merging in a similar way to create significant hubs in the various regions of the country. Paul and the team will be happy to share their experience going forward.

Paul mentioned that discussions for potential amalgamation had been in progress prior to the Messara Report and the recommendations of that report endorsed the direction that Auckland and Counties were already exploring. The new Club is also working with Avondale in a collaborative way.

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Ellerslie racecourse is a true treasure in the middle of a big and [normally] bustling city, providing a green and tranquil environment when there is no racing (great for a lockdown stroll), and a thrilling thundering of hooves when there is. Let's hope we hear the sound of hooves and unbridled celebratory cheers again soon!

In the meantime, we commend all the staff and the new Directorship on the excellent work being done and we're sure that this strategic approach will propel thorough bred racing into a bright new future.

# **GLOAMING**

## SEPTEMBER 1915 - MAY 1932

Gloaming was an outstanding Thoroughbred racehorse, owned, trained, and based in New Zealand. He set many records which included the Australasian record (jointly held with Desert Gold, Black Caviar and Winx) of 19 successive wins, many in Principal Races. Gloaming was unusual in that he was a champion who won many major races in both Australia and New Zealand. Gloaming still holds the Australasian record of 45 seconds for four furlongs.

## Breeding

He was a robust bay gelding standing 15 hands 3 inches high with a good length of rein. Gloaming was sired by the good, imported racehorse and sire, The Welkin (GB) out of the unplaced mare, Light (GB), by the good sire, Eager. His paternal grandsire was the English Triple Crown champion, Flying Fox. Gloaming was a brother to seven other named horses, all by The Welkin, including Gloaming's Sister (won AJC Kirkham Stakes), but none were nearly so successful as him.[1] Light was inbred in the third generation (3x3) to Sterling.[2]

Gloaming was sold as a yearling in 1916 for 230 guineas to H. Chisholm acting on behalf of George D. Greenwood, of Teviotdale in the Canterbury region, New Zealand. Following the sale he made his first of 15 crossings of the Tasman Sea.[3]

## **Racing record**

Gloaming had a long career, racing from age three to nine years, which included victories over other champion racehorses such as Desert Gold, Beauford, Kennaquhair, Whittier and The Hawk. He was successful at distances from four furlongs to a mile and a half.[1]

He was put into work as a two-year-old, but became shin-sore, and was gelded before being spelled. In June 1918 he was shipped to Sydney, after he had showed promise in track work in New Zealand.[3]

## At three years: 1918-19

At his first start, in the Sydney Tattersall's Chelmsford Stakes, over nine furlongs, he ran a race record time to defeat a class field that included the imported five-year-old Rebus and Kennaquhair. This was the first time this race had been won by a three-year-old having their first start. In his first season's racing Gloaming went on to win three Derbies, the AJC Australian Derby, the New Zealand Derby Stakes, and also the Great Northern Derby in New Zealand. In addition, he:

- won the 1918 Wellington R.C. (WRC) Champion Plate weight for age (w.f.a.) over 10 furlongs by 2½ lengths
- 2nd in G. G. Stead Memorial Stakes (w.f.a.) (defeated by the New Zealand Cup winner, Sasanof).
- won Auckland Racing Club (ARC) Islington Plate (w.f.a.) 1 mile.
- won Wellington Stakes 5 furlongs in 58 3/5 seconds (race record)



- won WeRC Kelburn Plate (w.f.a.) 4 fur. (defeating Surveyor)
- 2nd in Taranaki Stakes (defeated by Desert Gold).
- won Egmont Stakes (defeating Desert Gold).
- won Hawera Stakes (defeating Desert Gold)
- won Wang JC Wanganui Jackson Stakes
- (w.f.a.) 6 fur.won Wang JC Wanganui Guineas, 1 mile
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   won Canterbury Jockey Club (CJC) Challenge
- Stakes, 7 fur. (defeating Surveyor).
- fell in the North Island Challenge Stakes (which was won by Warplane who was in receipt of 31 lb.).[1]

## At four years: 1919-20

Gloaming won all but one of his starts during this season. All of his starts for this season are listed below:

- won Rosehill Spring Stakes (w.f.a.) 1 mile (defeating Wolaroi and Prince Viridis).
- 2nd in Australian Jockey Club (AJC) Spring Stakes (w.f.a.) (beaten a head by Poitrel; Cetigne 3rd), 12 furlongs
- won AJC Craven Plate (w.f.a.) 10 furlongs (defeating Wolaroi and, Rebus 3rd, Sasanof).
- won Wellington (N.Z.) Champion Plate (w.f.a.) 10 f (defeating Affectation, Mascot, Vagabond, and Desert Gold).
- won G. G. Stead Memorial Gold Cup, 10 f (defeating Rossini and Desert Gold).
- won ARC Islington Plate (w.f.a.) 1 mile
- won ARC. Royal Park Stakes, 6 furlongs in 1:13 (race record)[1]

## At five years: 1920-21

As a five-year-old Gloaming had 15 race starts and won all of them including these principal races:

- 1920 ARC Islington Plate (w.f.a.) 8 f
- 1920 ARC Royal Stakes 6 f
- 1921 ARC Auckland Plate (w.f.a.) 12 f
- 1921 CJC Challenge Stakes 7 f
- 1921 TaraJC Taranaki Stakes 6 f
- 1921 WangJC Jackson Stakes (w.f.a.) 6 f[1]

## At six years: 1921-22

As a six-year-old Gloaming had 12 race starts and won all but one, in which he ran second. The principal races he won were:

- 1922 ARC Auckland Plate 12 furlongs
- 1922 TaraJC Taranaki Stakes 6 furlongs
- 1922 WangJC Jackson Stakes (w.f.a.) 6 furlongs, in 1:11 4/5, a race record
- 1922 WRC North Island Challenge Stakes 7 furlongs

- 1922 CJC Challenge Stakes 7 furlongs
- 1922 HBJC Ormond Memorial Gold Cup 8 furlongs.[3]

## At seven years: 1922-23

As a seven-year-old Gloaming had 5 starts for 3 wins and 2 seconds. The principal races he won were:

- 1922 RRC The Hill Stakes 10 f by 1¼ lengths from Beauford
- 1922 AJC Craven Plate Pr 10 f by 3 lengths from Beauford
- 1922 WRC Champion Plate (w.f.a.) 10 f with 9 st. 4 lbs. (59 kg) in 2:6 1/5 a race record.[3]

## At eight years: 1923-24

As an eight-year-old Gloaming had 5 starts for 4 wins and 1 second. The principal races he won were:

- 1924 WangJC Jackson Stakes (w.f.a.) 6 f
- 1924 WeRC North Island Challenge Stakes with 10.1 (defeating Quiescent 6.12 by 6 lengths), 7 fur. in 1:27 4/5.[3]

## At nine years: 1924-25

As a nine-year-old Gloaming had 10 starts for 8 wins and 2 seconds. The principal races he won were:

- 1924 AJC Spring Stakes over 12 furlongs (defeating David, Ballymena, and Rivoli).[4]
- 1924 AJC Craven Plate over 10 f (defeating Ballymena, David, and Nigger Ministrel).
- 1924 VRC Melbourne Stakes (w.f.a.) 10 f.
- 1925 Canterbury (N.Z.) Middle Park Plate, 6 fur. with 9 st. 10 lb. by 5 lengths with the 3rd horse a further 3 lengths away.
- 1925 WRC North Island Challenge Stakes 7 f. with 10.1 (Inferno 8.13, and), 7 fur. in 1.26.
- 1925 CJC Challenge Stakes 7 f. with 9.11
- 1925 HBJC Ormond Memorial Gold Cup 8 furlongs with 9.10 (beating The Hawk 9.10)
   [5]

## Summary

Gloaming had 67 race starts, won 57 (including 39 Principal Races) and was second 9 times.[6] Gloaming fell in his only other race start, at barrier rise in the North Island Challenge Stakes which was a race he later won three times. When he retired he was the leading Australian racing stakes winner.[2] He was the first horse to defeat the great mare, Desert Gold over a mile. He jointly held the Australasian record of 19 wins in succession with Desert Gold, who he met five times and defeated four times. The record is now held at 33 wins by Winx.[7]

When Gloaming was retired from the turf to his owner's property at Teviotdale, he was the leading stakes-winner in Australasia with fiftyseven wins and £43,100 in prize-money.[3] He died on 5 May 1932.[8]

## Honours

Gloaming has had his portrait painted by the noted equine artist, Martin Stainforth and it was reproduced in Racehorses in Australia.[9]

Gloaming was one of five inaugural inductees into the New Zealand Racing Hall of Fame, alongside Carbine, Kindergarten, Phar Lap and Sunline. The Group Three Gloaming Stakes (1,800m) contested at Sydney's Rosehill Gardens Racecourse is named in his honour.

# NZTR LAUNCHES ACKNOWLEDGED RETRAINERS NETWORK

As part of the ongoing increase in activity around Thoroughbred welfare initiatives, NZTR is pleased to announce the launch of the initial network of NZTR Acknowledged Retrainers.

"Thoroughbred welfare is at the heart of what we do, and NZTR has been progressively rolling out initiatives to fulfil the industry's collective obligation for the guardianship of our horses," NZTR GM Welfare & Sustainability Martin Burns said. "The commencement of the NZTR Acknowledged Retrainers network is the most significant step in this process to far".

NZTR Acknowledged Retrainers are people who have been identified as having the appropriate skill, experience, and a track record in successfully rehoming Thoroughbreds after their racing careers.

An Acknowledged Retrainer can objectively assess each horse's suitability and character, matching this to the skill and aspiration of a prospective owner; therefore, ensuring each horse is best placed for future success in a new home.

Having broad geographical coverage of Acknowledged Retrainers throughout both the North and South Islands ensures that this is a scheme that benefits horse welfare on an industry wide level.

Often, if not a breeding prospect, a racehorse is earmarked by its trainer or 'accountable person' for a second career long before his or her racing days are over. It is expected that a great proportion of Thoroughbreds will continue to be responsibly rehomed on this basis. However, for some horses, the appropriate rehoming opportunity is not immediately obvious. The creation of a network of NZTR Acknowledged Retrainers aims to provide such a horse with a clear pathway into its life after racing.

Responsibly rehoming, whether independently or via an Acknowledged Retrainer, will satisfy the accountable person's duty of care under the Rules of Racing to ensure that the horse is rehomed appropriately. This, along with the submission of a completed SR24 Death or Retirement form, ensures that both population traceability and horse welfare are at the forefront when a horse is retired.

NZTR's partnership with Beyond the Barriers NZ has provided a firm foundation of practical understanding for the establishment and ongoing support for acknowledged retrainers.

The consultation to develop the NZTR Acknowledged Retrainers network began in April, with a small clinic hosted in conjunction with Beyond the Barriers NZ. Here, the participants were able to shape a suitable criteria and application process for those wishing to become an Acknowledged Trainer.

In addition, the group gathered at this clinic identified ways in which NZTR can best support retrainers to upskill, expand their capacity to take on horses, and ensure their operations continue to develop and remain sustainable in the long term. This support will be facilitated by the 1% levy on stakes money.

"Beyond the Barriers is excited to be playing a core role in the planning and future of the network of NZTR Acknowledged Retrainers. Looking forward, there will be hosted workshops for retrainers and wider support for Thoroughbred owners in NZ" Nicky Wallace of Beyond the Barriers said, "We want to build an #NZOTTB community and hopefully see these horses coming through in the Dunstan Ex-Factor competition and other Thoroughbred events."



# COURSE TO DRAW NEW BLOOD TO THOROUGHBRED INDUSTRY Donavan Mansour NZ Racing Desk

## Like many primary industries, there has been a growing shortage of skilled labour in the thoroughbred industry, but the cavalry are coming.

Byerley Park's Daniel Nakhle has long held ambitions of setting up an educational provider at his South Auckland property, and that dream will come to fruition next month.

Nakhle and former jockey Donavan Mansour have been working behind the scenes over the last 18 months to get a thoroughbred introductory course off the ground.

The culmination of their hard work has resulted in the launch of a new 19-week Level 2 course based at Byerley Park, which will offer students a fees free pathway into the thoroughbred industry.

"We are going to start with a 19-week programme that is targeted at people aged between 16 and 21, with little or no experience (in the thoroughbred industry)," Mansour said.

"It is a Level 2 NZQA course and it is aimed at getting people involved in and exposed to the (thoroughbred) industry. We have got funding for 14 students."

Mansour said a major selling point of the course is that it is completely free and students have the opportunity to earn while they learn.

"Students will do work experience at places like Westbury Stud, Haunui Farm, and Cambridge Stud at Karaka, and also with local trainers Peter and Dawn Williams, Jenna Mahoney, and Danny Walker," Mansour said.

"They will be paid for their work experience and the course is free, their uniforms are free, all of their course material is free, so there are no hidden costs.

"In the first four weeks there will be a lot of classroom and stable learning, but once they start work experience they can earn up to \$300 per week for the first four weeks and then \$500-\$600 until the end of the 19 weeks.

"The more experience they gain, the more earning potential they get.

"It has been awesome to get the support from the stud farms and stables around us."

While there will be classroom based theory work, Mansour said the course will consist of a lot of practical work, with students gaining exposure to a variety of roles within the industry.

"They will be going on a lot of excursions," Mansour said. "They will be going to the races every second week and they will spend time with a variety of people including camera operators, vets, float drivers, jockeys, and stewards.

"Every Wednesday is excursion day, so they will either go to the races or they could go to Dunstan Feeds for the day, for example, or spend time with a float driver.

"We just want to expose them to all the different avenues in the industry."

The course will be run in association with Skill New Zealand and Mansour said they have been invaluable in getting the course off the ground.

"Skill New Zealand is the education provider, we built the curriculum with them," Mansour said. "They have been a big asset in setting up the course and gaining the funding."

While Mansour is excited about the first intake of students, he is even more animated about the launch of the New Zealand Jockey Academy at Byerley Park in February next year, subject to NZQA approval.

Having gone through the jockey academy system in South Africa, Mansour believes it will be a great asset to thoroughbred racing in New Zealand.

"In February we are launching the jockey academy, which will be very similar to the way it is run in South Africa and the British Racing School - they (apprentices) will live on campus," Mansour said.

"Their nutrition, exercise, and overall health and well-being will be closely monitored as we are making them professional athletes.

"It will be a four year apprenticeship and we will be looking for about six apprentices.

"The difference will be that they are apprenticed to Byerley Park, so they will ride out for different trainers and they can go to

Cambridge and ride down there, so they are not tied down to one employer."

Mansour's riding career was cut short after he suffered a broken pelvis in a fall at Te Aroha in 2019 and he has envisioned starting a jockey academy in New Zealand since joining Nakhle at Byerley Park last year.

"I was lucky enough to come and work for Daniel at Byerley Park and I pitched the idea (of a jockey academy) to him," Mansour said.

"I said I would love to run an academy like we have in South Africa as I think it gives an apprentice better opportunities to spread themselves.

"He said that he had tried to do something similar five years ago but couldn't get it over the line.

"We put a business plan together and got a lot of support from Bruce Sharrock and NZTR (New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing). We have had a lot of meetings over the last 18 months."

With the light at the end of the tunnel, Mansour is just waiting upon NZQA approval for the course.

While Mansour will head the programme, he is looking forward to overseeing the first intake for the Level 2 New Zealand Certificate In Equine Skills, where he will be joined by former Group One-winning jockey Kelly Myers as a tutor.

"I will be heading the Level 2 course for this intake and then from next year I will mainly be focusing on the jockeys," Mansour said.

"Kelly Myers will be tutoring. She has got a great CV, not only as a jockey, but with a background in nutrition and teaching, so that will complement the academy very well."

The 19-week Level 2 course is set to begin on September 6, with interviews for prospective students currently underway.

For more information contact **Donavan Mansour on** 021 0788 355 or donavan@skillnz.ac.nz or info@skillnz.ac.nz



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## EXCERPTS FROM "WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB 1848-1898" - BY LARRAINE SOLE.

## THE THOROUGHBRED

Thoroughbreds can be divided into three categories - the fast, the slow and the potentials. Everyone wants the first or the third, but in actual fact most people own the second.

Thoroughbreds always have pedigrees As Long As Your Arm and seem to be compulsive. Having owned a slow one, the amazing thing is that people rush out to get another and hope blooms time after time.

To be really successful you need to purchase a thoroughbred as cheaply as possible and win lots and lots with it. Thoroughbreds are descended from Arabs, but it is not a good idea to mention this to racing people who on the whole have forgotten the thoroughbred's origins and are mostly satisfied with the end product.

Thoroughbreds are always Beautiful Animals. Owners may possess a specimen that is behind at the knees, ewe-necked, swaybacked or parrot-mouthed, but in the eyes of the aficionado they still come under the above category, whereas a standardbred, no matter how beautiful its conformation and temperament, is always a Plain Animal in comparison, unless you own a standardbred and then you think that thoroughbreds are scatty. These are the rules of the game and it pays to know these things.

It also pays never to mention any physical faults the horse may possess as I have discovered, after conducting my own indepth survey later in the day between drinks at a couple of races, that horses exhibiting conformation faults may regularly be seen galloping into the winner's place. Perhaps that is what makes racing so interesting. I believe also that phenotype and genotype come into it, but I think I still need a little help with that.

Understanding all I have told you so far goes a long way to making you popular with owners, who quite understandably would prefer to hear that their horse has a Lovely Nature and Lots of Potential.

## THE OWNER

Racehorse owners come singly, in pairs or in groups - more often the latter nowadays. All racehorse owners have a pathological desire to spend money and are frightfully optimistic After all, if it's slow, you can always breed from it...

Racehorse owners usually trot out lots of expressions like "terribly well-bred" or "related to a group winner" while they mortgage the house to keep the horse in oats. They are nearly always quite fond of their racehorse and have lots of photos on the wall and are awfully loyal to them and so always attribute the horse's non-winning to the way the horse is shod, fed, trained or ridden.

Rather more now think about the genetic implications before their mares have sex and they comprise a growing category of Thinking Owners. Unfortunately, in many instances they have failed to apply the same reasoning in their personal relationships and sport children with shocking overbites or bad temperaments.

## THE TRAINER

The trainer may or may not have been a jockey. I say this because a lot of trainers are guite short. You notice that when you are as tall as I am. Some trainers appear to have short tempers but only with people, not with horses for whom they have a real affection. I don't have a problem with this, but then I don't work in a stable.



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Trainers are terribly knowledgeable and know a lot about Horse Psychology without ever having got a degree in it. They have the ability to sense things that the average person like me would miss entirely. In fact, I think trainers work on instinct a lot and coupled with knowledge it is a powerful force.

There are good trainers and bad ones and average ones. People always like to think they have the first, when sometimes they have the second, and very often the third.

Trainers have good PR, so owners all think their trainer likes them. Wise trainers ring before the bill arrives each month to say how the horse is coming along. VERY wise trainers never say things like "It's the slowest thing on four legs"

Trainers have to walk the fine line between honesty and wanting to have clients, and I have a great admiration for trainers as personally it is not a job I would relish.

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Sometimes the jockey has to bear the disappointment of the trainer, the owner and sometimes even the horse itself.

## THE JOCKEY

There are basically two classes of jockey amateur and professional. The professional jockey is short with lots of courage and masses of horse knowledge and race experience. The amateur is the same but with longer legs and less race experience unless your name happens to be Ken Browne.

Both breeds of jockey have an uncanny ability to defy gravity. This can be evidenced every time a Very Little Jockey vaults onto a Very Large Horse, a source of wonder to us earthbound mortals.

I did discover that jockeys as a breed are very good with horses and as a group tend to be loyal, confident and very fit. Most possess a good sense of humour, and this enables them to cope with the judiciary system, enquiries and irate owners.

Jockeys have an awful load to bear as they have to please owners and trainers, the horses and the general public in different ways at the same time. In addition, they are not encouraged to eat very much. Sometimes they smoke so they can forget about eating. Sometimes they drink so they can forget about the health risks from smoking. So metimes they just find it easier to become trainers.

As you can see, the jockey's life is a busy, hungry one and the jockey walks the tightrope between diplomacy versus truth. In addition, they also have to bear the disappointment of the owner, the trainer and sometimes the horse, as well as their own.

A jockey's life is not an easy one.

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