

NEW ZEALAND THOROUGHBRED RACEHORSE OWNERS FEDERATION

# OWNERS' BULLETIN



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## PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

### It's a pleasure to offer this annual report.

It is another year that has brought substantial change at the top of the Racing Industry that saw ENTAIN coming on board with stake and funding changes for the next five years.

NZTR introduced a Statement of Intent and Plan to complement the injection of this new funding.

But enough has been said about ENTAIN and it is now time for the industry to lead and manage the racing operation professionally for the betterment of all participants and especially "OWNERS."

Thoroughbreds performing well above expectation both in NZ and Australia have been the highlight in the season just past. May these results continue in the coming months!

My role as your President has had its up and downs with cyclone Gabrielle and then health, with a burst appendix and then pneumonia. I hope this is all behind me now and I can look back and ponder, 'what has been achieved'!

This is the hard question as everything I have attempted to start and finish for the benefit of owners has hit a brick wall or is seen in the too hard basket as it involves changing the way we do business with the leadership of NZTR and the clubs.

It has always been my prime objective to ensure our racing industry values owners and acknowledges them on race day.

Your Federation Executive consisting of delegates from Regional Associations came together for a workshop in June this year to discuss a way forward and develop a pathway collaborating with our other recognised partners and NZTR that would build and recognise ownership within the thoroughbred racing industry.

What was developed was a proposal that would:

1. Recognise the Sector Members of Racing as members of NZTR
2. Currently only Clubs are members of NZTR. From my perspective this could be regarded as a failing to meet "natural justice" in terms of the intent of the Racing Industry Act 2020.
3. Work collaboratively with NZTR / LOVERACING to promote and increase racehorse ownership within New Zealand.
4. Work collaboratively with NZTR / LOVERACING to promote and increase race day attendance of owners within New Zealand including specific "Owner Race-Day" initiatives.

The proposal was presented to the Board of NZTR on 19 September last and though the Members' Council did not fully endorse it, it sits with NZTR to consider as part of its governance review of its constitution. A full copy of the Proposal and Strategic Direction can be found on the NZ Owners Federation website for your information.



Going forward the Federation will now talk and work with the other Sector Members, being Breeders, Trainers, and Jockeys, to get support for NZTR to recognise these bodies and Owners' Federation as a full member of NZTR.

Further, being a member or subscribing to our Federation should be an entitlement which all registered owners with NZTR have a choice with.

"GIVING BACK TO OWNERS" and "OWNERS INTRODUCE OWNERS," along with "OWNER RACE-DAYS," are all initiatives of focus to promote and support racehorse ownership.

The aim would be to not just increase ownership but also to promote attendance at thoroughbred racing meetings as appealing community events that will in turn support local Race Clubs.

Race day ownership experience is something that Clubs need to work on. There have been occasions brought to my attention that food and beverage facilities have not been of a good standard when attending a race day. This is not acceptable when owners have travelled some distance to watch their thoroughbred help put on the show.

Do keep me informed around these matters as I will take up with the Club concerned and NZTR.

I ask owners to support your Regional Association's activities and committees. Some Associations are finding it hard to fill their committees and may have one or two activities a year. The time is not onerous, and it is a good opportunity to meet other owners within your region.

With the back end of COVID now beyond us your Federation had a good year financially where travel was kept to a minimum and digital platforms were used more.

With a change in Government, no doubt we will have a new Minister of Racing, or an old "character" known to us all who initiated the racing review we know of today. Whatever, our industry is in a buoyant mode which is a real positive. Long may it last!

To my Executive and team, I thank you for your support during the last year and may we continue to be the voice and advocate for our members and all other owners in the industry.

Lastly, to you the owners and also the racing industry staff nationwide who have worked tirelessly this year may I wish you a joyful Merry Christmas and safe New Year. If you are racing over the festive period, Good Luck!

It is a pleasure to offer this as my 2023 Annual Report.

**Bernard Hickey (President)** 

## NZTROF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM**

**ON SUNDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2023 AT 10:30AM**

If you would like to register please email the Executive Officer at [admin@racehorseowners.co.nz](mailto:admin@racehorseowners.co.nz)

The President's Report and Annual Accounts will be available to view on our website [www.racehorseowner.co.nz](http://www.racehorseowner.co.nz)

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**This issue as always starts with the Presidents message.**

Bernard Hickey has led our Federation tirelessly for a good few years. With his (military) legal background and experience in friendly society governance he has been the right man to lead in this time of change. Discipline, dedication and intellectual grunt were the qualities that have been evident.

The Federation Executive have now come to the conclusion that in order for NZTR to become more effective, the so called Sector Groups of Owners, Breeders, Trainers and Jockeys need to be directly affiliated to NZTR. This is acknowledged in the most recent Racing Acts and would be of benefit to NZTR to have all elements "inside the tent," therefore to take a collective responsibility.

The first paragraph in Bernard's message mentions Entain.

What a difference they have made with increased stakes and initiatives such as assistance in industry mental health and then promotions like the Everest. Then there is expanded TV of Channel 64 on Sky. It is gratifying to hear that the loss of TAB retail outlets has ceased and that new terminals will be installed in the existing places.

But what about the 'rests' part in this? NZTR, the racing clubs, the dismissively named sector groups. Us, all of us, need to be in this together as every element is needed to make it a viable entity. Let's all have a modern governance so we can provide Entain with the best product possible. The benefit of that will be a virtuous circle accruing dividends to all. We really need to be better! And together is a "no brainer."

There is an article written by Ted McLachlan on becoming a jockeys' agent and another at the back on a 'Guide to finding more winners.' Most of us would lack the inclination or rigour to do either well. But you have to admire Ted as he has it in spades.

We featured the Equine Academy at Byerley Park in our previous edition. This facility came about from the foresight and benevolence of Daniel Nakhle another man who has 'put in' majorly to Racing. The article was written by Virginia Healey an Auckland Owners committee member.

I became the Manager/Accountable Person of a good horse. As soon as I took the reins he won a good race. And then went amiss. The 100% record I have at that is little consolation but we had a great run and saw the good horse start to reach his potential.

We will survey the scene and keep an eye out for a share of something hopefully good enough to race on the new Ellerslie Strathayr cushion track.

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# REGIONAL ROUNDUP



## AUCKLAND & NORTHLAND *Mike Gething and Sally Blyth*

### **The Owners' Social on October 28th 2023 at Pukekohe Park was a huge success.**

Seventy members and friends enjoyed a wonderful day together. The food was really good – a credit to their kitchen, there were plenty of prizes to be won thanks to George Simon, NZTR, Entain/TAB and Allan Pate.

The three members, Mandy Usherwood, Stef Williams & Cathie Perrott, who won a seat beside George as he commentated one race were all delighted with the experience.

Bernard Hickey, the National President of NZTRO, drove up from Napier to share the day with us. We appreciated his attendance.

Ross Thompson once again made a profit with his Punter's Club, so all were happy with that.

The track and the racing was just great. The Auckland Owners together with Craig Leishman's Boutique Body Corporate Ltd gave a \$250 prize to the best presented horse & strapper for Race 8. It was won by Loon Singh who strapped Livid Sky (trained by Stephen Autridge). He was delighted.

Earlier this month we held our AGM. After eight years I chose not to stand for the President's position but will remain on Committee. It has been a privilege to lead the Auckland Branch of NZTROF. We have

achieved a few things along the way and had a lot of fun. It is a team affair and we are well served by those that choose to work on our Committee. Mike

The Auckland Owners Association held its AGM at 2:30pm on Sunday 15th October 2023 at Ellerslie Racecourse. This gave those who attended the chance to see progress of the track – the new infield carpark areas are in place, activity is going on up on the hill (that land having been sold for development) and the new StrathAyr track looks a picture with a lush-looking carpet of green grass.

Most Committee members were in attendance for the AGM, along with several of our valued members and, once business was completed, we shared food and chat.

## WAIKATO/BAY OF PLENTY *Jenny Cowan*

**The end of our jumping season produced some fascinating results, most of which have been documented. One of the stars was Nedwin, owned by Suzy and Mick Gardner of Gisborne. Nedwin had four or five showing jumping events before changing strides to fast trackwork, then with Mick at the Gisborne track when he was the manager. Among other races this season, he won the Great Northern Hurdles at Te Rapa – giving a great exhibition of jumping.**

Also from the Nelson/ McDougal stable was Taika, proving a real find, originally bred and owned by the late Karen Remetis, the Waikato Owners' Chair, and now raced by K.Garnett, and M and P Nelson. The horse loves jumping.

Rotorua had a maiden hurdle with half of the ten starters trained by Myers or Nelson/ McDougal – but none could get closer than 4th, so Owners – don't think the big stables have all the answers!

Member Stephen Ralph has a big team racing regularly in the money, with Tahuroa Height and Rum and Rumour looking good. The former has the benefit of being one of the outstanding Zed's.

The Thompson's have had some fun, and a win with Smug trained by Chris Wood. He had a fighting finish with the Rudy Liefing trained Mont Ventoux which is owned by B. Davies.

Trish Wenn had a win at Cambridge with Mersey Beat, trained by her son, Scott – showing much patience with a good few starts leading up to the win. He has subsequently won at Tauranga. Trish is a very able and long-time secretary for the ladies FLAIR INC group.

Frank and Fay Drummond have a jumper, Country Bumpkin, in the Niall Quinn stable who must have many Irish skills to offer. He raced decently in the Great Northern Hurdles.

The Wallace brothers of Cambridge, Michael and Simon, had a great win with Lochwinnoch at Woodville – he had been running good placings, and ridden by Shaun



**Bruce Harvey, President of Waikato Racing and well-known identity Ann Browne at the Waikato/ Bay of Plenty Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners' table at Te Rapa on 21 October.**

We also had a look at "Taiki's Rose" – planted by our Association earlier in the year in honour of the late Taiki Yanagida. Called "Imagine" and chosen by his mother, it is a beautiful pink colour and will look splendid in full bloom amongst the other roses which are white. If you're attending raceday at Eilerslie, once it's up and running next year, do have a look at this special memorial rose and plaque and remember Taiki. It is situated by the front parade ring fence where the horses head out onto the track.

Our elections saw Mike Gething retire as President. He has guided our Association through the challenging times of Covid and has done a sterling job in organising our Social Race Days through his years at the helm. On behalf of Auckland members, thank you, Mike, for all your efforts. Mike will remain on the Committee and, with a keen interest in horse welfare (he is a retired vet), he wears the hat of Welfare Delegate for our region.

I was elected President and Lex Paterson as Vice President. Raewyn McKenzie remains as our Secretary (thank you, Raewyn, for all that you do too!) All Committee members put themselves forward again.

#### OFFICERS:

**PRESIDENT:** Sally Blyth

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Lex Paterson

**SECRETARY:** Raewyn McKenzie

**NZTROF DELEGATE:** Sally Blyth

**NZTROF RESERVE DELEGATE:** Allan Pate

**NZTROF WELFARE DELEGATE:** Mike Gething



Our other Committee members are: Neil Miller (Bulletin Editor), Pat Woollaston, Frances Crimmins, Elliot Wilton, Virginia Healey, Michael Dowd, Allan Pate and Craig Leishman.

Thanks to everyone for your energy, enthusiasm and input. As we move into an era of new opportunity for the industry we love, with ENTAIN on board, higher stakes into the future and a revamped Eilerslie, I look forward to my term as President of our Association as well as continuing my role as Auckland Delegate on the NZTROF Executive. As a final word, I'd like to acknowledge Federation President Bernard Hickey for doing a fair bit of moving and shaking throughout the year. A new phase of racing awaits lies ahead and it's an exciting time to be involved.

*Sally Blyth, President* 🍷

Fannin, it was well deserved.

Margaret and Tim Carter own and train Johny Johny, who made it four wins on end on 21 October at Te Rapa. Son Morgan shares in the ownership. A very popular win.

Tony Devcich, owns, trains and bred Pow Wow a winner at Te Rapa. His earnings at the time of \$54k and a winner of 3 races he was up against million-dollar earner Defibrillate with 12 wins, and other multiple winners. It looked tough, but he pulled it off, in one of racing's surprises.

Jill Lunn, the now Chair of Waikato Owners', had a deserved win with family horse

Imprevu, trained by Janenne Dalley on 17 September at Te Rapa. There are six family Lunn names – and Copestake and Way in the ownership. She has been consistent and a bright future seems sure.

Jo and Brendon Lindsay produced a noteworthy win with Luberon the same day. She has had 3 wins from four starts and is by their own sire Embellish.

Our esteemed Patron, Alan Galbraith and family, have brought their wonderful Riadini back from Australia (and the Gai Waterhouse yard) and with his first run at Te Rapa looked

on target for further success. He had 22 starts in Australia up against the best most of the time.

Nice to see Greg McCarthy with a likely looking number in Sir Sterling, by Iffraaj, Greg bred him too. Six starts with two wins is a very good start. He retains an interest in Aryton who is racing in Victoria.

Sir Peter Vela has a very good one in Pearl of Alsace, with six wins from eight starts, she is by Tavistock.

I loved the look and win of Chattahoochee, by Reliable Man, for L. Anderson and B. Black at Hastings. He has a bit in common with Nest Egg, by same sire, same colour, same sex! Both are 5yo's.

Australia has a long way to go yet – we had a \$100,000 race at Trentham, eight of eleven riders were girls!

The Waikato/Bay of Plenty Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners' enjoyed the sunshine at Te Rapa and interacted with many people at the Racehorse Owners' Table.

Race goes with questions about racehorse ownership were able to talk with someone who could answer those. 🍷

## HAWKES BAY

*Tony Lyndon*

**A large crowd turned out for the Hawkes Bay Hunt Club's Day. The day's programme featured Hurdles and Steeplechase races including the Hawkes Bay Steeples and Hurdles.**

**The winners of both races were ridden by local lad Shaun Fannin, currently the leading jumps jockey. He was at his best when winning the Hawkes Bay Hurdles on Happy Star and later in the day The Hawkes Bay Steeples on West Coast.**

Shaun has now won 150 races in his eleven seasons of riding.

Raucous, a winner at Te Rapa, was bred and is raced by Ken Browne and his trainer Paul Nelson. He was originally trained by Jeanann Hercocock and her jockey daughter Kate but was found to be highly strung so was transferred to Paul Nelson and Corrina McDougal to be trained as a jumper.

Penny Royal, owned by Mary Darby, won her sixth race since transferring to Guy Lowry's stable later on the same weekend Guy saddled up We Will Rock to win a \$160,000 race at Randwick. It was his fifth win from 13 starts with stake money over \$200,000.

Hawkes Bay had an interest in the two feature Jumping races at Christchurch. One of the starters was Carnaby, who ran third in the Grand National Steeplechase following his fourth placing in The Koral Steeplechase. He is raced by four Hawkes Bay men Tony Lyndon, Peter Johnstone, Greg Horton and Peter Unverricht.

The training partnership of Paul Nelson and Corrina McDougal produced two winners from 2 starters at Te Rapa to claim the title as top Hawkes Bay Trainer of the Year for the second successive year.

Paul Nelson and Corrina McDougal, the leading jumps trainers continued their successful winter winning two races at Trentham in May, the first the \$70,000 Awapuni Hurdles with Suliman. then the \$30,000 Open Handicap with Nedwin.

Aaron Kuru proved to be one of the best jockeys in Australasia when winning all 4 jumps races on Waikato Steeplechase Day. Included in his 4 wins was The Waikato Hurdles and The Waikato Steeples. It was his fourth Waikato Hurdles following wins in 2015, 2018 and 2021. Kuru is now domiciled in Australia but makes himself available for our big jumping carnivals. 🍷

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TARANAKI  
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**MANAWATU/WELLINGTON** *Allan Fenwick*

**While most people were surprised to see Town Cryer hold out the late charge of multiple Group One winner Prowess as she took out the Gr.3 Grangewilliam Stud Taranaki Breeder's Stakes (1400m), trainer Royden Bergerson wasn't necessarily one of them.**

Bergerson had expected Prowess to be the hardest to beat in the feature race at Hawera in early October but when he heard the track would be in the Soft range on the day, his confidence grew that he could spring an upset with his six-year-old daughter of Tavistock.

Rider Johnathan Parkes took the bull by the horns from barrier rise as he set up a steady pace on his charge, who looked to be travelling easily approaching the home bend.

"It was great to come back to my old hometown and pick up the big one today," Bergerson said.

A number of Association members share in the ownership of Town Cryer including Kevin Day, Jill Dixon, Mark Fearon, Bob Wiltshire and the late John Roache.

Jimmystar was an impressive winner on the first day of the Hawkes Bay carnival for owners and breeders Christine & Pete Algie and Little Avondale Trust and trainer Guy Lowry. With 2 wins after a debut 2<sup>nd</sup> the Per Incanto gelding is likely to do his future racing in Australia.

Caroline & David Marner share in the ownership of Grand Prospect, who won his 2<sup>nd</sup> start at Awapuni in September. The now 7-year-old has had only 32 starts in total for trainer Sue Walsh and has had many minor placings. He is a half-brother to champion Verry Elleegant.

Lightly raced Bee Enchanted has now won 3 times over the last few months from only 7 lifetime starts. Some members are involved in racing Bee Enchanted including breeder Kevin O'Donnell, Debra Masters and Elaine Vine. He is trained by Lisa Latta.

Durham Lad has been racing well recently after winning his 5<sup>th</sup> race at Hastings in July. The Matthew Eales gelding is raced by several members including John Druce, Graeme McInteer, Elaine Vine, the late John Roache and Mark Fearon.

Andy and Carol Fisher's Vesmart won his second race at Woodville in September. He is trained by Ilone Kelly.

Christopher Grace has enjoyed recent success with Reputation and Puketiro. Reputation has now won 2 from only 4 starts and is in the Moroney/ Gerard stable whereas Puketiro has won 4 from 6 starts and is trained by the Walker/ Bergerson Partnership.



**Connections of Town Cryer with sponsor Mark Corcoran after her great win in the Grangewilliam Stud Taranaki Breeders' Stakes**

Photo: www.racemages.co.nz

**AWAPUNI COURSE PROPER RECONSTRUCTION**

Work has started on the \$5 million course proper project at Awapuni which aims to improve the drainage and camber of the grass track. A new irrigation system, which can be controlled remotely and covering the full 25 metres of the course will also be installed. Seeding of the ground will occur in April 2024.

The track has silty soil, so over a period of years it will be turned into a sand-based track. A sand carpet will be put in during the reconstruction, then a sand spreader will keep adding sand to the track.

With the grass track out of action for 12 months, race meetings have been relocated to other venues, with Trentham hosting 6 of the bigger days such as the Manawatu Cup and the Sires Produce Stakes. There will however be a virtual meeting at Awapuni on 16 December, hosting Christmas parties and taking in the racing from Te Rapa, Trentham and Ascot Park. The Boxing Day races will be conducted by the Otaki Māori Racing Club this year.

**PASSING OF RACING STALWARTS**

The Association acknowledges the recent passing of 3 members who were great racing stalwarts.

Len Haydock of Palmerston North was a successful owner as well as a great sponsor at Awapuni through his ITM business. His winners included Grand National Hurdles victor Yourthemman and Des De Jeu, the latter causing a sensation at the first fence in his steeplechase

debut when dislodging rider Aaron Kuru, who was able to scramble back into the saddle and then get up to win the race in a thrilling finish nailing Gagarin near the winning post. Now in the stable of Terry Kennedy, Nobellem was a recent dual winner for Len.

John Roache of Marton raced many horses over the years and enjoyed a memorable win recently when Town Cryer won the Grangewilliam Stud Taranaki Breeders' Stakes. John was also the winner of our Majestic Horse Floats 2022/2023 Points Series with his nominee Bradman.

Retired Palmerston North builder and Association Life Member Bob Leader was a true racing enthusiast. He was on the Association Committee for many years and was also a long serving Committee Member of the Manawatu Racing Club.

We extend our condolences to the families of these 3 gentlemen.

**STUDENTS DAY AT AWAPUNI**

Another successful students' day was held at Awapuni in September. An exclusive Students Zone with live music and plenty of oncourse entertainment is set aside for the students. Judging by the large numbers that attend each year this is a popular event.

**SOCIAL FUNCTION AWAPUNI**

A number of members had an enjoyable day at Awapuni in September when sharing a private hospitality room with members of the In To Win Syndicate. It is likely that this will be done again when Saturday racing returns to the track.

**MAJESTIC HORSE FLOATS 2023/2024 POINTS SERIES**

Chrissy Bambry has bounced to the lead in this season's contest with her 2 nominations Kingfisher Lad and Chantilly Lace. However, there is still a long way to go so it will be interesting to see how the contest develops.

LEADER BOARD AS AT 24TH OCTOBER.....	POINTS
First.....Kingfisher Lad nominated by Chrissy Bambry.....	18
Second.....Chantilly Lace nominated by Chrissy Bambry .....	16
Third = .....Bee Enchanted nom. by Kevin O'Donnell & by Debra Masters .....	14
.....and Sweetjineen nominated by William Duncan	
Fifth .....Carnaby nominated by Cam Arnott .....	12
Sixth.....Grand Prospect nominated by David Marner.....	10
Seventh .....Barzetti nominated by the late John Roache .....	9
Eighth = .....Carignan nominated by Allan Fenwick.....	8
Eighth = .....Smokin Mo nominated by Bruce Dilks.....	8

The Association acknowledges and appreciates the cash and the voucher sponsorship of Majestic Horse Floats.

Reminder you can still nominate your horse or horses up to a maximum of 3 entries. Remember, points only accrue from the date of receipt of your entry. Entry is free. 🍷

## WANGANUI & TARANAKI

Brian O'Dea

**What a pleasure it was to arrive at an Awapuni race meeting in late September after race 2 to see the excitement of Adaire and Nigel Auret as a result of winning the first race with their first starter She's Unusual by home stallion Unusual Suspect out of their good mare La Fille En Jeu. The good form followed with son Fraser's stable also winning the 3rd and 4th races taking half the card.**

Mauna Loa part owned by members Peter Sewell and Paul Bardell was on the way to a second go at the New Zealand Cup but has had a leg injury. That appeared bad luck but a new report says on review there may be a chance to run.

The 8yo Sidebar, trained by Susan Rainford for herself and husband John had her fifth win in a comeback season, enjoying the heavy track at New Plymouth in July.

Brian Andersen's 3yo filly Molly Bloom, that is northern trained, is having a crack at the big-time in Riccarton after her maiden win.

Stayer Proserve, part owned by Russell Guckert, had three wins plus places over Winter/Spring and is probably aiming at the New Zealand Cup.

Due to lack of track riders at Hawera Patrick and sister Erin Keegan have transferred their small team to Buddy Lammas. Their Madam Zara had a good win at Trentham in July..

After three disappointing runs in Australia Puntura returned to Te Rapa for an unlucky 2nd. Puntura's owners are Carole and John Lynskey who had fresh-up success with home-bred Margherita Veloce winning her third race at Trentham – she is Puntura's full sister.

Judith Hewitt who runs a heifer rearing set-up, horse breeding and agistment farm at Waitotara, had success with a filly she

bred, Princessa Gold at Awapuni. Her racing partners include several other Waitotara identities. Trainer Jeff Lynds thinks Princessa Gold has a very good future.

Puke Park owned by breeder Gavin O'Dea along with John Goodin had its 5th win at Hawkes Bay in July.

Manolo had a busy winter, saluting the Judge for the 4th time at Hastings in July for Shane and Raye McDonnell.

Philip Wells maiden Tsunami graduated during the Spring.

Haka Boogie part owned by member Bruce Murphy with breeder Alistair Murdoch, Wanganui Jockey Club President Stu Watts and several others had its third win at Hastings in July.

Graham and Annette Hill who have their horses trained by Anna Clement continue to have success. Cocktail Lad had a good Winter/Spring with 3 wins and. Tavis Court's Wanganui win raised his stakes to over a quarter of a million dollars. Harry Harrison has also won 3 over the fences since August

## NEW WANGANUI JOCKEY CLUB PATRON

Following the death of Mike Webber, the Wanganui Jockey Club elected a new Patron in Walter Lennox. Walter and his wife Elizabeth farmed in the Wanganui area, Tarata (North Taranaki) and Raetihi.

Walter had been a Steward at the Wanganui Jockey Club in the mid 1990's and was a Committee Member from 1999 to 2011.

One of the notable things with him was he always worked hard in every position he took. Walter owned a number of shares in quite a few horses, some with farming friend Ian Elliot. His best, though restricted by ligament problems was home-bred Lord Grassmere – by Festal. Trained by Paul Reid he only had 7 starts for 3 wins and a 2nd place. Unfortunately, suspensory ligaments would give problems and it took many months between races for him to be well enough to run again.

I am sure Walter will be an outstanding Patron. 🐾



Princessa gets the gold

Photo: www.raceimages.co.nz

## CENTRAL SOUTH ISLAND Peter Faulkner

**Welcome from the mainland, we are already three months into the new season which means we are almost at Cup Week at Riccarton.**

Speaking of Cup Week, one horse who will probably be running is Cullinan, a 5yo mare she recorded her second win at Riccarton, and that was an impressive effort. It was a Rating 65 1600 in September on a good 3 track, she was slow away for jockey Tegan Newman, and running in the last three for a majority of the race.

She was actually last before the straight and looking for a way through, finally at the 250m she got a gap, and powered through to set off after the leaders, who had got away. She reeled then in, in the shadows of the post for a great win.

Mr Johnstone also raced the dam of Cullinan, called Minnaloushka, who was a five-win race mare. He has a 3yo Charm

Spirit filly, Sonnet, out of her who holds a nomination for the One Thousand Guineas. We wish Mr Johnstone all the best over the Cup Carnival.

It's always exciting when your horse steps out for its first race and duly delivers. This was the case for Mr AT Penney – and he bred her as well. Aingie, a 4yo mare by Darci Brahma, and a half to four win gelding Street Fightin Man, she is trained by Steven Woodsford at Rangiora.

She lined up at Oamaru on a Good 3 in a maiden fillies and mares 1200. From barrier 4, jockey Kavish Chowdhury jumped straight to the front and spread them out until the turn, where she was looked at by the horse outside her, but she kicked hard and was too strong to the line to salute by a length from the fast closing Lone Spirit.

There were recent wins for Mr DJ Brook with two runners in Powerful Moss and Mr Hass.

And for Mr P Blacktopp with Drake Bay and Paul and Pauline McBreen saw Sir Albert score again

Trainers Jackie Burrows had Castle On The Hill win, as did Lionel Dobbs and Janine Young with Emanon, and Boot It Scooter won for Lance and Christine Robinson.

Or Winter Points competition wound up at Timaru earlier this month, and it's congratulations to Lionel Dobbs and Janine Young who took it out with their consistent mare Youneverknow on 26 points.

Close up second was Christine Robinson with Devil In Disguise on 23 points.

Third equal were Anneliese, dually nominated by Rick Rhodes and Christine Robinson, and Emanon for Lionel and Janine on 18 points.

Good luck to everyone at the upcoming Cup Carnival 🐾



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## AN UPDATE FROM NZTR CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER DARIN BALCOMBE – TRACKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

**New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing is pleased to provide an update on the state of its tracks and infrastructure across the country. With several noteworthy milestones achieved in recent weeks, we eagerly anticipate an exceptional season of racing for the remainder of the Spring and Summer.**

### **TE AROHA RACECOURSE**

We recently completed the final phase of the 'Return to Racing' Policy for Te Aroha Racecourse, concluding in successful trials held on the surface on 12 October. This sets the stage for a return to racing on 1 November. Bart Cowan, our Regional Track Advisor, played a pivotal role in ensuring the track has reached the required safety standards. We're now focusing on implementing long-term plans to maintain and continue to enhance the track's quality. The first twelve months after reopening will feature a lighter racing schedule to facilitate essential maintenance, ensuring Te Aroha Racecourse remains a safe, competitive venue for our participants and fans.

### **ELLERSLIE RACECOURSE**

Ellerslie Racecourse is progressing well, with plans for a return to racing on 14 January. An assessment in mid-October, led by Strathayr's agronomist and Chris Hay from Elwick racecourse in Tasmania, confirmed

the track's readiness for horses to gallop as planned in mid-to-late November. ATR have a comprehensive plan in place for a smooth return to racing, including gallops by four horses on 13 November, followed by further track gallops for 12 to 15 horses covering all areas of the track, jumpouts for 80 horses about 4 December, and trials for horses around 19 December. The final decision to resume racing at Ellerslie will depend on the successful completion of these steps.

### **AWAPUNI PROJECT**

We are two weeks into the Awapuni project, aimed at completing the work and seeding the ground by April 2024. The project involves installing lateral drains and sand slitting for the entire track. Additionally, sand will be incorporated into the track profile to enhance soil drainage capacity. A vital component of this project is the development of a comprehensive maintenance schedule, covering tasks from construction to racing and ongoing maintenance. Our objective is to continuously improve the track's quality over its lifetime, learning from past projects where insufficient maintenance led to issues with new track profiles.

### **ROTORUA TRACK ABANDONMENT**

It's disappointing to address another track-related abandonment this time at Rotorua.

Participants bear the financial burden of transporting horses without the opportunity to race, and there are concerns for Jockeys' and horses' safety. Despite significant efforts by the Club to improve the track area affected by a thermal area, issues arose on raceday due to tightness and a hard crossing, causing a horse to lose its footing during Race 4. Remedial work has been completed on both the thermal area and the crossing, and the track was cleared for racing on 26 October after eight horses safely galloped over it.

### **TRACK RENOVATIONS AND AUDITS**

This season, we've continued to look for significant improvement in our track management by introducing track renovation periods for all our tracks. This measure ensures that necessary work is carried out at the right times of the year. We've recently completed comprehensive audits of all our track surfaces, with the feedback from these audits currently being shared with the Clubs. For a long time, our tracks have seen inadequate investment, which has resulted in numerous track-related abandonments. This situation is far from satisfactory and places a significant strain on the industry. The ongoing track renovations and audits are crucial in driving improvements and, ultimately, reducing the number of track-related issues we've been facing. 🏇





## Stud chat with Sam

I could do without the early morning servings which clash with the Rugby World Cup but I can't even begin to tell you how good it is to have **Per Incanto** home! We've all missed him around the farm including his mate **Time Test**. A huge thanks to so many people, in particular to the teams at Waikato Vets and Cambridge Stud, for ensuring **Per Incanto** made such a fantastic recovery.

**Time Test** is almost as busy as the Rugby World Cup Bunker. And deservedly so, he's had a huge few months, especially over the ditch. **Pushy** was his third Australian stakes performer this year when narrowly beaten in the Dulcify Stakes. Bred by Blenheim's Stephanie Hole, **Pushy**, a \$100,000 Karaka yearling purchase by Mick Wallace, has only tasted defeat once in four career starts. Michael Freedman, **Pushy's** trainer, has another smart **Time Test** performer in his stable, also purchased by Mike Wallace from Karaka, in the form of the JML Bloodstock bred **Panic**. The Helen Phinney bred **Braveman's Game** won consecutive starts in Adelaide for trainer Michael Hickmont.

I challenge you to find another young New Zealand based sire at a \$10,000 service fee who has made such an exciting start with his Australian runners. **21 runners, 14 winners, 3 stakes performers.**


He may have been laid up for a while, but it hasn't stopped the steady stream of exciting young **Per Incanto** talent emerging across Australasia and Southeast Asia. Okay he's not what you'd call emerging but congratulations to Mark Oulaghan who has done a wonderful job with **Semper Magico**. The rejuvenated eight-year-old must be a contender for the most improved horse going around, having won four of his last five starts including a Cup and two Open handicaps.

**Per Incanto** has started the new Hong Kong season in customary fashion, being the leading New Zealand based stallion. In Australia there is a changing of the guard with the retirements of **Roch 'N' Horse** and now **Lost And Running**. The John O'Shea trained and JML Bloodstock bred, and part owned seven year old kickstarted **Per Incanto's** emergence as a sire of genuine international performers. **Lost And Running** never had the rub of the green when it came to draws and niggly little issues at the wrong time, but he still won AUS\$4.3million, quite a return for a \$42,000 yearling purchase.

It's big shoes to fill but the LA and Totara Park stud bred **Gringotts** could be the heir apparent to **Lost And Running**. He's certainly in the right stable and his last start effort at Randwick was superb.

Both stallions each have half a dozen lots entered for the NZB Ready to Run Sale. Certainly, one of **Per Incanto's** top lots is bound to be the half-brother to last season's leading three year old stakes winner **Desert Lightning**. Kilgravin prepare him for Wes Van Der Scheer. He breezed up nicely but within himself. **Desert Lightning**, who we sold for Wes, made a successful return at the trials last week, and it's a pedigree that goes from strength to strength.

LA has the **Time Test** – Miss Hoi Polloi colt in the Riversley draft. The second foal of a young Towkay mare, her first foal is the promising Hong Kong galloper **Pachisi**.

I couldn't signoff without acknowledging the renewed enthusiasm across the industry, it's all happened off the back of the Entain investment. The Everest initiative was great publicity, and although I didn't manage to get up to the Bay for the Tremains Spring Carnival, they tell me there was a vibe that hadn't been felt for some years. I hope to see some of you at the RTR Sale or at a racecourse over the summer. 

## SPRING 2023

### EXTRACTS RACING DAYS IN OLD PATEA – LARAIN SOLE

#### PATEA MAIL 23 FEBRUARY 1878

*"For the second hack race there were nine starters. George's Rob Roy winning with Russell's grey Retire second. The grey, quite a pony was much fancied and considering that it had carried the owner from New Plymouth the day before and had been ridden from Hawera the same morning proved that the pony had "go" in it.*

And Laraine writes –

#### PATEA NOVEMBER 1879.

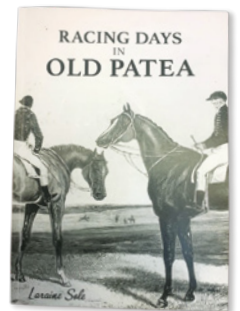
*There is a wonderful story told about the jockey who rode Hailstorm to victory in the Patea Cup. A belated letter reached renowned jockey and landowner Duncan Champion on the morning before the Patea meeting offering him a ride on the good horse Hailstorm. Champion left his home Carnarvon at Bulls at midday and rode to Alex Higgie's Blink Bonny on the No 2 line where he changed horses. After stopping for two hours he rode on and a tired pair arrived at Patea at 6am. He won the Patea Cup on Hailstorm, got beaten in another race on him, saw the racing out that day and rode to Wanganui reaching there at 10pm. He changed horses*

*again and reached Carnarvon at 3am having ridden over 170 miles- the actual travelling just under 27 hours. If he slept it would have been in the saddle. They were tough in those days!*

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*Not everyone was enamoured with racing as evidenced in part of a letter to the Patea Mail of 20 April 1906 which read, ...on the day following the great Christian festival, a day set apart for rejoicing, the racecourse in nearly every town is thronged with a huge crowd of men and women with excited passion-waved faces all striving to worship Mammon. There was a time when women were scarce on the racecourse: that day is gone. The home-loving woman is fast going, the lusts of excitement, of the delights of the world, are in her blood. She is an habitue of the racecourse today, is well versed in its slang and may even, on occasion, be seen with the jockey hoping that her fascinating smile will get her the coveted "tip." With mothers, who thus frequent the racecourse, can we wonder that the modern daughter is not gifted with modesty that she is no longer sought but seeks.*

*The high church dignitary is there too, who but the previous day was reading the church services. The church members, in fact, of nearly all denominations, are well represented. The scene on the Patea racecourse on Monday was similar to many others where all sorts of conditions of men and women gathered eager for gain and pleasure. What the Maories (sic) who flock in full force to our local racecourse and grow hilarious on the waipiro of which there is always a plentiful supply, think of our religion and practice only the dusky native himself knows. One thing is certain, civilisation is not tending to raise the Maori. The drink flows, curses abound, money is lost and won and the greatest Christian festival of joy and mirth is turned into a use that can have no other influence on men and women save that of degradation.*



# FROM TRAGEDY TO TRIUMPH

## LIFE AS A JOCKEYS AGENT *Ted McLachlan*

**Ask a lay person what a horse trainer, jockey, starter, commentator, farrier role etc is in racing and they will be able to give a pretty accurate answer but ask what a jockey agent does and you will often get a blank look. Yet the agent role is crucial to a busy jockey who is up early riding trackwork, riding at jump outs, trials and numerous race meetings throughout the week and of course extensively travelling. This means they are out of communication for good periods of time unable to receive and make calls and unable to see nominations and acceptances in a timely fashion thereby limiting their ability to manage their upcoming race day rides.**

I liken the Jockey agent role to that of a juggler with many balls in play at the one time as things are constantly changing and it is a 24/7 role. Texts can start from 4am then calls a bit later and continue through to the late evening. During the day nominations and acceptances come out and final sorting of rides are completed. In between all this you are contacting trainers yourself trying to gain mounts and confirm where horses are heading next. Then at the last minute this can quickly change, something may happen to a horse and it won't be racing or a trainer has had a change of plan and suddenly nominates for something else or the weather has dictated plans. What weight a horse will get after nominations come out just adds another piece to the puzzle along with sorting which meetings the jockey will ride at and you are constantly analysing race day form. Having an agent doing all this work and liaising with everyone takes a lot of pressure and stress off the jockey leaving them to fully concentrate on the core business of race day riding.

As such an agent needs to be disciplined, organised, be able to react quickly, analyse form and most importantly be a very good communicator.

I find that you form a close bond with the rider you are working with both on and off the track with mutual trust a huge factor and it very much becomes a team effort discussing horses, what went right and what went wrong and where any improvement can be made. Sorting which horses will suit your rider is something else to consider as you don't want to put a young apprentice lacking strength for example on a horse that pulls very hard and on others with traits that will make it a too difficult ride. The physical aspect of a riders ability and mental factors of your rider is another aspect to keep an eye on. Travelling and riding at a lot of meetings can take its toll and a tired rider going out to ride a race is no good for anyone. In order to address that I may limit my rider's numbers at race meetings by not taking rides in every race and letting them concentrate on what rides they do have. By limiting meeting numbers reducing travel and not riding in

every race with gaps to give them a breather through the day the rider can sustain a better performance. Tayla Mitchell whom I managed last year to win the Apprentice Premiership had significantly less rides than the second, third and fourth place getters and accordingly a superior strike rate also. I take an holistic approach with my riders as a happy rider in a good frame of mind really does help when they are going out to ride and I try to ensure that off the track all is ticking over as smoothly as it can.

I had no plans to do such a role when suddenly out of the blue I was contacted four years ago by Jason Waddell asking if I would manage his rides as he was aware that I could do form analysis. After discussions I jumped into the deep end and took on the highly talented but likewise troubled rider who struggled with weight issues. After starting and doing the last few months of the 2018/19 season I did the full 2019/20 season with Jason and what a season it was. A record in stake earnings and also a record number of 11 stakes wins only one behind Opie Bosson, which included G1 wins on Julius in the Railway, Wyndspelle in the Captain Cook Stakes, Tiptronic in the Herbie Dyke Stakes and Jennifer Eccles with a superb ride in the NZ Oaks. It was quite a remarkable season which saw Jason riding at his very best. Jason's career unfortunately ended suddenly with an off track indiscretion a few weeks into the new season.

In the latter part of the 2019/20 season I also took on promising apprentice Chelsea Burdan and she was firing on all cylinders in the 2020/21 season and was leading apprentice with 18 wins in early November when her horse clipped heels at Waverley with Chelsea breaking a collarbone in the fall. Unfortunately it has been a long complicated road to recovery under the public health system and she is still awaiting further surgery on it. Later that season Lance O'Sullivan approached me to take on stable apprentice Taiki Yanagida and the following season was a breakthrough for him with a record number of wins, record stake earnings and importantly one thing he wanted badly, his first stakes win and that win came aboard Dragon Queen in the G2 Westbury Classic on Karaka Million Evening at Ellerslie in front of a huge crowd. There was no happier person at Ellerslie that night. He quickly added stakes wins on Bellatrix Black and Germanicus to cap an outstanding season. Tragedy struck on the first day of the new season in August last year when Taiki was killed when his horse was brought down at Cambridge with his loss deeply felt by those close to him along with the racing community.

I was asked to manage Tayla Mitchell's rides, an apprentice who had started riding the previous season and had ridden 7 winners for \$137 thousand in stakes. By seasons end Tayla was crowned 2022/23 Champion Apprentice with 67 wins and \$1.4 million in

stakes and finished fifth on the overall premiership table.

It was an outstanding result for Tayla and I was very proud of what she had achieved in that twelve months. It was a remarkable year going from the tragedy of Taiki's passing at the start of the season to the triumph of celebrating Tayla's Apprenticeship premiership success on the final day. With that success behind her she has gone to Melbourne to join her partner Wiremu Pinn and try to break in over there.

I do get a lot of enjoyment and great satisfaction in working with the apprentices, seeing them succeed and achieve their goals. With Tayla hopefully going on to have success in Australia I have now taken on another talented apprentice in Elen Nicholas who has had her apprenticeship interrupted with a couple of bad injuries but with those behind her we are looking forward to a busy and hopefully successful 2023/24 season.

It can be a roller coaster of a ride with all the highs and lows of racing and the work of a Jockey agent is never done... but I wouldn't have any other way.

### STOP PRESS - TED ADVISES...

I will be managing Ulrika Holmquist who did part of her apprenticeship here in NZ before returning home to Sweden to complete it. Ulrika arrives early December and rides here for four months before returning home. She will be based in Cambridge. She is a senior rider now and has ridden 250 winners with three stakes winners and she has ridden in a number of countries.

You will no doubt remember her.

**EDITORS NOTE** *Ted McLachlan, aka RdyTdy in the blogosphere, is thought by many pundits to be one of the top form analysts in NZ. He sends out a free email of racing tips for North Island races to a large group of followers. He is part of the selection panel for the Boys Get Paid syndicates and also does various on-course Punters Clubs.*

*Ted lives in the Morrinsville countryside and many times returning home finds a box of wine on the porch from a grateful punter.*

*His late father was a jockey, trainer and stud master and attending race meetings with him he became friends with a lot of youngsters at the time such as the Harris family, Gary Phillips, Bruce Marsh etc around the CD and he is still lifetime friends with them today.*

*In business Ted worked in insurance overseeing large claims where his analytical skills were honed.*

*Ted represented NZ as an athlete and still holds NZ Masters records for the 10k and half-marathon road races and Championship 5000m record on the track all set some 30 years ago. Ted McLachlan knows how to put in the hard yards!*



Ted & Lynnnda McLachlan with Sally Blyth

# KIWI STATUE UNVEILING

GULLY PARK WAVERLEY CBD

10 SEPTEMBER 2023 Neil Miller

**This Bulletin has followed the story of retired New Plymouth surgeon and sculptor Fridtjof Hanson's epic work. We supported that over several issues then all went quiet. Covid came – and all that entailed.**

Then an invite to attend the unveiling ceremony arrived from Jacq Dwyer of the Statue Organising Committee. We also had a longstanding invite from local historian Laraine Sole (also a statue committee member) to stay the night when the time came. We were not going to miss this and 450km down the road we rolled into Laraine's driveway. The covered statue is just past that.

Sunday morning heralded a blue-sky day, we heard the loudspeakers tune up and people assembling for a red-letter day for the district. A short stroll to the park where people assembled in the sunshine. Some excited children wore the jockey's colours of local trainers. Paige Lupton a great granddaughter of Anne and Snow Lupton wore the Lupton ones, blue with a white cross.

I caught up with Peter Rubery of Race Images, there to take photos and to go on later to the Waverley races.

The 350 crowd waited expectantly: all stood hushed as a recording of the 1983 Melbourne Cup boomed out and echoed around the town. It was epic!

The statue committee chair Brian Rook led off on the mic. He recognised the contributions made the South Taranaki Council of \$155,000, Grangewilliam Stud and the "Givealittle" donors. South Taranaki Mayor Phil Nixon spoke in reply.

Fridtjof's son Christian spoke of the love his father had for horses and riding, how he paid great attention to detail and how he had enlisted people like John Wheeler to advise him on the correctness of the work.

Nicola Andrews, Anne and Snow's daughter spoke about her parents care for animals, said there was a rule animals got fed before the people. Said she was there that day in 1983 and since then was called Kiwi's sister. She said Kiwi was a worker on the farm. Snow took Kiwi out rather than the tractor.

Ian Smith spoke. He and his wife were there on that winning day and he recounted the campaign (see the following story).

Broadcaster Des Coppins spoke, he's been to 34 Melbourne Cups, so he was there in '83. He spoke of the infamous following year when Kiwi back at Melbourne to win the Cup again, had officials searching for a reason to scratch him. They failed in that but still denied the horse the run. Kiwi went on to Japan to run 6<sup>th</sup> in the Japan Cup. Snow said he had needed that Melbourne Cup run denied to him. So, it was a double loss.

Enough of the speeches! The Lupton grandchildren were asked to pull off the Lupton blue cover and after much effort cheers rang as the statue was unveiled. The children will never forget this day and neither will we!

Off to the Waverley races where a big marquee had been erected for a morning tea for all statue unveiling invitees. We watched half the card run on a very good track and left with a nice return off a good winning punt on Pitkin County. Then a 90 minute cruise on quiet roads to New Plymouth so as to shorten the next days' trip home.

Thank you to Laraine for the fine stay, Jacq and Pru' for the invite and info and Ian for the words. Well done all of those on the organising committee. Taranaki people are special!

**Note** – Gully Park is at the middle of the main street on the right heading south opposite the 4 Square store. The statue is on a concrete base with a sand surround. This is to be paved with engraved bricks (to your own choice of script) and are available to be purchased for the cost of \$150 a brick. Here is your chance to be part of posterity. Contact [jacq@dwyer.co.nz](mailto:jacq@dwyer.co.nz) or 0272 415 595



Kevin Grey, Statue Committee and racing identity was proud to see the work

## IAN SMITH'S SPEECH

**The Egmont Cup 1983:** Several local people had already booked their tickets to follow Kiwi to the Melbourne Cup. But Snowy was adamant Kiwi had to win the Egmont Cup at Hawera, to go to Melbourne. He duly obliged and won by one and a quarter lengths. We were off!

**Melbourne Cup:** Kiwi's flight out of Wellington was cancelled on the 27th of October. There was a flight available out of Auckland, so with Warwick as the float driver and Kiwi and Snowy onboard, they made an overnight journey to Auckland. Loading the plane took three hours with 37 horses on the flight. Anne Lupton, children Nicola and Gillian, my wife Nancye and I met Kiwi and Snowy at the Tullamarine Airport. Kiwi was loaded onto a float driven by ex-Hawera jockey Graham Hare (Shorty), who was to be his designated Australian handler.

Five horses travelled with Kiwi, three in the front and three in the back and a small tack room in the middle. Nancye and I travelled in the back of the float with a very weary Snowy and we headed to Sandastre Lodge at Mornington, Kiwi's lodging for his campaign. This was recommended by a then rather-young Kevin Myers.

Looking through louvred vents, Snowy commented on the frequent stopping and starting and was amazed at the number of buildings. 'It wasn't like this when I was last here' he said. I inquired when that was and he replied, 'when Jock Pearce and I were shearing sheep here in 1948'. On arrival Shorty informed us that he ran half the red lights.

It was six days until the Cup. Kiwi settling into slow work at Mornington. Then on the Sunday before Cup Day, he worked on the hills and amongst the sheep and cattle. Snowy was asked 'Are you taking him up to Flemington for a look?'. He replied 'no'. He was then asked, 'Not even for a look at the track, you mean first up in a Melbourne Cup?'. Very dryly Snowy replied 'he knows his way around a racecourse.'

Meanwhile his team of supporters were gathering. Anne, children Nicola and Gillian, John Alexander (Anne's brother), Nancye along with John and Carolyn Scott, Monty and Diana Jackson, Jennifer Best and Jenny Boon. The team had got to know Melbourne well, and the Aussies got to know about 'Team Kiwi'. When asked 'Who was going to win the Cup?'. We of course replied 'Kiwi.' The response being 'But he only rounds up sheep and cattle'. Little did they know.

**Race Day:** All was well with Kiwi, Snowy, Anne and Jimmy. Of course, our biggest fear was being locked out of the stand. The doors close 10 minutes before race start.

Kiwi ran, came from second to last at the 1000 metres, and at that point he was 25 lengths from the leaders and then he wins by ¾ of a length. We knew you could do it Kiwi.

Celebrations went long into the night at The Victoria Hotel in Melbourne. (They also did back home in Waverley).

On arrival at the hotel there was a margarine sculpture of the jockey in Kiwi's colours, and on the table were placemats with photos of the finish of the race.

We were swept out the door as the staff rolled up the tables and swept the floor at 4am in the morning.

Kiwi – you have left us with ever-lasting memories.

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## BUSINESSMAN, ENTREPRENEUR, CREATIVE GIVER TO RACING

**IN THE WAKE OF THE SHOCKING ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE IMMINENT CLOSURE OF THE SINGAPORE TURF CLUB I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SIT DOWN WITH DANIEL, A PROMINENT FIGURE IN THE RACING INDUSTRY AND DELVE INTO HIS INSIGHTS ABOUT THIS DEVELOPMENT, AS WELL AS HIS BROADER THOUGHTS ON THE RACING INDUSTRY.**

"When the two casinos were introduced into Singapore back in 2010, it marked the beginning of the end," Daniel shared, expressing his concerns about the industry's trajectory. "The stakes were already in decline even before the housing discussions hit the headlines."

Daniel's roots in the racing world run deep.

With his father Elias and with the support of Shaun & Kim Clotworthy, he co-created Byerley Park, the renowned thoroughbred training complex located in Kingseat, South Auckland. The story behind its planning and ultimate success has become well-known within the racing community.

Previously, the Takanini training track, operated by the Auckland Racing Club, was a daily hub for many of New Zealand's top thoroughbreds and top horse people. However, it eventually succumbed to urban development, making way for housing. The proposed alternative at Prices Road, Puhinui, was widely discussed.

James Gardiner, writing for the NZ Herald in 2002, described the ambitious plan: "In a deal that appears almost too good to be true, the racing club has agreed to exchange 28 hectares at Takanini, valued between \$3.5 and \$5.5 million, for a \$12 million facility built by Hawkins Construction, with no money changing hands." Hawkins also had plans for a significant residential and commercial development covering about 70 hectares in total, with 63 hectares of land at Prices Road acquired for around \$3.5 million.

However, as history reveals, this plan didn't come to fruition, as outlined in James Gardiner's article titled "Sprawl Pushes Horses Further Out To Grass" in the NZ Herald on July 26, 2022.

Daniel emphasized that when Takanini closed down in 2002, there was no suitable replacement except for Prices Road. Unfortunately, the Auckland Racing Club was hesitant to seize that opportunity, and since then, land values have skyrocketed by 100-fold. Byerley Park stepped in to fill the void, ensuring the continuation of training in the Auckland region. Daniel proposes that the Auckland Thoroughbred Racing (ATR) should invest in land in and around the Karaka Region, turning it into a comprehensive training and racing centre while considering the closure and development for long term holding of Counties and Avondale tracks. He stressed the importance of avoiding the repeated sale of valuable properties.

Diversifying income streams, Daniel argued, is key for the industry's sustainability. He advocated for a shift from reliance solely on wagering revenue to incorporating property income. "Income streams keep ticking along day and night," he noted. "It's about diversity, not a constant sale of property." He cited the success of Tainui Group Holdings, which has thrived through land retention and development, growing towards a staggering \$2 billion valuation.

In New Zealand, Daniel entrusts most of his horses to the capable hands of the husband-and-wife team, Dawn and Peter Williams, alongside trainers Danny Walker and Aaron Tata, all are known for their genuine and honest approach.

Notably, Crosshaven (Smart Missile/Irish Colleen NZ), racing in the Nakhle colours in Australia, has earned A\$930,328 and won six races, including three Group 3 events, with a commendable third-place finish in the prestigious Group 1 CF Orr Stakes at Caulfield in 2021. In recent racing Crosshaven was third at Flemington.

The dam was a purchase from the Fayette Park dispersal sale when she was just a weanling. Irish Colleen went on to win the Concorde sprint at Avondale. Remarkably she also plays the role of granddam to Crocetti a rising star with his sights set firmly on the 2000 Guineas to run at Riccarton on 11 November. That is a date eagerly anticipated! Crocetti is five wins from a total of five starts.

I caught up with Daniel at his Ardmore office, where he was working on menus for Volare, his Italian restaurant near the picturesque Botanical Gardens in Manurewa. A Dean Martin fan would tell you that Volare is more than a restaurant name. It is a tribute to the legendary singer Dean Martin whose Italian surname was Crocetti.

But Nakhle Group has wide ranging business interests from property to quarrying, restaurant, construction, Byerley Park and early education as well as thoroughbred breeding.

Family is at the heart of Daniel's life. At his side is wife Sybelle, the four children, Nina aged 17, Elias and Elijah 15 and Michael 4. The children are catching the racing bug and like to get advice from their knowledgeable Uncle Peter (Williams)

Lebanon is a favourite destination where they rekindled bonds with relatives and friends earlier this year. It had been 5 years since the last visit - Covid came upon the world and they were so happy to return. Lebanon, Daniel says is a treasure trove of vibrant night life, exquisite cuisine and stunning beaches. The sea holds substantial natural gas deposits marking it as a region of potential significance.

I asked Daniel what he was reading at the moment. He said, "The Long Game - How to be a Long Term Thinker in a Short Term World." by Dorie Clark. A personal testament to his commitment to personal growth and strategic thinking.

There are highs and lows in Racing. Among the standout moments for Daniel was Spanish Whisper (Lope De Vega) when she claimed the Group 2 Matamata Breeders Stakes in 2018. The thrills continued in the Group 2 Kewney Stakes and Group 2 Lets Elope at Flemington.

If Crocetti lives up to his huge promise it is entirely possible that Daniel's most remarkable racing moment is yet to come.

Keep your eyes on Riccarton in November when Crocetti starts in the 2000 Guineas. And on from that there are more great races to come! 🍀

### ◀ **KIWI STATUE UNVEILING** CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11

**FOOTNOTE** - The night before the unveiling Laraine had asked a couple of friends over. That made four women and me sharing a nice merlot, two were on the Kiwi Statue Committee. Talk was around the tomorrow's unveiling of the statue and then it gravitated to the problems encountered whilst the statue was being created. Fridtjof Hanson's failing health, the collapse of the moulded work and an unwell sculptor having to start again.

I remarked about the great dedication of the sculptor and the problems he worked through. One of the ladies said, "And also the foundry engineer, he fixed a big problem." I said, "Oh what was that?"

She said the testicles were far too large. I said, Pardon, Kiwi was a gelding! She said, no! It wasn't the horse - and I thought, ah it was Pumpers.

Mr Hanson was a surgeon who placed great value in correct anatomical detail but I did wonder if the size of the "package" was a metaphor for the courage that jockeys need to have to do their dangerous job.

We will never know. But now I wonder if Jimmy Cassidy telepathically felt a frisson "down there" as the engineer downsized the 'package' with a small angle grinder. 🍀

# MANAGER/ACCOUNTABLE PERSON (M/AP) OF A HORSE [FOR DUMMIES] – A DIY ACCOUNT

Neil Miller

**I had been asked to take this duty over as the previous manager whose business in hospitality was making him time-poor. I had idly thought in the past I would like to have a crack at it, but a couple of things had unthought that idea.**

**Problem One** – Years ago a noted northern trainer who didn't suffer fools or horses that had got slow was apt to phone the owner on the Monday, after the horse had run poorly on Saturday and say, 'That horse of yours is no bloody good, I want it taken away from here tomorrow.' How would I deal with that?

**Problem Two** – I am very aware that by agreeing to be the M/AP there are clear duties imposed on that and the big one is at the end of racing – the rehoming of the horse.

I wanted to make that concern go away before I agreed to take on the task.

The horse is 1000k away from me now, so I phoned the trainer to discuss the matter. We agreed the horse was a beautiful bloke with a lovely nature. The trainer said he was a stable favourite and she assisted with the re-homing of all retiring horses. That was so good to hear. So, I am now a goer.

I now needed to read the rules pertaining to the duties, so I phoned a contact at NZTR. She got one of the troops to email me the Rules of Racing. Therein, Racing Manager ref Rule 425 and Accountable Person ref Rule 1429. These are to be blunt, tedious reading – but help was on the way a NZTR staffer was networking and emailed me and said, 'Neil can you write about this because horses are so reliant on the Owners doing the right thing.' I asked her to please write out the duties in plain language for us that does not cause retinal aggravation.

## SOME KEY RESPONSIBILITIES OF A RACING MANAGER INCLUDE:

- **Racing Manager:** This is an individual approved by New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) as a Racing Manager for a horse.
- **Accountable Person:** An Accountable Person is someone appointed or deemed to be responsible for a horse.
- Receiving prizes and stakes on behalf of the horse's owner or lessee.
- Notify NZTR if the group's horse is gelded.
- Ensuring the owner or lessee fulfils their financial obligations related to the horse's racing, complies with registration conditions imposed by NZTR, and follows the Rules of Racing.
- Representing the owner or lessee at hearings, with the option to be represented by a responsible person, counsel, or a lay advocate.

- Complying with decisions made in accordance with the Rules of Racing (unless an appeal has been lodged against the decision).
- If authorised to do so, sign Change of Ownership notifications on behalf of owners or lessees, provided the interest represented in the horse by the change is no more than 20%.
- Adhering to the responsibilities, authorisations, rights, and powers set out in the Rules of Racing.
- Have authority under the Rules of Racing to nominate, enter, accept a horse for, or withdraw, scratch it from a race. (Note – In the first instance the trainer is the best person to action this)

## WHEN DEALING WITH LEGAL OWNERSHIP ENTITIES (COMPANIES, TRUSTS, ETC.), RACING MANAGERS MUST ALSO:

- Notify NZTR of any changes in legal or beneficial ownership of shares or similar ownership rights in the entity, as well as changes in the board of directors or governing body members.
- Provide NZTR with required information about the Legal Ownership Entity, its owners or lessees, and governing body members.
- Additional to this I was told I would need to make sure the horse had a decent cover and was well shod before rehoming. Yes, I agree with that!

I got NZTR Settlement statements from the previous Manager/AP as there were funds to be disbursed.

Next thing was to open a Bank Account.

Have you noticed that your banks service level now plumbs the depth of profound uselessness. I went to 3 branches and finally found an intelligent life form. She said, 'That's simple I can just tack a 001 account onto your personal account. Can you open your bank account on your phone?' I have those details memorised so opened the account and gave her my phone. 3 seconds. Voila!

I emailed the partners and got their bank details, opened a blank WORD doc and Copy/Pasted them in a list.

I jumped onto the NZTR site and it was easy to find the FORMS for Change of Manager/ Accountable Person, printed those and sent them to the other owners in the horse. Each one put in their NAME – % held – GST or NON GST – Signature – and once complete I emailed it to NZTR.

I got an email from NZTR Registrations confirming I am IT. I had some queries re the accounts sent me, so I phoned helpful person at NZTR Accounts and got a steer.

Real humans,-real solutions and real nice people!



The 001 bank account has no fees so I can draw it down to Zero. So how am going to keep the ducks lined up?

Print the NZTR settlement statement.

Open internet banking.

Pay the (last columns) figure to each owner by Copy/Paste from the Word doc.

Put yellow highlighter on each figure as soon as paid on the paper copy.

When complete file that.

We are back down to Zero in the bank account now. Aced it!

**Note** – Be careful before you start paying out – make sure the amount paid to your account is the SAME as the total of your line of payees on the NZTR Settlement Statement.

Maybe there has been say, a nomination expense, at the end of the month and the deduction has been made to the amount paid. But the figures on the NZTR settlement statement not adjusted. You should have the expense account. Deduct each expense off each payee total.

You may work up a spreadsheet. Above is just the way I went about the payment side. It works for me. 🔄

## THE OWNERS' FEDERATION WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

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# GUIDE TO FINDING MORE WINNERS & IMPROVING YOUR PUNTING

TED MCLACHLAN

## SPECIALISE:

You have all heard the phrase “jack of all trades, master of none.” which means that you are not too bad across the board at most things but don't excel at one thing. Punting is no different, spreading yourself far and wide by punting here, there and everywhere means you have far too much information to take in and one therefore only scratches the surface leaving a lot of quality information unearthed. Finding your niche is most important.

Sit down and work out where you really enjoy punting the most and you will probably find that it is also where you back the most winners too. It could be North Island racing, South Island racing, Victoria racing, NSW racing whatever. I sat down years ago and made the decision to do the vast majority of my betting on North Island racing as by keeping a record I found that is where I backed the most winners. I went regularly to race meetings and actually saw the horses and mixed with industry participants etc. I decided to concentrate my form analysis there and virtually ignore other jurisdictions such as the South Island and international meetings. My record keeping since showed that my percentage of winners increased markedly by creating this bubble and by ignoring the other meetings it left a lot more time to increase my knowledge of horses and tracks in my specialist area.

## BIGGEST ASSETS:

Eyes and ears are the best assets you have to find those future winners. Those parts of the body are where you intake the majority of your information.

**Eyes:** Watch as much racing as you can in your specialist area, if it is midweek and you can't watch live then watch the replays later, look for unlucky runners, impressive performances, take time to read the Stewards' Reports which can be found in the results section of the NZTR website. Look at the trials which I will highlight later. The best NZ site I use to do my form is the NZTR website [nzhorse.com](http://nzhorse.com). There is an amazing amount of information there including all the race videos, trial videos etc. If you go to an upcoming race and click on the horse the complete record of the horse is there, along with stats and links to every race video and trial video for the said horse and it is free. So have a play around and become really familiar with it.

**Ears:** Listen as much as you can to interviews and comments because there will be something there somewhere that will lead you to backing a winner either on the day or at a later date. You will learn which people to take notice of more than others when it comes to providing information as they have proved pretty accurate leading

into a race day with their comments. People such as Stephen Marsh, Andrew Forsman and Jamie Richards for example are great media wise and their assessments are worth taking note of.

Carry a small notebook in your pocket and make notes along the way of what you witness or what you have heard just to jog your memory at times as memory can let you down at times and there is nothing worse than seeing a horse win and recalling something seen or said after the win.

## FORM:

Statistics in horse racing do work out remarkably well so when looking at a runner consider many of these:

**Track Conditions:** What type of tracks does the horse perform on best. Good, Dead, Slow or Heavy. Few horses handle all types of conditions and their best form is usually on one or two types of track conditions. So, if you see a horse lining up on a good track with no form on good or dead footing but with only wins and placings on slow or heavy conditions then look for something that will appreciate the firmer footing. Ditto as you strike the various other conditions.

**Distance Stats:** If a horse has shown no form at a certain distance, then it is unlikely to do so. Eg six starts for no placings at 2000m and it is lining up in a 2000m race then it is highly unlikely it will come out and win at that distance. Become familiar with what distance suits each horse and back them at their optimum distance.

**Course Stats:** I am a firm believer in horses for courses. If a horse has a very good record on a certain track it is more than likely it will perform well there again. Similarly a horse with a row of duck eggs on a track will put me off. Some horses just don't go on certain tracks, whether it is due to the contour, or surface that they don't like or whatever, they just don't perform there. Yet on the other hand a horse with no form going back to a track that it has performed well at previously can bounce back with a winning run. Rotorua is a course where this does occur on a regular basis for example.

**Left and Right handed tracks:** Whilst many win both right handed and left handed a lot of horses are not comfortable racing one of the ways and much prefer the one way of running. Their form is reflected in that. A recent example is Gift Of Power. Twelve starts now for eight wins and on Karaka Million night after winning her last four on the trot I was asked if she could beat Melody Belle. My reply was no because she doesn't go well right handed. She finished third behind Melody Belle and afterwards the rider stated she wasn't comfortable right handed and Graeme Rogerson told the

stewards she would be kept to left handed only from now on. She won eleven of her twenty four starts in NZ and on all types of track conditions but never won right-handed. So, look for these horses that only win the one way around and avoid them if going the wrong way around.

**Fresh Up:** When a horse is starting a new campaign take a look how it races fresh. Some horses take a few runs to hit form whilst some perform best in a fresh up state and in fact a few become first up specialists winning first up each prep. If a horse always takes a few runs before winning then it is unlikely to win first up in a new prep. Also look for horses with great second up form.

**Good Jockey/ Good Stable combinations:** Always take note of what the top stables have in a race particularly when they put a top rider on top. The premiership table tells you what stables and riders you should be taking note of and taking note the above stats on the horse aligns then all the better. Whilst a top rider may not be able to win on a poor horse a poor jockey can get a good horse beaten. An inform stable with a hot jock up is well worth more than a second glance. Better jockeys make better decisions.

**Weight:** Take note of what weight a horse can win with. Some will carry weight, others can struggle to do so. In open handicaps I like to see an up and coming horse down in the weights and the majority of the big open handicaps this season as I write this have been won by horses on or near the minimum. I also like to see horses winning well at the top of handicap in one grade going up to the next grade with a reduction in weight for they can often win again in the higher grade.

**Gear Changes:** Keep an eye on gear changes on horses as they are being tried to improve a horses performance. ie the addition of blinkers on a horse that isn't concentrating or a tongue tie as the horse may be getting his tongue over the bit.

**Dropping Back In Class:** Note horses that are coming back in grade especially from black type races and are meeting far easier horses than they have been racing against. A perfect example was the 3yo Melody Belle coming back from the G1 Railway Stakes where she finished sixth against older horses to a G3 against her own age group and of course she thrashed them.

**2yos & 3yos:** Top 2yo and 3yos can maintain their form against their own age group and race consistently well with some putting a string of wins together. So, look out for such horses racing their own age group.

## TRIALS:

Doing proper form out of trials is well worth doing. Some people won't back a first starter

just because it is a first starter but if you do your homework you can reap the rewards. Learn to read the trials, some heat winners will never win a race and yet placed and unplaced runners can win on debut. Picking them out is the key. If you can spot good horses at the trials and they are on debut against maidens, they are big chances. Looking is the key, if they win make sure they are travelling comfortably through the line and look for horses behind that are under a hold etc. To become good at this practice look at the trials and pick out ones that you think will go well on debut, write them down and see how you go. Also, when a first starter does win at the races go back and look at its trial to see how it actually went. It is well worth the time to become competent in this area. Examples of what to look for is King's Cross winning a trial at Cambridge before winning at Ellerslie fresh up and Rosa Carolina finishing unplaced at Te Aroha before winning fresh up at Te Rapa. So have a look at those two trials for starters.

### SECTIONALS:

I am not overly big on doing sectionals yet others do a hell of a lot work in this area. I will look at sectionals just to tell me what a horse is capable of running given the right circumstances. Some people look at a race sectional thinking because a horse ran the fastest last 800m or 600m or whatever, that was the best run in the race. Nothing could be further than the truth. You can have a horse that is trapped wide on a fast pace that battles on and is not far behind the leaders and that run is better than a horse sitting off the speed and running home along the inner with a faster last sectional. You can have a horse being unlucky in behind when failing to get a run etc etc. Just be aware the quickest last sectional may not be the best guide coming out of a race. The next start the race may be run differently, going the other way around etc so conditions are totally different. So many times, I hear of a horse doing a fastest last sectional but not going on and winning next start. My opinion is caution as it can be a trap for some. They can work for example in Hong Kong where they race consistently on only two tracks but in NZ with many tracks of different shapes, sizes, length of straight and surfaces I prefer to watch the race and look at the overall time and you will always pick up those closing with quicker sectionals anyway. They can run 1:06/1:07 at Trentham and horses that can break 1:10 at Ellerslie for 1200m is a good gallop there. So, spending a lot of time on sectionals may have appeal for some however I prefer to spend time elsewhere such as looking at race videos. Each to their own.

### SPEED MAPS:

Always try and work out where your horse will end up in the running. It may not work out every time but most times it will if you have done your homework right. Look at where it has drawn and it's normal race pattern and take note of any potential pacemaker/s. A horse that races on or near

the lead can get a soft run from an inside gate if it doesn't have to do a lot of work whereas if it has drawn out wide it may have to work harder to get to the lead or it could possibly be trapped wide if it can't get across. Alternatively, a horse that is not a great beginner and gets back in the running can get into an awkward position from an inside gate and will need luck after getting back midfield or worse and stuck on the fence. If a horse who is a leader and gets a soft run in front it can often kick turning in and be very hard to run down So take note of your horse's normal way of racing, where it has drawn and how much tempo will be in the race as to where it would probably settle. In all my race previews I note where I believe the horse will settle.

### RUNNING RAILS:

Take note of where the running rail is positioned on the day as that positioning can create biases. On tight tracks with the rail out a fair way it can create a front runners bias as can a rail being moved back into say the true position after being out for a number of meetings. This leaves fresh ground that has not been used and horses that race in or on the speed end up with a quicker surface than those that have got back and have to come wider outside that strip in rougher ground particularly in the earlier races on the day. On that note also look for any bias happening with regard to the early winners ie where they have been in the running and what part of the track that they have been winning on.

### HOT AND COLD

Stables go hot and cold, jockeys go hot and cold and so do punters, we all have our turn at ups and downs. And for no particular reason, despite doing the same as usual the birdie is not on the shoulder and nothing goes right. The stable stops winning, as does a jockey, as does a punter yet the opposite can apply when everything wins, and it all seems easy. Tony Pike has had a quiet season for example and the other day out of his last ten starters he had seven winners two seconds and a third. So, it is with punting. You can have a run where you could back a donkey in the Derby, and it wins and times when you could back Phar Lap in a maiden and it would run last. Make the most of those hot runs and when it goes cold pull back on the dollars when having a punt until when things come right again. Yin and Yang. Bet with your head and don't chase your money if you have a bad trot. Leave out emotion as best you can. Patience costs nothing and can save you a lot.

Hopefully some of the above will be of some help and gets your winning percentage up. It may look a lot written down and you think what a lot of effort, but following the same analysis becomes habit and second nature and becomes quick and easy to do in your own niche. Just remember it's not exactly a science, luck's a fortune and one never stops learning.

Good luck and most of all enjoy your punting, Ted. 🐾



### ARE YOU GROUP ONE MATERIAL?

**Q 1. What famous racehorse was known as "Big Red"?**

- Bonecrusher
- Secretariat
- Sir Ivor
- Red Rum

**Q2. What is the fastest recorded galloping speed of a Thoroughbred?**

- 50.76 km
- 60.76 km
- 70.76 km

**Q3. What are "racing plates"?**

- Silver salvers given as trophies
- Lightweight horseshoes worn in races
- Pre-digital photo finish negatives

**Q4. Who invented / developed barrier blankets?**

- Aiden O'Brien
- Peter Moody
- Monty Roberts

**Q5. NZTR represents which groups in the racing industry**

- Owners
- Trainers
- Racing Clubs

**Q6. The Racing Clubs at which of these tracks have amalgamated to form Waikato Thoroughbred Racing?**

- Te Rapa, Te Aroha, Waipa
- Waipa, Matamata, Cambridge
- Te Rapa, Cambridge, Waipa

**Q7. A strapper is ...?**

- The person grooming and walking out a horse at a race meeting.
- An "old school" teacher who has a share in a racehorse.
- A machine for doing emergency repairs on harness gear at a race meeting.

**Q8. How long is the Coronation Stakes (Grp 1) race at Royal Ascot?**

- 1 mile
- 1 mile 2 furlongs
- 2 miles

**ANSWERS ON PAGE 16**

# CONGRATULATIONS TO FEDERATION MEMBERS ON THEIR RECENT WINS!

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

## JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER 2023

**Peter & Christine Algie** JIMMYSSTAR  
**Roger & Ann Allen** KAHU ROCK  
**Brian Anderson** MOLLY BLOOM  
**Nigel & Adaire Auret** SHE'S UNUSUAL  
**Paul Bardell** MAUNA LOA  
**Bryan & Mrs Deirdre Black** CHATTAHOOCHEE  
**Phillip Blacktopp** DRAKE BAY  
**Claire & Warren Bolton** MERCHANT QUEEN  
**Rayner & Lynn Bonnington** POPTHEBUBBLES, RADIANT REACH  
**Sue Bourke** LERADO  
**Derek Brook** MR HASS, POWERFUL MOSS  
**Philip & Catherine Brown** ADAM I AM  
**Ken & Lorraine Browne** RAUCOUS  
**Jackie Burrows** CASTLE ON THE HILL  
**Gordon Calder** MISS INTERPRET  
**Felix P Campbell** KAREHANA BAY  
**Tim & Mrs Margaret Carter** SAN SIMEON, JOHNY JOHNY  
**Val Charlton** MAGGIES CHOICE  
**Murray Cole** LEICALOT  
**Mrs E M & N Connors** AMEND  
**Ray & Mrs Jill Coupland** EXPRESS COUP  
**Mike & Mrs Sharyn Craig** ITZA CHARMDEEL  
**W B & Mrs L C de Lautour** METALLO, IAN'S LEGACY  
**Brian & Joanne de Lore** DA OPTIMIST  
**Lionel Dobbs** EMANON  
**Mr & Mrs J D Druce** DURHAM LAD  
**Frank & Fay Drummond** COUNTRY BUMPKIN  
**Duchess of Bedford** SUN AND HEIR  
**Douglas Duncan** INSATIABLE  
**Mrs J L Egan** C'EST MOI  
**Mark & Faye Fearon** DURHAM LAD, POPSAGOOSEY, GET FUNKY  
**A R & Mrs S J Fenwick** WHITE NOISE  
**Matthew & Logan Fenwick** WHITE NOISE  
**Andy & Carol Fisher** VESMART  
**H A & Mrs S Fletcher** CORK, CHANCELLOR  
**Steve & Lynne Forsman** TURN THE ACE  
**Steve Freeman** RUBY SEEKER  
**Tim Gillespie** PARTY ROCKING, WHITE NOISE  
**Go Racing Ltd** DISS IS DRAMATIC  
**Mrs E E & I R B Gollan** ZA'FARAN  
**C R Grace QSM** NEVER LOOK BACK, REPUTATION, PUKETIRO  
**Craig & Sandra Grammer** GOOD OIL, TALISKER

**Loraine Grant** CORISTA  
**Lyle Green** THIRD DECREE  
**Russell Guckert** PROSERVE  
**Mrs Patricia Hargreaves** BUSTER MOON  
**Haunui Bloodstock Ltd** DIMAGGIO, SLIPPER ISLAND, ROEDERER, CANNON HILL  
**Alan Hawken** COUNTRY BUMPKIN  
**Len & Mrs M D Haydock** NOBELLEM, EXPRESS YOURSELF  
**Judith Hewitt** PRINCESSA GOLD  
**G & A Hill Trust** COCKTAIL LAD, HARRY HARRISON, TAVIS COURT  
**Phyllis Huitema** RUBY SEEKER  
**Jack Imlach** PACE ATTACK  
**InToWin.co.nz** ARDEE BOY, MISS BELLE, IMA BRAZEN ONE, QUEEN OF SPADES  
**Rob Johnstone** CULLINAN  
**Howard G & Kay E Jones** MAGGIES CHOICE  
**Peter & Mrs Lee Karton** DRUM MAJOR  
**Miss Erin & Patrick Keegan** MADAM ZARA  
**B W & A W Keighley** MAGGIES CHOICE  
**Craig & Lyree Keighley** MAGGIES CHOICE  
**W Grant & Joanne Kingsford** GREASE LIGHTNING  
**Don Lake** SOLIDIFY  
**Bryan Leach** VANTAANA  
**Jennifer & Grahame Lee** TURN THE ACE  
**Craig Leishman** JUST AS SHARP, AL ZAHIRA, DRUM MAJOR  
**B J (MNZM) & J E A Lindsay** ARROWETTE, TOKYO TYCOON, LUBERON  
**Little Avondale Stud** JIMMYSSTAR, EYEGEEGEE  
**P W & P A Lock** VINDERSTERN  
**David & Jill Lunn** IMPREUV  
**Caroline Marner** GRAND PROSPECT  
**David Marner** GRAND PROSPECT  
**Paul Martin** SORCHA  
**Debra Masters** BEE ENCHANTED  
**Paul & Pauline McBreen** SIR ALBERT  
**Gregory McCarthy** SIR STERLING  
**Shane & Raye McDonnell** MANOLO  
**Graeme McInteer** DURHAM LAD  
**D C & Ms J E Morison** ITZA CHARMDEEL  
**Bruce Murphy** HAKA BOOGIE  
**Daniel Nakhle** CROCETTI  
**P S & Mrs C Nelson** NEDWIN  
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**A T Penny** AINGIE  
**Howard Perry** BOSCH

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**David Price** LATE TO THE PARTY  
**John & Susan Rainford** SIDEBAR  
**Shaune Ritchie** ROCKET LAD  
**John A Roache** DURHAM LAD  
**Neville Robertson** PAPA SURF  
**Christine & Lance Robinson** BOOT IT SCOOTER  
**Mike Sanders** SWAZI  
**Berri Schroder** SUN AND HEIR  
**Peter Sewell** MAUNA LOA  
**G O & J D Sherratt** THE BAMBINO  
**Mike Smith** CANNON HILL  
**Brent & Cherry Taylor** INSATIABLE, PISCO SOUR  
**Te Akau Stud** TOKYO TYCOON, FASHION SHOOT, STONYBRECK, REDSHEIS, INSATIABLE, CHALLA, MILLIFIORI STAR IN THE SKY, HERO WORSHIP, COTE DE BEAUNE, FRENCH ROSE, QUINTESSA, SORCHA, PRISMATIC TALISKER, VIVE VIENNE, MY LIPS ARE SEALED, SUPERBLY WRITTEN, ROMANCING THE MOON STAR OF JUSTICE, MAZZUCATO, ABOUT LAST NIGHT, TROBRIAND  
**Kevin & Mrs C J Tod** GET FUNKY  
**Tina Troughton** CHANNEL SURFER  
**Rob Tunnicliffe** LEX'S ONE  
**Evan & Mandeep Twomey** HIT THE ROAD JACK  
**Elaine Vine** DURHAM LAD, BEES ENCHANTED  
**Philip D Wells** TSUNAMI  
**Whakanui Stud Ltd** DIMAGGIO, SLIPPER ISLAND, ROEDERER, CANNON HILL  
**Kevin Williams** GET FUNKY  
**Brian & Trish Williams** MOMOSA  
**Windsor Park Stud** TREATY OF PARIS, IT'S BUSINESS TIME, PERSUADER, MUSTANG VALLEY  
**Peter Young** ROCKET LAD  
**Janine Young** EMANON

## QUIZ ANSWERS

- A 1.** Secretariat
- A 2.** 70.76km
- A 3.** Lightweight horseshoes worn in races
- A 4.** Monty Roberts
- A 5.** Racing Clubs
- A 6.** Te Rapa, Cambridge, Waipa
- A 7.** The person grooming and walking out a race horse at a race meeting
- A 8.** One mile. 🏇



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