BREEDERS' BULLETIN





BREEDERS' BIG DAY RETURNS TO TE AROHA

After an enforced absence 12 months ago, the New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association's biggest day of the year returns to its picturesque home this weekend.

Track issues forced last year's New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes race meeting to be relocated to Te Rapa, but the prestigious Group One will be back beneath the mountain at Te Aroha on Saturday.

The NZTBA Waikato Branch will host all members of the NZTBA in a marquee beside the parade ring with light refreshments, finger food and a cash bar. Entry to the course is free to all NZTBA members.

Novara Park has kindly donated a service to exciting young stallion Sweynesse as a prize, with entry open to all NZTBA members present on the day.

The focal point of the afternoon is the 47th running of the 1600-metre Fiber Fresh New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes. First run in 1971, the race was elevated to Group Two status in 1980 and Group One in 2002.

As usual, the \$200,000 race has attracted a quality field featuring some of New Zealand's very best mares.

Owner-breeders have won the last two runnings of the Breeders' Stakes – Haunui Bloodstock's Perfect Fit in 2016, and Bob Emery's Charmont last year – and have a number of runners this year including many of the leading contenders.

Group One winner Thee Auld Floozie, who ran second in this race last year, is part-owned by her breeders John and Sue Young. Coldplay was bred by Gary Wallace, who shares ownership with Waikato Stud's Garry Chittick.

THE FIBER FRESH
NEW ZEALAND
THOROUGHBRED
BREEDERS' STAKES
is the eighth race on
Saturday's nine-race
programme, with a start
time of 4:20pm.

Rising star Darscape Princess, who has soared out of Rating 65 grade with four wins and a Group One placing in her last five starts, is raced by her breeder John Bromley.

Breeder William Duncan has retained ownership of Heni, and Cote D'Or – the winner of five of her last seven starts – carries the colours of owner-breeder Sir Peter Vela.

Like the former superstar galloper Jimmy Choux, Miss Wilson is bred and raced by Richard and Liz Wood's Chouxmaani Investments Ltd.

Charmont won the 2017 edition of the Gr. 1 Fibre Fresh

New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Stakes.

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NZTBA - NEW MEMBERS

Max Dravitzki	(Taranaki/Wanganui)
Narendra Balia	(Auckland)
Jodi & John Murray	(Cant/Westland)
Michael Fleming	(Auckland)
Jimmy Liu	(Auckland)
Clare & Dennis Friedlander	(Waikato)
Jennifer Brown	(Canterbury)
Jenny Cochran & Penny Reynolds	(Canterbury)
Robert Daysh	(Taranaki/Wanganui)
Geoffrey Georgetti	(Central Districts)
Mark & Catherine Lupton	(Waikato)
Lyle Green	(Southland)
Warren Storm	(Waikato)
Carina & John Hanson	(Overseas)
Graeme Sherer	(Waikato)

DUNSTAN HORSE FFEDS

We are delighted to announce that our much valued relationship with Dunstan Horse Feeds will continue. Dunstan have had a long standing relationship with our association over the years. They have been a generous sponsor of the NZTBA, and also contribute to many other areas in our industry including the popular Dunstan Stayers Race Series. This is a concept which is valued by breeders encouraging us to do what we are renowned for - breeding New Zealand staying horses.

Dunstan have offered the expertise of their Equine Nutritionist Specialist, Gretel Webber to write some practical articles for us on feeding and nutrition topics. Gretel is well worth a call if you require any advice 021557316 or *CLICK HERE*

DID YOU KNOW

DENTAL FLOATING

Horses require "dental floating" on an annual basis. The term refers to the filing or rasping of a horse's teeth and comes from the instrument used, the "dental float".

It is free to register your own identification brand when you are a member of the NZTBA

MINIMUM WAGE RISES

From April 1, the adult minimum wage increases by 75 cents to \$16.50/hour. Starting-out and training wages increase from \$12.60/hour to \$13.20/hour. Read the minimum pay rules for who can earn what at business.govt.nz

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS



NZ BLOODSTOCK INSURANCE PEARL SERIES

The Pearl Series is now in its sixth year of enrolments and is still playing an important part in providing incentives for breeders to retain and race their fillies. 29 Pearl Bonuses have been struck so far this season. Early bird enrolments for the 2018 series closed on 16 March 2018 with 292 fillies enrolled.

Entries are still being taken for the 2018 Series up to 31 July 2018.

BLOODSTOCK TAXATION

Policy Division of IRD have been preparing a paper to go to Grant Robertson, Minister of Finance, on the fiscal risk of bringing new investors under the write down rules that current breeders enjoy especially in relation to high priced colts and fillies. John Aubrey and I have had meetings and discussions with the Policy Division of IRD during February. We also provided written responses to the IRD papers which were incorporated in the final paper to the Minister of Finance which was sent on 28 February 2018.

This is one of the policies NZ First included in their election manifesto. If proceeded with, Legislation will need to be drafted and go to Parliament.

2018/19 BUDGET

It is good to have Corrina Holmes on board, carrying out many financial tasks and providing support to Justine. Corrina has had a long period working for Cambridge

We recently spent a day working through the upcoming year's budget. With the recent restructuring, there are many new assumptions to be incorporated in the budget.

It is pleasing that our budget for next year shows a surplus of \$66,000 which hopefully will allow the Association to rebuild its cash reserves..

It is also pleasing that Membership numbers have grown, a little, over the last four months and new sponsorships are being negotiated.

I would like to record many thanks to Justine and Corrina for their time and effort (with some very long days) they have made since coming on board. The last few weeks have been particularly testing receiving and collating the many entries for the Pearl Series.

John Fokerd President

DATES TO REMEMBER

7 APRIL Te Aroha Breeders Stakes

9-11 APRIL Inglis Easter Yearling Sale, Riverside
 12 APRIL Chairmans Sale Breeding Prospects
 15-17 APRIL Inglis Australian Broodmare Sale

20 APRIL New Zealand Bloodstock South Island Sale

7-9 MAY The Karaka May Sale

24-25 MAY Gold Coast National Weanling Sale
29 MAY Winter Seminar Prince Albert Tavern 6pm
29-31 MAY Breeding Students Winter Block Course
29 MAY-1 JUNE Gold Coast National Broodmare Sale
20 JUNE NZTBA Canterbury Branch AGM

31 JULY Last day for Pearl Entires open to all yearling fillies

NZTBA COUNCIL 2018/2019 NOMINATIONS

Nominations are called for the forthcoming election of members to the Council

NORTHERN REGION

The members of council required to retire by rotation are: Vicki Pascoe

The member of council continuing in office is: Nick King, Michelle Saba

and John Thompson

CENTRAL REGION

The member of council required to retire by rotation is: John Fokerd
The member of council continuing in office is: Libby Bleakley,
Chris Russell

SOUTHERN REGION

The member of council required to retire by rotation is: Gus Wigley
The member of council continuing in office is: Chris Dennis

STUDMASTER BRANCH

The member of council continuing in office is: Rodney Schick

All retiring Councillors have indicated their availability for re-election.

Any financial member may nominate any other financial member for election to any of the regional vacancies listed above, provided the nominator and nominee reside in the geographic region for which the nomination applies.

Nominations, **which are to be countersigned by the nominee**, must be forwarded in writing to:

Justine Sclater
New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association
PO Box 1058
CAMBRIDGE 3450
Tel: (07) 827 7727

Email nztba@nzthoroughbred.co.nz

NOMINATIONS CLOSE AT 5PM ON FRIDAY 4TH MAY 2018



Regan Donnison, Sales Manager

FORMAT CHANGE YIELDS RESULTS FOR VENDORS

On the back of what was an incredible Karaka 2018, it is a good time to reflect and look forward to what is upcoming at New Zealand Bloodstock.

The decision to change the format of the National Yearling Sale Series at Karaka was a big talking point leading into the Sale.

The feedback from buyers, as well as the results across all measures, show it was a bold move that worked as well as we hoped seeing huge increases across the week.

To change the format along with compiling the catalogue in the spring delivered its challenges for the Bloodstock Team – it was so pleasing to see the benefits of our labour for many of you as Vendors.

Heading forward, the South Island Sale will once again play a major role on the Southern calendar with 120 Karaka Million eligible yearlings going up for auction on Friday the 20th of April.

The Karaka May Sale (7 & 8 May) also represents a great opportunity for vendors and buyers alike. The revamped Yearling Session will provide the last opportunity to enter into the Karaka Million Series and with recent G1 graduates like Ladies First flying the flag it is a great opportunity to buy high quality racehorses.

Also of note the Weanling Session of the May Sale has produced more G1 wins in the last four seasons than any comparable Sale in Australasia.

The appetite offshore for NZ-bred horses sold at NZB is strong and bodes well for the future for New Zealand breeders.



GRACE'S STANDOUT SEASON THE REWARD FOR PERSEVERANCE AND INVESTMENT



Shillelagh's win in the Gr. 1 Kennedy Mile at Flemington was the highlight of owner-breeder Christopher Grace's standout season.

Even months out from the end of the season. Hunterville owner-breeder Christopher Grace knows 2017-18 has been a period like no other.

In more than half a century of involvement in racing and breeding, Grace has celebrated close to 200 wins by horses carrying his and wife Susanna's emerald green, gold and white colours. But the past months will always stand out for the flood of success by horses racing in his ownership as well as others he has bred.

Top of the class in the Grace racing string is the Savabeel mare Shillelagh with her win under Chris Waller's training in the Gr. 1 Kennedy Mile during Melbourne Cup week, while the Roydon Bergersontrained Beefeater (Alamosa) has led the local pack with his win in the Gr. 3 Taranaki Cup in February.

Other Grace-bred horses have also had major successes, most notably Luvaluva (Mastercraftsman), winner of the Gr. 2 Wakeful Stakes and Gr. 3 Kembla Grange

Classic, Hard Merchandize (Burgundy) in the Gr. 2 Hawke's Bay Guineas, and Shillelagh's sister Grazia, who won the Listed Spring Classic at Riccarton.

"This season has definitely been our best, no doubt about that," says Grace who, well past standard retirement age, still engages in a busy life combining his commercial, racing and community interests.

"I've bred a Group One winner before but I had never bred and raced one until Shillelagh, and to have bred five individual stakes winners is really quite extraordinary from a broodmare band numbering no more than 10 or a dozen." Graphic won the 2012 Wellington Cup as an eighth generation member of Grace's original thoroughbred line, but he puts his flood of recent success down to the decision to diversify his bloodlines.

"For a long time I was sticking by the one family because that was all I could afford, but the first move away from that was buying Trocair, who Roger

James selected at the Sydney Sales. She won only one race, but from her I've bred Shillelagh and Grazia. I've since gone into other families and the winners have

"Mares are like ewe hoggets," says Grace, drawing on his experience as a farmer and stockman. "You have to maintain a high standard to get the results."

With that reinvestment strategy in mind, Grace outlaid \$400,000 for Bradbury Park's Savabeel-Miss Bernardini filly at Karaka in January.

"Between the Ready to Run and the National Yearling Sale, horses I sold in the past year grossed more than \$800,000, so I was happy to spend some of that on more fresh blood.

"As I've said to younger family members, you've got to have a bob before you spend a bob on horses - that's how I've always approached it."

With rising two-year-olds by such stallions as Redoute's Choice, Makfi and Per Incanto under-going their early education at Grace's Surrey Farm pretraining and agistment property near Bulls, there's no shortage of the right material coming through the wellproven system.

"Whether any of them are up to it we'll find out in time," he says, "but if I get another Group One win in my lifetime I figure I'll be doing okay."



Hunterville owner-breeder Christopher Grace, QSM.



JUST QUICKLY...

CAMBRIDGE STUD ENTERS A NEW ERA

Cambridge Stud enters an exciting new phase this week with Brendan and Jo Lindsay officially taking over as owners of the iconic thoroughbred nursery.

World-renowned for the champion stallions Sir Tristram and his son Zabeel, the nursery has forged an outstanding record as a breeding powerhouse under the direction of Sir Patrick and Justine Lady Hogan.

While respectful of its proud history, they have announced future developments.

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FIRST SON OF DEEP IMPACT TO STAND IN NEW ZEALAND

Rich Hill Stud announce new sire Satono Aladdin a Group One winning Japanese miler and son of Shadai Stallion Station's sire sensation Deep Impact to their stallion roster.

The passing of Pentire late last year was the catalyst to stand another stallion and both parties believe Satono Aladdin has the necessary credentials to be a major success in the Southern Hemisphere.

"His pedigree is also top class," Thompson said. "He is by breed-shaping sire Deep Impact out of Magic Storm, who was a Group Two winner and Group One-placed in America."

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FUTURE VENUE PLAN

NZRB released a communication on behalf of NZRB and Codes seeking input from clubs and stakeholders regarding the future venue plan for the racing industry. The NZTBA will make a submission on your behalf. The baseline perspective on this matter is that the future volume of racing activity on the basis of the recent trend of a declining foal crop.

NZRB has also released it's half yearly interim financial statement for 2017/2018.

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TOP-CLASS VENDORS SUPPORT SOUTH ISLAND SALE

NZ Bloodstock's South Island Sale is less than three weeks away and vendors are adding the final touches to their drafts. South Island Sale graduates include Parthesia (Raise the Flag) and Civil Disobedience (Raise the Flag) are considerable. Perennial southern vendor White Robe Lodge have claimed the title of leading vendor by aggregate four of the last five years at the South Island Sale and John Foote and Darren Weir are familiar faces to the stud. Purchasing in partnership, they secured Parthesia and Civil Disobedience with Weir guiding them to stakes success in Australia. This year White Robe Lodge's first season sire Ghibellines and current-season Group producer Gallant Guru will be in the spotlight making up all but one of their 15-lot draft. A total of 28 vendors will offer their drafts at the Canterbury Agricultural Park in Christchurch on Friday, 20 April. Selling commences at 11am with 121 lots catalogued including the progeny of 44 sires. There are siblings to eight stakes performers while two yearlings are out of stakes-winning dams.

CLICK HERE to view the catalogue.

JOHNSON CONFIRMED FOR SAVVY COUP IN ATC OAKS

The New Zealand Oaks-winning combination of Savvy Coup and Chris Johnson will remain intact for the Australian Oaks at Randwick on Saturday week.

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JEREMY ROGERS RETURNS TO WAIKATO STUD TEAM

The Matamata farm has welcomed Jeremy Rogers back into the fold with his appointment as their Australian business development representative. Most of us will know Jeremy from the days he served as a popular NZTBA Waikato Branch committee man who contributed greatly to the NZTBA while he worked at Waikato Stud. Jeremy returned home for a sevenyear stint from 2010 as racing manager for champion trainer Darren Weir.

BLUE HEN HASILI

DEAD AT 27

Khalid Abdullah's Juddmonte Farms has announced the death of exceptional broodmare Hasili at the age of 27. Hasili (Kahyasi-Kerali, by High Line) has produced five Gr1 winners, namely Intercontinental (Danehill), Champs Elysees (Danehill), Cacique (Danehill), Banks Hill (Danehill) and Heat Haze (Green Desert), to establish herself as one of the most outstanding broodmares of all time. She is also the dam of top-class stallion Dansili (Danehill), sire of elite racehorses such as Harbinger, Flintshire, The Fugue and Rail Link. Hasili shares the world record of five individual Group 1 winners with legendary New Zealand broodmare Eight Carat. Stud director Simon Mockridge said: "Hasili has been an integral part of Juddmonte's history. Her record of producing five Group 1 winners is unsurpassed in the modern era and her powerful influence will continue to be felt through Juddmonte pedigrees and the General Stud Book for many years to come." He added: "It has been a privilege to have been associated with such an exceptional blue hen mare."

HORSE AMBULANCES TO BE **ROLLED OUT THIS YEAR**

Thanks to the generosity of the equine industry, and also the efforts of the New Zealand Horse Ambulance Trust (NZHAT), five custom built horse ambulances are on target to be rolled out by December.

The New Zealand Horse Ambulance Trust was established after meetings between vets, equine codes and the Racing Integrity Unit established that welfare outcomes for horses would be improved with the provision of appropriate custom built horse ambulances.

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STUDENT BLOGS

Our scholarship recipient's Danielle Southey (Keith and Faith Taylor Equine Scholarship to the Irish National Stud) and David Morris (NZTBA Sunline Education Trust International Management Scholarship) are now both into the third month of their placements. Danielle and David have endured one of the coldest winters and heaviest snowfalls seen in the U.K and Ireland, in part this has been a novelty factor but extremely cold for them both.

I have thoroughly enjoyed reading their blogs and am looking forward to following their progress over the coming months, if you have missed them they are available on the links below. I hope you take the time read them and learn about the invaluable opportunities they both have been given and in the long run benefiting our industry long term.

DANIELLE DAVID

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IMPORTANT MASSEY SURVEY

Towards the end of last year councillors John Thompson, Rochelle Kerr, Libby Bleakley and myself had met with Massey University's Wayne McIlwarth regarding future research projects. Funding is for this is spread over all equine disciplines therefore we must present a strong case to ensure some this is used in research that is relevant to our

industry. This survey is for NZTBA members to complete on behalf of Massey, it is important that they have your feedback.

Massey University equine would like to improve its contribution to the equine industry. As key industry participants, Massey University is interested in your views on their past performance and to help them shape their future.

Members are invited to take part in this important consultation **via the link below** to an online survey. The survey will take 3-5 minutes to complete and will be open until **5pm Friday 13th April 2018**.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MasseyEquineSurvey



Cheveley Park covered in snow

All comments made will be treated in strict confidence and a summary of results can be made available to you if you are interested. If you have any questions, please contact Kylie Gibbard on 06 951 9189 or k.gibbard@massey.ac.nz



THE FOSTER FOAL SERVICE



co-ordinator Phillip Smyth pictured with his mare Midnight Ink and her foster foal

The Foster Foal Service is a valuable service provided to New Zealand thoroughbred breeders and is

administered by the Waikato Branch of the NZTBA. This service relies totally on the goodwill of breeders and is a non profit service.

ONE OF MY MOST DREADED
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In Australia the cost of using such a service is substantial and is run as a business. Here in New Zealand, a minimal fee of \$250 plus GST, is charged to the foal owner to help pay for the administration and running of the service.

The service has been successfully run

for the past ten years by Waikato branch member Phillip Smyth, who makes himself available throughout the entire breeding season. He will

receive a call from a farm or breeder either offering a mare as a potential foster mare or looking for a mare to foster a foal. An alert is sent to as many broodmare farms as possible (both thoroughbred and non thoroughbred), as well as vet clinics and private farms. It is imperative that the fostering is done as soon as possible to ensure its success.

Phillip estimates that between 30 and 35 fosterings are successfully completed each season, but last year there was a significant dip with only 15 made – hopefully as a result of a good season, but potentially some farms have decided to work "in house" and not use the Foster Foal Service to facilitate their fosterings.

Ironically, last season, Phillip offered his own mare to the service as a candidate after she lost her foal. Following is his account of the experience.

One of my most dreaded moments was being phoned at 2am in the morning by a stud master to advise me that my maiden mare was in a spot of trouble trying to foal.

With front legs back and very little chance of getting them forward she was sent to an Equine Hospital for a very urgent caesarean. Unfortunately the foal unable to be saved and my mare was returned to the farm the next morning, oblivious to the fact that she had foaled. No interest had been shown by her in her deceased foal.

Shortly after this a call was received to the Foster Foal service from Waikato Stud advising of the need for a mare for their week old orphaned foal. It was quite late in the season and they were willing to try virtually anything. I would have never imagined she was suitable - maiden mare who had a traumatic foaling experience. The team at Waikato undertook some very skilful fostering techniques and unbelievably my mare took one look at the foal and said "yes please I will have that"!. The successful outcome was a great result for the stud, my mare and the orphaned foal and the foal owner.

This coming season we plan to add a social media element to reach an even bigger audience. If you would like to be added to Phil's database to receive these alerts, please contact him on 021 423 625.

Phil Smyth NZTBA Foster Foal Service

EQUINE DENTAL CARE

Dental health and care are as important for horses as they are for humans. However, unlike human teeth, horses' teeth continue to grow, meaning that they require specialist care. While teeth are naturally ground down through eating and grazing, they often become uneven, causing issues that can become severe without proper care from an equine dentist. Horses require "dental floating" on an annual basis. The term refers to the filing or rasping of a horse's teeth and comes from the instrument used, the "dental float".

For the safety of both the horse and the equine dentist, and for the comfort of the horse, sedation is often required for an effective dental exam. Before an exam begins, the mouth is flushed to remove food particles left from either grazing or eating. Once the horse's mouth is clean, a speculum is put in place to hold the mouth open and a platform is placed under the chin so that the horse can rest its head. The dentist then inspects the teeth while looking for sharp points and hooks, which can be smoothed down with the dental float thus improving the evenness of the bite. Abscesses or tooth decay can also be identified and treated.

If a particularly long hook is found, the dentist usually only floats a certain percentage of the tooth, returning for a follow-up visit in 3 or 6 months' time. Leaving the dental float on for too long, ie rasping too much of a hook away, will kill the tooth. If a tooth is missing, the opposite tooth continues to grow into the vacant area, creating hooks. Removal of sharp points and hooks prevents cheek or tongue lacerations that can lead to ulcers. The pain induced by an ulcer or laceration makes it difficult for a horse to eat, leading to feed being dropped and consequently body weight being lost.

Tooth decay and abscesses can also lead to an inability to eat properly. Removing the affected tooth commonly solves these problems, and in some cases a root canal treatment is used on teeth with decay. While the thought of the dental floating process may make you cringe, it is important to note the unique difference between the teeth of horses and humans. The root section of a horse's tooth, which where the nerve is located, is short and the crown is very long. There is no pain to the horse during floating as sharp points and hooks form at the top of the crown, far from the sensitive root. Proper dental care from an equine dental professional is essential for all horses at every stage of their life and career. It translates into optimal comfort not only for feeding and grazing but also in terms of the bit placed in the horse's mouth.

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THE STRUCTURE OF RACING IN NEW ZEALAND

Racing in New Zealand is governed by the legislation introduced and passed into law known as the Racing Act of 2003. In passing the act into law it affectively brought into existence the New Zealand Racing Board (NZRB) which replaced the Racing Industry Board (RIB) and the Totalisator Agency Board.

The new legislation repealed the old Racing Act of 1971 and brought the TAB under the NZRB's direct control as well as the three racing codes known as New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing Incorporated (NZTR), New Zealand Harness Racing Incorporated and the Greyhound Racing Association Incorporated. The NZRB also determine the racing calendar and also the issuing the licences for race meetings.

The Act required the three codes to

make and enforce the rules for each of their respective codes and as a consequence we now have the Racing Integrity Unit (RIU) and the Judicial Control Authority (JCA).

The NZRB/TAB controls all the wagering and distributes the funding of the three codes. Annually the NZRB funds the three codes which in the 2016-17 season amounted to \$137.6 million. This figure is determined only after all operating costs of the NZRB have been deducted which in 2016-17 amounted to \$204.5 million.

The NZTR is responsible for administering all aspects of thoroughbred racing and its promotion, plus maximising the returns to its participants within the limitations of the funding. Its administrative duties

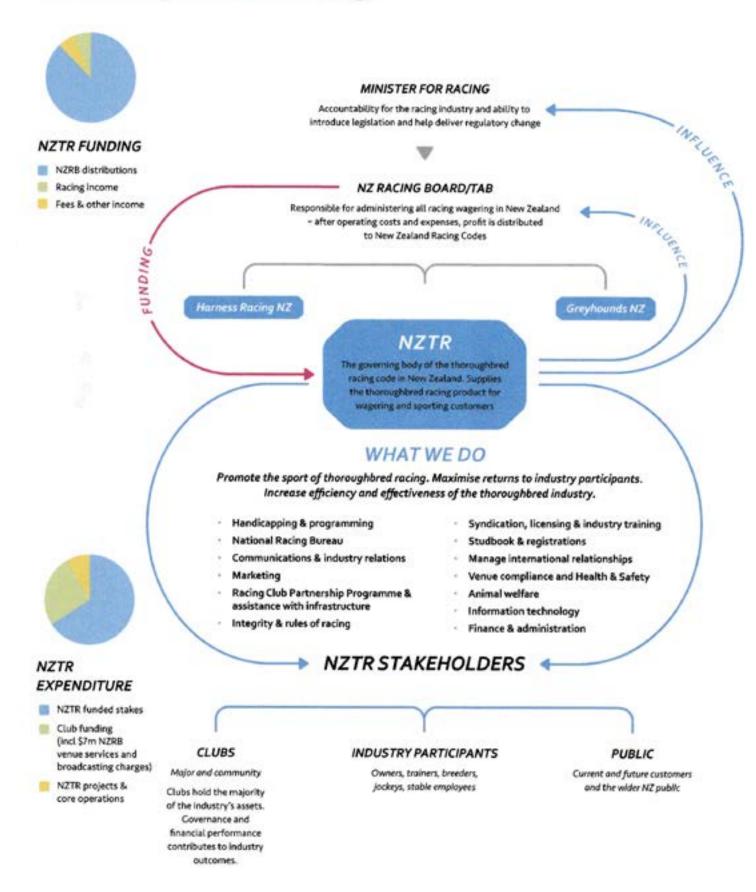
include handicapping and programming, studbook and registrations and health and safety.

Above the NZRB is the Minister of Racing who holds full accountability for the racing industry at Government level. The role of the Minister is also to keep under review all aspects of the racing industry, either on the advice of the NZRB or at his own request. The Minister is the only person who can introduce legislation for regulatory change.

It is the NZRB that determines the level of return to the codes under Section 16 of the Racing Act 2003 which in turn determines each code's level of stake money and viability. Section 8 (c) of the Act says in NZRB is bound: 'to maximise its profits for the long-term benefit of New Zealand racing.'



Structure of New Zealand **Thoroughbred Racing**



NOTICE FROM THE NZRB CEO JOHN ALLEN TO ALL MEMBERS

Recently I was joined by NZTR CEO Bernard Saundry at Wellington Racing Club, for an engaging discussion on the current state of our industry. There was a good turnout but I appreciate that many were unable to attend so I thought it would be helpful if I summarised the discussion.

I began our session covering the large projects that are currently underway within the NZRB. The first was our Fixed Odds Betting (FOB) project. | highlighted why this project was so important in enhancing our profitability and distributions to the industry for the 18/19 and 19/20 seasons, and beyond. We are on-track with our budget and the quality of the work, but our ambitious time-frame is under pressure largely due to additional time required for testing. We will keep you updated as we progress this important programme over the coming months.

Racefields was our second discussion point. This is expected to deliver \$16m of benefit to racing and sport annually, however it is currently still going through the Parliamentary process and is taking longer than we had hoped. For each month that Racefields is not implemented our Industry misses out on more than \$1m worth of benefit. We have budgeted \$4.9m from Racefields this season alone, so this delay is a concern. We remain open to assist officials, the Minister for Racing and the Primary Production Select Committee with this legislative process. The CEOs of the 3 codes and the NZRB have written to the Minister asking for his help in getting Racefields in place.

Following a question from the floor we discussed the Australian market and the recent impact on New Zealanders no longer being able to use their New Zealand TAB account while in Australia due to a law change. I highlighted Australia's level of competition for customers across the betting agencies with the cost to acquire and retain customers in the Australian market which make it unattractive for NZRB to enter the Australian market. I also recognised

the inconvenience for kiwi tourists looking to place a bet with us while visiting Australia. This is an issue which we will look to progress but we expect it will take time to get it corrected.

The third topic we covered focused on our customer strategy. We experienced strong customer acquisition during our Spring Racing Carnival campaign and the DHL Lions Tour last year. We are making great progress in retaining these customers, something our TAB Marketing team is very actively in working on, with good results.

Our half-year results, which will be released later this week, show we remain on track this season, with operational profit up 3.3%, driven by an improvement in both betting and gaming turnover, and an improvement in our Gross Betting Revenue (GBR). Our distributions to the three racing Codes grew 11% this half year, largely due to the \$12m injection from the anticipated benefits our current key projects.

Through another question we discussed NZRB retail operations, specifically the future for local TABs. My view is that our retail outlets will become more of a 'social hub'. Betting, particularly sport betting, has a greater social construct and our retail stores must account for this. Our TAB venues need to teach people how to bet, particularly in light of generational knowledge around betting being passed on to a lesser extent.

On-course betting was also covered, particularly in light of the growth that digital betting channels (TAB Mobile App) has on the traditional on-course activity. My view is that as an industry we must continue to meet and exceed our customer's preferences around betting channels, and I believe clubs shouldn't be disadvantaged because of this. I know this is something the Codes, who manage payments to Clubs are looking into.

The Future Venue Plan (FVP) was our next significant area of discussion. We've asked for feedback by 13 April and I'm reminding attendees at all my conversations the importance of



participating in this, focused in particular on how they see racing structured in the future within their local region. There are several examples, past and present, of clubs coming together for a common cause or at least exploring it.

Our last topic touched the **structure** of our industry, the Deloitte report, commissioned by NZTR and the implications the recommendations of this report would have on our industry if implemented, for example the transfer of ownership of customers to an offshore provider. I reiterated that NZRB is happy to look at the recommendations of the report, including outsourcing, as we look to the future beyond our current projects.

We concluded with further questions from the floor. Bernard Saundry spoke to the increasing cost to owners. Passing on savings from initiatives such as shared services through NZTR and NZRB was one initiative currently under investigation. Abandonments were discussed; so far this year \$2m in profit has been lost due to abandoned race meetings. NZTR has reached out to Metservice to provide them better long range forecasting to allow for an earlier decision, lessening the impact on stakeholders.

Again, thank you for your support of racing - I hope to see you oncourse or at a future Industry Conversation.

Your sincerely John Allen

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DUNSTAN OLD HORSE FOR OLDER EQUINE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Many horse owners have a much loved older horse amongst their 'equine family' - a horse that has served the Rider or Family well. Owners want to ensure these loyal equine companions which are in their twilight years are provided with a diet that maintains optimum digestive health and meets the very unique nutritional requirements of the old horse.

- Often the past history of an old horse impacts on its senior years and how it ages both physically and physiologically - some old horses require more intensive feeding and management than others.
- Feeding a diet formulated for an older horse like **Dunstan Old Horse** takes into consideration the nutritional issues that can challenge the old horse.
- Digestive function in the old horse can be reduced and therefore feeds formulated for the older horse will be higher in protein than a feed formulated for a mature working horse.
- In addition a reduced digestibility of phosphorus by the older horse results in a feed that is formulated with slightly altered Calcium: Phosphorus ratio and a reduced Calcium level than would be seen in a young growing horse feed.
- The addition of a live yeast culture in the form of Saccharomyces cerevisiae in **Dunstan Old Horse** serves to aid digestion of nutrients including Phosphorus.
- Dunstan Old Horse is formulated with ingredients designed to be 'easier' on the horse's digestive system as well as having a lower starch and sugar level than grainbased performance feeds.
- Many older horses are more likely to be predisposed or suffer from laminitis, Cushings Syndrome or Equine Metabolic Syndrome than the younger horse. Therefore, when looking for an old horse feed it is appropriate to select a feed that is low-GI in nature to reduce the impact that diet may have on these conditions.

- The benefit of the addition of Saccharomyces cerevisiae as well as aiding digestion is that it also helps to maintain an optimal hindgut pH to further assist in management of disorders resulting from hindgut disturbances.
- Dunstan Old Horse utilises
 premium quality fibre sources
 including Lucerne and the super
 fibres, Sugarbeet and Soya Hulls.
 These ingredients result in a feed
 with a high fibre level which assists
 digestion and can also contribute to
 daily fibre requirements.
- The quality vitamin and mineral premix that is added to **Dunstan Old Horse** utilises glycinate organic minerals, resulting in improved bioavailability to the horse.
- Vitamin E is provided in its natural form - also for improved absorption.
- However there are two more additions to the **Dunstan Old Horse** formulation which will benefit the general well-being and health of these loyal seniors including:
 - Elevated levels of Vitamin C, as synthesis of Vitamin C may be compromised.
 - 2) A second live yeast, CitriStim®MOS which is added to help support the horse's immune system and boost the natural defences of the horse against health challenges.
- With winter just around the corner, this time can be a challenge to maintain body condition on horses due to the colder and wetter climate, resulting in an increased energy contribution required from the diet.
- This, in conjunction with usually less pasture being available due to slower pasture growth and pasture



being turned to mud, means that supplementary feed is important.

- Providing hay or haylage to make up a deficit in pasture is the first requirement, then hardfeed plays an important role in providing a concentrate calorie source to the diet.
- For older horses, this time of year is more of a challenge as they need to be prepared prior to facing the depths of winter, with a suitable feeding regime which will help to avoid the harsh impact of winter conditions on these seniors.
- Introducing Dunstan Old Horse to your older equine prior to winter will provide a premium quality feed designed to meet their unique nutritional requirements and also the additional calories to improve body condition and prepare them for a potentially long hard winter.

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FERTCO DIARY

By Arthur Payze BSc Sales Manager



With autumn here it is now time to look at your annual fertilizer requirements.

As good rainfall resumes and it is time to consider including nitrogen in your autumn fertilizer application. Even if presently you have comfortable feed levels and plenty of supplementary feed on hand a continued spell of dry weather now combined with early frosts (remember last May) can see the grass disappear. The remainder of April could be your last opportunity to get good responses to applied nitrogen before lower temperatures and shorter days take hold.

Autumn is the opportune time to look at sowing new pasture. A soil test in these paddocks is good practice to ensure there are no significant nutrient limitations (we can arrange this for you). An application of nitrogen 3-4

weeks after germination will also aid the establishment of grass and clover.

Do not forget to spray these new pastures with a suitable product to eliminate weed competition; chickweed is an especially invasive plant in new grass and there are only a few products that control it. Ideally graze these paddocks for the first time (when the grass will not pull out by hand) with calves or sheep; short term grazing with larger animals is also an option to just nip the top off and encourage tillering and thickening of the sward. The application of nitrogen also encourages tillering of ryegrass.

If you have an abundance of hard to kill weeds in the paddocks you intend to renew then consider planting annuals this year to be followed with permanent



pasture next year; this allows better opportunity for weed control before trying to establish a new perennial species. This practice is especially useful if you intend introducing novel endophyte species like AR 37 or the equivalent as it allows the removal of any existing high endophyte existing species (two spray-outs). For personal assistance and specific advice on suitable fertilizer application for horse property's please call Fertco on 0800 FERTCO (0800 337826).

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OFFICEUPDATE

Our NZTBA office is currently situated in Cambridge where we are temporarily housed above Alpha Street Kitchen. My feeling is that Cambridge is the right home for the NZTBA, being in the heart of the industry. Recently I have been joined by Corrina Holmes in our office, some of you will be familiar with her in her former role at Cambridge Stud.

We are starting to get to grips with the Association and the many different aspects of the Breeding industry we are involved with. Our main aim has to been to communicate to you as our Members on a regular basis.

This is our first Edition of our digital version of our Breeders Bulletin and any feed back is welcome on how we can improve or any content you would like to see included. This is a platform that we can grow and develop going forward, to provide you with more updated information and links to relevant websites for those who would like to find out more on various topics.

Included on Page 6 of this Bulletin is a link to a survey from Massey University. I really encourage you to complete this as it is important for the future funding for our industry.

I am out and about in the coming months, travelling to the South Island Sale and the NZTBA will host its usual Marquee at the Karaka May Sale, so I am looking forward to meeting members on these occasions.

I am also looking forward to Saturday's racing at Te Aroha and the running of the Group One NZ Thoroughbred Breeders Stakes for fillies and mares, one of my favourite days on our Breeders' events calendar, we have our marquee back in its rightful spot by the parade ring. I would like to acknowledge the Waikato Branch for their time and effort in organising and hosting us all.

See you there

Justine



Justine Sclater and Corrina Holmes pictured in the Cambridge Town Square

INTRODUCING CORRINA HOLMES

Corrina recently joined the NZTBA to assist Justine in our Cambridge office. She has taken on responsibility for the accounting duties and membership database, along with administering the Pearl Series and various other aspects of the Association.

Corrina comes from a family of well known horse breeders and trainers in both horse racing codes.

Her great-grandfather, Freeman Holmes won the 1888 New Zealand Cup as a 17 year old, riding a horse called Manton, and went on to train at Riccarton with great success.

He later began to import Standardbred stallions and by the early twentieth century, he was probably one of the best-known figures in New Zealand racing.

After growing up in the Waikato, where her family were standardbred trainers, Corrina's involvement with the thoroughbred industry began in 1981 when she started work for local accountant, Mr John Ryan (QSM).

JR as he was fondly known, was passionate about the horse industry and had a large number of clients, including the Hogan family and Cambridge Stud.

At the time, the stud's office was based in the accountancy practice in town and the first season she 'typed' the service fees, the stud had two stallions, Sir Tristram (whose stud fee that year was \$1,600) and Marceau.

With the stud's rapid growth and success, Corrina began to work directly for Sir Patrick and Justine Lady Hogan out at the stud, and she has remained involved with them ever since.

She feels extremely blessed and proud to have been involved with Cambridge Stud over the past three decades. 'Sir Patrick is the most dedicated and inspiring man to work for and it was an incredible ride'.

Together with her husband Bevan McCallum, another long term Cambridge Stud employee, and their two boys, they enjoy breeding from their small broodmare band and racing the odd one with friends.

NZ BRED GR 1 WINNERS - 2017-18 SEASON - TO 31 MARCH 2018

HORSE	RACE		BREEDING	RACEDATE	BREEDERS
Close Up 08g.	Hawkes Bay Tarzino Trophy, Gr.1	NZ	Shinko King - Regelle (Exploding Prospect)	2-Sep-17	Miss S A Hale, N W Johnstone & R M Stent, Waikato, NZ
Gingernuts 04g.	Hawkes Bay Windsor Park P., Gr.1	NZ	Iffraaj - Double Elle (Generous)	23-Sep-17	Goodwood Stud Ltd, Central, NZ
Wait a Sec 07g.	Hawkes Bay Livamol Classic, Gr.1	NZ	Postponed - Security (Grosvenor)	22-Oct-17	I M Henderson, G D Innes & K R Whitehouse, Central, NZ
Embellish 03c.	CJC New Zealand Two Thousand Guineas, Gr.1	NZ	Savabeel - Bling (O'Reilly)	11-Nov-17	Waikato Stud Ltd, Waikato, NZ
Hasahalo 03f.	CJC New Zealand One Thousand Guineas, Gr.1	NZ	Savabeel - Halloween (Encosta de Lago)	18-Nov-17	Mrs I O'Shea & Waikato Stud Ltd, Waikato, NZ
Kawi 07g.	WRC Captain Cook S., Gr.1	NZ	Savabeel - Magic Time (Volksraad)	9-Dec-17	Mrs C M & J P Goodin, Central, NZ
Authentic Paddy 08g.	ARC Zabeel Classic, Gr.1	NZ	Howbaddouwantit - Authentic Cross (Cape Cross)	26-Dec-17	D H Robinson, Central, NZ
Stolen Dance 06f.	WRC Thorndon Mile, Gr.1	NZ	Alamosa - Songbird (Black Minnaloushe)	20-Jan-18	B G & Miss J C Rogers, Waikato, NZ
Lizzie l'Amour 05f.	Waikato RC Herbie Dyke S., Gr.1	NZ	Zabeel - Sabia (Sadler's Wells)	10-Feb-18	Mrs L M Moore, Waikato, NZ
Start Wondering 07g.	Waikato RC Waikato Sprint, Gr.1	NZ	Eighth Wonder - Roseanbar (Al Akbar)	10-Feb-18	I G Hadfield, Central, NZ
Devise 04m.	Otaki Maori RC WFA S.	NZ	Darci Brahma - Doneze Girl	24-Feb-18	The Oaks Stud, Waikato, NZ
Vin de Dance 03g.	ARC New Zealand Derby	NZ	Roc de Cambes - Explosive Dancer	3-Mar-18	Explosive Breeding Ltd, Central, NZ
Ladies First 05m.	ARC Auckland Cup	NZ	Dylan Thomas - Just Polite	10-Mar-18	Go Bloodstock New Zealand Ltd, Waikato, NZ
Sword of Osman 02c	ARC Diamond S.	NZ	Savabeel - Bunyah	10-Mar-18	Mrs J L Egan, Waikato, NZ
Saint Emilion 07g	ARC New Zealand S.	NZ	Mastercraftsman - Roseario	10-Mar-18	Mrs R A Horton, Waikato, NZ
Savvy Coup 03f.	WRC New Zealand Oaks	NZ	Savabeel - Eudora	17-Mar-18	Waikato Stud Ltd, Waikato, NZ
Montaigne 05g.	HKJC Longines Hong Kong Mile, Gr.1	HK	Road to Rock - Stylish Bel (Bel Esprit)	10-Dec-17	Nearco Stud Limited, Waikato, NZ
D B Pin 05g.	HKJC Centenary Sprint Cup, Gr.1	HK	Darci Brahma - Pins 'n' Needles (Pins)	28-Jan-18	Mrs K N & W E Calder, Waikato, NZ
Montaigne 05g.	HKJC Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup	HK	Road to Rock - Stylish Bel (Bel Esprit)	25-Feb-18	Nearco Stud Limited, Waikato, NZ
Humidor 05g.	VRC Makybe Diva S., Gr.1	AUS	Teofilo - Zalika (Zabeel)	16-Sep-17	Jomara Bloodstock Ltd, Auckland, NZ
Bonneval 04f.	MRC Underwood S., Gr.1	AUS	Makfi - Imposingly (Zabeel)	1-Oct-17	City Bloodstock Ltd, Auckland, NZ
Aloisia 03f.	MRC Thousand Guineas, Gr.1	AUS	Azamour - Queen Boudicca (Perfectly Ready)	14-Oct-17	M Hall, J A & Mrs K A Price, Waikato, NZ
Shillelagh 06f.	VRC Cantala S., Gr.1	AUS	Savabeel - Trocair (Flying Spur)	4-Nov-17	C R Grace, Central, NZ
Grunt 03c	VRC Australian Guineas	AUS	O'Reilly - Ruqqaya	3-Mar-18	Trelawney Thoroughbred Ltd, Waikato, NZ
Hiyaam 03f.	ATC Vinery Stud Stakes, Gr.1	AUS	High Chaparral - Mazarine	31-Mar-19	Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum, Waikato,NZ

PEARL WINNERS 2017-18 SEASON - TO DATE



DATE	CLUB	HORSE	SIRE	DAM	BREEDER	TRAINER	OWNER
16/08/17	Whangarei R.C.	Granadilla (NZ) 2013	Encosta De Lago (AUS) 1993	Barbadine (USA) 2007	Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd	Donna Logan & Chris Gibbs	Sir Peter Vela
18/08/17	Racing Taupo	Astor (NZ) 2014	Iffraaj (GB) 2001	Hukba (AUS) 2006	R M Tunnicliffe	Miss Danica Maree Guy	Gary Harding
8/09/17	Waipa R.C.	Black Pearl (NZ) 2013	Savabeel (AUS) 2001	Waimarie Lass (NZ) 2004	Haunui Bloodstock Ltd & Mrs N M Leicester	Stephen Bruce Marsh	Go Racing Waimarie Breeding Partnership
15/09/17	Otago R.C.	Moyrabella (NZ) 2013	Makfi (GB) 2007	Dr Kate (NZ) 2005	Watson Bloodstock Ltd	Miss Terri Rae	W Bryson, B Oughton & G K Taylor
20/09/17	Waikato R.C.	Yearn (NZ) 2013	Savabeel (AUS) 2001	Princess Uno (AUS) 2003	Emblem Ltd	Mrs Karen Fursdon	M & Mrs CR Lupton
28/10/17	Riccarton Park - Canterbury JC	Avantage (AUS) 2015	Fastnet Rock (AUS) 2001	Asavant (NZ) 2008	W Calder & Mrs K N Calder	Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards	Te Akau Avantage Syndicate

1/11/17	Avondale J.C.	Alphastar (NZ) 2014	Battle Paint (USA) 2004	Sanstar (NZ) 2006	AP&DJGollan	Wayne Hillis	AP&DJGollan
5/11/17	Banks Peninsula R.C.	Beneficial (NZ) 2014	Highly Recommended (AUS) 2008	La Generose (NZ) 2004	W L & E E Mountfort	Laurie Beckett	W L & E E Mountfort
10/11/17	Avondale J.C.	Livin' On A Prayer (NZ) 2013	Redwood (GB) 2006	It's My Sin (AUS) 1993	Mrs SM Hare, WP Hillis & JF Marks	Wayne Hillis	Mrs SM Hare, WP Hillis & JF Marks
29/11/17	Racing Rotorua	Deb (NZ) 2013	Darci Brahma (NZ) 2002	Stepping Out (NZ) 2005	E P Lowry	Guy Lowry & Grant Cullen	E P Lowry
15/12/17	Otago R.C.	Raven Darkholme (NZ) 2014	Iffraaj (GB) 2001	Mystique (NZ) 2005	Inglewood Stud Ltd	Nick Wigley	Inglewood Stud Ltd
27/12/17	Taranaki Racing Inc	Eye's Wide Open (NZ) 2013	Mastercraftsman (IRE) 2006	Larrinka (NZ) 2001	BT & GS McKenzie	Allan Sharrock	BT & Mrs PM McKenzie & GS McKenzie
28/12/17	South Canterbury RC	Gloss (NZ) 2013	Coats Choice (AUS) 2001	Wella (AUS) 1999	A W Jones & Mrs J E Morris	Michael & Matthew Pitman	MLO Williams, JF Bruford, PJThompson & IJ Gray
30/12/17	Kurow J.C.	Madam Swiss (NZ) 2014	Swiss Ace (AUS) 2004	Upgrading (AUS) 2005	G Harvey	Andrew Carston	Stan Saric, Jodie Saric & Tiana Saric
1/01/18	Waikouaiti R.C.	Pipiana (NZ) 2014	Highly Recommended (AUS) 2008	Enthusabelle (AUS) 2006	A W Jones & Mrs J E Morris	Michael & Matthew Pitman	PK Whitston, R W Dalziell, T & W A Thomas
14/01/18	Auckland R.C.	Avantage (AUS) 2015	Fastnet Rock (AUS) 2001	Asavant (NZ) 2008	W Calder & Mrs K N Calder	Stephen Autridge & Jamie Richards	Te Akau Avantage Syndicate
24/01/18	Avondale J.C.	Indecision (NZ) 2013	Per Incanto (USA) 2004	Yeah Nah (NZ) 1997	Little Avondale Trust & Mrs NK Smyth	Tony Pike	Trelawney Thoroughbred Ltd, SL Malcolm, Mrs CN & Ms J Taylor
27/01/18	Riccarton Park - Canterbury JC	Miroslava (NZ) 2015	Swiss Ace (AUS) 2004	Havana Miss (AUS) 2000	G Harvey	Michael & Matthew Pitman	Swiss Fillies Syndicate
31/01/18	Gore R.C.	Vishnu (NZ) 2014	Highly Recommended (AUS) 2008	Keshava (NZ) 1999	Miss H & Miss E K Sanders	Andrew Carston	HC Darry, RA Barton, H Buchanan, W Gill, et al
10/02/18	Riccarton Park - Canterbury JC	Xpressmymind (NZ) 2015	Shamexpress (NZ) 2009	My Amnesia (AUS) 2007	PJ & Mr S J Westend	Andrew Carston	A Carston & J Banks
16/02/18	Wanganui J.C.	Lubaya (NZ) 2014	Rip Van Winkle (IRE) 2006	Lioness (NZ) 2001	D J Phillips & Windsor Park Stud Ltd	Roydon Bergerson	Dame Lowell Goddard, J & A Looner, JA Roache, M Fearon & RJ Wiltshire
21/02/18	Avondale J.C.	Tia Celeste (NZ) 2014	Niagara (AUS) 2008	Gemima (NZ) 2006	Robyn & Russell Rogers	Robyn & Russell Rogers	RJ & RD Rogers, CE & Mrs JM Long, B & Mrs D Rogers & NR Adamson
21/02/18	Avondale J.C.	Hot Saki (NZ) 2013	No Excuse Needed (GB) 1998	Mayday Jones (NZ) 2003	M J Chittick	Shaune Ritchie	A, GK & LK Pate & SF Ritchie
12/03/18	Egmont	Word Savvy	Savabeel (AUS) 2001	Crossword (NZ) 2004	Mrs G M Drought	Mark Oulaghan	BJ Adams, SL Drought, ME Lawn, MS Lynskey, SM Mullin & Est late G M Drought
14/03/18	South Waikato JC	Podravina	Bel Esprit (AUS) 1999	Posavina (NZ) 2006	Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd	Murray Baker & Andrew Forsman	Pencarrow Thoroughbreds
16/03/18	Racing TeAroha	La Mia Stella	Per Incanto (USA) 2004	O'Stellar (NZ) 2007	D J Gordon	Graham Richardson & Gavin Parker	T King, C Hussey, N Delahunty, B&W Ainsworth, D Trubshoe, et al
16/03/18	Racing TeAroha	Supera	Savabeel (AUS) 2001	Sopra Tutto (NZ) 2004	Pencarrow Thoroughbreds Ltd	Ken & Bev Kelso	Pencarrow Thoroughbreds
21/03/18	Whakatane R C	Le Castile (NZ) 2014	Dalghar (FR) 2006	Awatea (NZ) 2005	A J Cornish	Mark Blackie	A J Cornish
26/03/18	Wingatui	Gloss (NZ) 2013	Coats Choice (AUS) 2001	Wella (AUS) 1999	A W Jones & Mrs J E Morris	Michael & Matthew Pitman	Michael Lloyd Owen Williams