

BREEDERS' BULLETIN



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DUNSTAN STAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

BY MICHELLE SABA

This year we are celebrating a 21-year partnership with our good friends at Dunstan Feeds.

Dave Smith and his team have been wonderful partners continuing their support of our Association and working with us along the way.

About the same time Dunstan also began sponsoring the Dunstan Stayers Championship for up and coming young stayers.

On New Year's Day this year the final of the highly contested series was won by Paisley Park (Azamour[IRE]-Musical Magic[GB]), raced and bred by Garry Christini and his good mate Dave Trubshoe, and trained by Graham Richardson.

Paisley Park joins the likes of former Auckland Cup winner Pentane, Graphic (Wellington Cup), The Fuzz (Geelong Cup) and So Pristine (Gr.2 SAJC Queen of the South Stakes) to win this coveted event. With the stayers final being such a success another series was added to

the racing calendar four years ago the Dunstan Feeds 1500 Championship catering for both sprinters and milers, and this year that was won by Master Painton (Reliable Man(GB)-Abbey Tralae), bred and raced by Stan Painton. In this issue of the Bulletin we catch up with the successful breeders of those two gallopers.

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Garry Christini has been racing horses for a number of years, with quite a bit of success. The first horse he had a share in was the group one winner and Champion two-year-old Joker's Wild, so that was him hooked on the game.

That horse was trained by Mike Moroney, and it was through his brother Paul that Christini accidentally became a broodmare owner and breeder.

"Paul Moroney bought Musical Magic(GB) back from England she had a few races there and was placed, with the idea to race her here and then breed from her but that didn't happen," recalled Christini.

"So, she went to Australia for her first mating and got stuck there with EI and stayed longer than we planned but when we eventually got her back, we sent her to Brighthill Farm and she has been there ever since.

"I am the type of person who likes to look after the people that look after me so she has only ever gone to Brighthill stallions and a number of the horses she has produced have been winners so we have been very fortunate.

"It's all a bit of fun really, a hobby thing a fun thing we go about it to win races.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

19 MARCH	Wellington Branch Committee meeting 7pm Museum Hotel – all welcome
31 MARCH	NZB Insurance Pearl Early Bird Entries CLOSE (South Island and May Sale Yearling fillies Early Bird entry 31st May)
4 APRIL	G1 Fiber Fresh NZ Breeders Stakes Day Te Aroha hosted by NZTBA Waikato Branch
16 APRIL	Pre-sale drinks 5-7pm RDA Building, Canterbury Agriculture Park 5-7pm hosted by NZTBA South Island Branches – all welcome
17 APRIL	South Island Sale
18 & 19 APRIL	Matamata Equestrian Group Horse Trials featuring the NZTBA Ready Teddy Best Overall Thoroughbred Performance
26 APRIL	NZTBA Waikato Weanling Walk
3 MAY	Racing Hall of Fame Dinner Sky City Hamilton
14 – 15 MAY	Karaka May Sale
27 JUNE	Hawkes Bay Breeders and Owners @ Hastings Race Day
30 JUNE	NZTBA Waikato Quiz Night 5 Stags Hotel Leamington fundraiser
31 JULY	NZB Insurance Pearl FINAL entries CLOSE
1 AUGUST	Happy Birthday to our equine friends
14 AUGUST	National Breeding Awards Celebration

NZTBA - NEW MEMBERS

Amie & Kenny Best	Auckland
Pamela Gleeson	Auckland
Ben Speedy	Auckland
Evan Phillips.....	Auckland
Jan MacMenigall.....	Auckland
Sarah Hayden	Auckland
Stan Painton	Auckland
Garry Christini	Auckland
Qiji Thoroughbred Club	Auckland
Dylan Johnson	Waikato
Bevan Smith	Waikato
Jamie Richards	Waikato
Victoria Wang.....	Waikato
Leona Carter.....	Waikato
Emilee Foy	Waikato
Eion & Megan Kemp	Waikato
Mike Rennie	Waikato
Ms Colette Hosking	Waikato
Alan Godsolve	Waikato
Andrew Stewart.....	Waikato
Joseph Smithies.....	Waikato
Michael Bayly	Waikato
Patrick Schrider	Taranaki/Wanganui
HGT Bloodstock Ltd	Central Districts
Tracy Andersen.....	Hawkes Bay/Poverty Bay
Kate McDonald	Hawkes Bay/Poverty Bay
Brett Whittle	Canterbury
Mrs Debra Kepitis.....	Australia

PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS



I hope you have all managed to catch your breath as we move on from a busy breeding and sales season into weaning while also being treated to some outstanding summer racing in New Zealand and Australia.

The Karaka yearling sales have been and gone and breeders/ vendors will now be aware of how things went for them personally. From an Industry perspective it was encouraging to see our Book 1 sale hold up so well. The sales company in combination with NZTM and with support from a number of vendors introduced some new marketing initiatives which strengthened the Australian buying bench. The catalogues also had a strong line up of first season sires and some welcome investment into new broodmares which resulted in an increased Australian spend across the sale series of close to \$5 million dollars.

The Book 2 market while strong in places was a reflection of the lack of domestic investment with average, clearance rate and medium down on 2019 figures. The next 12 months are particularly important for both our breeding and racing industries. We have a number of young well credentialed young stallions with progeny about to hit the racetracks of Australasia. It will be exciting times to see which ones emerge to carry our breeding industry through the next decade.

We also have the second reading of the Racing Industry Bill due in the next few months. This historic bill will provide us with a better legislative framework to make changes, introduce new betting products and maximise returns to the New Zealand racing industry. Submissions from all sectors of our industry on the first reading of the bill, which was put before parliament on 10th December 2019 are currently being heard by the select committee.

It was great that so many sectors and participants in our industry chose to make submissions and the select committee now have the difficult task of making recommendations based on these submissions. The Select Committee will review the submissions before it reports and presents the Bill for its Second Reading probably around April. During the Second Reading the main debate on the Bill takes place and the recommended amendments are introduced.

It then proceeds to the Committee of the Whole House where each clause and part are given detailed explanation and any further amendments are made, before it being presented for the Third Reading and final debate.

It is important to acknowledge everyone involved in this process and especially the minister of racing the Rt Hon Winston Peters who commissioned the Messara report and introduced the new Bill to parliament.

Please also remember any mares with September service dates are due their first Equine Herpes inoculation at the end of February (5 months). There was an outbreak of this virus in the Central Districts last season so to protect your pregnant mare and resulting foal it is important this is attended to. Please contact your local Vet or the NZTBA office should you require any further information.

John Thompson

CHANGES TO THE MINIMUM WAGE

On 18 December 2019 the Government announced that it would be raising the adult minimum wage from the current rate of \$17.70 per hour to \$18.90 per hour, to take effect on 1 April 2020.

If you have adult employees earning less than \$18.90 an hour, you are legally required to increase their wage rates from 1 April 2020.

In doing so, you should advise the employee of this via a draft Variation Letter, ensure the employee signs the letter, and retain one copy with another copy given to the employee.

The minimum rates apply to all employees whether they work full-time, part-time or casually and whether they are paid a wage for time worked, or a salary.

The minimum adult rate applies to any employee aged 16 years and over unless they are eligible for the 'starting-out' wage or the 'training' wage. There is no legal minimum rate for employees aged 15 years or younger.

If you employ workers you need to make sure that their total remuneration meets minimum wage requirements for each individual pay period. Employees have to be paid at least the minimum hourly wage rate for every hour worked.

OFFICE UPDATE

Our main focus has been on our NZTBA Racing Bill submission and our select committee appearance on 26 February. Prior to this we had taken a strong political focus trying to get in front of as many MP's as we possibly could to give an awareness to the importance and contribution of our breeding and racing industry. We were lucky enough to host several over the Karaka Sales and I am convinced it gave them an insight into what we do and how many of us derive their livelihoods from breeding and selling thoroughbreds.

I would especially like to acknowledge the help and input we have received from Michelle Saba, John Aubrey, John Clapham and Alan Galbraith. I also thank all of you who have engaged with your local MP's, written submissions and those who made oral submissions in front of the select committee. I sincerely feel we have made an impact as a group and we await the **Select Committees final report due by 17th April**. We cannot however rest on our laurels and must continue to give a public face to our industry.

Our continued gratitude is to John Messara whose input in this process is invaluable for our New Zealand industry, he recognizes our talent and importance. He will appear in front of the Transport & Infrastructure

Committee on Thursday 5th March.

As these last few weeks have again proved we really do produce a world class product and exceptional human talent competing with the best in the world as the success of Beauty Generation, Probabeel, Te Akau Shark, Catalyst, Jamie Richards, Opie Bosson, Te Akau Racing, Savabeel (Probabeel became his 19th individual Gr1 winner), Waikato Stud and the list just goes on. It makes me so proud to be a kiwi.

The end of March brings the close of the NZB Insurance Pearl Series early bird nominations, to date 19 bonuses have been won so far this season. Don't forget to enter your yearling fillies as the bonuses available on stake money certainly are a big help. We acknowledge NZB Insurance and NZTR for their continued support of this valuable filly scheme.

Looking forward, the **Group One Te Aroha Breeders Stakes is on 4th April**. It is one of the highlights in our calendar year and hopefully you can get along to enjoy a wonderful day in the Breeders' marquee trackside. This is hosted by the Waikato Branch committee who continue to provide a fantastic day for all our members.

Justine



David and Justine Sclater, Michelle Saba and Auckland Cup contender Part owner of Paisley Park Dave Trubshoe with the Auckland Cup

NEW ZEALAND RACING HALL OF FAME DINNER



HOF Cherry Taylor & Sir Peter Vela

The New Zealand Racing Hall of Fame will hold their eighth induction dinner at the SkyCity Hamilton on Sunday May 3.

Nine new inductees will be celebrated on the night, the committee having already announced three of these in Sir Peter Vela, Mufhasa and James McDonald.

"I am really looking forward to the event," said chairperson Cherry Taylor who is serving her first tenure at the helm.

"It is the fourth time I have been involved in the biannual dinner and it will be another great night celebrating the wonderful human and equine heroes of our industry.

"People will learn more about the history of our industry and inductees. We will again have the amazing videos that celebrate what our inductees have achieved."

Taylor said though three of the inductees had been announced the majority would be kept secret till the night.

"It is a glitz, fun night out and there will be a beautiful menu and Mills Reef wine," Taylor said.

"With Steve Davis and Des Coppins hosting the evening people can be sure of a great night out."

Tickets cost \$185.00 each or \$1850.00 for a full table of ten seats. For more information [CLICK HERE](#)



LISTEN



Tune in every Tuesday morning around 11.45am Trackside Radio with Mark Claydon and Arion pedigrees Andrew Stewart "talking Stallions" this a very insightful program. [CLICK HERE](#)

DUNSTAN FEEDS - UNDER THE RADAR



This is a short Q & A with an industry person to gain a little more insight into who they are....in this Bulletin "Under the Radar" catches up with **Tara Hughes**, Picket Fence Marketing and Media

What is your industry involvement and how did you become involved?

I am the owner-operator of Picket Fence Marketing and Media. My first job in the industry was working in Don Sellwood's racing stable while I was at high school.

What is the one thing you would rather pay someone to do rather than do it yourself?

My hair.

What is something most people don't know about you?

I am a regular concertgoer have a very wide-ranging taste in music.

What is something that amazes you?

The constant source of interesting characters and stories in the racing industry.



Who has had the most impact on your life?

My parents.

What is the most unusual place you have visited?

The Amazon.

What is the hardest part of your job?

Scheduling everything in.

What was your first pet?

A cat called Dickie which always makes the 'what is your stripper name' game interesting.

What is one item you can't leave the home without?

My phone.

What is one piece of art you have seen that you have never forgotten?

Banksy's Anti-Immigration Birds.



DREAM HORSE



The trailer for the upcoming racehorse movie "Dream Horse," starring Toni Collette and Damian Lewis, has been released.

The picture, which had its world premiere at the Sundance Film Festival Jan. 24 after filming in Wales, tells the underdog story of a barmaid, Jan Vokes (Collette), who recruits neighbours and co-workers into a scheme to contribute to a community fund and breed a racehorse. After a rocky start, Dream Alliance—the horse and the syndicate—is born.

Lewis, star of "Billions" and "Homeland" on Showtime, plays Howard Davies, a former racehorse syndicate leader.

The movie is set for a U.S. release May 1, the day before the Kentucky Derby Presented by Woodford Reserve (G1).

Collette and director Euros Lyn appeared at the Sundance Film Festival last month to discuss the picture.

 **Watch the Trailer** [CLICK HERE](#)

NEWS IN BRIEF

MILLS REEF WINERY RELOCATION

Long time Waikato Branch sponsor **MILLS REEF** have relocated their wine making operations and cellar door to share with fellow local winery, Leveret Estate, situated in a rural setting on State Highway 2 south of Katikati. Mills Reef and Leveret Estate will share the Katikati wine making facility continuing to both produce their respective wines and styles with their own dedicated winemakers. They are looking at creating a Bay of Plenty Wine destination hub.

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DARRELL HOLLINSHEAD

BY MICHELLE SABA

*Te Akau Shark*

Waikato Branch member Darrell Hollinshead is the first to admit that his family have been spoilt with good horses over the years, but even he now agrees that the family's latest star Te Akau Shark (Rip Van Winkle[IRE]-Bak da Chief) is pretty special.

"Over the years we have had some good horses starting with Dad having Judena, then Bak da Chief, and more recently Pondarosa Miss and Ecuador," Hollinshead said after Te Akau Shark claimed his first group one in Australia in the Chipping Norton Stakes, "but I think this one is extra good."

Te Akau Shark was having his 12th start when he won the Chipping Norton and recorded his seventh win, his second at group one level following his impressive victory in the Gr.1 BCD Group Sprint at Te Rapa last month before he travelled to Sydney.

That win at Te Rapa was fresh up from the spell he had after running third in the Gr.1 W.S. Cox Plate last spring, in an Australian raid that also saw him run second in the Gr.1 Epsom Handicap to Kolding and second in the Gr.2 Tramway Stakes.

At the start of the season he ran second in the Gr.2 Foxbridge Plate. As a four-year-old last season he only had the three starts and won them all; a rating 82 1200 at Hastings, followed by the Gr.3 Red Badge Spring Sprint also on that course, and the Gr.2 Couplands Bakeries Mile at Riccarton, later in the spring.

As a three-year-old he had three starts winning the first two, before running fourth in the Gr.1 Al Basti Equiworld Dubai 2000 Guineas won by his stable mate Embellish.

Te Akau Shark is the fourth foal of the Chief Bearheart(CAN) mare Bak da Chief herself the winner of five races including the Gr.3 Waikato Cup. She in turn was out of Havitbak (Bakharoff[USA]-Gold Nadjan[ITY]) a mare purchased by Darrell's father in the 90's.

"Havitbak was a mare we bought through a Dalgety's sale she was bred by Jim Campin, who then sold the mother to Korea and that side of the family disappeared," Te Awamutu based Hollinshead recalled.

"However, her fourth dam is the Rockefella (GB) mare Riches (GB) and she in turn is the sixth dam of Miracles

of Life, so that branch has been successful in Australia. Havitbak won eight races and was group three placed twice, she is the dam of eight foals, seven to race and six winners."

Bak da Chief is the dam of eight foals, and three of those are winners including Urulu (High Chaparral [IRE]) and Roldana (Mastercraftsman [IRE]). She returned to Rip Van Winkle(IRE) after Te Akau Shark and produced Melarita a four-year-old mare who had two seconds at three before sustaining a fracture in the 2019 running of the Gr.2 Royal Stakes, but according to Hollinshead she is fully recovered and back in work at the family

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stables.

The next mating produced Baby Shark who has had two starts from the Te Akau stables. She has a yearling by Redwood(GB), whom Hollinshead admitted he bought a share in as he is by High Chaparral(IRE), who will be sold at the Sydney yearlings sales this Easter and has a colt foal at foot by Rip Van Winkle(IRE), and is back in foal to him at the moment.

The unraced foal was Bak da Princess and her first mating was with the Windsor Park stallion Thorn Park(AUS) and

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LATEST FROM NZB



Firstly, I think it's only appropriate to acknowledge the success of the Karaka Million concept. We can all be proud of the show that our industry puts on at Ellerslie to such a wide local and international audience. The impact it has on sales results can't be understated. An amazing achievement by Jamie Richards and when the thick end of the spoils goes the way of people like the Lindsay's and Te Akau's owners, you can be fairly confident of an immediate return in the sales ring. From a marketing perspective a winner such as Vespa in 2014 as a \$34,000 graduate is equally as important but this year it felt like the perfect storm.

We are currently in analysis and debrief mode ourselves, assessing every market and various aspects of the sale as we always do at this time of year. However, my initial observations and comments are as follows;

Whilst we are proud of the success and the economic option that gavelouse.com provides the industry, this is a sale we still feel a strong desire to maintain as a viable option for breeders, pin hookers and end users to buy and sell stock.

Book 1 was strong, to see an almost \$4 million dollar rebound on Australian spend was a victory. In conjunction with a clearance rate over 80% indicates a number of things, there's solid demand in that sector of the market, our breed is performing to a high enough level to meet the strict requirements of the buying bench, and as a sale company we are doing an accurate job of selecting the catalogue. Some of our key markets aren't in the same position as they were 2 or 3 years ago and that makes our strategies in places like the USA, China

and Japan all the more important and again highlights just how lucky we are to have a market with the strength of Australia on our doorstep.

Books 2 & 3 were very selective, nothing new but something that is accentuated as the domestic market continues to soften. We did take around 100 more horses in Book 2 in an effort to condense the sale series into one week, so the statistics become a little distorted. Whilst it has a negative effect on average and clearance, managing to condense the sale into 8 days we feel was a real victory for Book 2 & 3 when you see half of the top 10 buyers were internationals that stayed on for the full sale series. This is an endorsement to the quality and reputation of the horses you breed that we are able to maintain international interest right through to the final day of selling.

KARAKA 2020 COMBINED STATISTICS 2016 - 2020 (AS AT 11 FEBRUARY)

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Aggregate	\$78,458,188	\$79,396,750	\$97,157,750	\$82,015,500	\$86,193,400
Average	\$91,443	\$89,714	\$106,183	\$86,973	\$88,042
Median	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$75,000	\$50,000	\$55,000
Clearance	76%	77%	81%	77%	80%
Catalogued	1265	1284	1247	1347	1378
Withdrawn	143	129	123	132	155
Offered	1122	1155	1124	1186	1223
Passed	264	270	209	272	244
Lots Sold	858	885	915	943	979
Top Price	\$900,000	\$1,400,000	\$1,025,000	\$825,000	\$1,300,000

Full sale statistics can be viewed on our [WEBSITE](#).

The further 2018 gets behind us and we look across a 5-year comparison, it starts to look more and more like a watershed year. We have to hark back to 2008 to see a similar spike and herein lies the challenge of always judging a sale by the preceding year. So to put the most recent sale into context, to post the second highest average and equal second highest median for the 5 year period is worth noting. With increased spend by both NSW and Victorian buyers we are producing the right results on the track where we need to. The local industry has its challenges, but at an important turning point for the game we all love and choose to participate and invest in, it's as important as ever to not only maintain a sustainable foal crop but also to keep a commercial approach when choosing how and when to sell stock. Which leads on to the South Island and May Sales, the last two options for entry to the Karaka Million. The South Island Sale entries are currently closing and we hope to know final numbers later this week with selling scheduled for April 17.

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Danny Rolston



LIVING LEGENDS COME TO MANAWATU

While Libby and Sam Bleakley of Highden Park haven't set out to replicate Victoria's famous Living Legends farm, the high-profile horses retiring to their Manawatu property shows they are well on their way.

Living Legends, dubbed the international home of rest for champion horses, is home to the likes of Gr.1 Melbourne Cup (3200m) winners Efficient, Brew, and Rogan Josh, while Highden Park is starting with a distinct Hong Kong flavour.

"We feel we owe him a good retirement and a good home. It's going to be cool to have him back."

Last year HK\$18million Hong Kong Derby (2000m) hero Ping Hai Star, who was raised at Highden Park, returned to his birthplace to begin his retirement and next week he will be joined by another former Hong Kong star, Werther.

The triple Group One winner and former Hong Kong Horse of the Year has recently been retired and the Bleakleys are excited to see his return to the farm where it all began.

Werther was raised on the farm before going on to the care of Andrew Campbell who trained him to victories in the Gr.2 Championship Stakes (2100m) and Gr.2 Eagle Farm Cup (2200m) and placings in the Gr.3 Manawatu Classic (2000m), Gr.1 Queensland and Gr.1 South Australian Derbys.

He was then sold to Hong Kong interests and he went on to make his mark in the Asian racing jurisdiction, winning a plethora of the nation's prestigious races and more than HK\$54 million in prizemoney.

He also performed well in his sole start in Japan, finishing runner-up in the Gr.1 Takarazuka Kinen (2200m).

"We are collecting Werther on Monday," Libby Bleakley said. "Werther has been so good for our reputation, our mares here, and Tavistock (his sire).

"We feel we owe him a good retirement and a good home. It's going to be cool to have him back."

Bleakley said Ping Hai Star is enjoying retirement on the farm and he is being kept busy helping educate young stock, which Werther is also earmarked for.

"He (Ping Hai Star) is just loving retirement," Bleakley said. "He came home with a few health issues, but we have nurtured him and eased him into

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NEWS IN BRIEF

RACE TRACK INJURIES DATABASE

The mobile APP function of the race track injury database has been deployed and is in daily use at standardbred and thoroughbred race and trial meetings, and is available to academic research (e.g. Massey University). This replaced a long-standing manual system that was reliant on paper form and input to a spreadsheet database. Now that the new APP and database has been in use for more than 12 months. A reporting functionality for operational monitoring by HRNZ and NZTR will be developed in the coming months.

THOROUGHBRED WELFARE FORUM

NZTR will be hosting a Thoroughbred Welfare Forum towards the end of March recognising that the welfare of Thoroughbreds in NZ is not only a matter of interest for participants in the racing and breeding industry, but also to the public and government, the forum will include not just Thoroughbred racing and breeding participants, but also representatives of NAWAC, SPCA, MPI, Massey University, NZ Equine Veterinary Assn, NZ Equine Health Assn, and NZ Equine Research Foundation. The purposes being:

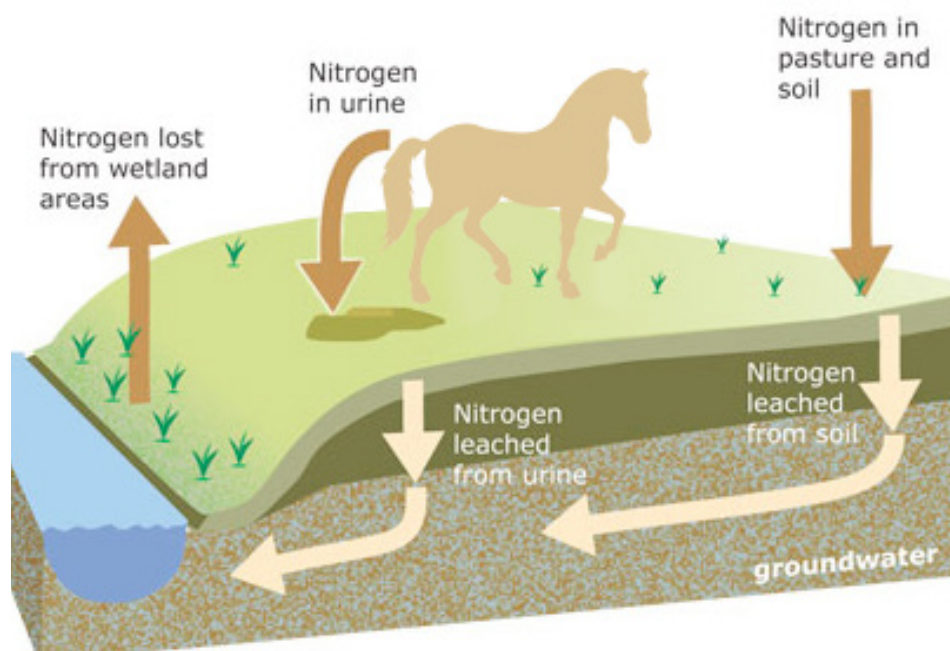
for NZTR to provide transparency and accountability by reporting progress and relevant data;

to share emerging knowledge;

to identify and confirm existing or emerging welfare issues;

for informed external perspectives to be gathered, and to recommend initiatives for NZTR to further investigate and undertake; and

to boost external trust and confidence that Thoroughbred welfare issues are properly attended, and that steady progress is being made to further improve welfare outcomes.



ENVIRONMENT

THE NEGATIVES ON NITROGEN

PROVIDED BY **THE HORSE & PONY**

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSULTANT SALLY LINTON TAKES A DEEPER LOOK AT THE ISSUE OF NITROGEN RUN-OFF AND SEEPAGE INTO OUR WATERWAYS, AND WHAT HORSE OWNERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT IT -

"But I don't have any waterways on my property..." That's a comment I get frequently when talking to owners of horse properties about reducing environmental impacts that affect water quality. It's a common misconception that to have a negative effect on water quality you need to be close to a body of water.

There are two pathways for nutrients (such as nitrogen and phosphorus), and contaminants (such as sediment and microbes from faecal matter) to reach the waterways. The first is overland flow to a water body (streams, creeks, lakes, rivers and ponds); the further you are from a water body the less likely run-off from your property will reach it. However, keep in mind that if you have drains they will network and reach rivers and streams eventually.

The other pathway, particularly for nitrogen, is down through the soil itself

to the ground water; this will eventually re-enter a waterway. Nitrogen in water, when combined with phosphorus, contributes to growth of water weed and algae. This can make water unsuitable for drinking, and eventually leads to polluted lakes and rivers.

"But I don't use nitrogen fertilisers on my paddocks..." It's true that the majority of horse property owners don't use nitrogen in the form of fertilisers on their land. As we all know, lush dairy-type pastures and horses are not a great mix, and particularly with ponies and other good doers, fertilised paddocks can lead to behavioural problems as well as physiological issues.

However, even if you don't apply nitrogen fertilisers, the element nitrogen is present on your farm. Nitrogen is essential for growth in both plants and animals. It will enter a farming system by clover root nodules taking nitrogen from the air and fixing in a form the clover can use. It also enters the farm system in any supplementary feed you give to your horses. Plants take up the nitrogen returned to the soil in the form of urine, dung and leaf litter.

Meanwhile, nitrogen loss through the soil profile to water occurs as horses - like all animals - take in more nitrogen than they can use and it is excreted to

the soil, mainly as urine. There will be more nitrogen in the urine patch than the surrounding plants can use, and the excess leaches (seeps) through the soil over time to find ground water.

So, even if you don't have waterways on or near your property and you don't apply nitrogen fertiliser, your property will still inevitably be draining excess nitrogen into waterways via ground water.

ONE OF THESE THINGS IS NOT LIKE THE OTHERS

Horses are grazing stock, but they are not like cows, sheep or deer. The most significant difference is that cows, sheep and deer are ruminant animals, whereas the horse is a hindgut fermenter. In regard to environmental impact, this means horses utilise nutrients differently. To date, the research on farming systems and environmental impact has focussed on the productive farming sector and its ruminant animals. There has been little research in New Zealand, or internationally, on the nutrient cycling in horses and the resultant nutrient losses from horses or equine farming systems.

The fact that little is known for horses should be of concern for every horse owner in the country. This is because a major current focus of government and regional councils is developing policy and regulations to improve water quality. These policies and regulations will impact all land uses, but have been developed with only ruminant animals in mind.

As a result, it is likely that the rules - particularly in relation to nutrient losses (nitrogen and phosphorus) - will not be appropriate for equine properties, and at worst could severely constrain your equine operation.

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

While it is completely reasonable to expect that equine properties should manage and minimise nutrient losses, regulation should also be appropriate to the sector. With this in mind, a research project is being developed to better understand nutrient cycling in horses and equine farming systems. The project will be led by Associate Professor Chris Rogers from the Massey University

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VALE DAVE HANLON

Respected and popular vet Dave Hanlon passed away in January after a car accident while holidaying with his family in Wyoming.

Dave and his wife Fiona were an integral part of Matamata Veterinary Services for many years and recently took up positions at Colorado State University.

Dave joined Matamata vets in 1996 before moving to America in 2019. Up until that time he was a shareholder, partner and director in the company.

Specialising in equine reproduction, 'DH' was a fundamental factor in the breeding success of many farms around the Waikato.

He has given numerous presentations on equine

reproduction throughout the world to both the general public and the veterinary profession. He has lectured veterinary students in the USA, New Zealand and Australia.

"He was world class with what he did and also was very involved in a lot of research based in New Zealand and further afield," friend and colleague Dave Keenan said.

"He had a warm personality, he cared and by his nature he was very factual and a true scientist."

"There are many people, from all walks of life who have crossed his path and have nothing but respect for the man he was. He will be deeply missed."

Dave is survived by his wife Fiona and three boys.

A STALWART OF THE AUCKLAND BRANCH BARRY SPOONER ALSO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY

Barry and his wife Betty were a familiar dapper couple at the races during the 80's 90's and 00's and raced some very handy horses over that time all sporting the word Ace in their name. The Desert Sun(GB) filly Desert Ace was one of those and she won the Gr.3 ARC Eclipse Stakes. From the same family they also raced the stakes placed Kreisler(IRE) mares Amber Ace and Angelic Ace.

The Spooners were big supporters of the Auckland Branch and were a familiar sight at yearling and stallion parades promoted by the branch.

Barry who made a career in the carrying industry was 92 when he passed away and is survived by his wife Betty and daughters Karen and Sandra and numerous grandchildren.

NEWS IN BRIEF

ITBF – International Breeders Conference

11th – 15 June 2020

The ITBF hold their General Meeting and Conference bi-annually, hosted by a different member country each meeting. It takes place over a number of consecutive days and offers members a varied schedule of events and invaluable opportunity to network with other nations.

The 2020 ITBF Conference is being held in Paris, France including guest speakers from around the globe, discussing topics of current and future interest to the Thoroughbred Breeding Industry. The NZTBA are hoping to send a representative as it is imperative we have a presence and this is a fantastic industry networking opportunity. There will also be an opportunity to attend an organised stud visit in Normandy.

Queen's Silver Jubilee History for Beauty Generation

Champion miler Beauty Generation returned the winners' enclosure in Hong Kong on Sunday. The kiwi-bred dual Horse of the Year returned to his all-conquering best with a brilliant victory in Sha Tin's HK\$10 million Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup (1400m). The winner of this race in 2018 and 2019, the superstar \$60,000 NZB Select Sale purchase and his regular rider Zac Purton enjoyed a handy run in fourth before angling out to make their run in the straight. Beauty Generation stretched out powerfully in the last 300 metres, surging to the front and asserting his superiority to win by half a length. He is the first horse in history to win the Queen's Silver Jubilee Cup three times. "It probably didn't really go to script," jockey Zac Purton revealed. "We thought we might be able to lead, but Hot King Prawn (Denman) had too much speed for us early. He got to the front and I thought he was going to cruise away and win easily, but being a little bit older and knowing what the game is about these days he just floated a little bit when he was in front. It was an eighth premium victory for Beauty Generation, and the nineteenth win overall in his 36-start career. He has earned more than HK\$92 million, which is the equivalent of NZ\$18.4 million – more than 306 times his purchase price. The champion galloper was bred by Nearco Stud and was raised and sold by Highden Park.

RACING BILL 2 – SELECT COMMITTEE

Submissions to the Select Committee reviewing the Racing Bill closed on February 11 and already we have had three hearing sessions.

There is another one scheduled today, and John Messara will also be appearing before the Select Committee before the hearings finish.

It is pleasing to see so many breeders have taken the time to submit their views on the Bill and also appear before the committee. There have been some very impressive well thought out and emotive presentations by individual breeders and studmasters, along with owners and trainers.

The members of the Select Committee seem well versed in the Bill and the Messara Review and are asking meaningful and robust questions. The answers to these questions on the whole have been well thought out, and one thing that seems to be coming through is that on subjects like IP, Governance and Distribution we are all in agreement and presenting a united front.

Last week the NZTBA represented by President John Thompson, CEO Justine Sclater and Alan Galbraith QC appeared before the Select Committee and fielded questions on various subjects relating to their submission. Justine and Shannon Taylor also appeared on behalf of the Sunline Trust.

Once the Select Committee has heard all the verbal submissions and reviews the reports on the written submissions, they will confer and make any recommendations for changes to the Bill before its Second Reading probably around April. During the Second Reading the main debate on the Bill takes place and the recommended amendments are introduced.

The Minister stated at the Karaka Yearling Sales that he will listen and make the necessary changes to the Bill, and judging from the thoroughness of those on the Select Committee changes are likely to be made.

The NZTBA appeared in front of the Transport & Infrastructure Select Committee on the 26th February. The Select Committee is continuing to hear oral submissions prior to making its report by 17 April.

*Written submissions are available to view on the Parliament **WEBSITE HERE***

You can view oral submissions as they are live streamed via the Transport & Infrastructure Facebook page.

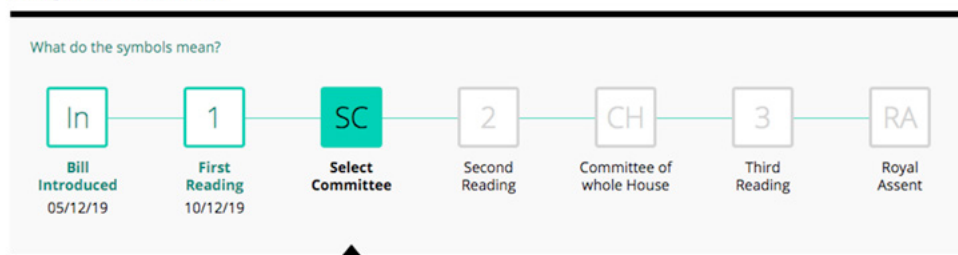
*And you can find the **LIST OF SUBMITTERS HERE***

*These are still on the **Facebook** page and can be seen **HERE**.*



We thank all of you who appeared and it has been pleasing to see a good cross-section of industry participants who have addressed their concerns around the proposed legislation.

Progress of the bill




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KEITH & FAITH TAYLOR EQUINE SCHOLARSHIP

Laura McNab and Hannah Airey, the 2020 recipients of the Keith and Faith Taylor Equine Scholarship, have landed in Ireland and are well underway in their adventure at the Irish National Stud.

The internationally-renowned Irish National Stud Diploma Course will expose Hannah and Laura to a vast range of practical aspects of the breeding industry as well as provide evening lectures. It is also a great opportunity to enjoy Ireland and make connections with other people in the industry.

Laura and Hannah were both looking forward to the foaling aspect of the course before leaving New Zealand and have not been disappointed. Both have already gained valuable hands-on experience in the foaling unit and are looking forward to the Northern Hemisphere breeding season.

As part of the scholarship requirements recipients provide monthly updates on their time abroad.

To read Laura's blog [CLICK HERE](#)

To read Hannah's blog [CLICK HERE](#)

SUNLINE SCHOLARSHIP UPDATE

Our 2020 recipient Kyla Robb has begun her first placement at **SHADWELL STUD** in the U.K, we look forward to Kyla's first blog.

Sam Bergerson our 2019 recipient has just started a stable foreman at Te Akau Racing Stables in Matamata with another former recipient gun trainer Jamie Richards. We wish Sam all the best in his new role.

We also congratulate 2018 Sunline Scholarship recipient David Morris on recent his yearling sales success in Melbourne where his Turn Me Loose – Herculanum filly he part owned with Windsor Park's Jason Thomasen made \$150,000.



2020 Sunline Scholarship recipient Kyla Robb with our 2019 recipient Sam Bergerson

ON YOUR BEHALF

MADE SUBMISSIONS ON

- ✓ Racing Industry Reform Bill 2 Submission and Select Committee appearance
- ✓ Racing Dates Calendar
- ✓ Government's Essential Freshwater Package & Action for Healthy Waterways
- ✓ Agricultural Emissions
- ✓ Free Handicap

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- ✓ Bio Security Export Levy
- ✓ IRD & Taxation
- ✓ Immigration
- ✓ Bio-security levy contingency fund

MADE PRESENTATIONS AT

- ✓ Whakapiki/Te Putea – Investment Capability Conference
- ✓ NZTR AGM
- ✓ NZTBA Central Districts AGM

MET WITH

- ✓ IRD
- ✓ Political parties and MP's
- ✓ Regional Council

CURRENTLY WORK ON

- ✓ Stallion register 2020
- ✓ Membership portal
- ✓ Office Strategic Plan
- ✓ Pearl Series Promotion and Entries
- ✓ Welfare focus group

WORKING WITH

- ✓ Racing Hall of Fame
- ✓ NZ Equine Health Association
- ✓ NZ Equine Research Foundation



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GOOD FORTUNE, GOOD LUCK, A GOOD CROSS



Lot 28 Showcasing (GB) from Kholes sold for \$500,000

Good fortune, good luck, a good cross, and the right yearling preparation is what Tom Lane puts his success at the Karaka National yearling sales down too. The retired horse breaker now rural real estate agent in Gisborne, and his mate Campbell Crisp were the proud owners of Lot 28 the Showcasing(GB) colt out of Kholes that Haunui Farm sold to Ciaron Maher Bloodstock/Astute Bloodstock for \$500,000.

"The best thing is the magic of this breeding industry we knew we had a good cross, and a mare who had produced winners to three different sires," Lane recalled, "it was just a matter of having good luck and good fortune."

"We had no expectations it just goes to show that when you have the right product and two people who want your yearling what can happen."

"You dream about getting a price like that, I jokingly promised my son if we got over \$250,000, I would get him a new pony. To have Bob Peters and Ciaron Maher going toe to toe on a yearling you own is a pretty special feeling."

Lane an exceptional horseman in his own right, had a business in Karaka breaking

in horses, weaning mares, foaling down etc, and had also done work for the nearby Haunui Farm.

He had broken in one of Kholes (Don Eduardo-Precious Glitter[AUS]) yearlings in La Mouline (by Showcasing[GB]) and really liked the horse, so when the mare came up for sale at the May Broodmare Sale he took the plunge and purchased her for \$8,500.

She was in foal to Super Easy, and he later sold the resulting filly as a weanling for \$28,000.

Kholes only raced once, she is a sister to Lara's Glitter who won four races and was stakes placed twice. Her dam Precious Glitter (AUS) a Danehill(USA) mare won two races including the Gr.2 STC Magic Night Stakes, and she in turn is a half-sister to Beauty Watch who was placed three times at group one level and won the Gr.3 Hawkesbury Gold Cup. This family also produced last season's Gr.1 SAJC Schweppes Oaks' winner Princess Jenni.

"Just after I bought the mare, by good fortune, La Mouline came up, and Bahana became the Champion Stayer in Singapore, and before I knew it, she had left four winners in four countries by three different sires, that was luck really."

"The cross with Showcasing and Don Eduardo mares was proving to be an incredible cross so I sent the mare back there."

La Mouline is owned by Bob Peters in Western Australia. She was placed here as a two-year-old in the Gr.3 Taranaki 2YO Classic, before being sold to Peters and going to Perth where she has won six races. She is the fourth foal from the mare, and Peters also owns her younger brother Showmanship who is also a winner.

Bahana is the mare's second foal, and is by Elusive City(USA), he has won seven races and was the 2016 Champion Stayer in Singapore. His wins include the Listed Singapore Gold Cup, El Dorado Classic, and Solutions Stakes. La Grazie (Zacinto[GB]) raced once for one win. Her Super Easy filly who is now a three-year-old is yet to race, and her next foal was the Showcasing yearling that sold.

After Lane decided that his body was too old for horse breaking, he returned to Gisborne and became a rural real estate agent and is also a committee man on the Poverty Bay Turf Club. He has entrusted the care of Kholes back to Haunui Farm.

"We had no expectations it just goes to show that when you have the right product and two people who want your yearling what can happen."

"Kholes is now being cared for by Haunui Farm," Lane said of the only mare he and Crisp own, "they do a fantastic job growing out yearlings and she couldn't be in better hands. They are weaning her filly foal by Belardo(IRE) at the moment and she is back in foal to him again this season."

"I think that the Belardo cross with Don Eduardo will be quite an exciting cross and we are looking forward to what good fortune that cross may produce."

SUBJECT TO VETTING

BY WILLIAM FOTHERBY, SOLICITOR

A SHORT HYPOTHETICAL BASED ON A CASE I WAS RECENTLY INVOLVED IN.

You are interested in buying a thoroughbred called Meredith. After an initial inspection, you agree to buy her and pay a deposit "subject to vetting". You arrange a vet appointment.

The vet identifies an injury that makes Meredith currently unsuitable for your needs, but says that the injury will heal (at some point), and, once it does, she should be suitable. You decide not to proceed with the purchase and ask for your deposit back. The seller refuses, saying that Meredith passed vetting—because the injury will eventually come right—and that he is entitled to keep the deposit.

IS THE SELLER RIGHT?

Habton Farms v Nimmo is an English case that explored the interpretation of a vetting clause in a sale and purchase agreement for a thoroughbred racehorse (named "High Spirits"), where the buyer refused to complete the sale (because, unfortunately, High Spirits had died before the buyer was required to pay the purchase price).

The Court discussed what effect the clause "subject to veterinary inspection and approval of x-rays in the USA" had on the agreement. There were several possible meanings of this clause:

- the agreement doesn't bind the buyer and seller **until** the inspection is complete;
- the agreement is binding but subject to the **buyer** being satisfied with the veterinary inspection;
- the agreement is binding but subject to the **vet** conducting the inspection being satisfied with the results; or
- the agreement is binding from an **objective** view (that is, the Court's view) that the veterinary inspection is satisfactory.

The Court concluded that the clause "subject to vetting" meant that the **buyer** had to be satisfied with the result of the vet's inspection. If the buyer had a bona fide concern with the vet's report, and it communicated that concern to the seller, it could withdraw from the purchase. In the case before the Court, the reason the buyer refused the sale related to the horse's age: not to the vet's report, which the buyer had originally accepted. The agreement was therefore binding, and the seller was entitled to damages because it did not receive the horse (even though the horse had died before delivery!).

SO, WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOUR PURCHASE OF MEREDITH?

The veterinary inspection showed Meredith to be unfit for **your** current needs. If we are to take the same approach as the Court in our English case, the question becomes "whether you had a **bona fide** concern regarding the results of the inspection". It would seem that you do have **bona fide**



concern, and you are likely correct to withdraw from the sale and demand a refund of the deposit.

The key point to take away is the importance of clarity of wording in your sale and purchase agreement about who must be satisfied with the outcome of the vet report. A number of the standard-form agreements for horse purchases we have seen appear to approach the issue of vetting differently, and everything depends on the exact wording of the contract, so, given how valuable these contracts often are, it's an issue that you should approach with some care.

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He would like to thank Sheridan Climo for her help with this short note.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

RETURNS:

If you had not completed your mare returns by 28th February 2020 please contact the stud book ASAP on 04 576 6264.

It is important that we have record of all thoroughbreds and updated records especially under welfare guidelines.

VACCINATIONS:

IN FOAL MARES:

Equine Herpes Virus:

Last stud season we were notified of reported cases of EHV-1 last season, therefore we must remain vigilant and *protect your mare and our national herd*. This vaccination is administered to pregnant mares to mitigate infectious abortion. Currently the vaccine available in

New Zealand is called 'Pneumabort' and should be administered to pregnant mares in the 5th, 7th and 9th months of pregnancy.

Mares served in September were due their first vaccine (February) and October they are due NOW (March)

ALL MARES:

Strangles: A primary course of 3 vaccinations should be given to your mare, or and booster vaccination should be administered annually.

Tetanus: This vaccine is not compulsory, but is advisable. It is often combined with Strangles as a 2-in-1, but is also available on its own as tetanus toxoid.

For more information on Vaccinations [HERE](#)

INLAND REVENUE STANDOUT YEARLINGS – 2020

BY **JOHN AUBREY**

Readers will recall the new scheme announced in the May 2018 Budget Statement whereby new investors into the bloodstock industry would be encouraged to purchase "standout" thoroughbred or standardbred yearlings. The Revenue have released their figures for qualifying 2020 Standout Yearlings. The minimum qualifying cost prices for thoroughbred and standardbred yearlings are:

THOROUGH BREDS	FILLIES	\$430,000	2019: \$467,000
	COLTS	\$368,000	\$402,000
STANDARD BREDS	FILLIES)	2019: \$84,000
	COLTS) not available	\$119,000

No official release has been made of the number of applications under the 2019 scheme but it is believed that there was a NIL thoroughbred response. Unofficial advice from standardbred quarters is that 6 standardbred yearlings qualified but it is not known if any actually applied.

Analysis of the 2019 thoroughbred yearling sales disclosed that there were 21 fillies in the top 10% going down to a selling price level of \$290,000. As for colts, the top 10% produced 27 colts down to a selling price of \$260,000. Of the threshold sums for 2019 as noted above only 6 fillies were sold above the official threshold and only 9 colts "made the cut". The 15 yearlings that qualified may be further analysed:

- 9 for overseas buyers
- 2 for existing New Zealand breeders or for racing
- 4 for TeAkau syndicate(s). (Te Akau are hardly new investors but technically a new 2019 syndicate could be classed as "new" if requested)

The Revenue noted in their *Special Policy and Strategy Report*, dated April 2019, that they expected 20 thoroughbred and

10 standard yearlings would qualify each year.

The information requirements laid out in February 2019 just after the Karaka Sales appeared to be quite reasonable. However, in the special release for the 2020 sales the list of nine requirements is very extensive, having been taken from the *Special Report* noted above.

A full analysis of the 2020 thoroughbred Karaka yearling sale and the 2020

threshold levels will appear in the next circular.

This author's opinion remains unchanged from that espoused last year:

1. existing breeders in business are not faced with any of these time-consuming information requirements;
2. a standout yearling is best based on pedigree and type, not sale price; and
3. the threshold proposals should be abandoned and a simple amendment made to the existing bloodstock sections of the act that new investors should be subject to the same legislative rules as existing breeders and that their new breeding business should commence at time of purchase of their potential breeding bloodstock.
4. In lieu of endeavouring to promote standout yearlings the best course of action by far is to promote standout broodmares. A possible scheme was set out in the September 2019 *Tax Circular*.

2020 READY TEDDY TROPHY

The New Zealand Thoroughbred Breeders' Association will award the Ready Teddy Trophy for the second year running at the upcoming Matamata Equestrian Group's two-day event on April 18 and 19.

The trophy and \$500 cash prize is awarded to the best performed thoroughbred at the event and is named after Blyth Tait's eventing legend and off the track thoroughbred 'Ted'.

"Our council wanted to recognise the performance of a thoroughbred outside of racing and the Ready Teddy Trophy was a good fit," NZTBA CEO Justine Sclater said.

"We are all focused on welfare for our thoroughbreds and this is a way to recognise and support the post-racing careers of thoroughbreds for years to come."

These are sentiments echoed by the Matamata Equestrian Group's Scott Eagleton who also owns and manages thoroughbred nursery Seaton Park.

"The long-term welfare and rehoming of our thoroughbreds is vitally important," he said.

"There are a number of people in the Matamata Equestrian Group committee involved in the thoroughbred industry so we understand it needs to be a priority.

"The award is another perk for people that are competing on thoroughbreds and the more the industry can lead the way and take the initiative with things like the Ready Teddy Award it will put us on the front foot."

The 2019 prize went to Monica Oakley and her Postponed gelding Man of Honour.

AROUND THE BRANCHES

WAIKATO

The Waikato branch have a busy few months ahead preparing for the Group One Fiber Fresh NZ Breeders Stakes Day held at Te Aroha on April 4. This is a great day out at the races where members can get together and socialise while enjoying a good day of racing. The feature race attracts a strong field every year and 2020 will be no exception. This year Waikato Stud have generously donated a service to Ocean Park as the prize for the Breeders' Sweepstake which is open to all members in attendance.

The branch will also hold their weanling walk for the second year running on April 26. This was well-received last year and is a great way for members to view the progeny of first season sires.

CENTRAL DISTRICTS

The Wellington branch have their committee meeting this month. It will be held on March 19 at the Museum Hotel at 7pm. All members are welcome. For more information contact Charlotte Gendall (Secretary) on 027 4437 356

CANTERBURY

The NZB team head south in April for the South Island Sale. As part of this the South Island branches will host pre-sale drinks on April 16 at the RDA Building at the Canterbury Agricultural Park from 4-6pm. All are welcome to attend.



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GILLY GETS PEARL BONUS

Oamaru breeder-owners Ken and Bev Joyce made a winning start to 2020 with their four-year-old mare Our Girl Gilly who won the NZB Insurance Pearl Series Race (1250m) at Waikouaiti on New Year's Day.

It was the maiden win for the Michael and Matthew Pitman-trained daughter of Guillotine who had placed at her previous two starts.

"The win was a bit unexpected because she was still a maiden and it was a Rating 65 so it was marvellous," Bev Joyce said.

"We have tried to aim for Pearl races, she has run in them before, and this was her third one."

The Voyces are strong supporters of the

Pearl Series and see it as a strong incentive to race, rather than sell, their fillies.

"We nominate most of our fillies for it," Joyce said. "Her mother Remembrance was nominated though then it was run under a different name."

"Fillies sometimes aren't as easy to sell so the Pearl Series is a good reason to race them and it suits us to target these races and get a bit extra out of them."

Our Girl Gilly is the first foal from Coats Choice mare Remembrance who was a winner of three races for the Voyces. They then retained her as a broodmare and have a three- and a two-year-old filly out of the mare, both by Gallant Guru.

Our Girl Gilly is now spelling and the Voyces will be eyeing up future Pearl Series bonuses when she returns to work.

Early bird Pearl Series entries for fillies born in 2018 close on March 31 2020.

For more information [CLICK HERE](#)

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