

## **APRIL 2017 NZ TRAINERS' ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

### **WINX COLOURS AUCTION – CLOSES 9pm Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April**



Framed set of Winx colours - signed by trainer, Chris Waller and jockey, Hugh Bowman. These are genuine full-sized silks.

The Central Districts Trainers' Association are offering this auction on Trade Me with all proceeds to go to the Rebecca Black Trust fund

Go to Trademe and search under Sporting Memorabilia – or copy/paste this link:

[www.trademe.co.nz/Browse/Listing.aspx?id=1288347589](http://www.trademe.co.nz/Browse/Listing.aspx?id=1288347589)

Please feel free to share this link on Facebook!

### **WINNER DUNSTAN TRAINERS' MAIDEN NZ AWARD FOR MARCH 2017**

The meeting chosen for March was the Waikato Racing Club's day at Te Rapa on the 1st March. The winner of the Lodge Real Estate Maiden 1200 was Elusive Meteor, trained by the training partnership of brothers, Trevor and Martin Cruz. As Trevor and Martin are members of the Trainers' Association, they will receive a 750g pail of DUNSTAN Gastro Gold.

### **NEW N.Z.T.A. SPONSOR [gavelhouse.com](http://gavelhouse.com)**

The NZ Trainers' Association is delighted to announce a new sponsorship arrangement with [gavelhouse.com](http://gavelhouse.com).

A 100% New Zealand-owned subsidiary of New Zealand Bloodstock, the site offers the opportunity to use the web-based auction platform to both buy and sell horses more frequently and cost-effectively.

Having run its first online auction in April 2016, horses have since sold for up to \$138,000 on the site with the fortnightly auctions now an valuable part of some of New Zealand's leading trainers and farm's business models.

Cutting-edge technology partnered with [gavelhouse.com](http://gavelhouse.com) and NZB's extensive worldwide network and reputation for selling quality thoroughbreds with integrity has seen, in less than a year, over 350 horses sell domestically and internationally including to Australia, Hong Kong, Singapore, Malaysia and Tahiti.



For more information on using [gavelhouse.com](http://gavelhouse.com) contact the team on [09 296 4436](tel:092964436) or email [info@gavelhouse.com](mailto:info@gavelhouse.com)

## **NEW HEALTH & SAFETY ADVISOR WAIKATO BASED**

Such is the demand for trainers to become Health & Safety compliant, the NZ Trainers' Association is pleased to advise that Phillipa Howells in the Waikato is also offering her services to trainers.

PH Consulting Ltd was developed with the introduction on the current Health & Safety Act 2015 to provide a service to develop Health & Safety Systems for businesses that are compliant with this new legislation.

The following are some of the services offered:

- Health & Safety Plan Development
- Risk/Hazard Management
- Induction & Training
- Customised Signage
- Annual Review

PH Consulting will develop a Health & Safety System that meets the requirements of your business, with Equine being a specialty industry. The Systems are affordable and easy to implement, as well as being compliant with the Health & Safety at Work Act 2015. All sizes, types and location (nationwide service) of businesses accounted for.

Philippa Howells has a diverse background in the Equine Industry, having had a lifetime involvement in many different aspects:

- Licenced Racehorse Trainer (Class B)
- Official with Equestrian Sports NZ (FEI Level 2 Jumping Course Designer)
- Competitor in Show Jumping, Eventing, and Dressage
- Thoroughbred Breeding background (Ainsley Downs Stud)
- Former NZ Thoroughbred Racing Tutor

PH Consulting is based in the Waikato, and is available to visit nationwide as required.

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## **TRAINER PROFILES ON THE NZTA WEBSITE**

Trainers are reminded that they are able to be included in a LISTING OF TRAINER PROFILES ON THE NZTA WEBSITE. This is to:

- Provide information to prospective owners on trainers to help them make a decision when choosing a trainer.
- Increase the level of professionalism
- Allow members the opportunity to sell their services

This is only available to NZTA members and is totally voluntary

All questions are optional and only answers given will be publicised i.e. you do not have to put strike rate or training fees, etc..

You are welcome to

- delete questions,
- add any further information and
- attach photos (of yourself, your establishment, your horses...), your Stable name logo....

The questionnaire can be accessed on the NZTA website:  
[www.nztrainers.co.nz/Profiles](http://www.nztrainers.co.nz/Profiles) or else email Wendy Cooper –  
[nztrainersassn@gmail.com](mailto:nztrainersassn@gmail.com)

## **NZTA ACTIVITY**

A lot goes on behind the scenes that isn't always obvious to members. We can assure you that most issues affecting trainers will be considered by the Association and acted upon. Recently the NZTA has been representing trainers' views on:

- Racing Board nominations
- Racefields legislation
- Stakes levels
- Draft Calendar for 2017/18 season
- Regional Programming meetings
- The abandonment of the Te Aroha meeting
- The effect of suspensions when race meetings are abandoned or deferred
- Ventilation of the Ellerslie stables
- The Thoroughbred Welfare Policy & Strategy currently being developed

## **OTHER THINGS TO LOOK OUT FOR**

- Insurance packages being developed including Public Liability
- Special offer from international supplier of racing silks

- Licence renewal and proposed discount for second partner
- Reintroduction of the Newcomer to Training Award
- Survey of membership