

APRIL 2018

NORTHERN BRANCH AGM

All trainers from the Northern branch – Waikato and Auckland districts are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting. Come and have your say – there will be some very important issues being discussed.

- Date: Monday 9th April 2018 at 11am
- Venue: Skyline Lounge, Cambridge Raceway, Cambridge
- Guest Speakers including:
 - John Allen, CEO, NZ Racing Board
 - Ian Long, Head of Government and Industry Relations, New Zealand Racing Board
 - Bernard Saundry, CEO, NZ Thoroughbred Racing
 - Marty Burns, NZ Thoroughbred Racing to discuss NZTR issues and proposed rule changes
 - Paul Wilcox and Tim Gillespie – Auckland Racing Club – Ellerslie stables and track renovations
- Refreshments and light lunch to be served at 1pm

Any apologies please to Northern Branch Secretary, Wendy Cooper – nztrainersassn@gmail.com or 021927776

WINNER DUNSTAN TRAINERS' MAIDEN NZ AWARD FOR MARCH

The meeting chosen for March was held at Te Aroha on the 16th March. The winner of the first on the card, the Te Aroha Liquor 2200 Maiden was AIGNE, trained by newcomer, Clinton Isdale from Te Awamutu. As Clinton is a member of the Trainers' Association, he will receive two bags of Equifibre Lucerne-Pro.

THE FUTURE OF OUR INDUSTRY

The Trainers' Association are in the process of ensuring the future of our industry is sustainable. Meetings have been held and letters have been written to the Minister for Racing, the Right Honourable Winston Peters who is very aware of our concerns and the urgency of the issues facing us. The Trainers' Association will keep members up to date with progress and the response when received.

We appreciate the frustrations and concerns of members and will not allow the current situation to carry on for much longer. There has been talk of disruptive action being taken by trainers unless our concerns are allayed and this is certainly being

considered if necessary. Should the need arise, all trainers will be advised of how they can assist in a professionally organised and united approach.

ANY SHARES LEFT IN HORSES?

The NZ Racehorse Owners' Federation have kindly offered to include in the May issue of the Owners' Bulletin, a listing for trainers who may still have shares to sell in any horses. Please send details as per the following format example to Neil Miller: neilandjeanette@yahoo.com:

***Bay filly (yearling) Pins - Chocolate (Lot 1123 NZ Karaka) JOE BLOGS RACING
- contact Mary 021 234567 for details***

HEALTH & SAFETY COMPLIANCE

This is something all trainers must be fully aware of as they are operating a business. Being Health and Safety compliant is also a condition of your training licence. There is information on both the NZTA and NZTR websites. Failure to comply can have serious consequences and we urge all trainers who may not yet be compliant to undertake to have a Health & Safety plan and ensure it is followed.

HELP WITH STAFF

The NZTA provide a regular service to members to assist with employment in the industry. If a trainer needs help finding a staff member, ads can be placed on your behalf on various social media racing/equine employment sites. You can also be included on the listing on the NZTA website as a trainer looking for staff. There is a further listing on the website of potential staff who have contacted NZTA about looking for work in racing.

We can also assist with templates for the legal documentation required when employing staff to ensure you comply with the legislation. These are all on the Trainers' Association website - <http://www.nztrainers.co.nz/employment/default.aspx>

A further area where we can offer help is if you are considering employing an immigrant. A letter of support can be written for immigration purposes. The website also has information on the immigration process on the links page - <http://www.nztrainers.co.nz/links/default.aspx>

The other area NZTA is involved in is having trainer representatives on the Training and Development committee convened by NZTR. We also have representation on the Industry Partnership Group for the Equine and Racing Sector of the Primary Industry Training Group. This is to ensure the views of trainers are considered in the training and qualifications area for our industry.

EVER FANCIED OWNING A HARLEY DAVIDSON?

Any trainers that have a good sprinter and may be interested in winning a Harley Davidson should check out the following link: <https://www.gctc.com.au/records/incentives/>

MASSEY UNIVERSITY EQUINE SURVEY

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 approximately 5 minutes to complete and will be open until 5pm Friday 13th April 2018.

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

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](tel:069519189) or k.gibbard@massey.ac.nz