

CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to Premiership winners, Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman. They've enjoyed a massively successful season and ended up with a total of 142 wins – 20 at Group and Listed level, with stakes of \$4,478,405! Not only that, they had a very impressive strike-rate of 5.75.

Second on the Premiership were the Te Akau team of Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards. They had 81 wins, 17 at Group and Listed level, with stakes of \$3,389,993 and strike rate of 5.20.

The Newcomer to Training reintroduced this year and sponsored by gavelhouse.com, was won by Andrew Carston with 16 individual winners, from a total of 20 wins for the season. Bruce Tapper was second with 8, then each with 5 individual winners were Steven Cole, Samantha Logan and Danny Crozier.

THOROUGHBRED HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Both the Premiership and Newcomer to Training will be presented at the Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards. Also presented on the night is the Trainer of the Year, sponsored by Dunstan. The nominees for the Trainer of the Year are the two partnerships of Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman, and Stephen Autridge and Jamie Richards.

This year the event is being held at Ellerslie, on Sunday 26th August. The tickets for the 2018 New Zealand Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards are now on sale!

Follow the link below for more details and to secure your tickets.

www.nzracing.co.nz/awards

WINNER DUNSTAN TRAINERS' MAIDEN NZ AWARD FOR JULY

The meeting selected for July was held on the 11th at the Avondale Jockey Club. The first on the card was the Westmere 1200m Maiden and was won by Tryfan, trained by Annabelle Johnson. As Annabelle is a member of the Trainers' Association she will receive a bag of the new Dunstan Speedfeed and a bag of Equifibre Lucerne-Pro.

Dunstan Speedfeed Roadshow

David Smith, Gretel Webber and the team at Dunstan put on an excellent show around the country, enjoyed by many trainers. The new Speedfeed was on display and the feedback was very positive, resulting in a number of orders being placed. Dunstan Speedfeed has been formulated to provide quality nutrition to racehorses, it utilises a combination of energy sources and it includes a full profile vitamins and minerals for optimum performance and health.

BRANCH AGM'S

- Canterbury – The AGM held on 9 July at Two Fat Possums, was held prior to the Dunstan Speedfeed Roadshow. There was a reasonable turnout and some important issues discussed. Andrew Carston retains the position of Branch President, with Anna Furlong and Danny Champion Branch Vice Presidents.
- Southern - The AGM had a great attendance on the 10 July at Ascot Park Hotel. The branch ran 14 sets of barrier trials and jumpouts which play a vital role in horse education and preparation. Sally McKay continues as Branch President.
- Central Districts – There were eight trainers in attendance at the meeting held on 17 July at Awapuni Racecourse. The branch does a great job fundraising through the year with their highly successful golf tournament. It is however somewhat disappointing to only get this representation at the AGM when it is the perfect place to have your views heard. Gary Vile retains the role of Branch President, ably assisted by secretary of over 25 years – Paul Claridge.

NATIONAL AGM

The National AGM will be held at Riccarton on Friday 10th August 2018 at 3.30pm at the Canterbury Jockey Club. All trainers are welcome to attend. Any apologies to Wendy Cooper – nztrainersassn@gmail.com

GRAND NATIONAL LUNCHEON

The Canterbury Club *Presented in association with Riccarton Park* with guest speaker Brian Anderton

Brian Anderton - Brian was made an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit for services to Racing in the 2016 New Year's Honours List, which followed his induction into the New Zealand Racing Hall of Fame in 2012. A Jockey, Trainer, Studmaster, Owner, Sponsor and Administrator – there is no part of Southern Racing not influenced by this remarkable man.

Join David McCarthy as he discusses all things racing
Friday, August 10th, 12pm arrival
Main Dining Room
\$65 per person for 3 courses.
Table wines included, other beverages own care
Dress: Strictly jacket and tie
Guests welcome
Please RSVP to members@canterburyclub.co.nz

INJURED JOCKEYS' CHARITY DINNER

Racing industry participants are joining forces to raise funds for injured jockeys with a charity dinner in August.

The initiative is being led by former New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing chairman Guy Sargent, who along with other members of his group is canvassing to support the cause with memorabilia and other items for auction.

All donated items will go up for auction at the dinner on Sunday, August 19, at The Red Barn, the function centre midway between Cambridge and Matamata which is being made available by its owners, former champion jockey Lance O'Sullivan and his wife Bridgette.

A highlight of the evening will be guest speaker Jim Cassidy, another former champion jockey whose character featured in last Sunday's TVNZ drama recounting the life and times of Melbourne Cup winner Kiwi.

For tickets or further information call Lisa Dunbar 021942574 or timberlee@xtra.co.nz