











NZTA DECEMBER 2017 NEWSLETTER

Best wishes to all trainers for the festive season!

NZTA SURVEY

Thanks to those who participated and were able to express their views. We had 52 responses. The major issues facing trainers as per the responses were as follows:

What are the major issues affecting you as a trainer – mark as many as you like?

Response	Chart	Percentage	Count
Lack of staff		34.0%	17
Lack of raceday opportunitites		32.0%	16
Low Stakes		76.0%	38
Lack of profitability in training		72.0%	36
ACC levies		52.0%	26
Health & Safety compliance		36.0%	18
Employment compliance		24.0%	12
Difficulty to attract owners		28.0%	14
Bad debts/slow paying owners		22.0%	11
Not enough hours in the day		40.0%	20
Total Responses			50

There is a link to the full report on the Trainers' Association website <http://www.nztrainers.co.nz/NZTA-For-Trainers/>

WINNER DUNSTAN TRAINERS' MAIDEN NZ AWARD FOR NOVEMBER

The meeting chosen for November was held at the Avondale Jockey Club meeting on the 1st November. The winner of the Avondale 2100m maiden was longshot, Tama Akarana, trained by Clayton Stevenson from Waipu in Northland. As Clayton is a member of the Trainers' Association, he will receive two bags of Equifibre Lucerne-Pro.

PATTERN REVIEW COMMITTEE

New Zealand Thoroughbred Racing (NZTR) recently appointed a Pattern Review Committee (PRC) to carry out a review of the current pattern and performance of black type racing in New Zealand with a particular focus on Group 1 and Group 2 races. The PRC comprises Mark Freeman, who will chair the review, Jason Fleming, Bruce Sherwin and Andrew Carston – Canterbury Branch President of the Trainers' Association.

Two key considerations of the review will be to:

1. Ensure the pattern maximises the participation of the best horses in the best races, across the different categories including:

- 2 year olds only (including sex based 2YO events)
- 3 year olds only (including sex based 3YO events)
- Fillies and mares races
- WFA, set weight and penalty, and handicaps

2. Consider the possible enhancement of the pattern to provide for greater opportunities to promote New Zealand Thoroughbred racing both domestically and into Australia.

A copy of the full terms of reference for the PRC is attached for your information.

The PRC, which will hold its first meeting in the week of 18 December 2017, is now calling for submissions from race clubs, industry stakeholders and any other interested parties on any proposed changes that will enhance the current pattern and performance of black type racing in New Zealand.

The closing date for submissions is Friday 15 December 2017.

If you have any issues you wish to raise for consideration of the committee, please forward to Wendy Cooper or Andrew Carston directly.

NORTHERN TRIALS POLICY

When heats are cancelled due to too many entries on the day, the following policy is being proposed to give trainers an option to move horses to an alternative heat – see points 5 & 6 below:

In the event that the number of entries for a trial meeting means that the number of heats exceed 30, then the following elimination conditions will apply:

1. When programming trials, preference will be given to those events that were eliminated at the previous trials meeting in the Northern Region.

2. In August, September & October, Maiden four year olds and upwards will be eliminated first starting with the longest distance. If further eliminations are required the next horses to be eliminated will be Maiden three year olds starting with the longest distance. In the months of November through July (inclusive) Maidens will be eliminated first starting with the longest distance.
3. Exemptions regarding longer distance heats will be considered if there is a need to accommodate horses preparing for jumping races.
4. When trial fields are compiled in the months of November through July (inclusive) three & four year old+ Maiden heats will be combined. In August, September & October, three & four year old+ Maiden heats will be programmed separately.
5. If the deletion of heats is necessary at 12pm the fields will remain open for a further 30 minutes. The trainers of eliminated horses will be advised via text and/or email to be given an opportunity to move their horse or horses into a heat for which they are eligible, and in which there is an available position, notwithstanding the starting limits that apply. This will be done on a first come first served basis.
6. Once the fields have closed, no further entries will be received or horses swapped except in extreme circumstances, such as a horse being placed in an incorrect heat by the NRB.

gavelhouse.com NEWCOMER AWARD

The Trainers' Association are delighted to be re-introducing the gavelhouse.com Newcomer Award. We need to be recognising those who are new to the training ranks and taken the plunge to train professionally. It's great to see some fresh talent coming through the ranks and we often have owners contact us wanting to support trainers who are up and comers. We can now report on the current standings for this award that is based on individual winners in a season and the trainer has held a licence for 5 years or less. At time of writing Steven Cole from Counties is in the lead with 4 individual winners. Samantha Logan and Jaimee-Lee Lupton both have 3 individual winners and there are half a dozen trainers who qualify with 2.

NEWS FROM gavelhouse.com

Trainers victorious in the Beyond the Barriers gavelhouse.com Industry Show Jumping Challenge

Despite the trainers arguably spending less time in the saddle than their two rival teams on a weekly basis they managed to clinch victory in the Beyond the Barriers gavelhouse.com Industry Show Jumping Challenge in early November.

Organised by Nicky Wallace and Gina Schick under their Beyond the Barriers charity banner, the gavelhouse.com sponsored novelty event was held at Mystery Creek under lights with riders competing on borrowed horses.

Andrew Scott, Paul Mirabelli, Ben Foote and Jacob McKay comprised the winning quartet while Jeremy Whale, Mark Forbes, Mark Treweek and Jay Phillips managed to hold onto second for the breakers with Jay the overall winner on the night.

Surprisingly the jockey's team made up of Samantha Collett, Daniel Hain, Anna Jones and Trudy Thornton had too many rails down among them to make the top two.

Video footage and interviews can be seen on the Beyond the Barriers Facebook page with some great commentary from Landsdowne Park principal David Duley.

gavelhouse.com online auctions are held fortnightly in New Zealand with Australian auctions held on alternate weeks. To enter a horse simply register online to list or contact the team on 09 296 4436 or email info@gavelhosue.com

Catherine Cleghorn –

Spaces available now with professional Pre training – breaking in establishment in Waiuku South Auckland. Stables are located 10 minutes from the beach and provide ideal environment for injury rehabilitation and horses with temperament issues.

Facilities include 18boxes, paddocks, round yard and a 400m sand track.

Good reputation and experience with leading trainers. Contact : Catherine Cleghorn 02102904063