

CONGRATULATIONS DAWN WILLIAMS – 1000 winners

Dawn becomes the first female trainer in New Zealand to train over 1,000 winners. Internationally there are very few women who have reached this impressive milestone. Training in partnership with husband Peter, the figure is all the more impressive as they operate from their boutique operation at Byerly Park and train a maximum of 25 horses at any one time. Following is a link to the news story in the Herald: https://www.nzherald.co.nz/sport/news/article.cfm?c_id=4&objectid=12162313

WINNER DUNSTAN TRAINERS' MAIDEN NZ AWARD FOR NOVEMBER

The meeting selected for November was held on the 4th at the Banks Peninsula Racing Club meeting at Motukarara. The Grant Thornton 3YO Maiden 1200m was won by Express Rip, trained by Canterbury trainer, Neil Coulbeck. As Neil is a member of the Trainers' Association he will receive a bag of the new Dunstan Speedfeed and a bag of Equifibre Lucerne-Pro.

UPDATE ON MESSARA REVIEW

No real update at this stage as we are in a holding pattern till the DIA announce their findings from the submissions on the Messara Report. It is expected the DIA will prepare a Cabinet paper with a set of recommendations for a future direction for the industry. Any releases will be published on the Trainers' Association website as soon as they come to hand.

REGUMATE

Since the adoption from the 1st November of 'two clear days' WHT of oral Altrenogest in racing fillies and mares it is clear that a proportion of them were starting to come into season on race day. As a consequence, there were a number of late scratchings due to injury in trucks and at the barrier.

We have been advised that the RIU has agreed to adopting new changes to the interpretation of raceday urine and blood samples to allow the oral Altrenogest use up to 'one clear day'.

The recommendation effective from the 19th November is as follows:

- 1. Stop using oral Altrenogest in racing females 'one clear day' from racing.*
- 2. Under no circumstances use any Altrenogest injections as the elimination of any injection is completely different from an oral formulation.*
- 3. Always use the listed label dose rate on racing females.*

4. *Under no circumstances use Altrenogest on male horses.*

Be aware Altrenogest use worldwide has become very controversial since the detection of trace levels of anabolic steroids and the NZ racing industry maybe required to review their current position again.

DUNSTAN TRAINER'S BONUS \$7500

Waipukurau Jockey Club has a Dunstan Trainers' Bonus \$7500 trainers bonus available for the meeting on Sunday December 9th.

This is the equivalent of the trainers stake for a \$150K race.

The rules are:

1: Must have 8 starters in the race to be counted.

2: Its first to 3 winners – if two trainers happen to get it – its the first one to get three winners.

For any accommodation or stabling contact Kirsty Lawrence on 027 2688890

BONUS FOR TRAINERS UNDER 30

The money for the renewal fees for all trainers 30 years old and younger has now been paid into the trainers accounts. This is as a result of a joint proposal from the Trainers' Association and NZTR to recognise young trainers and offer some assistance in their endeavours. The funding for this comes from the Youth Enhancement Fund administered by the Racing Board.

NZTR NEWS FOR TRAINERS

ANNUAL REPORT

To view the Annual Report, you can go to the following link:

<https://loveracing.nz/OnHorseFiles/NZTR%20AR%202017-18%20WEB.pdf>

UNLICENSED PERSONS

The NZTR Board has reviewed with concern several incidents in thoroughbred racing which relate to unlicensed persons.

The Rules of Racing are clear. Unlicensed persons must not:

- Be employed by licensed trainers in to work or to assist in any capacity in connection with the care, control or training of any registered horse; or
- Ride any registered horse at any Racecourse, Training Facility or Trainer's Premises.

These Rules apply even where the person in question has applied for a licence. The Rules are in place to preserve the safety and integrity of participants in thoroughbred racing. NZTR expects that they will be adhered to without exception and that no Club or licensed person will permit or facilitate the breach of these Rules.

TRACK PREPARATION PROTOCOLS

The Trainers' Association have been very active in voicing concerns of the trainers regarding the abandonments and a perceived lack of satisfactory track preparation. The recent release from NZTR regarding Track Preparation Protocols is a step in the right direction. The proposed introduction of equipment such as moisture meters should mean that trainers have more meaningful information available. Following is an excerpt from the release:

“While the clubs are ultimately responsible for the preparation of their own tracks, it is clear that NZTR needs to be more proactive in working with the clubs in this area,” NZTR CEO Bernard Saundry said.

“Abandonments are costly for the industry and inconvenience our stakeholders and I had a recent meeting with Tony Pike, the president of the NZ Trainers' Association, to discuss what NZTR can do to improve the situation.”

“We are also aware that producing consistent track surfaces is a key factor in developing punter confidence.

“We are unlikely to eliminate abandonments, even with the addition of synthetic tracks, but we believe that we can significantly reduce the number,” Saundry said.

“That said, there can be a variety of reasons why meetings are abandoned. A lack of infrastructure spending in the past has been a factor in the performance of some tracks but on occasions, simple human error has been the cause.

“Weather patterns have changed, and the bar has also been raised, quite correctly, in terms of health and safety issues,” Saundry added.

Pike said that he was pleased that NZTR would be taking a proactive rather than reactive approach to track management. “The feedback from our members is that the abandonments have become a real source of irritation, particularly as they impose extra costs on trainers, jockeys and owners. The industry needs to show that it is taking measures to improve the situation.”

GST

In a recent judgment made in the High Court of NZ, it has been determined that **clubs are entitled to claim the GST input tax deductions for all stakes payments paid to GST registered trainers and riders for races conducted by that club.**

Previously the Inland Revenue had only allowed these GST input tax deductions to be claimed if the owner of the stakes was GST registered.

The decision has confirmed that trainers and riders provide services to clubs on race days in consideration for a percentage of the stakes payment. Therefore, clubs are now entitled to claim GST input deductions for all stake payments made to all GST registered trainers and riders, whereas non-GST registered owners were previously

unable to claim GST input deductions. **Returns to non-GST registered owners will increase accordingly.**

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MESSAGE FROM THE BUREAU

Whilst there are deadlines, it would be greatly appreciated if trainers did not leave decisions to the last minute or after deadline time.

Trainers need to make it clear about their decisions regarding scratching or preferences when double-nominating. It is hoped to avoid undue pressure and loss of patience.

Wherever possible it is recommended that trainers utilise the Trainers' Service Centre.

NEWS FROM THE RIU

- Late Declaration of riders – Advise RIU if haven't declared by the set time and the reasons for this. This is in addition to advising the Bureau.
- Safety stirrups – trainers are reminded that these should be used for all trackwork.
- **Updated register for approved gear now includes:**
 - Racing Plates:
 - o Kerkhaert Safety Trackx ES and excludes: New Balance – Natural Balance, Half Round Aluminium Fronts and Shock shod race plates, and urethane-protected race plates are laminated on the outside surface.
 - o Plates with toe grabs or any other protrusions are not permitted.
 - Blinkers:

Blinkers or visor blinkers must not be cut back in any way to reduce their original width.
 - Ear Covers & Ear Plugs:
 - o Ear Plugs are approved subject to the conditions set out in the Register.
 - o **Ear Plugs are NOT to be worn in conjunction with Ear Covers.**
 - o When a horse is to race in ear plugs the horse must be presented to race with ear plugs and must not be removed until returning to the saddling area.
 - o Ear Plugs Pre-Race: Ear Plugs May be worn pre-race and removed at the start.
 - o Ear Covers Pre-Race: Ear Covers May be worn pre-race and removed at the start, **these must be RED in colour** and must be fitted over the bridle.

What's happening at gavelhouse.com?

gavelhouse.com General Manager Haylie Martin fills us in on what's been happening for the team over the last couple of months.

Unlike most in the racing game at this time of year, the last couple of months have been quieter for the gavelhouse.com team. Following the trend we've seen since our launch in April 2016, catalogue sizes drop back over the busy spring racing and breeding season.

With that said we've continued to see plenty of demand for the majority of stock offered on the site with fortnightly catalogue sizes hovering between 20 and 30 and clearance rates around the 85% mark. We also recently announced that we're following New Zealand Bloodstock into the Standardbred game next year which will require a bit of work developing the site and schooling up on the sport for me personally!

As always the buying bench on gavelhouse.com has been diverse. Southern trainers continue to snap up racing stock that may have not lived up to expectations in the Northern tracks with horses also selling to Australia, Malaysia, Singapore and China in recent months.

Meanwhile, quality unraced horses sold well in October with a Jakkalberry gelding fetching \$54,000 while a son of Denman made \$20,000.

We enjoyed the great week of racing at Riccarton Park during their Cup week and in particular our sponsorship of this year's Gr.1 gavelhouse.com New Zealand 1000 Guineas. Congratulations again to Peter and Dawn Williams who, despite a less than ideal lead up with flight delays, were able to prevail with Sarah Green and Ger Beemsterboer's Media Sensation.

We keenly follow the success of gavelhouse.com graduates on the track and Patrick Campbell's January 2017 purchase [Scandalo](#) has continued to reward him this preparation and now heads to the paddock. The five-year-old Shocking gelding has returned almost \$130,000 off the back of his \$15,000 price tag from the Brian Court stable.

Over the weekend keep an eye out for gavelhouse.com graduates at Wanganui on Saturday including [Hunta Pence](#) in Race 7, the Cambridge Thoroughbred Lodge Wanganui Cup 2040 and [Pep Torque](#) in Race 2, the AME Electrical 1340 while at Otaki on Friday in Race 2, the Vets on Riverbank 2YO, two debutants bought on gavelhouse.com step out in Pins filly [Samurai Girl](#) and Dalghar filly [Cinzento](#).

Heading into the festive season the team at gavelhouse.com would like to thank everyone for their support of the site over the past year and wish you all a very happy and successful 2019.

[gavelhouse.com New Zealand](#) auction entries are open for our 10 December sale and are due online by 7pm NZ time on Monday 3 December. Contact the gavelhouse.com New Zealand team for assistance listing on +64 9 296 4436 or email Haylie@gavelhouse.com or Laura@gavelhouse.com

