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gavelhouse.com NEWCOMER AWARD

The gavelhouse.com Newcomer will be awarded to the trainer who has had their licence for 5 years or less, and is training in their own right. It is based on the number of individual winners in a season, as opposed to total number of wins. It is great to see so many young and up and coming trainers doing so well and advancing through the ranks. Current standings for those trainers with 2 wins or more are as follows:

Andrew Carston	8
Steven Cole	4
Danny Crozier	4
Samantha Logan	3
Jaimee-Lee Lupton	3
Joseph Waldron	3

gavelhouse.com online auctions run fortnightly with the simple self-service online system allowing sellers to list their horses in the next sale at their convenience however the team happy to assist if required and can be contacted on 092964436 or email info@gavelhouse.com

WINNER DUNSTAN TRAINERS' MAIDEN NZ AWARD FOR JANUARY

The meeting chosen for January was held at the Greymouth Jockey Club meeting on the 7th January at Omoto. The winner of the Greg Daly Real Estate Maiden 1500 was Sammi Lou, trained by Steven Woodsford from Rangiora. As Steven is a member of the Trainers' Association, he will receive two bags of Equifibre Lucerne-Pro.

AN OPPORTUNITY FOR TRAINERS AT THE SALES

Love Racing are again running the Thoroughbred Experience Tours at New Zealand Bloodstock's National Yearling Sales Series next week. The Tours aim to give participants a chance to learn about what goes on behind the scenes and chat to authorised syndicators and trainers about becoming an owner.

Tours will run for about 45 minutes, the first will be at 5.30pm on Sunday, January 28 and there will be four Tours on Monday, January 29 at 10am, 12pm 2pm and 4pm.

If you're at Karaka and around at the conclusion of any Tour, pop by the Love Racing tent (located adjacent to the rose gardens) for a snack and a chat to some potential owners.

TRAINER PROFILES

Following the completion of the Yearling Sales is a good time to ensure that potential owners can see the types of facilities and services you provide. You can have a detailed profile on the Trainers' Association website, with links to your website and any horses you may have available. There is a questionnaire on the profiles link on the Trainers' Association website that you can complete and submit, along with any photos you would like featured: <http://www.nztrainers.co.nz/Profiles.aspx>

PRESENTATION TO STEPHEN GILLIES

Stephen and Jane Gillies received a cheque for \$18,050 from the Central Districts Trainers' Association at the Marton Jockey Club's Cup meeting in Palmerston North on Sunday afternoon, to go toward their expenses towards a kidney transplant for their son Ben.

The bulk of the money came from Sir Patrick Hogan, who donated the services fees for two of his prize stallions – Burgundy and Power.

Stephen Gillies is preparing to donate a kidney to his 30-year-old son. It will involve him and his wife travelling to Canada, where Ben lives, and they must stay for at least six weeks before flying home. Although live organ donors in New Zealand are compensated 100 per cent of their wages during recovery, Stephen Gillies cannot make the claim since the donation has to happen in Canada. The Gillies family expects the kidney transplant to be carried out in March.

Central Districts Trainers' Association secretary Paul Claridge said it was not a hard decision to get a fundraising effort together, as Stephen Gillies was a longtime member of the Trainers' Association. "The easiest way was to secure a service fee for a stallion."

Sir Patrick Hogan asked some questions about the Gillies' situation, and donated a service fee to Burgundy that was auctioned on gavelhouse.com. Then realising that more would be needed to cover costs, in conjunction with Coolmore Stud, a service to Power was also donated and sold by auction on gavelhouse.com. These two auctions raised \$17,000, with the rest of the money topped up by anonymous donations.

"The interest Sir Patrick and Justine Lady Hogan have taken has been huge, and their support has been bloody fantastic," Claridge said. "It has been a great result and very much appreciated."

The omen bet of the day had to be "Gift of Power" – a 3 year old filly by Power, bred and co-owned by Sir Patrick and Lady Justine Hogan. She was favourite in the race following the presentation of the cheque to Stephen and Jane Gillies, and duly won the R85 1200m race!

The Central Districts Trainers' Association is a very active group and annually run the Manawatu Sires Produce Golf Tournament. Earlier this year they arranged for a

framed and signed set of Winx colours to be auctioned via Trade Me. \$6200 was raised and was donated to the Rebecca Black Trust.



HORSES HEADING FOR THE WAIKATO GROUP RACES

The Waikato RC is opening up the course proper on Saturday 3 February for horses intended to be nominated in one of the Group races at Te Rapa on 6 or 10 Feb (Waikato Guineas, Herbie Dyke Stakes, BCD Group Sprint, Cambridge Stud Sir Tristram Classic).

The course proper will be open from 8am until 10am.

Cones will be placed 12 metres out from the true position running rail.

Any trainer wishing to bring a horse (or horses) can please call Course Manager Brad Childs on [021 146 1096](tel:0211461096) in advance.

NEWS FROM THE RIU:

With the use of "Ear Covers to the start" increasingly popular amongst trainers it has been suggested making it mandatory for this item of gear to be red in colour as per some or all states in Australia. This makes it very obvious to everyone at the start that this item of gear is then to be removed and hopefully lessens the chance that they are inadvertently left on for the race. It would also make it very clear to everyone when the horse is parading that it is an item of gear which will be removed at the start and the horse will not be racing in. Whilst we have not yet taken this step it would be appreciated if trainers could move in this direction whenever possible.

Also just a general reminder to trainers to ensure that all staff have renewed their stablehand/trackwork licences and that when employing new staff to ensure that they hold a current licence and advise updated employer details to NZTR.

With relation to Gear Changes done on line in particular trainers are reminded that it is their responsibility to ensure that their requests have processed correctly.