

JANUARY 2018 NEWSLETTER

Wishing all trainers a Happy New Year and good luck getting a share of some of the stakes on offer, particularly at this time of the year!

Looking ahead to 2018 we are very hopeful that that new Race Fields legislation will be enacted with direct benefits to the thoroughbred code. The Trainers' Association made a submission to the Select Committee clearly outlining the needs of the stakeholders and urgency required.

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Standings which are based on individual winners, prior to racing on 28th December show a great tussle on the leaderboard:

- Andrew Carston has had 5 individual winners - a total of 6 wins
- Danny Crozier 4 individual winners - a total of 5 wins
- Steven Cole 4 individual winners – a total of 4 wins
- Jamie-Lee Lupton – 3 individual winners – total of 4 wins
- Samantha Logan - 3 individual winners – total of 4 wins

LEASE DOCUMENTATION

The Trainers' Association is seeking a rule change to avoid the situation where a horse can be de-registered by the owners/lessors of a horse, even when there is a current lease in place and registered with NZTR.

At the moment an SR16 lease registers the lease of a horse between lessor and lessee, it stipulates that the lessee is responsible for all expenses incurred by the horse including and payment of accounts to NZTR for nominations, etc. To officially register the lease requires the signatures of both lessor and lessee. Yet to cancel a lease, the same requirement does not apply and the lessor or owner of the horse may de-register the horse from racing without notifying the lessee.

Key points for trainers to be aware of in the meantime is that the SR16 is just a form that registers the lease. The Trainers' Association recommends that a lease agreement is also in place and it should include the stipulation that a horse cannot be de-registered whilst the lease is in place. The Trainers' Association have templates available on the website for Lease Agreements under the Links page: <http://www.nztrainers.co.nz/Links>

ABANDONED MEETING COMPENSATION

The following response has been received from NZTR after a request from the Trainers' Association for an improved method to allocate the compensation based on location and distance travelled:

“NZTR propose to increase the abandoned meeting payment from \$200 to \$250 - this is in recognition that the fee has not been adjusted for three years.

We understand that the trainers are looking for a variable fee based on the location and distance travelled. This is a difficult model to build and there are always going to be "swings and roundabouts" each time this situation occurs - what one trainer might lose at one meeting he may

pick up at the next abandoned meeting. No one likes the situation of abandoned meetings and we do not have a perfect solution.

I hope the change in the fee goes some way to alleviating the trainers concerns acknowledging that we do not have the perfect answer."

NEWS FROM THE R.I.U.

DESIGNATED TIE-UP STALLS/SADDLING AREA:

"Trainers must ensure that they present their horse(s) in the tie-up stalls/saddling area no later than one hour prior to the advertised starting time of the horse's race.

Reason: This directive has been issued for the following reasons:

- *For Integrity purposes, to assist with the monitoring of the horses prior to racing.*
- *To assist with any pre-race testing that maybe undertaken prior to their race.*
- *To ensure that horses are presented on course in time to compete.*

This directive precludes horses from being saddled in stable barns occupied by local trainers or stabling facilities provided for visiting trainers. At a recent Otaki meeting it became apparent that a number of trainers were saddling in stable areas adjacent to the racecourse rather than in the tie-up stalls as required with Club officials asked to assist in publicising this requirement by way of signage. Stipendiary Stewards have been reminded of the requirements under this NZTR Board Directive and will be proactive in ensuring that trainers are aware of their obligations but will only be looking to lay charges if a trainers chooses to blatantly ignore advice given.

It is noted that some venues may present challenges with the number of stalls available and Stipendiary Stewards will be taking a commonsense approach in those circumstances. It is recommended that any trainers who are unsure of the situation at a particular venue make contact with the appropriate Stipendiary Steward for clarification."

AUCKLAND/WAIKATO YEARLING INSPECTION TOUR

Stuart Hale's annual Auckland/Waikato Yearling Inspection Tour will take place from Sunday 7th January to Friday 12th January. The tour enables prospective purchasers to inspect yearlings catalogued for the New Zealand Bloodstock National Yearling Sales Series, which commences on Sunday 28th January.

All are welcome for this free tour, with a bus departing from the Cambridge BP (98 Victoria Street, Cambridge) on a daily basis.

To confirm your attendance and for further enquiries contact Stuart Hale - 027 492 0975 or stuart.hale@xtra.co.nz

2018 AUCKLAND / WAIKATO YEARLING INSPECTION TOUR

SUNDAY 7th January

7.30am BP Cambridge

8.45am Jamieson Park 13
10.40am Haunui Stud 50
12.30pm Westbury Stud 55 LUNCH
4.30pm Hallmark Stud 26 BBQ and drinks

MONDAY 8th January

8.45am BP Cambridge.

9.00am Windsor Park Stud 75 morning tea
12.00pm Hyde Park 7 Lunch
1.30pm Henley Park 7
2.30pm Lyndhurst Farm 13
4.00pm Wentwood Grange 35 DINNER and drinks.

TUESDAY 9th January

8.45am BP Cambridge.

9.00am Milan Park 16 SAUSAGE ROLLS and coffee
10.30am Monovale Farm 19
11.30 Trelawney Stud 30 LUNCH
2.15pm The Oaks Stud 40
4.00pm Lansdowne Park 18
Followed by drinks at Group One Bar and dinner compliments The Oaks

WEDNESDAY 10th January

8.00am BP Cambridge

8.30am Brighthill Farm 30 MUFFINS and COFFEE.
10.30am Seaton Park 14
11.30am Richhill Stud 40 LUNCH
2.30pm Mapperley Stud 30
4.30pm Valachi Stud 19 BBQ and drinks

THURSDAY 11th January

8.30am BP Cambridge

9.00am Waikato Stud (Valleyfields) 21

10.30am Blandford Lodge 14

12.00pm Bradbury Park 27 LUNCH

2.30pm Waikato Stud 62 BBQ and drinks

FRIDAY 12th January

8.00am BP Cambridge

8.30am Mana Park 8

9.45am Phoenix Park 18

10.45am Woburn Farm 12

12.15pm Curraghmore Stud 30 LUNCH and drinks

3pm Pencarrow Stud 20

Farewell drinks

Confirmation of attendance and further inquiries to Stuart [0274920975](tel:0274920975)

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NEWS

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Happy Racing!!

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