

JULY 2018 NEWSLETTER



TRAINERS' ACTIVITIES IN YOUR AREA

NORTHERN – AUCKLAND/WAIKATO

DATES FOR THE DUNSTAN SPEEDFEED ROADSHOW - Join the Dunstan team for light refreshments, product samples, giveaways and of course great company

- **4 July South Auckland – NZ Bloodstock Phar Lap room 12.30pm**
- **5 July Cambridge – Cambridge Raceway 12.30 pm**

TE RAPA TRACK – message from Ken Rutherford:

“The Waikato RC acknowledges the issues re excessive kick-back that have caused concern for industry participants at its recent race meetings.

After the Waikato RC meeting on February 10, the course proper was sand carpeted. The sand was applied by the same contractor as the Club has used in the past. Whilst the actual sand is the same quality, the sifting process differed and bigger particles were applied to the track.

Four (4) mms of sand was asked by the Club to be applied. The contractor spread up to 3 cms of sand in certain places.

The Waikato RC is in the midst of an ongoing legal dispute with the contractor given obvious concerns over the quality of the work completed.

Remedial work was completed on the inside 12 metres of the course proper after the May 19 meeting. With the rail back to a True position for the next meeting on July 7, the Club is confident the racing surface will be of a good standard”.

Te Rapa Trials Track.

“The Waikato RC is opening up its inside track on July 5 for track gallops from 8am. Should any trainer wish to bring over horses, please call Ken Rutherford to book in”
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CENTRAL DISTRICTS

Knowing how busy you all are, and to maximise efficiency, we are also planning on holding the Central Districts Branch AGM's to coincide with the Dunstan Speedfeed roadshow presentations:

- **Tuesday 17th July – Marton & Fielding boxes, First Floor Function Centre, Awapuni Racecourse**
- **CD Branch AGM - 4pm**
- **Dunstan Speedfeed Roadshow at 5.30pm**

Any apologies to either Paul Claridge or Wendy Cooper

CANTERBURY

Another joint AGM and Speedfeed affair means you can feed up, come to both a Branch AGM, the Dunstan Speedfeed presentation and enjoy some light refreshments! Details as follows:

- **Monday 9 July - Two Fat Possums, 745/739 Weedons Ross Rd, West Melton**
- **A.G.M commences 4pm**
- **Dunstan Speedfeed Roadshow 5.30pm**

Any apologies to either Andrew Carston or Wendy Cooper

SOUTHERN

Same times as Canterbury to ensure you can come and enjoy some hospitality in Invercargill:

- **Tuesday 10th July – Ascot Park Hotel – Oreti Room**
- **A.G.M commences 4pm**
- **Dunstan Speedfeed Roadshow 5.30pm**

Any apologies to either Mac Henry, Sally McKay or Wendy Cooper

NATIONAL AGM

The date has been set for the National AGM which 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.

WINNER DUNSTAN TRAINERS' MAIDEN NZ AWARD FOR JUNE

The meeting selected for June was the South Canterbury meeting held at Phar Lap Raceway in Washdyke. The winner of the Temuka Seed 1984 Sprint – a maiden

1200m race was Omar – trained by local trainer Michael Daly. Michael will receive a bag of the new Dunstan Speedfeed and a bag of Equifibre Lucerne-Pro.

THOROUGHBRED HORSE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Trainers will be well recognised at the Awards with the winners of the Premiership, Trainer of the Year, sponsored by Dunstan and the Newcomer to Training, sponsored by gavelhouse.com all being presented on the night.

The Premiership is a home run for last year's winners, Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman. They have already enjoyed a substantial improvement on their last season total of 107 wins - at time of writing they are sitting on 135 – a fantastic achievement.

Andrew Carston also holds an unassailable lead in the Newcomer to Training Award, sponsored by gavelhouse.com. He has trained fifteen individual winners with his closest rival, Bruce Tapper on six. There are a number of other young trainers coming through the ranks who have also enjoyed a promising season so far. It's great to see them being recognised for their achievements. A full listing of the final results will be in the next newsletter.

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

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR STRAPPER OF THE YEAR AWARD

Reminder to get your nomination in for the New Zealand Strapper of the Year award, sponsored by Chris Waller. The award was a popular innovation at last year's New Zealand Thoroughbred Horse of the Year Awards and will be a feature again this year. Three finalists will be chosen, one from each of the major regions, (Northern, Central and Southern). These finalists will each be awarded \$2,500, and will have their flights, accommodation and tickets to the Awards covered, with the winner receiving an additional \$2,500.

Trainers will need to nominate their deserving strapper or stablehand and in order for them to be eligible they must meet the following criteria;

- Hold a current NZTR licence
- Be employed full-time by the trainer nominating them for a minimum period of 12 months

To nominate your stable star and show your appreciation for the hard work they do, follow the link below and send a completed nomination form, including details of a referee, to office@nzracing.co.nz by 5pm Friday, 6 July 2018.

<http://www.nzracing.co.nz/OnHorseFiles/Downloads/Forms/NZ%20Strapper%20of%20the%20Year%20-%20nomination%20form.pdf>

WEE WORD OF WARNING

Trainers need to choose their words carefully when being interviewed on Trackside. One of the nicest trainers you'd ever meet in racing – a very kind soul who never has a bad word to say about anyone, recently got himself into a little hot water. In this day and age of political correctness, you can't be too careful – whether talking about females, other races or colour of skin, just make sure you think before offering an opinion which could be totally misconstrued as offensive.

NEW RACING NOVEL WITH REAL INDUSTRY KNOWLEDGE

Recently released, "Contention" is a racing novel by Australian, Stephen Irwin. After spending 35 years in the industry, Stephen's inaugural novel centres on two rival racehorse trainers – Angus Masters and Logan Weston who compete in the world's most prestigious race at Royal Ascot in England, the Queen Anne Stakes. Feedback from those in the industry is that it's a pretty accurate portrayal of the real-life injustices that occur in the thoroughbred racing world and gives the reader a taste of the exhilaration of snaring the number one crown.

To order your copy, either go to Stephen's website:

<https://www.stephenjirwinauthor.com>

or you can download a Kindle version via Amazon:

<https://www.amazon.com/Contention-Stephen-J-Irwin-ebook/dp/B07D56JTQ1>

MORE LIGHT READING SUGGESTIONS

The NZ Racing Board recently published a report on the Size & Scope of the New Zealand Racing Industry. This was conducted by IER who were also commissioned to do the previous Size & Scope report done for the 2010 year. Here is the link:

<https://nzzracingboard.co.nz/sites/default/files/documents/NZ%20Racing%20Size%20and%20Scope%202018%20Full%20Report.pdf>

OUTER-RIM PLATES

Feedback is sought on outer-rim plates and whether to include them on the Approved gear list. The NZ Trainers' Association will be making a submission which is due by the end of July, so please forward any feedback to Wendy Cooper so it can be incorporated by 16th July. Please send to nztrainersassn@gmail.com

LEASE AND SALE AND PURCHASE AGREEMENTS

– a message from Jess Collett

Templates are available for free through our website. The Agreements are suitable to be used by private lessors/lessees and private sellers/buyers. The editing has also been locked so that only certain fields can be amended, such as the details of the parties and the horse.

The idea behind drafting these documents was that we often had enquiries from people who had sold, purchased or leased a horse, and a dispute arose with no written agreement which set out where the parties stand and what the dispute resolution process is. In these situations, typically all we could do was refer them the disputes tribunal (depending on the values of the claim). The template documents address the common areas of dispute.

We are more than happy for your members to be able to use these documents, so please feel free to forward these to people who contact you looking for a Lease or Sale and Purchase Agreement for a private sale or lease. Additionally, if they would like the agreements amended in any way they are welcome to contact us.

If you have any questions please feel free to get in touch.

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