

MAY 2018

INDUSTRY PROGRESS

The Trainers' Association Executive was delighted to hear that the Minister for Racing, the Right Honourable Winston Peters has chosen to appoint John Messara to review the New Zealand racing industry's governance structures, and provide recommendations on future directions for the industry. There is no doubt that the communications the Trainers' Association has had with the Minister will have played a part in this decision. We look forward to hearing the results of the report which is due out by the end of the season.

WINNER DUNSTAN TRAINERS' MAIDEN NZ AWARD FOR APRIL

The meeting chosen for April was held at Riverton where local trainer Kelvin Tyler enjoyed great success over the 2 day Easter carnival – winning 6 races in total. The Monkey Bay Estate 1200m maiden was held on the 2nd April and won by Our Boy Scotty. As Kelvin is a member of the Trainers' Association, he will receive two bags of Equifibre Lucerne-Pro.

Exciting addition to the Dunstan Stable - Dunstan Speedfeed

Dunstan is very excited about the latest addition to their extensive range of premium equine feeds.

Dunstan Speedfeed sees a 'step change' in Dunstan's product offering and provides Trainers with an exciting option for feeding their equine athletes.

The key features of **Dunstan Speedfeed** are:

- It is a complete feed which has a solid foundation in the tradition of Oat feeding, as **Dunstan Speedfeed** includes this highly digestible, higher fibre grain with the more energy-dense grains of Maize and Barley.
- Both Barley and Maize are in a steam flaked form for increased digestibility and therefore provide for a safer inclusion in the diet.
- Steam Flaked Lupins, Sugarbeet and Vegetable Oil are included and these ingredients allow the energy source and calorie contribution from **Dunstan Speedfeed** to be distributed across further energy sources, reducing the reliance on starch as a key calorie contributor.
- Lupins and Sugarbeet are well recognised for their low starch and high-fibre levels, and both are beneficial for optimising the health of the equine digestive system, which can suffer when excessive amounts of starch are present. Fibre sources enhance the microbial environment of the hindgut and reduce the reliance on other fuel sources.

- The Vegetable Oil in **Dunstan Speedfeed** is a further way to meet the heightened energy requirements of the racehorse by further increasing the energy density of the ration.
- In addition to this highly palatable and varied blend of energy sources is the addition of vitamins, minerals and yeasts in **Dunstan Speedfeed** which serve to not only support equine digestive health but performance also.
- **Dunstan Speedfeed**, as with all Dunstan products, **uses organic minerals**. These are bio-available therefore easily accessible by the horse physiologically. **Organic Selenium** assists to maintain normal muscle function and acts together with the elevated inclusion of **Natural Vitamin E** as antioxidants, to protect body tissues from oxidative stress.
- The further addition of a **live yeast** assists in maintaining an optimal hindgut pH, therefore an environment that favours efficient fibre digestion and reduces the likelihood of health ailments associated with a reduced hindgut pH.
- **Chromium** is also included to assist in reducing the build-up of lactic acid in horses undertaking strenuous workloads.

Dunstan is very excited to be able to offer this premium feed to the NZ horse feed market and look forward to providing Trainers with not only a great product, but a nutritional support package if desired, to maximise equine well-being, health and performance.

HANDICAP COMPLAINTS PROCESS

If you are unhappy with a handicapping decision and the explanation from the Handicapper, your case can be referred to the NZTA Handicap sub-committee and forwarded for an official independent review. The NZTA have 3 representatives on the Handicapping Review Committee which meets regularly to discuss issues and concerns trainers have. The next meeting is scheduled for 21 May, so please forward anything you would like raised to the Trainers' Association – nztrainersassn@gmail.com

POTENTIAL FOR SAVINGS ON YOUR ACC

The NZ Trainers' Association has been in discussion with an authorised ACC advisor and risk specialist in regards reducing the amount you may be currently paying in ACC levies. Investigations so far are showing the potential savings, incorporated with an insurance programme can be very substantial. If you are keen for a free assessment, please give Clinton Whelan a call from Risky Business – 021616855 or clinton@riskybusiness.kiwi – website is www.riskybusiness.kiwi

ASSISTANCE WITH SLOW PAYERS

If you would like help retrieving money owed to you for your training services, please ask for the template that the NZ Trainers' Association provide. We can write a letter on your behalf to the client. It is proven to be an effective way to assist you in getting payment as we are a national body and provide an official and urgent aspect to hopefully get some action for you.

NEWS FROM www.gavelhouse.com

Promising debut by Pop Diva for Isdale

Pop Diva provided Te Awamutu-based trainer Clint Isdale with a promising debut at Waipa on Wednesday 3 April, running on well for third in the NZB Insurance Pearl Series Race.

A \$1,600 purchase off gavelhouse.com in February as an unraced three-year-old, Isdale who trains in partnership with Gemma Hewetson, is pleased with the Rock 'n' Pop filly's debut against a field of more seasoned fillies and mares.

"I saw her on gavelhouse.com and noticed that she was NZB Insurance Pearl Series nominated and that enticed me."

"Then after watching her run third in a trial behind Sacred Day, who Tony Pike has an opinion of, I was even more keen to buy her," Isdale commented.

Having returned \$1,200 in prize-money from the effort, Isdale is looking forward to her future along with his other gavelhouse.com purchases, having been a regular buyer in the site "My others I've bought online are all going well and are set to trial shortly."

The training duo have 31 horses currently in their care comprising of a mixture of yearlings, their own racing stock and pre-trainers for Isdale's former boss in Singapore-based trainer Lesley Khoo.

Isdale sits among the top ten in the gavelhouse.com Newcomer Leaderboard with three wins while series leader Andrew Carston has a big break with 13 winners.

NEWS FROM NZTR

The renewal fees for all trainers under the age of 30 were refunded into their accounts. There were 40 trainers who had their renewal fees refunded of which 14 were Class A trainers, 14 were Class B and 12 were Class C. The total amount was funded by the NZRB Youth Enhancement Fund was \$14,480.

Over fifty percent of thoroughbred racehorse trainers in New Zealand are over sixty years of age. The industry must attract and retain young people as trainers to ensure the future viability of racing. To provide an incentive to young people to become or

remain trainers, NZTR undertook to offer free licence renewals for trainers under the age of 30 years.

STATISTICS ON ABANDONMENTS

Interesting information produced by NZTR as at end March:

Since 1 August there have been 23 meetings that have been disrupted in some way. Of these:

- 1 meeting was abandoned due to insufficient nominations;
- There have been 7 full abandonments;
- There have been 7 partial abandonments; while
- 4 meetings have been rescheduled (later date / same venue) & fully conducted; and
- 4 meetings have been transferred due to unanticipated track issues (same date / different venue) & fully conducted.

RACING BUREAU

It is appreciated that at the best of times trainers are under immense pressure. However, when dealing with nominations deadlines and jockey availability etc. with the Racing Bureau, it is not appropriate when frustrations are directed at NZTR staff. Please try and remember that the person on the other end of the telephone is also under pressure and is trying to do their best. We all will react better when not under additional stress, so keep a cool head to get the best result!

NEWS FROM THE RIU

When horses are randomly swabbed, trainers are able to check the results via the following link: <http://www.riu.org.nz/tc02-results>