

Night racing 'sees off' 2014 functions

NSWROA HAS ENJOYED AN EXCELLENT YEAR AND THE ASSOCIATION IS NOW LOOKING FORWARD TO ACHIEVING EVEN FURTHER SUCCESS IN 2015 WORDS: SHARON HUNT (EXECUTIVE OFFICER – NSWROA) PICTURE: STEVE HART

Judy Foley and Wayne Haylen



Happy New Year to all readers – it is hard to believe isn't it that a New Year has commenced?

NSW Racehorse Owners Association (NSWROA) conducted our last function for 2014 – a night racing cocktail function at Canterbury Park Racecourse to celebrate the year that was and also the festive season.

The function, on Friday 14th November, was attended by members, friends and supporters of the Association.

On behalf of the President and Committee of NSWROA, I would like to thank our members for their support via membership and attendance at our functions throughout the year.

May I also at this point send a big thank you to Australian Turf Club for allowing the Association to utilise

their Directors Room for our cocktail function.

The room which overlooks the Winning Post, provided our guests with a fantastic view of the action on the track whilst they enjoyed the superb food and beverages on offer.

The night was primarily an 'informal function' but NSWROA President, Ray McDowell addressed guests highlighting the achievements of the Association throughout the year as well as thanking supporters and sponsors of the 2014 NSWROA Racing's Night of Champions.

Racing under lights is always a very exciting affair and more so for those lucky enough to have runners or even better still, having winners.

NSWROA members recorded two wins on the night:-

- Race 1 (TAB Betting Season Handicap) was won by Lassitude owned by Godolphin; and
- Race 5 (NSW Racehorse Owners Handicap) was taken out most impressively by Dublin Lass part-owned by Mr Wilf and Mrs Rosemary Mula who were present at the function.

NSWROA members also recorded three winners at the corresponding night meeting at Moonee Valley. They were Metaphorical (Mr Gerry Harvey), Let's Rock'n'Roll (Mrs Carmel Size) and Shamalia (Mr Dato Tan Chin Nam and Mr Duncan Ramage). Our congratulations to all.



Tim Harrowell, Tom O'Callaghan and Ray McDowell



Tom Ford, Bill Evans and Darren Pearce



Wilf Mula and Michael Crismale

As mentioned earlier, this cocktail function was the last event of the year for NSWROA. The Association has had yet another wonderful year of functions and we look forward to achieving the same, if not greater, success in 2015.

In 2015 NSWROA will again be conducting a number of functions including of course, our flagship event, Racing's Night of Champions.

Our busy schedule will 'kick-off' with a cocktail function at Royal Randwick in February – so watch the NSWROA website www.nswroa.com.au for further details.

I would also like to encourage those owners who are not as yet members of NSWROA to be more than an owner – be a member and join the Association in 2015. Applications are now open for the 2015 membership year.

By way of background I advise that for almost 50 years NSWROA has both served and promoted the interests of all racehorse owners in New South Wales.

Under the Thoroughbred Racing Act, NSWROA is determined to be 'the eligible industry body' under Clause 31 (2) of the Act representing racehorse owners at regulatory level and associated industry consultation groups.

The Association represents owners at industry stakeholder level both at state level via the Racing Industry Consultation Group (RICG) (consultant

to Racing NSW) and at the national level at the Australian Thoroughbred Racehorse Owners Council (ATROC) as well as in other circumstances where owners' interests need to be represented.

NSWROA works to have a more influential voice in the racing industry, on behalf of all owners, and seeks to improve every aspect of the ownership experience.

"If you do not look after owners you have no racing industry" is a common sentiment expressed!

With this in mind NSWROA will continue to ensure that owners' interests are identified and promoted.

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