

# Great way to farewell carnival

**NSW RACEHORSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION HOSTED THEIR ANNUAL ALL AGED STAKES DAY FUNCTION WITH SOME GREAT RACING AND CATERING ENJOYED BY ALL**

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ABOVE: Jane Pitman (left-Best Hat) and Sue Andrews (runner-up)  
BELOW: John Kingsmill (Best Tie) and Kerry Carpenter



**W**e were delighted to welcome members and guests to our annual Autumn Carnival Function in Suite E of the Level 2 Ballroom of the Queen Elizabeth II Grandstand at Royal Randwick on 16 April 2016.

The event took place on the last day of the Carnival – All Aged Stakes Day – which had six Group races on the card highlighted by the Group 1 All Aged Stakes and the Group 1 Champagne Stakes.

As we have come to expect at this event, the catering was again a highlight. My thanks to all at Australian Turf Club who provided a wonderful array of food for the buffet style function.

Particular thanks to Virginia Trimmis who looked after us for the afternoon and, as always, Roger Brassington for his valuable assistance.

As well as enjoying some wonderful racing (which I will expand on later in the article), various competitions were held throughout the day including the Best Hat, Best Tie and the Tipping Competition.

Our lucky competition winners were Jane Pitman for Best Hat, John Kingsmill for Best Tie whilst Sara Quinn collected first prize in the raffle.

The Tipping Competition was a very close contest that went 'down to the wire'.

Luckily, I managed to hold on with 15 points from a fast-finishing Dennis Pitman in second place with 14 points while there was a dead-heat for third place between Mark Osborn and Phil Morely who finished with 12 points.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank:-

- Our judges for the Best Hat & Tie Competitions – Joan Evatt and Kerry Carpenter;
- Ken Callander for his tipping advice to guests;
- Max Presnell for his tipping advice to guests;
- Tony Brassel for his tipping advice to guests;
- Louis Mihalyka for running the tipping competition;
- Wayne Haylen for assisting with the raffle draw; and
- Pauline Lamb for kindly taking the photographs which have appeared in this article.

As mentioned All Aged Stakes Day is the last day of the Sydney Autumn Carnival and is a racing smorgasbord with two Group 1 races (All Aged Stakes and Champagne Stakes) and four Group 3 races on the card.

Success in the 2016 All Aged Stakes went to English trained by NSWROA member, Mrs Gai Waterhouse, from Black Heart Bart with Kermadec (NZ) in third place.

The Champagne Stakes was taken out by Prized Icon owned by NSWROA member, Gooree Stud, from Chimboraa who is



ABOVE LEFT: Max Presnell delivers his tips for the day ABOVE RIGHT: Ken Callander offers advice on All Aged Stakes Day  
BELOW: (L-R back row) Wayne Haylen, Kerry Carpenter, Francis Cook; (front) Joan Evatt, Leo Carpenter and Christine Cook



trained by NSWROA member, David Payne, with Divine Prophet third.

NSWROA members recorded black type winners on the day in the Group 3 J H B Carr Stakes with Yattarna (part-owned by Dato Tan Chin Nam and Duncan Ramage) and the Group 3 Hall Mark Stakes with Music Magnate (NZ) (part-owned by Ms Donna Dunn).

NSWROA members also recorded wins during the day at Kembla (2), Narromine and Queanbeyan (2).

In closing, my thanks to all who attended the NSWROA Autumn Carnival function this year and I look forward to welcoming you to the 2017 function.

The next event on the NSWROA calendar is our flagship event, and the NSW Racing Industry's Night of Nights, Racing's

Night of Champions on 18 August 2016 at Royal Randwick. Watch this space for further details.

NSWROA is proud to again be supporting the Prince of Wales Hospital Foundation (POWHF) as our charity of choice at this year's event.

POWHF is an established charitable organisation supporting and promoting research, education, health promotion and patient care for and at the Prince of Wales Hospital Randwick.

For more information regarding the 2016 Racing's Night of Champions – or if you are interested in becoming a member of NSW Racehorse Owners Association – simply contact the NSWROA office by telephone (02) 9299-4299, by email [nswroa1@ozemail.com.au](mailto:nswroa1@ozemail.com.au) or visit the NSWROA website [www.nswroa.com.au](http://www.nswroa.com.au) **RNSW**