

NSWROA bids goodbye to 2016



(L-R): Tim Harrowell, Julie Steel, Richard Davey & Judy Foley at Canterbury Park

Happy New Year to all readers – it is hard to believe isn't it that a new year is commencing?

At the time of writing the NSW Racehorse Owners Association (NSWROA) had just conducted our last function for 2016 – a night racing cocktail function at Canterbury Park Racecourse to celebrate the year that was and also the festive season.

The function took place on Friday 25 November and 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.

I would also like to formally thank the Australian Turf Club for allowing the Association to utilise their Directors' Room for our cocktail

NSW RACEHORSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION IS LOOKING FORWARD TO 2017 WHEREBY IT WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE AN INFLUENTIAL VOICE IN THE RACING INDUSTRY

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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 various culinary delights.

The night was primarily an

'informal function' but NSWROA President, Ray McDowell did address guests highlighting the achievements of the Association throughout the year as well as thanking supporters and sponsors of the 2016 NSWROA Racing's Night of Champions.

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

Race Three on the program was the NSW Racehorse Owners Association Plate which was taken out by Invincible Gem who saluted from Artermis Rose with Amazing Story in third place – our congratulations to all.

As previously mentioned, 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 2017.

In 2017 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 on Saturday 11 February for Apollo Stakes Day – 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 2017. Applications are now open for the 2017 membership year.

By way of background I advise that for over 51 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) (a consultancy body to Racing NSW) and at 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.

For further information, simply visit our website www.nswroa.com.au or telephone the NSWROA office on (02) 9299 4299. **RNSW**



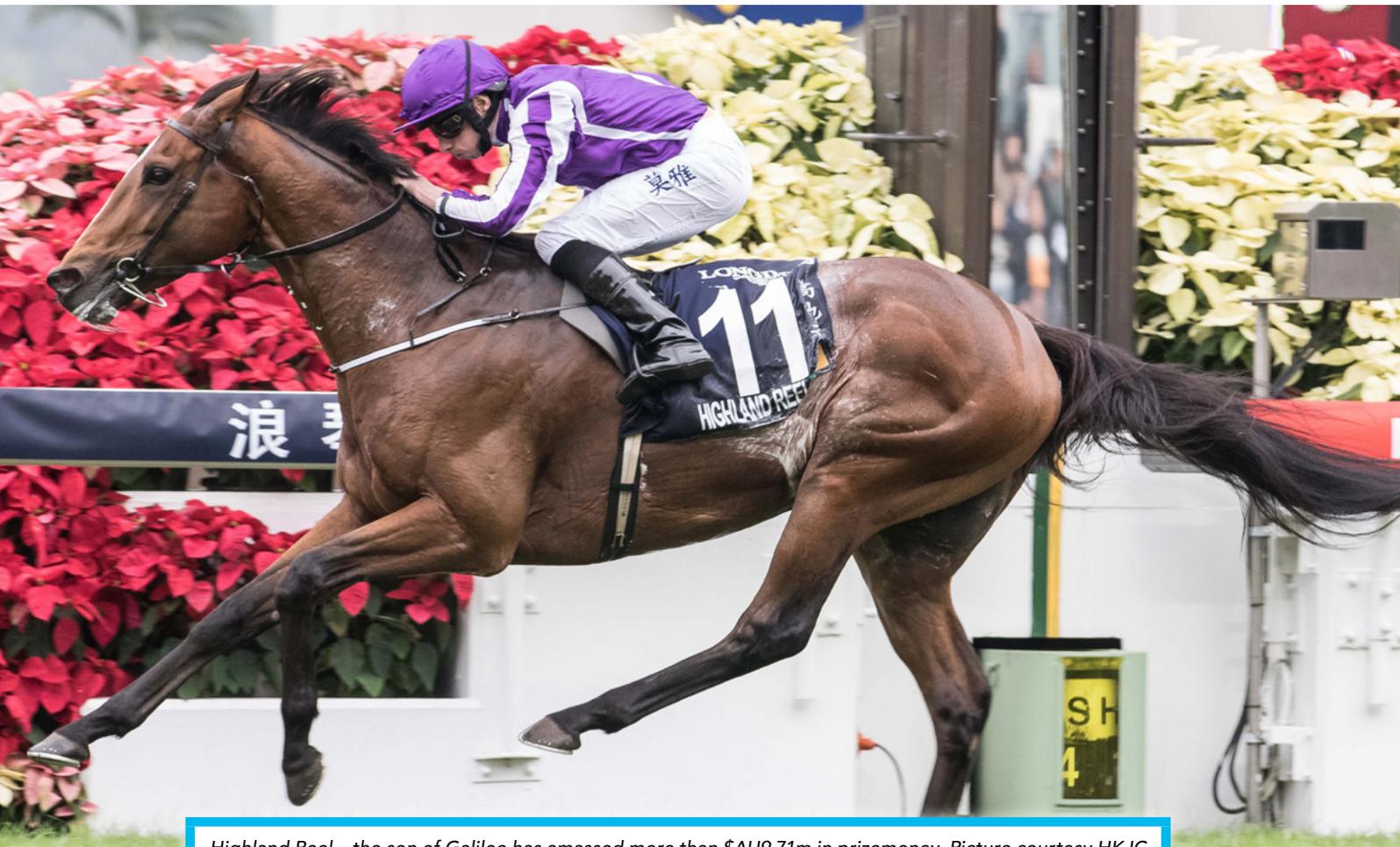
(L-R): Nicholas Carter and Antony Surace, with Chris & Lynne Lawlor



(L-R): John and Judy Foley with Julia Ritchie



NSWROA President, Ray McDowell at the podium



Highland Reel – the son of Galileo has amassed more than \$AU9.71m in prizemoney. Picture courtesy HKJC