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*Season's Greetings
from all of us at the
NSW Racehorse Owners
Association and best wishes
for a Happy New Year.*

MEMBERS SURVEY

A report on the members survey has been placed on the website, as it is several pages long. The response to the survey was very good and has already proved invaluable in the Association's dealings with NSWTRB on such matters as race programming and strategic planning; with race clubs as regards prize money and incentive payments and with racing authorities in general on improving the race day experience for owners. The survey demonstrated that NSWROA members like to enjoy themselves and that the social

side of racehorse ownership is very important. The great majority of owners (75%) think it important to mix with other owners at the track; 80% would use an Owners and Trainers Bar on course and 72% would make use of a NSWROA marquee on major race days.

There was a demand for "Behind the Scenes" tours on race days and over 75% of members purchase a copy of the race finish photograph when they have a winner. A similar number buy a copy of the video of the race.

On prize money, 57% are satisfied with the division of prize money between placings and 62% favour a variation in prize money, based on the class of the race, rather than all races carrying equal prize money irrespective of this status.

The majority of owners felt poorly treated on their first time attending the track as an owner, although overall most are satisfied with the treatment now received. There is much room for improvement, however; a particular irritation is having to pay for entry at some courses and a feeling of being ignored by race clubs.

There was a positive response to the suggestion of a combined NSWROA/race club membership package and a positive attitude towards BOBS, although the scheme is not yet

influencing purchase/lease decisions.

More details of the survey results will be published in future Newsletters; for more details now go to our website at www.nswroa.com.au.

MEMBERS PARKING

The NSWROA members car park at Royal Randwick is the best located of all the infield parking areas. To use the car park, show your photo ID card to the attendant and you will be directed to the parking area, which is immediately adjacent to the entrance to the infield tunnel.

MINIMUM FIELD SIZES

The matter of minimum field sizes for has been taken up, initially with the AJC, following a complaint from a member that his horse lost the opportunity to run for a Saturday prize, in a race that had been specifically targeted. In some racing jurisdictions a race is 'run' even if only one horse stands its ground, on the basis that an owner should not be disadvantaged by others deciding not to compete. This would be a radical move in NSW, but we are seeking clarification of any official policy on the matter of cancellation of races after acceptances. Depending on the outcome, further representations may follow. Members will be kept informed.

MATTHEW TALBOT THANKS NSWROA

Reg Richardson, John Leslie and Caroline Fara of the NSWROA were invited to lunch at the Matthew Talbot Hostel on 18 November. They were also given a tour of the hostel and later presented with a plaque thanking the NSWROA for their enthusiasm, dedication and extraordinary support of the Matthew Talbot Hostel Appeal over the past nine years.

The NSWROA was also acknowledged by Channel Ten's Tim Webster at the Caulfield Cup lunch at Royal Randwick.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2004

2004 Membership Renewals are NOW DUE. Forms were sent out with November's Newsletter and your prompt renewals have been most appreciated.

For those of you who are yet to forward your renewal fees, **please do so as soon as possible** so as not to miss out on any of the latest news and events in 2004.

NSWROA WEBSITE

The NSWROA website address is www.nswroa.com.au. Please visit the site for more detailed reports on issues affecting owners and copies of press releases.

SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

If you have an email address or have recently changed your email address, please advise us

by sending an email to nswroa1@ozemail.com.au.

ADVERTISING

You may not be aware that you can advertise in the NSWROA Newsletter as well as in the Classified Section of our website www.nswroa.com.au.

For further information regarding rates and terms and conditions please call Caroline Fara on 02 9232 4300.

FREE ENTRY - DECEMBER


2nd Scone
4th Hawkesbury
6th Broadmeadow
9th Tamworth
11th Wyong
13th Kembla Grange
14th Cowra, Gosford
17th Wyong
18th Muswellbrook
20th Broadmeadow
21st Hawkesbury
22nd Tamworth
26th Broadmeadow, Quirindi, Wellington
27th Kembla Grange
28th Scone
29th Gosford

FREE ENTRY - JANUARY

1st Ballina, Deniliquin
2nd Goulburn, Taree
3rd Kembla Grange, Corowa, Tamworth
4th Bathurst
5th Moruya
6th Albury
7th Gosford
9th Tamworth
10th Broadmeadow, Ballina
12th Muswellbrook, Nowra
13th Wyong
15th Wyong
16th Albury, Orange (Picnic), Scone
17th Kembla Grange, Lismore, Taree
18th Canberra
19th Moruya

21st Gosford
22nd Grafton
23rd Orange, Tamworth
24th Broadmeadow, Corowa
25th Coonabarabran
26th Wellington
27th Ballina
29th Wyong
30th Canberra, Muswellbrook
31st Kembla Grange, Taree

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Rob Albon
President

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