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RESTRICTIONS AT STC COURSES

The President has been briefed by the STC Executive on a draft **Horse Movement Policy** which the Club is considering introducing. The principal effects on owners will be an inability to enter the race day stalls and restriction of movement in the parade ring before and after a race. Owners would no longer be allowed to visit their horse in the stalls prior to a race and a fence would be erected in the parade ring to separate owners and others from the horses being led round before a race. Similarly, with the exception of Group 1 races and Golden Slipper Day, when winning owners will be allowed to lead their horses back to scale under supervision, owners will not be permitted

to enter the parade ring nor the stalls for placed horses.

The measures are proposed in the interests of workplace health and safety and against the background of increasing insurance claims, as part of the STC's Risk Management Programme.

The Board of the Association is extremely concerned at the proposals, which will significantly affect the race day experience for owners and reduce the enjoyment of involvement with their horse. The Association is consulting widely, including overseas, prior to making a formal response to the STC.

Any member with comments or seeking more information should contact the Association's office.

BARRIER TRIAL FEES

The Association has made a submission to Racing NSW, in conjunction with the Trainer's Association that fees for a horse's first, compulsory, barrier trial be waived.

We have been advised that the matter will be discussed at the next meeting of the Racing NSW Racing Review Panel.

MEMBERS SURVEY

The question of disbursement of additional monies as prize money or starter's incentives has been a subject of a specific survey through this

Newsletter and the Association's website. The results demonstrate that over two-thirds of respondents favour starter's incentives over prize money. This reinforces the outcome of the main member's survey when 66% of members said they were 'more inclined at courses which pay a higher incentive'.

This information will now be forwarded to race clubs and Racing NSW.

RACING TO THE MAX

Radio 2SM (AM band-1269) has extended Max Presnell's Saturday racing show such that it now runs from 7-10 am. Max is joined on the show by a range of racing commentators and personalities, including on the first Saturday in each month, Rob Albon, President of the Association.

The NSWROA spot is generally between 7:15 and 7:45 am. Matters of importance to owners are discussed along with the Association's activities.

Through the show, the Association has been able to highlight such matters as Racing NSW's Strategic Plan, race programming, closure of country race courses, small race fields, starter's incentives and improvements to the race day experience.

Members are encouraged to add to the listening figures.

EASTER CARNIVAL RACEDAY

On **Saturday 17 April** the Association will be holding its next **race day luncheon at Royal Randwick** so make sure you complete the attached booking form and either mail it or fax it **TODAY**.

As always, it should be an excellent day at the races. We will have prizes for Ladies Best Hat, Gents Best Tie, Guest Tipsters, Tipping Contests, and other assorted prizes and a sumptuous buffet luncheon.

Cost for **members** is **\$120** and for **non-members** **\$140** including GST. Admission to the racecourse is not included in the above price.

NSWROA WEBSITE

Since its re launch in July 2002, use of the Association's website has grown impressively. In November 2003 a new record was set for monthly usage, of 7,017 page requests. From a figure for the July-September 2002 quarter of 6,916 requests, the site received 20,533 in the third quarter of 2003. Since going live in July 2002, requests up to the end of January 2004 total over 88,000.

The site contains items of news and interest for members; copies of NSWROA Press Releases and details such as social events and member benefits.

As part of the Association's continuing efforts to serve the membership, the site is shortly to undergo another revamp, which is designed to increase accessibility to members and the role of the site as an important element

in communication for the Association.

The NSWROA website address is www.nswroa.com.au.

MEMBERSHIP ID CARDS

Photo ID Cards enable you to gain free entry at the various provincial and country race tracks as well as exclusive parking at Royal Randwick and Warwick Farm so why not **order one today**.

Members who would like a Card can send Caroline Fara a passport size photograph with their name and membership number written on the back.

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.

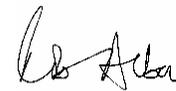
FREE ENTRY - FEBRUARY

1st Kalaru
2nd Lismore
4th Gosford
5th Grafton
6th Orange, Tamworth
7th Kembla Grange, Albury,
8th Wyong
9th Muswellbrook
12th Gosford
13th Goulburn, Walcha
14th Broadmeadow, Walcha
15th Goulburn
16th Taree
18th Hawkesbury
20th Quirindi
21st Kembla Grange,
22nd Taree, Wyong
23rd Scone
24th Bathurst
26th Gosford
27th Canberra, Grafton
28th Albury, Broadmeadow,
Moree, Tamworth

FREE ENTRY - MARCH

2nd Wyong
3rd Kembla Grange
4th Ballina
5th Nowra
6th Broadmeadow,
Kalaru, Lismore
7th Corowa, Orange
11th Hawkesbury
12th Cowra, Muswellbrook
13th Balranald, Canberra,
Grafton, Kembla
Grange, Taree
14th Albury, Canberra
17th Broadmeadow
18th Gosford
19th Nowra
20th Ballina, Broadmeadow,
Tamworth
21st Hawkesbury,
Wellington
22nd Wellington
23rd Grafton, Wyong
24th Kembla Grange
25th Albury
26th Albury
27th Broadmeadow, Broken
Hill, Grafton, Moruya
29th Goulburn
30th Gosford

Yours in Racing



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