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NEW DIRECTORS

Noel Bracks has been selected as the AJC's new nominee to Racing NSW and as such has resigned from the Board of the NSWROA. Noel has given great service to the Association and has been with the NSWROA since it was resurrected from a losing, directionless organisation. We all wish him well in his new position and thank him for all his hard work over the years.

We are happy to announce that **Michael Yates** has joined the Board of NSWROA.

Michael is the partner in charge of law firm Holding Redlich's corporate practice in Sydney, which has advised metropolitan and provincial race clubs, and has been involved in significant thoroughbred and property-related transactions.

We are confident that he will be a valuable addition to the Board.

Michael Kissane has also rejoined the Association as a Director. Michael previously served on the Board from February 1995 to September 2003 and we are thrilled to have him back.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulation to Gosford and Wyong Race Clubs for the additional incentives; Gosford with the Cinderella Stakes and Wyong with the Belle of the Turf series.

The article headed 'Less Prize Money for Randwick Races' in the Sydney Morning on Saturday, 5 February 2006 was misleading to the point that it's a redistribution of prize money resulting with an overall increase by the AJC.

This follows disturbing news that the Country Racing Council reports they are predicting a 1.7M shortfall due to wagering turnover because of the Tabcorp/Sky/ThoroughVision split. This is very detrimental to country owners. As we know prize money is imperative to the life blood of owners, whether one is in the country or the city. Of course there are many other factors affecting wagering income, all of which seem to be ignored.

BETFAIR

What Betfair will take from racing revenue and not put back into the industry is a blow to the racing community and possibly to its integrity.

PRIZE MONEY PAYMENTS TO TRAINERS

Your Association opposes Racing NSW's proposal to deduct \$1,000 from owners' prize money each month and to pay it to trainers on account of training costs to help trainers with cash flow.

We support viable trainers. Owners must pay their trainers, but the above proposal WILL NOT HELP.

The \$1,000 deduction comes from winning owners. They are not the problem. If there is a problem, it is the losing owners. They do not earn

prize money. The deduction will not affect them. It will only antagonise and penalise good owners.

We will keep you informed on the progress of this proposal.

NSWROA CHARITY GOLF DAY

If you haven't already booked for this great event then do so TODAY as there are only a few spaces left.

The Association, in conjunction with the Cornucopia Committee (fundraising for the Prevention of Child Abuse) is organizing a NSWROA Charity Golf Day at the Macquarie Links International Golf Club on **Tuesday, 21 February 2006.**

The emphasis is on relaxation and having a good time. Participants are divided into teams via a random draw. Prizes are awarded throughout the day – some for skill and others just for fun.

Professional golfers and celebrities will also be joining teams throughout the day.

The fully-inclusive cost is **\$200** per person (golf, motorized cart, breakfast, lunch, refreshments, valet parking and prizes).

Sponsorship packages are also available as follows:

Gold \$4,000 – 16x players and signage on two holes
Silver \$2,000 – 8x players and signage on one hole
Bronze \$1,000 – 4x players and signage on one hole

To ensure that the event doesn't become too big and impersonal, places are limited to a total of 128 participants.

Transport is also being organised at a cost of \$24 per person departing from and returning to Wynyard Station in the City. Bookings essential.

So please, call Caroline Fara on 9299 4299 **TODAY** to book your place.

EASTER CARNIVAL RACE DAY LUNCH

The Association will be hosting a race day lunch at Royal Randwick on Saturday, 22nd April 2006, Sydney Cup Day.

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 competition, auction, raffle and other assorted prizes and a sumptuous buffet lunch, drinks and afternoon tea. There will also be full tote and bookmaker facilities.

Remember to mark the date in your diary today. Full details in the March Newsletter and on the website.

RACING'S NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS

The NSW Racehorse Owners Association is, once again, proud to be hosting the **Racing's Night of Champions** on **Thursday, 10th August, 2006**, at the Pavilion at Royal Randwick Racecourse.

This event is the most prestigious award's night in Australian racing, acknowledging the major achievements of the preceding season by NSW thoroughbreds.

This year, the event is again helping to raise money for the Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children, who provide practical, financial, and emotional assistance for children, and their families, to help alleviate the pressure.

There will be spectacular entertainment and a great party band.

Remember to mark the date in your diary today. Full details will be available in the coming months both in our Newsletter and on the website.

EXTENSION TO HAWKESBURY STRAIGHT

Hawkesbury Race Club Board has "agreed in principle to the extension of the home straight from 280-400m," reported racenet.com.au. HRC chief executive Brian Fletcher confirmed: "If everything goes according to plan, it will become a reality within 12 months." What do you think about this owners?

RIPAC

At the recent RIPAC meeting, the Owners' and Trainers' Agreement was again raised with Peter V'Landys stating the final legality was being put to it before it was to be presented to the Racing NSW Board and being returned to us for our consideration.

A discussion took place re the implementation of the Owners' Gold Card (similar to the Victoria model) and further work is to be done on this in the coming months with Racing NSW considering a similar model.

Paul Innes from the Jockey Association discussed at length the situation that occurred at the recent Gosford meeting where heat reached 45 degrees celsius. Welfare of both the jockey and horse were discussed and what could be put in place to ensure everyone's safety.

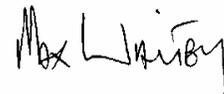
MEMBER FEEDBACK

We welcome your feedback so please remember to write to us about the issues that are important to YOU.

FREE ENTRY - FEBRUARY

1 st	Wyong
3 rd	Tamworth
4 th	Broadmeadow, Coonabarabran
6 th	Grafton, Muswellbrook
7 th	Taree
9 th	Gosford
10 th	Albury
11 th	Grafton, Kembla Grange, Walcha
12 th	Bathurst, Wyong
13 th	Lismore
16 th	Hawkesbury
17 th	Canberra, Quirindi
18 th	Broadmeadow, Tamworth
22 nd	Hawkesbury
23 rd	Ballina
24 th	Albury, Muswellbrook
25 th	Kembla Grange, Moree
26 th	Orange, Wyong
27 th	Scone
28 th	Grafton

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