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OWNERS BENEFITS – THE RACE DAY EXPERIENCE

The Association has recently advised Racing NSW (NSWTRB) of what it considers to be a basic platform of benefits when an owner has a horse running. This information has also been given to the Provincial Association of NSW. Some courses already provide some of these benefits but the Association's aim is for this to be a common platform across all race clubs, taking into account the circumstances of particular clubs, for example country clubs.

This basic platform is as follows:

- Free car parking;
- Free entry for all owners whose names appear in the race book and guests;
- Syndicate Managers to receive free entry with tickets for distribution to up to 10 syndicate members and guests;

- Free race books on the above basis;
- Services of a race club liaison officer to be available to answer queries and give directions;
- Unrestricted entry to race day stalls and mounting yard for those owners holding tickets;
- Owners/Trainers Room/Bar for use on the day;
- Race course commentator to acknowledge owners as the horses go out on to the track;
- Winning Owners Room for immediate post race celebrations;
- Options of winning owner (or trainer) interview on course monitors after the race;
- Free video of the race.

SELLING RACES

Following the Racing Review Panel's establishment of some business rules for the running of selling races, the Board of Racing NSW has invited the Provincial and Country sectors to introduce selling races into their programming on a trial basis.

Support for the programming of selling races had been shown by the Provincial and Country sectors, so the response to Racing NSW's invitation is awaited with interest.

MINIMUM FIELD SIZES

Advice has been received that the policy in NSW is for a race to be abandoned if there are seven or fewer acceptances, although metropolitan clubs apply a minimum field of six.

The Association is continuing discussions with Racing NSW on the issue, which for the race clubs, is related to returns from TAB turnover.

QUICK SURVEY

If more money became available for distribution, would you prefer:

- an increase in prize money, or;
- the payment of starter's incentives to unplaced horses?

You can respond in one of three ways:

- Email your answers to nswroa1@ozemail.com.au;
- Complete the survey on line at www.nswroa.com.au, or;
- Circle your preference on the Newsletter and fax this page to 9221 7816.

INVITATIONS TO OVERSEAS HORSES

The Association has expressed the view that the benefits to racing of all expenses paid invitations to overseas horses to run in The BMW are questionable. Prize money of \$2m should be a sufficient incentive. The Melbourne practice of overseas entrants paying their own way, but with substantial incentives down to 10th place, available to all runners, local and overseas, is more equitable and covers the costs of any overseas horse worthy of its place in the field.

EASTER CARNIVAL RACEDAY

Following the great success of the Easter Carnival Race Day in 2003 the Association will be holding a race day luncheon at Royal Randwick on Saturday 17 April 2004 so make sure you mark it in your diaries NOW.

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.

More detailed information will be available in next month's Newsletter and on our website soon.

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 - JANUARY

1st Ballina, Deniliquin, Kalaru
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

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

Yours in Racing



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"I will be at all the major yearling sales in 2004 and have many tried horses on file."