



# JAN 2005

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*Best wishes for a Happy and  
Prosperous New Year from  
all of us at the NSW  
Racehorse Owners  
Association.*

## INCREASED PRIZEMONEY

The Association's lobbying for the payment of prize money down to tenth place appears to be about to bear fruit, at least in Sydney. This is seen as a real incentive to owners to race and to lift field sizes. It has formed part of our submissions on such as the Strategic Plan and at other times.

The AJC and STC are actively considering the matter and an announcement is expected soon. Hopefully other clubs will follow suit.

## XMAS RACE DAY LUNCH

Over 120 members and their guests enjoyed a great afternoon's racing and entertainment at Rosehill Gardens

on Festival Stakes Day, 4 December 2004.

Beside the great racing and the excellent food, the day was filled with guest tipsters and prizes which all combined to make it a wonderful day.

Thank you to **Ms. Maria Venuti** who was outstanding as the judge, compere and auctioneer extraordinaire; to **Terry Bailey** who brought real racing professionalism to the role of MC; Celebrity Tipsters, **Ken Callander, Max Presnell and Tony Brassel** and to **Henry Noonan Bookmakers.**

Congratulations to our prize winners on the day. **Sharon Lenton** – Best Hat; **Greg Lazarus** – Best Tie; **Margaret Lazarus** and **Inese Ronis** – Raffle winners and **Brett McNaught** – Tipping Competition. Also to **Sam Dey**, adjudged to be the spunkiest young man present by Maria.

Thank you to our sponsors who donated the following prizes:

Fully-catered dinner - **Carole Pryor, Prior Arrangement;**  
Mobile Phone - **Zac Illioski, Norwest Phones;**  
Hat - **Neill Greig;**  
Tie - **Shane Rochefort.**

Many thanks to all our members and their friends who attended the lunch for their continued support and for helping us make this day such a success.

## BOBS CHANGES

Racing NSW has announced the much anticipated revision of BOBS, to take effect from 1 January 2005.

Strong lobbying from the Association has retained the cash bonus payments as a part of the scheme, which has now been extended to all sectors of racing in the state, including at the picnics.

As an alternative, the bonus may now also be taken in the form of a voucher, worth double the cash payment (after deductions). These are redeemable at auction sales against the purchase of yearling progeny of BOBS registered stallions

The NSWROA and the ATA, in the knowledge that a voucher system was under consideration as part of the implementation of the Strategic Plan, made a joint submission to Racing NSW and the BOBS Management Committee advocating the opportunity for bonus monies to re-circulate within the industry. This would be by means of an 'industry voucher', to a higher value than the cash bonus, redeemable against training fees, vets bills and the like.

This was in addition to a 'breeders voucher' and accepted a reduction in the cash payment from the current level, to promote the re-circulation of BOBS money within racing.

In our survey on the issue only 10% of respondents indicated that they would take a 'breeders/auction voucher'; 38% the cash while 52% would take the 'industry voucher'.

It will be interesting to see how the take-up works out. It is arguable that BOBS money going to major commercial breeders does not meet the Association's definition of circulating the bonus money within racing.

## OPEN TRACKWORK SESSIONS

**AJC members** are invited to an **Open Trackwork Session** at Royal Randwick on **Thursday, January 13** and **Thursday, February 10, 2005** from 6am to 7.30am at the Trainers' Hut in the infield. Park in the Members' Drive off Alison Road and walk through the pedestrian tunnel. Coffee will be available. This is an initiative on which the AJC should be commended. For more information, contact AJC Membership Manager Barbara Taylor on 9663 8420.

## NEW 'TRACK RATING SYSTEM'

STC General Manager Racecourses, Lindsay Murphy has recently developed a new 'track rating system'. This will be trialled for a 3-month period from 22 January 2005.

This expanded and more detailed rating system should be of benefit to owners in providing a more detailed and accurate description of track conditions.

The new numerical system will also double the number of ratings available to Track Managers/Stewards.

For example, a track rating may be released as slow (7), which will mean that the slow track is rain affected, will chop out, but is on the better side of heavy.

Further information of the track rating scale system can be found on the Racing NSW website [www.racingnsw.com.au](http://www.racingnsw.com.au).

## GOLF DAY

Our Golf Day has had to be postponed due to clashes with the early Spring Carnival in 2005. A new date will be fixed later in the year. Further details in the Newsletter and on the website in due course.

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2005

**2005 Membership Renewals are now due.** Thank you to all those members who have already renewed their 2005 memberships.

For those who are yet to forward their 2005 fees, please complete the enclosed renewal form and return it without delay so as not to miss out on the latest news and events in the New Year and to continue receiving the NSWROA Newsletter. You can also renew your membership on our website at [www.nswroa.com.au](http://www.nswroa.com.au).

## NSWROA WEBSITE ACCESS

Don't forget that members need a **username** and **password** to access the website so if you haven't already done so either call **Caroline Fara**, Executive Officer on t: 9299 4299 to obtain your username or email your password to [nswroa1@ozemail.com.au](mailto:nswroa1@ozemail.com.au).

## FREE ENTRY - JAN

1<sup>st</sup> Ballina, Broadmeadow, Deniliquin, Orange, Sapphire Coast  
3<sup>rd</sup> Moruya  
5<sup>th</sup> Wyong  
6<sup>th</sup> Muswellbrook  
7<sup>th</sup> Albury, Taree  
9<sup>th</sup> Ballina, Corowa, Kembla Grange, Sapphire Coast

10<sup>th</sup> Nowra  
11<sup>th</sup> Wellington  
13<sup>th</sup> Gosford, Tamworth  
15<sup>th</sup> Broadmeadow, Lismore, Orange, Taree  
16<sup>th</sup> Canberra  
17<sup>th</sup> Moruya  
18<sup>th</sup> Wyong  
19<sup>th</sup> Wyong  
20<sup>th</sup> Grafton  
21<sup>st</sup> Tamworth  
22<sup>nd</sup> Corowa, Kembla Grange  
23<sup>rd</sup> Bathurst  
25<sup>th</sup> Ballina  
26<sup>th</sup> Wellington  
27<sup>th</sup> Gosford  
28<sup>th</sup> Canberra  
29<sup>th</sup> Broadmeadow, Grafton  
30<sup>th</sup> Coonabarabran  
31<sup>st</sup> Scone

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