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MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Thank you to all those members who renewed their 2006 membership. Your support is most appreciated.

Please don't forget that the more members we have the more we are able to achieve for **YOU** and the **STRONGER** our voice, so remember to tell all your owner friends to join the Association TODAY.

NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It was sale time again and what a great way to start the New Year with the most successful Magic Millions Carnival in history which was held from 12 to 19 January.

The improvement of our bloodlines and the huge success for the Inward Buyers Scheme has meant more overseas buyers at this year's sales and a very positive result for Australian based breeders.

One only needs to look at the profile of the buyers at the 2005

Sydney Easter Yearling Sales to prove this i.e. 25 – 30% of the gross turnover last year was attributed to overseas buyers. The market, especially for commercially bred yearlings, is currently very buoyant.

The buoyancy is highlighted by the 2006 Magic Million average of approximately \$140,083 for the first four sessions. This is up a healthy 22%. One of the highlights of these sessions was when top trans-Tasman trainer Graeme Rogerson paid a record \$1,550,000 for a colt by prominent international sire Red Ransom out of Savannah Success making him a half brother to the 2005 Cox Plater Winner Savabeel who now stands at Waikato Stud.

The National Yearling Sales Series at Karaka in New Zealand starts on January 30. The 2005 sales average was \$NZ137,395 – a 23% increase from the prior year's final Yearling Sales average of NZ\$111,955.

The William Inglis and Sons Easter Sales average was approximately \$207,633 in 2005.

We will be very interested to see the outcome for these sales in 2006.

I believe that the emergence of breeders incentive schemes viz-a-viz VOBIS, BOBS, QIRIS etc. has made the breeding of commercial yearlings more lucrative as they expand the possibility of breeders returns. Generally speaking, buyers will pay a premium for yearlings who are qualified for these schemes, the premium

generally greater than the cost involved in nominating for the scheme. The cost is currently between \$800 - \$1500 per yearling.

Not only can the buyer benefit from acquiring yearlings in the scheme, by way of bonuses for winning or being placed in eligible races, but the breeder can also share in such bonuses.

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.

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

COMMANDS THE STAR IN BOBS IN TERMS OF CONSISTENCY

Commands, one of only five stallions to achieve the \$200,000 mark in BOBS bonuses in 2004/2005, has got off to a flying start in the current season, recording \$180,000 in bonuses up to December 20, 2005. Catbird, who was the top BOBS stallion last season with \$240,000 in bonuses, is running second so far this season with \$80,000 in bonuses.

There have only been 14 2YO BOBS winners so far this season, so the leaders in the BOBS premiership have the potential to change dramatically as the major 2YO races get underway from February onwards. The Woodlands stallions head the list of BOBS eligible 2YOs with Strategic (59), Commands (54), and Canny Lad (48) likely to improve their position as the season goes on.

Catbird (32) and Redoubtes Choice (32) should continue to be prominent given their predisposition to get classy young horses.

Double Up bonuses are running at 14.28% of total bonuses, and are expected to grow in popularity

now that the sales season in NSW is approaching. This aspect of the scheme is being heavily promoted by Racing NSW, and being backed up by a more flexible system of running bonus accounts for individual owners.

Overall, owners have won 199 bonuses so far this season amounting to \$1.4 million.

VALE SHEIKH MAKTOUM BIN RASHID AL-MAKTOUM

The ruler of the Gulf Arab emirate of Dubai and well-known international racehorse owner, breeder and co-owner of Dubai's Godolphin stables, Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid al-Maktoum, died on 4 January 2006 during a private visit to the Gold Coast.

VALE STALLIONS

The death in the US of **Danzig**, the sire responsible for giving the world a host of champions including Danehill, has ended an era in international thoroughbred breeding.

In Victoria, 16-year-old sire & 1994 Melbourne Cup winner **Jeune** (Kalaglow-Youthful, by Green Dancer) died of heart failure at Collingrove Stud.

NZ Westbury Stud-based 9YO sire **Cullen** (Danehill-Princess Tracy, by Ahonoora) has been euthanased.

MAKAYBE DIVA

Following the release of the 2005 World Rankings last week, Makybe Diva (Desert King-Tugela, by Riverman) has been weighted on 124, along with Arrowfield Stud's 2006 freshman sire Starcraft (Soviet Star-Flying Floozie, by Pompeii Court). The ranking makes Melbourne Cup-

heroine Makybe Diva the highest rated female for 2005.

MEMBER FEEDBACK

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

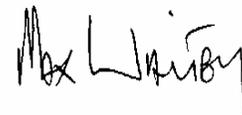
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FREE ENTRY – JANUARY

1 st	Ballina, Deniliquin, Gosford Orange
2 nd	Moruya
4 th	Wyong
5 th	Muswellbrook
6 th	Albury, Taree
7 th	Broadmeadow
9 th	Ballina, Nowra
12 th	Gosford, Tamworth
13 th	Canberra
14 th	Kembla Grange
15 th	Muswellbrook
16 th	Moruya, Wellington
19 th	Grafton, Wyong
21 st	Broadmeadow, Lismore
22 nd	Bathurst
24 th	Wyong
25 th	Tamworth
26 th	Wellington
27 th	Canberra, Gosford
28 th	Corowa, Grafton, Kembla Grange
29 th	Ballina, Nowra
31 st	Scone

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