

# JUNE 2003

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## NSWROA RACING'S NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS 2003

Only two months until the Racing Industry's night of the year, the NSW Racehorse Owners Association Gala Awards evening or as it is now better known "Racing's Night of Champions".

Join our special Guest of Honour, Councillor Lucy Turnbull Lord Mayor of Sydney on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August at The Pavilion at Royal Randwick Racecourse, for what promises to be a fantastic night of awards, prizes, entertainment and dancing, all complimented by fine food and wine. We are pleased to once again be able to support the Matthew Talbot Hostel Appeal as the major financial beneficiary of the evening.

The night is co-sponsored by the Racing NSW, Network 10, Perpetual Investments and Lexus. These major supporters along with many other generous sponsors helped raise nearly \$200,000 at last year's dinner and with the many fabulous prizes on offer this year, we are looking to raise much more. More details on the evening and a full list of prizes available can soon be viewed on our website. Of course we must not forget the main reason for the night is to award the owners of the best performed horses in NSW. All the awards will be closely

contested with the most interest naturally in the NSW Champion Horse of the Year. I am sure most of you have an opinion on who will win.

Those who have attended over previous Award's Nights will attest that "Racing's Night of Champions" is indeed a spectacular evening. The cost is \$165 per person including GST (or \$1,650 for a table of ten). Tables are filling fast and a sell out is expected so don't miss out and **BOOK NOW** by calling Caroline Fara on 02 9232 4300 or email nswroa1@ozemail.com.au.

## RIDING INSTRUCTIONS

Recently the issue of riding instructions has been raised again and for good reason because while ever stewards persist with their policy of expecting to be informed of any change in riding instructions this controversial issue will refuse to go away.

NSW ROA has campaigned for years that the instructions to a jockey from the owner and/or trainer should remain privy to those involved at the very least. If stewards see the need to be informed of any change in such riding instructions, these should not be made public.

Racing is all about attempting to win, not at all costs, but within the rules of racing and there is no specific law covering this matter. So why should owners disclose if they are trying something different to get their horse to win. It doesn't happen in any other sport, so why should it in racing.

The recent run of Cariboo at Doomben again highlighted this issue and Darren Beadman made some very valid points in this matter in his column in the Sydney

Morning Herald on Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May. Let's hope common sense prevails and the right of the owner which we have been fighting for for years is protected.

## OWNERS SURVEY

Thank you to all those members who took the time and completed the survey included with last month's newsletter.

To date, we have had an overwhelming response, and I am confident we will find the information provided extremely useful and interesting.

We will announce the winner of the prize of two tickets to Racing's Night of Champions in next month's newsletter and it is not too late if any members still want to complete the Survey.

## BONUS SCHEME

Our representatives on the BOBS Committee, Director Rob Albon, recently attended a meeting held to discuss proposed amendments to the scheme from Aushorse.

The key elements of the Aushorse amendments are as follows:

1. An increase in the proportion of any bonus to the stallion nominator from 12.5% to 20%.
2. The introduction of a Breeder/Nominator entry fee (in two categories) and a subsequent breeder/nominator entitlement to a share of 20% of any bonus paid.
3. The scrapping of any Owner's entry fee (in the case where a breeder/nominator fee has been paid).
4. A reduction in the owner's proportion of any bonus paid to 52.5%.

In other words, Aushorse proposes that for the waiving of the \$660 entry fee, owners would accept a reduced bonus

of 52.5%, with the balance namely 20% going to the stallion nominator, 20% to the breeder, 5% to the trainer and 2.5% to the jockey.

Understandably, NSW ROA rejected this proposal entirely and thankfully this was supported by those present at the meeting. We will keep you informed of any future developments with the Bonus Scheme, as they come to hand, and you can view the full report from Rob Albon on our Website.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This is my last Newsletter as President of the NSW ROA, as I will be standing down at the Director's Meeting to be held later this month. I announce this decision with regret, because I have enjoyed my time as President and feel honoured to have represented NSW ROA in this role. Unfortunately, business commitments do not allow me the time I feel is necessary to do justice to the position.

I would like to thank my fellow Directors for their loyalty and support these past two and a half years, and thank-you to you, the members, for your input and valuable contributions. It has indeed been a privilege to serve you.

### MEMBERS DISCOUNTS

We thank members for their feedback on the good deals that they received through **Thrifty Car Rental**. Members were pleased to discover the rates they received through NSWROA are more favourable than other motoring organisations. We thank Thrifty for their continued support of our members. **Included with this Newsletter is a Club Thrifty Card with the new corporate discount number. Please quote this number whenever making bookings. [This applies to members only].**

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewals are now overdue for 2003, so please send your subscription **ASAP**. We need your renewals so that we can continue to be a strong and active advocate for owners' rights in NSW.

### FREE ENTRY

Yet more race clubs have agreed to offer free admission to NSW ROA members. This month we welcome the **Mungindi Jockey Club** to the considerable number of race clubs that admit NSW ROA members free of charge. **Please note that members will have to pay at the gate but are then able to be reimbursed in full at the Secretary's office on production of their photo ID card.** Thank you to the Committee of the Mungindi Jockey club for their generosity.

### RACING TO THE MAX

On the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of every month one of our Directors appears on radio 2SM 'Racing to the Max' at approximately 7:45 am. So tune into 1269AM and if you have any matters you wish raised publicly let us know.

### FREE ENTRY - JUNE

3<sup>rd</sup> Muswellbrook  
5<sup>th</sup> Hawkesbury  
6<sup>th</sup> Canberra, Grafton  
7<sup>th</sup> Corowa, Kembla Grange, Lismore, Tamworth, **Taree**  
8<sup>th</sup> Gosford  
12<sup>th</sup> Wyong  
13<sup>th</sup> Ballina, Goulburn  
14<sup>th</sup> Broadmeadow, **Leeton**  
15<sup>th</sup> Albury  
17<sup>th</sup> Scone  
19<sup>th</sup> Hawkesbury  
20<sup>th</sup> Canberra, Grafton  
21<sup>st</sup> Kembla Grange, Lismore, Muswellbrook, Wellington  
22<sup>nd</sup> Coonabarabran, Goulburn  
23<sup>rd</sup> Tamworth, **Taree**

24<sup>th</sup> Wyong  
26<sup>th</sup> Gosford  
27<sup>th</sup> Quirindi, Murwillumbah  
28<sup>th</sup> Broadmeadow, Grafton  
30<sup>th</sup> Narrandera

### FREE ENTRY - JULY

1<sup>st</sup> Muswellbrook  
3<sup>rd</sup> Wyong  
4<sup>th</sup> Bathurst, Quirindi  
5<sup>th</sup> Illawarra, **Mungindi, Taree**  
6<sup>th</sup> Canberra  
7<sup>th</sup> Moruya  
10<sup>th</sup> Grafton, Hawkesbury  
11<sup>th</sup> Albury, Cowra, Moree  
12<sup>th</sup> Narrandera, Newcastle  
13<sup>th</sup> Grafton  
15<sup>th</sup> Gosford  
18<sup>th</sup> Scone  
19<sup>th</sup> Grafton, Illawarra, Tamworth  
20<sup>th</sup> Hawkesbury  
22<sup>nd</sup> **Taree**  
24<sup>th</sup> Wyong  
26<sup>th</sup> Albury, Newcastle  
25<sup>th</sup> **Goulburn**  
27<sup>th</sup> Muswellbrook  
29<sup>th</sup> Ballina  
31<sup>st</sup> Gosford

Free admission on a monthly basis of about 11 provincial and 25 country meetings sure gives value to your membership.

Yours in Racing

Chris Keogh  
President NSWROA