

MARCH 2003 UPDATE

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ROYAL RANDWICK RACEDAY

A date has been set for our annual member's Luncheon at Royal Randwick Racecourse, Saturday 26th of April. We are pleased to secure the date as it is one of the days of the Autumn Carnival, the feature race being the AJC Oaks and the All Aged Stakes.

As always the NSWROA Raceday promises to be a most enjoyable day at the races. We will have prizes for Ladies Best Hat, Gents Best Tie, Guest Tipsters, Tipping Contests, other assorted prizes and a sumptuous buffet luncheon, all to go with the great racing on offer.

The cost is yet to be finalised but we anticipate it will be \$100 - \$120 for an all inclusive lunch and drinks. Contact Tajinda at our office and **BOOK NOW** as numbers are limited.

KEY ISSUES

Late last year the TRB identified a number of key issues that it felt should be raised as areas of concern, in their effect on the racing industry. Various racing participants were asked to comment on the relevant issues affecting them and for owners it is the issue of 100% return to owners from raceclubs.

NSWROA was invited to submit a paper on this issue and a full copy of our reply can be viewed on our website www.nswroa.com.au.

At present only two raceclubs (the AJC and Dubbo) return 100% or more of their TRB Distribution Money to owners through prizemoney, a few other raceclubs such as the STC return upwards of 80% but the majority return much less than that. The NSWROA feels that a benchmark of a minimum 100% return to owners should be endorsed for all raceclubs in NSW.

Subsequent to our reply the TRB has formed a working party to address the issue, and hopefully for owners it will

achieve its aim. We will be monitoring this closely and keep you informed of any developments.

ASIAN RACING CONFERENCE

Your Vice President, Benedict Chan represented the Association at the Asian Racing Conference in Auckland, NZ. The conference commenced on the 28th February and finished this week. Benedict delivered a paper on ownership concerns and was very well received.

He was also requested to represent the International Racehorse Owners Association at that conference, and in collaboration with other executive members of that Association advised the conference of the difficulties that had been experienced under the stewardship of Mr Joseph Lo of Hong Kong and also advised of the 'way forward' for the IROA.

At our insistence for Hong Kong Racehorse Owners Association is being invited to take an active part in the International Racehorse Owners Association, and it is felt that this Association will become strong and viable as a forum for the exchange of ideas and as a lobbying group.

Your Association is the only invited Australian member and the only Australian member of the Executive Council of IROA.

HARBOUR CRUISE

Our annual Harbour Cruise has been booked for Tuesday the 6th of May. All members are invited to join your Directors and guests from the media, for a wonderful day cruising the Sydney Harbour. We have secured the same boat; **OLYMPIC STORM**, as last year and those who attended will agree that it is definitely first class. Costs and other details are still to be finalised and please contact Tajinda for more information.

NSWROA RACINGS' NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS 2003

Watch this space for more details of this August function.

DON'T FORGET

On the 1st Saturday of every month one of our Directors speaks on the 'Racing to the Max' section of radio 2SM, 1269AM at approximately 7:45 morning. Have a listen and if you have any matters you wished raised publicly let us hear from you.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Membership renewals are now overdue for this year, so those members who are still to renew please send your subscription as soon as possible. We need members to renew, and we need new members for NSWROA to continue to be a strong and active advocate for owners' rights in NSW.

Also renewal payments can now be made quarterly. Contact our office for an authorisation form or post

your credit card details and we will automatically deduct your membership fees hassle free, every three months.

FREE ENTRY

NSWROA welcomes two new raceclubs to our list of raceclubs offering free admission to NSWROA members. The new clubs are Goulburn & District Racing Club Ltd and Tweed River Jockey Club. Thank you to both raceclubs for their generosity, indeed, thank you to all the raceclubs who support NSWROA and generously offer free admission, and also in many cases free admission to the members area as well.

FREE ENTRY – MARCH

1st Ballina, Broadmeadow, Moree, Tamworth
3rd Muswellbrook
5th Gosford
8th Kembla Grange, Lismore
9th Corowa, Orange (Cup)
13th Kembla Grange
14th Bathurst
15th Broadmeadow, Grafton
16th Albury (Cup Prelude), Hawkesbury
18th Ballina
20th Wyong
21st Nowra, Scone
22nd Kembla Grange, Thoroughbred Park
23rd Wellington
24th Wellington (Boot)
26th Broadmeadow
27th Hawkesbury
28th **Goulburn**, Tamworth (Cup)
29th Moruya, Tamworth

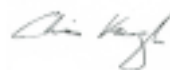
29th Broadmeadow, Moruya, Tamworth
30th Gosford
31st Bathurst

FREE ENTRY – APRIL

1st Wyong
2nd Kembla Grange
3rd Albury
4th Albury (Cup)
5th Ballina, Broadmeadow, Young
7th **Goulburn**, Grafton
10th Gosford
11th Cootamundra (Picnic), Muswellbrook
12th Albury, Bathurst, Kembla Grange
13th Ballina
15th Scone
17th Wyong
19th Broadmeadow, Canberra, Lismore, Moree, Moruya
20th Cowra (Cup), Nowra
21st Coonabarabran, Grafton, Tamworth
22nd Nowra
24th Hawkesbury
25th Bathurst, Gosford
26th Ballina, Kembla Grange
28th Quirindi
29th Muswellbrook

Free admission on a monthly basis of about 10 provincial meeting and 25 country meetings sure gives value to membership.

Yours in Racing



Chris Keogh
President NSWROA