



MARCH 2004

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HORSE MOVEMENT SAFETY POLICY

The debate continues on the STC's proposed restrictions on owner's access to the race day stalls and the parade ring and has been the subject of newspaper articles and discussion on the radio for the past month.

The President met with officials of the STC again recently, to discuss a revised proposal, particularly as regards fencing in the parade ring. Under the revisions access to the stalls would continue to be denied.

The best way to keep up with events is to check at the Association's website.

The Association will continue to represent owner's interests and to press for access to our horses to be retained, as an essential part of the race day experience. It was gratifying to receive strong support from Gai Waterhouse on Racing to the Max on 28 February 2004.

The opportunity was also taken to make Racing NSW's new CEO Peter V'Landys aware of our views in a meeting with him earlier in the same week.

METROPOLITAN PLACED RIDER CHARGE ABOLISHED

Racing NSW has announced that as of 1st March 2004 both the AJC and STC will no longer direct the Placed Rider Charge to owners whose horses earn prize money.

The Association is extremely pleased that the Placed Rider payment will no longer be made by owners in the metropolitan area. The abolition of this charge has been an objective of the NSWROA since it was introduced.

BARRIER TRIAL FEES

Racing NSW responded to the joint ATA/NSWROA submission requesting a waiver of the fee for a horse's first compulsory trial. The Racing Review Panel is of the view that as each horse is only required to compulsorily barrier trial once in its career, the overall cost to individual owners is negligible. It is the Panel's view that the fees are a necessary cost in the preparation of a racehorse.

NEW CEO FOR RACING NSW

The President and Vice- President were invited to meet with Peter V'Landys, the new CEO of Racing NSW, on his second day in the job. Peter emphasised his support for owners and his recognition that we are indeed the most important cog in racing's wheel. It was a very positive meeting and we look forward to continuing to work closely with Racing NSW under his stewardship.

QUICK SURVEY

In the event of an oversubscribed race at final acceptance, would you prefer:

- The race to be run as programmed with horses balloted out or otherwise excluded, or;
- More frequent use of the discretionary powers of race clubs under AR LR 29(a), LR 30 & LR 32, to divide races, with 80% of the original prize money for each race.

In other words, would you prefer your horse to run in a race you have accepted for, albeit for only 80% of the original prize money, or wait for another race?

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.

EASTER CARNIVAL RACEDAY LUNCHEON

On **Saturday 17 April** the Association will be holding its next **race day luncheon at Royal Randwick**. Places are strictly limited and are filling up fast so **BOOK TODAY** and don't miss out.

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 and drinks.

Cost for **members** is **\$120** and for **non-members** **\$140** inc. GST. (The cost for lunch on this day, without the added attractions of our afternoon, is usually \$195). Admission to the racecourse is not included in the above price.

SYDNEY HORSE FESTIVAL

The Sydney Horse Festival will take place from 26 to 27 March at the Rosehill Exhibition Centre, Rosehill Racecourse. It will be:

"an exhibition the likes of which the Australian Thoroughbred industry has never seen. It will unite all facets of the industry showcasing the strength and the opportunities that exist within it for people from all walks of life."

This is the Friday before and the day of the Rosehill Guineas.

The Association will be participating in the Festival and may be found on **Stand B14**.

BOBS

Board member Stephen van Eyk is taking over as the NSWROA's representative on the BOBS Management Committee. Rob Albon has stood down after serving on the committee since its inception a year ago in order to concentrate on his role as President of the NSWROA. Stephen is a racehorse breeder and an owner and is well placed to represent owners' interests on the Committee.

NEW FILLIES AND MARES RACE

The AJC has announced a new race for fillies and mares, the Topaz Stakes over 2000 metres, to be worth \$100,000 for its inaugural running on 24 April 2004. This is in line with the Association's policy of increasing opportunities for fillies and mares and over longer distances. All our members are encouraged to support the race, to ensure that it continues and grows in stature.

MEMBERSHIP ID CARDS

Photo ID Cards enable you to gain free entry at the various

provincial and country race tracks as well as exclusive parking at Royal Randwick and Warwick Farm so why not **order one today**.

Members who would like a Card can send Caroline Fara a passport size photograph with their name and membership number written on the back.

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.

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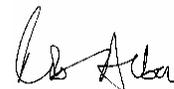
2nd Wyong
3rd Kembla Grange
4th Ballina
5th Nowra
6th Broadmeadow, Kalaru, Lismore
7th Corowa, Orange
11th Hawkesbury
12th Cowra, Muswellbrook
13th Balranald, Canberra, Grafton, Kembla Grange, Taree
14th Albury, Canberra
17th Broadmeadow
18th Gosford
19th Nowra
20th Ballina, Broadmeadow, Tamworth
21st Hawkesbury, Wellington
22nd Wellington
23rd Grafton, Wyong
24th Kembla Grange
25th Albury
26th Albury
27th Broadmeadow, Broken Hill, Grafton, Moruya
29th Goulburn
30th Gosford

FREE ENTRY - APRIL

1st Hawkesbury
2nd Canberra, Tamworth
3rd Bathurst, Kembla Grange, Muswellbrook, Taree

4th Ballina
5th Orange
8th Gosford
10th Broadmeadow, Lismore, Morree, Moruya
11th Cowra, Nowra
12th Coonabarabran, Tamworth
13th Nowra
15th Kembla Grange
16th Canberra, Cootamundra (Picnic), Grafton
17th Albury, Hawkesbury, Muswellbrook
19th Taree
20th Scone
22nd Hawkesbury
23rd Ballina
24th Broadmeadow, Sapphire Coast (Kalaru)
25th Bathurst, Gosford, Deniliquin
26th Goulburn
29th Wyong
30th Canberra, Muswellbrook

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