



NSW RACEHORSE OWNERS  
ASSOCIATION

# MAY 2006

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## EASTER CARNIVAL RACEDAY LUNCH

The Association's annual Easter Carnival lunch held on 'Sydney Cup Day', Saturday, 22 April, was an enormously successful day with 145 members and their guests enjoying a wonderful day.

It was a thrilling day's racing coupled with excellent food, guest tipsters and great prizes. Thank you to **Richard Davey** who did an excellent job as MC and NSWROA Directors, **Max Whitby** and **Chris Keogh**.

Thanks also to the AJC and their staff for helping make this event so great.

Thank you to our Celebrity Judge, **Maria Venuti** and to our Celebrity Tipsters, **Tony Brassel**, **Ian Craig** and **Henry Noonan** and to **Henry Noonan Bookmakers**.

Congratulations to our prize winners on the day. **Joanne Cracknell** - Best Hat, **Andrew Ferguson** - Best Tie, **Andrew Toole** and **Scott Williams** – tipping competition, and **Max Whitby**, who was the successful bidder of the Emirates business class tickets to New Zealand.

An extra special thanks to our major donor, **Tim Harrowell**, from **Emirates Airline** who generously donated two return business class tickets to New Zealand.

Thanks also to our other generous donors, **Zac Illioski**, **Norwest Phones** who donated two mobile phones and a car kit, **Vince Maloney Menswear** who donated a \$250 gift voucher and **Wilhelmena McLean**, **Yves St. Laurent** who donated a beautiful gift pack valued at \$250.

Most importantly, many thanks to all our members and their friends who attended the lunch, for their continued support and for helping us make this day so enjoyable.

## SPONSOR FOR NSWROA RNOC

**Stephen van Eyk**, Chairman of the Organising Committee for this season's Racing's Night of Champions, to be held at the Royal Randwick Pavilion on Thursday, 10 August 2006, advises that planning is well under way for the '**Racing's Night of Champions**'. The charity that will be the principal beneficiary from the evening this year is again Redkite, (formerly known as the

Malcolm Sargent Cancer Fund for Children.)

Tickets will shortly go on sale, priced at **\$175.00** for members and **\$195.00** for non-members.

In addition to the presentation of the awards, the spectacular entertainment for this year's event features **Marcia Hines** and Sydney's top party band **Jellybean Jam**.

More details will be available soon, but put the date in your diary TODAY. Last year's night was a resounding success and we are working to make sure that the same may be said in 2006.

**BT Financial Group (BT)** has again joined with the Association as a major sponsor for the 'Racing's Night of Champions'.

We are delighted to have brought into racing a major company that has been helping Australians create and manage wealth since 1969.

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In both Australia and New Zealand, the company provides a diverse range of investment choices, including funds managed by its own team, as well as alliances with global investment managers.

## TRAINERS AGREEMENT

We are continuing to receive calls from, members, non-members and racing identities complaining about the various versions of 'ATA Terms and Conditions of Training Agreements' that trainers are using.

We advise you to carefully read any Training Agreement before signing it and always be aware of your rights, obligations and liabilities under that Agreement.

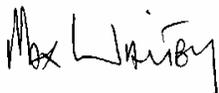
The standard Training Agreement jointly proposed to Racing NSW by ATA (NSW) and NSWROA continues to await Racing NSW's Board consideration and approval.

Members attention is also drawn to the previous jointly agreed Training Agreement which is available on the Association's website and may still form the basis of any agreement between a trainer and an owner.

## FREE ENTRY – MAY

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Orange
4 <sup>th</sup>	Gosford
6 <sup>th</sup>	Grafton, Kembla Grange
9 <sup>th</sup>	Taree
11 <sup>th</sup>	Wyong
12 <sup>th</sup>	Canberra
13 <sup>th</sup>	Albury, Broadmeadow, Lismore
15 <sup>th</sup>	Bathurst
16 <sup>th</sup>	Ballina
18 <sup>th</sup>	Hawkesbury
19 <sup>th</sup>	Scone
20 <sup>th</sup>	Grafton, Kembla Grange Wellington
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Albury, Taree
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Muswellbrook
25 <sup>th</sup>	Wyong
26 <sup>th</sup>	Canberra
27 <sup>th</sup>	Broadmeadow, Moree
28 <sup>th</sup>	Nowra, Quirindi
29 <sup>th</sup>	Bathurst

Yours in Racing



Max Whitby  
President

## PAUL CARRAZZO'S COLUMN

I would suspect by now that many of you have received ATO "Horse Industry" questionnaires.

What you need to know is that the on-going ATO audit of the Australian Racing Industry is now going to effect over 15,000 players and, per current ATO provided stats, 62% of people audited have had their tax information adjusted! 500 plus audits are planned in the next 6 months and up to 3,000 ATO "Horse Industry" questionnaires will have been sent out by the end of August 2006.

### What are the current problem areas?

From what I can gather from recent corresponding with the ATO, these are the current "problem areas" arising from the audit of which you should take special note.

#### 1. Horse Racing only activities under scrutiny as a tax "business"

This remains the "hot" issue with the ATO in relation to the audit – they are very "anti-racing" and consider it to be merely a "game of chance". Many strict horse racing businesses are being disallowed for GST and income tax purposes.

#### 2. Bloodstock Taxation Schedules not prepared

In the past few months many of my horse breeding and racing clients have been asked to produce "Bloodstock Tax Schedules" as part of mandatory ATO reviews of their GST "enterprise" status.

If you don't have a tax schedule of your stock, I strongly suggest you arrange for one to be prepared.

#### 3. GST returns – extra verification

Verifying GST returns has been a practice of the ATO since the inception of GST and the owners/breeders most likely to be scrutinised are "start-ups", those claiming more than \$10,000 per quarter in refunds or those who have

consistently claimed refunds since lodging their returns.

#### 4. Business Plans – more important than ever

In the past ten or so years I have been relentless in reinforcing the need for Business Plans to be prepared for "start-up" horse businesses.

Too many people claiming to be in a horse business don't have one (or associated financial projections) and it is not being well received by the ATO.

#### 5. Not enough "Black Type" in mare pedigrees

After many years of confusion, the ATO have finally come out and stated what quality of mare should be in a breeding business if it is to receive ATO acceptance. Per their recent seminars, they are noting that a "...mare needs to have 'black type' breeding in first two generations, the type of breeding that would gain acceptance of progeny into viable sale".

Be very, very mindful of this criteria when buying your next broodmare!

#### 6. Stallions lack "market appeal"

The ATO are now being specific as to the type of stallions you should be using in trying to demonstrate a breeding business.

At their recent seminars they have noted that "...stallion needs to have market appeal (commerciality) and that a breeding business should ensure that "...progeny of commercial stallions will sell for 2.5 times – 3 times service fee if out of quality mare".

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