



NSW RACEHORSE OWNERS
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STRATEGIC PLANNING

As members may be aware, the NSWTRB is currently focussing on strategic planning for racing in NSW. What were stated to be details of a 'Key Issues Paper' sent to race clubs appeared in the Sydney press in August and excited comment, principally owing to speculation about race course closures and/or race club amalgamations. To date the paper remains confidential, speculation notwithstanding, but the Association has been active in pressing the interests of owners across a range of issues.

The submission on Race Programming was covered in last month's newsletter, but other initiatives have included a meeting between the Board and Tony Hartnell, Chairman of the NSWTRB; discussions between Vice-President Benedict Chan, Board member Noel Bracks and Merv Hill, CEO

of NSWTRB and attendance by Rob Albon and Benedict at a meeting between the metropolitan race clubs, Provincial Association and the Country Racing Council with the TRB. In addition Rob has met with Tony King at the AJC.

In all of these meetings the focus has been on returns to owners. The response to the members' survey has proved invaluable in enabling the Board to represent the interests of owners and to press for improvements to the race day experience.

We have placed great emphasis on country racing, as the essential foundation of the racing hierarchy in NSW and also possessing economic and social values that it is important to maintain. This was the subject of discussion on 'Racing to the Max' at the beginning of October, in which the Association expressed its doubts about racecourse closures and amalgamations. There are undoubtedly opportunities for efficiencies in administration and organisation, but enforced closure of tracks would reduce opportunities for many of our members and could leave some parts of the state without an accessible racecourse.

In due course, when finalised proposals arise from the TRB's current consultative process, copies of any formal responses from the Association will be placed on the web site.

MEMBERS SURVEY

The analysis of the survey has been completed and, as stated earlier has already proved of value in discussions with race clubs and the TRB. A report will be placed on the web site shortly and results published in future newsletters.

COUNTRY AWARDS

Rob Albon and Benedict Chan attended the Country Racing Awards Night held at Royal Randwick last month, where Rob was asked to accept the trophy for Country Jockey of the Year, on behalf of Greg Ryan, who was unable to make it from riding in Tamworth. This he was pleased to do; the 216 winners Greg booted home in 2002/3 must have made many owners very happy.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2004

2004 Membership Renewal forms are enclosed with this Newsletter. We would appreciate receiving your fees as soon as possible so that you don't miss out on any of the latest news and events.

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22nd Ballina, Broadmeadow
23rd Nowra
24th Nowra, Quirindi
25th Taree
26th Ballina
27th Ballina, Gosford
28th Canberra, Grafton
30th Goulburn, Tamworth
31st Bathurst

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FREE ENTRY - DECEMBER

2nd Scone
4th Hawkesbury
6th Broadmeadow
9th Tamworth
11th Wyong
13th Kembla Grange
14th Cowra, Gosford
17th Wyong
18th Muswellbrook
20th Broadmeadow
21st Hawkesbury
22nd Tamworth
26th Broadmeadow, Quirindi, Wellington
27th Kembla Grange
28th Scone
29th Gosford

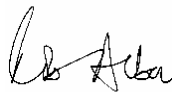
FREE ENTRY - NOVEMBER

1st Ballina, Balranald, Broadmeadow
3rd Muswellbrook
4th Corowa, Kembla Grange, Moree, Nowra, Tamworth, Taree
5th Grafton, Taree
6th Albury, Hawkesbury
7th Canberra, Grafton, Orange
8th Broadmeadow
11th Wellington
12th Canberra
13th Moruya, Moulamein, Taree, Wyong
15th Albury, Grafton, Kembla Grange
16th Broadmeadow, Canberra
17th Lismore, Scone
18th Bathurst
19th Goulburn, Hawkesbury, Lismore
20th Albury
21st Orange, Taree

RACING PARTNERS WANTED

to race unnamed 2yo Ch LAKE CONISTON(IRE) colt out of Kings Island mare ANGLESEY (NZ). 5 to race, all winners including CEAMES 8 wins and BETHEL 4 wins. Staying family of GOLD BRICK, RIVER D'OR and LATE SHOW. Broken in and currently in 5 weeks pre-training by Bruce Johnstone and to be trained by Tony Karakatsanis (SPURCENT, SEX MACHINE, LITTLE LUCIFER) at Rosehill. BOBS BONUS paid up. Eight shares available at \$2,500 a share. On-going costs about \$200 per month. All privileges. Naming rights. Easy payment terms available (\$1000 down now, balance payable on first win. **No win. No pay.** Contact Chris Slater owner/breeder on 0411 549 410 for more info.

Yours in Racing



Rob Albon
President NSWROA