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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

If you have recently attended the races at Royal Randwick Racecourse you may have seen the newly refurbished Owners Lounge located on the north-eastern corner of the Official Stand (Alison Road side). I encourage all NSWROA members who own a horse which races at Royal Randwick to take advantage of this AJC initiative and visit the Owners Lounge which may be visited after your race and you may remain there until the next race commences. Light refreshments are served and the previous race is replayed. We are trying to renegotiate the above and we will keep you informed.

On October 6 the AJC Vice-Chairman was voted off the AJC Board. It is important to note however that Noel is still on the Board of Racing NSW where I'm sure he will continue to fight for

owners' rights and the improvement of racing in general.

I always remind our members to look at the makeup of race club committees, Racing NSW, and administration in general, to see how strongly or poorly owners are represented. If owners do not get greater recognition and are given a strong voice, as in other states, the breeding community will continue to dominate racing administration in NSW.

After asking syndicators to submit their vision for their sector of the industry, I am continuing to gather information so our members can be made aware of the benefits of becoming part of a syndicate.

A reminder to all that there are two racing radio stations in Sydney, 2SM and 2KY. 2SM's 'Racing to the Max' is a comprehensive racing show from 7 to 10 am every Saturday.

Ken Brown's submission went to government on 29 September. We understand it will take a couple of weeks for the Minister to sign off on the Review Report which will then go to print before being made available to the public. The Association will then have the opportunity of evaluating the Report.

As I travel around the state's country and metropolitan race clubs, the first issue always brought to my attention is race programming and as I read in today's press, Paul Bloodworth. Racing NSW's Racing Manager is leaving Racing NSW to become Racing Victoria's Racing Operations Manager. We wish

him well and hope that Peter V'Landys and the Board appoint someone with wisdom and experience for such a crucial role.

Rob Albon is on six month's leave of absence due to ill health. Rob, former President of the Association continues to contribute to all issues. We look forward to his return as soon as possible. His energy and knowledge of the industry are unsurpassed.

An encouraging development was the reenergised Board of the Tattersalls Club. Tattersalls, one of Sydney's oldest clubs, was established in 1858 and its history embraces the rise of the racing industry in Australia. Unfortunately, of late, it has lost its way. The new Board and Committee however have assured us that they plan to return the Club to its former glory and help play a leading role in racing in the state.

There are some tremendous initiatives being introduced in New Zealand next year for owners and breeders. I encourage you to monitor these various New Zealand websites – the official NZ Breeders site www.nzthoroughbred.co.nz, the official Racing Board site across the three racing codes www.nzracingboard.co.nz and the NZ Thoroughbred Racing site www.nzracing.co.nz. An increase in prize money will only strengthen racing relations between our two countries.

I hope you have enjoyed racing throughout spring and good luck to all owners as the Victorian season gets underway.

BOBS EXPANDS PRIZE MONEY TO OWNERS

BOBS was originally set up by diverting some capital from the TAB distribution pool that would have been paid to owners via race club prize money. In the early years, it was the dominant source of BOBS distributions, with money paid by owners to register horses for the scheme the other major capital source.

However, with the rapid expansion of sires in the scheme between 2006 and 2007, stallion nominations now make up over \$2M, or nearly 23% of available capital, rising to over \$3M in the 2008 year. This, along with racehorse nominations, means that payouts will be double the amount diverted from the TAB distribution pool. This leveraging up of the amount originally available to owners for prize money is having a strong impact at the grass roots level of the industry. For instance, BOBS paid out over \$2M in country bonuses last year, an amount expected to grow strongly in the next two years.

This should gradually help to increase field sizes (or at least stop them falling in some instances), which can only encourage betting turnover.

The Racehorse Owners' Association will continue to represent owners on the BOBS Board and push for further improvements in what has become a very successful scheme.

The Association supports BOBS as the current incentive scheme in NSW.

We agree that BOBS should continue to be funded from a combination of industry funds,

breeder and owner contributions, however, it urges representatives on BOBS to examine the feasibility of raising additional funding from appropriate sponsorship and Government.

NSWROA would like to see the category of eligible stallions expanded to include stallions from anywhere in Australasia.

We believe that the purposes of the incentive scheme would be better achieved if a percentage of double-up bonuses was available to meet racing expenses.

The Association also believes that owners should have greater representation on BOBS and we seek representation equal to that of Aushorse (ie. 3 reps).

RIPAC

There has been no report on RIPAC this month as they have not met since the last meeting. Ray McDowell continues his good work on this very important representative body. If you have any issues, we would love to hear from you.

CORRECTION

In last month's Newsletter we noted that Richard Kelly was not a financial member of the Association. We should note however that although Mr. Kelly is not a member of the Association in his own name, Newhaven Park Stud, of which he is associated, is a syndicate member of NSWROA.

FREE ENTRY - OCT

- 1st Muswellbrook
- 2nd Ballina
- 3rd Kembla Grange
- 4th Bathurst
- 5th Gosford

- 7th Broadmeadow, Scone
- 10th Grafton
- 12th Wyong
- 13th Taree
- 14th Albury, Kembla Grange, Quirindi, Young
- 15th Ballina, Hawkesbury
- 16th Bathurst, Scone
- 19th Wyong
- 21st Broadmeadow, Corowa
- 22nd Gosford, Nowra
- 24th Taree
- 26th Hawkesbury
- 28th Albury, Kembla Grange, Mudgee
- 29th Orange
- 30th Lismore
- 31st Wyong

FREE ENTRY - NOV

- 1st Taree
- 2nd Gosford
- 4th Ballina, Broadmeadow, Balranald
- 6th Muswellbrook
- 7th Corowa, Kembla Grange, Muswellbrook, Nowra, Orange, Tamworth, Taree
- 8th Grafton
- 9th Albury, Hawkesbury
- 11th Broadmeadow, Young
- 13th Nowra
- 14th Scone
- 16th Wyong
- 18th Kembla Grange, Wellington
- 19th Broadmeadow
- 20th Lismore
- 21st Tamworth
- 22nd Hawkesbury
- 25th Kembla Grange
- 26th Taree
- 28th Scone
- 30th Gosford

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