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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As I write this month's newsletter, the first day of spring is here. Of course, the next six months of exciting racing provides a lot of opportunities not just for owners, but for the entire racing community.

When I reflect on the news of the last month, I remind you of our anticipated response to the NSW government's review of the Thoroughbred Racing Act, 1996.

The submission was prepared and lodged by Michael Yates and the Committee. The notable guests who attended our most successful Racing's Night of Champions on 10th August, the Hon. Grant McBride, MP, John Whelan, Director of Racing, NSW

Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing, and Ken Brown - appointed to undertake an independent review of the legislation - were also looking forward to gathering total consensus from the industry. The results will be known later this month.

The AJC is under a lot of pressure with the impending carnival, the course proper vs. the Kensington track and moving to Warwick Farm or even Rosehill Gardens. From our perspective, the wellbeing of our horses as well as genuine and quality racing is foremost in our minds. When you consider Sydney has been harshly treated by a cold, wet winter, the question of why some tracks hold up and others rapidly deteriorate makes you wonder about where your horses are trained, prepared and raced. These are not new dilemmas, just continuing ones. I am certain that most players in the industry forget about owners and their concerns.

Two members of the Australian Jockey Club (AJC) have nominated themselves for positions on the AJC Committee against existing members of the Committee. Shortly ballot papers for the election will be received by AJC members. All members of the Association who belong to the AJC are urged to vote and to consider carefully the credentials of the candidates.

The Board and I do not wish to become political, but we feel that our members should be aware of

the fact that the current AJC Committee whilst recognizing the interests of its members as paramount, is also very conscious of owners and their contribution to racing and have been most supportive of the requests of the Association.

Whilst our Past President and Life Member, Noel Bracks, does not claim credit for it, he has been a member of the AJC Committee during the period the responses to our requests have been positive.

All on the AJC Committee are members of NSWROA except for Richard Kelly, Sharon Skeggs and Jim Mathers.

The proposed control of the money pool by Racing NSW sends some disturbing messages - there's a great quote, "*the golden rule is whoever has the gold makes the rules*".

Paul Carrazzo, from Carrazzo Consulting CPAs, reports that the ATO has accelerated its interest towards the racing industry once again. I hope you have been following his comments from previous newsletters.

I'm asking all racing syndicators to start contributing to industry issues and comments over the next few months to keep you informed on what's going on in their industry sector.

As always, we are happy to hear from our members and any feedback we receive from you is greatly appreciated.

NEW DIRECTOR

We are happy to announce that **Darren Farnham** has joined the Board of NSWROA.

Darren has had a passion for racehorses and horse racing in general for many years now and enjoys reading form and having a punt on a Saturday. He has been a member of the NSW Racehorse Owner's Association and on the Racing's Night of Champions Committee since 2004.

His first winner was at Hawkesbury with 'Senorita Peta' and he currently has interests in four horses. His biggest win was with 'Allow' who won the 2006 Queensland Oaks.

Darren is a highly experienced television executive and business professional having 16 years of experience working in the television industry. He currently holds the position of General Manager of Television Operations for Network Ten in Sydney.

SPRING DEVONSHIRE TEA

Join fellow members and the Association's Directors and meet various trainers at the **Spring Devonshire Tea** to be held in the new 'Owners Room' at Royal Randwick on Sat, **21st October** from 2:30 to 4:30 pm.

In addition to the City Tattersalls Cup and Lightning Stakes that will be run at Randwick this is also BMW Caulfield Cup Day.

Members: **FREE**

Non-members: **\$25.00**

Includes welcome cocktail, Devonshire Tea, assorted party pies, sliced fruit platter, coffee, tea and soft drinks.

Tickets are not being issued and entry will be by guest list only.

Please also note that admission to the race course and the members' area is not included.

Numbers are strictly limited so if you plan on being at the races on that day **BOOK TODAY** by either downloading a booking form from the website www.nswroa.com.au, calling the Association on **9299 4299** or sending an email to nswroa1@ozemail.com.au.

We look forward to seeing you on the 21st.

NSWROA CHARITY GOLF DAY

The 20th of February 2007 has been tentatively set aside for the Association's Charity Golf Day so pencil the date in your diary today.

Further details will be available soon.

MEMBER BENEFITS

Lisa Grimm Photography specializes in equine photography and is offering all financial NSWROA members a **10% discount** on a single purchase and a **15% discount** on multiple purchases.

For further information log onto www.lisagrimmphotography.com. Lisa can be contacted via email lisa@lisagrimmphotography.com or on 0402 808 386.

RAY MURRIHY

NSWROA sent the following letter to Ray Murrhy after the Channel Nine *Sunday* show on 3 Sep:

On behalf of the committee, I write to give you our full support in the policy and administration of racing in the state.

Although we have not always agreed with your stance on some

matters, you are held in high regard by the owners group for your integrity and fairness.

We have always found you to be supportive and co-operative of our organisation. Some of the statements made throughout the interview would question the integrity of other people, and not yours.

The suggested subject of phone tapping and high levels of surveillance generally would be something we would need to run by our members. I am very happy to start a poll through our website and am willing to give you their responses.

I look forward to your continued support.

FREE ENTRY - SEP

1 st	Muswellbrook
2 nd	Kembla Grange
3 rd	Ballina
4 th	Taree
5 th	Tamworth
6 th	Wyong
7 th	Wyong
8 th	Grafton
9 th	Broadmeadow
10 th	Moree, Taree
11 th	Bathurst
14 th	Ballina, Hawkesbury
16 th	Kembla Grange, Tamworth
18 th	Leeton, Scone
20 th	Broadmeadow
21 st	Broadmeadow
22 nd	Bathurst, Canberra
23 rd	Kembla Grange
24 th	Lismore, Quirindi
25 th	Albury
28 th	Hawkesbury, Lismore
20 th	Moruya, Tamworth
30 th	Broadmeadow, Grafton

Yours in Racing



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President



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