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NSW RACING'S NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS 2003 - WHAT A NIGHT IT WAS!

Racing's Night of Champions once again lived up to its name with the stars coming out to the Pavilion at Randwick Racecourse on 7th August for the annual NSWROA awards night and charity auction which raised more than \$200,000 for the prime beneficiary the Matthew Talbot Hostel Appeal.

The Guest of Honour was The Lord Mayor of Sydney, Lucy Turnbull and the Special Guests were the NSW Minister for Gaming and Racing, The Honourable Grant McBride and John Eales, Captain of the 1999 World Cup Winning Wallabies. Masters of Ceremony were Tim Webster from Network Ten and Ian Craig.

In his speech to the evening, NSWROA President, Rob Albon, spoke of the passion of racehorse ownership and the need for all sectors of the industry to work together to keep the dream alive.

The winners were as follows:

Best NSW 2 Year Old - Hasna
Best NSW 3 year Old - Choisir

Best NSW Sprinter/Miler - Lonhro
Best NSW Middle Distance Runner - Lonhro
Best NSW Stayer - County Tyrone
Queen of the Autumn - Shower of Roses
NSW Country Champion Horse of the Year - Choisir
Champion Horse of the Year - Lonhro

The Tommy Smith Medal for leading city trainer went to Gai Waterhouse; the Theo Green Medal for leading city apprentice went to Ronnie Stewart; the George Moore Medal for the leading city jockey to Darren Beadman and Ray Thomas of the Sydney Daily Telegraph won the Media Award.

As usual the monster auction was a resounding success highlighted by two masterpieces from Australia's leading equine artists, Alister Simpson and Joseph Zbukvic. Alister's beautiful oil painting "After the Epic Duel" - Freemason & Northerly fetched \$9,500 whilst Joseph's exciting "Head to Head" - Freemason & Northerly oil painting fetched \$10,000.

The continued sponsorship of Racing NSW and Network Ten and our new sponsors Perpetual Trustees Australia and Sydney City Lexus ensured the evening was once again a resounding success and the money raised reinforced the NSWROA's commitment to helping those in need.

Thanks to them and all the other sponsors and donors a substantial sum was raised for the Matthew Talbot Hostel Appeal.

Entertainment for the gala evening was provided by Copacabana, a lively and colourful Brazilian Latin dance company and their band.

All agreed that there isn't another awards presentation to match NSW's annual event.

VICTORIA DERBY DAY LUNCH

On 1 November, Victoria Derby Day, the Association will be holding its next Members' Race Day Lunch.

This will take place at Rosehill Gardens, where the day's Sydney metropolitan racing will be conducted.

Costs are \$100 for members and \$110 for non-members.

There will be a sumptuous buffet lunch, beverages, guest tipsters, tipping competitions, Best Hat & Tie Competition, Race Book and prizes as well as free entry to the course and a great day of racing.

The afternoon will be at a very competitive price and will be held in the Baguette Room, which has a perfect view of the finishing post.

Attendance is open to members and their guests and interstate visitors are especially welcome.

All those who would like to enjoy what is always an excellent racing function should complete the attached booking form and forward it along with your payment to the Association's Office Manager, Caroline Fara **today**.

FAMILY SUCCESS

Clarry Conners is a long-standing member and great supporter of the Association. Recently Clarry's son, Heath trained his first metropolitan winner at Sandown.

This completes what may be a unique family achievement. Clarry's father trained many metropolitan winners, Clarry, of course is one of our leading trainers and both of his sons, Marc and Heath have now also trained metropolitan winners.

RACE TACTICS

Further to comments from members, the Association wrote to the Chairman of Stewards in response to a proposal to discipline jockeys who slow the pace in a race.

In the Association's view there are two separate issues involved here; one is the use of a legitimate race tactic, the other is causing interference by unduly slowing the pace.

Mr. Murrhy has replied stating that the Steward's concern is for a situation where a rider crosses to the lead and dramatically slows the pace to such an extent that there is consequent interference to the bulk of the field.

The Stewards are drafting a rule to deal with this situation which will be put to the National Stewards Body.

The Association will continue to monitor the situation and represent owners interests.

JOCKEY MANAGER

The Australian Racing Board has set up an advisory group to look at the issue of preparing a Code of Conduct for jockey managers and agents.

This issue was discussed at a meeting with members of the ATA and the Association subsequently made a submission to the ARB agreeing to the need for a Code of Conduct. This should cover a manager's obligations to his client and to owners; the giving of riding instructions, in which the manager should have no role and entry to the mounting yard prior to the race.

AJC COMMITTEE

Congratulations to Tom Ford, a NSWROA member, on his election to the AJC Committee.

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ADVERTISING

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FREE ENTRY - SEPTEMBER

- 1st Grafton
- 3rd Wyong
- 4th Wyong Cup
- 5th Goulburn, Muswellbrook
- 6th Moruya, Newcastle
- 7th Nowra
- 8th Taree
- 9th Tamworth
- 11th Ballina, Canberra, Gosford
- 12th Hawkesbury
- 13th Grafton, Kembla Grange
- 14th Moree
- 15th Nowra
- 17th Newcastle
- 19th Quirindi
- 20th Cootamundra, Kembla Grange
- 21st Lismore
- 22nd Bathurst, Muswellbrook
- 25th Hawkesbury, Lismore
- 26th Canberra
- 27th Grafton, Newcastle
- 28th Goulburn, Scone
- 29th Albury
- 30th Kembla Grange

FREE ENTRY - OCTOBER

- 2nd Hawkesbury
- 3rd Moruya
- 4th Broadmeadow, Goulburn, Taree
- 5th Cootamundra, Muswellbrook
- 6th Ballina
- 7th Orange
- 8th Wyong
- 9th Tamworth
- 11th Albury, Kembla Grange, Wellington, Young (Picnic)
- 12th Canberra
- 14th Grafton, Moree
- 16th Gosford
- 17th Taree
- 18th Ballina, Bathurst, Broadmeadow, Corowa (Picnic), Taree
- 19th Hawkesbury, Nowra, Quirindi
- 21st Orange
- 22nd Muswellbrook
- 23rd Wyong
- 24th Goulburn
- 25th Albury, Kembla Grange, Moruya
- 28th Scone, Taree
- 29th Gosford
- 31st Bathurst

Yours in Racing



Rob Albon
President NSWROA

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