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DEVONSHIRE TEA ON THE MEMBERS LAWN

Join fellow members, meet trainers and members of your Board at the Association's **Spring Devonshire Tea** to be held on the Members Lawn at Royal Randwick on Saturday, **16th October 2004** from 2:30 to 4:30 pm.

In addition to the City Tatts Cup and Lightning Stakes that will be run at Randwick this is also Caulfield Cup Day. An ideal occasion for a special function.

Two (2) free tickets will be given to the **first 200 members to renew their membership** subscription for the coming year.

Additional tickets are available at \$25 each. Devonshire Tea, assorted party pies, coffee, tea and soft drinks will be available.

The location is the northern end of the members lawn just past the post.

To renew your membership you can either return the attached Renewal Form, call Caroline at the NSWROA office on 9299 4299 or log onto our website and renew on-line.

QUICK SURVEY

The Racing NSW Strategic Plan proposes to introduce from 30 September 2004 a voucher system for payment of metropolitan BOBS bonuses, to run parallel with cash payments. A winning owner may take the cash of \$16,000 (after deductions), or a voucher value \$24,000, to be used only at a thoroughbred sale or for a stallion service. The objective is to keep the money within racing. Is this an attractive option for owners? Are the options too limited to attract you to the voucher alternative?

Are you likely to take the cash or a voucher?

- A.** Cash.
- B.** Voucher.
- C.** Would take the voucher if it could be used more widely within racing; eg: Training fees; Vet's bills etc.?

You can respond in one of three ways:

- Email your answers to nswroa1@ozemail.com.au;
- Complete the survey on line at www.nswroa.com.au, or;
- Circle your preference on the Newsletter, write your name and fax this page to 9299 3299.

RACE PROGRAMMING

Discussions have continued on changes to race programming and the Association has again put forward the views as expressed by members, both individually and in response to the member survey last year.

We are advised that changes are in the offing which will essentially bring about a full return to the class system and the reintroduction of Welter Handicaps.

Maiden Handicaps for three year olds may also be run at metropolitan tracks. There will continue to be Special Conditions races at least in the interim.

'Just-in-Time' programming is proposed for up to two races on any day, based on stable returns of available horses.

The Association has always advocated flexibility in programming with the maximum number of opportunities for horses to progress through their grades.

It is important for all racing participants to appreciate that programming can rarely be fixed but must always be able to take account of the available pool of horses and their particular age, sex and distance characteristics.

A recommendation will also be made to the Australian Racing Board to increase the number of Black Type races for fillies and mares.

NEW LOOK FOR THE NSWROA WEBSITE

Don't forget that our new look website was launched on 1 September 2004.

Members will need a **username and password** to access the site so if you haven't already done so either call Caroline Fara, Executive Officer on t: 9299 4299 to obtain your username or email your password to caroline@nswroa.com.au.

CHRISTMAS RACE DAY

The Association will be holding a **race day luncheon** at **Rosehill Gardens** on **Saturday 4 December 2004**, Festival Stakes Day.

It should be an excellent day at the races. We will have prizes for Ladies Best Hat, Gents Best Tie, guest tipsters, tipping competition, raffle and other assorted prizes and a sumptuous buffet lunch and drinks. There will also be full tote and bookmaker facilities.

Cost for **members is \$90** and for **non-members \$100** inc. GST.

NEW CONTACT DETAILS

The Association has recently moved offices and the new details are as follows:

Level 9, 66 King Street,
Sydney
Tel: 9299 4299
Fax: 9299 3212

Our postal address remains unchanged (GPO Box 1506, Sydney NSW 2001) as does our email address nswroa1@ozemail.com.au.

INSURANCE: FROM GOW- GATES INSURANCE BROKERS

With the first **Two Year Old Barrier Trails** being conducted this month owners new and old should be aware that this can be a critical time in a horse's career with them now being put under all sorts of new pressures. The crush of the barriers, the hustle and bustle of close racing, as well as the floating too and from the race tracks always in the company of strange horses. No matter how professional and caring trainers and their staff are, accidents do happen. Now would be the appropriate time to be reviewing the insurance on your investments. At Gow-Gates Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd, their staff will only be too willing to advise you on the best form of cover you may need. Don't forget to mention your membership number to receive the discount rates available to NSWROA members. The Association is pleased to recommend Gow-Gates to members seeking bloodstock insurance.

SEND US YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS

If you have an email address or have recently changed your email address, please advise us by sending an email to nswroa1@ozemail.com.au.

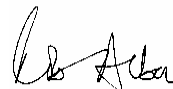
FREE ENTRY – SEP*

- 1st Wyong
- 2nd Wyong (Cup)
- 3rd Goulburn, Grafton
- 4th Broadmeadow
- 5th Nowra
- 6th Taree

- 7th Tamworth
- 9th Ballina (Cup), Gosford
- 10th Hawkesbury, Canberra
- 11th Grafton, Kembla Grange, Muswellbrook
- 12th Moree (Cup), Taree
- 13th Nowra
- 15th Broadmeadow
- 16th Broadmeadow
- 17th Quirindi
- 18th Kembla Grange
- 19th Lismore
- 20th Muswellbrook
- 23rd Hawkesbury, Lismore (Cup)
- 24th Canberra, Scone
- 25th Broadmeadow
- 27th Albury
- 30th Gosford, Goulburn

* Conditions may apply contact Race Club for further details

Yours in Racing



Rob Albon
President

GET SET FOR SPRING, GET SUITED!

Skindeep Clothing Sydney offers fellow **NSWROA members a 15% discount** on all made to measure mens and ladies suits for September and October 2004.

Specialising in local and imported pinstripes, and superfine merino wools, all our suits are hand-cut and will be sure to have you looking like a favourite on track this season!

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