

JULY 2003

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NEW PRESIDENT

It is with great pleasure that the NSW Racehorse Owners Association announces the election of Rob Albon as the new NSWROA President. Rob has been a Board member for 3 years and has a strong association with the racing industry. He has been an owner since 1975, a bookmaker and a race club official. With this in mind, Rob has a solid knowledge of all aspects of racing. Rob is the ROA representative on the BOBS Management Committee. He is a Town Planning Consultant by profession.

Rob said "it is an honour to be elected as the President. I have a hard act to follow from past President Chris Keogh but take on a solid base to continue working for owners in NSW".

Rob's aims for the year, amongst many, include to increase the benefits of ownership for the members of the Association; address the issue of changes in riding instructions; trying to avoid the fragmentation of representation of any group in racing and to contribute to the refinements to BOBS to maintain returns for owners

The ROA Committee is excited at the prospect of working with Rob and feel that his energy and drive will enable them to deliver a service to the ROA members which they deserve. Max Whitby, the ROA Secretary and the Committee would like to thank Chris Keogh for his hard work and support during his year as President. Chris will continue as a Director of the Association.

NSW RACING'S NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS 2003

Preparations are well advanced for Australia's top racing awards night and superb entertainment as always has been booked. The Guest of Honour is Councillor Lucy Turnbull Lord Mayor of Sydney and she will be joined by special guests The Hon. Grant McBride, the new Minister for Gaming and Racing and John Eales, former Wallabies captain.

The major financial beneficiary of the evening is the Matthew Talbot Hostel Appeal.

Your invitation is enclosed and tables are filling up fast, so make your booking **now** by contacting Caroline Fara on 02 9232 4300 or email nswroa1@ozemail.com.au.

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CHOISIR

Congratulations to members of our Association Terry, Diane, Helen and John Wallace on the achievements of their horse Choisir in winning the Kings Stand Stakes and the Golden Jubilee Stakes at Royal Ascot.

The bold policy adopted by them and trainer Paul Perry has paid off to such an extent that Choisir is currently 7/4 favourite for the Group 1 July Cup.

OWNERS SURVEY

There has been an excellent response so far and the results will be analysed closely. There is still time to get replies in. We need as many members as possible to respond, so that the results of the survey are truly as representative as possible.

AJC COMMITTEE

Congratulations to Past-President Noel Bracks and further recognition of the role he plays in racing by his election as Vice-Chairman of the AJC.

Congratulations also to Treve Williams on his election as Chairman of the AJC.

RIDING INSTRUCTIONS

The Board has continued to press the issue of the stewards having to be advised of changes in riding instructions. Rob Albon discussed it on Racing to the Max on 9 August and others on the show, including from the Australian Trainers Association, supported our position. The cause was assisted by an article by Darren Beadman in the Sydney Morning Herald and by the controversy at Eagle Farm on the last day of the Brisbane Carnival.

It remains a very live issue for NSWROA. It is important to note that there is no rule of racing that covers it, just a "policy" decision by Racing NSW, which we say is not in the best interests of owners or the racing industry.

BONUS SCHEME

Discussions are continuing in the BOBS Scheme Management Committee, on refinement of the Scheme for 2007. The 2006 Scheme is in place and the BOBS Stallion brochure is now available. Members of NSWROA should receive copies in the near future. If any member does not receive a copy, or would like additional copies, please contact Caroline Fara at the NSWROA office.

The differences with Aushorse on the elements that make up BOBS, some of which are of concern to NSWROA, are being addressed by the Management Committee and discussions with Aushorse, which represents the major commercial breeders in NSW, are continuing.

No decisions have yet been taken, pending these discussions.

The results of the member's survey as regards BOBS will be of value, when these have been collated.

KAYLENE GILLMAN BENEFIT LUNCH

Directors John Leslie and Rob Albon attended the benefit lunch held for Kaylene Gillman at Hawkesbury Race Club on Sunday 22 June 2003. Nearly 300 people from all sectors of racing were there, to offer support to Kaylene in her battle to recover from the effects of her fall at Newcastle in February. For someone who spent 30 days after the fall on life support, Kaylene has made remarkable progress, although she has a long way to go to achieve her ambition of getting back on a racehorse. Her speech to the lunch was in itself inspiring and affecting, as John Singleton's was amusing, provocative and sympathetic.

It is easy to forget just how dangerous riding a racehorse is - the statistics for injury and fatal accidents are worse than for motor racing - and it was important for owners to show support for a young woman dealt a blow at the beginning of her career, doing her best on our behalf.

Over \$130,000 was raised through the lunch to assist with Kaylene's rehabilitation, which will take some time yet. She is determined to get back in the saddle and after meeting and listening to her at the lunch, there is no reason to believe that she will not succeed.

FREE ENTRY - JULY

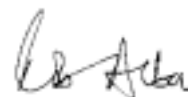
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6th Canberra
7th Moruya

10th Grafton, Hawkesbury
11th Albury, Cowra, Moree
12th Narrandera, Newcastle
13th Grafton
15th Gosford
18th Scone
19th Grafton, Illawarra, Tamworth
20th Hawkesbury
22nd Taree
24th Wyong
26th Albury, Newcastle
25th Goulburn
27th Muswellbrook
29th Ballina
31st Gosford

FREE ENTRY - AUGUST

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2nd Cowra, Kembla Grange, Lismore
5th Muswellbrook
7th Wyong
8th Hawkesbury, Wellington
9th Broadmeadow, Corowa, Tamworth
11th Scone
12th Taree
14th Wyong
15th Canberra, Muswellbrook
16th Broadmeadow
18th Nowra, Quirindi
19th Bathurst
21st Gosford
22nd Taree
23rd Ballina, Kembla Grange, Narrandera
24th Taree
25th Tamworth
28th Hawkesbury
29th Canberra
30th Kembla Grange, Lismore, Moree

Yours in Racing



Rob Albon
President NSWROA