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RNOC AWARD RECIPIENTS "COLLECTING" BLACK TYPE EARLY IN THE NEW SEASON

Some of the recent Racing Night of Champions award recipients have started the new season in fabulous fashion by again winning black type to add to their already impressive collections.

Reigning NSW Champion Horse of the Year, Tuesday Joy, at her second start this preparation, saluted in the Group 2 W H Stocks Stakes at Moonee Valley on 13 September 2008.

The NSW Sprinter/Miler for the 2007-2008 season, Racing To Win, was successful in the Group 2 Warwick Stakes at Warwick Farm on 23 August.

But without a doubt the star performer to date would have to be Samantha Miss, the reigning NSW Provincial Champion Horse of the Year.



(Darcy Martin (Racing Manager for Ron Croghan) accepts the award from Bart Cummings for Samantha Miss)

Samantha Miss, has returned to racing in magnificent form having scored in the Group 3 Silver Shadow Stakes at Warwick Farm on 23 August, the Group 2 Furious Stakes at Randwick on 9 September, the Group 2 Tea Rose Stakes at Randwick on 20 September and the Group 1 Flight Stakes at Randwick on 4 October.

The abovementioned wins comprise the "Princess Series" and Samantha Miss is the first filly since Angst in 1993, to have won this prestigious series.

Racing can be a very cruel taskmaster at times - giving at first, and then quickly taking away.

Sadly we will not be seeing Tuesday Joy for the next three months as she will be serving a mandatory three month suspension after bleeding in the Group 1 Turnbull Stakes on 4 October 2008.

Nor will we be seeing Racing to Win at the Carnivals as he has gone amiss.

It's all extra weight on the back of Samantha Miss.

Samantha Miss will next compete in the W S Cox Plate at Moonee Valley where she will clash with current Australian Horse of the Year, Weekend Hussler and the impressive New Zealander Princess Coup.

We wish her the best of luck.

RACE FIELDS LEGISLATION

The Queensland government has followed the lead of New South Wales by announcing that it will introduce new laws forcing wagering operators to pay a turnover-based fee to access the state's race fields details. The NSW government passed similar "race fields" laws which came into effect last month.

In NSW, the approval of Racing NSW must be given for any organisation to publish the state's race information and become subject to a 1.5% turnover-based fee.

The new NSW race fields legislation was successfully challenged recently by Sydney bookmakers Tom and Bill



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Waterhouse who argued that because their business was conducted by telephone only, they did not publicly display race fields.

Racing NSW has now asked the government to address the "loophole" in the race fields legislation as a matter of urgency.

In other developments, Betfair has issued proceedings in the Federal Court of Australia (under section 92 of the Constitution) challenging the validity of the NSW race fields legislation, alleging discriminatory conduct in interstate trade and commerce.

WORLD YOUTH DAY COMPENSATION TO OWNERS

Your association has raised the possibility with Racing NSW of the World Youth Day fund being used to compensate owners for disruption to their horses training schedules. This was as a result of the move from Randwick to other training tracks and then back again.

Negotiations are at an advanced stage, with only the final horse numbers to be determined (and therefore the total cost of the compensation). It is anticipated that payment will go through trainers accounts (the same as EI payments), and be credited to owners accounts in the next month.

HENDRA VIRUS

The following advice relative to the infectious disease, Hendra Virus, is provided by the Racing NSW Senior Official Veterinarian to NSW industry participants, particularly those in the Northern Rivers and Mid North Coast regions of NSW.

"Trainers and others should be aware of the possibility of Hendra virus infection in horses showing the symptoms outlined below, particularly where the horses reside in areas known to be inhabited by fruit bats or flying foxes.

Hendra virus is carried in fruit bats, and most reported cases in horses have coincided with the bat breeding season (late winter to early summer). As transmission is likely to occur through ingestion of contaminated feed or water, horse owners/trainers are discouraged from placing feed and water troughs under trees where bats are known to roost and breed.

There are only 11 recorded incidents of Hendra virus infection, 10 in Queensland and 1 in Northern NSW (Murwillumbah in 2006). On very rare occasions the virus has spread from horses to humans and in some cases human fatalities have resulted.

Symptoms in infected horses have included: high temperature, respiratory distress, frothy nasal discharge, neurological signs (for example, ataxia, head tilt, depression), and colic. Some horses have presented with neurological signs only."

Please remember that Hendra virus is a notifiable disease. Suspect cases must be reported to an inspector or veterinarian, or phoned in to the emergency animal disease hotline on 1800 675 888. Local Stewards should also be notified of any concerns. For further information on Hendra virus, see the Queensland DPI website - <http://www.dpi.qld.gov.au>.

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REMINDER REGARDING ACCESS TO OWNERS LOUNGE AT RANDWICK

A reminder that NSWROA members have been granted access, on a trial basis, to the Owners Lounge at Randwick Racecourse from 27 September 2008 to 26 December 2008 for all Saturday and Carnival race days. The room will be open one hour before the first Sydney race and will be cleared fifteen minutes before the first Sydney race. Drinks will be charged at AJC bar prices.

It should be noted that:-

- (a) no ticketing on the course or the members enclosure is provided; and
- b) you will need to present your membership card for admittance.

We look forward to seeing you at Randwick.

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