



NSW RACEHORSE OWNERS

ASSOCIATION

FEBRUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



After a good break over the Christmas - New Year season, the Association's Board has returned with plenty of energy and enthusiasm.

It is the start of a new era for NSW Racehorse Owners, with a brand new Facebook page and the resurrection of our old Twitter page. Our next task is to revamp the website!

NSW Racehorse Owners' first function of the year, the cocktail function on Apollo Stakes Day, was enhanced by the 30th win of the inimitable Winx. We were very pleased to host two of her owners (and our members) Debbie Kepitis and Peter Tighe, who took time out of their busy day to give us an interview.

We have also received a large group of Associate Members from the ATC to add to our database - they are all horse owners and we hope that many will become financial members, giving us a larger voice in the racing industry.

We are all looking forward to a very productive year.

Ray McDowell

NSWROA'S FINAL CONTACT DETAILS!

Due to new landline connection restrictions at Canterbury Racecourse, we will now be using a mobile number exclusively. Please note the revised details:

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SOCIAL EVENTS

Apollo Stakes Day Cocktail Function

A 'full field' attended our cocktail function held on 16 February in the Royal Randwick Ballroom on Apollo Stakes Day.

With Winx the main attraction, we were very pleased to welcome NSWROA members and Winx's part owners, Debbie Kepitis and Peter Tighe for a quick interview prior to Winx's race.

Our President Ray McDowell hosted the interview, which can be viewed online at <https://youtu.be/PTLfa1NBgks>.

We had many guests that were non-members and we were very happy to sign them up on the day. Welcome to you all! The atmosphere was very festive, assisted in part by the appearance in our room of dragon dancers, part of the Star Chinese Festival of Racing promotion.

Here are some photos from the event:









Racing Fraternity Mass – Sunday, 17 March 2019

The 2019 Sydney Annual Racing Fraternity Mass is an event conducted for all industry members and denominations. The mass, which is being held at **Royal Randwick** on Level 2 in the Ballroom, commences at **11am** and is followed by light refreshments.

(Access via Ascot Street, off Doncaster Avenue)

Autumn Luncheon – Saturday, 20th April 2019

The **Autumn Luncheon at Royal Randwick** is the next NSW Racehorse Owners' function on the social calendar.

More details to follow - save the date!



RACING INDUSTRY UPDATES

Longines World's Best Racehorse Rankings 2018



It has been widely publicised that our own **WINX** was rated Equal World's Best Racehorse for 2018 by the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities.

New South Wales also featured in the World's Best Jockey list, with **HUGH BOWMAN** being rated fourth.

Congratulations to both horse and rider!

(pic AAP)

Racing Australia Rewrites the Rules of Racing

(media release)

The first major rewrite of the rules governing Australia's Thoroughbred racing industry will take effect from 1 March.

Racing Australia Chair, Frances Nelson QC, said the rewrite was a modernisation and reordering of the Australian Rules of Racing, but did not change the substance or effect of existing rules.

"Racing Australia's purpose in commissioning this rewrite was to make it easier for racing participants to navigate and comply with the Australian Rules of Racing," Ms Nelson said.

The introduction of the new version will not affect decisions made or procedures commenced under the existing Rules. Matters like Stewards'

decisions, investigations underway, penalties imposed, liabilities incurred, licences granted or being processed, will continue to apply under the new, rewritten Rules.

The new version represents a significant change to the language, structure and numbering of the existing Australian Rules of Racing. To assist with transition, a new Schedule has been included with comparative tables cross-referencing the existing and new version of all rules.

For the first time, a Table of Contents is also included to help users in locating relevant rules. The Rules are also divided into 13 parts, which contain various divisions, to further assist navigation and identification of relevant rules.

In addition, in the new version, each individual rule has been named to provide a brief description of the rule's subject matter. For example, the existing AR 137 is referred to in the rewritten Rules as "AR 131 Riding offences".

The rewritten Rules also contain the following 5 schedules:

Schedule 1 - Prohibited Substances Lists (currently AR 177B, AR 178B & AR 178C)

- Schedule 2 - Trainer & Owner Reform (TOR) Rules (currently Schedule 1)
- Schedule 3 - Syndicate Rules (currently AR 69 - AR 69P & Syndicate Regs (a) - (k))
- Schedule 4 - List of Restricted Races (currently AR 1A)
- Schedule 5 - Table of Comparative Provisions

The rewrite was undertaken in consultation with Principal Racing Authorities and the Chairmen of Stewards' Committee. The draft new version has been with PRAs and Stewards since December to ensure smooth transition on 1 March.

A copy of the rewritten Rules-which do not take effect until 1 March-is available on the Racing Australia website: www.racingaustralia.horse.

For further information:

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HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

A Legend in the Saddle – Ray Selkrig

By Graham Caves

(NSWROA member and volunteer at the ATC Heritage Centre)

At the ATC Heritage Centre, there are a number of volunteers and ambassadors assisting to preserve, document and promote the marvellous ATC Heritage Collection. One of those is a living legend.

We are lucky to have Raymond Russell Selkrig still with us in the racing world. Ray is now an active 87 years of age and is as busy as can be. With his lovely wife of 60 years, Pat, by his side they are regular attendees at Sydney's racecourses. They are often sought out to attend functions and presentations and Ray has received invitations to the annual Melbourne Cup Street Parade; past winning jockeys' line-ups; and last year he was asked to officially launch a new book – The History of Moorefield Racecourse, a defunct track where he rode winners.



Ray is a proud life-member of the Australian Turf Club.

Ray's riding career began in 1947 and he was Dux of the AJC Apprentices' School in 1948. He was quickly among the leading riders in Sydney, and won the Apprentices' Premiership twice, in 1948/49 and 1949/50.

His first Group 1 winner came in the form of a very popular racehorse called Grey Boots in the Doncaster of 1950.

Ray's favourite horse was Royal Sovereign. On him he won three Derbies - AJC, Victoria and Queensland in 1964. Those wins were among six Derbies for Ray - he also won an AJC Derby on Prince Delville, Swift Peter and Gold Brick.

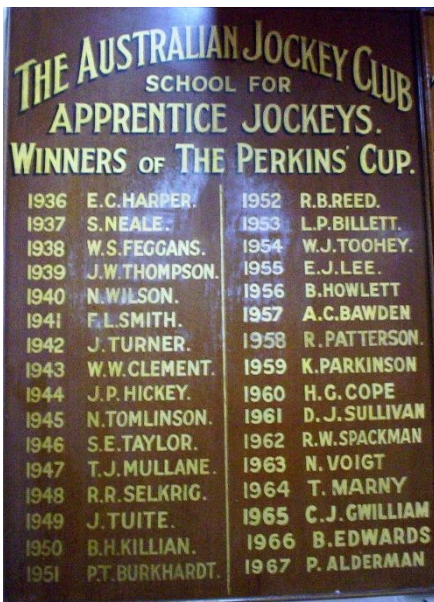
Though Ray best loves Royal Sovereign, the racing world knows his most important success in racing as his all the way win on Lord Fury in the 1961 Melbourne Cup, when he defeated Grand Print and Dhaulagiri.

In the 1958/59 season he won the Sydney Jockeys' Premiership and was always among the leaders in that contest throughout his time in the saddle.

Once, Ray fell from his mount just before the winning post but still won the race. He was dragged along the ground but hung onto the reins as they crossed the line and the horse was deemed to have carried his weight to the finish post. The horse was Hot Chestnut at Kembla Grange in 1973.

Other falls happened of course, and one such, in 1983, spelled the end of Ray Selkrig's riding career, it being determined unsafe for him to continue to ride.

Ray has donated the saddle on which he won his Derbies on Royal Sovereign to the ATC Heritage Collection and shown is a picture of Ray presenting the saddle to Heritage volunteer Ron Armstrong and a photo of the "Perkins Shield", an honour board which shows the annual winners of the apprentice school Dux of the Year. Note on the board Ray winning in 1948.



THE AUSTRALIAN JOCKEY CLUB SCHOOL FOR APPRENTICE JOCKEYS. WINNERS OF THE PERKINS' CUP.			
1936	E. C. HARPER.	1952	R. B. REED.
1937	S. NEALE.	1953	L. P. BILLET.
1938	W. S. FEGGANS.	1954	W. J. TOOHEY.
1939	J. W. THOMPSON.	1955	E. J. LEE.
1940	N. WILSON.	1956	B. HOWLETT
1941	F. L. SMITH.	1957	A. C. BAWDEN
1942	J. TURNER.	1958	R. PATTERSON.
1943	W. W. CLEMENT.	1959	K. PARKINSON.
1944	J. P. HICKEY.	1960	H. G. COPE
1945	N. TOMLINSON.	1961	D. J. SULLIVAN
1946	S. E. TAYLOR.	1962	R. W. SPACKMAN
1947	T. J. MULLANE.	1963	N. VOIGT
1948	R. R. SELKRIG.	1964	T. MARNY
1949	J. TUITE.	1965	C. J. WILLIAM
1950	B. H. KILLIAN.	1966	B. EDWARDS
1951	P. T. BURKHARDT.	1967	P. ALDERMAN



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BOBS & BOBS EXTRA UPDATE



By Mark Brassel

(photo: Bradley Photographers)



SPIRITUAL PURSUIT LANDS HER SECOND SUCCESSIVE BOBS BONUS UNDER THE LIGHTS

Promising filly Spiritual Pursuit made it a one-act affair in her Canterbury Park night racing debut by clearing out for an easy victory last month.

Superbly ridden by Kathy O'Hara, the Snitzel filly was held up in the lead until turning for home when O'Hara released the brakes and the three-year-old gapped them.

At the finish Spiritual Pursuit held a 3¼-length margin to Godolphin filly, Decor, with roughie Hemsted a close-up third.

Connections of Spiritual Pursuit netted an \$11,250 BOBS bonus for the win that came straight after a \$5,625 BOBS bonus in the filly's previous Wyong win.

"She has always shown ability but it's the first preparation where she has come back and actually looked like a racehorse," trainer Jason Coyle said.

"Previously she had been that little bit on the weak side and hadn't been able to put her race together at both ends. Hopefully, she can go on with it now."

The previous race saw Rock (Kerrin McEvoy for Team Hawkes) come from near last with a withering burst to claim Sister Sledge in the shadows of the post.

A son of Pierro, Rock also landed an \$11,250 BOBS bonus for his owners in his maiden win.

BOBS BONUS LEADER BOARD

Horse	Sire	BOBS Bonus	Wins
ROYAL CELEBRATION	Excelebration (Ire)	\$45,000	2
SYLVIA'S MOTHER	Snitzel	\$45,000	4
TIME TO REIGN	Time for War	\$45,000	2
ZALATTE (NZ)	Medaglia d'Oro (USA)	\$45,000	3
DIPLOMATICO	Snitzel	\$33,750	2
LJUNGBERG	I Am Invincible	\$33,750	2
NAPOLEON SOLO	Uncle Mo (USA)	\$33,750	2
ROHERYN	Lonhro	\$33,750	2
TELL ME	Choisir	\$33,750	3
CZARSON	Stratum	\$28,125	2
HANDLE THE TRUTH	Star Witness	\$28,125	3
THE ART OF THE BAR	Charge Forward	\$28,125	3
REGINAE	All Too Hard	\$28,125	2
ANAHEED	Fastnet Rock	\$22,500	1
ATHIRI	Lonhro	\$22,500	1
GEM SONG	Your Song	\$22,500	1
KAPAJACK	Lonhro	\$22,550	1

MEMBERS' BLACK TYPE HONOUR ROLL

Below is a list of all black type races won by our members from 1st August 2018 up to 31st December 2019.

A relatively quiet month black-type wise, additions during January are **shown in red**.

G1	ATC Winx Stakes	Winx	P & Mrs P Tighe, Mrs D Kepitis
G1	ATC George Main Stakes	Winx	P & Mrs P Tighe, Mrs D Kepitis
G1	VRC Makybe Diva Stakes	Grunt (NZ)	R Legh
G1	ATC Epsom Handicap	Hartnell (GB)	Godolphin
G1	VRC Turnbull Stakes	Winx	P & Mrs P Tighe, Mrs D Kepitis
G1	MVRC W S Cox Plate	Winx	P & Mrs P Tighe, Mrs D Kepitis
G1	VRC Cantala Stakes	Best of Days (GB)	Godolphin
G2	ATC Silver Shadow Stakes	Fiesta	D Henderson
G2	ATC Chelmsford Stakes	Unforgotten	P & Mrs P Tighe
G2	ATC Theo Marks Stakes	Home of the Brave (IRE)	Godolphin
G2	ATC The Shorts	Ball of Muscle	N B Couper
G2	VRC Danehill Stakes	Encryption	Godolphin
G2	ATC Shannon Stakes	Noire	D & Mrs M McLeish
G2	ATC Golden Pendant	Shumookh	Emirates Park
G2	ATC Hill Stakes	Ace High	J Cordina
G2	ATC Roman Consul Stakes	Sesar	J & Mrs A McDonnell
G2	MRC Schillaci Stakes	Ball of Muscle	N B Couper
G2	MRC Tristarc Stakes	Shumookh	Emirates Park
G2	MVRC Moonee Valley Gold Cup	Ventura Storm (IRE)	R Legh
G2	VRC Linlithgow Stakes	Osborne Bulls	Godolphin
G2	MRC Sandown Guineas	Ringerdingding	W & Mrs R Mula, K Maloney
G2	ATC The Villiers	Sky Boy	Think Big Stud
G3	VRC Aurie's Star Handicap	Voodoo Lad	K Maloney
G3	ATC Show County Quality	Le Romain	A Carusi
G3	SAJC Spring Stakes	Dollar for Dollar	R Legh
G3	MRC The Heath 1100	Ball of Muscle	N B Couper
G3	ATC Concorde Stakes	Redzel	J N Allen
G3	NJC Spring Stakes	Aramayo	Godolphin

G3	NJC Newcastle Gold Cup	Carzoff (FR)	N & Mrs A Vass, D & Mrs K Ackery
G3	ATC Kingston Town Stakes	Avilius (GB)	Godolphin
G3	MRC How Now Stakes	Winter Bride	K Maloney
G3	ATC Colin Stephen Quality	Miss Admiration	K Maloney
G3	VRC The Bart Cummings	Avilius (GB)	Godolphin
G3	MRC Northwood Plume Stakes	Winter Bride	K Maloney
G3	MRC Coongy Cup	Best of Days (GB)	Godolphin
G3	ATC The Nivison	Resin	Godolphin
G3	VRC Carbine Club Stakes	Ranier	Godolphin
G3	VRC Ottawa Stakes	Bella Rosa	K Maloney
G3	VRC Maybe Mahal Stakes	Cool Passion	J & Mrs A McDonnell, Ms J Henning, D Balian
G3	MRC Eclipse Stakes	Tally	Godolphin
G3	MRC Kevin Heffernan Stakes	Cool Passion	J & Mrs A McDonnell, Ms J Henning, D Balian
G3	Gosford Belle of the Turf Stakes	Sexy Eyes	P & Mrs P Tighe
G3	BRC BT McLachlan Stakes	Sun City	Mrs A McDonnell, Mr J S McDonnell,
LR	ATC The Rosebud	Sandbar	N & Mrs A Vass
LR	MRC Regal Roller Stakes	Osborne Bulls	Godolphin
LR	HRC Rowley Mile	Mister Sea Wolf (Ire)	P & Mrs P Tighe
LR	MVRC Mitchell McKenzie Stakes	Brutal (NZ)	R Legh
LR	ATC Premier's Cup	Avilius (GB)	Godolphin
LR	WRC Mona Lisa Stakes	Savatiano	Godolphin
LR	WRC Wyong Gold Cup	Carzoff (FR)	N & Mrs A Vass, D & Mrs K Ackery
LR	SAJC Morphettville Guineas	Fiera Vista	J Camilleri
LR	VRC Exford Plate	Brutal (NZ)	R Legh
LR	VRC Testa Rossa Stakes	Trekking	Godolphin
LR	VRC Poseidon Stakes	Wild Planet	R Legh
LR	VRC Paris Lane Stakes	Eckstein	A M Cardy
LR	MRC Gothic Stakes	Ranier	Godolphin
LR	ATC City Tattersalls Cup	Exoteric (GB)	K Pryke, P & Mrs P Tighe, D & Mrs K Ackery

LR	VRC Jim Beam Stakes	Pohutukawa	Godolphin
LR	VRC Springtime Stakes	Ringerdingding	W & Mrs R Mula, K Maloney
LR	Tatts Qld Legacy Classic	Stella Victoria	W & Mrs R Mula
LR	BRC Nudgee Quality	Manicure	Godolphin
LR	VRC Bagot Hcp	Etymology	Godolphin
LR	ATC AUSTRALIA DAY CUP	ETYMOLOGY	GODOLPHIN
RL	MVRC Inglis Banner	Espaaniyah	Emirates Park
RL	MAGIC MILLIONS 2yo CLASSIC	EXHILARATES	GODOLPHIN

COUNTRY SHOWCASE MEETINGS



There are plenty of excellent Country Showcase meetings coming up in March, kicking off with the 1400m on the first weekend at Goulburn and Mudgee. The 1400m feature Country Championship races are worth \$150,000, with the lowest prize money on these days being \$30,000.

The Country Championships final will be held at Royal Randwick on 6 April 2019.

<u>Goulburn</u>	Saturday, 2 March 2019	South-East	Feature-Country Championships
<u>Mudgee</u>	Sunday, 3 March 2019	Central-West	Feature-Country Championships
<u>Tamworth</u>	Sunday, 10 March 2019	Hunter & North West	Feature-Country Championships
<u>Grafton</u>	Sunday, 17 March 2019	Northern Rivers	Feature-Country Championships
<u>Albury</u>	Friday, 22 March 2019	Southern	Feature-Albury Cup
<u>Muswellbrook</u>	Sunday, 24 March 2019	Hunter & North West	Feature-Wild Card
<u>Muswellbrook</u>	Friday, 29 March 2019	Hunter & North West	Feature-Muswellbrook Cup

BITS AND PIECES



Announcing the Early Bird Renewal Winners!

1st Prize: DENNIS PITMAN

2nd Prize: NICHOLAS VASS

3rd Prize: CHARLES SALA

The lucky winners were drawn at our Board Meeting on 5 February 19.



Do You Have an Email Address?

As one of a small number of our members who receives our monthly newsletter by post rather than email, you are missing out on additional information contained in the electronic version. You are also missing out on other industry bulletins which are received and sent out at short notice (and would be out of date by the time they were received in the mail).

For instance, the video interview of Debbie Kepitis and Peter Tighe in this issue was linked to the emailed version of the newsletter, as well as several other links to further information such as the rewritten Rules of Racing.

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