

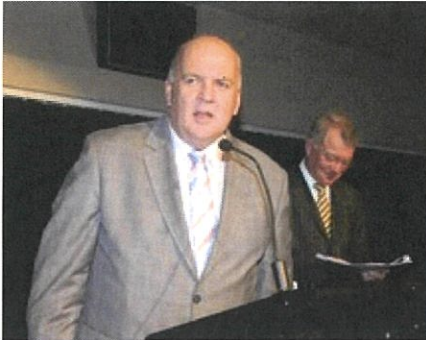


# NSW RACEHORSE OWNERS

ASSOCIATION

## MARCH 2019 NEWSLETTER

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



There are certainly exciting times in New South Wales racing at the moment. Winx has set a new world record for the number of Group 1 wins (31). The Country Championships comes to a head with the \$500,000 final being held on 6th April at Randwick, a great innovation which showcases our country trained horses. And of course there is some world class racing being held in Sydney over the Autumn at the 3-day Golden Slipper Carnival, Days 1 and 2 of The Championships and All Aged Stakes Day, the final day of the Carnival. May our members taste some success on the track over this time!

Our Autumn Racing Luncheon is being held, as usual, on All Aged Stakes Day, 20th April. At \$260 per person, let me assure you that it is the best value luncheon being held on-course on this popular day. We hope you are able to join us for an event-filled afternoon, complemented by an outstanding buffet lunch.

#### Annual General Meeting

You will have received notice of our Annual General Meeting being held on Tuesday, 14th May 2019. We will be electing five Directors at the meeting. In accordance with the Articles of Association, Mr Mitchell Stone and Mr Antony Surace retire and offer themselves for re-election. Mr Peter Quirk, having been appointed a Director to fill a casual vacancy, also retires and offers himself for re-election.

If you would like to attend the AGM, please let us know by 7th May for catering purposes. If you can't attend and would like to submit a Proxy Vote, please do so.

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## SOCIAL EVENTS



*You're Invited to our*

# Autumn Carnival Luncheon

*- All Aged Stakes Day -*  
20 April 2019 at Royal Randwick

For full details, please see the *enclosed* flyer and booking form!

## RACING INDUSTRY UPDATES

### Sydney Tracks Legend Lindsay Murphy Retires After 42 Years

*(ATC media release)*



One of Australian racing's most successful and respected administrators Lindsay Murphy has announced plans to retire from the Australian Turf Club after a stellar career of 42 years in Sydney racing.

The current General Manager of Racecourses for all of the Australian Turf Club's four racecourses, Mr Murphy will officially finish on 31 July this year.

Since starting work as a junior clerk in the racing office of the Sydney Turf Club in 1977, Mr Murphy has gone on to oversee track care, maintenance and rebuilds of training and course proper surfaces at all of Sydney's racecourses.

Most recently he played an integral role in the highly successful rebuild and return to racing of the Kensington track.

Amongst many projects and highlights during his illustrious career, Mr Murphy helped lead a full redesign and new drainage system at the Canterbury Park track in 1998, still recognised as one of the best tracks in Australian racing.

Mr Murphy's expertise has been regularly sought by race clubs around Australia, as well as from international jurisdictions.

Along with working closely with horses and the characters of racing, Mr Murphy highlighted the diverse roles he had enjoyed, including as a Clerk of Scales, Timekeeper, Assistant Judge, Judge and Assistant Starter.

Mr Murphy said the time had come to retire and spend more time with his family, who had made many sacrifices over four decades for his career.

"My wife Bernadette and our four children have been very supportive and understanding for which I am extremely grateful," Mr Murphy said.

"We actually lived on course at Canterbury Park for 22 years which was a great place to raise a family and to see the kids grow up.

"I am also very grateful for the guidance and support I have received from all of the Chairmen, Board Directors and CEOs over all these times.

"Racing is a time consuming business and Bernadette and the children have made many sacrifices.

"I'm looking forward to spending more time with my family and grandchildren and I will continue to go racing as much as possible but in a more relaxed capacity."

Australian Turf Club Executive General Manager Racing Services and Membership James Heddo praised and congratulated Mr Murphy on an outstanding career.

"Lindsay is not only a legend of Sydney racing for his long list of achievements but also someone widely respected in racing circles around Australia and beyond," Mr Heddo said.

"He has been a fantastic manager of many projects but also a wonderful leader and mentor to countless colleagues.



“Lindsay leaves a lasting legacy and he departs our Club with all of our racecourses in magnificent, world-class condition.

“We also recognise and acknowledge the wonderful support Bernadette Murphy and all of Lindsay’s family have provided.

“The Australian Turf Club warmly congratulates Lindsay on his distinguished career of over more than four decades and wishes him a long and happy retirement.”

Mr Heddo said the Australian Turf Club would announce further plans in coming months to celebrate Mr Murphy’s career.



## HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

### Honouring the AJC Derby’s History

By Graham Caves

*(NSWROA member and volunteer at the ATC Heritage Centre)*



Back in 2011 the Australian Turf Club, newly named following the recent merger of the AJC and the STC, chose to honour the 150th anniversary of the AJC Derby with an historic display and to do it proud.

To that end a panorama of paintings, drawings, photographs and history tales relating to the great race was produced and erected around the old tote house (still standing) on Randwick racecourse. It was an impressive sight. The “wall” stood some three and a half metres high, with the images about two and a half metres in height and it wound around the building. See the pictures herewith.

The one year old Heritage Society was asked to work with the Heritage Officer and Marketing Department of the ATC to plan, design and document the history of the race. We did indeed do that and we were very proud of the final result. It stayed in place for some months.



When the time came to dismantle the display it was not practical to keep the materials, so it was decided that a smaller but still impressive replica of that display would be installed in the pedestrian tunnel that runs from the infield car park into the course, emerging near the “Meeting Tree” adjacent to the “Theatre of the Horse”.

The replica is about 50 metres long and a faithful reproduction of the original display.

One the next page is a photograph of it as it now resides.

Do give it a few minutes for a look-see when you are next at Randwick.



## MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



Our Owner Spotlight this month is on the part owners of the three-year-old gelding Handle The Truth.

His part owners Laurel Oak Bloodstock Pty Ltd (Manager **Louis Mihalkya**), **Malcolm Clift** and **Laurie Saville** are all NSW Racehorse Owners Association members and are having a great time with this lightly raced gelding, who has won five of his nine race starts to-date.

Bred by a Laurel Oak breeding venture, he is out of one of their race mares Assertively. “While she was only borderline commercial, we were keen to mate her with Star Witness to create line breeding to Audrey Joan, granddam of Lion Hunter in Star Witness’ pedigree and dam of Prego in Assertively’s pedigree,” explained Louis Mihalyka.

The name Handle The Truth has attracted plenty of attention from those interested in clever horse names. “Being by Star Witness out of Assertively reminded me of the film A Few Good Men, when Jack Nicholson makes that statement,” explained Louis.

“It was initially a little slow getting clients into him, but once he won a jump-out impressively, we completed the partnership with our owners and those of the trainer, Keith Dryden,” explained Louis. “He won on debut and two starts later, ran 6<sup>th</sup> in the Group 3 Black Opal.”

Fellow part owners Laurie Saville and Malcolm Clift are long time friends and clients of Louis, and each race several horses a season. “Laurie and I were school friends and I’ve known Malcolm since about 1987,” Louis recalled. “I



remember Malcolm was in one of our good country horses, Tehuacan, in the days when the race conditions were different. He won 19 races from 1992 through to 1997!"

Trained at Canberra, Handle The Truth's connections have targeted Highway races, winning two at Rosehill, as well as a Sprint Series heat at Canterbury in February. He unfortunately failed to get a berth at the Country Championships Final to be held at Randwick on 6 April.



*NSWROA members Laurie Saville (2nd from left), Malcolm Clift (4th from left) and Louis Mihalyka (rear) with Handle The Truth*

"We didn't win the local qualifier and were heading for the Country Championships Wildcard race at Muswellbrook on 24 March, but he cast himself in the box this week and is out of action," Louis lamented.

While there will often be these 'changes of plans' with horses, no doubt there will be more wins to come for this progressive three-year-old!

## **COUNTRY SHOWCASE MEETINGS**



The month of March sees the completion of the 1400m feature Country Championship Regional Heats, with the finalists heading to Randwick on 6 April, the first day of The Championships – for the \$500,000 event.



A Wildcard event will be held at Muswellbrook on 24 March to give two more groups of lucky connections a last minute berth should they run in the first two.

Country Showcase races are worth \$150,000, with the lowest prize money on these days being \$30,000.

Here are the upcoming meetings for April, which include the running of the iconic Wellington Boot, the Orange Cup and the Tamworth Cup:

**WELLINGTON** Sun, 7 April Central West Feature – Wellington Boot

**ORANGE** Fri, 12 April Central West Feature – Orange Cup

**TAMWORTH** Sun, 28 April Hunter & NW Feature – Tamworth Cup

## BOBS & BOBS EXTRA UPDATE



By Mark Brassel

*(photo: Bradley Photographers)*



### TALENTED SNITZEL COLT CARDIFF NETTED A HEALTHY \$11,250 BOBS BONUS FOR CONNECTIONS IN WINNING IMPRESSIVELY AT WARWICK FARM

Having his fourth start, flashy chestnut Cardiff sat in second position until straightening before setting out after the front-runner Heart Breaker, who had kicked clear at the 400m.

But Cardiff, with Michael Walker aboard, soon reeled in the eventual third placegetter and scored by half a length from Garrison who flashed home late to grab the runner-up's cheque. Heart Breaker weakened to finish third. "He's a nice horse and shows plenty of ability," trainer Gerald Ryan said of Cardiff, who is owned in partnership by Aquis Farm.

A similar BOBS bonus was won in the very next race by Evening Slippers (also by Snitzel) who was having her first start in four months. The Gai Waterhouse / Adrian Bott youngster, who carries a big white blaze, led and was challenged on the home turn by runner-up Bollywood, but she showed plenty of determination to cling on for a narrow victory.

Fasika (So You Think) made it treble of BOBS bonuses when she was highly impressive in taking out the following event on debut.

Prepared by Joe Pride, Fasika skirted around the field just before straightening and put paid to her rivals in the blink of an eye, cruising to a two-length win.

Pride said afterwards he may look further down the track at Spring races with the filly.

### BOBS LEADERBOARD

Horse	Sire	BOBS Bonus	Wins
MILITARY ZONE	Epaulette	\$45,000	2
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
BALLER	High Chaparral (Ire)	\$39,375	3
HANDLE THE TRUTH	Star Witness	\$39,375	4
DIPLOMATICO	Snitzel	\$33,750	2
LJUNGBERG	I Am Invincible	\$33,750	2
NAPOLEON SOLO	Uncle Mo (USA)	\$33,750	2
PROPHET'S THUMB	I Am Invincible	\$33,750	3
ROHERYN	Lonhro	\$33,750	2
TELL ME	Choisir	\$33,750	3
TENLEY	Medaglia d'Oro (USA)	\$33,750	2
WAGNER	Bernardini (USA)	\$33,750	3



## MEMBERS' BLACK TYPE HONOUR ROLL

### The action certainly hotted up last month!

Below is a list of all black type races won by our members from 1st August 2018 up to 28 February 2019.

Additions to the Honour Roll in February are shown in **UPPER CASE**.

### NSWROA Members Black Type Honour Roll

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
<b>G1</b>	<b><u>MRC BLUE DIAMOND STAKES</u></b>	<b><u>LYRE</u></b>	<b><u>GODOLPHIN</u></b>
<b>G1</b>	<b><u>MRC FUTURITY STAKES</u></b>	<b><u>ALIZEE</u></b>	<b><u>GODOLPHIN</u></b>
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
<b>G2</b>	<b><u>ATC EXPRESSWAY STAKES</u></b>	<b><u>ALIZEE</u></b>	<b><u>GODOLPHIN</u></b>
<b>G2</b>	<b><u>ATC BREEDERS' CLASSIC</u></b>	<b><u>CHAMPAGNE CUDDLES</u></b>	<b><u>RAMSEY PASTORAL CO (S &amp; T RAMSEY)</u></b>
<b>G2</b>	<b><u>ATC APOLLO STAKES</u></b>	<b><u>WINX</u></b>	<b><u>P &amp; Mrs P TIGHE, Mrs D KEPITIS</u></b>
<b>G2</b>	<b><u>ATC SILVER SLIPPER STAKES</u></b>	<b><u>TIME TO REIGN</u></b>	<b><u>G BACHELL, GRANT BLOODSTOCK, WHITBY BLOODSTOCK</u></b>
<b>G2</b>	<b><u>MRC CAULFIELD CLASSIC</u></b>	<b><u>GLOBAL EXCHANGE</u></b>	<b><u>CHINA HORSE CLUB RACING</u></b>
<b>G2</b>	<b><u>MRC PETER YOUNG STAKES</u></b>	<b><u>AVILIUS</u></b>	<b><u>GODOLPHIN</u></b>
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
<b><u>G3</u></b>	<b><u>ATC WIDDEN STAKES</u></b>	<b><u>AMERCEMENT</u></b>	<b><u>GODOLPHIN</u></b>
<b><u>G3</u></b>	<b><u>ATC CANONBURY STAKES</u></b>	<b><u>McLAREN</u></b>	<b><u>CHINA HORSE CLUB RACING</u></b>
<b><u>G3</u></b>	<b><u>MRC MANFRED STAKES</u></b>	<b><u>TIN HAT</u></b>	<b><u>GODOLPHIN</u></b>
<b><u>G3</u></b>	<b><u>MRC CARLYON CUP</u></b>	<b><u>AVILIUS (GB)</u></b>	<b><u>GODOLPHIN</u></b>
<b><u>G3</u></b>	<b><u>ATC SOUTHERN CROSS STAKES</u></b>	<b><u>ECKSTEIN</u></b>	<b><u>A M CARDY</u></b>
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
<b><u>LR</u></b>	<b><u>TRC TASMANIAN DERBY</u></b>	<b><u>COSSETOT</u></b>	<b><u>GODOLPHIN</u></b>
<b><u>LR</u></b>	<b><u>ATC LONHRO PLATE</u></b>	<b><u>BIVOUAC</u></b>	<b><u>GODOLPHIN</u></b>
<b><u>LR</u></b>	<b><u>TRC STRUTT STAKES</u></b>	<b><u>ROCK DOVE</u></b>	<b><u>GODOLPHIN</u></b>
<b><u>LR</u></b>	<b><u>MVRC MOONEE VALLEY NIGHT CUP</u></b>	<b><u>VENGEUR MASQUE (Ire)</u></b>	<b><u>R &amp; C LEGH RACING</u></b>
<b><u>LR</u></b>	<b><u>VRC TALINDERT STAKES</u></b>	<b><u>MICROPHONE</u></b>	<b><u>GODOLPHIN</u></b>
<b><u>LR</u></b>	<b><u>ATC PARRAMATTA CUP</u></b>	<b><u>RED CARDINAL (Ire)</u></b>	<b><u>T MITEVSKI</u></b>
RL	MVRC Inglis Banner	Espaanayah	Emirates Park
RL	Magic Millions 2yo Classic	Exhilarates	Godolphin



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## **Autumn Carnival Luncheon**

**All Aged Stakes Day – 20 April 2019 at Royal Randwick**

Held on the last day of the Sydney Autumn Racing Carnival, the function's guests will have a bird's eye view of the finishing line from the comfort of a private room on Level 2 of the Queen Elizabeth II Grandstand.

The **Group 1 All Aged Stakes** and the last leg of the 2 Year Old Triple Crown, the **Group 1 Champagne Stakes**, will be hard fought events, in addition to another four black type races to keep up the excitement.

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