

Tales, trophies, tips and a triple dead-heat

NSW RACEHORSE OWNERS ASSOCIATION'S ANNUAL END OF AUTUMN CARNIVAL LUNCHEON WAS HELD AT ROYAL RANDWICK ON ALL AGED STAKES DAY AND AN EXCELLENT DAY WAS HAD BY ALL WORDS: JANE HENNING (CEO – NSWROA)



LEFT: (L-R): Jane Pitman Memorial Best Hat Trophy winner Judy Foley and ATC Director, Angela Belle McSweeney
RIGHT: One of NSWROA's tables of guests at the luncheon



LEFT: Top tipster Laura Whiley with NSWROA Board member, Antony Surace
RIGHT: Boston for Men Best Tie winner, David Coleman, with Angela Belle McSweeney

Despite being the Easter long weekend, a good crowd consisting of regulars and new NSWROA members gave the room a great atmosphere during the annual All Aged Stakes Day luncheon.

Racing doyen Ken Callander kicked off the proceedings with a great yarn from his days working for Kerry Packer, followed by some tips for the terrific program, which featured two Group 1 events and a further four Group 3 races.

While we had groups of owners in the room with runners on the day, there were no in-house victories on what turned out to be a difficult day on the track.

The tipping competition, which is always hotly-contested for the lucrative cash prize pool (as well as the kudos!) was ably conducted by NSWROA Board member Antony Surace over races 2 to 8.

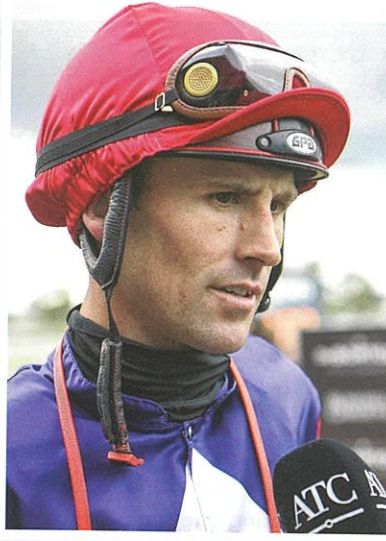
The prize went to the early leader, Laura Whiley, who took it out by a solitary point over Ann Mahony. There was a triple dead-heat for third.

This year's Best Hat and Best Tie judge was ATC Director, Angela Belle McSweeney, who was also the subject of our guest interview, conducted by NSWROA Board Member, Shirley McGrath.

The winner of the Jane Pitman Memorial Best Hat Trophy was Judy Foley, who is always beautifully turned out, this time in a beautiful pale blue feather headpiece.

Our Boston for Men Best Tie Award went to David Coleman, our Minister for Immigration, Citizenship and Multicultural Affairs.

He eschewed the conventional Liberal Party blue neckwear and opted for a lemon patterned design, which caught



Tye England, a client of Spinal Cord Injuries Australia

the eye of our discerning judge.

As always, the lunch and refreshments provided for our guests were fantastic.

UPCOMING RACE DAY EVENT

Our next function is held on the last day of the racing season, this year on Saturday 27 July at Rosehill Gardens.

NSW Racehorse Owners Association also sponsors a race on this day, so stay tuned for more details of this event.

2019 RACING'S NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS

This gala event has a new charity partner this year, which is engendering a lot of support for the event.

The charity is Spinal Cord Injuries Australia (SCIA), an organisation with particular relevance to the racing industry, with jockeys, track riders and ground staff vulnerable to incurring

devastating spinal injuries.

Tye England is one such racing identity who has recently suffered a permanent, life-changing spinal injury after a fall in Hong Kong.

Tye is currently receiving rehabilitation and ongoing peer support through SCIA.

And he has welcomed news of the partnership between the NSW Racehorse Owners' Association and Spinal Cord Injuries Australia to raise funds for its ongoing work.

"Spinal Cord Injuries Australia has played a big part in my life since returning to Sydney," Tye explained.

"The SCIA Peer Support Team members have suffered spinal cord injury themselves and they are providing great practical experience during my ongoing rehabilitation.

"It's helping me with every aspect of the huge mental and physical adjustment involved.

"I'm really pleased that the NSW Racehorse Owners Association has invited SCIA to be their charity of choice for the 2019 Racing's Night of Champions."

Spinal Cord Injuries Australia was established over 50 years ago.

It provides a range of services to help people lead more independent lives, including Peer Support, Information, Accommodation, Advocacy, NDIS Support, Social Enterprise, Employment and Exercise Rehabilitation.

SCIA has over 2,000 members and one third of its staff live with disability and two thirds of the SCIA Board also have lived-experience of spinal cord injury.

Racing's Night of Champions, which is a beacon on the social calendars of the racing fraternity in New South Wales, will be held in the Royal Randwick Ballroom on Thursday, 15 August 2019. **RNSW**

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