

SPRING 2019 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



We're off and racing for the ATC's Everest Carnival, with several of The Everest runners having kicked off their campaigns. Will Redzel make it three in a row or will there be a new group of excited owners holding the trophy?

Of course, The Everest is not the only exciting contest Sydney racing has in store over the next couple of months. We have Group 1 events such as the Epsom, the Flight Stakes, the Metrop, the Spring Champion Stakes and high prizemoney ungraded races such as The Kosciuszko, the Bondi Stakes, the Redzel Stakes and the Golden Eagle to look forward to.

NSWROA has recently changed the judging system for the 202 Racing's Night of Champions. Instead of relying on a points based system only, the finalists' names will then go to a voting panel, which will consist of selected members of our Board and a small number of respected industry members.

The change has been brought about by the increasing difficulties in adapting a points-only system to the fast changing face of NSW racing. Multi-state stables, the increasing number of high prizemoney races which are not graded, and the frequent movement of horses between states for races, make a points-only system fraught with problems and inflexible to exceptions. A voting panel will also add the element of the unknown result which a points system lacks, which will further add to the atmosphere at Racing's Night of Champions.

Our Christmas cocktail function, which was pencilled in for 7 December at Rosehill Gardens, has been transferred to **Villiers Stakes Day, 14 December** at Royal Randwick. While all areas were seemingly booked out months ago, the ATC has now offered us a room on the ground floor of the old members' stand (now called the Officials Stand) for our exclusive use. The day also includes the Christmas Cup, the Inglis Nursery and the Razor Sharp Handicap. Mark it in your diary!

Enjoy the next few months' racing and best of luck to all owners.

Ray McDowell



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UPCOMING SOCIAL EVENTS



The NSW Racehorse Owners’ Christmas Party is Fast Approaching!

Venue: The Officials Stand at Royal Randwick

When: Villiers Stakes Day - 14 December 2019

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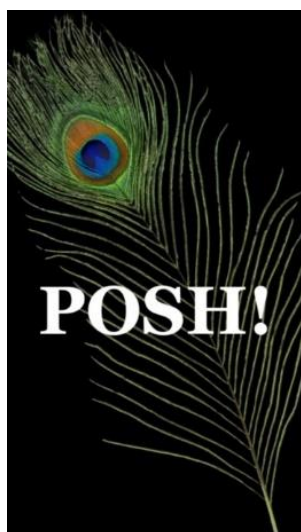
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HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

Famous Jockeys Spanning the Generations

By Graham Caves

(NSWROA member and volunteer at the ATC Heritage Centre)

Recently the Australian Turf Club held a Jockeys' Reunion raceday and it was well attended. The function was held in The Old Jockeys' Room at Royal Randwick.

This room, which is part of the old Officials' Stand where the old grandstand meets the new Queen Elizabeth Stand, was the jockeys room at Randwick for more than 100 years. It now serves as a function centre.

It was fully refurbished and the ATC Heritage Centre was asked to choose suitable decorations for the new venue. In keeping with its past life the room was adorned with memorabilia of famous jockeys. Here with this article are just a few of the photos and artefacts of the type now displayed.

Three greats (right) – You wouldn't expect to see a photo of these three "immortals" together as they rode in different eras but here they are. Ron Quinton – George Moore – Darren Beadman.



NSWROA Members Repurposing our Retired Thoroughbreds

Heath Harris is a horse trainer of a different kind to that usually being referred to in the racing world, however it's likely that you have heard of Heath or at least seen the fruits of his work. If there's a movie featuring horse talent, Heath has very likely been involved. He has trained, horse-mastered, stunt co-ordinated and second unit directed over 40 feature films (including "Phar Lap", "The Man From Snowy River" and "Racing Stripes") and approximately 120 commercials and television series.



Kate Mallyon on Mr Bean, with Heath Harris

Heath's profession has resulted in the Thoroughbred becoming his favourite breed to work with. "They are the ultimate equine athletes," said Heath, "and unfortunately, they are currently highly underutilised by the equestrian industry."

Heath's wife, top show jumping rider **Krissy Harris** and her friend **Dr Karin Attebo** are members of the NSW Racehorse Association. Krissy represented Australia in the World Cup Final (1997) and World Championships (1998) on the Thoroughbred gelding Mr Popeye, who was 1997 NSW Horse of the Year.

Karin Attebo is an eye surgeon and she and her spinal surgeon husband Andrew Cree are part owners of over 20 racehorses. They are passionate about horse welfare and providing racehorses with a second career and purpose.

Group 1 winning former jockey Katelyn Mallyon is now concentrating her riding talents on retired racehorses. Katelyn, who is the ATC Racing Ambassador for the 2019 Everest Carnival, stole the show at the Everest media launch on the Heath Harris retrained Mr Bean, a More Than Ready

ex-racehorse named "Bold Don", rearing high into the air with the Randwick track as the backdrop.

Nicole Poetsch, whose grandfather was a champion outback jockey and uncle was a country trainer, is a show jumping rider who successfully competes on a Thoroughbred. She is the fifth person making up the well credentialed team which has formed the **Thoroughbred Sport Horse Association**.

"The aim of the Association is not only to create productive careers for our Thoroughbreds coming off the track," explained Heath, "but to increase the market value of Thoroughbreds entering equestrian fields."

“Once upon a time, there was a good market for Thoroughbreds in all disciplines and they were competing successfully at International level, including at the Olympics,” Heath continued. “Australian Thoroughbreds which have reached high levels in other disciplines have been sold overseas for seven figure sums in the past. The rapidly rising popularity of the Warmblood in dressage and show jumping has led to a decline in the market for Thoroughbreds, who are now practically being given away after racing. Some are just being left in paddocks and even when they are retrained by well meaning groups, poor market value doesn’t make it a long-term solution.”

The Thoroughbred Sport Horse Association has some innovative ideas for improving the image and value of our retiring racehorses. These include obtaining funding for prizemoney to be awarded to dedicated Thoroughbred-only equestrian classes. “Like bonus schemes so popular in the racing industry, this incentivises people to buy and compete Thoroughbreds. The more demand, the higher the off-the-track prices will be,” explained Heath. “We have had a couple of high profile studs and owners contribute to our funding, but we would like to obtain more support from the racing and breeding industries.”

The Thoroughbred Sport Horse Association is currently seeking tax deductible sponsorship from businesses and individuals for Thoroughbred classes at NSW horse shows for the 2019/2020 financial year. If you would like more information on how to assist in creating a long-term market for our beloved ex-racehorses, please contact Krissy Harris on 0459 168 782 or visit their website, www.thoroughbredsporthorse.com.au

COUNTRY RACING

Kempsey Cup Upgraded

Article & image by Callum McGregor



The biggest day on the local calendar has received a massive boost with the 2019 Kempsey Cup being upgraded by Racing NSW to a Country Showcase Meeting.

The upgrade increases the prizemoney allocated to each race and will in turn lead to more numbers and quality horses nominating to compete in each race on Kempsey Cup day.

Kempsey Race Club secretary, John Graham, expects this year's Kempsey Cup, which is Friday November 8, to have eight races held on the day.

Six races will have \$30,000 in prizemoney up for grabs while the Steve Keir Memorial will be \$32,000

and there will be \$40,000 for the Kempsey Cup.

Graham predicts the fields will now be larger and the quality of racing for the average punter will be much improved.

"We are very pleased to receive the upgrade to a Country Showcase Meeting for the Kempsey Cup," Graham told the Macleay Argus.

"We are optimistic this will attract more horses and there's always a stack of interest when there's more money up for grabs. And more horses should see a rise in wagering turnover."

Graham said the upgrade is a sign Kempsey Race Club is heading in the right direction and a deserved reward for club's hard work.

"It's always a positive to be recognised. The upgrade from Racing NSW suggests that we have been hosting successful meetings. They don't just hand it out willy-nilly," Graham said.

The organising of the Kempsey Cup is in full swing and Graham said the reserved areas are booking out fast.

"The corporate areas are more than 60 per cent booked already, which is a great sign for a big day," he said.

For those who prefer to focus on dressing up, the Fashions on the Field will again be held with loads of prizes up for grabs for the best dressed. Tickets will be available for entry on the day at the gate.

The Kempsey Cup attracts thousands of locals and those from nearby towns.



MEMBERS' BLACK TYPE HONOUR ROLL

Following is a list of all black type races won by our members to-date for the 2019 / 2020 racing season.

Godolphin:

- G1 AVILIUS** - George Main Stakes
- G1 BIVOUAC** – Golden Rose Stakes
- G2 ALIZEE** - Missile Stakes
- G2 BIVOUAC** - The Run to the Rose
- G3 EXHILARATES** - Quezette Stakes
- G3 BIVOUAC** - Vain Stakes
- G3 DEPRIVE** - Show County Quality
- G3 MANICURE** - How Now Stakes
- LR GAULOIS** - Rowley Mile
- LR EXHILARATES** - Atlantic Jewel Stakes
- LR SOOTHING** - W H Wylie Hcp

George Altomonte:

LR **STANDOUT** – Heritage Stakes

R & C Legh Racing:

G3 **EXCEEDANCE** - San Domenico Stakes

Magic Bloodstock P/L:

G2 **MISTER SEA WOLF (IRE)** – Shannon Stakes

G3 **FINCHE** - Kingston Town Stakes

Whitby Bloodstock P/L:

LR **WAYUPINTHESKY** - Cap d'Antibes Stakes

Damian Yates:

LR **REDZEL** - Concorde Stakes



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Adelaide Yearling Sale	10-11 March
Gold Coast March Yearling Sale	16-17 March
Gold Coast National Yearling Sale	3-5 June

Classic Yearling Sale, Sydney	9 -11 February
Premier Yearling Sale, Melbourne	1-4 March
Australian Easter Yearling Sale, Sydney	7-8 April
Melbourne Gold Sale	19-20 April
Chairman's Sale, Sydney	8 May
Australian Weanling Sale, Sydney	6-7 May
Australian Broodmare Sale	10-11 May
Scone Yearling Sale	17 May
Great Southern Sale, Melbourne	14-17 June
Ready2Race Sale, Sydney	20 October



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