
AUGUST 2020 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



Our Annual General Meeting was held in the Owners' Pavilion on Monday 6 July. A great venue, we were pleased to welcome a small but interactive group of members for some interesting discussion.

The newly formed Thoroughbred Aftercare Welfare Working Group (TAWWG) headed by Dr Denis Naphine asked for submissions from interested parties. NSWROA sent in a detailed submission with our suggestions and comments on retired racehorse welfare. TAWWG has responded with an invitation for an online meeting to further discuss our points.

It's been a frustrating time trying to organise our annual Racing's Night of Champions this year. We have pushed the date out to 22 October, however it is still unclear whether Covid-19 restrictions on corporate events will allow enough participants to make the evening viable. In any case, the awards will still be given for the 2019/2020 year. Nominees are currently being calculated and once we have the three finalists in each category, these will go to a voting panel consisting of three NSWROA Board members, a representative each from the TAB and Racing NSW as well as a representative from the racing media. The winner will then be determined and announced either at Racing's Night of Champions (if it can proceed) or on a date to be determined.

A stallion parade and country race meeting event is in the pipeline for late September but again, we are not yet certain whether these events can go ahead. We will let you know as soon as it is clear!

We appreciated a good response to our owners' online survey, which has given the Board a gauge on various matters important to our members and owners in general. The information will be used to adapt and improve current practices.

Best regards



Tony Mitevski



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NSWROA TAB EVEREST COMPETITION

NSW Racehorse Owners Association

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I WANT TAB EVEREST TICKETS!

WIN A LUXURY RACEDAY EXPERIENCE AT THE TAB EVEREST FOR YOU AND A FRIEND!

The NSW Racehorse Owners Association, in conjunction with the ATC and TAB, is offering you the chance to win a day at The TAB Everest held at Royal Randwick on 17 October, 2020.

NSWROA recently conducted a competition online for members, the prize being a luxury day for two at the TAB Everest on 17 October. Current members did not have to do anything to be in the draw – new members (those that joined up with the incentive of the prize) had to enter a code online.

The winner was **DENNIS PITMAN**. Being located in Queensland, Dennis was unsure he could attend and very generously decided to let us sell

the tickets to the highest bidder, with the proceeds going to the National Jockeys Trust.

The prize is two tickets to the Kingston Town Room, the value of which is **\$1170.00**.

Your race day experience includes:

- **Reserved table in the Kingston Town Room**
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- **Wait service**
- **3-Course Plated meal**
- **ATC Premium Beverage package (includes a selection of beer, wine, sparkling and soft drink)**
- **Racebook for each guest**
- **Access to betting facilities**
- **Please note ATC Members dress code applies.**
- **Complimentary infield parking via High Street**

If you would like to put in a bid for this fabulous prize, please contact Jane Henning at owners@nswroa.com.au or phone 0421 353 871.

One bid per member – bids to be received by **31 August at 4pm**.

NSWROA SURVEY

The NSW Racehorse Owners' Association recently conducted a voluntary online survey of racehorse owners. A total of 221 people sent in their answers to 32 questions on various subjects relevant to horse ownership.

Some stated issues regarding NSWROA membership renewal for which we can provide answers here:

“Very difficult to figure out how to renew membership”

A: Approaching the start of the new membership year, we post out renewal forms. Thereafter, each newsletter for the forthcoming months has a link to a .pdf membership form. Also a link to our website, where renewals can be completed online.

“Easier to renew [membership online] if form was prefilled. It is daunting to have to fill out the form from scratch each year. Hence lapsed membership.”

A: If you are already a member and have filled out all your membership details once online, all you need to do each year is enter your membership number and other basic identifiers, and any changes (such as horses owned, address etc) and it will be amended on your existing record.

“Tried to renew my membership online. I could not do so. I also sent an email. No response.”

A: A couple of members found the online system timed out before they completed their details. The system has now been extended to time out after 30 minutes instead of 10 minutes. Our email address changed early last year and it is possible this person sent to the old address. We answer ALL emails received.

We are working through the suggestions presented and it is certainly very helpful to have owner feedback.

INDUSTRY NEWS

AUSTRALIAN TURF CLUB ANNOUNCES 19/20 FIXTURES

The Australian Turf Club has released race dates for the 2020/21 season, with 110 metropolitan fixtures to be held across four Sydney metropolitan racecourses and supporting provincial venues.

The highly-anticipated Sydney spring starts on Saturday 22 August 2020 with the Group 1 \$500,000 Winx Stakes and continues through to the second running of the \$7.5 million Golden Eagle at Rosehill Gardens on Saturday 31 October.



The pinnacle of the Sydney Spring Carnival is The TAB Everest to be run for a new record \$15 million in prizemoney on Saturday 17 October 2020 at Royal Randwick.

The Australian Turf Club will increase its twilight racing program to five meetings, including a Friday twilight meeting at Rosehill Gardens on 20 November 2020.

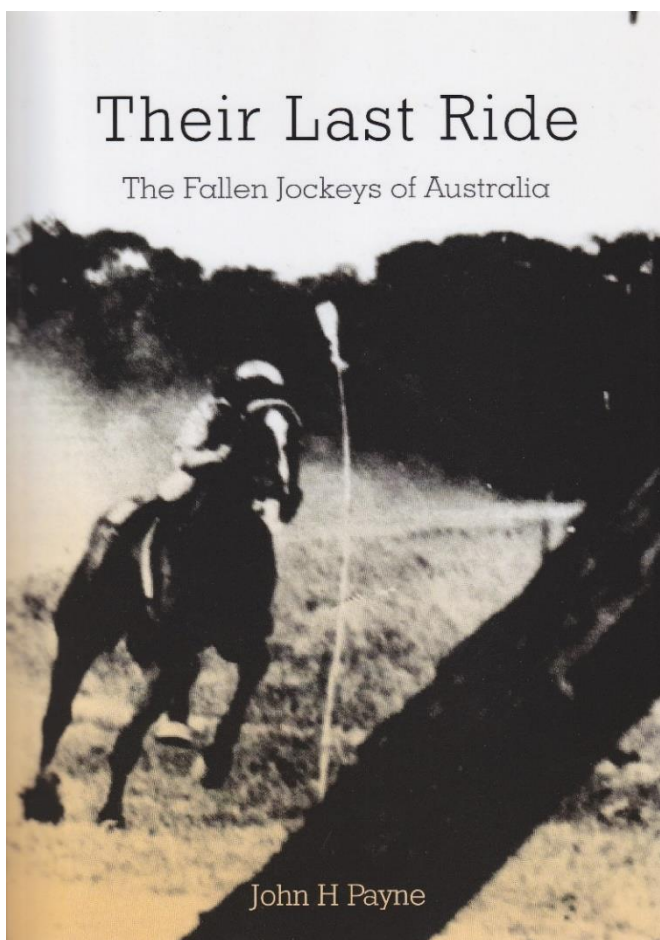
The highly successful KIA Night Racing Season at Canterbury Park again features ten meetings, with the opening night on Friday 13 November 2020, and also includes a meeting on New Year's Day, Friday 1 January.

Summer racing will crescendo with Inglis Millennium Day will move to Royal Randwick and be run on Saturday 6 February, 2021. In return Australia Day will become a feature day at Warwick Farm racecourse on Tuesday 26 January 2021.

In the Autumn, the Sydney Carnival is the pinnacle of this period, covering six weeks from Chandon S Ladies Day – as part of the Longines Golden Slipper Carnival at Rosehill Gardens on Saturday 13 March 2021 – through to Schweppes All Aged Stakes Day on Saturday 17 April at Royal Randwick.

Australia's biggest day of Group One racing is Longines Golden Slipper Day at Rosehill Gardens on Saturday 20 March, 2021 with 5 flagship races.

The \$4 million Longines Queen Elizabeth Stakes is the headline race of The Star Championships, a two-week racing event delivering \$21 million in prizemoney across two world-class race meetings at Royal Randwick, Saturday 3 and Saturday 10 April, 2021.



THE BILL WHITTAKER BOOK AWARD 2020

By Graham Caves

The Bill Whittaker Book Award winner for 2020 has been announced by Bob Charley. The award is given biennially for the best new book on Australian horse racing.

There was a total of 33 books published on horse racing in Australia/New Zealand in the two years of 2018 and 2019 and the criteria for choosing the winner are that it must add to the knowledge of Australian racing history, be well written and produced.

The 2020 winner is **John H Payne** for **THEIR LAST RIDE: The Fallen Jockeys of Australia**.

The author: John Payne lives in Orange NSW and is a prolific researcher of horse racing. He has spent the last six or seven years completing the task of writing this book and is well known in all the racing history locations around the country.

The libraries at the Australian Racing Museum at Flemington

and the ATC Heritage Centre at Randwick know him well and so do the state libraries and registries of births, deaths and marriage around Australia.

The book was inspired by his feeling the need to honour the men and women who have given their lives to the profession of riding racehorses. Racing provides many Australians with their entertainment and enjoyment.

The Fallen Jockeys monuments/memorials at Caulfield Victoria, Randwick NSW, Morphettville SA and Condobolin NSW have all helped John to complete his work on the book that is so dear to his heart.

Ask him a question about the Sydney Cup too, and you will get a comprehensive reply.

The book: Their Last Ride is a monumental book of 630 pages and tells the story of each and every jockey that has lost their life riding in a race, riding in barrier trials or riding trackwork in Australia. There are 938 jockeys recorded in this book, covering the period 1847 to 2017, and at least a line or two is devoted to every one of them, while most have extensively more. The book has brilliant ease of reference by having three indexes by - chronological or alphabetical or geographical order, and thus has been well received by local libraries and historical societies around Australia and as far away as the USA, for family researching.

About Bill Whittaker: Bill Whittaker (1929 – 2009) was one of Australia’s most prominent racing journalists/writers from the 1950s through to his death in 2009. He began his working life writing about harness racing on the long gone racing paper The Newsletter and later The Daily Telegraph as its “trotting” writer. Later, in 1959, he moved to the Sydney Morning Herald and wrote of both harness and galloping racing. Eventually his work transitioned totally to the gallopers and in his long career he wrote about all the great racehorses of his time. Bill was also a racing historian and loved writing about the historic racing days of old. The champions Bernborough, Tulloch and Kingston Town were from his time and he rated Tulloch the best of them all. He made himself an expert on Phar Lap and his observations and musings about the champion were renowned.

Bill was a friendly and helpful man and generous of his time to any young writer or racing enthusiast who approached him.

Previous winners of the Bill Whittaker Book Award are:

2010 Keith Paterson for The Master's Touch.

2012 Jessica Owers for Peter Pan.

2014 Joint winners: (John Adams for Over the Hurdles joint winner and Jessica Owers for Shannon.

2016 Bob Charley for Heroes & Champions.

2018 Ken Linnett for Tulloch.

John Payne’s book Their Last Ride can be purchased by going to the website www.theirlastride.com.au. A great Father’s Day present!

A green banner advertisement for TAB. On the left, a jockey in green and yellow silks rides a dark horse. On the right, a jockey in pink and white silks rides a brown horse. In the center, a yellow ribbon contains the text "JOIN TAB TODAY". Below this, the text "TAKES LESS THAN 1 MINUTE TO GET STARTED" is written in large white letters. At the bottom, smaller white text reads "Think! About your choices. Call Gambling Help 1800 858 858 www.gamblinghelp.nsw.gov.au. Gamble responsibly." The TAB logo is in the bottom right corner.

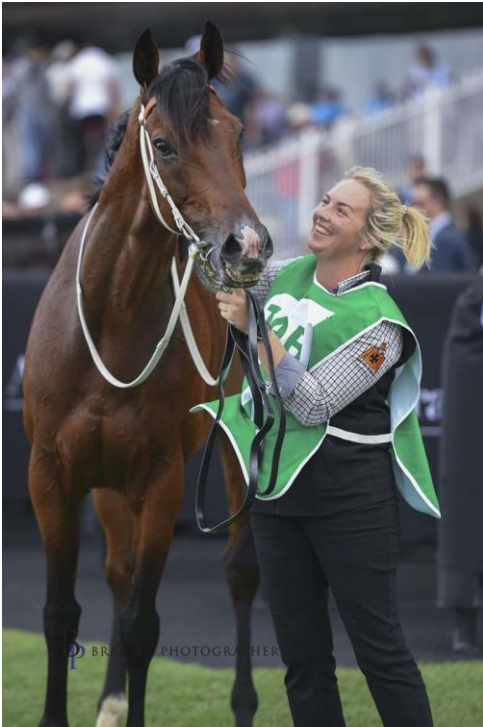
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MEMBERS' CORNER: RETIRED RACEHORSES



Many members will be familiar with the name **Red Cardinal** – an Irish bred horse who started his race career in England. The Montjeu gelding has seen more of the world than many Australians, having won the Group 2 Oleander Rennen and placing second in the Group 1 Von Europa in Germany; winning the Group 3 Belmont Gold Cup in USA; and running 5th in a Group 2 in France before stepping onto Australian soil.

Managed by Australian Bloodstock here, one of his owners is Tony Mitevski, President of the NSW Racehorse Owners Association.

Initially trained by Darren Weir, Red Cardinal was moved under controversial circumstances to Kris Lees in Newcastle. Red Cardinal then hit a patch of form previously unseen from him in Australia. At

his first start for Kris in February 2019, he won the Listed Parramatta Cup, followed at his next start by victory in the Group 3 Sky High Stakes. He then contested the Group 1 Tancred and the Group 1 Sydney Cup, without placing.

His next campaign was highlighted by a 3rd in the Listed Parramatta Cup this February, and after running 8th in the Group 3 Manion Cup, the decision was made to retire the now-8 year old.

One of Red Cardinal's other owners, Walter Power of Power Thoroughbreds, is retiring him to his rural property. We wish Red Cardinal a well earned retirement.

If you have a story of your ex-racehorse in a new role, please send it in!

HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

Unusual Racing-Related Books

By **Graham Caves**

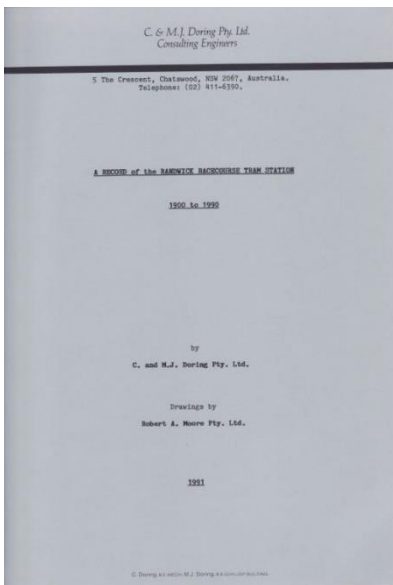
(NSWROA member and volunteer at the ATC Heritage Centre)

I was recently asked what kind of books, other than the statistical and historical records, are held in the ATC Heritage Centre Library? The answer is books on all things racing.

Biographies of people and horses, Australian and overseas, histories of racing clubs and racecourses, Thoroughbred breeding and pedigree books and long runs of the magazines about racing – Australian and overseas, are held. The HC database can quickly locate them, but it is also enjoyable to browse the shelves yourself.

For this article I have chosen three books from the collection that are unusual or unexpected.

A RECORD of the RANDWICK RACECOURSE TRAM STATION. 1991



The Randwick racecourse tram service was the ultimate in delivering the huge crowds to the racecourse during the early to mid 1900s. Crowds of 50,000 or more were normal for the main carnival days and often exceeded. In fact the record crowd for Randwick is the 93,746 people who watched The Diver win the 1948 Doncaster.

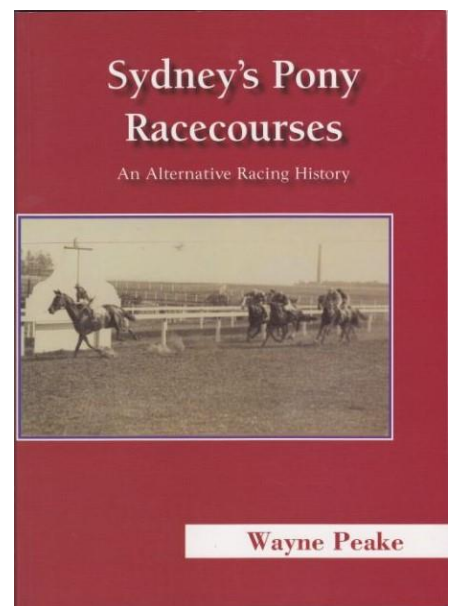
Trams were taken out of service in the early 1960s but the bulky infra-structure at Randwick to accommodate the tram service and station remained in place until late 1990 and when it was decided to pull it down, the State Transit Authority sponsored the firm of C. and M.J. Doring Pty. Ltd. to document and photograph the structures and produce a report of the history of the site before the demolition. This was done in book form in 1991 and a copy is in the Heritage Centre Library.

SYDNEY'S PONY RACECOURSES by Wayne Peake. 2006

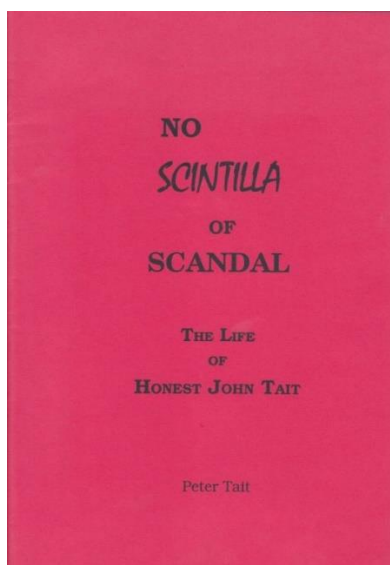
Pony racing was commenced in the late 1800s as competition to the traditional clubs for all-heights thoroughbreds. A pony was designated to be a horse at 14.2 hands or under. Some races were held for horses between 14.3 and 15 hands and these were called galloways. All were colloquially known though as ponies and the clubs that raced them were proprietary clubs, ie: run by the course owners for profit.

Naturally the pony clubs – who banded together as the Associated Racing Clubs - were at war with the Australian Jockey Club and for years the AJC refused to allow racing industry participants to compete in both spheres of racing. You made your choice and though transfers did happen they were hard-fought. That eventually changed in the early 1930s and some cross-activity was allowed but slowly the pony clubs disappeared, as the Government, receiving no revenue from them, wanted them gone. They were all gone by 1942.

Wayne Peake in this book wrote the only comprehensive history of pony racing in Sydney and sub-titled it: An Alternative Racing History.



NO SCINTILLA OF SCANDAL by Peter Tait. 1998



Many books are produced, especially these days, non-commercially by family members and interested parties; usually to document the life or history of a particular person, place, or event.

One such book is the above.

Amazingly, there had not been a book written about perhaps the most famous Australian racing identity of the nineteenth century – John Tait. Frequently known as “Honest John”, he was an owner, trainer, AJC committeeman, publican and businessman, among other pursuits. He owned four Melbourne Cup winners including an immortal in The Barb.

This book is a family-history book first and foremost and contains much genealogical material but it also gives a good account of Tait’s turf career. Few were printed and they are hard to find, but there is one in the ATC Heritage Centre Library.

HOOFNOTE: Happy 80th birthday to our long-time historical article contributor, Graham Caves! Keep up the great work.

NSWROA RACEHORSE OWNERS' ASSN TROPHY HANDICAP

The Horses' Birthday, 1 August, is also the ATC's Industry Celebration Race Day and the ATC gave our Association a race name to honour us.

The NSW Racehorse Owners' Association Trophy Handicap was won by **Kiss The Bride**, trained by Bjorn Baker and ridden by James McDonald.

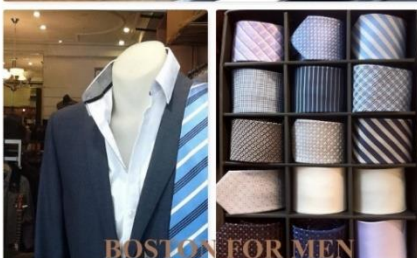
Our trophy, a transparent version of the Racing's Night of Champions horse head, was presented by TAB's General Manager of Media and Sponsorship, John Vellis.



TAB's John Vellis (left), Bjorn Baker and ATC's James Ross

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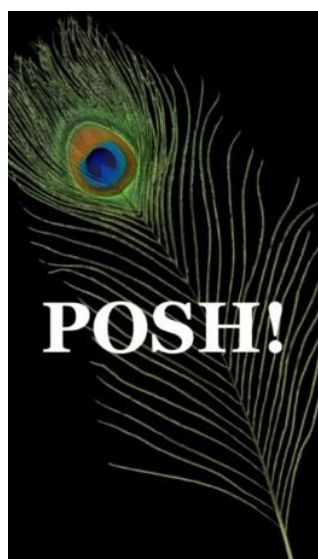
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20/21 MEMBERS' BLACK TYPE HONOUR ROLL

Following is a list of all black type races won by our members to-date for the start of the 20/21 racing season.
(from 1 to 18 August)

Dr E K Attebo

LR **ANDERS** – The Rosebud

Godolphin

G2 **SAVATIANO** – PB Lawrence Stakes

G3 **HOME OF THE BRAVE** – Aurie's Star Hcp

LR **VIRIDINE** – Regal Roller Stakes

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