



NSW
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Association

OCTOBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



There has been plenty happening in the past couple of months, with the ATC's Carnival in full swing including The Everest, as well as the holding of our own Racing's Night of Champions last Thursday night 22 October.

The latter was the source of much special organisation, with changes to Covid regulations happening a few times over this period and of course some uncertainty as to whether it could indeed be held with guests. All other states held their annual racing awards virtually, but we were really keen to keep up the tradition and have an audience if possible. The uncertainty meant we couldn't partner with a charity this year, so there was no auction or other fundraising activities.

The event was filmed as usual by SKY Racing, however it was shown post-event, making the evening a little more relaxed. While we couldn't have dancing, guests were entertained by Stringspace during the breaks, a terrific string trio.

The feedback from the night has been tremendous – many were very glad to attend a formal event after restrictions on many gatherings. As usual, the ATC's food and beverage were excellent and the room looked fabulous, courtesy of our events team.

Racing NSW again joined with us to present their own awards. A report on the evening is included in this issue.

On other matters, the Board was active in lobbying the ATC regarding the \$10 (or \$25 on the two major days) booking fee they wished to impose for reserving seats for the races over the Carnival. While we could see the reason why the fee was added (to discourage people from booking and then not turning up), we did not agree with the plan to provide a race book and a gold pin in return for the fee. The lobbying by NSWROA in conjunction with other parties led to the ATC changing the fee to a credit on the members' cards, to be used for food and beverage on the day. We applaud the ATC for listening to their members and for running a superb Carnival in trying circumstances.

Tony Mitevski



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UPCOMING EVENTS

SCONE STUD TOUR



- Friday 13 November 2020 -

Keen to see some stallions, mares and foals in the flesh?

NSWROA has organised a one day tour to Scone by air conditioned coach, departing Randwick Racecourse at 6am and returning at 6pm on Friday 13 November.

We firstly visit **Newgate Farm**, home of Deep Field, Capitalist, Extreme Choice, Russian Revolution and several other up-and-coming sires for morning tea and a look at their stock.

We then move on to the historic **Vinery** property, where we are also given a private viewing of the likes of All Too Hard, Star Turn, Press Statement, Exceedance and Headwater and their progeny.

We will then retire to the historic cottage on-farm for a delicious catered lunch with drinks.

The cost including transport is **\$175 per person**. If you prefer to use your own vehicle, the cost is \$110 per person.

Interested? Please contact Jane on **0421 353 871** or email owners@nswroa.com.au.

SAVE THE DATE!

NSWROA is currently organising a function at Royal Randwick on **Villiers Day, 12 December**.
More details to follow.

VALE RICK WORTHINGTON



The NSW Racehorse Industry is mourning the loss of popular Warwick Farm trainer Mr Rick Worthington.

Mr Worthington, 60, battled cancer for some time and passed away early on Saturday morning 5 September.

“The industry has lost one of its nicest and hardest working trainers following the passing of Rick Worthington,” said Racing NSW’s CEO, Mr Peter V’landys AM.

“Everyone knew how hard Rick worked and he was a brilliant horseman. However, Rick also worked hard behind the scenes to make conditions better for trainers.

“A lot of the gains attained for trainers were due to Rick’s perseverance.

“He did it in a professional and courteous way, and always procured what he came in for, even the matters that were difficult to deliver.

“Rick was a real gentleman of the turf and our sincere condolences go out to his family and friends.”

Mr Worthington was born in Bowral and grew up in Mittagong, joining the Royal Australian Navy in 1976 and serving on HMAS Vampire.

He then moved into the horse racing industry, breaking in and pre-training horses before taking out his trainer’s licence.

He was highly respected in the industry with a client list including TJ Smith and Gai Waterhouse, Lee Freedman, Lloyd Williams and Arrowfield Stud.

As a trainer Rick had plenty of success with some classy performers including Whitefriars (Group 2-Australia Stakes at Moonee Valley, Gr 2-Salinger Stakes at Flemington and the Listed-City Tattersalls Lightning at Royal Randwick winning \$620,000 in prizemoney), Sainthood (Listed-Wagga Cup), Honesty Prevails (Gr 3-Widden Stakes) and Steel Giant who won four of his eight starts including the Canberra Guineas and finished fifth in the Randwick and Rosehill Guineas.

Mr Worthington’s last winner was Steel Diamond who scored a Rosehill Gardens in June.

Rick was also a board member of the NSW Trainers Association and president of the Warwick Farm Trainers Association.

Mr Worthington is survived by his partner Rachel and his extended family.

Racing NSW media release

Footnote: The NSW Trainers’ Association dedicated their trophy for Champion Middle Distance Horse at Racing’s Night of Champions to Rick Worthington. The award was won by Addeybb (IRE).

RACING NSW ANNOUNCES END OF LIFE WELFARE PROGRAM

In a further extension of Racing NSW’s existing equine welfare programs it was announced on 11 September that Racing NSW has established an End of Life Welfare Program to ensure that every NSW Thoroughbred horse has

access to a free humane euthanasia service throughout its life in circumstances where a vet has certified that it is in the horse's best interest and necessary on welfare or safety grounds.

Racing NSW Chairman Russell Balding AO, in announcing the initiative, emphasised that: *"This End Of Life Welfare Program reiterates Racing NSW's position that under no circumstances should a NSW Thoroughbred horse ever be sent to an abattoir or knackery."*

Mr Balding AO also added: *"The vast majority of Thoroughbred owners both within and outside the racing industry ensure that their horses have the best possible welfare during and at the end of their lives. However, there is a cost involved in euthanising a horse which may have been a deterrent for owners to act in the best interests of the horse's welfare. Accordingly, the End of Life Welfare Program removes the cost associated with euthanising a NSW Thoroughbred horse, further protecting the welfare of the horse right up until the end of its life."*

Euthanasia under the End of Life Welfare Program is only permitted where a Racing NSW licensed veterinarian has certified that it is necessary on genuine welfare or safety reasons in the best interests of the horse. As part of this free service to the owners of the horse, Racing NSW will also appropriately attend to the burial or cremation of the horse.

This End of Life Welfare Program applies to all Thoroughbred horses that have been predominately domiciled in NSW irrespective of age or when they retired from racing. Importantly, this captures horses after they have exited the racing industry who are in the ownership of members of the public as equestrian horses, paddock mates or trail riders for example.

Racing NSW media release

SYDNEY TRAINING & RACING INFRASTRUCTURE TO BE REVAMPED

Sydney racing's training and racing infrastructure will receive further significant investment over coming months under a jointly-funded program between the Australian Turf Club and Racing NSW.

A total of \$1.5 million will be invested on a resurfacing of the Warwick Farm A Grass, an 1800m-circumference grass track used for training and barrier trials.

Work on the surface at Warwick Farm – the Sydney basin's largest training centre catering for approximately 700 horses – will begin in early November immediately after the Everest Carnival.

The Canterbury Park course proper and the Kensington surface at Royal Randwick will also undergo renovations, with de-thatching, aerating and top dressing of both tracks to commence during scheduled fixture breaks post Spring.



Additional sand grooving will be undertaken at Canterbury Park.

Work across the tracks comes after record rainfall during winter and as Sydney's four racecourses have shouldered extra meetings post the Sydney Autumn Racing Carnival.

Australian Turf Club Chairman Matthew McGrath said: "Warwick Farm continues to be at the forefront of our future racing plan and the investment in these facilities is a game-changing development for this training precinct."

“The Australian Turf Club looks at the performance of our tracks at the end of each racing season and during the back end of Spring we undertake renovations to Canterbury Park and Kensington racecourses as these shoulder significant workloads across the Summer period.

“Our tracks have withstood an unprecedented period of wet weather and it is important we implement programs to ensure they are in optimum condition to meet our 12-month racing schedule.”

Racing NSW Chairman Russell Balding AO said: “This work at Warwick Farm is particularly important as this training surface accommodates a large proportion of the horses trained in the Sydney basin.

“This project is jointly funded by Racing NSW and the investment in these training and racing facilities will significantly benefit participants across Sydney, NSW and beyond.”

ATC Media release



HISTORICALLY SPEAKING

Interesting Objects in the Heritage Collection

By Graham Caves

(NSWROA member and volunteer at the ATC Heritage Centre)

Last issue I showed you some unusual books in the ATC Heritage Library. This month I have some unusual objects in the Heritage Collection. It's a very varied collection, I'm sure you'll agree.

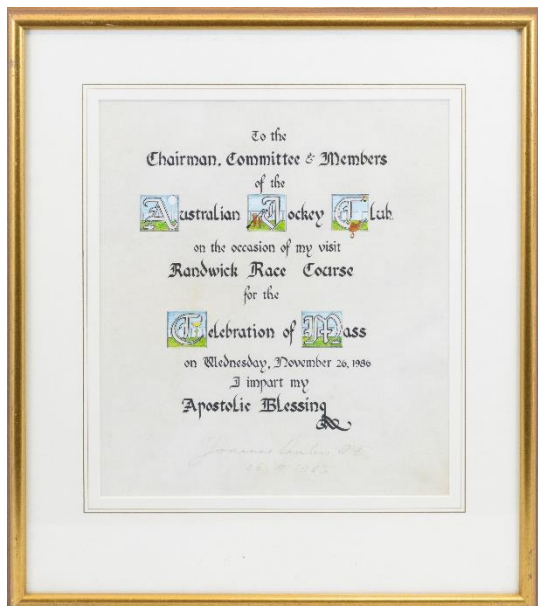
Commemorative Medal

In 1920, after the end of World War I the French Government saw fit to present the Australian Jockey Club with this medal to acknowledge the contribution it had made to the war effort in France. The AJC channelled unclaimed totalisator dividends and some profits from race meetings, held to benefit France, to that country during the Great War.



The AJC was a noted benefactor to many during war time. For instance it also bought, maintained and funded the grand pile "Canonbury", in Darling Point, near Randwick, to house and care for soldiers injured in the war. Today's Canonbury Stakes honours this. The AJC also employed many returned soldiers as groundsmen and race day staff. An old adage was born that a job with the AJC was a job for life.

Apostolic Blessing



There have been several Papal visits to Sydney over the years and because of the space available and the fact that it is Crown Land, Randwick is usually chosen by the Government of the day to be the venue for the Papal Mass held during the visit.

When that happens it is enough to make the racing administrators cringe because the damage done to the course and the disruption to racing takes time to repair and put right. But co-operate they must !

One Pope formally expressed his gratitude after his visit. John Paul II sent the AJC this Apostolic Blessing following his tour in 1986. Nicely framed it now holds its place in the ATC Heritage Collection.

Letter from Queen Elizabeth II

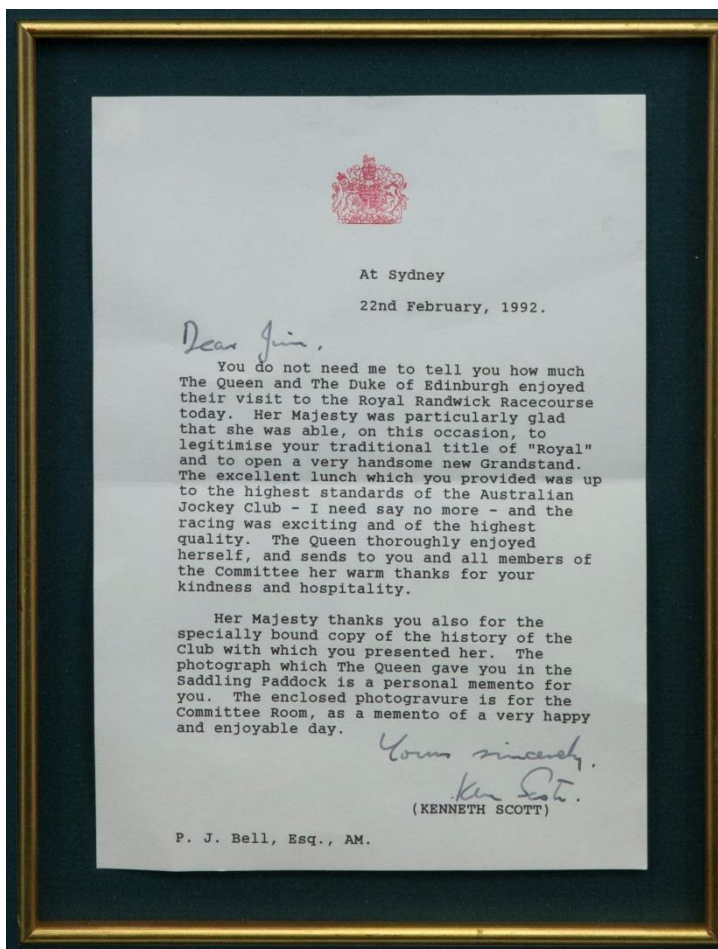
When Jim Bell, the incumbent chairman of the AJC at the time, walked across the lawns of Randwick with the Queen from the Royal motorcade to the newly built Paddock Grandstand in 1992 so she could unveil a plaque commemorating the occasion of its opening, he would have taken her by surprise. He requested permission to call Randwick Racecourse, Royal Randwick Racecourse.

Randwick was often called Royal Randwick by racing commentators, especially the most famous of them all – Ken Howard, because many a Royal had visited the course over the years. Ken exaggerated the pronunciation as RRRRoyal RRRRandwick as he did with his spoken advertisement for RRRRich RRRRed Fountain Tomato Sauce.

The Queen would have pondered her answer certainly, as, for instance, Ascot racecourse in England, which she owns, is known as Royal Ascot – but only when she or a Royal representing her is in attendance.

Nice lady that she is, she said yes, and sent this beautifully framed letter to the AJC to formalise it.

Yes, a varied collection indeed.



RACING'S NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS REPORT



Paddy Power (Aquis) elbow bumps Jon Freyer (Arrowfield) for Faman's win



Adam Rytenskiid (TAB) and Jack Van Duuren (part owner of Nature Strip)



The Highclere Australia table



Cecelia O'Gorman & Melissa Smith celebrate Fierce Impact's win



Henry & Louise Field (Newgate Farm)



James & Monica Cummings (Godolphin)



Vin Cox accepts the award for Addeybb (Ire) in behalf of the owner Sheikh Al Maktoum. It was sponsored by the NSW Trainers' Association, who dedicated the award to their colleague, the recently passed Rick Worthington. It was presented by Rick's partner, Rachel Brogna.

Nature Strip Stars at NSWROA's 2020 Racing's Night of Champions

NSW Racehorse Owners Association delayed the awarding of their 2019/20 NSW Racing Industry winners this year, in the hope that it could be held as a 'live' event, rather than online.

Despite several hurdles along the way, the Association did succeed in hosting a peopled event, that was held in the Ballroom at Royal Randwick on Thursday 22 October.

The gala black-tie dinner saw owners, trainers, strappers and racing enthusiasts don their formal wear to enjoy the evening. Active jockeys were not permitted to attend, in line with COVID-related racing rules.

This year, the finalists were arrived at using a points system, with the shortlists then being put to a voting panel of industry experts for final selection.

The Champion Two-Year-Old Award (sponsored by Arrowfield Stud) was taken out by impressive Golden Slipper winner FARNAN, backed up by his wins in the Group 2 Todman and Silver Slipper.

Winner of the Group 1 Newmarket and Golden Rose, plus the Group 2 Run to the Rose, BIVOUAC took out the Champion Three-Year-Old Award (sponsored by Inglis).

FIERCE IMPACT (Jpn) took out NSW Miler of the Year, sponsored by Wild Oaks. His two Group 1 wins during the season were supported by multiple placings at the highest level.

English-trained raider ADDEYBB (Ire), who last week took out the Group 1 Champions Stakes in England, adding to the two Group 1 wins he enjoyed in Australia last season (Queen Elizabeth Stakes and the Ranvet Stakes), was crowned Champion Middle Distance Horse.

Sponsored by the NSW Trainers' Association, they dedicated the award to fellow trainer and NSWTA Board member, Rick Worthington, who passed away recently.

The Champion Stayer Award (sponsored by Highclere Australia) was VERRY ELLEEGANT (NZ) for her Group 1 wins in the Hill Stakes and The Tancred, supported by excellent runner-up performances in three other Group 1 races.

The Queen of the Autumn, sponsored by City Tattersalls Club, is judged by the Australian Turf Club for the best performed horse across the Sydney Carnival in fillies and mares' races. It was won by CON TE PARTIRO (USA), for her Group 1 wins in the Coolmore Classic and the Queen of the Turf.

Champion Country Horse, sponsored by Sky Thoroughbred Central, was taken out by VICTOREM, who not only finished second in the 2019 The Kosciuszko, but won the Group 2 Victory Stakes in May.

The Champion Provincial Horse, sponsored by TAB, was RAHEEN HOUSE (Ire). The three finalists were all Australian Bloodstock owned – Kris Lees trained, however, his triumphs in the Group 2 Chairman and third in the Group 1 Sydney Cup sealed his win.

The victor in three Group 1 races and a Group 2 over sprint distances last season, NATURE STRIP followed up being named NSW Champion Sprinter of the Year (sponsored by the ATC) with claiming NSW Horse of the Year (sponsored by TAB) as the pinnacle of the evening.

Heavily decorated, Nature Strip was named Australian Horse of the Year at the recent online awards.

Co-Major Sponsor, Racing NSW also presented their annual awards on the night, with CHRIS WALLER once again taking out the coveted Bart Cummings Medal.

CHRIS WALLER also picked up the T J Smith Award for Sydney's Premiership-winning Trainer.

Other awards presented included the George Moore Award (JAMES MCDONALD), the Theo Green Award (ROBBIE DOLAN), with both jockeys having won their respective awards last season.

The Sydney Strapper of the Year was GRAEME WILSON from the Kris Lees yard. The BOBS Horse of the Year was a tie between the Listed Denise's Joy winner FITUESE and EDISON, the metro winner of his last two starts.

NSW Racing Writers' Personality of the Year, renamed the Caryl Williamson Racing Writers' Personality of the Year in honour of their much-admired colleague, was won by Warwick Farm trainer, GREG HICKMAN who was in the spotlight last year as trainer of Group 1 All Aged Stakes winner, Pierata.

NSWROA President, Mr Tony Mitevski said, "I would like to thank everyone for helping us 'celebrate the best' of the NSW Thoroughbred industry, despite the challenging circumstances.

"My thanks again to our wonderful sponsors, congratulations to all winners and I look forward to seeing you all again next year."

The evening was filmed by Sky Thoroughbred Central and was shown on Ch 528 on Friday at 10.30pm, Saturday at 8.30pm and again on Monday at 8.30pm.

There is a large selection of photos from the night available online by going to <https://myalbum.com/album/mA4HKYoxPksw>

MEMBER BENEFITS

We are very pleased to introduce the support of the following businesses for financial members:

\$30 off orders of a dozen bottles or more!

Wine Selectors



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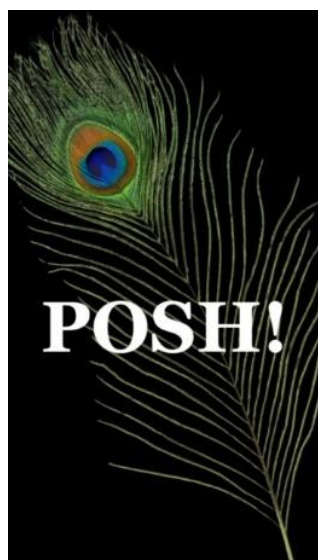
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MEMBERS' BLACK TYPE HONOUR ROLL

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

From 30 June to 31 July:

George Altomonte

G3 VIRIDINE - Bletchingly Stakes

Rhys Holleran & Leanne Hulm

LR LORD VON COSTA – All Victorian Sprint Final

From 1 August to 28 October:

Dr E K Attebo

G3 ANDERS - San Domenico Stakes

LR ANDERS – The Rosebud

LR GREY LION – Queensland Cup

China Horse Club

G2 DAME GISELLE – Silver Shadow Stakes

G2 DAME GISELLE – Furious Stakes

G2 DAME GISELLE – Tea Rose Stakes

LR PATHS OF GLORY - Wyong Gold Cup

China Horse Club, Grant Bloodstock, Nick Vass Bloodstock

G2 WILD RULER – Roman Consul

LR WILD RULER – Heritage Stakes

Emirates Park

G3 ENTHAAR – Gimcrack Stakes

Godolphin

G2 SAVATIANO – PB Lawrence Stakes

G2 THERMOSPHERE – Edward Manifold Stakes

G3 HOME OF THE BRAVE – Aurie's Star Hcp

G3 ROHERYN – Show County Hcp

LR VIRIDINE – Regal Roller Stakes

LR ASIAGO – Mona Lisa Stakes

LR CORUSCATE – Testa Rossa Stakes

LR INGRATIATING – Maribyrnong Trial

LR **CORUSCATE** – Caulfield Village Stakes

LR **ENDANGER** – Gothic Stakes

N & A Grant-Taylor

G2 **BELLA VELLA** - McEwan Stakes

G3 **FIESTA** – Northwood Plumes Stakes

R & C Legh Racing

G2 **WILD PLANET** – Theo Marks

G2 **CHAPADA** – Herbert Power Stakes

G2 **YES BABY YES** – Moonee Valley Fillies' Classic

G3 **RANTING** – Blue Sapphire Stakes

G3 **CHICA FUERTE** – Ethereal Stakes

G3 **WILD PLANET** – Moonga Stakes

Magic Bloodstock

G2 **MISTER SEA WOLF** – Chelmsford Stakes

Ramsey Pastoral Co

LR **IN GOOD HEALTH** – Heatherlie Hcp

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