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## AUGUST 2021 NEWSLETTER

### NSWROA INDUSTRY ACTION

NSWROA wrote to the Australian Turf Club on 26 May to register owners' frustration with their segregation from trainers and jockeys at Royal Randwick. The ATC's James Ross advised that the ATC had been close to reinstating owners to normal (1.5m) contact, however since then, the current lockdown has of course further impacted interaction for the immediate future.

### FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK



It is with much disappointment that we have had to cancel the 2021 Racing's Night of Champions, which was to be held on Thursday 19 August.

While we did consider pushing it out a couple of months, the Covid-19 situation being as unstable as it is, far from guaranteed that the event would still be able to go ahead. We are however, conducting the award calculations as usual and have announced the finalists, then the winners in conjunction with the ATC at their Owner Appreciation Day on 28 August. The winners will be announced in the media. We are very grateful for the sponsorship of the awards by Gow-Gates

Insurance, Australian Turf Club, Arrowfield, New Zealand Bloodstock, Wild Oaks, Inglis, Vinery and the NSW Trainers' Association.

Best regards



**Tony Mitevski**



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## EVENTS

### 2021 NSWROA’s Champion Awards Finalists

*(finalists in alphabetical order)*

AWARD	FINALISTS
<b>NSW 2 YEAR OLD OF THE YEAR</b> Proudly sponsored by Arrowfield	Anamoe Converge Stay Inside
<b>NSW 3 YEAR OLD OF THE YEAR</b> Proudly sponsored by Inglis	Hungry Heart Montefilia Ole Kirk
<b>NSW SPRINTER OF THE YEAR</b> Proudly sponsored by Australian Turf Club	Eduardo Nature Strip Savatiano
<b>NSW MILER OF THE YEAR</b> Proudly sponsored by Wild Oaks	Cascadian (GB) Probabeel (NZ) Think It Over Yulong Prince (SAF)
<b>NSW MIDDLE DISTANCE HORSE OF THE YEAR</b> Proudly sponsored by New Zealand Bloodstock	Addeybb (Ire) Verry Elleegant (NZ) Zaaki (GB)
<b>NSW STAYER OF THE YEAR</b> Proudly sponsored by Gow-Gates Insurance	Rondinella (NZ) Selino (GB) Verry Elleegant (NZ)
<b>RICK WORTHINGTON QUEEN OF THE AUTUMN</b> Proudly sponsored by NSW Trainers’ Association	Duais Hungry Heart Krone
<b>NSW COUNTRY CHAMPION HORSE OF THE YEAR</b> Proudly sponsored by Gow-Gates Insurance	Art Cadeau Handle The Truth It’s Me Rocket Tiger
<b>NSW PROVINCIAL CHAMPION HORSE OF THE YEAR</b> Proudly sponsored by Vinery Stud	Duais Jamaea Mugatoo (Ire) Think It Over
<b>NSW CHAMPION HORSE OF THE YEAR</b> NSW Racehorse Owners’ Association	Eduardo Nature Strip Verry Elleegant (NZ)

## Racing's Night of Champions' Previous Winners

Going through old records, we have compiled and standardised a list of the past twenty years' winners of NSWROA's Racing's Night of Champions Awards. They are available on our website via the link below. Take a walk down memory lane!

[www.nswroa.com.au/about-the-racings-night-of-champions](http://www.nswroa.com.au/about-the-racings-night-of-champions)

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## The FBAA Goes Digital

The Federation of Bloodstock Agents Australia comprises a group of well respected agents who in joining the Federation, agree to abide by a code of ethics and be held to account via a complaints system which gives further assurance of integrity and professionalism. They have recently updated and tightened up eligibility for membership and are promoting the FBAA via podcasts.

Click on the link below to access the educational and interesting podcasts designed to familiarise people with their members, and to assist and educate racehorse and broodmare buyers.

[www.bloodstockagents.com.au/toolkit/fbaa-podcast](http://www.bloodstockagents.com.au/toolkit/fbaa-podcast)

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## Do You Have Any Old NSWROA Newsletters?

We have digital copies of newsletters back to 2006, but if you have any from 2005 or earlier, we would love to scan them for posterity and make them available to members to read through.

## MEMBER NEWS

### Louis Mihalyka is the ATC's Inaugural Owner of the Month

Read on for the ATC's interview with one of our favourite NSWROA members, Louis Mihalyka:

#### **What was your first memory of horse racing?**

In 3<sup>rd</sup> class (year 3 for the younger brigade!) in 1963, we knew that it was Melbourne Cup Day. Our teacher Mr Barnes left the room and came back after a while and wrote 1 Gatum Gatum 2 Ilumquh 3 Grand Print on the blackboard. The kids were baffled but I remember saying that I thought it was the Melbourne Cup result, which it was. After that I was aware of Melbourne Cup Day but it was not until high school that the classes stopped to listen to the race. But I gradually became more interested in racing. By 1969, Tails was my hero and after him Gunsynd. I had posters of them on my bedroom wall instead of the latest rock bands.



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**What made you get into horse ownership?**

In 1981 I started playing soccer for Granville Waratahs and there were a lot of players who had connections to the local Rosehill stables. Bryan Guy was our centre forward. At the time he worked for his father Ray Guy, the well-known Rosehill trainer. Before I joined the club he had put together a syndicate of players and friends to buy a horse. That horse, called Lackacoin (well-named by No Alimony out of Currency Belle) won on debut and we had the best celebration at the Albion Hotel, our team's local. Those of us not involved with the horse decided we need to get a horse. The following January Bryan bought another horse and I ended up being the manager/coordinator of guys from the soccer team, cricket team and from work. He was by Jukebox and called Bullet Performer. He only won a couple of races but I loved it and was hooked.pics.

**Best moment you ever experienced on the racetrack as an Owner?**

Rebel Dane's Manikato Stakes win in 2016. It was his 4<sup>th</sup> go at the race and he had not finished further back than 5<sup>th</sup> and was unlucky a couple of times. He had a horror run with barrier draws in big races and when he drew barrier 4 we knew he was a great chance despite his 60/1 odds. There were ten runners and nine were Group One winners and the field included Chautauqua and Buffering. Everything went to plan and he won the race. Our Sir Bacchus won the following race so it was a huge night. Handle The Truth's The Kosciuszko win was massive as well while it was also a special thrill to have runners in the International Sprint in Hong Kong with Into The Night and Rebel Dane, even though they were beaten. I still get a buzz out of every winner though.

**What horse do you have the fondest memories of and why?**

When we started Laurel Oak in 1985, our first winner was Georgian Gold. She was a great little mare and we bred from her. By 2008 we told our clients that we should only keep those mares whose offspring could make commercial sales, and we will only keep one breed-to-race mare, Texarcana, as she descends from Georgian Gold. Texarcana's first foal was Rebel Dane, so Georgian Gold was his great-grandmother. While Rebel Dane is our favourite, we have fond memories of 'Georgie'.

**What is the best horse you have ever owned and why were they so special?**

Rebel Dane. His last 31 starts were in Group 1 or 2 races and he drew outside half barriers in 19 of them which impacted on his career results. Many owners never have a Group runner but turning for Group races as an owner became matter-of-fact when he was racing. He won his first four starts, all in metro races and history shows they were good form races. The fourth of those was the Group 2 Royal Sovereign and at his fifth start he ran Pierro to a neck in the Hobartville, so he raced in exalted company from the start, eventually winning two Group Ones. After his first three starts all his subsequent five wins were in Group races and all nine placings were in Group races. After he ran second to Lankan Rupee in the TJ Smith I causally asked one of the owners what the prizemoney was as I had not checked. \$500,000 was the answer! It was amazing to be regularly running in races with that sort of prizemoney. Into The Night was very good as well, while Ancient Song won a Group One (beating Into The Night for a Laurel Oak quinella), but we only bought her as a tried horse.

**What current horse that you are in ownership of are most looking forward to seeing progress over the upcoming months?**

Too hard to say as every young horse holds excitement and anticipation. We do have an un-raced 2yo called Benaud with John O'Shea who is a half-brother to Tofane so her recent achievements have raised expectations. 2yo Rebel Shadow by Rebel Dane also has us excited.

**Favourite part of the race day experience as an Owner?**

That feeling of exultation after a win and the post-race after-glow in the winners' room with other owners when you see how happy they are.

**What is the best raceday experience you have ever had?**

Too hard to say as there have been so many. Royal Ascot in the Parade Ring Restaurant is out of this world and very special.



**What is the best post raceday celebration you have had as an owner?**

Again, too many to remember and some hard to remember. Celebrating Handle The Truth's Kosciuszko win with co-owners in Sydney city the next day was one very special one.

**What piece of advice would you give people looking to get into horse ownership? –**

Enjoy the good moments. Only one horse can win a race, so when it is your turn savour it and enjoy it because you do not know when the next one comes along. The other one is come and see me if you would like to get into ownership. Our new owners benefit from all the mistakes we have made in the past and have learned from!

**What horse would you most liked to own and why?**

Too hard. I have learned to be happy with my lot and enjoy our own horses. There are too many good horses out there to be wanting to own them. Realistically, the horse I would most like to own is the winner of the previous race!

**What is your favourite story of one of your retired horses and their life after racing?**

Again too many. We have sought out good homes for our horses since we started over 30 years ago so there are many happy after-life stories. Perhaps the most bitter-sweet is Khoisan. He retired unraced due to a throat issue as a 3yo or 4yo. We gave him to an equestrian girl. She knew quickly that he was too good for her and moved him to someone more experienced. As a 9yo he was a reserve for the Aussie equestrian team for the London Olympics but was considered to be still too young and inexperienced and was expected to be our star at the Rio Olympics. But sadly he died of colic in between the two Olympics.

**HISTORICALLY SPEAKING**

**Valerius: The Chairman and his Stayer**

**By Graham Caves**

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

In Australian racing history it is not unknown for the chairmen of our racing clubs to own and race a horse of class.

One such combination occurred in the late 1950s/early 1960s when the Chairman of the Australian Jockey Club Sir Alan Potter (in joint ownership with Keith Mackay) raced the outstanding and popular stayer Valerius. He was trained by a master of training stayers, Frank Dalton, and was mostly ridden by a great jockey in Jack Thompson.



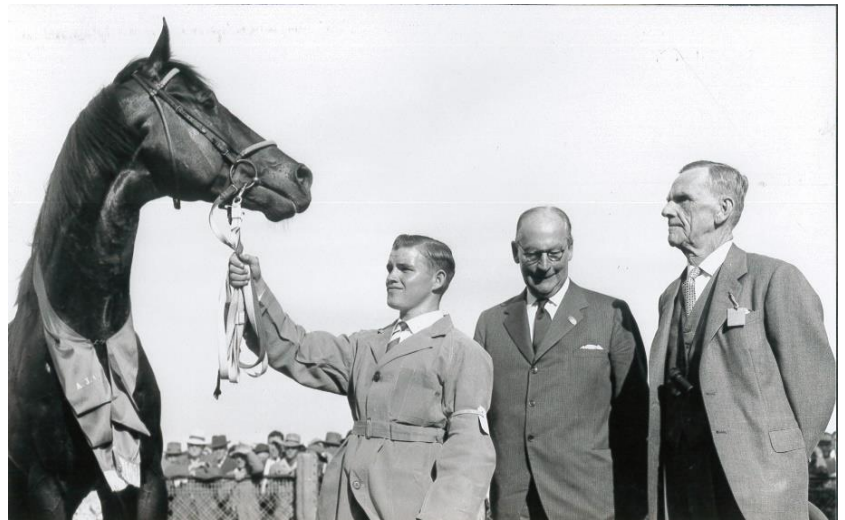
*1960 Brisbane Cup*

Valerius began racing in 1958 and his career came toward the end of the era for breeding stayers in Australia. The sprinter was soon to become dominant on our shores when Newtown Wonder, then Star Kingdom then Wilkes led the paradigm shift to breeding early-coming speed racehorses. His dam produced four Group 1 winners – Valerius – his brothers Caesar (AJC Queen Elizabeth Stakes) and Prince Delville (AJC Derby) and his sister Redeswood (Flight Stakes). As well she produced Fort William (Ascot Handicap) and Roman Holiday (Eclipse Stakes), both also brothers to Valerius.

Valerius built up a record of excellence on our turf and he did it despite a thorn in the side called Tulloch, who he defeated in the weight-for-age Colin Stephen Stakes of 1960. At career's end Valerius had won the STC Cup (twice), Colin Stephen Stakes (twice), AJC Centenary Invitation Stakes, Chipping Norton Stakes and the Brisbane Cup of 1960. He also won lesser stakes races such as the Parramatta Cup and all of his wins ranged from

2000m to 3200m. It is a note of interest that in the Chipping Norton Stakes of 1961 he started at 40/1 ON, the shortest priced favourite since Ajax was beaten at that price in the Rawson Stakes of 1939. Valerius was opposed to a couple of moderate horses and didn't get beaten.

Alan Potter was on the AJC Committee for 22 years and was the Chairman from 1946 to 1962. The prestigious post was often a presage to a knighthood and so it was when he became Sir Alan Potter in 1960. He owned several good racehorses over the years but Valerius was his best.



*Alan Potter (glasses) with Valerius*

The most prestigious race (by standards of the time) that Valerius won for Sir Alan was the Brisbane Cup of 1960. That cup is now in the ATC Heritage Collection and is pictured with this article.

Also pictured from the collection is a photograph of a presentation to a very pleased Alan Potter (with glasses) for a race won by Valerius and the portrait of Sir Alan Potter painted, as was the custom, after his tenure as AJC Chairman was completed.



*Sir Alan Potter*

## **BOBS SCHEME UPDATE**

*By Mark Brassel*



*Fastconi and Brenton Avdulla land a BOBS bonus at Royal Randwick. Image by Steve Hart*



BOBS gallopers Fastconi and Blondeau were the backbone of a four-win spree for premier trainer Chris Waller at the Royal Randwick meeting in mid-July.

Fastconi (a son of Nicconi) was aided by a superb Brenton Avdulla ride after going around just one tiring horse at the 250m.

Avdulla then guided the three-year-old back to the fence and the duo shot through to score drawing away.

That was Fastconi's third BOBS bonus for his connections earning an additional \$40,000 in bonuses and bringing his overall prizemoney to \$223,000.

Waller's other BOBS winner was Blondeau who has been in great form this preparation, with his BOBS bonus money now topping \$56,000.

Ridden by Tommy Berry, Blondeau was held up behind the leader until the 180m where he got into the clear and accelerated away for an impressive win.

Waller's other winners on the day were Criminal Code and Vitesse.

There were two other BOBS bonus winners on the afternoon: War Eternal for Bjorn Baker and Steely for the Gerald Ryan & Stirling Alexiou stable.

Steely (by All Too Hard) has been in great touch with barnstorming victories in his past two outings at Rosehill Gardens and Royal Randwick.

Don't forget BOBS Racehorse Nominations close on Wednesday, 1st September 2021.

For more information go to - <http://www.bobs.racingsw.com.au>



## MEMBERS' BLACK TYPE HONOUR ROLL

Following is a list of all black type races won by our members for the 2020 / 2021 racing season.  
Winners since the last newsletter are in red.

### NSWROA Members' Black Type Honour Roll

Members to have tasted stakes success for the 2020 / 2021 season are:

#### Aston Bloodstock & Segenhoe Thoroughbreds

G2 **GLISTENING** – Reisling Stakes

#### Dr E K Attebo

G3 **ANDERS** - San Domenico Stakes

LR **ANDERS** – The Rosebud

LR **GREY LION** – Queensland Cup

#### Bangaloe Stud

G1 **SHOUT THE BAR**– Empire Rose Stakes

G2 **YALETOWN** – Tulloch Stakes

#### Bangaloe Stud, Nick Vass Bloodstock, Amy Vass, David & Maureen McLeish, Bernard & Lynn Hudson

G3 **KIKU** – Carbine Club Stakes

## China Horse Club, Grant Bloodstock, Nick Vass Bloodstock, Aston Bloodstock

- G1 **CAPTIVANT** – Champagne Stakes
- G2 **WILD RULER** – Roman Consul
- G2 **WILD RULER** – Arrowfield 3yo Sprint
- G2 **TIGER OF MALAY** – BTC Sires' Produce
- LR **WILD RULER** – Heritage Stakes
- LR **WILD RULER** – Fireball Stakes
- LR **VOLCANIC ROCK** – The Phoenix
- RL **AIM** – Magic Millions 3yo Guineas

## China Horse Club

- G1 **STAY INSIDE** – Golden Slipper Stakes
- G2 **DAME GISELLE** – Silver Shadow Stakes
- G2 **DAME GISELLE** – Furious Stakes
- G2 **DAME GISELLE** – Tea Rose Stakes
- G3 **PATHS OF GLORY** – JRA Plate
- LR **PATHS OF GLORY** - Wyong Gold Cup

## Emirates Park

- G1 **VEGA ONE** – Kingsford Smith Cup
- G3 **ENTHAAR** – Gimcrack Stakes
- G3 **ENTHAAR** - Chairman'S Stakes
- G3 **MARBOOSHA** – Gold Coast Guineas
- LR **MARBOOSHA** – Moomba Plate
- LR **LIWA** – Supremacy Stakes

## Godolphin

- G1 **BIVOUAC** – VRC Sprint Classic
- G1 **SAVATIANO** – Canterbury Stakes
- G1 **ANAMOE** – ATC Sires Produce Stakes
- G1 **CASCADIAN** – Doncaster Hcp
- G2 **SAVATIANO** – PB Lawrence Stakes
- G2 **THERMOSPHERE** – Edward Manifold Stakes
- G2 **SAVATIANO** – Hot Danish Stakes
- G2 **SAVATIANO** – Expressway Stakes
- G2 **ARCADED** – Blue Diamond Prelude
- G2 **COLETTE** – Apollo Stakes
- G2 **ANAMOE** – Todman Stakes
- G3 **HOME OF THE BRAVE** – Aurie's Star Hcp
- G3 **ROHERYN** – Show County Hcp
- G3 **KEMENTARI** – AJ Scahill Stakes
- G3 **ZETHUS** – Canonbury Stakes
- G3 **BEST OF DAYS** – Carlyon Cup
- G3 **ARCADED** – Magic Night Stakes
- G3 **PAULELE** – Kindergarten Stakes
- G3 **CLOUDY** – SA Breeders' Stakes
- G3 **HERESY** – David Cole AM Stakes
- 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
- LR **EXHILARATES** – MSS Security Sprint
- LR **ANAMOE** – Merson Cooper Stakes
- LR **ATHIRI** – Razor Sharp Hcp
- LR **ROHERYN** – Falvelon Quality
- LR **ATHIRI** – Nudgee Quality
- LR **INGRATIATING** – Talindert Stakes
- LR **CLOUDY** – Dequetteville Stakes

LR VARDA – Chief De Beers Quality  
LR EXHILARATES – Helen Coughlan Stakes

LR **RANIER** – The Wayne Wilson

#### Grant Bloodstock

G3 SUBTERRANEAN – Ken Russell Memorial

#### N & A Grant-Taylor

G2 BELLA VELLA - McEwan Stakes

G3 FIESTA – Northwood Plumes Stakes

#### Laurel Oak Bloodstock, Malcolm Clift, Neil Hughes

LR PANCHO – Kilmore Cup

#### Laurel Oak Bloodstock, Malcolm Clift, Laurie Saville

LR HANDLE THE TRUTH – National Sprint

#### R & C Legh Racing

G1 MASKED CRUSADER – William Reid Stakes

G2 WILD PLANET – Theo Marks

G2 CHAPADA – Herbert Power Stakes

G2 YES BABY YES – Moonee Valley Fillies' Classic

G2 POLAND – Autumn Stakes

G2 YES BABY YES – Armanasco Stakes

G3 RANTING – Blue Sapphire Stakes

G3 CHICA FUERTE – Ethereal Stakes

G3 WILD PLANET – Moonga Stakes

G3 MASKED CRUSADER – Southern Cross Stakes

G3 CHICA FUERTE – Alexandra Stakes

G3 HANG MAN (Ire) – Easter Cup

LR SHELBY COBRA – VRC Springtime Stakes

LR MOUNT POPA (IRE) – Randwick Stakes

LR MOUNT POPA (IRE) – Mornington Cup

#### R & C Legh Racing & Grant Bloodstock

G2 SOUND (Ger) – Zipping Classic

#### R & C Legh Racing & Dr Karin Attebo

G3 OUTRAGEOUS – Festival Stakes

#### R & C Legh Racing, Magic Bloodstock & Grant Bloodstock

G3 RELOADED – Lord Mayor's Cup

L RELOADED – Members' Handicap

#### Magic Bloodstock

G2 MISTER SEA WOLF – Chelmsford Stakes

#### John & Anne McDonnell, Brad McDonnell

G2 VICTORIA QUAY – Wakeful Stakes

G3 MISSYBEEL – Aspiration Quality

#### Ramsey Pastoral Co

LR IN GOOD HEALTH – Heatherlie Hcp

LR IN GOOD HEALTH – Centaurea Stakes

#### Ms Tanya Rutter

G2 FASIKA – Sapphire Stakes

#### Segenhoe Thoroughbreds Australia

G3 KALASHNIKOV – Black Opal Stakes

#### Mr O P Tait

L CHERRY TORTONI – Adelaide Guineas

#### Think Big Stud

G2 GOOD IDEA – Adelaide Cup

LR PURPLE SECTOR – Melbourne Cup Day Plate

LR CARIF – Sandown Cup

#### Woppitt Bloodstock

G2 O'PRESIDENT – Skyline Stakes

LR EASIFAR – Princess Stakes

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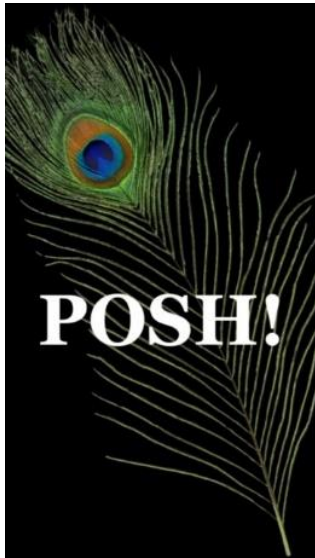
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