



9th November 2009

Breeders' recognised at Cup Eve function

The New Zealand Standardbred Breeders' Association, tonight held their second annual Cup Eve function, at the Armstrong Prestige showrooms in Christchurch.

The event which proved a great hit with breeders last year, showcased the breeders of the NZ Cup horses along with presenting a mini New Zealand cup replica to Rob Carr and Don Kirkbride, breeders of last years' NZ Cup winner Changeover.

The NZSBA have also taken over the presentation of Broodmare of Excellence award that was previously presented at the HRNZ Annual Awards. The association felt that the Cup Eve function was a fitting event to present such a prestigious award.

The winner of the Broodmare of Excellence award was Coo Doo, bred by Keith and Bevan Grice, long-time harness racing breeders and enthusiasts.

Coo Doo although deceased, was chosen as a one off recipient due to her overall lifetime contribution to the breed. Ranking her among the leading NZ broodmares taking into account her own progeny and her successful racing and breeding descendents.

Peter Lagan from PGG Wrightson, sponsors of this award, summed up Coo Doo's achievements.

"Coo Doo has achieved an unbelievable record as a broodmare, firstly for the fact that she produced her first foal in 1967 and she had her last foal in 1984, 18 foals in a row - what a performance in that alone.

She had 14 foals to race for 11 winners. Descendants of this mare have to date have won an amazing 1259 races, they include Palestine, Barbara Del, Derby, English Elegance and more recently Tennis Ball.

While the significance of the success of this mare, is well known to her breeders Bevan & Keith Grice. Winning this award has now cemented her in history of which she thoroughly deserves."

The event is now firmly set in the social calendar of Cup Week, ensuring our breeders get the recognition they deserve.

Breeders of the 2009 New Zealand Cup horses are:

Bettor's Strike

Noreen Stiven

Mr Feelgood

Brittany Farms

Pembrook Benny	Wally & Gwyneth Power
Neara Franco	Spreydon Lodge Ltd
Be Good Johnny	P C Fiechtner
Karoo Mick	M E & D Lew
Georgetown	Finash Bloodstock Ltd
Washakie	Big Stone Lodge
Changeover	Rob Carr & Don Kirkbride
Smoken Up	Stanley & Caroline Dunlop. Dennis & Elizabeth Monk
Power Of Tara	Ray Anicich
Kiwi Ingenuity	Hamish Scott, Kim Lawson & Equine Investments Ltd
Bondy	Russell Hockham & Bill Pearce
Awesome Armbro	Westminster Syndicate

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