



New Zealand Standardbred Breeders' Association



Welcome to the NZSBA Newsletter

Note from the Chairman

Here in New Zealand many people will not be aware of just how large the standardbred breeding industry is. The following statistics may interest you.

In 2007:

- 3,679 individual broodmare owners
- 1,736 breeder sets of owners
- 868 trotting mares served (+5%)
- 3438 pacing mares served (+7%)
- First increase in seven years

Over the coming months you will see an increased presence of the NZSBA at various events throughout the country.

Currently a new and improved website is being developed. At the end of December the website will be a one-stop shop for anything to do with breeding a standardbred in NZ. Full of informative articles, news and industry information - everything a breeder needs will only be a click away.

We will be giving breeders a voice. They are the front-line investors in our industry and sport. We will be promoting NZ's advantages of nature and nurture in breeding quality bloodstock for an industry and sport with high standards of integrity.

Integrity

The NZSBA are taking an extremely firm stand in supporting HRNZ to strengthen integrity systems and performance.

We are seeking a Rule change, modelled on the Australian Harness Rules, to give the JCA power to suspend individuals and horses once a charge has been laid.

This should be the usual practice with those affected having to overcome the presumption in favour of interim suspension.

We are also asking the JCA to proceed with hearings promptly, and if the decision to proceed is appealed to the High Court then they should be arguing vigorously for the hearings to go on. No more adjournments by consent. Our letter to HRNZ is on our website.

I thank those breeders who have contacted me offering financial and moral support for the NZSBA to take a prominent stand on integrity issues.

Everyone should understand that cheating adversely affects all breeders and the integrity of our breed.

John Mooney, Chairman

Our promise to breeders

The NZSBA are committed to promoting the best interests of breeders and owners in all matters of Harness Racing.

Over the coming months you will see a greater presence of the NZSBA whether that be at the yearling sales or at the races.



We operate an open-door policy and welcome any feedback from industry participants. Kiely is only a click or call away.

What you can expect

The National Executive have set out a number of activities and goals to be achieved over the coming months.

Visit our new website www.harnessracing.co.nz to get a good idea on where we are heading as an organisation.

Other areas we will be actively involved in are:

- Increasing membership through the regional affiliates to over 600
- Develop with HRNZ a Breeders Bonus Scheme
- Increase fillies and mares racing opportunities
- Rationalise NZ Sires Stakes dates and payments
- Provide a comprehensive website for members and guests
- Quarterly newsletter
- Establish bi-annual breeders' conference
- Conduct regional seminars
- Introduce a membership benefits scheme

Membership Benefits Scheme

This is still very much a work in progress and we will be adding to the list of benefits all the time. When you join one of the three regional affiliates:

- North Island
- Canterbury
- Southland

The following membership benefits will be available to you:

- Opportunity to express your views to the national executive
- Liaison and representation on industry bodies
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Social functions
- Comprehensive website
- Informative articles
- Free annual sires book
- Free annual diary and wallplanner
- Free marketplace listing online
- Free Racing! magazine

Currently only \$50 for single membership or \$55 for double.

Upcoming Events

The yearling preparers up and down the country are well underway preparing the new crop of potential racehorses!

There are a number of tours happening around the country, see below for details:

North Island - Yearling Tours

13th & 14th January

Places still available on this tour of Auckland and the Waikato.

147 yearlings will be paraded over the two days. Contact Cathie Shaw to book a place 027 442 6113 or email cathie.shaw@waipadc.govt.nz

Canterbury - Yearling Tour

Details coming soon...

Southland - Southern Bred, Southern Reared

9th & 10th February

This popular tour is in its fourth year, travelling all over Southland and Otago.

Due to exceptional demand the tour is fully booked but if you would like more information, contact Debbie Smith on 03 230 4301 or shard@woosh.co.nz

Dates for the diary

2009 is fast approaching, don't forget to add these dates to your diary:

31st January 2009 - Addington Raceway - United Fisheries Summer Cup. The NZSBA will be have a representative on course. Contact Kiely for more information.

2009 Australasian Classic Yearling Sale - Karaka

Open Day: 13th February
Sale Day: 14th February

2009 NZ Premier Yearling sales - Christchurch

Sale Days: 16th, 17th & 18th Feb

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