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NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2015

Pryde's Easifeed Golden Guitar Matthew

Harding will treasure his return trip to Tamworth after taking out the \$25,000 Prydes Easifeed Golden Guitar Final with Strathlachlan Andy. Growing up around Tamworth, Harding had many trial drives on the Paceway before gaining his licence. "It's good to win a race anywhere but to come back here, to win the biggest race of the year is a big thrill" said Harding. Matthew races the 5yo Blissfull Hall-Strathlachlan Gem gelding leaving the training to his father Geoff, who himself has had a winning drive in a Golden Guitar Final back in January 2007 when he piloted Lets Ride the Tide to victory. "I have driven a winner of the Golden Guitar before but this is probably just a bit better" said Geoff Harding "I told Matthew to go out and show me how it is done" added the proud father. "It's the pinnacle" added Geoff Harding at the post race presentation "it is a family affair". The enthusiastic crowd on hand also enjoyed witnessing another track record being broken with the win of Strathlachlan Andy, when he clocked 1.58.1 for 1980 metres, breaking the track record set by last year's winner Goldplay (1.58.3). Strathlachlan Andy finished second in the first heat to Happyever Laughter and came into the final with a tough barrier draw of 11. Harding played a cool hand at the tail of the field before sending Strathlachlan Andy three wide just before the bell, to come away for a 4 metre win over Bathurst pacer Marquez (Ashlee Siejka) with Tangles (Nathan Hurst) third. Strathlachlan Andy has been a handy horse having 33 starts for 12 wins, 13 placings and over \$77,000.



Pryde's Easifeed Golden Guitar Final 2015 presentation.



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Golden Guitar Form is Strong Punters who have been following pacers that raced at our recent Pryde's EasiFeed Golden Guitar Carnival have been cleaning up. As in the past the form from our three "premium" meets in the Carnival of Cups holds very true and many horses have since greeted the judge all over NSW. Those pacers include:

- * at Newcastle 29/1 - Better Than Max 1.59.9 & Lavra Bhutan 2.00.6
- * at Menangle 30/1 - Mister Chow 1.57.9
- * at Newcastle 3/2 - Black Belt 1.58.3, Kardashian crusader 1.58.1 & Courage Underwater 1.58.1
- * at Dubbo 4/2 - Tulhurst Courage 1.57.4 & Tommy Tuppence 2.00.4
- * at Newcastle 6/2 - Bien Hoa 1.56.5, Strathlachlan Andy 1.57.2 (since won at Menangle 14/2 in 1.54.9) & Glenisla 1.55.5. Also Yayas Hot Spot, the easy winner of Garrard's Tamworth City Cup in track record time ventured to Melton on February 6 for an excellent 2m 3rd to Yankee Rockstar in 1.52.4 in the \$30000 Group 3 Garrards 4YO Bonanza.
- * Angus G won at Redcliffe on the 11/2.

The Pub Group Gold Nugget Nathan Hurst took out The Pub Group sponsored Gold Nugget with Major Gambler, one of his treble for the night. Hurst, who trains his team near Bathurst, drove Major Gambler to a thrilling win in the \$8000 feature which included a Gold Nugget as the winning trophy on the opening night of the three day race carnival. "I will have to go for a drink now at one of The Pub Group's venues" he joked after the win. "He is a horse who always runs into places in big races and he is not really a lucky horse but we had luck tonight" said Hurst. Major Gambler had a short half head win over race favourite Millwood Liberty (Mark Callaghan) and Queensland pacer Katesaroyal (Brendan Barnes) from the Bart Cockburn stables third. Nathan's other winners were Tangles who took out the first race and Kyalla Dave who won the Bushwacker's Pace.



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Nevele R Stud Star Maker 3yo Final

Glenisla was one of the treble driven by Lauren Panella and trained by Shane Tritton when taking out the \$15,000 Nevele R Stud Star Maker 3yo Final after winning her heat. Make Mine Grange (Josh Willick) led the field as the bell sounded whilst Glenisla raced out in the breeze with Glenisla holding on over a fast finishing Soynwasabi (Matt Neilson) with Make Mine Grange third. "She is going to be a tough filly when she learns what to do" said Panella. "The track is in great condition and it has been a great night" said Panella. Tritton was happy with the three wins for the night and was full of praise for the Tamworth Carnival. "We love supporting these sorts of races especially this Club as they probably started me off on a good thing a couple of years ago and it's good to be back" said Tritton.

Nevele R Stud

www.nevelerstud.co.nz

TRACK ON FIRE Despite a late morning downpour at Tamworth on January 23 the track was in tip-top condition for racing for our premium Carnival of Cups meet by 6.40pm first race time. Track curator Laurie James, Des Constable & David Pike are to be commended for their untiring efforts to have the racing surface, not only ready but in perfect condition, as evidenced by three new track records. Yayas Hot Spot obliterated the 2360m track record in winning the \$10,000 Garrards Tamworth City Cup, recording 2.51.8, a rate of 1.57.2, taking a massive 3.2 seconds off the 2010 mark of Enjays Cam. The mile rate is quicker than Youranut's 1609m track record of 1.57.3. The 1980m track record of 2.25.5 was also bettered by Strathlachlan Andy who ran 2.25.3 (rating 1.58.1.) in winning the \$25000 Pryde's EasiFeed Golden Guitar Final. The other record to fall was the 3yo fillies for 1980m that went to Glenisla in winning her heat of the Nevele R Star Maker in 2.29.4 (rating 2.01.4) eclipsing the 2000 mark of Somewhat Fancy.



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Garrards Tamworth City Cup

Yayas Hotspot annihilated his opposition with a 42 metre win in the \$12,000 Garrards Horse and Hound Tamworth City Cup. Lauren Panella dictated terms out in front and had an all the way win. "He is a good horse and has run some good races against the likes of Bling It On" said trainer Shane Tritton. "We knew the Cup would be a nice race for him. He probably needed that run as he has got some big races ahead of him. He loves the smaller tracks, but we will head for the Chariots now and then probably come back and do a bit of a Carnival run" said Tritton "he is only a 4yo, similar to Mach Beauty and on the way up". Lauren Panella stated "this horse can do some freakish things". Yaya's Hot Spot defeated local Soho Eros (Peter Missen) and Katesaroyal (Brendan Barnes).

* Ultimate Art, a 5yo entire by Modern Art, won a \$50,000 Inter Dominion heat over 2400m in 1.57.0 for his 19th victory for Michael Formosa and has earnt \$305,000. Last year, after winning The Pub Group Gold Nugget he was beaten into 4th in the Garrard's Tamworth City Cup by local champ Soho Eros.

RACE MEETING DATES 2014/15

Date	Day	Time	Feature Events
10/02/2015	TUESDAY	Afternoon	\$8000 Joan Bullock Memorial (1980m. 3YO Fillies & C0-C1 Mares)
26/02/2015	THURSDAY	Afternoon	

Tamworth has a seven week break. Narrabri, Armidale and Inverell race in this period.

16/04/2015	THURSDAY	Afternoon	\$7,500 North West Derby \$7,500 Nevele R North West Oaks
7/05/2015	THURSDAY	Afternoon	Perc Vering Memorial
21/05/2015	THURSDAY	Afternoon	\$7,500 Droughtbreaker Maiden Mile
4/06/2015	THURSDAY	Afternoon	
18/06/2015	THURSDAY	Afternoon	\$7,500 Winter Warmer (1980m. C1 Only)



THRC PROPOSED RACE DATES – 2015/16

2/7/2015 THURSDAY (DAY)
16/7/2015 THURSDAY (DAY)
30/7/2015 THURSDAY (DAY)

5/11/2015 THURSDAY (DAY)
12/11/2015 THURSDAY (DAY)
19/11/2015 THURSDAY (DAY)
10/12/2015 THURSDAY (DAY)
17/12/2015 THURSDAY (DAY)
24/12/2015 THURSDAY (DAY)

7/1/2016 THURSDAY (DAY)
13/1/2016 WEDNESDAY (NIGHT)
17/1/2016 SUNDAY (NIGHT)
22/1/2016 FRIDAY (NIGHT)
4/2/2016 THURSDAY (DAY)
18/2/2016 THURSDAY (DAY)
25/2/2016 THURSDAY (DAY)
7/4/2016 THURSDAY (DAY)
14/4/2016 THURSDAY (DAY)
21/4/2016 THURSDAY (DAY)

5/5/2016 THURSDAY (DAY)
19/5/2016 THURSDAY (DAY)
2/6/2016 THURSDAY (DAY)
16/6/2016 THURSDAY (DAY)
30/6/2016 THURSDAY (DAY)
(TOTAL: 24 MEETINGS)

Other Clubs North West:

INVERELL SUNDAY 29/11/15
NARRABRI SATURDAY 5/3/16
NARRABRI SUNDAY 13/3/16
ARMIDALE SUNDAY 20/3/16
ARMIDALE SUNDAY 27/3/2016





2014/15 CARNIVAL OF CUPS UPCOMING DATES

Albury Saturday 28 February 2015
Wagga Saturday 7 March 2015
Broken Hill Friday 13 March 2015
Young Saturday 14 March 2015
Narrabri Sunday 15 March 2015
Armidale Sunday 29 March 2015
Muswellbrook Monday 6 April 2015
West Wyalong Sunday 12 April 2015
Coolamon Sunday 19 April 2015
Inverell Sunday 26 April 2015
Forbes Sunday 3 May 2015
Blayney Sunday 10 May 2015
Dubbo Sunday 17 May 2015
Cootamundra Sunday 24 May 2015
Bulli Saturday 30 May 2015
Cowra Sunday 31 May 2015



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TRACK NEWS

New Track development. Club Deputy Chairman Mark Lowe will be meeting with HRNSW representatives in Sydney late in February to discuss progress on the new track development, bearing in mind ideas sought from the Clubs recent visit to the new Bathurst complex.

Raceday Stabling. A reminder **all horses must be stabled one hour before their race and remain in the stabling area for half an hour after their event.** On leaving the race day stabling the freeze brand must be checked.
Children not allowed in Horse Areas. Please be advised HRNSW rules state that **children under the age of 14 are not allowed entry to the stabling area** on course.

Volunteers. The Club is lucky to have the wonderful contribution of many volunteers who make running of race meetings and trials possible. **The THRC will not tolerate any bad behavior aimed at our volunteers or staff and will report any incidents to HRNSW.**

Gig Inspections have been carried out by Dennis Declauzel from HRNSW at our February 10 meeting.



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SPONSORSHIP

Do you or your friends or family have a business that needs promotion and exposure in Tamworth? THRC sponsorship can, from \$150 plus GST, give your business local and national recognition. Your business name will appear online and in print media nationwide and the Club can cater to any on-course promotions that will assist your needs. Combined with admission passes and hospitality, race sponsorship packages are great value – speak to Karen about how we can tailor a partnership to suit you or someone you know today.

Information on the THRC's Sponsorship Packages can be obtained from the office or found on the Club's website:

www.tamworthharnessracing.com.au

The Silver Sponsorship is a corporate package offering multiple promotional, marketing and hospitality benefits. The Race Sponsor and Function package can be a great alternative to celebrate a business, social or family occasion. All packages can be individually tailored to suit the requirements of your business or function. THRC feature race the North West Derby, April 16, 2015 is currently seeking a sponsor.



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FEEDBACK

Members are encouraged to provide ideas, suggestions and comments to assist the management of the Club. Feedback can be forwarded to the office or e-mail

admin@tamworthharnessracing.com.au



INTER DOMINION GRAND FINALS BUS TRIP

**TAMWORTH TO MENANGLE
SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2015**

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Pryde's Eastfeed GOLDEN GUITAR FINAL
28 - 1 - 2015
TIME 2:25
WESTS
STRATHLACHLAN ANDY
Trainer G.A. HARDING, Driver M.G. HARDING
Time 2.25.3, Mile Rate 1.58.1 "TRACK RECORD"

PACEWAY PRINCESS
23rd January 2015

RACE BOOKS By purchasing a \$3.50 race book you not only get the fields and form, premiership and sponsorship information but you also get the opportunity to enter our current competitions including the HRNSW European Cruise Promotion and the Peter Jackson pacing pick:

Thu 26th February 2015

TAMWORTH HARNESS RACING CLUB

JACKPOT PACING PICK

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CURRENT PRIZE POOL: \$1950.00

AIM: To select the winners of races **2 to 7** inclusive
(If one of your selections is scratched the entry is void)

PRIZE:
The prize pool starts at \$150.00 and will jackpot by \$50.00 per race meeting until won, at which stage the prize reverts to \$150.00. If there is more than one winner, the prize will be divided equally.

RULES:

- You must be 18 years or over to enter.
- Entries must be on the form in the Racebook you purchased. No Photocopies allowed.
- Entrants must complete all details on the entry form and place the completed form into the appropriate box at the Main Canteen or Canteen in the Stable Block.



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LOCAL OWNER'S SUCCESS

*Warialda owner Mick Farrell has enjoyed recent success with Tiny Tinker. The 5yo mare recorded a career best 1.55.9 in winning at Newcastle on February 6 to make it 4 wins from her last 6 starts and 8 career victories from 28 starts for \$23000 in stakes.

* Former Armidale trainer/driver John Micallef won with Corilla Tess at Newcastle in 1.57.2 & the Gunnedah owned Charli Dollar also won there in 2.00.

* Ex-Inverell pacer Its You Not Me won at Redcliffe in 2.01.7 on February 5.

* Locally bred & owned 3yo filly Courage Underwater won her first race for Pat "China" Hofman & family with an all the way victory in 1.58.1 at Newcastle.

* The Norm Soles bred Norm's Spirit (Modern Art – Inthespirit) is now winning in SA, having scored at Globe Derby on January 24 and on February 9 where the gelding set a personal best mile rate of 1.55.8. His record now sits at 18 wins and 33 placings from 118 starts for \$72,000 in stakes.

* Bendemeer 5yo Major Deed won at Muswellbrook on February 15 for trainer Peter Rippon and his wife, driver Cindy, rating 1.59.6.

TAMWORTH HRC / NEVELE R STUD
STALLION TENDER 2015/16

The THRC, in conjunction with major sponsor Nevele R Stud, will offer for tender services for the 2015/16 breeding season in leading stallions Changeover and Live or Die.



Changeover

As a sire Changeover is off to a wonderful start with 10% of his entire FIRST CROP of foals RACE WINNERS as TWO-YEAR-OLDS. Unbeaten three-year-old Nuala, rated by Gary Hall Snr. as his best-ever filly, provided Changeover with his first Group winner when she captured the Group 2 \$50,000 Dainty's Daughter Classic at Gloucester Park on February 13. He stands at Aus\$4400 inc. GST.



Live or Die

A world champion as a 2YO, Live or Die is just the second stallion in NZ history to SIRE MORE THAN 1000 INDIVIDUAL WINNERS. His progeny have won OVER \$51 MILLION to date and he is the sire of MORE DERBY WINNERS (8) than any other living sire. His 18 GROUP ONE WINNERS include the CHAMPIONS Divisive, Just an Excuse and Elect to Live. He stands at a fee of Aus\$3300 inc. GST.

Please contact the THRC if you would like to submit a tender for either of these stallions. Tender forms will be available on the Club's website.