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NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2014

HRNSW New Chief Executive John Dumesny. The Board of HRNSW has announced the appointment of John Dumesny as its new Chief Executive. Mr Dumesny has a long and distinguished career in harness racing. He commenced with the NSWHR in 1988. He has been Chief Executive of the Club since 2004 and prior to that was the Racing Manager from 1988 to 2004. John was the driving force behind the sale of Harold Park in 2010 and the extensive upgrade of the Menangle Park facility. Rex Horne stated that without John's drive and passion much of what we have today would never have occurred. "We have a world class track and associated facilities, higher prize money and a much stronger industry", he said "The Board believes that John will bring similar drive and passion to HRNSW". Mr Dumesny commences with HRNSW on September 1. Bruce Christison has been appointed as Chief Executive for the NSWHR. Mr Christison first joined the administrative staff of the Club in January 1994 as Financial Controller, and has been the Business Operations Manager since March 2004.



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Race date changes 2014/15. Tamworth has some date changes for 2014/15. The meeting set down for November 25 has been moved to Thursday November 27. The North West Oaks and Derby meeting has been moved forward to April 16 2015. Please see updated list of dates on the next page of this newsletter.



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TRACK NEWS

Land rezoning development. The rezoning proposal was passed at the TRC meeting on May 27. By the end of August State Planning should have processed our application for rezoning. Following the processing there will be a meeting between the HRNSW Planning Committee and the THRC Board to finalise design and planning of the new track and facilities.

Raceday Stabling. A reminder **all horses must be stabled 1 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. A misunderstanding at a recent meeting exposed a weakness in our system and for integrity reasons the change is necessary. It will be a short inconvenience for people with horses but remember there will be an extra 80 horses to be checked by the official. Please help by allowing time for your horses to be checked and treat the official with the respect you would want to be treated with. Please be advised HRNSW rules state that **children under the age of 14 are not allowed entry to the stabling area** on course.



RACE MEETING DATES 2014/15

UPDATED at 31/7/2014

Date	Day	Time	Feature Events (as at 31/7/14)
7/08/2014	THURSDAY	Afternoon	Tamworth Sapling 2YO S. ATAC Marathon Prelude
18/08/2014	MONDAY	Afternoon	\$8000 ATAC Marathon (3110m. C1-C4)
1/09/2014	MONDAY	Afternoon	
15/09/2014	MONDAY	Afternoon	Heats of Dash for Cash (1230m. C2-C4)
29/09/2014	MONDAY	Afternoon	\$7,500 Dash for Cash
12/10/2014	SUNDAY	Afternoon	
27/10/2014	MONDAY	Afternoon	\$7,500 Spring Sprint (1609m. C4+)
11/11/2014	TUESDAY	Afternoon	West's Entertainment Group Raceday
27/11/2014	THURSDAY	Afternoon	\$7,500 Fillies & Mares Classic (1980m. C0-C3)
9/12/2014	TUESDAY	Afternoon	
24/12/2014	WEDNESDAY	Night	\$7,500 Xmas Gift Box (1980m.)
4/01/2015	SUNDAY	Afternoon	
14/01/2015	WEDNESDAY	Night	\$8,000+ The Pub Group Gold Nugget
18/01/2015	SUNDAY	Twilight	Heats Prydes EasiFeed Golden Guitar Heats Burke & Mead Star Maker
23/01/2015	FRIDAY	Night	\$25,000 Prydes EasiFeed Golden Guitar \$15,000 Burke & Mead Star Maker \$12,000 Garrards Tamworth City Cup
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 North West Oaks
7/05/2015	THURSDAY	Afternoon	Perc Varning Memorial
21/05/2015	THURSDAY	Afternoon	\$7,500 Droughtbreaker Maiden Mile (1609m. 6 sts no wins this season C0-C2)
4/06/2015	THURSDAY	Afternoon	
18/06/2015	THURSDAY	Afternoon	\$7,500 Winter Warmer (1980m. C1 Only)



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CHAIRMAN'S NOTES

Where do Owners Come From? This quote is from Wally Mann's column in the HRNSW Gazette. Dr. John Mossbarger, owner of Ohio's most successful stud farm, Midland Acres made some observations that may well parallel NSW which has also recently elevated its monetary and infrastructure standing.

Mossbarger said (of Ohio), "As an industry we need to prepare ourselves. We have to get engaged not only with racing fans, but with our communities. We have to explain to these people that we are a commodity, a business. We have had a lot of funerals in the past 10 years. We've lost a lot of people (in the business). We need to find new owners, and we need to make our sport better (for bettors). We have to ask ourselves: How do we make racing relevant?"

HRNSW Meeting at Diggers 17th June Well done to all the participants who were involved in the meeting with Chairman Rex Horne, Board Member Chris Edwards, CEO Sam Nati, Manager Racing & Product Adam Fairley and Head of Integrity Reid Sanders. The quality of questions asked and the willingness of people to support the HRNSW's new initiatives were extremely positive. The moral boosting question asking Rex Horne what more Tamworth people can do to support the industry and Rex's reply that he thought the Tamworth fraternity were already doing their part and that the Board was pleased with our performance was gratifying.

Newcastle HRC Listening to various people from different parts of the industry at meetings around the state it has been apparent how supportive Newcastle has been of Tamworth harness racing over many years. Their support has assisted Tamworth to be in its current positive position. We are fortunate to have the support of one of the state's strongest clubs. We intend to continue working with them to help harness racing prosper in northern NSW. Newcastle Chairman Jim Bell told me he had a great day with his wife at the Armidale Carnival of Cups Meeting this year.

Prydes EasiFeed Great to see Gunnedah's Prydes EasiFeed continuing its great success in Victoria with the famous trotting Lang family using the

have also had great success with their young pacers this season using Prydes EasiFeed. To receive a feeding plan from Prydes EasiFeed Selector merely click onto:

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Breeders Win for Regular Tamworth Competitor

Michael Formosa trained and drove Ultimate Art to victory in the \$100,000 Breeders 4YO Entires and Geldings Final at Menangle on June 29th. Ultimate Art, the 2014 The Pub Group Gold Nugget winner has won 4 races from 5 starts at Tamworth and it is great to see a regular visitor successful in another feature race. Hopefully locally owned and trained horses can win more feature races soon.

Life Member and Wife Retire Club stalwarts and popular members Barry and Beverly Schipp are to be congratulated for selling their industry leading Shopping World Newsagency and starting a well-earned retirement. The form of their talented pacer Reign of Fear must be making retirement sweeter. With 14 wins, 11 seconds and 8 thirds from 44 starts he would be appreciated in any stable.

Very Successful Meeting with HRNSW on 27th

May The THRC representatives, myself, Mark Lowe and Karen Fox were well received and the meeting exceeded our expectations. We were given far more than our allocated 30 minutes. We set the agenda and led the meeting with the Board responding to topics raised by us. Our topics and their responses are attached. It was reassuring that their draft strategic plan that they handed to us after the meeting included many of the topics we raised. We thank them for their openness in the meeting. A copy of our questions to the HRNSW Board and their answers can be e-mailed to interested members or obtained at the office.



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SNIPPETS

- **New Talent in Local Ranks** This season has been a revelation in that our region has 3 new exciting driving talents to refresh the local industry. Scotty-Jon Welsh (16) of Tamworth got the "ball" rolling earlier this year and from 42 drives he has piloted 4 winners, Den Helder and Onethingsforcertain at Tamworth, Brotherbillshannon at Narrabri and Aces First at Armidale. Tom Ison (16) from Warral started his driving career at Tamworth on the 24th of July and had immediate success with just his second drive when he steered home Piper's Challenge to victory. The 5yo is trained by his older brother Sam. Tom's now 1 win from 5 drives whilst middle brother Ben (just turned 18) is yet to register a winner from 29 drives but it is not far away. Sam Ison who turns 19 soon has 3 driving wins to his credit, one this season on Miami Vice and two training successes.
- **Leading regional driver Dean Chapple** of Moonbi has 50 wins, 37 seconds and 33 thirds from 237 drives this season (33 at Tamworth).

SPONSORSHIP

Information on the THRC's new sponsorship packages, the Silver Sponsorship Package and the Race Sponsor and Function Package 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. Phone 6765 2188 for more details.

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



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JACKPOT PACING PICK

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PETER JACKSON—BOOKMAKER
CURRENT PRIZE POOL: \$900.00

AIM: To select the winners of all races after Race No.1
(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.



FLEABES CAFÉ

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- Seating for 76 / functions
- Quiet Relaxed Atmosphere
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Your chance to win a
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THE GREAT CHIP-OFF

Wonderful prizes to be won including:

- Rounds of Putt Putt at Thorny's Putt Putt
- Driving range buckets of balls
- Rounds of Golf at Longyard Golf Course
- Harness Racing entry passes
- Drink Vouchers and Gift Packs

FINAL of THE GREAT CHIP-OFF

MONDAY 18TH AUGUST

All Great Chip-Off Heat Winners are invited to
participate in the final.



LOCAL OWNER'S SUCCESS

Tamworth owner Amy Evans has enjoyed recent wins with both her pacers, trained by leading hunter valley mentor Shane Tritton. Major Bonus, a 5YO by Art Major, recently won the \$20,000 Harness Breeders NSW Go Girlfriend Series Final at Menangle in a career best 1:56.1 and has now amassed 11 wins and over \$75,000 since Amy purchased the ex-Victorian as a 3YO. Recently purchased 3YO filly Our Jeremes Gem, by Jeremes Jet, has had 2 starts for 2 wins for her new owner, both at Newcastle in 1:57.5 and 1:56.9. Success breeds success. Well done Amy.

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2014/15

CARNIVAL OF CUPS

RACE DATES

Track/Date

Eugowra Monday 6 October 2014
Griffith Sunday 16 November 2014
Bankstown Saturday 6 December 2014
Newcastle Friday 12 December 2014
Penrith Thursday 18 December 2014
Bathurst Friday 26 December 2014
Leeton Thursday 1 January 2015
Parkes Friday 2 January 2015
Maitland Saturday 3 January 2015
Temora Friday 9 January 2015
Tamworth Friday 23 January 2015
Junee Sunday 25 January 2015
Goulburn Monday 26 January 2015
Orange Sunday 8 February 2015
Albury Saturday 28 February 2015
Wagga Saturday 7 March 2015

Track/Date

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
Fairfield Monday 8 June 2015
Peak Hill Sunday 14 June 2015