

# NEWSLETTER

Tamworth Harness Racing Club

August 2020

Board: Chairperson: Julie Maughan, Deputy: Joyce Walsh, Directors: Graham Moon, Scotty-Jon Welsh, Nicholas Walsh

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

Membership renewals are now being taken for 2020-21 and are due in full by Wednesday 19th August at the latest.

Full Member	\$55.00
Aged Pensioner Member	\$27.50
Harness Licensed Person	\$33.00

## DIRECTORS NOMINATIONS AGM 2020 to AGM 2022

Directors Graham Moon and Nicholas Walsh will complete their current two year terms at the Club's 2020 AGM. Both are able to be re-elected.

As required by the Club's Constitution, nominations are now open to elect two directors to the Tamworth HRC Board for the period AGM 2020 to AGM 2022. Nomination Forms are available from the Club Secretary, and must be submitted by close of nominations at 5.00pm on Monday 17th August 2020.

## RACING DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Racing has continued at the Golden Guitar Paceway during the enforced COVID-19 operating conditions, unfortunately at this stage with only race meeting participants and essential workers being admitted. The Board has applied to HRNSW to admit owners and members, but unfortunately the return of the virus to NSW has stalled this process for the present time.

Once this phase of the virus is back under control and the risk of a recurrence is low, the Club would hope to be admitting patrons to meetings under revised conditions. In the mean time for the safety of members and regular patrons, please continue to view and support the Clubs Race Meetings on SKY 1 from the safety of your home.

## BLAKE HUGHES - FIVE (5) WINNING DRIVES

Young Cessnock driver Blake Hughes had a great day on Sunday Evening 17th May with five (5) winning drives in the eight (8) race program, leaving one (1) win each for fellow Hunter Valley drivers Michael Formosa, Tom Ison and Gemma Coney.

Blake's driving achievement on the day were:

- In Race 2 AZUR EXPRESS for trainer Clayton Harmey in a MR of 2:03.1
- In Race 3 GOLD REACTOR for trainer Clayton Harmey in a MR of 1:58.8
- In Race 5 CHOISIR DAMOUR for trainer Clayton Harmey in a MR of 1:58.7
- In Race 6 ARE YOU WITH ME for trainer Anthony Missen in a MR of 2:02.6
- In Race 7 IM SO BETTER for trainer Anthony Missen in a MR of 2:01.6



## August—September 2020

### RACE DATES:

- ♦ Thursday 13th Aug afternoon
- ♦ Thursday 27th Aug afternoon
- ♦ Thursday 10th Sept afternoon
- ♦ Thursday 17th Sept afternoon
- ♦ Thursday 24th Sept afternoon

### TRIAL DATES: (now weekly)

- ♦ Tuesday 4th Aug 5.45pm
- ♦ Tuesday 11th Aug 5.45pm
- ♦ Tuesday 18th Aug 5.45pm
- ♦ Tuesday 25th Aug 5.45pm
- ♦ Tuesday 1st Sept 5.45pm
- ♦ Tuesday 8th Sept 5.45pm
- ♦ Tuesday 15th Sept 5.45pm
- ♦ Tuesday 22nd Sept 5.45pm
- ♦ Tuesday 29th Sept 5.45pm



### BEST NEW INNOVATION CLUB

Won by Tamworth HRC for Promotion and Marketing of the January 2018 Carnival of Cups. Awarded by



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Photos courtesy

PeterMac Photography

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## GOLDEN GUITAR PACEWAY TAMWORTH

### MOBILE BARRIER



After 15 years of faithful service on the back of the Club's White Falcon Ute and many years prior to that on the back of the red Quirindi Grain & Produce Holden ute, the Club Mobile Barrier has stood aside to allow the industry owned:

#### *Golden Guitar Paceway Mobile Barrier*

to takeover mobile starting duties at race meetings.

In the photo, the Club's Mobile Team of Starter Arthur Yates and Driver Des Constable welcomed the new mobile to the Paceway at the August 30th race meeting.

The Club's Mobile, jointly sponsored by Carpet One Tamworth and Portable Horse Stables will now be seen at race meetings as the back-up unit while at trials it will continue to undertake all the mobile starting duties.



### LES (Johnny) ENKS



Armidale Trainer Les Enks, was smiling at the race meeting on Sunday 14th June when two (2) of his stable recorded a win with Brad Elder driving NEVILLE SHANNON to a win in Race 5 by 4 metres with a MR of 2:02.5 and then in Race 7, Anthony Varga driving GROOVY SHANNON to a 8.8 metre win in a MR of 2:01.9.

The feat was nearly repeated again at the meeting on Thursday 30th July with Brad Elder again driving NEVILLE SHANNON to a 2.3 metre win in Race 4 in a MR 1:58.6, and Dean Chapple narrowly missing the win by just 0.14 seconds driving PEGGY SUE SHANNON in Race 6.

### SARAH RUSHBROOK / ELLY CHAPPLE

As reported in the last newsletter, local lady drivers Sarah Rushbrook and Elly Chapple were innocently involved in a race accident at Inverell on Sunday 29th March which saw both admitted to hospital with bone breakages.

Elly Chapple has now fully recovered from her broken elbow, returning to race driving at Tamworth on Thursday 30th July to finish third with APOLLON. However Sarah's recovery from the broken leg sustained in the incident has been far slower and while she is now mobile and able to walk with the aide of one crutch, her return to harness training and driving is still some months away.

We wish both ladies well.

## PREMIERSHIPS UPDATE

### PREMIERSHIPS 2019-20

Updated to 30th July 2020

#### MULTIQUIP DRIVERS PREMIERSHIP:

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|----|--------------|----|
| 1. | Blake Hughes | 40 |
| 2. | Tom Ison     | 35 |
| 3. | Brad Elder   | 29 |

#### HYGAIN TRAINERS PREMIERSHIP:

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|----|----------------|----|
| 1. | Clayton Harmey | 39 |
| 2. | Greg Coney     | 25 |
| 3. | Roy Roots Jnr  | 18 |

#### SAUERS GLASS OWNERS PREMIERSHIP:

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|----|--------------------|----|
| 1. | Marion Weidemann   | 49 |
| 2. | GSM Racing Pty Ltd | 38 |
| 3. | Shepherdson/Dicks/ |    |

Drysdale 33

#### JOHN'S AUTO SERVICE LOCAL FEMALE

#### DRIVERS PREMIERSHIP: (revised Scoring System)

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|----|-----------------|----|
| 1. | Jemma Coney     | 59 |
| 2. | Sarah Rushbrook | 46 |
| 3. | Maddison Simon  | 26 |

#### KTR STANDARD BRED STUD HORSE OF THE YEAR:

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|----|-------------------|----|
| 1. | Believe in Heaven | 30 |
| 2. | Harbour Town      | 20 |
| 3. | White Wash        | 19 |
| 3. | Point Oh Five     | 19 |

#### PETERMAC PHOTOGRAPHY LOCAL HORSE OF THE YEAR:

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|----|-------------------|----|
| 1. | Believe in Heaven | 30 |
| 2. | Harbour Town      | 20 |
| 3. | White Wash        | 19 |
| 3. | Point Oh Five     | 19 |

#### PETER JACKSON MARE OF THE YEAR:

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|----|-----------------|----|
| 1. | Fantasy Money   | 18 |
| 1. | Night Lights NZ | 18 |
| 2. | Capital Collect | 17 |

#### Peter & Shirley Hillam Junior Under 23 Drivers Premiership:

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|----|----------------|----|
| 1. | Jemma Coney    | 12 |
| 2. | Madi Young     | 5  |
| 3. | Maddison Simon | 4  |

### DRIVERS PREMIERSHIP



BLAKE

Hunter Valley Drivers Blake Hughes and Tom Ison who both regularly compete at Tamworth Race Meetings, hold the top two positions in this seasons Club Drivers Premiership (at 30/07/20) with Blake still retaining the five (5) point lead that he established in the first half of the season.

#### Tamworth Premiership

Blake 40 wins : Tom 35 wins

However in the State Drivers Premiership (at 5/08/20) the situation is the reverse with Tom having a five (5) win lead over Blake.

#### State Premiership

Tom 103 wins : Blake 98



TOM



## RACE DATES JULY to DECEMBER

July 2020	Thursday	2nd	Afternoon
	Thursday	16th	Afternoon
	Thursday	30th	Afternoon
August 2020	Thursday	13th	Afternoon
	Thursday	27th	Afternoon
September 2020	Thursday	10th	Afternoon
	Thursday	17th	Afternoon
	Thursday	24th	Afternoon
October 2020	Thursday	8th	Afternoon
	Thursday	15th	Afternoon
	Thursday	22nd	Afternoon
November 2020	Thursday	5th	Afternoon
	Thursday	12th	Afternoon
	Thursday	19th	Afternoon
December 2020	Thursday	3rd	Afternoon
	Thursday	17th	Afternoon
	Wednesday	23rd	Night

It is anticipated that race dates for the January to June 2021 period will be finalised and released in October

### JUDY GRANT and PAM VERNING

As reported in the May Newsletter, Club Members Judy Grant and Pam Verning were in hospital recovering from surgery. We can now gladly report that both have returned home safely and are expected to be back at the paceway watching the Club's races, when entry restrictions are relaxed by the government.

## MADI YOUNG - 100 CAREER WINS



Tamworth based driver, Madi Young notched up her 100th career drive at the Tamworth race meeting on Thursday 30th July driving the Stacie Elliott trained HELIX, then only four (4) days later achieved win 101 driving at Newcastle once again for Stacie Elliott on CORPORAL JUJON.

Madi, now 22 commenced her career in Mini Trots, moving onto attaining her Harness Drivers Licence and since then has won the 2018 NSW Rising Stars Championship, been the 2018/19 NSW Standardbred Owners Association Ambassador and is a current Mates 4 Harness Ambassador.

### FRANS FRESH FOOD



Thank you to the race meeting participants and Club staff who have supported the Club's Caterer, Frans Fresh Food during the COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions.

With no general public permitted on site at race meetings, Fran has continued to attend with her catering van and supplied Hot and Cold Food and a piping Hot Coffee to those in attendance. The Club appreciates Fran's efforts and recommends her service to others.

FRANS FRESH FOODS - 0401 260184

Check Fran's FaceBook Page to see all catering services available

### ELECTED TO POSITION

At the Harness Racing Clubs Committee (HRCC) Annual General Meeting on 4th August, Club Chairperson Julie Maughan was elected to the executive in the position of Secretary/Treasurer. Julie is also a Board Director of the HRNSW Standardbred Rehoming Company.

## OFFICE RENOVATIONS



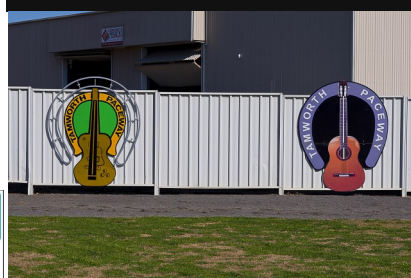
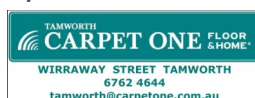
A thank you to Club Member and Race Day Volunteer David Pike, for his work in renovating the Club Offices during July.

The walls have been repainted, new flooring layed and new vertical blinds installed on the windows. The Office and Board Room now have a fresh new look. As part of the renovations a new picture hanging system was installed which allows the displaying of many historic pictures which were previously in storage.



Club Photographer Peter McNamara has donated his time, rejuvenating a number of old photos, including landscape photos of the track and surrounds dating back as far as 1987, which are now displayed in the entrance area to the Office. Peter also applied his skills to rejuvenating the old Guitar/Horse Shoe finish post which is now displayed on the fence of the Parade Ring, together with the more recent version which was recently replaced with the current Golden Guitar Paceway - Tamworth Finish Post.

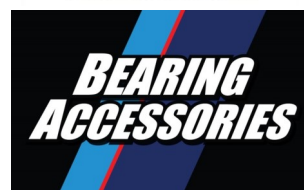
Many Thanks to David and Peter for their efforts in this project and also to Dan Daly from Club Sponsor Carpet One Tamworth who supplied and installed the flooring and blinds.



## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR SPONSORS AS THEY SUPPORT YOUR CLUB



# MULTIQUIP



## GARRARD'S HORSE AND HOUND

## Thrifty Tamworth



## CARPET ONE FLOOR & HOME



## SAUERS GLASS



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### DEATHS

Condolences are conveyed to the family of former Club Members

**BILL & CORA HOAD**

Cora passed away on 11th April aged 94 years followed only 14 days later by husband BILL who passed away on 25th April aged 96 years.

Bill and Cora were regular patrons at the Club's afternoon race meetings, driving themselves in from Nundle until only a couple of years ago when age started got in the way of their enjoyment.

THE BOARD OF THE  
TAMWORTH HARNESS RACING CLUB

VALUES THE SUPPORT OF OUR SPONSORS AND ENCOURAGES YOU TO SUPPORT THESE SPONSORS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

TO OUR MEMBERS AND GUESTS WE HOPE THAT YOU ARE ENJOYING HOW THE CLUB IS EVOLVING IN SUCH A POSITIVE MANNER WITH NOW 30 RACE MEETINGS PER YEAR

IT IS HOPED THAT YOU ENJOY THE HIGHLIGHTS OF HARNESS RACING OUTLINED IN THIS NEWSLETTER

## KTR Standardbred Stud

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