



# ADMISSION REVERSED

The days of seeing your favourite jockey having a beer at the local tote are over. Unless they have a letter from the stipes, of course. NHA rules 19.5 and 20.3 now state that without the permission of the Board, no jockey or apprentice shall enter or visit any registered betting premises where members of the public are able to place any bets or wagers of any kind whatsoever. So how does it work on the Kenilworth first floor after races then?

## 2091

That is how many yearlings have been nominated for next year's 61st running of the world's richest juvenile race - the \$3.5 million Gr1 Golden Slipper (1200m) at Rosehill Gardens in Sydney. Following the close of first nominations, 1132 colts and geldings and 959 fillies have been entered for the showpiece event, which is scheduled to be run on 19 March, 2017. Leading stables from around Australia with the highest number of nominations include Godolphin, with 165 horses, followed by Mick Price (105), Gai Waterhouse (104), David Hayes & Tom Dabernig (84) and Chris Waller (83).



## SHOT DOWN

Drones have been indefinitely suspended from British racecourses following the Newmarket incident that on Thursday led to Frankie Dettori being unshipped prior to a maiden with his mount then running loose for some time. On Friday, RaceTech, who have responsibility for the drone, declined to comment pending a BHA investigation that will determine the immediate future of the flying devices that, in theory, have the potential to provide exciting overhead pictures. Dettori was joined by Ryan Moore and the official race starter in saying the noise of the drone could clearly be heard before the first fillies' maiden, whereas it had not been noticeable audibly when used earlier in the afternoon.

## Ups & Downs

Champion jockey Joao Moreira crowned his brilliant Hong Kong season with five winners on Sunday. The day included a surprise defeat and one record that he probably did not want - but having his mother with him to celebrate a second Hong Kong title elevated his day and his season to another level even as he dodged the champagne wars with champion trainer John Size. Moreira's unwanted record was the HK\$245,000 fine he caught for careless riding. His surprise defeat was by champion apprentice Kei Chiong Ka-kei for the season's Most Popular Jockey by public vote!

## Big In Japan

Mauritian born Karis Teetan completed a terrific season in Hong Kong, ending with 47 winners and finishing 3rd in the jockey premiership. Karis is off to Japan for three weeks where he has been contracted by the JRA. Then he is away for a well deserved break.

## Breakthrough

Jockey Jaswick Jordaan added the latest chapter in his contribution to the wonders of modern medicine by riding his first Cape Town winner since his return to the fray. He won on longshot Treize for Glen Kotzen on Saturday. The tall 23-year-old told Michael Clower: "I was off for three years. The problem started when I suddenly found I couldn't function that well, probably the result of a fall, and I was in hospital for a year. I spent a further 12 months recovering and then almost another year getting my weight down from 74kg to 59kg. I resumed in February/March and this is my sixth winner since. I joined Glen Kotzen a month ago and hopefully I have cracked the ice."

## Never Too Old

Jeff Lloyd is poised to write himself into the record books as the oldest jockey to win the Brisbane metropolitan premiership. Lloyd has shortened to long odds-on to win the title after riding four winners at Doomben on Saturday. He is now on 71 wins for the season leading James Orman (66) and Jim Byrne (65.5) with six meetings remaining in the season. At 55 years of age Lloyd is nine years older than Michael Cahill was when he took out the premiership in 2012/13.

## Who?

The NHA calendar this past week had three new trainers registered. Mrs S B Kotzen (E Cape) and H van der Westhuizen and G C Walker are Western Cape registrations. Anybody have any idea who they are - and should their arrival and credentials not be publicised to the punting public?

## Make Them Pay!

In response to the revised KZN programming policy, Geoff Woodruff makes a suggestion. "In Johannesburg we pay a nomination fee of R78 in all races except features. I firmly believe that this should be the case in KZN. This way, only trainers genuinely wishing to run their horses enter and pay the nomination fee. There are many more horses domiciled in Gauteng than in KZN and yet there are more than twice as many horses entered in each meeting in KZN as there are in Gauteng and with smaller fields! Go figure!"



## Treasure Island

Cape rider Bernard Fayd'herbe has hit Mauritius running. He rode three winners, two thirds and a fourth from six rides at his first Champ De Mars meeting on Saturday, all for the stable of Gilbert Rousset, who retains him on an open contract. After places on Lietuva (Race 2) and New Star (Race 3), he booted home a quick double on Night In Seattle (Race 4) and Recall To Life (Race 5), followed by another place on Dawn Raid (Race 7) and a good win on The Deacon (Race 8) to end the day on a high note.

## NICE TOUCH!

Green Street Bloodstock has invited potential investors, individuals interested in their racehorse syndication offers, to join them at the Vaal or Randjesfontein this week. Justin Vermaak, on a business trip in Singapore, will be jetting in to Johannesburg on Thursday morning and will travel immediately to the Vaal for the Race Day featuring GSB runners. On Friday it's an early morning back to the Vaal for track work and stable visits, and on Saturday morning it's Randjesfontein for track work, breakfast, stable visits followed by a race day at Turffontein. Contact info@greenstreetbloodstock.co.za for more details.