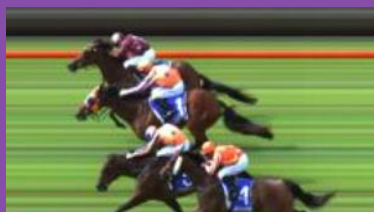




# Cambridge Jockey Club

## SUCCESSFUL RESULTS

Cambridge Trainers Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman were successful in winning the Group 1 Sistema Stakes with *Lickety Split*, beating the more fancied Jamie Richards trained *Dynastic* and *Maven Belle* in a photo finish.



## INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the second edition of the Cambridge Jockey Club (CJC) newsletter. Feedback on the first edition was extremely positive and the Club would like to thank all those who conveyed their appreciation. It's not always easy to get new initiatives off the ground for various reasons, however, the feedback and support indicates that there is a demand for a newsletter of this type. We will endeavour to keep things interesting and informative.

## COVID-19

Now that the country has moved to the orange traffic light setting, we are able to open the doors and welcome back everyone to our jump outs, trials and race meetings. This is great news as we hosted our first race meeting of

the year on 18 May. The Club acknowledges that the last 2 years has been anything but normal and we would like to thank everyone for the manner in which they have conducted themselves during this difficult and trying period. We look forward to seeing many of you back at the track over the coming months. See our \$50 Hospitality Package detailed below.

## CAMBRIDGE TRACKS

The CJC offers more in terms of training track options than any other thoroughbred racing Club in NZ. If all tracks are open our Cambridge based trainers have 11 tracks (3 ploughs, 3 sands, Number 2, 3, and 4 Grass, Polytrack and hurdle track) to train their horses from. Whether it's the right-handed sand or the left-handed plough or poly track, our trainers have more choice than any other trainers in NZ. This enables the best preparation for race meetings as trainers are able to prepare their horses on the most appropriate track for upcoming races.

Managing these tracks and ensuring they are maintained and presented in the best condition is a never ending and often thankless task. The unusually hot dry autumn has enabled trainers to continue to use the ploughs long after they would normally be closed due to wet weather. This has required more staffing resource than usual being allocated to preparing the ploughs each day. The Club's Track Manager Derek Collett and his team work tirelessly, often having to adapt and prioritise workflows to ensure that the highest standard of tracks are always presented.

## TRAVIS STAKES DAY

The Clubs Travis Stakes day was hosted at the Te Rapa racecourse on 30 April. The weather gods blessed us with a beautiful sunny day which brought out a very good and enthusiastic crowd. The racing was competitive and exciting with Cambridge based trainers winning four of the eight races. In particular, Roger James and Robert Wellwood taking out the feature Group 2 Travis Stakes with favourite *Two Illicit*. They also picked up the Decise Electrical and Control 2YO 1200 with *Charmario*.

Stephen Marsh picked up the Cambridge Raceway Open 1400 with *Tightlign*, while in the last, Chris Wood was successful with *Jack The Lass* in the Maneline Cambridge Mile. The other feature on the card, the Group 3 Inglis Sales Cambridge Breeders Stakes was won by Matamata based trainers Graham Richardson and Rogan Norvall with *Bonny Lass*.

## CAMBRIDGE RACE MEETING 18 MAY 2022



Again, the weather gods played their part in making this a successful and enjoyable day. The sun was out, crowds back and the track and Club presented immaculately.

Cambridge based trainers picking up four of the seven races. In particular, Tony Pike took out the first race of 2022 on the Polytrack, the Magnum Industries Maiden 1550 with *Goldman*. Pike

having further success later in the day with *The Statesman*, winning the Carter Contracting Maiden 2YO 970.



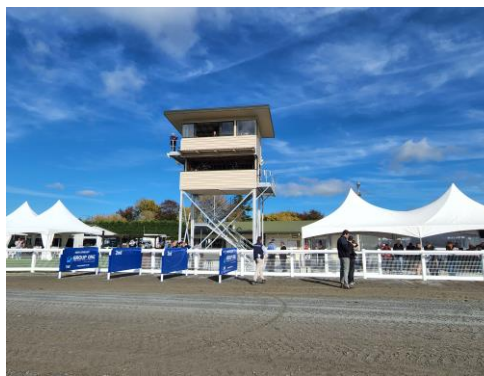
The Stephen Marsh trained *Fiscal Fun* won the Waipa Earthworks R65 970, while the last of the day the Happy Retirement Murray Baker R65 2000, was taken out by *Horace* trained by Chad Ormsby.



Feedback from the day was very positive with everyone in good spirits and pleased to be back attending the race meeting. This meeting was a particularly important milestone for the Club as it was the first meeting officiated, judged and commentated from the new Judges Tower.

## JUDGES TOWER

In the first edition of this newsletter, it was mentioned that the Tower would be completed prior to our first race meeting. However, there have been a number of delays and holdups, including Covid, supply chain, material shortages, etc.



meaning the Tower is not yet complete. Despite these hiccups we were able to advance the Tower to a stage where it is sufficiently functional to host race meetings. Completion is expected over the next month or so as building materials become available.

Feedback from Officials who work in the Tower was very positive with Race Commentator George Simon grateful for the improved viewing platform and proximity to the finish line.

The first photo above was taken just five days before our race meeting, and to our relief, the second photo illustrates the Tower on race day. As can be seen the Tower is an imposing structure commanding a prime viewing platform for the Trackside Cameras, Commentator, Judge, Photo Finish and Racing Integrity Board.

## HOSPITALITY PACKAGE

To encourage members and participants back to our race meetings we have introduced a \$50 Hospitality Package.

Your package entitles you to:

1 x Catered Buffet Lunch

1 x Race Book

1 x Drink Voucher

Cost \$50

Bookings are essential and can be made by emailing [faye@cambridgejockeyclub.co.nz](mailto:faye@cambridgejockeyclub.co.nz)



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