



Cambridge Jockey Club

SUCCESSFUL RESULTS

Cambridge Trainers Roger James and Robert Wellwood were successful in winning the Group 1 Moet and Chandon Queensland Derby with *Pinarello*.



162 winners in his New Zealand career including three black type races. Taiki's last winner was in race 5 of the Cambridge meeting aboard the Chris Wood trained *Rusavy* (see photograph). Taiki will be remembered for his dedication and commitment to his craft, his friendly and polite personality, and that beaming smile that lit up all those around him. Rest in Peace Taiki.

The third edition of the Cambridge Jockey Club (CJC) newsletter is unfortunately published with very heavy hearts. The tragic passing of Jockey Taiki Yanagida after a horrific fall at the Clubs race meeting on Wednesday 3 August. Taiki suffered severe head and spinal injuries and was placed in an induced coma immediately after his fall before being transferred to Waikato hospital by ambulance. Taiki's mother and sister flew from Japan to be with him, however Taiki succumbed to his injuries on 8 August.

Taiki always wanted to be a Jockey despite his mother's reservations about his chosen career path. He left Japan to follow his dream firstly in Australia and then in New Zealand being apprenticed to the Lance O'Sullivan and Andrew Scott training partnership.

Known in the industry as 'Tiger', Taiki rode



RACE MEETINGS

The Club is right in the middle of our busy winter racing period. At the time of writing the Club has hosted nine of the thirteen meetings programmed for this calendar year. Unfortunately, unlike last year where most meetings were hosted on fine winter days, this year the weather gods have not been so kind. The wet and cold race days have resulted in generally lower on course attendance than last year with patrons electing the comfort of their homes over the track to watch races. On a positive note, the Clubs synthetic track was designed to withstand the inclement weather which has resulted in no Cambridge meetings being lost.

27 JULY - MAAT \$40,000 RACEDAY

The Club hosted four \$40,000 MAAT races after generous sponsorship by Martin Collins New Zealand who constructed the synthetic track. The Club enjoyed success in these races with Cambridge based Trainers picking up the spoils in each race. In the Martin Collins NZ 1550m *Dazzling Miss* trained by Shaune Richie and Colm Murray was first across the line, while the Martin Collins NZ 1300m was won by *Red Vienna* trained by Tony Pike, the Martin Collins NZ 970m was won by *Is That So* trained by Clinton Isdale and the Martin Collins 2000m was won by *High Choice* trained by Ben Foote.

17 AUGUST - RICHARD BRIGHT MEMORIAL RACEDAY

After the tragic events at the Clubs meeting on 3 August, in a moving and emotionally charged ceremony, the track was blessed by a local Kaumatua prior to the race program commencing. The ceremony, which set the tone for the day was well attended by riders and officials.

The race program featured the Clubs first \$50,000 race, the Richard Bright Memorial Cup and the \$35,000 Group 1 Turf Bar 1300m. The Group 1 Turf Bar is the bar owned and operated by Richard and his wife Brenda. Richard was a very keen supporter of the Club setting up and operating the race day bar throughout 2021. Richard tragically lost his life when the fishing vessel ENCHANTER sunk off the North Cape of New Zealand in March. The Club acknowledges the contribution of Richard, and the support and generosity of the Trillian Trust in helping to make these two races happen.

The day drew the largest crowd of the calendar year with a very good representation of patrons from the Group 1 Turf Bar on course to celebrate Richard Bright.

The feature race (Richard Bright Memorial Cup) was won by *Heart Of Gold* trained by Matamata trainers Darryn and Briar Weatherley. Ridden by Lynsey Satherley *Heart of Gold* settled near the back of the twelve-horse field where he remained throughout. Nearing the 400m mark *Heart Of Gold* was asked to make his run. He moved away from the rail and in a blistering run down the home straight, flashed to the lead to win by 3 ¼ lengths, from *Acutus* with *Dazzling Miss* finishing third. The win was a huge thrill for owner Pam Brindley.



President Bruce Harvey presenting the Richard Bright Memorial Cup to winning owner Pam Brindley.

In the other feature race (Group 1 Turf Bar 1300m) Cambridge Trainer Les Collins was successful with *Dear Oh Dear*. A particularly proud moment for Les as he also owns the horse in partnership with his wife Helen.

2021/22 JOCKEY PREMIERSHIP



McNab winning the Listed Ryder Stakes aboard the Tony Pike trained *Pacific Dragon*

Cambridge based Jockey Michael McNab took out the New Zealand Jockey Premiership for the first time beating second placed Lisa Allpress by 32 victories. McNab won a total of 144 races, 15 of those coming at Group or Listed level.

McNab acknowledged in an interview with Michael Guerin that changes he made to his life a couple of years ago have resulted in him having more confidence and he now sees the races more clearly and makes less mistakes in the saddle.

McNab is rightfully proud of his achievement and the person and rider he has become. Congratulations Michael, well done.

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