



Cambridge Jockey Club

SUCCESSFUL RESULTS

The Roger James and Robert Wellwood trained filly *Prowess* proved too strong for her more fancied rivals in winning the Karaka Million 3YO Classic at Pukekohe.



Welcome to the first edition of the newsletter for 2023. On behalf of the staff and Committee we trust that you enjoyed a good Christmas and holiday break. While it has been an extremely wet summer, we hope you managed to find some sunshine, time to relax, and an opportunity to enjoy time with family and friends.

RACE DAYS

With one of the wettest summers on record, the northern region racing and trial program was significantly impacted. This has been exacerbated by the fact that two major racetracks (Ellerslie and Te Aroha) are currently undergoing major renovations so are unavailable to race or trial.

The Auckland floods and Cyclone Gabrielle that hit the Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty and Hawkes Bay regions in January and February caused significant destruction to life, land, roads, and property. We know that trainers and industry participants have suffered loss and damage, which for some will take considerable time, effort, and finance to repair. On behalf of the Club our thoughts are with you, and we wish you a speedy return to normality.

Fortunately, it appears that most of the racecourses in the region escaped relatively unscathed from the cyclone although a photo of the Hastings track shortly before their programmed Wairoa Cup Day shows the track looking more like a lake than a racecourse. The meeting was subsequently abandoned.

On a brighter note, the terrible weather provided an opportunity for the industry to utilise the Cambridge Polytrack which was designed to cope with inclement weather events. Two unprogrammed meetings were hosted by the Club, on 8 and 16 February. Both meetings were scheduled at short notice, because of the weather in the wider region. Ironically the two meetings were held on warm clear days, and were well attended, with the public enjoying the friendly picnic atmosphere.



CLUB HAPPENINGS

It has been a challenging time for the track staff managing the tracks and facilities. Ordinarily over the summer months staff would be watering tracks, stabling areas, and laneways to keep the dust down and ensure the tracks are well prepared. However, this summer has seen the use of water pumps to remove excess water from the ploughs and facilities in order to get them back to an operational standard.

The Club is fortunate that this type of disruption, when some tracks are closed, is mitigated by the flexibility that the all-weather Polytrack provides. Regardless of the weather our trainers always have tracks to work their horses.

RACING PROGRAM

This year is likely to be another busy year for the Club with the first meeting being Group 2 Travis Stakes day which will be hosted at Te Rapa on 29 April. In addition there are 13 race meetings and 20 trial meetings programmed for Cambridge. The first of these meetings is scheduled for Wednesday 17 May. We encourage all members to come along and enjoy the relaxed and friendly atmosphere at our race days.

SIR PATRICK HOGAN



It is with much admiration and respect that we remember former President and Life Member of the Club, Sir Patrick Hogan. Sir Patrick's passing on 6 January 2023 after a period of illness sent shockwaves through the thoroughbred racing industry and around the world.

Regarded as a pioneer in the bloodstock industry Sir Patrick leaves a legacy on New Zealand's racing and breeding industries. Setting up Cambridge Stud in 1976 with his now famous foundation sire

'Sir Tristram' was a master stroke which was to set in motion an outstanding breeding career spanning over 50 years.

Sir Patrick served as President of the Cambridge Jockey Club from 1985 to 1988, becoming a life member in 1992. On behalf of the Cambridge Jockey Club, we acknowledge your service and dedication. Rest in Peace Sir Patrick.

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