



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman for taking out the Premiership with 112 wins for the season - their third title in a row! Second on the Premiership, Jamie Richards finished with 98 wins and also takes out the gavelhouse.com title of Newcomer to Training. Close behind with 97 wins was Stephen Marsh - a massive jump from his 64 wins last season.

The stakes race was almost too close to call - only \$875 between Baker/Forsman \$3860537 and Jamie Richards with \$3859662!

Some impressive strike rate statistics in the top 100. Those with strike rates less than 4 were Lauren Brennan achieving a rate of 3, Bev & Ken Kelso 3.44 and Bill Thurlow 3.75.

DUNSTAN TRAINER OF THE YEAR

The two nominees for the Dunstan Trainer of the Year are the training partnership of Murray Baker and Andrew Forsman, and Jamie Richards. This will be presented at the Horse of the Year Awards being held on Sunday September 8th at the Ellerslie Event Centre. Click here to purchase tickets <https://www.iticket.co.nz/events/2019/sep/thoroughbred-racing-awards>

NATIONAL AGM

The National Annual General Meeting for the New Zealand Trainers' Association will be held at Ellerslie racecourse in the Remuera Room (1st floor of the Ellerslie stand) at 10am on Saturday 24th August 2019. Guest speakers are confirmed as Dean McKenzie - Chair of RITA, Alan Jackson – Chair of NZTR and Marty Burns, , GM Racing & Equine Welfare for NZTR

BRANCH AGMS

These were all completed within the space of a week in July. There were disappointing turnouts from members at most of the meetings. It is of concern that this may be due to the majority of members simply not caring about being involved in their industry and having a say, or perhaps they don't see the point in attending, or maybe they are happy with the way things are and they don't have any issues of concern! I tend to think it's a combination of the former two, but it was certainly disheartening.

The Otago branch was well represented by 8 members and had a constructive meeting. It gives trainers the opportunity to sit down and discuss both local issues and catch up and contribute views on national issues. Jim Burns was re-elected as the representative for Otago and Terry Kennedy represents the branch on the Programming Committee.

The Southland branch re-elected Sally McKay as their President. It was with a degree of sadness, that the retirement of Mac Henry was accepted. He has been secretary/treasurer for the branch for some 35 plus years and both the branch and the National Association wish to express their gratitude for his enormous contribution. Jo Dalton has taken over the reins as secretary/treasurer. Sally and Robert Dennis will sit on the Programming Committee.

The Canterbury Branch had 5 members at their AGM. Despite the small number, it was a good constructive meeting. Andrew Carston was re-elected President with Vice Presidents, Anna Furlong and Matthew Pitman. Programming Committee representatives include Andrew Carston, Michael Pitman, Anna Furlong and Lance Robinson.

The CD Branch had 9 members attend the AGM. This branch arranges a highly successful annual Golf Tournament that raised over \$4600 earlier in the year. Both Gary Vile as President, and Paul Claridge as secretary/treasurer were re-elected. Programming committee representatives are Gary Vile, Mike Breslin and Matthew Eales.

The Northern Branch managed a quorum of members with a large number of apologies accepted. Andrew Forsman was re-elected President, with Stephen Marsh elected Vice President. The Programming committee representatives include Tony Pike, Stephen Marsh, Andrew Forsman, Jamie Richards and Linda Laing.

FOLLOW-UPS

Feedback from the Branch AGM's revealed a need for the Trainers' Association to assist with following up NZTR where a member may feel they aren't making any progress. In particular there may be a relevant issue they have raised with someone at NZTR and have not had a response. The Trainers' Association hold monthly meetings with NZTR where an "action list" is discussed and would be happy to include this issue on the list. This should ensure a response is forthcoming. Please forward Wendy Cooper any such relevant issues to wendy@nztrainers.co.nz

NEW WEBSITE ACTIVE

Please check out our new website with the Business Hub for Trainers. It is a lot more user-friendly to navigate and has easy access to templates for your use. There is also an Employment section where you can advertise for staff, as well as see those who have advised they are available. A link to the website is www.nztrainers.co.nz

WINNER DUNSTAN TRAINERS' MAIDEN NZ AWARD FOR JULY

The meeting selected for July was the Manawatu Racing Club held at Awapuni on the 27th. The winner of the Aberdeen on Broadway Maiden 2100m was VACATION – the Zed gelding trained by Bryce Newman from Bulls. As Bryce is a member of the Trainers' Association he will receive a bag of Dunstan Speedfeed and a bag of Equifibre Lucerne-Pro.

gavelhouse.com NEWCOMER TO TRAINING

Jamie Richards takes out the title with an impressive 57 individual winners in what has been a great season for him. Last year's winner, Andrew Carston finished with 15 individual winners, Cody Cole had 12 and Catherine Cameron had 7. For all those who have held a licence for less than 5 years, here is the final results table for all those who trained two individual winners or more:

Trainers Name	INDIV WINNERS	TOTAL WINS
Jamie Richards	57	98
Andrew Carston	15	21
Cody Cole	12	13
Catherine Cameron	7	11
Amanda Schwarz	6	10

Steven Cole	6	8
Kenny Moore	5	8
Samantha Logan	5	7
Clint Isdale	5	5
Chrissy Bambry	4	6
Tarissa Mitchell	4	4
Robert Dennis	4	4
Ashley Frye	3	4
Anna Hewitson	3	3
SHAW, JOSH	3	3
Burnett, Taylor	2	4
Fawcett Kylie Ann Miss	2	4
Davies, Emma	2	3
Lupton Jaimee-Lee	2	3
McKenzie David Rodd	2	2
Rauhihi, Chris	2	2