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Strathalbyn Racing Club Trainer's Newsletter

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Track News

The Board has for some time now had concerns over both the training and racing surface condition in the winter months. With the assistance of Thoroughbred Racing SA the Board of SRC has appointed a consultant Mr. Daryl Sellar of Turfwise to oversee and assist our track staff in improving the condition of the surface.

The program that has been adopted is extensive and requires monthly inspections with observations and recommendations reported to both the Board of the Strathalbyn Racing Club and our Track Manager Chris Kurle, a copy of the June report Summary has been included in this newsletter.

The sand track at Strathalbyn is set to receive some remedial work thanks to Thoroughbred Racing SA's approval of a capital funding grant for the Club.

A rebate of $1.25 per sand track use has been approved by the Board with effect from 1st July 2010 until the completion of the sand track upgrade.

The Board has shown concern as to trainers/jockeys and track work riders disregarding the marker position by moving the markers or running inside/outside of the designated area.

If you see a trainer/jockey or track worker rider using areas other than indicated please report this matter to the morning counter as this practice affects our ability for moves on our grass surfaces.

After lengthy discussions with Mr. Graham Lock, Chairman of Stewards the Club has been advised that the Breathe and Urine Testing conducted at a jump out will not be an isolated issue.

Mr. Lock has asked that we remind all trainers of their responsibilities regarding track work riders and ensure that track work riders when mounted on a horse have a workable helmet light and be attired in an approved safety helmet and an approved safety vest correctly fastened.

Please also ensure that all track work riders and/or attendants wear reflective vests when horses are on a public roadway.

News from the Club

The financial position of the Club is looking extremely positive with our debt to TRSA now paid in full.

The Board must thank all those involved in their diligent management of the clubs financial position and in the hasty repayment of this long outstanding debt.

The Board of the Strathalbyn Racing Club reluctantly accepted the resignation of our Chairman Steve Byrnes at the May Board Meeting.

Steve advised of his decision to resign as Chairman as he has taken a position that will take him away for extended periods of time. The Board expresses its profound gratitude for Steve's service to the Club and looks forward to his return in the not too distant future.

The Board is pleased to announce the appointment of Barry Featherston, as the Chairman and Daryl Moyle has taken up the position of Deputy Chairman.

The Board wishes to welcome and introduce our new Board Members Chantelle Francis, Andrew Tully, John Patton and Fred Meuring who are filling casual vacancies

Chantelle is the daughter of our Patron, Wayne Francis. Chantelle brings the voice of youth to our Board.

Our debt to TRSA is now paid in full

Andrew is a racing enthusiast, having been involved in racing horses for the past 16 years. Andrew is married with two children and is a Key Account Manager with Lion Nathan Australia.

John has been involved in all things equestrian for more years than he cares to remember. John has run a very successful business and is now retired. Since his retirement John has been involved with racing horses both in South Australia and Interstate.

Fred brings a vast amount of experience to our Board as a past President of the Strathalbyn Trainers Association. Fred will be known to you all and I am sure you will raise any track and training issues with him.

Turfwise June Summary

Observations

Course proper

- Quality 8/10
- Density 7.5/10
- Colour 7/10
- Very good condition overall, with limited damage from previous day's racing
- Oversowing germinating well throughout
- Evidence of active root and rhizome growth
- Track condition on turn beyond winning post has improved
  - To continue to be policed on race days

Traffic management on the training track requires careful management.

Training track

- Quality 6/10
- Density 5/10
- Colour 6.5/10
- Evidence of excessive wear throughout track
- Turf density suffering struggling to establish due to wear
- Evidence of leaf tip damage to kikuyu following fertiliser application
- Likely cause is excessively the application on the same day as an earlier frost. The turf will still benefit from this application, and damage is expected to grow out in time.
- There was evidence of track use extending beyond the designated area for track work, with witches hats having been removed in some sections. It is crucial the designated work areas are observed, as this will assist the preservation of a quality surface for racing and track work throughout the year.

Racing at Strathalbyn

Summary

The maintenance program is having the desired effect of reducing the dormancy of the kikuyu, which at this stage is resulting in the surface holding together well during use. A key component of the program is the use of the Verti-drain to assist deeper drainage, compaction relief and salinity management. The down grading of the track at Wednesday's race meeting highlights a potential side effect of this process as the deeper soil profile is "softer", whilst the surface is still firm.
The course proper is still has a good coverage and density, and will benefit from the oversowing now that growth is slowing. The training track is suffering from traffic levels, with recent oversowing struggling to establish consistently.

2010-11 Strathalbyn Race Dates

WEDNESDAY	25 AUGUST2010
SATURDAY	25 SEPTEMBER 2010 LADIES DAY PLUS AFL GRAND FINAL
WEDNESDAY	20 OCTOBER 2010
SUNDAY	21 NOVEMBER 2010 LANGHORNE CREEK VIGNERONS' RACE DAY
WEDNESDAY	15 DECEMBER 2010
MONDAY	27 DECEMBER 2010
SUNDAY	16 JANUARY 2011 STRATHALBYN CUP
WEDNESDAY	2 FEBRUARY 2011
WEDNESDAY	23 FEBRUARY 2011
WEDNESDAY	9 MARCH 2011
WEDENSDAY	6 APRIL 2011 MARY POTTER FOUNDATION
WEDNESDAY	27 APRIL 2011
SUNDAY	15 MAY 2011 TASTINGS AT THE TRACK
THURSDAY	2 JUNE 2011

Industry News

From the Marketing Department

This year, the 2010 Thoroughbred Racing Industry Awards will be combined with the presentation of the Hall of Fame inductees at a gala lunch at Morphettville Racecourse on Sunday 22 August 2010.

Tickets are available from Ann Van Trigt on 8179 9802 for $75 per person

Membership

We have a fantastic members viewing area and seating facilities that provide spectacular view of the races.

Full Membership enables you and a friend into the track and access to all members' facilities fourteen times this year – what fantastic value for money.

Membership is due by 1 August and an application from has been included. Please return as soon as possible so that we are able to get your passes to you before the first race meeting of the season.

SINGLE MEMBERSHIP	$ 60.00
DUAL MEMBERSHIP	$ 90.00
CONCESSION MEMBERSHIP	$ 60.00
CORPORATE SILVER MEMBERSHIP Silver membership Includes; 4 members Tickets	$ 250.00
CORPORATE GOLD MEMBERSHIP Gold membership includes: Four Members Tickets; 1 Mid Week Race Name per Year; Table for 8 Mid Week in the Green Room inc Full Alcohol Package; On course signage the day of your race name	$1250.00

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION 2010/11

Office Use

Member No.

Receipt No

Date processed

Title (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss/Dr) Given Name Surname

Address

Suburb State Post Code

Home Phone Business Phone

Mobile Fax

Email

Membership Category

☐	Single Membership (Single Ticket)	$ 60.00
☐	Dual Membership (Members + 1 Guest Ticket)	$ 90.00
☐	Concession Membership (Member + 1 Guest Ticket)	$ 60.00
☐	Corporate Silver (Members + 3 Guests)	$ 250.00
☐	Corporate Gold (Members + 3 Guests + 1 Race Name)	$1250.00

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Signed .....Date .....

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