

# Whangarei Racing Club Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2011

**ANNUAL  
DINNER  
&  
CALCUTTA**  
Friday  
9th September  
From 5.30pm  
197 Lower Dent St  
Whangarei  
Contact the Racing  
Club for bookings  
Phone 09 432 7249



**FASHION  
FIESTA**  
Saturday  
10th  
September  
Gates open  
10.30am  
Free entry  
into Fashion  
Competition  
Over \$10k in  
Prizes to be won!



## Upcoming Race Dates 2011-12

10th September 2011 (Sat)  
18th January 2012 (Wed)

5th January 2012 (Thurs)

## From the President

### THE CLUB "TRIFECTA"

*We have a huge weekend of racing coming up as our finale of the 2011 race days.*

**1<sup>st</sup> Leg - FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** – Club dinner/Calcutta & World Cup opening game (AB's vs Tonga)

**2<sup>nd</sup> Leg - SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** - Westbury Stud listed 3YO stakes race day.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Leg - SATURDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER** – Fashion in the Field.

The Annual Club Dinner will precede our feature listed race day – the biggest day on our racing calendar – our "day in the sun".

For the Annual Dinner this year we have endeavored to bring you an added attraction in the form of **Malcolm Johnston** – legendary Australian jockey and TV personality as guest speaker – a roll he is in huge demand for throughout Australian racing. Some of you who watch "Off the Rails" on Trackside TV will be familiar with this very funny and hugely talented man. We will of course have our traditional "Calcutta" conducted on the following days feature 3 year old race. "A night not to be missed". We have switched from our 2 year old listed stakes race in July to a **3 year old listed stakes race** in September - a decision taken by your committee after discussion with the NZTR Graded Stakes Committee to try and preserve our listed stakes status which officially was "under warning". We are pleased to advise that **Westbury Stud** have continued the sponsorship of our 2 year old series as well as sponsoring our 3 year old listed race. I would like to express our sincere thanks to Russell Warwick and his team from Westbury for this sponsorship especially in this time of continued harsh economic times for the racing industry.

**Saturday will be a superb day's entertainment catering for all tastes.** 10 races for stakes of \$174,000 should ensure bumper fields, good horses and great betting. The LJ Hooker "Fashion in the Field" will have the young ladies in all their finery and the older men turning up their pacemakers.

REMEMBER – these events are promoted by your committee for our MEMBERS participation and enjoyment so make a weekend of it, and have a bit of fun.

*See you behind the Tote.*

**John Fairley**  
President



Many thanks to our Sponsors for their support!



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## News from Kristine

### Hi to all you racing folk!

The LJ Hooker Fashion Fiesta will soon be upon us, so a little reminder to you all to make the most of it as this really is OUR LAST RACEDAY THIS YEAR!!!! Just to keep us on our toes we also have Trials here on 12<sup>th</sup> Sept and again early October. I hope to see you all turn out on Saturday for a grand finale to this years season of racing. As there is a \$5 entry fee for non members, please bring your Swingers with you to get in free. Ballistic Blondes will be skydiving (weather permitting), the big screen will be showing the Racing & Fashion competition, there will be fashion displays & kids entertainment a great day for everyone.

Straight after Xmas we will be back for January 5<sup>th</sup> and January 18<sup>th</sup> race days so I will look forward to seeing you all again then.

Special thanks to everyone who has supported and helped our very busy office through a crazy winter schedule. Particular thanks to Rebecca who 'can do anything' and Ace for an awesome job.

**See you all at the Races.**

**Kristine  
 Racing Club Manager**

## Annual Dinner & Calcutta

The WRC Members Dinner and Calcutta is on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> Sept at A'Fare Conference Centre on Lower Dent St.

It kicks off from 5.30pm. The formalities starting at 6.30pm with guest speaker from Australia – racing personality Malcolm Johnston.

Butch Castles will MC and auction off the horses for the Calcutta on the Westbury Challenge Stakes (3yo listed) to be run at Ruakaka the following day. Calcutta tickets cost \$5 each and will be sold on the night (available beforehand from Committee members or the Club).

At 8.30pm the All Blacks opening rugby world cup game will be shown live on the tv's.

A bus will run from Ruakaka to A'Fare – leaving Ruakaka Tavern 5.30pm and departing A'Fare 11pm.

**Dinner Tickets cost \$50pp** for the evening (includes nibbles, dinner and dessert) – limited to 120. Please contact Rebecca at the office to book your tickets now.

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