



Members Update

January 2010

The planned racing season has finally come together with all venues finalized and only the race day programs to be attended to. We have Camperdown as our main venue this year as the committee in conjunction with owners and trainers wanted to ensure we had a true and safe surface to race on. The great thing about racing is nobody knows where the next star is going to come from. We all wait to see who is going to have the fastest horse and like all competitors we all hope ours is faster. I wish you all good & safe racing this season

The People in the Industry want Sprint Racing or so they say!!! So we plan and provide but when push comes to shove our first meeting gets postponed, yes you guessed it not enough participants ready yet (or horses). The planned meeting for the 31st January will be transferred to April.

I have left this part of last months members update to hopefully make people read it again and become involved even if it's only as a member.

The ongoing concern for the VROHA and other sprint racing organizations is the lack of horses to provide the numbers to allow us to better plan our racing. The lack of people breeding sprint horses to provide future racehorses must be addressed by the Industry as a whole.

Where does this leave us for future planning and a sustainable Industry? It is not much good planning race meetings and raising finance if we do not have horses and participants.



Terry Chinner
VRQHA President

New Members Wanted

Race Dates

Revised race dates are now posted on the new VRQHA website.
vrqha.com

Camperdown Trials



The first trials of the season were held on the 24th January, with a number of trainers taking advantage of the day to not only trial and educate their horses but also give them a gallop. A number of our leading jockeys were available including David Johnson, last seasons leading jockey. Most trainers came away happy with the results from the day with most horses successfully trialing. It looks as if leading trainers Robin & Pat Kelly are going to have a good year as they successfully trialed a number of new horses.



Want to know what's happening in our Industry and can't find out, all our committee members would be more than happy to let you know. Contact numbers are on our web site at vrqha.com

Canberra and the Future of Sprint Racing

The cancellation of the Canberra race day was a sad day for sprint race enthusiasts as not only were we looking forward to seeing what New South Wales were going to produce in the way of their horses but a number of us were preparing our horses, looking to take some of the prize money and bring it back to Victoria.

It also highlights a need for the Industry to work as one to provide a common ground or we will continue to struggle without a united voice. The Industry is eagerly waiting for news from Queensland to see what is happening in their state - we need all states to be up and running.

Match Races

**Could this be the start of something – Brimmerton Vs Dash Ta Fame
I would like to see that!!
Watch this space**