

Sydney Cup day lunch – another resounding success

A SUPERB LUNCHEON – WITH PLENTY OF WINNERS – WAS ENJOYED AT ROYAL RANDWICK ON HISTORIC SYDNEY CUP DAY

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1: Minister Kevin Greene MP and his wife Frances 2: Frank Coletta with Tsutomu Sekiguchi, winner of the Best Tie Competition 3: Luncheon guests (L-R): Elisha Toole, Brooke Chicktong and Kate Whitby

Sydney Cup Day is a very special day indeed for NSW Racehorse Owners Association.

Each year the Association holds a Sydney Cup Day Luncheon and each year, without fail, members and guests flock to Royal Randwick for our regular sojourn.

So what makes this function so good?

Is it the superb venue or perhaps the food and beverages or could it be that the function itself is so familiar that everyone relaxes immediately and thoroughly enjoys themselves? Probably all of the above applies.

The function this year commenced with pre-luncheon drinks in the Kingston Town Room before moving into the Vista Room for a sumptuous buffet luncheon.

At this point I would like to extend our thanks to the wonderful Roger Brassington from AJC's Convention Centre for all his help with the function.

Those of you who have booked a function with the AJC will know what I mean when I say nothing is too much trouble for this gentleman!

I would also like to thank all the staff "on duty" that day; their service and assistance was great.

Our Master of Ceremonies for the function was Network Ten & TVN Presenter Frank Coletta, who did a masterful job keeping everyone updated and entertained and we extend our sincere thanks to him.

The Sydney Cup Day Luncheon has various competitions being held throughout the day including the Best Hat, Best Tie and of course the very popular Tipping Competition.

This year's event also had the inaugural presentation of the Most Elegant Woman award. Sponsored by Sharon Lenton Events, this award was taken out by Louise Ward who was presented with a gift bag with a lovely assortment of goodies.

The Best Hat Competition, another

highlight on the day, was adjudicated on by Catherine Kelly from Embellish Atelier, another of our wonderful supporters, and what a fantastic job she did. The winner of this competition was Jane Pitman.

Rounding off the "The Best Of Competitions" was the Best Tie category with Redkite National Event and Community Fundraising Manager, Kelly McLean, taking on the very hard task of selecting the winner of this competition.

In a very closely contested event indeed the award was given to Mr Tsutomu Sekiguchi of Japan Racing Association.

But without a doubt the most popular competition on the day was the Tipping Competition. To assist the vast array of guests, we were most fortunate to obtain the services of Stephen Brassel, Tony Brassel, Ken Callander, Henry Noonan and Max Presnell as our Guest Tipsters for the afternoon.

Henry Noonan was also kind enough to provide bookmaking services for the function.

Our thanks to all the gentlemen and congratulations to Mrs Ann Vouris, winner of the competition, who kindly donated her prize to the Association's Charity of Choice; Redkite.

Mrs Vouris, on behalf of Redkite, picked Ego's Dare (who was, incidentally, Ken Callander's Best Bet of the Day) in the last race and duly saluted for Redkite and recorded their third success in as many years from this competition.

Speaking of winners, NSWROA members had an incredible day at Randwick on 24 April, recording six of the eight winners on the day including three Group One wins, a Group Two win, a Group 3 win and a Listed Race success. Those winners appear in the table below.

Congratulations to all.

NSWROA members also recorded wins at Albury and Kembla (3 winners) on the day.

Whilst I am always reluctant to highlight

one win over another, it would be remiss of me not to make special mention of Hot Danish and Road to Rock.

Hot Danish, the darling of the Sydney crowds, finally recorded that elusive Group One win, after finishing runner-up on three occasions when she scored in the All-Aged Stakes.

There were cheers all around the room as she passed the post. Our hearty congratulations go to co-owner and NSWROA member Anthony Curtis on the success.

Hot Danish has now recorded 13 wins (including 10 Black Type wins) and 5 second placings from her 24 career starts.

The win of Road to Rock was also very exciting as co-owner & NSWROA member Hal Dyball was attending our luncheon.

An "on-the-spot" interview with MC Frank Coletta upon his return after the presentation also brought loud cheers from the room.

Road to Rock took his record to 6 wins (including 2 wins at Group One level and 2 Listed Race successes), 8 second placings and a third placing from 34 starts.

The next event on the NSWROA calendar is our flagship event, and the NSW Racing Industry's Night of Nights, the Racing's Night of Champions.

The Racing's Night of Champions will return to the Grand Pavilion at Rosehill Gardens this year on Thursday, 12 August 2010.

As you may be aware, Racing's Night of Champions is in aid of Redkite who supports children and their families through cancer. NSWROA is proud to be supporting Redkite for another year as its charity of choice.

With no government funding, this is one of the largest fundraising events on Redkite's calendar.

With the theme of "Celebrating 200 Years of Racing" guests will be treated to some fantastic moments in racing's long and proud history.

In addition, David Campbell, one of Australia's favourite cabaret and Broadway performers, will be the feature artist for the evening. Remember, save the date – Thursday, 12 August 2010.

For more information regarding the 2010 Racing's Night of Champions or if you are interested in becoming a member of NSW Racehorse Owners Association, simply contact the NSWROA office by telephone (02) 9299-4299, by email – nswroa1@ozemail.com.au – or visit the NSWROA

G1 AJC All Aged Stakes	Hot Danish	Mr A E Curtis
G1 AJC Champagne Stakes	Skilled	Sheikh Mohammed
G1 AJC Queen Elizabeth Stakes	Road To Rock	Mrs B Cummings and Mr H Dyball
G2 AJC Emancipation Stakes	Sacred Choice	Mr G Fraser
G3 Frank Packer Plate	Dariana	Dato Tan Chin Nam
LR AJC James H B Carr Stakes	Happy Hippy	Patinack Farm Racing Syndicate