

hi all

Below please find the May newsletter.

1. Congratulations

Congratulations go out to the following club members:

Nigel and Ester who got engaged recently while on a trip to Australia.

Regan and Mel who had a healthy 6lb baby girl on Friday 21 May 2010 at 7.28pm.

2. Auction

The thundercat fundraising auction at The Long Room last Friday was a great night and was successful in raising \$7500 to enable the club to function. Thank you to all who donated products or services and to those who facilitated the event (in particular Sandi, Relda, Ester, Darren and Neil and auctioneer Tom Hendricks). The turnout on the night from bidding members was disappointing but those who made the effort for the club had the benefit of a fun evening. Without the auction and other fundraising during the year race fees and membership would be double what they are now. The administration and equipment costs to run events for your benefit plus insurance, NZPBF fees etc are in excess of what is currently generated from racing fees revenue so it is in the financial interest of all members to assist.

3. Prizegiving

The social event of the year, "The Thundercat Prizegiving" is to be held on Friday 2 July 2010 in the Top of the Town Ballroom at the Hyatt Hotel Princes St Auckland. This is again a formal (black tie/ cocktail dress) evening. Tickets are \$85 which includes 3 hours free drinking (beer and wine) plus canapés. The evening (and drinking) will commence at 7.30pm with official prizegiving at 8.30pm. A cash bar will be in place after 10.30pm. All those who attended last years' event will attest to what a great night it is. Tickets must be pre purchased by emailing secretary@thundercatracing.co.nz. Payment can be by cheque, direct debit or credit card. There are no door sales. All thundercat racers, family, friends, sponsors and supporters are welcome to attend.

For those who wish to stay at the Hyatt there are special room rates (with amazing views of Auckland City). The Hyatt is offering double or twin rooms for \$185 all inclusive per night which includes full buffet breakfast for 2 (normally \$35 per person). To book please phone the hotel direct on (09) 3661234 and quote the reservation code THUN

4. Annual General Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Thundercat Racing Association is to be held at the Hyatt hotel conference room on Saturday July 3 at 2pm. The AGM agenda includes election of officers for the executive committee, setting of licence fees for the 2010/11 year plus release of a draft race calendar for 2010/11. If you wish to nominate an executive committee member you must do so on the attached form and have the nominated member sign the form. This must be returned to secretary@thundercatracing.co.nz at least seven (7) days prior to the meeting. If you are dissatisfied with any member of the committee now is the time to stand for that position and make a difference!! The positions available are President, vice president, secretary, treasurer plus 3 executive members. Send in the nomination form today if you wish to promote a candidate for any of these (voluntary!) positions.

5. Upcoming events

As most are probably aware the prizegiving is the last event for the 2009/10 season.

There is to be no Trans Tasman trip this year due to the fact the Australians no longer have anyone motivated to assist from their end. Maybe in 2011 we can carry the Trans tasman cup back to Australia to defend. (If anyone knows of the whereabouts of the cup at the moment please discretely return it to the TRANZ secretary).

After the AGM a newsletter will go out to all 2009/10 financial members advising of the fees and with an invoice for the 2010/11 membership. The club financial year finishes on May 31 and membership fees must be paid by August

31 to avoid being struck off and paying a re-joining fee. The newsletter will also include the proposed Auckland and National race calendar for that year. It is likely the first race will be in September at Orewa.

Thank you all for another great year of racing and make sure you book your tickets to the prizegiving now to avoid missing out.

Regards
Steve