

CHRISTCHURCH GREYHOUND RACING CLUB (INC.)

CHAIRMAN'S ANNUAL REPORT 2009 – 2010 SEASON

It is with great pleasure I present the Club's Annual Report for the 2009 – 2010 racing season to members for consideration.

During the season the Club raced on 73 occasions made up as follows:

	<u>Meetings</u>	<u>Races</u>
20 race programmes	34	680
15 race programmes	15	225
10 and 12 race programmes	<u>24</u>	<u>271</u>
Total	<u>73</u>	<u>1,176</u>

It is interesting to note the under mentioned statistics relating to turnover and stakes payout during the 2009 – 2010 season:

Total off-course turnover	\$25,454,115
Total on-course turnover	\$ 1,200,711
Total fixed odds turnover	\$ 1,957,290
Total stakes payout 2009 – 2010	\$ 2,086,930

New Zealand Cup Night 2009 the turnover was as follows:

On-course	\$116,328
Off-course	\$425,939
Fixed Odds	<u>\$ 64,615</u>
Total	<u>\$606,882</u>

2009 – 2010 Racing Season:

The season just concluded was an enthralling affair. The Group races produced very exciting racing and there were a number of super performances from a number of top class greyhounds.

The New Zealand Cup in November winner was Winsome Bucks, trained by the Faheys for Opawa Racing Ltd. The North Island trained Sub-Class was runner-up, with Sweet About Me taking out the third placing.

Undoubtedly the Group I highlights at Addington occurred in April and May when the Palmerston North visitor Little Mother won the New Zealand Oaks and the Top Gun Invitation in fine style for trainer Brendon Cole for Australian owner Gordon Sciberras. The Big Daddy Cool bitch returned to Addington in July to comprehensively take winning honours in the Group II events, the New Zealand St. Leger and the South Island Championship. In total Little Mother won 8 races at Addington during the 2009 – 2010 season.

The New Zealand Cup meeting in November featured the Group II Galaxy Sprint, which was taken out by Hi-Fi Allegro trained by Brendon Cole (Palmerston North).

In February the 44th running of the Canterbury Futurity (Group II) was won in fine style by Opawa Flyer trained by Jason Dunn.

2009 – 2010 Racing Season: (Continued)

The two Group staying races on the Club's calendar for the 2009 – 2010 season were also excellent encounters. Girl Leg trained by Nigel Rugg (Cambridge) took out the Group II Kingston Cup over 732 metres in September and in July Awesome Bender trained by the Fahey partnership was successful in the Group II New Zealand Stayers Cup, also over the ultimate Addington distance of 732 metres.

A comprehensive list of results relating to the Club's Group and Feature races is set out hereunder.

Trainers Premiership:

John McInerney (493 wins) was only 27 wins behind the Central top trainer Brendon Cole (Palmerston North) with a total of 530 training successes.

Other Canterbury trainers to feature in the top ten positions were Jean and David Fahey (252 wins), Gary Cleeve (131 wins), Malcolm Grant (107 wins) and Ray Adcock (103 wins).

Other Canterbury based trainers appearing in top fifteen were Diana Roberts and Jason Dunn (76 winners each) and Marcie Flipp (63 wins).

The Club combined with the Canterbury O.T.B. Association to conduct the Annual Awards evening at Addington Raceway on the 21st of August, 2010.

Award winners for the 2009 – 2010 season were as follows:

Trainers:	J. T. McInerney	162 wins
	J. and D. Fahey	156 wins
	G.A. Cleeve	90 wins
Leading Sire:	Big Daddy Cool	141 wins
Leading Dam:	Winsome Duchess	38 wins
Sprinter of the Year:	Miss Idol	Owners R. Wales, T. Rodewald) Dead
	Business Time	Owners R.J. and R.D. Blackburn) Heat
Middle Distance Greyhound of the Year:	Winsome Bucks	Owners Opawa Racing Ltd
2010 Canterbury Greyhound of the Year:	Awesome Bender	Owner K. Sultana
	Trainers	J. & D. Fahey

Class Records:

C0	295 Metres	Nervous Wave	17.10 sec.	21.04.06
C1	295 Metres	Zensu	17.04 sec.	04.01.07
C2	295 Metres	Watch The Jet	16.98 sec.	07.10.08
C3	295 Metres	Watch The Jet	16.90 sec.	14.10.08
C4	295 Metres	Pizza Girl	16.88 sec.	02.10.07
C5	295 Metres	Another Gale	16.84 sec.	02.10.07
C0	520 Metres	Mr. Jazz	30.10 sec.	20.11.07
C1	520 Metres	Johnny Midnight	29.84 sec.	30.07.08
C2	520 Metres	Miss Koonawarra	29.78 sec.	30.05.08
C3	520 Metres	Winsome Ashley	29.83 sec.	30.11.07
C4	520 Metres	Winsome Show	29.99 sec.	16.11.06
C5	520 Metres	Little Mother	29.84 sec.	22.04.10
C0	645 Metres	Roman Home	38.11 sec.	20.04.07

Class Records: (Continued)

C1D	645 Metres	Winsome Dosh	37.99 sec.	06.12.07
C2D	645 Metres	Groovy Eye	37.75 sec.	13.09.07
COD	732 Metres	Boatswain Wally	43.67 sec.	15.03.07
C1D	732 Metres	Emulate	43.09 sec.	22.02.07
C2D	732 Metres	Faithful Blue	43.31 sec.	01.07.04

Track Records:

295 Metres	Another Gale	16.84 sec.	02.10.07
520 Metres	Miss Koonawarra	29.78 sec.	30.05.08
645 Metres	Groovy Eye	37.75 sec.	13.09.07
732 Metres	Emulate	43.09 sec.	22.02.07

The New Kennel Block:

After major delays to the completion of the new Kennel Block the race day operation finally returned to the site of the previous kennels. The new kennels are much larger than the former building and are very much in favour with trainers using the facility on race days.

2009 – 2010 Season – Group I Events:

12th November 2009 – Challenge Service Stations New Zealand Cup C5F 520 metres
1 st : Winsome Bucks J. and D Fahey Balcairn Owners: Opawa Racing Ltd
2 nd : Sub Class S.P. Clark
3 rd : Sweet About Me R.H. Adcock
22nd April 2010 - Challenge Service Stations New Zealand Oaks R/AF 520 metres
1 st : Little Mother B.R.D. Cole Palmerston North Owner: G. Sciberras
2 nd : Tijan R.H. Adcock
3 rd : Millys Mate J.T. McInerney
27th May 2010 - 2010 Top Gun Invitation 520 metres
1 st : Little Mother B.R.D. Cole Palmerston North
2 nd : Fifth Edition J. and D. Fahey
3 rd : Winsome Bucks J. and D. Fahey
22nd July 2010 - Barron's Supplies New Zealand Stayers Cup C2D 732 metres
1 st : Awesome Bender J. and D. Fahey
2 nd : Sudden Sam R.H. Adcock
3 rd : Swift Fantasy S.P. Clark

2009 – 2010 Group II Events:

24th September 2009 - Kingston Cup Final 732 metres
1 st : Girl Leg N.C. Rugg Cambridge
2 nd : Smash McCoy 3 rd : Sudden Sam
12th November 2009 - Bills Bar and Bistro Galaxy Sprint 295 metres
1 st : Hi Fi Allegro B.R.D. Cole Palmerston North
2 nd : Nitro Mowie 3 rd : Ronray Disco
18th February 2010 - Bills Bar and Bistro Canterbury Futurity Final R/A 520 metres
1 st : Opawa Flyer J.E. Dunn
2 nd : Apache Jet 3 rd : Miss Idol
8th July 2010 - Robbie's Bar and Bistro New Zealand St. Leger Final R/AF 520 metres
1 st : Little Mother B.R.D. Cole Palmerston North
2 nd : Apache Jet 3 rd : Fifth Edition
22nd July 2010 – Barron's Supplies South Island Championship Final C5F 520 metres
1 st : Little Mother L.J. Ahern Palmerston North
2 nd : Sensitive Harry 3 rd : Fifth Edition

2009 – 2010 Season – Feature Races:

6th August 2009 - New Zealand Racing Series Final 520 metres

1st: McCracken J. and D. Fahey
2nd: Continue 3rd: Crafty Cleeve

14th August 2009 - Garrards Horse and Hound Canterbury O.T.B. Maiden Final 520 metres

1st: Miss Idol J. and D. Fahey
2nd: Wave Ya Hand 3rd: Daimler Dave

15th September 2009 - Sister Cities Cup Heat Invitation 520 metres

1st: Winsome Bucks J. and D. Fahey
2nd: Watmough 3rd: Winsome Merc

24th September 2009 - 2009 Christchurch Classic R/AF 520 metres

1st: Fifth Edition J. and D. Fahey
2nd: Genista Rocket 3rd: Millys Mate

24th September 2009 - Kolorful Kanvas Robinson Rosebowl C5 520 metres

1st: Winsome Merc J. and D. Fahey
2nd: Poised 3rd: Sensitive Harry

12th November 2009 - Containers Direct Sockburn Cup 732 metres

1st: Lets Debate J. and D. Fahey
2nd: Bonnie Bouchea 3rd: Smash McCoy

17th December 2009 - Battle of the Sexes Final C5 520 metres

1st: Crafty Cleeve L.J. Waretini
2nd: Smash Kingdom 3rd: Winsome Bucks

15th January 2010 - Flair Ladies Bracelet Invitation 520 metres

1st: Tricky Shelley R.H. Adcock
2nd: Opawa Secret 3rd: Tricky Daisy

30th March 2010 - New Zealand Racing Series Sprint Final 295 metres

1st: Lincoln Brand J.S. Rush
2nd: Carnaby 3rd: Babes Boy

30th March 2010 - New Zealand Racing Series Distance Final 732 metres

1st: Hear The Cheers A.D. Williams
2nd: Know Best 3rd: Mr. Bonzalas

4th May 2010 – New Zealand Racing Series Final 520 metres

1st: Opawa Collar J. and D. Fahey
2nd: Dangle The Carat 3rd: Know Truth

27th May 2010 - Flair Canterbury Laurels Final 520 metres

1st: Dangle The Carat J. and D. Fahey
2nd: Victory Cheers 3rd: Tijan

27th May 2010 – Katz’N K9z Garden City Classic Final 520 metres

1st: Apache Jet A.D. Williams
2nd: Winsome Opawa 3rd: Teddy Marcello

27th May 2010 - David Emerson Consultancy Harding Cup Final C5 295 metres

1st: Business Time R.D. Blackburn
2nd: Taliesin Blue 3rd: Liam Bale

Track Surface:

During the season the Club appointed Mr. Duncan Laing to oversee the laying of a new surface on the Addington track. The process was carried out in November 2009 following the Cup meeting. Because of the cost involved a Special General Meeting of members was called to approve the re-construction. The general feeling amongst the Canterbury trainers is that the surface is now settling down and can be considered a satisfactory and safe racing surface.

The Club Board:

During the 2009 – 2010 season the Board met on a monthly basis (12 meetings) and on a further two occasions as well. As has been the case in previous years, these meetings were very well attended.

Peter Rosanowski announced recently that he will not be standing as a Board member in the 2010 – 2011 season. I would take this opportunity to thank Peter for his input over the 15 years that he has been involved with the Club Committee and more recently the Board.

Staff and Sub-Contractors:

This is an opportune time to thank our kennel and office staff for their dedicated input on race days and for making the Tuesday 15 and 20 race programmes the huge success they were. The Club also acknowledges the work of the totalisator staff and our sub-contractor Graham Van Tongeran (electrician), Nigel Marx (photo-finish contractor) and Ann Jopson (track curator).

I must also mention the huge input the Club's C.E.O. Tony Music in the day to day running of the Club's affairs and race meetings, and also to his able assistant Stephanie Wigley who provides a more than satisfactory back-up in the office.

The New Season:

Whilst it is acknowledged that the 15 and 20 race programmes will be missing from the 2010 – 2011 racing season, along with the majority of dual code programmes, it must be accepted that this major change is due to the fact that every Addington race (and indeed every New Zealand race) will be beamed live to the Australian market. This in turn will have a huge monetary effect on the turnovers for these races, which hopefully benefit the Code, Club and stakeholders in the future.

During the season the Club will race on 107 occasions with the majority of these meetings being on Thursdays and Fridays with a mixture of day, night and twilight meetings and also one Sunday permit as well.

Sponsorship and Marketing:

The Club Board has recently appointed a Sponsorship and Marketing sub-committee to promote sponsorship and also to market a number of the Club's night meetings by encouraging members of the public to attend these evenings and enjoy greyhound racing at its very best. If members know of any company or individuals who may be interested in sponsoring greyhound racing at Addington then kindly contact Tony Music at the Club office.

Likewise if you know of a social club or work group that might like to plan an evening at the greyhounds, then get in touch with the Club office.

In terms of stake money payout for the 2010 – 2011 racing season I believe that it is encouraging to see our stakes remain at the same levels in the new season as they were in the 2009 – 2010 period. Whilst this is not completely satisfactory for our stakeholders, our code appears to be in better shape than the other two codes. In terms of the Club's stake payout for the new season this has not been released at this stage due to late publication of the Group and Feature races. This will be made available in a few weeks.

All that is now required is for me on behalf of the Board of the Christchurch Greyhound Racing Club to wish stakeholders all the best.

In conclusion to this report, which rates as number 63 in the Club's history, I would take this opportunity to thank all members for your support during the 2009 – 2010 racing season. On behalf of the Club's Board I would wish all of you the very best of luck in the forthcoming 2010 – 2011 season, particularly if you are racing greyhounds in this wonderful sport of greyhound racing.

Geoff McKenzie
Chairman
August 2010

Below please find a comprehensive list of sponsors who supported the Christchurch Greyhound Racing Club during the 2009 – 2010 season.

Club members and participants are asked to where possible support these sponsors if the opportunity arises.

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