



2016-2017 Financial Year Chairman's Report



The ATRA, this year only made a few rule changes or amendments which are available on the ATRA website.

The Board of Directors introduced the Promoter Incentive which resulted in \$11,000 being deposited into Promoters bank accounts at the end of June 2017. This was 10% of the levies paid by the Promoter to Head Office after they had run 6 jackpots within the season 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017. 50% of this amount is encouraged to be used as prizemoney.

Another incentive was the Free Finals Entry awarded to members for every 10 jackpots they competed at within the season 1 July 2016 – 30 June 2017. This resulted in \$17,000 of free entries being used at this year's finals.

Both these incentives have affected the budget but I believe they have encouraged both Promoters and Members to do more throughout this season. The Board of Directors will re visit both these incentives and make any necessary changes or amendments for the 2017-2018 season.

There was a Sponsors/Promoters Meet & Greet night held Wednesday 27th September at Capella where the Promoter of the Year award, a 2 night getaway to Rainforest Retreat, was presented to 'Thornhill – Ian & Netta Wharton', with runner-up being 'Evandale – R & M Harland/J & C Osborne. This awarded is calculated on points per levies sent into Head Office throughout the season.

In the past 12 months the ATRA has spent many hours going over the Insurance policies and meeting with Insurance Companies to discuss policies the ATRA currently have in place. ESI (Equestrian Sports Insurance) was recommended through Wayne & Melissa McGhee of The Big Show and they presented an excellent policy on paper but after lengthy discussions the Board decided to renew with Affinity for this coming 12 months and we will revisit again at renewal time. Affinity have been loyal to the ATRA right from the beginning and left the Riders Personal Accident Policy fees unchanged even with an increase in weekly benefits for members and no increase to the Promoters Public Liability Insurance being \$500 per year no matter how many events are held and what venue the events are held at.

I look forward to the coming season and am enjoying watching the association grow and encourage new ropers into the sport of Team Roping...!!!

Tony Lillyman

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