

HARNESSES
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Significant Events

First Winners

The past month has seen three trainers and drivers experiencing the thrill of the first winner. Fifty seven year old Westbury trainer Malcolm Collins was the first when *Monicas Notch* broke her maiden status at Devonport on 24 May 2010.

Malcolm has been a trainer for just over two years. Two previous horses had a total of six starts for no placings prior to Malcolm leasing *Monicas Notch*. After a good first up seventh, Malcolm found a much easier race at Devonport and Leigh Dornauf guided *Monicas Notch* to a convincing win.

It is no surprise that Malcolm has ended up immersed in harness racing as his partner Kim Dornauf is the sister of Leigh, Bill, Michael, Peter and Ian. All are well known and successful long term participants in harness racing.

Alex Ashwood may have set an Australian record when he drove a double at the Hobart meeting on 31 May 2010. Alex was aged 16 years and 5 days when he drove *Honest Art* and *The Innkeeper* to victory. As the rules prohibit drivers participating in races until they have turned 16, it is likely that the achievement may be an Australian record. It's definitely a modern day Tasmanian record.

Prior to the meeting in Hobart on 6 June 2010, 26 year old Phil Mascall had been driving for three years and nine months for no wins and 11 placings from 100 drives. At this particular meeting from three races Phil recorded winners from his first two drives, *Ashinaga* and *Paul Albert*, and was a close second with the other. Phil has earned a reputation as a dedicated and hard working driver and his persistence was rewarded with the double.

Tazwaste Recycling Mobile Barrier

The mobile barrier has been rebranded following a partnership between Tasracing and Tazwaste Recycling. The Tazwaste Recycling Mobile Barrier will be used to start all mobile start races in Tasmania over the next 12 months with an option for both parties to extend the arrangement for a further two years.

Tazwaste Recycling is owned and managed by Victorian harness racing enthusiast Kieran Richardson who has an A Grade trainers licence and was often seen in the sulky behind the horses stable. He is President of the Bacchus Marsh Harness Racing Club.

Tazwaste Recycling has recently negotiated separate sponsorship arrangements with the Devonport Harness Racing Club, Launceston Pacing Club and the Tasmanian Pacing Club.

Yearling Sale Classic Finals

The \$20,000 Yearling Sale Classics were conducted at Hobart on 23 May 2010 and the winners have already proved to be bargain buys. *Modern Judge* won the colts and geldings division and took his earnings to \$18,500 after being purchased for \$14,000. *Daisy Adele*, a \$5,500 purchase, took her earnings to \$23,500.

Planning is almost complete for the 2011 sale that will be held at Inveresk Showgrounds on 8 January 2011. After being removed from the incentives for the 2010 sale, the Yearling Sale Classic races will return for graduates of the 2011 version. \$10,000 races will be conducted for each sex at two and three years of age.