



AUSTRALIAN TURF CLUB

## Australian Turf Club Punters Club Competition, Autumn 2021

Sadly, worst ... Our 7 member club runs a "let it ride" bet. It kicks off with each of us putting in \$20. Therefore, the first punter has \$140 to punt and can back any horse they like. The object is to just get a return of any amount. no matter how small. Usually a bet will be placed on a favoured runner for a place. The idea is to keep the "ticket" alive to pass on to the next team member (with the compounding value). The goal is to see a live ticket pass around each member before a collect. ie, 7 returning bets. So ... late last year we had been lucky enough to go around 6 punters. We has accumulated roughly \$5,500 with just one bet to go. A successful return is all that was needed and we withdraw the lot. We put the lot on the hottest thing in Sydney racing at the time, Farnan just to run a place (7 horse field) in the G1 Run to the Rose. Surely the colt would win and of not run 2nd?!? Alas the rest is history. Farnan jumped, ran hard and couldn't be restrained. Farnan was burnt out coming into the straight as 7 of us watched our final \$5,500 bet turn to ZERO in the matter of just over a minute.

### - Bardwell Boys, Banksia

Delayed start to first bets for the new season and the would be first bettor backed Lunar Fox at \$301 for \$20. A \$6k win that rightfully should belong to the club.

### - Raymond Place Punt Club, Engadine

At the end of last season's punting club, the team attended the races at Randwick. The balance sheet was looking a bit worse for wear after a season of lacklustre returns. As a group we decided to bet the entire kitty on the favourite of the next race. Needless to say, the favourite got up and our end of season trip got upgraded from going down to the local and betting on Pikey in the last.

### - The Dodgy Punters, Caringbah



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Our big end of season trip to Newcastle was underway. Accommodation sorted, beers sorted, marquee tickets sorted. There was even left over money in the kitty for some punting on the day. What could possibly go wrong. Our 'king' punter (self proclaimed) was full of confidence, grabbing tips right, left and centre. Everyone else was sorted, punting away winning small and saving the winnings in a glass cup on the table in the marquee with a chant of 'OOOoooo yeeaahhh' going up with every win, regardless if it was a \$1 profit win. However 'king' punter with all his self proclaimed connections could not buy a win. Frustration was setting in on the poor fella, he started to turn on everyone getting angry at little things, doing the unceremonious side bets but still the bloke was still struggling, he couldn't buy a win. He snuck off and returned sipping on his beer not saying a word. Watching the last at Caulfield, he seemed focused, eyes not budging, refusing to tell the rest of the boys if he was on or not. You could hear him saying "go, go". As the horses drew to the end he got up at of his chair with his chants getting louder. They hit the post, photo finish, he sat down hands in head refusing to admit if he had won or lost. We all felt for the 'king' punter, we all just wanted him to win once. Results came through, he slams the table and freaks everyone out. "The king is back boys! I know it was a side bet but it's going in the cup, the win was for the boys, I just doubled our winnings for the day". The chant went up as the 'king' collected his winnings and put it in the prestigious glass cup of winnings. Let's just say kick on stories are between the boys.

### - The Shifty Punters, South Sydney

Our club has been running for 25 years. Back in 2000 we had a great year we all put all our winnings in and had an all expenses paid trip to the Melbourne Cup on the P&O Cruiser to watch brew win. We won Brew in the Calcutta on the boat and backed it on track. I don't think we've had a winner since haha.

### - Horse's Arse, Caringbah



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Deadset, beat this and play fair!

Our John (team named after him) gets a bonus bet for \$14 and makes the decision to invest in a trifecta.

He stands out a winner, stands out a second, and puts in two horses to run third for 700%.

Naturally, the team shake their heads but he goes OK and so we settle in to see how we go.

Well, up comes the first horse at double figure odds, the second horse pushes out near the 100m and runs into a narrow second also at big odds, narrowly edging out one of the two horses and we have it.

We turn wide-eyed to the screen and OMG the trifecta interim dividend pays just over \$2,000!

The Sports Bar is in a complete uproar with high fives everywhere as it sinks in our hero John has added \$14,000+ to our kitty. Brilliant!

Oh oh, what is this, hold on, Hugh Bowman has fired in a protest third against second. Really?

Replay after replay is shown and yeah there was a little move but seriously there is nothing much too it and we should be sweet.

Tick, tick, tick - minutes drag on and level of fear has started to engulf the group. Eyes are glued to the big screen - nobody is game to even breathe, surely not, please no.

Then down comes the decision - protest upheld, noooooo!

If that does not deserve a day out for the team at the All Aged Stakes Day, what possibly does, ha ha!

### - John V V Club, Dapto

Started off with 5 mates having a beer and a punt at the Jamo (our local). One of the boys moved to Port Macquarie and bought a racehorse called "Lucky for Some" hence the name of our club. We have team shirts with our team name which we wear every Saturday. We're not real lucky and we were going that bad one year that the wives stepped in and claimed they could punt better than us. For the next 5 weeks each wife had a bet instead of their husband, the wives had no knowledge of racing at all but won more money in 5 weeks than we had won in 5 years. Lucky for Some 🐾

### - Lucky For Some, Penrith



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Went to Turnbull Stakes day 2019, we could not lose, had \$3k in punters club kitty which started with \$400, \$1k on Sunlight to win the Gilgai BANG, \$1k on Verry Elleegant to win Hill Stakes BANG, the boys are flying! End up with \$6k in the bank, put \$5k of it on Enable to win the Arc....finishes 2nd....sitting in the casino at 2am watching that unfold after such a perfect day left the boys with the tails between their legs. Still battling with the memory.

### - The PuntMobile, Blacktown

We kicked off our first punters club during COVID with 6 of my mates, my dad and a couple of his mates. We had a good year, didn't end up in profit but had plenty of cash for a big November lunch at the Vic on the Park Hotel in Marrickville where we put on a great spread and had a big day on the punt, we out aside about a grand for drinks and food and the rest (about \$1,500) went on the punt. We took turns betting \$100 and did awfully, ending up with about \$300. I am a big time Sea Eagles fan and had a few too many Reschs, took the last of our punters club cash (\$300) and put it all on Manly to win the comp in 2021.

The club are still not happy with me so I need to win this to get them back inside.

### - The Newtown Jetset, Newtown

Our club has been running for 10 years, our very first day punting we were given a four horse trifecta to put on, our treasurer being an ex banker had no clue as how to use our New TAB account over the web, instead of costing \$20 boxed he somehow placed it costing \$640, we tried all stops to cancel the bet, anyway it got up and paid \$6800.00, we got a call from the TAB a few days later asking if we still wanted to cancel, we declined, some very sore heads the next day after the win n half the pub wanted to join our club.

### - Hi Punters Club, Greystanes



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April 6 2019. Day 1 of the championships. It's Julian 'Bear' Baker's week to bet. Now Bear will be the first to admit that he doesn't know much about horse racing and the rest of the club are aware of that too (he's flat out remembering the log in details for the group betting account FFS). So using whatever method he does, he lands on a horse named Ringerdingding in race 2. He tells the boys the horse and says he will put the bet on closer to jump time.

Meanwhile, Wade 'The Weasel' Imrie pipes up and tells Bear that Ringerdingding is scratched. Now this is only half true. You see, Ringerdingding is an emergency in the Doncaster, but doesn't get a run. Unbeknownst to The Weasel, Ringerdingding is in race 2 (the race Bear liked it in). Bear being the naive gambler that we all know and love is unaware of the mix up, so it's back to the drawing board for him. He picks some other horse that can't get out of its own way and the cash is burned. Moments later, we are all shocked to hear that Ringerdingding gets up in a photo to win the Carbine Club Stakes (race 2).

As fate would have it, Bear went the rest of the year without a collect. But on a positive note, he got the log in details tattooed on his body somewhere so that is no longer an issue.

### - Big City Gamblers, Tempe

One of our punters - Atto is a shocker - he could stop the Indian Pacific. He is infamous and in the same illustrious class as TK, Laurie Daley & Piggy Riddell. We reckon Debbie Kepitis had him on a retainer not to back Winx so that he did not spoil their record. If we were selected and Atto has anything to do with the \$1000 - the ATC would recover it quick smart.

### - SawtyPort Punters, Sawtell



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We were on our annual pilgrimage to Bong Bong and on race day on the track one of the members ran into a friend who tipped him into a horse he had running the next day in SA that was going to win at odds.

The next day the team members were hanging around the hired holiday house looking after the kids, anxiously awaiting the return of the partners to the house so we could go to the pub for an afternoon on the punt. The race of which the tip was in approached and the informed team member proceeded to tell everyone about the tip. Well, we all jump in and load up on this thing!

The race is run and the tipped horse is out the back and runs nowhere, we all roll our eyes.... these things happen...

The phone of the informed member of the team starts pinging, buzzing, lighting-up, he looks at the phone and questions "it won?".....

We all look at each other puzzled, then one of the sharper team members twigs "you tipped us the wrong thing you d\*ckhead!".

The CORRECT tipped horse won at \$150, if the club's members had the right tip, collectively we would have won \$10k!

No-one spoke to each other for the rest of the weekend, we didn't go to the pub that afternoon and we have never spoken about the events of that day. We need this prize to heal old wounds and re-build bridges!

### - Bong Bong Slush Fund, Sydney

'Punt time' came about during COVID last year. I come from a family of social Punters who like a 'tickle on the track'. As a means of catching up during those months of restrictions we began, 'Punt time'. Brothers and Sisters along with Partners came together via Zoom on a Saturday arvo for a 2 hr punt competition... 9 nominated races with a fixed bet price per race. Winner was the Punter with the greatest overall win amount. Banter was direct, fierce and brutal....always flavoured with laughter and high jinx

### - Punt Time, Newcastle



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We've been a small family betting Syndicate for the past decade, and members have dropped in and out. We've got cancer survivors, an Olympian, Golden Slipper owners, breeders and just because it sounded like fun.

Best Punting Story, was our big win on a cross meeting Big6 at the start of the Spring Carnival going a few years back. Determined not to let the team down, myself as captain, went all out on the Jackpot BIG6 and cheered home as Little Surfer Girl ploughed through the mud up the Randwick rise to bring home the biggest collects of our Punting lives.

We haven't started this year well, and back to the battling punters we describe ourselves as, so a day trip to All Aged Stakes Day would be the day out some of us would cherish and hopefully bring back that winning form!

### - Syndicate v7, Cessnock

Well, we have our meetings on Tuesday 5.30pm. at the "Table of Knowledge". Our club only bets on Saturday races, however, we bet individually on Trots, dogs and horses. There is no one particular tale, but a recurring theme which is most likely our undoing. You see, we have theories for everything. Third letter "R" number 9. Dog Number 5 over 500m. Apostrophe "S", Race 7 number 7, Horse number 10 after 4.00pm, Dog Number 9 (beware the spare). We have a trophy at end of year and awards. Best, worst, " would have, should have, but didn't" etc. All in all 10 blokes, various backgrounds and ages having a good laugh. Our version of a men's shed. Rory, Shorty, Woody, Wazza, Jack, Jungles, Old Al, Dazzle, Darren and Allen the "CEO" would have a ball if we were lucky enough to actually have a win.

### - Front Bar All Stars, Newcastle

When I was tied up with work I delegated the duty to put on our annual \$20 boxed four horse trifecta - the deputy actually put on a \$20 per combination trifecta which had an outlay of \$480 on the 2018 Melbourne Cup. Unfortunately it didn't get up and has been a good sticking point ever since. Fortunately he made it up with the purchase of a few cartons for all members.

### - DNP4s, Hunter Valley



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One of our members get very nervous when placing bets. When it's your turn to bet in our Club your place the bet and tell all the others punters. A few weeks ago, let's call him Nervous Nevil told us he backed a horse in race 3 number 6. Well it won, at juicy odds, we were all very excited, sending SMS messages to all the team. When the punter looked at his ticket he had backed Race 6 number 3, which lost. That's racing.

### - The Collaroy Gang, Collaroy

We have a great age range in our punters club with the youngest just 30 and the eldest well into his 70's. Accordingly we have punters who only use their phone and are focussed on multis and our older members who still put their cash in the machine and then arrange their various bets as to when the races are due to start. Interestingly the older guys are "banking" more money for the punters club each week and the young guys have bad luck stories on how they "just missed" thousands of dollar multis each time that it is their turn to bet.

### - Arties Angels, Sydney

Going on a Gold Coast punters trip away and throwing our whole kitty on an odds-on pop in the first that got done by a half head.

### - In The Name of the Punter, Balmain

A horrible rainy Saturday morning one of the boys (name AH) we rarely hear from calls and convinces us all to get leave passes and catch up for the afternoon. ...we all sell our soles with promises that we know will no doubt haunt us..... but 9 of us \$50 in the middle each charge in. We just hung in all day when AH phone rings and he has to go. \$40 left in the kitty and he takes \$10 .cash out as needs it to cover the Chinese his wife has ordered on the way to pick hm up. As a few of us are still trying to work out AH's disappearing act member SE takes remaining \$30 (unbeknown to us all) and has it on "take the plea" the last in Brisbane. We only realised this as they hit the 200m mark and his form guide whip got busy and rode it all the way home at \$116.00 on the tote. He still lives off that bet today and we still have the same original members.

### - Not 2nd Again, Kingscliff



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Best Story - selecting the first 6 place getters in the 2019 Melbourne Cup in a boxed Trifecta (However, a First 4 boxed would have paid \$63k)

Worst Story - We won the \$100 barrel draw at the Shoal Bay Hotel prior to the 2000 Cox Plate. A NZ mate rings me just after we won the \$100 and says: "I've got the word from NZ; Sunline will not be beaten in the Cox Plate. Put your house on it. I've got the word". I tell the group and we pool another \$100 of our own after a vote we ignored that good advice. Instead we have 33 boxed trifectas....and fail to pick the winning combo.

SUNLINE KILLED THEM, only winning by 7 lengths!!!! My mate rings me, who's had \$200 on the nose, and is screaming down the phone "how good, how good, what a horse Sunline!" I didn't have the balls to tell him that we didn't take his tip. It gets raised every year at the same time without fail. However, I've told the boys I reckon I'll be over it by 2030!! :(

**- In The Chair Investments, Mona Vale**