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FRANKLIN TROTTING CLUB NEWSLETTER
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WELCOME,

Easter with its gorgeous Autumn day is upon us for 2010 but my hasn't the first part of year flown. Within the Harness Industry we are heading towards some exciting racing with the feature 2 & 4 Year Old races along with the Rowe Cup for Open Trotters then onto the Harness Jewels this year at Cambridge



*POWELL TRANSPORT
N I BREEDERS STAKES
RACE MEETING*

FRIDAY 16 APRIL 2010

The Franklin Trotting Club has had a busy couple of months with a race meeting here in Pukekohe and in Auckland both of which were successful for the club.

Coming up for the club on Friday April 16th 2010 is the Breeders Stakes Meeting once again back at Alexandra Park The feature race of the evening is the 36th running of the Powell Transport North Island Breeders Stakes for fillies and mares that are 3 wins and faster with a stake of \$30,000.00. The support card for the evening will feature the Dawn Balle Memorial Trot, KPH Transport Handicap Pace and Magness Benrow Sires Stakes 2 YO Fillies Heat 5. Involved in the race night hospitality on this evening along with above groups are Jarvis Trading Ltd, Primor Produce Ltd, S.J. Metals, NZ Onion Company, D. Makan and Weymouth Cricket Club. The Club is extremely grateful to these companies for their support some who have been with us a number of years and others who it will be their first time. In particular a big thanks must go to Richie & Isobel Powell, who have been on board with the Breeders Stakes for the past 17 years, for their continuing commitment to supporting our club.

As the norm for the Alexandra Park race nights there will bus transport available to this meeting but you do need to ring the club's office to confirm your seat.

RACING CALENDAR:

FRIDAY 16 APRIL 2010
N.I. Breeders Meeting
@ Alexandra Park

FRIDAY 28 MAY 2010
Winter Meeting
@ Alexandra Park

TRIAL DATES:

Tues 13th Apr (Workouts)
Tues 20th Apr (Trials)
Tues 11th May (Workouts)
Tues 18th May (Trials)

RACING ROUNDUP.....

There has been plenty of racing over the last few weeks since the last newsletter. Noticeably Cambridge have only had two meetings since then. One meeting was at the beginning of February with only Grizz Wylie from Derek Balle and Owen Gillies barn being the local to fly the winning flag. They did not next race until Saturday 27 March which saw more than half the card taken away by the local talent. Race 1 was taken out by Barry Purdon and Scot Phelan trained Supremacy with this mare driven by Scot. In Race 3 Arjayem was successful for father and son partners Peter & Glen Wolfenden with Glen doing the driving. Race 5 was won by Tony Grayling trained and driven trotter Flex continuing on with his good form. Manotick Express completed back to back wins when he took out Race 7 after deadheading the previous week with Asafa Powell. He is trained by Rhys Fensom and was driven by James Stormont in both races. The two feature age races on the night were won by the Purdon / Payne runners Major Mark taking out the 2YO event and Lancome the 3YO Fillies event.

Kumeu Trotting Club have been busy with three meetings all held at Alexandra Park recently. They have raced on a Friday, Tuesday and a Thursday.

For their Friday February 2 night once again the Purdon / Payne were in the winners circle twice with I Can Doosit and Secret Potion. James Stormont trained and drove Lulabelle Midfrew to win Race 2. Callie O'Malley for Balle & Gillies partnership winning Race 5. Isa Good Looking capped off some consistent form in winning race eight of the night for trainers John Green & Brian Hughes. This horse has amongst its ownership club stalwart Brian Penman and was driven by Maurice McKendry. Race 9 was won by Wont Be Denied for Reid and Rogerson. Kumeu then held a Tuesday meeting were Maimi H for Balle & Gillies and Cyclone Dream for Purdon/ Phelan took out two of the trot races on the day. George Stewart won later in the afternoon with Eastwood Sapphire. Kumeu's next meeting was Thursday 25 March with club member Stavros Kolovos' horse Atlas Alliance winning the first on the card. Amboseli for Purdon & Phelan this time driven by Barry was all the way winner for them in the sixth. The two year fillies race was won by Bettor Move It beating the other 4 runners in Race 9.

Thames Harness racing Club held their 90th Jubilee Meeting on Friday 19 March where all winners were given a gold sovereign. In Race 1 Mantick Express and Asafa Powell connections had to toss for the sovereign after they deadheaded. Race 5 was won by the Brent Mangos trained and driven Wild Isis while in Race 6 Flying Pocketlands for Reid & Rogerson took out the junior drivers event. The feature trot of the card was won by Michelle Wallis trained horse Ima Gold Digger.

Over the months of February and March there were several race meetings in and around the Central Districts. At the Manawatu meetings the Reid / Rogerson barn had their token winners with All Defiance and Napoleon Dynamite. All Defiance was also successful at Stratford. Logan Hollis and Shane Roberston won with Tiz A Falcon at both the February and March meeting. This stable were also successful with Victory Trail at the Wairarapa Harness Racing Club's meeting at Manawatu. Other winners on this night were Eyres Abovetheground and Mythlogy.

AUCKLAND CUP MEETING SUCCESS for horses trained at the Franklin Trotting Club complex either permanently or as a visitor was enormous.

The Mark Purdon & Grant Payne team headed the group with their runners winning an estimated over half a million dollars in stakemoney over the two nights racing. At the Girls Night Out meeting his winners were Russley Rascal in a Derby heat then the Northern Oaks was won by Secret Potion driven by Nicole Molander who is in charge of the North Island branch of the stable. This training partnership also won the last race with I Can Doosit. Both Russley Rascal and I Can Doosit were driven by Mark. Also at this meeting The Big Mach won for the Butt brothers and his merry bunch of owners. Taking out Race 3 on this night was Featherflight driven by Frank Cooney for trainer James Stormont who drove his other runner third placed La Femme D'Argent. Barry Purdon & Scot Phelan wound up the night with three winners as well. They won with Amboseli and Big Dog in the hands of Scottie. While their other winner Four Starzz Flash was driven by Colin de Filippi.

Cup night was the following Friday and the Purdon / Payne combination took out 3 of the 4 features on the evenings card. They won with Collectable, driven by Nicole, in the Young Guns 2YO fillies feature, then Major Mark in the Young Guns 2 YO boys, Russley Rascal in the Great Northern Derby and then in Race 10 with I Can Doosit. Other local talent to take home the 'bikkies' on this night were in Race 1 Stormy Sirroco trained by Club Past-President Jeff Crouth and owned by Charlie Hadley. Then Sno's Big Boy for trainers Stephen Reid & Graeme Rogerson, and from the Pukekohe barn driven by Tony Herlihy won the main trot race on the night. Other visitors staying here that won on the night were Balishka for trainer Brad Mowbray, returning to his home territory, then Cast Off Courage for trainer Stephen MacNally.

Prior to the cup meeting there were two lead up nights of racing at Alexandra Park and most of the same horses were also to the fore. On February 19 Caroline's Cullen won the first for the Reid / Rogerson team then they were successful later in the evening with Sno's Big Boy while the Purdon / Payne team won with Collectable and Emma Hamilton. Big Dog took out the feature pace for the night for the Purdon / Phelan team and trainer and driver James Stormont was successful with Featherflight who has made a great addition to the top trotting ranks of late. The week prior to Cup week began Mark Purdon and Grant Payne were successful with Secret Potion, Collectable and Pocaro. Cullen Ball who won the last was trained by Dave & Clare McGowan and driven by Nicole Molander which added to her earlier wins with Secret Potion & Collectable giving her three for the night. Hip Hop Anvil for visitor Cran Dalgety's stable and Maheer Magic were other winners with a local interest.

These results speak for themselves in regard to the value that the complex we have here has on racing at Alexandra Park. In fact the Harness Racing Industry is invaluable to the Franklin area with a rough count of close to \$1.4 million in one week earn't by several horses either owned, trained or visiting in the district which in turn creates a huge spin off for the business community.

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F.T.C. No's 4,5 & 6 SYNDICATE NEWS....

F.T.C. No. 4 SYNDICATE **'ERES'**

Eres is doing great. She has now had 3 weeks slow hopple work and is building on that nicely. Rhys is very happy on how she is keeping her condition on for this preparation. All going to plan and she should be close to the trials around mid April. Also congratulations go to trainer Rhys and his right hand lady Penny on their recent marriage.

F.T.C. No 5 SYNDICATE **'BACHELOR'S DELIGHT'**

Bachelor's Delight backed up his great first up second with a good fourth in race with better company which was run a lot quicker than his debut one. He then competed in a Young Guns heat where he found the company a bit rich. It was decided that now was a good time for him to have a break and come back as a early three year old. George as he is known has done us proud to date and I'm sure the syndicate will have a lot of fun with him later in the year.

F.T.C. No 6 SYNDICATE **SHARDS OF CULLEN..**

Shards of Cullen was purchased at the first day of the Christchurch Sale. He is royally bred being by Christian Cullen out of She's Mighty who has had four foals to race for four winners to date. This makes him a full brother to the Cup Class horses Likmesiah and Mighty Cullen. He was selected by Derek Balle and is to be trained by him and partner Owen Gillies. At this stage there has been super interest in this syndicate and there is only a 5% share remaining. Shards Of Cullen has had time out since his trip North and has just started to be broken in now.

FRANKLIN 12 FEBRUARY RACE NIGHT...

It was a lovely summers evening when Franklin Trotting Club last raced at Alexandra Park with a reasonable crowd on course to witness some fine harness racing. There were ten races on the nights card and would you believe it eight of the race winners were connected in some way to the Club. In Race 1 Cruiser Franco won for trainer & driver Brent Mangos and part-owner Warren Oliver who with his company Franklin Long Roofing Ltd were there enjoying the race night hospitality. Brent also won the last race with El De Rosa whom he trains and drives. Race 2 was won by the Stephen Reid / Graeme Rogerson runner Son Of Courage and these partners also took out Race 9 with Cullens Crown. Race 3 saw a popular win by the Ian Moody trained trotter Shebar Spider. Race 4 and Race 8 were won by Purdon / Payne horses in Imagine Me and Emma Hamilton both driven by Nicole Molander. To make it up to eight winners was Aslan from the Purdon / Phelan training partnership with Scot the driver on this occasion. So the night was good for the club all around but especially from the winning representation of the horse population.

FRANKLIN TROTTING CLUB @ PUKEKOHE PARK...

This being the fourth year of the annual Franklin Trotting Club race day held at Pukekohe Park in the middle of Auckland's Cup week and it is starting to gain momentum as a fixture in people's Cup week diary. With a starting time this year of 12.47pm so we were able to hold the ten races needed to accommodate all the nominations for this event. But as the day progressed you could see how advantageous, both for the attendance and betting, it would be to get a start time of later in the afternoon which as a club we are continually working on with the powers that be. Even so with excellent weather, exciting and close finishes to the racing it was a super afternoon for the patrons who were there on the day. The groups that were involved in the hospitality for the day all thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to next year. As for the racing side horses trained on the complex won three races with another three winners coming from runners that were trained in the area. The Oyster Bar from Stephen Reid's barn won well in Race 4 for driver Maurice McKendry. Maurice also won Race 5 with the Tony Grayling runner Boizel with Tony going on to complete a training double for the day with Montrachet which he drove winning the next on the card. Race 1 was won by the Adrienne Matthews trained, part-owned and driven horse Thaitanic. In Race 3 Chardanae trained by partners Todd Macfarlane and Craig Sharpe and driven by Todd were successful. The last was taken out by the Mark Burley runner Make Our Deigh.

PHOTOS ON RIGHT: TOP: GETTING close to the finish line in Race 5.

TOP..CACI MEDISPA Girls with the winner of Race 5 Boizel.

MIDDLE; THE OYSTER BAR narrowly takes out Race 4 for driver Maurice McKendry.

BOTTOM: MONTRACHET with Les Purdon and Grayling Family after he won Race 6.



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BREEDERS STAKES RACE MEETING

FRIDAY 16 TH APRIL 2010

WINNERS....

RAY DARBY

KEN HARRIS

SUE DONOVAN

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