

FRANKLIN FORUM

FRANKLIN TROTTING CLUB NEWSLETTER
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WELCOME,

We are now heading into the second month of the year and along with the brilliant weather. With the Sunday summer race days with its good crowds and exciting racing almost finished the attention turns back to premier racing at Alexandra Park for the Cup Week Carnival.



2010

SUMMER RACE MEETING FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2010

Franklin Trotting Club is looking forward to a busy few weeks. Firstly we race back at Alexandra Park on Friday 12 February with a start time of 6.15pm.

The main race of the night will be a 4 win & faster pace with the supporting programme being the usual classes the club hold except for the addition of the first heat of the Magness Benrow Sires Stakes 2 year old fillies heat for 2010. There have been some lovely two year fillies at the trials so the field should be very strong.

The club is thrilled to have on board H.R.Fisken & Sons Ltd, Franklin Long Roofing Ltd & N Z I for the evening. These three companies have been very loyal supporters of the club over the past years and we are extremely grateful for this.

Also involved with the nights activities are Moloney Plasterers Ltd, Reedprint Drury, Magness Benrow and Strike Won Racing Stables.

We are pleased to welcome these new groups along for the club's night of summer racing. Following on from this we have the annual meeting at Pukekohe Park to look forward to. So mark the date in your diary for a great afternoon out watching harness racing on the grass.

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

RACING CALENDAR:

TUESDAY 9 MARCH 2010
Country Cup Meeting
@ Pukekohe Park

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

TRIAL DATES:

Tues 16th Feb (Workouts)
Tues 23rd Feb (Trials)
Wed 10th Mar (Workouts)
Tues 16th Mar (Trials)

RACING ROUNDUP.....

With the first night of the Auckland Trotting Club three night Christmas Carnival covered in the last newsletter we move on their second night of racing held on Friday December 18. As mentioned below the Purdon / Payne team were dominant but other locally represented winners were in Race 2 Devil Dodger for trainers Brian Hughes and John Green. This exciting 3 year old being is by the Twomey family and was driven by Brent Mangos. The Barry Purdon and Scott Phelan stable were successful on the night with newcomer Four Starzzz Flash, and Raydon who was driven by Barry. On Christmas Eve at Cambridge the Purdon / Phelan stable won the second of the night with Raven Aveross who was driven by Scott. The first North Island race meeting of 2010 was held at Cambridge on the 1st with Dave and Clare McGowan winning Race 4 with Bella Me driven for them by Nicole Molander. Northland Trotting Club held there wonderfully successful dual code race day on the 5th January. This event attracts a huge crowd of holiday makers with reports of a crowd larger than last year. In Race 1 the Derek Balle and Owen Gillies trained Miami H won in great style for driver David Butcher. In Race 2 Bellam's Last Play for hobby trainer Ian Moody and driver Tony Grayling over came a big handicap for a fine win. The fifth race was won by Kotare Ash for Barry Purdon and Scott Phelan combination. This mare is owned by Scott and was driven by Jared Lamb to take out the junior drivers event. The Purdon / Phelan training partnership won again with the talented Aslan in Race 2 at the Cambridge meeting three days later. Aslan was driven to victory by Tony Herlihy. Later in the evening Bella Me took out Race 8 on the programme for trainers Dave and Clare McGowan and driver Nicole Molander. In the next event of the night the Jeff Crouth trained three year old Stormy Sirocco was first home. This promising young horse was driven to victory by Gene Robb for owner Charlie Hadley who is a great supporter of the Franklin Trotting Club.

BACHELORS DELIGHT..2ND PLACE



Back at Cambridge the following Friday night 15 January for more exciting harness racing action with the Reid / Rogerson and Purdon/ Payne barns winning four races each on the night, and then Derek Balle and Owen Gillies winning with Lleyton H and Denny H. 'Lleyton' driven by David Butcher won the feature trot with 'Denny' taking the slow class trot driven by Derek. This was after a false start to the race was called when Derek was knocked out of the cart and on to the ground when Doctor Who swung around and hit him. Race 9 was won by Devil Dodger who continued with his fine form for trainers Brian Hughes and John Green, driver Brent Mangos, and his happy owners.

The first night back at Alexandra Park after a three week lay off was on Thursday 21 January for the Manukau Trotting Club's meeting. Here Michelle Wallis won both Race 2 and 3 of the evening racing. Stiletto Point backed up his grass track form with a good win for driver Tony Herlihy in Race 2. Then in the third Michelle was first home with South Island newcomer to the barn Ima Gold Digger driven by Todd Mitchell. Brian Hughes and John Green's other very promising three year old Courage To Rule held out Stormy Sirocco to win in Race 8.

Last Friday the Auckland Trotting Club raced. It was a lovely summer's evening at the track. In Race 1 Asafa Powell trained by Brian Hughes and John Green was first home. In the two year old colts and geldings race Mighty Flying Thomas from the Reid / Rogerson stable just held out F.T.C. No 5 Syndicate horse in Bachelors Delight. Sierra's Roydon for trainer Michelle Wallis was an upset winner in the main trot race of the night. In the two year old fillies heat of the Young Guns Series Bettor Move It the Cran Dalgety trained runner was first home, just beating Brent Mangos's Bettor Abs. Both are Bettor's Delight daughters and both have used the club's complex at different stages of their preparations. Well done to all the winners over the last month and good luck to all of you who are chasing the dream.

SUMMER GRASS TRACK RACING...

The Summer grass track racing kicked off at Te Awamutu on December 29th 2009. It was a reasonable day with drizzly rain for the first few races then clearing for the later half of the day. From the horse trained here at the club's complex the Michelle Wallis runners' were to the fore with her stable taking out three races on the day. In Race 2 Malabar Mahal was first home driven by Brent Mangos, then Ripped Pocket with stable employee David Branch doing the driving taking out Race 5. In Race 11 the last of the day Stiletto Point for driver Tony Herlihy made it a three peat for Wallis. Also successful earlier in the day was Sophie Neveu trained by Todd Macfarlane and Craig Sharp. This mare is owned by club steward Barbara Ironmonger and ex club committee man Allan Nicholson amongst others. The next meeting was at the Thames Harness Racing Club's home course on Sunday January 10. Here Ripped Pocket won again for trainer Michelle Wallis and junior reinsman David Branch keeping the horse alive in the grass track bonus that is running if you win at each of the four northern club's race meetings. Morrinsville Trotting Club raced at Te Aroha the following Sunday where Lively Sanction for trainer Michelle Wallis and driver Todd Macfarlane was the winner in Race 6. Tosti Boy part-owned by club member Bill Callaghan and trained for him by John Green & Brian Hughes won. Tosti Boy was well driven by Maurice McKendry. The last on the day was taken out by Jasper's Mate for trainer and driver Ival Brownlee. Kapiti Coast Harness Racing Club race a two day meeting at Otaki this taking place on January 22 & 24. Bossy Tart for her part-owner / trainer Paul Chalklen won Race 2 on the first day making his trip south all the better. The last of the north summer grass tracks meetings was abandoned after race one last Sunday. This was due to flooding because of a torrential downpour. Race 1 was won in fine style by the Tony Grayling trained and driven Montrachet in the very wet conditions.

F.T.C. No's 3,4, & 5 SYNDICATE NEWS....

F.T.C. No. 3 SYNDICATE **'ACE OPERATIVE'**

Ace Operative has now had three race day starts at each of the grass track meetings finishing mid-field in all the three outings. The syndicate at a recent meeting decided to retire him to become a riding horse as his future as a competitive race horse wasn't looking good.

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

Eres has had a good break and is looking great. She has filled out nicely and is due back into work February 1. She will be back at the races in time for the Autumn racing.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS...

RAYMOND DARBY
KENNETH PLOWMAN

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

Bachelor's Delight has had two trials since the last newsletter and he has kept improving with each trial. He has learnt a lot and appears to be thriving in his work. 'George' as he is affectionately known had his first race day start on Friday January 29 at Alexandra Park. He raced really well, making a fine beginning out of the gate to be able to trail the leader. He ran home stoutly for second to almost reach the leader. It was a super run for his debut race. Pictures off 'George' on page opposite.

F.T.C. No 6 SYNDICATE **WATCH THIS SPACE..**

There will be a yearling purchased at the coming sales to be trained by a local trainer. Looking for a new interest then join the latest Franklin Trotting Club syndicate call Karen 092388731

HORSES TO WATCH BY OUR TRACK **SPY.....**

JARCULLEMBRA SUNTARADON
SECRET POTION

HORSEMAN PROFILE.....BRIAN HUGHES

Born : Pukekohe **Wife:** Pam **Veteran Member:** Franklin TC
Sons: Gareth & Shaun **Occupation:** Professional Trainer
Favorite TV Show: Two and a Half Men **Best Movie Ever:** Ben Hur
Hobbies: Fishing (When I have a chance to go)
Enjoys listening to: Elton John & Rod Stewart
Favorite Food: Chinese **Preferred Tipple:** Lion Rouge
For relaxation likes to: Nothing is better than being out on the water fishing
Something you would like to achieve: Go to Africa and do a Wild-life Safari
1st Training success was: In partnership with father Jack
Early driving successes were: Empire Lobell & Newsreader
If you weren't involved in Harness Racing what would you love to do:
Dairy Farmer or Dry Stock farmer
Career Highlight : After breeding & developing Chokin watching him go on to become one of the modern day great horses.
Most Admired Stable Horse: Iman because of her major leg problems to win 7 races was an amazing feat showed she had a big heart.
Ambition: To continue with the self satisfaction of making young horses until a great old age.

2009/10 TRAINERS PREMIERSHIP...

The Streamline Freight 2009/10 National Trainers Premiership is a closely fought contest and at the half way stage Steven Reid and Graeme Rogerson are six wins in front of Mark Purdon and Grant Payne.

Both of these training partnerships having a stable training from the club's Pukekohe complex. Since the middle of December Steven and Graeme have put twenty one winners on the board. At the recent Auckland meetings they won with Caroline's Cullen and Chocolate Brownie. At the Cambridge meetings they won with Chocolate Brownie, Sunlaw, Gotta Go Under Fire, Manhattan Cruzar, Flojo Two, Dead Calm, Sno's Big Boy, Mo Cullen and Jonny English with the last pair driven by Pukekohe reinsman Maurice McKendry. At the grass track meets they were successful with Lightning Magic at Te Awamutu, A New Sensation at Thames then both days at Kapiti Coast. Cloncullen won both at Thames and Kapiti Coast, Cullen's Crown had a win at Te Aroha and All Defiance a win also at Kapiti Coast. Back to Auckland on January 29 and the barn produced Mighty Flying Thomas and Happy Chappy who was driven by Steven.

During this same period the Purdon / Payne barn have had fifteen winners just from their horses stabled in Pukekohe. These have all been at Alexandra Park or Cambridge Raceways. The Premier nights racing at Auckland over the Christmas season saw the training combination to the fore. They won four races on December 18 then won seven races from the twelve race programme on December 31. This has only been done previously by Mark's father Roy and brother Barry's training partnership back in the eighties. The Purdon / Payne stable winners were Scotty Mach, I Can Doosit, Sleepy Tripp, Secret Potion, Major Mark, Pocaro, Kotare Mach, Joyfuljoy, Highview Tommy, Meredith Maguire, Russley Rascal all at Auckland. At Cambridge they had wins with Lancome, I Can Doosit and Touch Of Silver. With all the racing still to come we will watch eagerly the race for the premiership title, and know what ever way it goes the club has been a part of it by providing top class facilities for these horses to train or trial on at some stage in their racing careers.



FTC No 6 SYNDICATE....

coming soon.....

The Australasian Classic

Yearling Sales will be held at Karaka on Monday 15th February 2010 where the

Franklin Trotting Club will be purchasing a yearling to be raced by FTC No 6 Syndicate.



For all those interested or for further information please give Karen a call on 092388731.

REMEMBER TO PUT IN YOUR DIARY..

COUNTRY CUP RACE MEETING

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PUKEKOHE PARK

ON

TUESDAY MARCH 9



FEATURE RACE...HEWES METALS FRANKLIN COUNTRY CUP

THE TEAM:

Patron:	Don Glasgow
President:	Ross Wilson
Vice President:	Bob Lynch
Immediate Past President:	Jeff Crouth
Committee:	Gavin Butcher Ron Carr Brett Gurney Allan Poy Paulette Screen Don Smith Rodney Stewart Graeme Wharfe
Honorary:	Malcolm Wrigley
Stewards:	Denise Bates Terry Cleaver Lynda Grimmond (race) Pat Gubb Barbara Ironmonger (race) Morrie Mosen Ian Stewart Ed Stoupe Ken Young
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