

FRANKLIN FORUM

FRANKLIN TROTTERING CLUB NEWSLETTER
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WELCOME,
We now head into the Winter Racing season with the last of the Premier Racing just around the corner. The countdown is on for Harness Jewels spots with this wonderful day of racing action only 3 weeks away and this year being held in Cambridge.



WINTER RACE MEETING FRIDAY 28 May 2010

Well we are heading into the Winter Season of racing once again and the Franklin Trotting Club has three race meetings during these months. Coming up is the club's winter meeting which was given that title last year after shifting the Powell Transport NI Breeders Stakes into April, however due to horse numbers this race didn't happen this year in April and the club will attempt to run it at the May meeting. This race will be the feature of the evening and it will be for fillies & mares 2 wins & faster with the supporting card catering for 3 win & faster pacers and 3 win & faster trotters amongst others.

Along with the Powell Transport team we welcome along for the evening Wharfe Bros, Plumbing World Takanini, Campbell.Tyson. Cooper.White, Barbara Ironmonger, Gellerts Nurseries & Plants, S.J. Metals, Brian Roberts Panel & Towing. Some are having their first experience with the club's race night hospitality and others are coming back for more but one thing is for sure they will all have a sensational evening of entertainment and fun. As with recent meetings their will be buses leaving both Waiuku and Pukekohe at approximately 5.00pm but bookings are essential to get a seat. Contact Karen or Brett on 092388731

RACING CALENDAR:

FRIDAY 28 MAY 2010
Winter Meeting
@ Alexandra Park

FRIDAY 9 JULY 2010
Trucks & Tyres Meeting
@ Alexandra Park

TRIAL DATES:

Tues 18th May (Trials)
Wed 9th June (Workouts)
Tues 15th June (Trials)
Tues 29th June (Workouts)

RACING ROUNDUP.....

Racing action over the last 6 weeks has been plentiful with the end of the Central Districts racing until early next season and then the Rowe Cup/ Messenger meeting just been held at Alexandra Park which showcased the best open class and three year old trotters, the top two year old fillies and the best of the four year old pacers over two great nights of racing.

Easter weekend racing began with Cambridge racing on Thursday 1st April where the second of the evening was taken out by Courage To Rule for the Green Hughes stable then Race 6 was won by Intrepid Traveller from the stable of Barry Purdon and Scot Phelan driven by Scot. Completing a hat trick for the club associated runners was The Oyster Bar trained by Steven Reid and Graeme Rogerson who races from their Pukekohe barn. It was then on to Hawera for their usual early start on Easter Saturday morning. Race 1 was won by Earl's Illusion trained by Michelle Wallis then the second was won by Derek Balle and Owen Gillies trained runner Eskimo Banker. In Race 10 Eyres Abovetheground trained by Paul Chalklen was successful. Race 7 was won by Kynuna Boo owned by amongst others FTC members Brian Hewes and Malcolm Wrigley. This horse backed up this win by a repeat on the second day for trainer and driver Tony Herlihy and his connections.

Also winners on day two were Malabar Mahal and Suntaradon for the Michelle Wallis barn. Malabar Mahal was driven by Michelle's husband Bernie Hackett and Suntaradon by Todd Macfarlane. Bossy Tart completed a double for her trainer Paul Chalklen and she was driven by James Stormont.

The Central Districts racing for this season was completed with a two day meeting at New Plymouth. On day one Sunday 18 April the Brent Mangos team won a double with Mythology and Cruiser Franco with Brent driving them both. Later in the afternoon Percy The Punter trained and driven by Maurice McKendry was successful in their feature Cup event. Day two was held the following Tuesday and only one local winner being Earl's Illusion for Michelle Wallis in Race 1.

Cambridge Harness Racing Club raced on Thursday 8th April with Supremacy winning the first on the night for junior driver Jarred Lamb from the Purdon and Phelan stable. Race 3 was taken out by the Dave and Clare McGowan trotter Scusi Doctor with Nicole Molander in the sulky. In Race 4 Major Day broke through for her maiden win for trainer Peter Blanchard. Then in Race 10 Miami H won convincingly for trainers Derek Balle and Owen Gillies.

It was back to Auckland the following evening for more racing action. Exceptional Cullen for owner Alton Roulston started the nights racing winning Race 1 for trainer and driver Tony Herlihy. Race 2 saw the promising Jeff Crouth trained and Charlie Hadley owned Stormy Sirrocco win again with his Jewels spot firmly in his sights. Steven Reid and Graeme Rogerson were successful in Races 3 and 4 with Cullen's Crown and Meander With Earl. The later trained in Pukekohe was driven by junior reinsman Kendall Laidlaw. Then races 6 and 7 were won by the Mark Purdon and Grant Payne runners in Lancome and Joyfuljoy with Joyfuljoy having Nicole Molander in the bike. The North Island Country Cup final was held at Auckland on 23rd April, this race was won by the local trained horse Percy The Punter. Percy was trained and driven by Maurice McKendry and is owned by Gerald Shand.

Other successful horses of local interest on this night were Meander with Earl this time driven by Peter Ferguson, Toddy trained by Michelle Wallis and driven for her by Todd Macfarlane. Then in Race 9 Devil Dodger from the Brian Hughes and John Green barn capped off some good form in the Junior Drivers event for Roydon Downey. Cambridge raced on Thursday 29 April with Going Commando taking out Race 2 for Michelle Wallis and in Race 6 Easys Dream was a winner at good odds for trainer Tony Grayling and the Robb family with Gene Robb driving. Auckland raced on the Friday April 30 with it being the Woodlands Taylor Mile race night and the following Friday was Rowe Cup and Messenger race night.

The two year old fillies feature PGG Yearling Sales Series was won by trainer and driver Brent Mangos's Bettor Cover Lover. This fine filly completed a double by taking out Magness Benrow Sires Stakes 2 YO fillies section a week later on the Rowe Cup night. Supremacy also made it a double winning on both nights for trainers Barry Purdon and Scot Phelan with Barry being the first victorious driver and Scot the next. Hip Hop Anvil for trainer Cran Dalgety, who is another stable that stays at Taapuna Lodge while in the North, won the ninth of the night for the Taylor Mile night. Then in the last the Derek Balle and Owen Gillies runner KD Commando was too strong finishing home best for driver David Butcher.

A Tuesday meeting was thrown in between the two Premier nights racing and the fields were full with some close finishes. The Green / Hughes combination won the maiden trot of the day with Toggle which was the first race to go. The next trot was won by FTC club member Bernie Lim's Special Sun for trainer Michelle Wallis and then the last trot of the day was taken out by Extasia also owned by a club member and stalwart Gordon Paul amongst others. Extasia is trained by Peter and Glen Wolfenden and was driven by Glen.

Back to Rowe Cup night which was on Friday 7 May and the competition was fast and furious. Devil Dodger made it back to back wins for Green/Hughes stable and driver Brent Mangos. Ima Gold Digger just hung on in the second of the night for the Michelle Wallis stable. Then in the last Harrison Maguire was successful for the Mark Purdon and Grant Payne combination. It was back to Cambridge on May 13 with Maimi H for Balle and Gillies being too big in the 3 YO Trot feature on the card. Cruiser Franco continued on her winning way for trainer and driver Brent Mangos. Race 9 was won by Flojo Two for Reid and Rogerson then in Race 11 Atomic Breeze for trainer Robert Best and driver Maurice McKendry was successful. It was back to Auckland on the Friday evening for the Kumeu Trotting Club's Pak'nSave Stakes night. Local talent taking six of the ten race programme. The first of the night went to Rhys Fensom trained runner Pocket Mach at good odds. The second was won by Purdon / Payne team with Imagine Me in the hands of stable junior Jordan Compain. Race 5 went to the Dave and Clare McGowan runner in Bella Me and Michelle Wallis was successful in the sixth with Ima Gold Digger continuing on his winning way. In race 9 Shardon's Magic was first home for trainer Jeff Crouth and the last was won by the ultra consistent Peter Blanchard trained runner Taffeta Bromac who was driven by Brent Mangos. So well done to all you winners and good luck to all those heading for the Jewels.

FRANKLIN TC – AUTUMN MEETING 16 APRIL 2010

Once again the club was pleased with a great evening weather wise which spinned off into a super night all around. The good folks in the Tasman Room had a tremendous night and I'm sure there were a few winners amongst them. In Race 1 Leecully narrowly took it out for the Purdon and Payne stable. In Race 5 Cullen's Impact was victorious for Barry Purdon and Scot Phelan with Scot in the sulky. Race 6 the Dawn Balle Memorial was won by Lleyton H who is trained by the late Dawn's son Derek Balle and his training partner Owen Gillies. This was special win for all concerned. In Race 9 another local trotter Boizel was successful with the win continuing on some good recent form. He was driven by local reinsman Maurice McKendry. The club is forever grateful to all those owners, trainers, drivers, punters, members and sponsors who keep supporting our race nights and make them such a success.

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

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

Eres had her first workout run Wednesday 5 May. Trainer Rhys Fensom was aiming for a nice quiet run first up with her and she was placed midfield but ran her last half in 58 and a bit. Rhys will now take her back to trials at Pukekohe next Tuesday and she will be back at the races not long after that. Saturday 8 May the FTC syndicates got together for morning tea and watched Eres work and Shards Of Cullen bowl around.



PICTURES: ABOVE: ERES AFTER WORKING ON SATURDAY 8 MAY
RIGHT: SHARDS OF CULLEN PARADING ON SATURDAY MAY 8

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

George is enjoying his break away from the stable and race track environment. According to trainer Jeff Crouth he is looking great and will be heading back into work at the end of May. Jeff has reported that he has grown and has developed into a good type of horse.

F.T.C. No 6 SYNDICATE **'SHARDS OF CULLEN'**

Shards of Cullen has now been broken in and is pacing along beautifully. Trainer Derek Balle is planning to do another months' work with him before giving him a short break. Cully as he is known around the stable will then be back in work and working towards whether he will make it as an early or late two year old racehorse. The FTC No 6 syndicate is now full so good luck to you all.



OBITUARY.. BRIAN PENMAN

A veteran member of the Franklin Trotting Club Brian passed away last week . Brian had been a great servant to the club since he joined in 1953 and had been a club steward and later served on the committee. He had also been a timekeeper at both trials and race meetings for a number years as well as being responsible for the making of trophies and the hanging of all the photos at the club plus the little fixit jobs around the club that needed taken care of. He had been involved in the ownership of several horses over the years but more recently has had success with Bocelli and Isa Good Looking.

Pictures : Below Left: Present committee man Don Smith with Brian Penman at a recent function.
Below Right: Brian Penman on FTC race night November 27 2009 in Winners Circle for a race presentation.



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Franklin Trotting Club

to

Cambridge Raceway & return

For Harness Jewels Day

10.30am Franklin Trotting Club – Cambridge Raceway

6.00pm Cambridge Raceway – Franklin Trotting Club

\$35.00 per person including course entry

To book your seat contact..

Don Glasgow 09 2390345



MEMBERS DRAW

FOR

TOP OF THE PARK

WINTER RACE MEETING

FRIDAY 28 MAY 2010

WINNERS....

BARRY LOCKYER

BARRIE SMITH

ALAN McINTOSH

*For confirmation or further information please contact
 Karen on 09 2388731.*

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

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