

1980 Royal Melbourne Show (September 17 - 27)

Les Turner - judge. In the arena, only five (5) races were programmed but they resulted in eight (8) races for the general public to view (8 - day; 7 - night). The only driver at the 1980 Show with multiple wins was Fort Zammit who won three (3) times with his exciting three-year-old Wonderland.

Grand Champion Stallion: W. R. & Mrs J. Feiss, GO NORTH (b y North Pole USA)

Grand Champion Trotting Mare: R. Pooles, ENGLISH LADY (by Chief Spring)

Reserve Champion (Stallion): R. Pooles, SMOKEYS CHOICE (by Summer Hill)

Reserve Champion (Mare): Mrs. B. Wetzel, BONNIE DELLA (by Sir Tryax)

“SUN NEWS PICTORIAL” PROGRESSIVE HANDICAP (2:26 or better) – \$266 – 2247 metres

First Division

1. WONDERLAND, front (F. Zammit)
 2. Keel Haul, front (J. Hutton)
 3. Hilda Trampus, front (R. J. Young)
- Others: Wilsonian (J.E. Davies), Byola (S. Gallagher), Fair Gyro (V. Buttigieg), Samalight (R. Patten), Black Bret (B. Cabrin), Naracoorte Chief (R. Flannery)
- Margins: 6m X head Mile rate: 2:11.1

Second Division

1. STUDMAN, front (Gaita Pullicino)
 2. Grace and Beauty, 10m (Jayne Davies)
 3. Sovereign Lodge, 40m (V. Carbone)
- Others: Akamor (J. Tortona), Paul Glenfern (D. Porter), Certain Style (R. Francis), Rare Talent (G. Beckman), Wish A Flood (P. Cormican)
- Margins: 2m X 4m Mile Rate: 2:12.7

Third Division

1. HENRI PIERRE, front (B.R. Bond)
 2. Bretian, front (R. O’Connell)
 3. Hondo Bar, front (R. J. Young)
- Others: Abbe Prince (G. Cassar), Golfer Lass, 10m (D. Cain), Inlet Jumper, 10m (G. Pullicino), Rowan Flight (D. Murray), Cash Hand (G. Lee)
- Margins: 6m X 12m Mile Rate: 2:10.8

3YO HANDICAP (2:30 or better) - \$700 – 1934 metres

1. WONDERLAND, 50m (F. Zammit)
 2. Jaycee Lad, front (J. Collins)
 3. Sidney Durham, front (G. Lang)
- Others: Fergusons Gold (R. Clarke), Guy Kirk, 10m (A.P. Mifsud), Dazzling Armagh (R. Burnett), Super Tone (G. Maher)
- Margins: 6m X 12m MR: 2:10.8

ADVANCED HCP (2:24 or better) - \$900 – 2247 metres

1. SOCIALIST, 40m (N. Evans)
 2. Bretian, front (R. O’Connell)
 3. Golfer Lass, front (D. Cain)
- Others: Fair Gyro (V. Buttigieg), Hilda Trampus (D. Williams), Samalight (D. Hoban), Sovereign Lodge, 20m (V. Carbone)
- Margins: 7m X 5m Mile Rate: 2:12.4

“SUN-NEWS” TROTTERS FREE-FOR-ALL (2:34 or better) - \$900 – 2515 metres (MS)

1. HAMPDEN’S PRIDE, front (I. R. Lee)
 2. Mary Stuart, front (D. Ritchie)
 3. Reso Grande, front (E. Dove)
- Others: Tallegalla Terror (G. Frost), Fielder Hall (P. Murray), Flying Saucer (J. Collins), Crescendo (J. Shelley)
- Margins: 3 1/2m X 2m Mile Rate: 2:12.3

BEGINNERS HCP (2:28 or better) - \$350 – 2247 metres

- First Division**
1. GENTLE JOE, 10m (V. Buttigieg)
 2. Blue Djinn, front (T. Lamont)
 3. Laughing Time, front (R. Mizzi)
- Others: Milford Sonic, 10m (A. Vella), Intrepid Knight, 10m (Graeme Wilson), Certain Style (R. Maisner), Black Bret, 10m (B. Cabrin), Harrisons Return (Hastings), Wong Gait (S. Hay)
- Margins: 6m X head Mile Rate: 2:13.3

Second Division

1. WONDERLAND, 40m (F. Zammit)
 2. Guy Morley, front (A. Vella)
 3. Tipperary Tim, 10m (G. Maher)
- Others: Keel Haul, 20m (J. Hutton), Zetland Adios (J.E. Davies), Land of Rev (A. Simons), Abbe Prince, 10m (G. Cassar), Carnlaw (M. Alford)
- Margins: 2m X 2m Time: 3:01.0 (Mile Rate: 2:09.7)



1981 Royal Melbourne Show (September 16 - 26)

Jim Matthews - judge. In the arena, just five (5) races were programmed and they resulted in seven (7) races for the general public to view (8 - day; 7 - night). No driver recorded multiple wins with single victories posted by Debbie Turner, Dan Hoban, Russell Clarke, John Armstrong, Dan Meredith, Neil Evans and Charlie Borg.

Grand Champion Stallion: R.A. & Mrs V. L. Saunders & V. Naylor, BENNY TWO (by Gay Ben)

Grand Champion Trotting Mare: B & Mrs L. H. Skinner, MEGALONG MAID (by Black Gamecock USA)

Reserve Champion (Stallion): Mrs. L. Vicary, ALBERT FLASHER (by Lyss Hanover USA)

Reserve Champion (Mare): Mrs. T. Gray, RHYTHM COURT (by Court Jester)

“SUN NEWS PICTORIAL” PROGRESSIVE HANDICAP

(2:26 or better) – \$400 – 2247 metres

First Division

1. LANE’S LAD, front (Miss D. Turner)
2. Seeking, front (R. W. J. Clarke)
3. Milford Sonic, front (A. Vella)

Others: 5 others

Margins: 8m X 4m Mile Rate: 2:07.0

Second Division

1. UACH TAR, front (D. Hoban)
2. Sigmoid, front (A. Preston)
3. Sidney Durham, front (R. W. J. Clarke)

Others: 4 others

Margins: Half head X head Mile Rate: 2:12.9

3YO HANDICAP (2:30 or better) - \$700 – 1934 metres

1. PHOTOSTAT, front (R. W. J. Clarke)
2. Adios Break, front (S. Mahar)
3. Cumberland Silver, front (D. Meredith)

Other: Ardmona Star, front (R. Gilligan) (PU)

Margins: 7m X 5m Mile Rate: 2:13.6

ADVANCED HANDICAP (2:24 or better) - \$450 – 2247 metres

First Division

1. PENDANT LAD, front (J. Armstrong)
2. Uach Tar, front (D. Hoban)
3. Socialist, 30m (N. Evans)

Others: 5 others

Margins: 8m X 1m Mile Rate: 2:10.2

Second Division

1. NATURAL BEAUTY, front (D. Meredith)
2. Gentle Joe, front (J. Buttigieg)
3. Seeking, front (R. W. J. Clarke)

Others: 5 others

Margins: 2m X 3m Mile Rate: 2:10.2

“SUN NEWS” TROTTERS FREE-FOR-ALL (2:34 or better) - \$900 – 2515 metres (mobile)

1. MIGHTY MILLER, front (N. Evans)
2. Tallegalla Terror, front (G. Frost)
3. Joe Creed, front (P. Cormican)

Other: Bret Action (R. Gleeson)

Margins: 2m X 15m Mile Rate: 2:15.3

BEGINNERS HANDICAP (2:28 or better) - \$700 – 2247 metres

1. YOU STAR, front (C. Borg)
2. Son of Barfield, 10m (L. Walsh)
3. Sidney Durham, front (R. W. J. Clarke)

Others: Beau Cherie, 20m (H. Munckton), Comicality, 10m (R. Bowen), Gentle Joe, 20m (V. Buttigieg), Mini Butler (P. Richardson), Fergusons Gold (R.W.J. Clarke), Gemini Joe, 30m (V. Arcuri), Sonny Jo Neil, 10m (B. Van Duinen)

Margins: 4m X 1m Mile Rate: 2:11.0



CESSATION OF STANDARDBRED RACING AND BREEDING CLASSES

With the final ever fully fledged metropolitan class Harness Racing meeting being conducted at the Royal Melbourne Showgrounds on 20th December 1980, and seemingly the last series of races conducted on the arena during a Show in 1981, all Harness Racing was ceased from 1982 at the Royal Melbourne Show and the Standardbred Breeding Class was removed from the RAS Horse Judging Schedule.

After an eight year hiatus Harness Racing returned to the Royal Melbourne Show in 1990, 1991, 1992 and 1993, however, the Standardbred Class in the RAS Horse Judging Schedule did not, being permanently excluded.

