

TREGARON AUGUST FESTIVAL 2017

You will have already seen our May meeting schedule to be run on Sunday 14th May but we are now looking forward to the August Festival 2017 and as usual we are being innovative and breaking new ground to try and make the festival bigger and better.

This year entry for the two feature handicaps will be on a graduated stakes basis, nominations (£50) will be invited by June 1st, with a sustaining fee (£100) payable by July 1st and an entry fee (£50) by close of entries 16th. August *. Entries will be split into two handicaps (50% of entries in each) with FIVE heats (run as Open Preferred Handicaps) in each and the first two horses in each heat will qualify for the final (reverting to National Handicap Mark) as in previous years. A full complement of 100 horses (10 heats of 10 horses) will create a prize pot of a minimum **£20,000** to which **Tregaron Trotting Club** will add 50% (**£10,000** in this instance) giving a minimum prize pot of **£30,000** for the two handicaps which will be split roughly 65:35% effectively making the **Express Contract Drying Welsh Classic** worth a minimum **£20,000** and the **West Wales Financial Services Strata Florida Handicap** worth a minimum **£10,000**. The purse split between heat and final will be 45:55% and prize money will be paid down to **FIFTH** in every heat. If the pot is bigger we will add more money and the prize money will increase**

Horses not originally nominated on June 1st. 2017 can still be supplemented by 16th. August at a fee of £500.

HALF OF THE HORSES RUNNING IN BOTH HANDICAPS WILL WIN BACK THEIR ENTRY FEE AT LEAST

Using the above figures the prize money structure will be

Strata Florida	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>
Heat	500	350	300	250	200
FINAL	2000	400	100		

Welsh Classic					
Heat	800	400	300	250	200
FINAL	8000	1250	500		

At first glance the full entry fee of £200 may seem a lot but if you compare this to two and three year old stakes races, the Le Trot Series and Free for All Entry fees, you will see that it is actually very good value and I repeat half the horses running will receive at least their stake money back if we achieve ten full heats, therefore you can make a return on your investment simply by finishing fifth in the heat.

To make this a success we need a full entry so please consider carefully supporting a new initiative that will take the Tregaron August Festival to new heights and hopefully make you a big winner.

ALL pacers with two lifetime wins by August 1st 2017 are eligible to enter this magnificent series.

Nomination by June 1st 2017 £50

Sustaining Fee by July 1st 2017 £100

Entry Fee by August 16th 2017 £50

We will have an online entry and payment system set up on our Ceredrotian page to receive all stakes payments making it as simple as possible to enter.

**A full list of conditions are available on the Ceredrotian website*

*** The figures illustrated presume a full entry of 100 horses – 50 in each handicap if the entries are less the prize money may be reduced.*