

TREGARON FESTIVAL JULY 2020

It is forty years since Tregaron Trotting Club ran its first meeting. We have over those forty years been innovative and have always had the betterment of our sport at heart. We have tried to seek out best practice from other fixtures and prided ourselves in promoting a well-run top-class fixture. There is no better endorsement than an owner gleefully stating “my horse won in Tregaron”.

This year we are pushing the boundaries still further by moving away from the traditional heats and final handicap format and creating a top-class straight race card with the exception of the Little Welsh Dragon 3-year olds where heats and finals will be run numbers permitting. The Junior Welsh Dragon 2-year-old races will be split into divisions so that the juvenile horses are not compelled to run in too many races.

The main body of races will focus on the horse’s lifetime earnings coupled with the earnings over the last five runs which should create races where horses of the same class but showing good recent form will be grouped together creating competitive current form cards.

All the races are conditioned races and there will be a race for every horse entered please take a little time to look at the conditions carefully and you will see they are extremely simple basically horses with similar lifetime earnings but which have been successful in their last five runs will run against each other.

We have added a few innovations such as a 1.25-mile Mares race a preferred handicap and the Welsh National a 1.5-mile race handicapped on the horse’s lifetime earnings.

Horses that do not qualify for the “Feature” races will be entered into the Cambrian series – so every horse will get a run but please note you need to enter your horse for a particular race and only one entry per horse will be accepted e.g. if you enter a mare in the mares race they will not be considered for any other feature race but if that mare fails to reach the required conditions for the top ten in the mares race i.e. not enough lifetime earnings or not enough earnings in the last five runs, it will run in the Cambrian series. Similarly, if you enter for the 1-mile Championship races -Welsh Classic, Strata Florida and Cors Caron Cups and your horse does not fall into the top ten within the conditions, it will run in the Cambrian series.

None of us like change but in Tregaron we feel it is time to move away from tradition in order to offer top class racing based on the horse’s current form- the championship races will all be “Crock of Golds” as they will feature the best horses in their particular class on current form. We will need your support so get your horses in training early to make sure they make the grade!

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