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Charlottetown season is greatest in history

The greatest season in the track's history is the only way you could describe the 1966 activity at Charlottetown Driving Park.

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Amount paid out in purses reached new heights. During the regular season money winners shared in the pool of \$108,750.

Naturally promoters at Charlottetown Driving Park were pleased with the way things went. They are eagerly looking forward to even greater marks in the 1967 campaign.

HEAVY PROGRAM During 1966, 49 regular race programs (including 12 Old Home Week) were conducted.

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management and 76 were raced under the Covehead auspices. Eighty-five horses took new race tabs as compared with 79 last year.

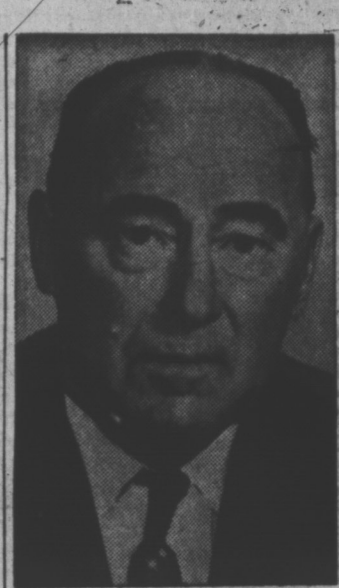
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On Aug. 15 a new Maritime pacing record for three-year-olds was raked up by Borderview Bob Lee, owned by Eric and Harry Wheby.

Clark Smith, one of the finest drivers to be found anywhere, took the British Consols trophy, emblematic of the leading driver during the Old Home Week show.

GOOD BUSINESS The pari-mutuel did a pretty fair business throughout the entire season.

Of course, the Gold Cup and Saucer event, now considered the greatest race spectacle in



CLIFT RANKIN

the Atlantic provinces, found the place jammed and bettors poured in the mutuels in excess of \$57,000.

Ida Yee, the efficient clerk of the course, never missed a race. It's old stuff now for Ida who has been in the judges stand for the past 36 years.

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FAST STEPPERS Ninety-six miles were in 2:10 or better; 90 miles were raced between 2:10:1 and 2:12; 116 miles between 2:12:1 and 2:14; 130 miles between 2:14:1 and 2:17 and 24 miles in 2:17 and over.

The aged pacers' awards went this way: best mile by stallion—Starburn 2:04:3; by mare Eloise Wick and Rose Robin 2:05:4; by gelding Yankee Blaze 2:05.

Four year old pacing awards: 'Y' best mile by stallion—And Son 2:04:1; by mare Amy Thorpe 2:05:4; by gelding West River Boy 2:06:4.

Three year olds (pacing): best mile by stallion—Borderview Bob Lee 2:05:2; by mare Pearl Way 2:12:3; bay gelding Shermar David 2:09:2.

Two year old (pacing): Wild Chance 2:10.

Trotters: aged, Stormy Song 2:10:2; Topway 2:06:3; Little Art 2:06.

Four year olds mare—Kenna K. 2:13:1.

Three year olds stallion—John Headway, gelding Garth's Boy. New horses for 1966 included: Jo Anna Lynne, Whirl A Wick, Lee's Way C, The Nose, Impel, Mighty Armstrong, Rummymeade Colin, Joltop, Emily Hal, Mystery Mile Mystery Judy, Mystery Rumpo, Shermar David, Jim 'Dobbin', Ozark Pete, Ozark Walter, Afton Libby, Shelby Knight Bay Pilot, CN Adios, Tipay Turvy, Summer Dream, West River Chief, Needs sue, Elroma, Maynards Missy, Yankee Blaze, Shermar Larry, Carroll, Lambs Navy, Dave Dillon, Misy Paul, Tinker Billie, J. Scotch Hal, Kim Sue, Parker Scott, Count Dale, Lady Tipton, Laurie's Gimmie, Kirkwill, Adios Forever, Chester Copper, Talent, J.M. Buddy, Sandy Abbott, K. Four.

Prince County track beehive of activity

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Somewhere along the line, racing secretary 'Boots' Frame had been told about the public opinion and the 1966 season was the biggest and best year ever in Summerside.

The 1966 season saw both the track pacing and trotting records fall by the wayside. Andy's Son owned by Eric and Harry Wheby, Dartmouth, and driven by Jim Moore, toured the oval in 2:05 for a new pacing mark—both for himself and the track.

Topway owned, trained and driven by Wilbur MacArthur, Kensington, also gave herself a new tab and Summerside Raceway a new trot mark by stepping the mile in 2:08. It erased a record that had stood for 25 years.

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Sobey, with the sensational four-year-old, Doe Price, showed a clean pair of heels in his class and Calbeck, also with a four-year-old, Adioscot's Dream showed some of the younger drivers.

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Dates are arranged for summer campaign

The meeting of the Maritime Free For All circuit and early closers for two, three and four-

year-olds was held recently at Moncton. Present were Fred Leach and Carl MacKenzie, Truro, Glen Scargell, Speckville Downs, Bob MacCain, woodstock, Laird 'Boots' Frame, Summerside and Glen Kennedy and Frank Acora, Charlottetown.

Dates for free-for-alls were scheduled as follows: Truro, June 3, \$2000; Sackville Downs June 10, \$3000; Moncton, June 17, \$1500; Charlottetown, June 24 or 26, \$1500 (minimum); Saint John, July 8, \$300 (early closer); Moncton, July 15, \$2500; Summerside, July 20, \$400 (early closer); Sydney, June 27, \$3000; Woodstock, Aug. 4, \$2500; Fredericton, Aug. 8, \$2500; Charlottetown Aug. 14, \$3500; Charlottetown Aug. 18, \$3000; Sackville Downs, Aug. 25, \$4000; Truro Aug. 31, \$2500; Sydney, Sept. 14, \$1500; Moncton, Sept. 16, \$2000; Sackville Downs, Sept. 23, \$3000.

The two-year-old events, all \$500 added are set up as follows: Aug. 9, Woodstock; Aug. 9-Summerside; Aug. 14-Charlottetown; Aug. 21-Prince Edward Island Colt Stakes; Aug. 30-Moncton; Sept. 6-Sackville Downs; Sept. 14-Sydney; Sept. 22-Truro. In all of these events Maritime bred only are eligible.

The three-year-old dates are as follows: June 24, Charlottetown, Maritime bred (added); July 8, Charlottetown, Maritime bred (added); July 15, Charlottetown, Maritime bred (added); July 22, Sackville Downs, open (added); July 29, Charlottetown, Maritime bred (added); Aug. 3, Woodstock, Maritime bred; Aug. 7, Charlottetown, Maritime bred; Aug. 9, Moncton, open; Aug. 14, Charlottetown; Maritime bred (added); Aug. 21, Prince Edward Island Colt Stakes; Aug. 28, Charlottetown (added); Sept. 4, Truro, Donnie Turner Stake (open); Sept. 16, Sackville Downs Maritime bred (Halligan); Sept. 23, Charlottetown, Maritime bred added Oct. 9, Truro Maritime bred.

The four-year-olds will race on these dates in 1967: June 19, Charlottetown, Maritime bred; June 26, Charlottetown, Maritime bred; July 19, Moncton, Maritime bred; July 24, Charlottetown, Maritime bred; July 29, Sackville Downs, open; Aug. 3, Charlottetown, Maritime bred; Aug. 14, Charlottetown, Maritime bred; Aug. 21, Prince Edward Island Colt Stakes; Aug. 28, Charlottetown, Maritime bred; Sept. 2, Moncton, Maritime bred.

Maritime bred stock now. So if race secretaries and the powers-that-be will give them a chance to race for enough money and often enough, things will be all right. The Americans will be coming to us to buy instead of us going to them.

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RECORDS FALL IN CITY OVAL

A trotting record at Charlottetown Driving Park really had a beating during 1966.

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Sackville Downs set for major expansion

1966 was a banner year for Sackville Downs, the harness racing centre of the Maritimes located in Lower Sackville, eleven miles from Halifax.

This past season was the most successful speed wise as the Downs set a Maritime record for miles in 2:10 or better with an even 2:00.

Th track in keeping with its policy of providing the finest and fastest horses in harness racing in the Maritimes thus provided two special races where American speedsters were flown in to the Downs to race against the best the Maritimes had to offer.

First of these feature races was staged on July 2nd when two American owned pacers went to the post with three of our own. Post favorite was the six year old stallion, Pocmooshine.

Owned by internationally known catch driver Lucien Fontaine of Brooklyn, New York, and Gerald Campagne of Montreal, Quebec. The New York bred speedster lived up to his pre race backing and won in what was then a Maritime record of 2:02:2. Driver on his occasion was George "Buddy" Reagan who had equalled the Sackville Downs track mark the year before with the New Zealand import, Mars N.

Maritime horse of the year in 1965, Andy's Son, driven by Jim Moore was "Poco's" closest pursuer closing at the wire to within two lengths. Show spot went to the other American entry "Waygone," a seven year old owned by Herschel Quillen Sr. of Dagsboro, Delaware and driven by Tom Smith, second trainer for the John Chapman outfit. A week previous to the Sackville Downs race, the Waygone gelding breezed a trip in 1:58-1 over the three quarter mile Vernon Downs oval in up state New York but the pacer did not like the footing and had a rough trip. Onway finished fourth and Sandy Slatoff fifth.

An interesting note to the Pocmooshine horse is that his daddy is Singing Sword who was a capable performer for Lloyd Binny Walker of Halifax while the stallion was in the I. and G. Stable.

On the facts and figure side of the ledger the total handle for the 83 events of racing was \$2,287,356, for an average of \$27,559 an event. Although the track paid a heavy 51.3 per cent of its mutuel "take in purse money during the 1966 season, management is now planning on an increased purse scale for feature races during the 1967 season. \$196,400 were paid to the Sackville Downs horsemen in purse money during the 66 season.

Several new Sackville Downs track records were set in the past season. Borderview Bob Lee (J. Moore) set a new track standard of 2:05:3, for three year old pacing colts while on August 6th his older sister, Borderview Beauty (D. Rockwell) set a four year old standard for pacing mares with a trip in 2:05:1. A note here worthy of mentioning is the Wheby Brothers of Dartmouth have bought just about all the offspring of the Bell Boy-Shirley Hy cross that produced the above pair, and they've had extremely good luck with them. The other brothers to the pair are Borderview Robert, Borderview Bob, Borderview Nugget, and Bob Lee Boy.

Royal Russell became the first three year old trotting gelding to win a race at Sackville Downs and now holds that record at 2:12:1.

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OWNER, BREEDER GIVES OPINION

By LEE TAYLOR

I have been asked my opinion re the Maritime Breeders Colt Stakes for two-year-olds which are going to take place at most of the Maritime tracks next racing season.

As an owner and breeder of standard bred horses, naturally, I am very pleased to see this happen. This past season, the Charlottetown Track devoted most of its colt stakes to the Maritime bred class. I am very pleased to see this happen as to me this is the greatest life we have had in the race game in a very long time.

First of all, it encourages a man to raise a colt and to train it. If he doesn't want to train the animal then he has a chance to sell it at a price that will pay him for his trouble. Maybe I should have started out by saying the first thing a fellow needs to have is a well bred brood mare and serviced by a stallion that is also carrier of top blood lines. It runs along the same line as a man breeding cattle and if he wants good stock you have to have the breeding.

I believe we can raise good stock here on Prince Edward Island with the present good brood mares and good crop of stallions. When you raise a colt or filly there is a great satisfaction in the caring and training of the race and some day see him go to the races. In this way you will realize that there is more than money involved in this game which also includes time and patience.

As I said previously the colt stakes this past summer were a pleasure to watch and race in, and it has proven that Island and Maritime bred youngsters can and will be top performers.

An Island bred horse holds the trotting record in Charlottetown and an Island bred mare holds the record at Truro. This should be enough proof that we can raise good prospects for the game here on Prince Edward Island.

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Driver lauds local colts

By ERIC 'IKE' MORESIDE Upon invitation, I am giving my version of Maritime bred colts. I have raced these past 10 years at Sackville Downs and trained and raced American-bred colts.

We now find, unless we are prepared to pay out a huge sum of money, the Maritime-bred colt compares in every way, with the odd-exception such as Wild Chance or Andy's Son or one or two others of those real expensive colts.

Having raced Shermar David all over the Maritimes this past summer, and in conversation with all the race secretaries, I find that tracks agree that with the exception of their free-for-alls, Maritime bred colts are as good a drawing card as any race they might put on.

Some idea of the top colts—all Maritime bred, that came out this year are horses of the calibre of West River Boy, a 20-dash winner and a record of 2:07; Midnight Bold, who is Island bred, also a winner of 20 dashes and a record of 2:06:3. Those are but two of the outstanding Maritime bred colts.

As three-year-olds we had Speedy Con, 2:06:3, Shermar David 2:08, Mr. Jolly 2:10, Miramichi Frisco 2:08, Miramichi Post 1:22, Joe Gallon 2:11.

Of course the two-year-old pace at Charlottetown produced Jim Deason, Shermar Larry among others. So it appears as though we had to find out that we could not buy the American horse good enough for this country, so we went out and produced our own.

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Trophy winner

Don MacNeil, outstanding harness racing driver, grabbed the coveted Ed's Taxi trophy by having the best percentage of sassy driver at Charlottetown Driving Park in 1966.

Don had 150 starts, was first 35 times, came second on 38 occasions and had 27 thirds in his credit. His percentage was 451.

Other drivers, their starts, wins and percentage, were as follows: John 'Buddy' Campbell 49.11 firsts and a 461; James MacGregor, 47, eight firsts and percentage 446; Sid Stead, 54, 13 firsts and percentage 443; Randall MacDonald, 40, 10 firsts and 430 percentage; Ralph MacFadyen, 143, 37 firsts and 416 percentage; Lee Taylor, 45, eight firsts and 400 percentage; Joe Hennessey, 122, 23 firsts and 385 percentage; Orville Willis, 45, six firsts and 355 percentage; Walter Craig, 91, firsts and 345 percentage; Harry Peniston, 54, four firsts and 345 percentage; Emmet Bernard, 158, 35 firsts and 335 percentage; Robert Craig, 68, 11 firsts and 332 percentage; Alye Pineau, 76, fourteen firsts and 327 percentage; Ralph Amear, 35, three firsts and 314 percentage; Joe Smallwood, 62, 11 firsts and 310 percentage; Clarke Smith, 244, 48 firsts and 306 percentage.