

RACE EVENING

Those who attended the Hornsey Races seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves. Don Nute romped home to a convincing win on Steward in the opening gallop, and his Champagne prize was capped by backing himself at 3-1. The Packer/Smith consortium just eased home by a short head in the second and survived a strong objection from Aggro for excessive use of the whip (Smith had to stand down the ride as he couldn't make the weight) The odds on favourite Marriage beat a strong field in the Valentine Stakes - many congratulations to Mr Cyril Flajsner and co-owner Mr Nick Coleman for a very nicely turned out filly. The fourth race saw Morning Tea owned by Steve Parnell win by a nose. A drug test proved negative. Davey and Garrett (in abstentia) had a close call on Sobriety - their Champers was very much appreciated by those in the paddock. The big race of the day was the Auctioneer Trot (promoted by Curry Powder), and with good quality mares going for £10 each, the winner was assured of a bonus £45 jackpot. That knowledgeable owner and punter Viji Vijendren snapped up Wood Railings and Too Much Booze, and Don Nute (perhaps because of too much booze) had (a) Quick Flash. The Chapman syndicate blew their mortgage on Mortgage. Harry had Stew (in the nicest possible way), and Cyril picked up the bargain of the night Farmer's Folly (the Ex earhorse) But it was Catley on Disaster that wasn't a disaster. Despite carrying 12½ stone overweight, this grand old stud stallion turned up trumps. Down and out, Harry Watson, put in an objection on the grounds that the horse was Shergar in fancy dress, but the objection was overruled by the Chief Steward (who by coincidence was the winning owner). Many thanks to Angie for acting as projectionist.

BITCH NOTE

The plan of organising the event when there were 5 home matches arranged was sadly ruined by the weather. Despite plenty of promotion (which took a great deal of time and effort) only 30-40 members made the effort to get off their backsides. A word of warning your Secretary is not going to make himself available for re-election unless he feels club members are pulling their weight to make the club a success; you should support club events, or a) Suggest and organise functions you are interested in, or b) Find another club. Get the message ?

RACE EVENING INCOME AND EXPENDITURE OF ACCOUNTS

<u>Expenditure</u>	£	<u>Income</u>	£
Hire of films, etc	91.36	Horse Sales	195.00
Prizes & sundry expenses	48.00	Tote	44.36
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	139.36		239.36
		<u>Profit on event</u>	<u>100.00</u>

(plus bar takings)

Norman Brier
Jan Catley