THE HUNTERS' IMPROVEMENT

AND

NATIONAL LIGHT HORSE BREEDING SOCIETY

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OPENING DAY PRESS INFORMATION

The sixty fifth Spring Thoroughbred Stallion Show, held on Derby Racecourse on Wednesday, March 14th, under the patronage of Her Majesty the Queen, is organised and presented by The Hunters' Improvement & National Light Horse Breeding Society (President: The Lord Digby D.S.O., M:C.)

Judging commences 9.30 a.m.; programme briefly as follows:

9.30 a.m. Class "A" for Stallions new to this scheme, which have not been outof training (for racing) for more than two years, and/or which have not stood at stud for more than one year. £125 in cash prizes, anothe best stallion to reveive.The MacDonald-Buchanan Perpetual Challenge Trophy in the fiternoon.

Following upon Class "A", Classes 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, and then Class 1, in thatorder. These Classes cover all counties of England and Wales. Scotland is dealt with separately:

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Premium prizes in cash to total value of £14,000 awarded in these classes.

After lunch (at approximately 2.p.m.) all Premium Winners will parade before judges for awards of the twelve Super Premiums of £150 each and the <u>King George V Cup</u> for the best stallion in the show.

The Henry Tudor Challenge Cup will bepresented for the best Leader Stallion; i.e. the Stallion which has sired the greatest number of foals in thestua season. This event was, of course, prejudged from breeders' records submitted and proved. Presentation only; no judging.

The total value of prizes in trophies and cash exceeds 220,000.

Number of entries totals sixty six of the best thoroughbred stallions in this country, nearly all of them very well known on the racetracks before going to stud.

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Since 1885 the Society has been responsible for the production of Britain's Light Horses...the Hunter, the Riding Horse, the Show Horse, and the potential Point-to-Point Horse and Chaser. The Society awards premiums to suitable thoroughbred Stallions, which are placed at the disposal of breeders at very low fees. An annual Show is held of brood mares, young stock, and riding horses.

The Society gives prizes and medals for hunter stock at affiliated shows throughout the country.

The Society provides premiums for broof mares through the medium of affiliated shows.

The Society publishes a stud book, carrying information and records of premium stallions, with prize winning records of mares, fillies, and geldings.

The annual subscription is one guinea....unchanged since 1885.

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LIST OF EXHIBITORS AT THE 1956 THOROUGHBRED STALLION SHOW DERBY Note: The number in brackets following the address indicates the number of stallions being exhibited. BLOOMFIELD L.B. LOWER RELEATH, TRENEAR, HELSTON, CORNWALL (1) DIGBY, COL. THE LORD, DSO., MC., MINTERNE, DORCHESTER, DORSET (1)(1) DONE, MISS'S., HAYGRASS HOUSE STUD, TAUNTON, SOMERSET..... FETCHES, A.H., MANOR FARM, NORTH FRODINGHAM, DRIFFIELD, YORKS (1)GUNTER, GEORGE, THE HAYCOCK, WANSFORD, PETERBOROUGH, NORTHANTS (3) HILLMAN, T.J. & SONS, THE STUD FARM, STOCKWOOD, REDLITCH, WORC (6) 5 NORTHUMBERLAND, DUKE OF, MFH., ALNWICK CASTLE, NORTHUMBERLAND .. (1) RILEY, MISS H.E., MEER END FARM, KENILWORTH, WARWICKSHIRE::::::(1) SCOTT, L.G., EAST LYNCH, MINEHEAD, SOMERSET......(2) \$ THOM, DAVID T. BONNINGTON STUD, HUNSDON, NR. WARE, HERTS (1) \$ VAUX & ASSOCIATED BREWERIES, THE BREWERY, SUNDERLAND......(1) WHARTON, W.E., SOUTH VIEW STUD, HATFIELD, DONCASTER, YORKS.....(4) WHEATLEY, J.H., THE FORGE STUD, TWYCROSS, ATHERSTONE, WARWICK::.(2) TOTAL ENTRY: SIXTY SIX STALLIONS

DENOTES NEW EXHIBITORS.

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