

Alphabet Racing Competition is Back



Your chance to win \$330 with a \$40 investment

Following the success of last year's inaugural Werribee Rotary Alphabet Racing comp, which was convincingly won by Galloping Gail, we are now seeking expressions of interest from everyone to join the second annual event. We think it's time to have a bit of fun to put the worries of this year as far behind us as possible.

For those who played last year, they should remember the rules. For others who may be interested, here is how it works:

1. You don't need to have any knowledge of horses or racing.
2. Once you have joined, you don't need to do anything other than monitor your personal position in the race.
3. The entry fee will be **\$40**.
4. There is a maximum of 26 participants:
 - a. 25 paying contestants PLUS
 - b. One free entry for the Rotary Club of Werribee
5. Prior to the comp starting, the 26 contestants will each be randomly allocated a unique letter of the alphabet i.e. one letter for each of the 26 entries in the comp.
6. On the first Victorian race meeting in October (Turnbull Stakes day at Flemington), you will "own" any horse whose name commences with the letter you have been allocated for all the races on the day. So if you have the letter "W" and Winks and Whispers are racing in Race 1, you have both these horses. Same for Race 2 if you have any horses starting with "W", and so on for that entire race meeting. If any of your horses are scratched, that's just bad luck.
7. If any of your horses wins a race, you will earn 3 points. If your horse finishes second, you get 2 points and if it finishes third, you get 1 point.
8. On the next race meeting which may be a mid-week meeting or a Friday night or Saturday meeting, you are allocated the next letter of the alphabet. For example, if the letter you received for the first race meeting was "S", then, for the next meeting, you are allocated "T" and you have all the horses whose name begins with "T". Then you get "U" for the meeting after that and so on until the 26th meeting when you receive your last letter "R".
9. Some of the most common first-initial letters are B, M, R, S and T but there is usually a wide range of horse's initials on any given race meeting. Obviously, there are not many horses with names beginning with X, Y or Z. So, when it's your turn to have these letters, it is unlikely that you will get many points. But everyone will have the same problem at some point during the comp.
10. The comp continues for 26 race meetings i.e. until you have been allocated all 26 letters of the alphabet. It will start on Saturday 3rd October and is planned to be completed in late December. However, if one of the designated race meetings is cancelled due to bad weather or COVID-19 or anything else, the comp may be extended by an extra week or we may substitute the cancelled meeting with an interstate meeting.
11. The winner at the end will be the person who has accumulated the most points over the 26 race meetings.
12. The total prize pool will be \$1000 (i.e. \$40 x 25).
13. For each meeting, the person or persons who gain the most points on the day will earn or share **\$15**. Therefore, a total of \$390 (\$15 x 26) of the total prize pool will be set aside for this.
14. That leaves \$610 to be divided up amongst the 3 highest place getters at the end of the competition. The winner will receive \$330, second prize \$180 and third prize \$100. If there is a dead-heat for 1st, each winner will receive 50% of the total value of first and second prize i.e. \$255 each. If there are two equal second placegetters, they will each receive 50% of the total value of second and third prize i.e. \$140 each.
15. If the Werribee Rotary entry is one of the placegetters, the relevant prize money will be donated to the club.

If you are interested in being a part of this fun competition, please let Ian Hovey or Ross Conley know by Friday 25th September.

Then, at our meeting on Tuesday 29th September, we will have the draw for your first letter.