

**2ND WCRA CHAMPIONSHIPS on 18 June 2017 at The Whippet Meadow, Detling over 150 yards straight.  
SUPERSTARS VETERAN SPRINT; 150 yards straight at ½yd/lb & yd/yr.**



Tough going for dogs and humans alike with temperatures well into the frazzling eighties, the heat had built even before the weigh-in started and we needed plenty of water and towels to keep the dogs cool. There were also some interesting fashion choices on the headgear front, not quite Royal Ascot. Whippy's Café looked after us very nicely; the cream tea we ate while checking through the programmes for the finals, really did hit the spot as we were flagging by then.



No new Racing Champions but three new half-coats – congratulations to Morton's Crazy Nights, Cosmic Chaser and Ryamber Likely Lad, and all the best for getting the elusive "other half".

The Villis family had an excellent meeting with WCRCh Ameesha Little Ebs justifying her favourite's tag in the 18lb group, while Cosmic Chaser – who had run very well at Ryemeadows' Open two weeks before – improved further to take the 24lb Group. The Mitchells' Morton's Crazy Nights was an impressive three-length winner of the 20lb while in the 22's, WCRCh Sapphires Ruby Queen had the better of two close tussles with WCRCh Polly Flinders. In the final they were separated by a head, no more. Not to be outdone, WCRCh Polly Flinders took the Fastest Time Rosette with nine seconds exactly in her semi.

WCRCh Zola Go-Quick is proving a consistent Racing Champion, she made light of a competitive group and looks like one who can run up a sequence. WCRCh Scallywag had a solo to win the 28lb weight class while Ryamber Likely Lad took the 30lb group. The Championship classes were closed by WCRCh Markamy's Red Fred maintaining his superiority in the most competitive 32lb final for some years.

In the Veteran Sprint, sisters Cairdean Yoshimi and Guye's Goldlocks had their own private battle with Kev and Sue's Cairdean Yoshimi running to Ryemeadows' form and getting ahead at the line. Their brother VC Raffles edged \*Zula Go-Quick in the 23lb and in the 26lb there was another tough race with Stripey Nancy prevailing by a head over \*The Were-Rabbit. The heavyweight final was the Markamy's versus the Winterfells, two each, speedway style, with the Markamy's getting first and third. The veteran finals had very creditable times; while the intent of the Sprint is to give the oldies a run, friendly Open competition without Championship pressure, it's good racing, certainly not just an add-on.

It was interesting that the Ryemeadows Open form, with a completely different track and conditions, held amazingly well. Two weeks back, it was 175 yards, a demanding, uphill racecourse with good going in showery weather, whereas Detling was hot, shorter distance on flat and faster going.

A big thank you to everyone who worked so hard, first of all to get the track ready (we've only had about 15 inches of rain in the past twelve months) and those who worked on the day.

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