

## 3 YEAR OLDS CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES 2017

The 3 Malaysia Turf Clubs will be staging the popular 3-Year-Olds Championship Series again this year. The series kicks off with Heat No. 1 at Perak Turf Club (PRTC) on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017. Heat No. 2 will be staged at Penang Turf Club (PNTC) on the 11<sup>th</sup> June 2017. Heat No.3 will be run at Selangor Turf Club (SLTC) on the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2017. The final will be at Selangor Turf Club on the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2017. The total stakes money on offer for the 3 Heats and Final is RM500,000.

The crème de la crème of three year olds from the three racing centres in the Malaysia racing circuit will be vying for the Championship to be crowned "Champion 3-Year-Old". Nominations for the series close on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017. As of 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017, record shows there are a total of 39 horses aged three years (SLTC - 14, PRTC – 14 and PNTC – 11) in training at the three racing centres and more are expected to be registered nearer the dateline.

Amongst the 3 year olds at Penang Turf Club, Trainer CW Robert appears to have a strong team with *Aragorn* (by *Manhattan Rain* out of *Class Apart*), in only his 3<sup>rd</sup> start has put up a good show by winning over 1200m in a good time of 1 min 10.5 seconds at Penang Turf Club on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

*Cizen* (by *Swiss Ace* out of *Broadway Queen*) with 6 starts, for 2 wins, 1 second, 2 fourths and 1 unplaced, is certainly a 3 year old with potential.

Next is *Toko* (by *Road to Rock* out of *Hanabananah*) which ran 3<sup>rd</sup> after only 3 starts at Penang Turf Club on 11<sup>th</sup> March 2017, has room for improvement.

Penang Turf Club based Trainers S Hamilton and J Tan have been seen barrier practising their new 3 year olds. Trainer Jerome Tan's pair of *Drama King* (by *Bullbars* out of *Poi Eh*) and *Mirotic* (by *Nom Du Jeu* out of *Broadway Miss*) both owned by Cat Racing Stable, appear to be promising 3 year olds.

S Hamilton's prospects are *Gassur* and *Jabbar*. *Jabbar* (by *Coats Choice* out of *Cashel Beue*), first up 2<sup>nd</sup> appears to be her best prospect.

Selangor Turf Club and Perak Turf Club trainers also have strong contenders for the 3-Year-Olds Championship Series.

It will be interesting to see the final list after nominations close on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017. The Heats and Final will thrill racegoers, owners, trainers and jockeys and everyone will be rooting for their choice.