could be to owners, trainers and the sport itself.

One would expect that clubs in centres like Bendigo, Ballarat, Geelong and Shepparton would draw crowds of around 4 to 5,000 at meetings in these cities.

Unfortunately this is not the case. From figures received, it appears Bendigo has the biggest average

Around with Rastus

up between Maryborough, Healesville, Cranbourne and Kilmore as far as ac-

ies for the winning trainer of the Kilmore Cup, to be run on October 6, is a $900 float.

While the city season has ended, many country clubs, apart from the winter clubs, will be holding meetings between August and September. They are Stawell, Charlton, Cranbourne, Maryborough, Horsham, Kilmore, St. Arnaud, Echuca, Hamilton, Shepparton, Terang, Mildura, Warragul and Ararat.

These will average one meeting a week and sometimes two until October when the regular Summer clubs will start their season in ernest with the Showgrounds meetings resuming on October 10.

U.S. market

As fast as United States buyers snap up our promising young pacers and trotters, others loom up to take their place for a while.

With the failure of Lucky Creed in America things have slowed up a little for the real big money. The mishaps to Cocky Raider have steadied up the real big offers though Bonnie Frost's connections have just about concluded her sale for a good figure.

The Inter - Dominian series, to be held in New Zealand next year, could see some big surprises, particularly if some of the new 3 year olds, now showing championship form, make the grade in time to be nominated.

Added to them will be some of Australia's star three-year-olds in the same position.

If the fastest front is lowered to 2.20 we will see James Darren, Welcome Advice, Rocket Glenfern, Glenfern Court and other smart three - year - olds probably qualified to match strides with the older stars this season.

Numbers problem

The huge list of nominations for various trotting club meetings this year for the present winter season just starting, makes one wonder how clubs are going to cope with all the

Harness club honors Mrs. Betty Dove

HEATHERTON.— life membership of the Southern Speedways Light Harness Club was presented to Mrs Betty Dove, a member of the ladies' committee, at the ninth annual general meeting recently.

A certificate was presented to Mrs. Dove by the president, Mr. Colin Oates, at the meeting in Dingley Public Hall.

Ninety members and friends attended. Officers for 1971 el ted included Mr. Colin Oates (president); Mr. Greme Prosser (treasurer); Mr. Garry Mitchell (secretary); and Mr. Ron Love (vice-president).

Mr. Alex Johnston, who retired as secretary after several years was praised for a job well done by Mr. Les Lawrence, president of the M. and CTA.

The 17 committee members were re-elec.ed. The new committee members are Messrs Terry Hibberd, K. Faulds and G. Keats.

Mr. Michael Billing, secretary of the Trotting Control Board, moved the adoption of the annual report presented by Mr. Johnston.

Mr. Johnston, who said membership for the year was 110, including seven juniors, complimented Mr. Colin Oates on his triple role of club president, course broadcaster and MC at club dances; Mr. Garry Mitchell (assistant secretary), Mrs. Graeme Rosser (treasurer), who introduced the idea of a membership board and who also been assisted by Mr. Frank

He described the club as being in a healthy state financially and said the main items of expenditure were rates on the club property and the resurfacing of the track.

The gymkhana staged by the club was outstanding and exceeded all expectations. Official guests had included the chairman of the TCB, Mr. R. White; the Mayor of Springvale, Cr. Andy Ericksen; president of the Springvale Benevolent Society, Cr. K. Marriott; Mr. N. Billing MLA and Mr. Weight, the chief stipendary steward of the TCB.

Nine trotting and pacing events cycling heats and finals, plus a parade of stallions with some of their progeny, comprised the a' rnoon's entertainment.

Miss Debra Findlay, of Noble Park, was chosen as Miss Southern Speedways and was presented with an inscribed sash. A cheque 'or $200 was forwarded later to the Springvale Benevolent Society. Mr. Johnston expressed thanks 'or assistance to Cr. and Mrs Marriott and to Cr. Roth Hetherington.

Mr. Johnston said the ladies' committee was getting even smaller. There was now only three mem-