

THE KZN BOOKMAKERS' **GET-OUT STAKES**

The KwaZulu-Natal Bookmakers' Society has entered into a R750 000 sponsorship agreement with Gold Circle.

The sponsorship will be administered by Gold Circle over a three-year period for the last race of every KwaZulu-Natal racemeeting, which will be named "The KZN Bookmakers' Get-out Stakes".

In addition to the sponsorship, the KZN Bookmakers' Society and Gold Circle have agreed to jointly fund a R100 000 competition for the trainers and jockeys who are placed first, second and third in the last race of the day.

The trainers and jockeys will be awarded 3 points each for finishing first, 2 for second place and 1 for third place in the last race of the card between 1 August 2007 and 31 July 2008.

The trainer and jockey who secure the most points during this period will get R30 000 each, second prize is R15 000 each and third prize is R5 000 each.

The awards will be made at the end of the KwaZulu-Natal Winter Season.

(Feature race days which already have a sponsor for the last race will be excluded from the sponsorship but not from the competition.)

Val Grantham, Chairman of the KZN Bookmakers' Society, said: "This sponsorship is our member bookmakers' way of putting something back into the sport of horseracing in the province by recognising the dedication and efforts of trainers and jockeys".

"In addition to the prize money, a floating trophy will be awarded to the winning trainer and jockey," he added.

Gold Circle CEO Michel Nairac said the sponsorship was welcomed as an indication of the bookmakers' commitment to racing and support for the trainers and jockeys who put in a magnificent effort to ensure that KwaZulu-Natal continues to host top quality racing.