

SUCCESS WITH OUR SUMMER HORSES

As well as having plenty of placed horses this month, Cawthorne won a chase very nicely at Uttoxeter under a great ride from Henry Brooke. It was a chase with a difference though as, because of low sun, they didn't jump any fences in the home straight and this probably forced Henry's hand sooner than ideal. However he held on to win narrowly.

He has always had plenty of potential and it was frustrating last season that after he won he couldn't back it up. To see him back up his first time out win at Worcester with this win was therefore very pleasing.



Cawthorne

Josh felt he would be better off having longer between runs which he did and that definitely helped, as has him being more settled and straightforward at the races this season.

He has been a really fun horse for the Back to the Track syndicate as has My Poem who is in the same syndicate. She was placed the day before at Worcester in a race that was not run to suit and with a muddling pace. They will both go close next time.

We have plenty of horses to look forward to as well as Cawthorne and My Poem, with Go on Chez heading to Bangor on Friday in flying form, Sucellus looking to bounce back at Haydock his beloved track on 7th Aug and plenty more.

We also have an exciting Autumn team that came in a month earlier than the rest of the winter horses as they prefer slightly better ground. We can't wait to see them back on the track in September with the likes of The Questioner and Monte Igueldo amongst them.



FIRST OWNER'S MORNING

We had our first monthly Saturday Owners Morning in July and it went really well. The weather was ideal and we had a good turn out of about 60 people. Everyone had breakfast first and then had a wonder round the yard before heading to the gallops to see the horses in action.

We are doing our next one on Saturday 30th July so look forward to seeing plenty of you there.



Staff enjoying the hot weather – new and old

The hot weather came at the right time, a week after the horses came in so the majority were in cool shady barns away from the flies. It did mean some extra work for the staff ensuring they were always cool and regularly hosed down and had plenty of fresh water. We also started earlier in the mornings to miss the heat and get them ridden before the temperatures got too high. We are also extremely fortunate to live very my parents so have been going up to the pool with the staff for a swim to cool off and relax after work.

At this time of year we get a few staff coming and going as one season ends and another starts.

We said goodbye to Emily who has been fantastic team member, a very good rider and more recently been helping with the social media and owners updates. We wish her every success at Mark and Charlie Johnston's where she has moved to.

We also wish Natty Higham and Lydia Queen, who have joined Hugo Palmer, every success in their new jobs. Both were great assets to the yard.

Natty had been with us for 4 years and was looking for a change and Lydia is keen to pursue a career as a Flat jockey, so was always going to be a sensible move going to a flat yard.

Evie Platt joined us recently and will be a fantastic new addition to the yard, having learnt to ride at Fergal O'Brien's and the National Racing College in Doncaster. More recently she has been working for David Loughnane. She has experience at both National Hunt and Flat yards and is keen to learn more and go racing plenty. Her father has worked in racing all his life so, having grown up in the industry, Evie has plenty of knowledge.



JUST 3 SHARES REMAINING IN WHITE RHINO



Bay Gelding
2016
By Doyen -
Aventia

This beautiful 16.3 bay gelding has come to us after we bought him at a dispersal sale from Straightline Bloodstock. He came with very high recommendations from our jockeys who ride for Keith Dalgleish and know the horse extremely well.

He is extremely well bred, being by the leading Sire Doyen, and his mother is half sister to Thisthatandtother, Carlingford Lough and The Tother One.

There are three 10% shares available for an initial payment of £2,900 each and then £160 per month (not including vets and racing costs).

Included in the initial payment of £2,900 per 10% share:

- The purchase price
- All sales fees
- Vetting
- Training fees from sales until time of buying
- VAT is due however will be reclaimed for you

If you are interested in having a share in this exciting prospect, please contact Oliver or Josh on 01948 861157 and we would be pleased for you to visit the yard to see White Rhino as well as our facilities.

ROR UPDATE

Here you can see one of our ex racehorses Justgottogeton enjoying his new career show jumper, he has taken to the new discipline so well and already been competing.



Staff Spotlight - Jane Brooks

1. Where did you grow up?

I was born in Chester, then spent my school years in the town of Ellesmere Port before moving to Liverpool for university.

2. How did you first get interested in horses?

I became interested in horses as my parents are from 'horsey' backgrounds having both done lots of showjumping in their youth. I had riding lessons as a child and used to make showjump courses in the back garden for me and my dog when I was little.

3. How did you get interested in racing, and where did you start working in racing?

I have been interested in racing since I was very young as dad's cousin was a professional NH jockey (Reg Crank) and I used to spend afternoons with my great grandfather watching Reg race on TV. When Reg set up his own point-to-point yard after retiring from race riding, I would spend weekends at his yard riding some of his pointers. I started working in racing about three years ago at another local NH yard and Stacey, the head lass there, was amazing. She taught me such a lot and I owe so much to her!

4. This is your first position as a travelling head girl. What does this entail?

I spent 22 years as a primary school teacher so I've come into racing a lot later in life than most. After a couple of episodes of stress related illness, I decided that I needed to leave teaching and do something that would make me want to jump out of bed each morning. I thought back and realised that my time at Reg's was one of the happiest times of my life - working with horses, the camaraderie on a racing yard, going off to the races in the wagon with a packed lunch. People say 'never work with children or animals' but I've just swapped one for the other and it was the best decision I've ever made.

5. What do you enjoy most about your job?

The thing I enjoy most about my job is the variety. Some days I am on the yard, doing general yard duties, assisting the physio, helping the vets with scans, x-rays and operations. Other days I can be anywhere in the country taking horses racing. I also love the fact that there's never a dull moment on the yard and there's always plenty to do.

6. Most challenging aspect of the job?

The most challenging aspect of the job is definitely the element of danger. Race horses are large, strong and unpredictable creatures and you can easily get hurt if you don't keep your wits about you. I was involved in an accident three years ago where a horse I was leading bolted and I got the head collar rope wrapped around my thumb. The result of that was that I now only have half a right thumb!

7. If you could change anything within the industry what would it be?

This isn't really a change within the industry as such, but I would love to see racing promoted more to a wider audience. It's great that we have national racehorse week where yards are opened up to the public, and I've recently spotted groups of school children at the races all kitted out in jockey silks. I would love racing to be at the heart of British sport, and for everyone to love it as much as I do!



THE OLDCASTLE RACING CLUB

£60 + VAT a month includes the following:

- All the training fees, vets fees, plus all extras like farrier and physio at the yard and travel to racing
- 2 organised stable visits per year
- Have a say in choosing the colours
- Tickets to the races when the horse runs - you will go into a ballot but extras can be bought
- Access to Racing Manager login and updates
- 1 racing related trip
- A percentage of the prize money, less Weatherbys fees, will be shared between syndicate members

Only a few spaces remaining!

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Glyndwr University

Getting staff in any industry is hard in the current climate and racing is no exception.

The racing industry needs such a specific and skilled workforce and finding the right employee with enough experience, knowledge and skill is always difficult.

We have always done well with younger staff from one of the two racing colleges.

Being a reasonably small team, and with Josh and myself both still riding, we can teach them and bring them onto to become very good staff. The majority however come from a non-horsey background and we find the majority who have done other disciplines growing up and want to work with horses go to an equine college and never come into racing. This is why when I heard of the course that Glyndwr University in Wrexham had started called 'An Introduction to working in the Racing Industry', aimed at encouraging people from equine colleges to look at jobs within racing, I thought it was such a good idea.

Eight girls came for a tour of the yard and a discussion with me, as well as going to other racing industry areas such as, Yorton Stud, Bangor Racecourse, Equine racing vets, Farrier and guest speakers from the industry.

This will then enable the students to see the extent of opportunities with racing and what skills are needed. They are going to keep putting the course on and hope to get a lot more students enrolled which is fantastic.



BACK TO THE TRACK SYNDICATE



We have two exciting horses in our 'Back to the Track' syndicate which offers great value to syndicate members.

The first of these is Cawthorne who has won over both hurdles and fences for the yard and has already won twice this season. We believe that he remains on a dangerous mark and are confident that he will win again over both fences and hurdles. He will give syndicate members a lot of fun over the coming months.

The second horse in syndicate is My Poem who was rated 73 on the flat, having won over 1m3f for Sir Michael Stoute.

Still only a 5 year old, she won at Uttoxeter on her seasonal debut and we feel that she has scope to provide the syndicate with more success during the 2022/23 season.

There are 2 shares left in the syndicate, with each costing £3,779.17 +VAT. This Includes:

- 1/12 share in two horses that are already proven winners.
- All their training fees in 2022. (not including racing and or Vets fees)
- Stable visits to see your horses on the gallops, schooling and in their box.
- Tickets to the races when either horse runs, often in the owners and trainers facility with food included.
- Access to Racing Manager Login and weekly updates about your horses.
- All VAT to be reclaimed

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