



## LOTS OF SUCCESS THIS MONTH

Over the past month, the horses have continued to be in good form clocking up five wins and nine placings. With twenty five winners on the board so far, we couldn't have hoped for a better start.

It's always so rewarding when horses have multi wins and we have been fortunate to have several who fall into this bracket. Oceans Red had won earlier in the season and had also been placed several times, so it was lovely to see him win again at Sedgefield under a confident ride from Toby.

Other winners this month include El Borracho, who was first past the post again at Wetherby, and Cawthorne, who scored his fourth win this season at Uttoxeter.

We have also had success with Heritier who made the long journey to Kelso to win well under Craig Nichol. He is a very strong horse who needs switching off early and producing late, which Craig does extremely well. We will be looking to step him up in trip as we feel he will be more suited to a longer distance now that he is learning to settle better in the early part of the race.

We were delighted with Sucellus winning at Wolverhampton too. He won at Haydock on his first start of the flat season and consequently got put up 9lbs in the handicap which saw him struggle all season to get his head back in front.

However, he looked very impressive back on the all-weather and won going away. He has been a star for his owners Phil and Leslie Evans and owes them nothing; they bought him for £2,500 at the Newmarket HIT sale two years ago, and he has now notched up winnings of over £30k!

It is a great relief that we have now had some decent rainfall and finally been able to work on the grass. We worked a load on the grass this week and we look to have a very exciting team for the winter. We have so many lovely National Hunt types and also plenty of really exciting novice hurdlers to look forward to.





## INTERVIEW WITH GEORGE COWLEY



### Where did you grow up?

In Penyffordd, North Wales.

### How did you first get interested in horses?

My grandfather trained and rode as a jockey and my father also rode as a professional jump jockey. Also, my brother James was a professional for Nichols and Donald McCain and so horses have always a big part of my life. I started show jumping before going to the racing school as soon as I finished my GCSEs.

### How did you get interested in racing and where did you start working in racing?

I suppose it is in my blood. I grew up watching James riding and decided it was something I wanted to do too. As soon as I finished at the racing school, I went to Dan Skelton's on James' recommendation and rode in two point-to-points, which was a great start. Being at Dan's was a great experience but, with plenty of other potential jockeys there, I felt moving to a smaller yard would potentially give me more opportunities.

### What do you enjoy most about your job?

I really enjoy schooling horses and working horses on the grass. One of my favourites is Good Work - he's massive but is a gentle giant and I'm confident he will do well this season.

### If you could change anything within the industry, what would it be?

It would be great to have some more support from the BHA in terms of help with riding and learning about the industry, applying for licences and so on. I was only sixteen when I went to Dan Skelton's and so some guidance in life skills at that stage would have been a big help.

## Newmarket Sales

We have always found what we are looking for at this sale and this year was no different. We bought a nice lot of horses, some to go on the flat and other to go juvenile hurdling. Having had a good season with Sucellus and with some great tracks in the region, we are consciously looking to have more flat horses for the summer. We have got a couple to syndicate so, if you are interested in getting involved, then keep an eye out.



## Prix de L'Arc at Paris, Longchamp

A visit to Longchamp and The Arc has long been on my hit list so it was wonderful to be able to make the trip over to Paris at the start of the month. I found it a very different experience to racing to the UK but there was still a good buzz and we had a wonderful day with plenty of familiar faces from home, including a few owners. The downside was that it was a very wet day and there was little in the way of covered areas, but once racing got underway, it didn't matter.

Having worked for Sir Mark Prescott before I started training, the day was made even more special when Alpinista romped home in the Arc. We had spoken to him beforehand and then were able to cheer her in afterwards. It was a fantastic trip and I would highly recommend it to anyone who hasn't been. Paris is such a special city and, combined with a day of top class racing, made for a most memorable weekend.

### THREE TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

#### Standings (up to 27th October):

1st	Michelle Clarke	45 points
2nd	Bill Madill, Gordon De Gruchy and Joan Davies	35 points
3rd	Sally Anson	28 points

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