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Front cover: BALDUCCI (D. Probert) winning at Newmarket
Back cover: CHARLES THE GREAT (Emily Melbourne)
returning from morning exercise

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Overview

2011 has to date been an exceptional year for Kingsclere, with almost fifty victories already on the board and the emergence of some potentially headline horses there every reason to believe that this season could yet develop into one of the most successful we have enjoyed for many years. Night Carnation and Charles the Great have supplied the big race highlights so far but with the exciting group of two year olds we have assembled about to hit full stride I sincerely hope we have the ammunition to better any other season in terms of winners and prize money previously achieved in this historic yard.

The summer edition of the quarter inevitably leads to the announcement that the yearling sales are yet again around the corner and as in previous years we will be planning once again to purchase strictly to order so please do let us know if there are any sales/lots that need to be attended or inspected in our quest to keep the yard moving onwards and upwards in the years to come! ■



CHIBERTA KING (Jimmy Fortune) the last leg of the Eclipse Day treble at Sandown

HALF TERM REVIEW

by Andrew Balding

Side Glance was one of last year's big improvers and being by former stable star Passing Glance, who also improved markedly with age, we were always very hopeful that he could graduate to Pattern class this season.

After a good third on his reappearance, he produced an exceptional performance on his favoured straight mile at Ascot, beating a strong Listed field by six lengths and followed that with another Listed victory at Windsor, where he had a subsequent Group 3 winner behind him. Though he could only finish third in the Group 2 Summer Mile at Ascot in July, the fact that he was sent off favourite in front of the multiple Group winner and dual Guineas second Dick Turpin speaks volumes for the progress he has made! Racing in new colours he progressed to Group 3 status when, treading in his father's footsteps, winning the Sovereign Stakes at Salisbury. He has now earned the right to campaign abroad and will be aimed at the Woodbine mile race in Canada in mid September.

Chiberta King is another to have done nothing but improve with racing. Having won his first race off a mark of just 67 as a three year old, he has graduated through the handicap ranks, winning easily off a mark of 91 at Goodwood before posting a career-best effort in winning the Listed Esher Stakes at Sandown in July under a very strong ride from Jimmy Fortune. There are plenty more races for him this year and despite a disappointing run in the Goodwood Cup there is still the hope that he could develop into a Cup horse next season.

Set The Trend is a really consistent type and he too proved himself capable of taking the step up to Listed company when finishing a close fourth in the Doncaster Mile on his reappearance, before benefitting from a canny front-running ride at Goodwood to win the Listed On House Stakes. He is tremendously versatile and ran a terrific race to finish third in a Group 2 on soft ground in Germany on his latest start.

Dungannon took a couple of runs to find his form but when on song he is a very talented sprinter. He



SIDE GLANCE wins in listed company at Ascot in May

beat a decent field when winning at Doncaster on his third start of the campaign and more recently won his Shergar Cup race under an excellent ride from Hugh Bowman. He is capable of better still and could be one to follow when the ground eases in the autumn.

Highland Knight has always had the ability to win a big handicap and he was rewarded for some consistent efforts, including a second in the mile handicap at Epsom on Oaks day, when winning a £70,000 handicap at Sandown in July. He was unable to follow up in the Totesport Mile at Goodwood, but was not well drawn there and remains capable of further success off his current mark.

The Kingsclere Racing Club's older horses have been



HIGHLAND KNIGHT (David Probert) winning the Coral Handicap at Sandown

doing really well this year and **Constant Contact** got off the mark on his second start of the season, winning in really game fashion on the AW at Kempton having finished second when conceding seventeen pounds on his reappearance at Goodwood. He went on to finish a fine seventh in the John Smith's Cup (arguably the hottest handicap run so far this year) and though below form at Glorious Goodwood on his latest outing, there were excuses for that and he looks capable of winning off his current mark this year.

Tweedledrum was sold at the Tattersalls sales in July but not before adding to the KRC tally with two wins this season, in a maiden at Kempton and in handicap company at Chepstow. Given the inauspicious start to her career in a claimer, she did rather well!

Decent Fella joined us from Ireland last year and I was disappointed not to win a race with him, as his

work at home always suggested he could prove better than his handicap mark. However, he matured over the winter and beat some nice sorts on his reappearance at Newmarket in May. Though winless since, he has run some excellent races in defeat, including a fourth in the Buckingham Palace handicap at the Royal Meeting and a close fifth at Glorious Goodwood on his latest outing. He has a quietly progressive profile and I am very hopeful he can win again this season.

Grand Piano is so-named as he cost the princely sum of 1,000gns as a yearling, but he was able to recoup that purchase tag (albeit as a four year old) in one go with victory over 7f at Kempton Park in June. After a prep race in the charity race at Goodwood he ran well at Newbury to be third in a claimer.

We have a strong team of older horses and have had several running well in defeat in very good company this season.

Dalghar was purchased privately by Nevan Botica and Rex and Wendy Gorrell at the end of last season and as an established Group performer he was a very welcome addition to the team. Unfortunately, he hasn't yet managed to repeat the form of his very promising sixth on his reappearance in the Group 2 Duke of York in May, however he has a huge amount of ability and hopefully can win a big race this season.

Dream Eater has been off the track since a slightly below-par effort in May but he really comes alive at this time of year (all three wins have been recorded in late summer onwards) and he deserves to win a big prize.

Kakatosi has been unlucky not to get his head in front this year, finishing second on no fewer than three occasions including in Listed company. **Mon Cadeaux**, gave us all a fright when clipping heels and falling at Windsor in June but thankfully came out of the race unscathed (as did David Probert, though a little bruised!) to record a career-best second in Listed company on his next start. I am very hopeful that both can register wins in Pattern company.

Simenon had been slightly below par on his last two starts and will now continue his career in Ireland with Willie Mullins, while **Lord Zenith** has shown he retains his ability despite having been lightly-raced in recent times.

Fireback won a valuable 6f handicap at the July meeting last year and has acquitted himself really well off higher marks since, including when a close third at Epsom on Derby day. Hopefully the handicapper will relent sufficiently for him to find a race this season. Similar



NIGHT CARNATION in winning form at York's Dante meeting, (inset) NIGHT CARNATION (Jimmy Fortune) winning her Group 3 at Sandown

comments apply to **Brick Red**, though he has only had one chance on his favoured ground (finishing fourth at Sandown Park) and could be one to follow in the autumn.

Pipette finished runner-up to Snow Fairy in Listed company at Goodwood last year and though she has not managed to repeat that effort since, her fourth at Ascot was a big step in the right direction and that coincided with a return to an easier surface. This was followed by a disappointing Shergar Cup run so she needs to regain her form.

Opera Gal is a really genuine filly who has been so consistent throughout her career to date, finishing outside the first four on just two occasions, both times finishing fifth! Though she has yet to win this season, she has placed in a valuable handicap at Chester and got some black type when third in a Listed at Newmarket and second in a similar event at Salisbury, I am very hopeful she can pick up a race this year.

Three Year Olds

The three year olds have been going really well all season and there are several that look capable of competing for major prizes in the remaining months of the season.

We thought plenty of **Night Carnation** last season and she did win her maiden at Epsom in good style, but she improved plenty over the winter and was a most impressive winner of a handicap off 99 on her reappearance over the stiff 5f at Sandown in April. She started out over 7f last year, but she has a tremendous amount of speed and followed that Sandown win with a condition race success at York. Though I had always thought she would appreciate soft ground she struggled on her next start back at Sandown, but she was poorly drawn that day and bounced back from a better stalls position (again at Sandown) to win the Group 3 Sprint Stakes, the first win of a brilliant treble on the day that was completed by Highland Knight and Chiberta King.

She is currently enjoying a short break and will be aimed at some of the top sprints in the autumn, with the Abbaye a possible target.

Whiplash Willie is from the first crop of former Kingsclere Group 1 globetrotter Phoenix Reach and he has been a revelation since stepping up to 1m4f, bolting up in the Bibury Cup before getting up in the dying strides at Glorious Goodwood off a mark of 91 under a really good ride from David Probert. We have given him a provisional entry in the St Leger and though he would need to improve plenty to justify that, he is clearly going the right way and he is likely to be put to the test in Group company next time.

Chef was a good winner of his only start last year



DISCOTECA becomes our first turf winner of 2011 at Windsor

in a Salisbury maiden and made an excellent start to his three year old campaign when finishing sixth in the Tattersalls Millions 3-y-o Trophy at Newmarket. Though that certainly didn't help his handicap mark, which rose from 78 to 96(!), he showed himself to be a smart performer in the making by winning a Doncaster handicap on his next start and has since finished 4th in the Tattersalls Millions 3-y-o Cup and a fine, close second in Listed company at Glorious Goodwood. He is improving rapidly but is now Hong Kong bound for the rest of his career.

Beaumont's Party joined us this year and has quickly made up into a useful handicapper, recording two effortless wins at Chester and Chepstow before finishing a close fourth in a 1m2f handicap on Oaks day off a mark of 89. He seems able to go on any ground and it is unlikely we have seen the best of him yet.

Stage Attraction is owned by Audrey Hill who has had horses here at Kingsclere for many years and I am delighted that he has proved to be useful, winning what was a good maiden at Chepstow and following up off 82 at Sandown in July. His full brother was a Listed winner in France and I am hopeful he can reach similar heights in time.

King Ferdinand is another to have won twice this year, negotiating a troubled passage to win at Chester and leaving behind a below-par effort with a ready success on the All-Weather at Kempton, where he showed good speed to make all under William Buick. He has run two good races in defeat since, most notably when a head second at Ascot last time and he remains



LAY TIME scores in impressive style at Newmarket on her belated seasonal debut

fairly-handicapped. Another dual winner **Hollow Tree** has recently been sold to Donald McCain for a juvenile hurdling campaign, but not before winning two staying handicaps in very good fashion.

Gold Mine is a home-bred of Sir Gordon Brunton's from the family of Ascot Gold Cup winner Indian Queen and he looks a stayer to follow judged on his two wins from three starts this season, the latest when gamely hanging on to win over 1m4f at Lingfield.

Discoteca made a big impression when winning his maiden at Windsor on his reappearance and he is a horse I think a lot of, however after a promising fourth in Listed company at Newmarket he has twice run too badly to be true. Hopefully he can bounce back to form in the autumn and show his true ability.

Guided Missile comes from a really good family of Jeff Smith's that includes the very speedy Dark Missile



HOLLOW TREE wins at Sandown for the second time in a fortnight

and when she is on form she is a very speedy filly, as when winning easily at Chepstow in May. Unfortunately she has been unable to replicate that form in two starts since, but she remains lightly-raced and is one to keep an eye on when the ground eases. **Black Cadillac** showed himself to have potential as a sprinter when winning his maiden at Bath but he too has not progressed from that – hopefully he can bounce back in the coming months.

We have had several good maiden winners so far this term and I hope they can all go on to better things. **Lay Time** is certainly bred to do so, being a Galileo half-sister to three Pattern-class performers and she showed herself to be a filly of some potential when easily winning a 7f maiden at Newmarket in July before running in to one too good in her next race. I am very hopeful that she can gain some black type this season.

Rawaki was another to have something to live up to, being a half-brother to Side Glance and he made no mistake by winning at Wolverhampton on his debut. Unfortunately he suffered an injury during the race that will keep him off the track until October, but everything about the performance suggests he is one to follow when he returns. **Sea Soldier** made a good impression on his second start of the season, winning well over 7f at Warwick and his initial handicap mark of 80 looks fair.

Cross Culture also benefitted from his first run of the campaign, winning at the second time of asking this season in handicap company at Epsom despite pulling fiercely in the early stages. He looks capable of further improvement, as does **Abergeldie**, who won well over a mile at Chepstow and was far from disgraced in a valuable fillies handicap at Ascot on her latest start.



CHARLES THE GREAT leaves his disappointing debut form behind when setting a new two year old course record at Windsor

I Love Me was a real money-spinner last year, winning the Tattersalls Millions Auction Trophy on her debut and running really well in defeat on her next two starts. She ran with plenty of credit on her seasonal reappearance in the 1,000 Guineas so I was slightly disappointed she was unable to win when dropped back to Listed company on her next start. However, she showed herself to be a very high-class filly with an excellent fourth in the Group 1 Coronation Stakes at Royal Ascot and she will surely get a win in Pattern company sooner rather than later on that evidence.

I have always held **Desert Law** in very high regard and it was no surprise to see him go close in a valuable Newmarket handicap on his reappearance despite needing the race. He disappointed when sent off favourite at York for a very valuable contest on his next

start, but bounced back with a fine fourth in a £100,000 handicap at Newmarket's July meeting and a second in his Shergar Cup race, he could have a very good second half of the campaign.

Moment Of Time is a beautifully-bred filly and has shown herself to be a useful performer in just three starts to date, finishing a good third on her latest start in a 1m2f Listed race at Newbury. A maiden should be a formality before stepping back up in grade.

Baptist finished third in a handicap at the July meeting and I am very hopeful he can win off his current mark this summer, while **John Biscuit** and **Time To Work** have both shown enough this season to suggest they can win a decent handicap off their current marks, as has **Catalyze**, who has twice gone close at Epsom this summer.

The well-bred **Sirius Superstar** and **Billy Buttons**

should not remain maidens much longer and look very good prospects for the rest of the season.

We are ahead of where we were last year with the two year olds and though we are never in a hurry with them, I am very confident that there are some very nice horses for the autumn. **Charles The Great** is a very speedy juvenile and was an impressive winner of a novice event at Windsor in May. He finished down the field in the Norfolk at the Royal meeting but gave us all a day to remember when holding on very gamely under a power-packed ride from Jimmy Fortune to win the very valuable Weatherbys Super Sprint at Newbury. He has since finished a close third in the Group 3 Molecomb at Glorious Goodwood and is clearly a terrific sprinting prospect albeit in Hong Kong.

I was delighted to have two winners at Glorious Goodwood, with **Goldoni** doubling our tally in the 7f nursery after Whiplash Willie's win earlier in the week. An unlucky loser on his previous start at Epsom, he was given an excellent ride by David Probert, who took the brave man's route up the inside and got the splits when they were needed before gamely repelling all challengers in a bunch finish. He looks sure to appreciate an extra furlong or two in time and looks the type to progress further.

Big Note has always shown us plenty at home and it was probably his draw that put the backers off on his debut at Chester in June. However, after a slow start he made up his ground in very good style and won in the



GOLDONI (noseband) battles hard to win at Glorius Goodwood under David Probert

manner of a useful horse. Though he could only finish third upped to 6f back at Chester on his only subsequent start, the slow gallop there would have been against him and I am sure he can leave the form behind this season.

There have also been some very promising performances in defeat. **Spiritual Star** is out of a half-sister to the French 1,000 Guineas winner Elusive Wave and he finished a very promising third on his Newbury debut (form worked out well, with the second winning a maiden at Glorious Goodwood on his next start) and looks a sure fire maiden winner, as does the well-bred **Benzanno**, who showed a huge amount of improvement in the space of just a week when runner-up at Leicester over 7f in July having finished down the field on his debut at Sandown a seven days earlier. He followed this with a third at Thirsk and is learning all the time.

Backtrade showed plenty of speed in a couple of early season maidens and a third more recently at Windsor. I am very hopeful he can win a maiden over 5 or 6 furlongs, while the Iceman colt **Fortrose Academy** is another who should be up to winning a maiden based on his good 3rd on debut at Haydock in May, the form of which looks very solid. **Dressed In Lace** deserves to get her head in front after a string of good efforts in maidens.

Twice-raced pair **Expense Claim** and **Isheamiracle** both showed promise on their second starts in maidens at Glorious Goodwood and I am hopeful they can make their mark in nurseries, with **Dollar Bill**, out of an unraced half-sister to numerous good horses including the high-class Sleeping Indian, is another likely candidate for success this season after two good runs over 7f on easy ground in June and July.

Dandy and **Distant Love** both showed up very well for a long way on their debuts and can be expected to come on plenty for the run, with similar comments applying to **Viscount Vert**, a half-brother to stablemate Time To Work who looks sure to win races this season.

Beau Duke showed ability on his debut in a good Newbury maiden despite being in need of the experience, as was the case with **Amphora**, who is sure to improve on her debut run at Newbury and they have both improved again on their second outing. **Cades Reef** is a son of Dalakhani and he is another to have shown up well on his debut. **Parque Atlantico** was too green to do himself justice on his racecourse bow but he is related to a host of winners and is sure to improve in time. ■

THE 2011 **12** TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

These are the scores up to and including July 25th. Of course there have been a number of winners since and things will have altered already. It looks like being a high scoring year if we can keep the momentum going and there are a lot of two year olds to come out still.

If the person in 65th place could please supply a name we will include it in the next list.

		1 Aeberhard, Werner	146		
		2 Powell, DF (A)	141		
		3 Cousins, Rose	139		
		4 King, Gaily	138		
		5 Powell, DF (B)	137		
6 Masterton, Leanne	133	34 Finlay, Rosemary	100	63 Woolley, Steve (A)	85
7 Balding, Andrew	127	34 Jayne & Joey	100	65 ?, ?	84
7 Balding, Ruby & Macker	127	37 Balding, Jonno	98	65 Blaydon, Paul	84
9 Balding, Clare	126	37 Hale, Barry	98	65 Wilmot-Smith, FJ	84
9 Grant, Patrick	126	37 Howson, Geoffrey	98	65 Wilson, J.D.B	84
11 Arnold, Alice	124	37 Slade, Martin	98	69 Dangar, Richard	81
12 Peippo, Karen	123	41 John Bromfield & Sue Johnson	97	69 O'Brien, Dr MJ & Mrs D (D)	81
13 Burns, Richard	120	41 Slade, Valerie	97	71 Balding, Ian	80
14 Gay, Susan	119	43 O'Brien, Dr MJ & Mrs D (A)	96	71 G Bounds & A Johnson (A)	80
15 Edmeades, Will	118	43 Whitehall, Andy	96	73 O'Brien, Dr MJ & Mrs D (E)	79
16 Caslon, Denis (B)	116	45 Hutchinson, Mark	94	73 Tillett, Bill	79
16 Gale, John	116	46 Cheshire, Angela (B)	92	73 Wigan, James	79
16 Reis, Paul	116	46 Michaelson, RPB	92	76 Midwood, Mick	78
19 Cheshire, Angela (C)	115	46 Woolley, Suzanne (A)	92	76 Petitt, Dwayne	78
20 Hutchinson, Fiona	114	49 Donovan, Brian (B)	90	78 Doherty, Terry	77
20 O'Brien, Dr MJ & Mrs D (C)	114	50 Angell, Sam	89	78 Lumley, Peter	77
22 Lumley, Sue	113	50 Hall, David (A)	89	78 Oury, Gerald	77
23 Thomas, Kath	111	50 Hastings-Bass, Simon	89	81 Hodgkins, Adrian	76
23 Wates, Pip	111	50 Plumbly, Simon	89	82 Arlington, Jenny	75
25 Bannister, Billy	110	50 Plummer, Ann	89	83 Harris, Nick	74
26 Balding, Emma	108	50 Tucker, M	89	83 Pugh, Keith	74
27 O'Brien, Dr MJ & Mrs D (B)	107	56 Woolley, Steve (B)	88	85 Balding, Toby	73
27 Richardson, John	107	57 Ford Fuels (B)	87	85 Brooke-Rankin, Anthony	73
29 Mariscotti, Mick	105	57 Box, Peter	87	85 Caslon, Denis (A)	73
29 Oates, Des	105	57 Mackinnon, James, Daisy, Ella	87	85 Hill, Audrey	73
31 Oswald, Michael	103	60 Balding, Will	86	85 Newbery, Karen	73
32 Burns, Lynne	102	60 Huntingdon, Sue	86	85 Sopp, Maria (B)	73
32 Wilken, Sean	102	60 Mariscotti, Janice	86	91 Bridgeman, John	72
34 Bishop, Trevor	100	63 Rees, Lindy	85	91 Cheshire, Angela (A)	72

93 Balding, Flora	71	110 Harris, Pat & Tony	60	132 Taffy	46
93 Bevan, Simon	71	114 Ford Fuels (A)	59	134 Gay, David	45
95 G Bounds & A Johnson (B)	69	115 Watson, Bella	57	134 Mackinnon, Bridget	45
95 Thomas, Jeff	69	116 Baveystock, Howard	56	136 Donovan, Brian (A)	44
97 Dillon, Batt (B)	68	116 McCann, Dennis	56	136 Woolley, Suzanne (B)	44
97 Paris, Rex (B)	68	116 Read, Teresa	56	137 Palmer, Clare	43
97 Wates, Jonny	68	119 Broughton, T	55	137 Sutherland, Evan	43
100 Hall, David (B)	66	120 Gay, Edward	54	139 Arnold, Pam	42
100 Watson, Susan	66	120 Pascoe, Richard	54	139 Boyce, ID (A)	42
102 Racing, Brick	64	122 Arnold, Hugh	52	139 Watts, Joyce	42
103 Balding, Anna Lisa	63	122 Cheshire, Nathan	52	142 Gordon, Susie (A)	41
103 Sopp, Maria (A)	63	122 Dickerson, Julie	52	142 Plumbly, Helen	41
103 Wilmot-Smith, Richard	63	125 Brown, David	51	142 Wates, Caroline	41
106 Kingsclere Stud	62	126 Mackinnon, Roger	50	145 Palmer, W	40
107 Back, David	61	126 Paris, Rex (A)	50	146 Chinner	39
107 Dickerson, Richard	61	128 Green, Marion	48	147 Boyce, ID (B)	38
107 Fearne, Paddy	61	128 Smith, JC	48	148 Read, Ian	35
110 Brown, Thomas	60	130 Michaelson, Roger	47	149 Watson Family	28
110 Dillon, Batt (A)	60	130 Register, Layton	47	149 McPhee, Angus	28
110 Gordon, Susie (B)	60	132 Broughton, B	46	151 McPhee, Stuart	20

SELECTION OF THE LEADERS

WERNER AEBERHARD		DF POWELL (A)		ROSE COUSINS		GAILY KING	
BALDUCCI	11	CHEF	19	BALDUCCI	11	CHINK OF LIGHT	0
CHEF	19	KING FERDINAND	30	DREAM EATER	5	CONSTANT CONTACT	16
DISCOTECA	11	LAY TIME	16	FIREBACK	4	HIGHLAND KNIGHT	20
HIDDEN VALLEY	12	LORD ZENITH	5	KAKATOSI	20	MOMENT OF TIME	11
I LOVE ME	9	NIGHT CARNATION	33	NIGHT CARNATION	33	OPERA GAL	16
KAKATOSI	20	PIPETTE	1	PACIFIC REACH	0	SEA SOLDIER	16
SIDE GLANCE	34	SPANISH ACCLAIM	4	SIDE GLANCE	34	SIDE GLANCE	34
BIG NOTE	14	BACK TRADE	1	CHARLES THE GREAT	25	CHARLES THE GREAT	25
DANDY	0	CHARLES THE GREAT	25	DRESSED IN LACE	7	DANCE WITH ME	0
DISTANT LOVE	0	DRESSED IN LACE	7	INTRANSIGENT	0	INTRANSIGENT	0
GOLDONI	16	RESTAURATEUR	0	JUST WHEN	0	HINT OF MINT	0
VISCOUNT VERT	0	STIRRING BALLAD	0	UNDERWRITTEN	0	TOPANGA CANYON	0

DF POWELL (B)	
DAUPHINE	0
FIREBACK	4
KAKATOSI	20
KING FERDINAND	30
MON CADEAUX	14
NIGHT CARNATION	33
SPANISH ACCLAIM	4
AMPHORA	0
CHARLES THE GREAT	25
DRESSED IN LACE	7
PROFIT AGAIN	0
TOP COP	0



SIDE GLANCE

LEADING HORSES

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Kingsclere Racing Club – The story of the season so far...

The KRC had had a fantastic first half of the season, with six winners, nine seconds and two thirds from 28 runners.

What makes the KRC so special is that almost all the Club runners are bred at Kingsclere Stud, including all four individual winners this year. Furthermore, three of these have been sired by former stable stars Passing Glance (Side Glance and Constant Contact) and Phoenix Reach (Rawaki), both of whom have done so well in their short careers at stud to date.

The current crop of yearlings is smaller than usual this year with several of the mares being rested in 2010. There are two by Passing Glance, a full brother to the KRC 2yo Bypass out of a mile winner and a half-sister to KRC 3yo Nantucket Light and three winners including Trans Sonic and Transfer) and a filly by Phoenix Reach, a half-sister to the useful-looking KRC 2yo Northern Outlook out of the Listed-placed dam Casual Glance.

The crop of foals however are exciting and include two by Passing Glance, most notably a full brother to Side Glance, and Constant Contact, as well as the first foals of Victoria Montoya by the exciting sire, Eclipse winner Mount Nelson, a colt by the impressive second-season sire Shirocco out of a winning miler Lady Brora and a colt by Kheleyf out of Inhibition.

With so much promising young stock on the ground optimism is high for the future success of the Kingsclere Racing Club. ■



The future Racing Club stars!



Lazy days resting and sunbathing in the Hampshire sunshine.

KINGSCLERE STUD 2011

Yearlings

Br.c	PASSING GLANCE	FLORIDA HEART (First Trump)
B.f	PASSING GLANCE	SANKATY LIGHT (Summer Squall)
B.f	PHOENIX REACH	CASUAL GLANCE (Sinndar)

Foals

Br.c	PASSING GLANCE	FLORIANA (Selkirk)
Br.c	PASSING GLANCE	AVERAMI (Averti)
B.c	KHELEYF	INHIBITION (Nayef)
Ch.c	SHIROCCO	LADY BRORA (Dashing Blade)
B.c	TAGULA	MARAJUANA (Robellino)
B.f	PHOENIX REACH	SEAFLOWER REEF (Robellino)
B.f	MOUNT NELSON	VICTORIA MONTOYA (High Chaparral)
B.f	HAAFHD	CASUAL GLANCE (Sinndar)

Mares

AVERAMI	Barren to PASSING GLANCE
CASUAL GLANCE	In foal to YEATS
FLORIANA	In foal to PASSING GLANCE
FLORIDA HEART	In foal to NORSE DANCER
INHIBITION	Barren to SELKIRK
LADY BRORA	In foal to PHOENIX REACH
MARAJUANA	Not covered
SEAFLOWER REEF	In foal to PASSING GLANCE
VICTORIA MONTOYA	In foal to SIR PERCY

APPRENTICES

Martin Dwyer, Liam Keniry, Neil Chalmers, William Buick and David Probert are continuing to boot home the winners on a regular basis this summer and we are proud to claim all four of them as former apprentices at Kingsclere. It has been a long standing tradition to try and produce riding talent as well as equine success and Simon Pearce, Thomas Brown and Sophie Silvester have all



John Willetts



Joey Haynes



Adam Maclean

been riding with success this summer and Simon in particular is beginning to get the plaudits he deserves. The three new names which should be making their public debuts in the coming months are Joey Haynes, Adam Maclean and John Willetts. who have all begun to show some promise on the gallops at home and could hopefully add to our already impressive list of riding graduates! ■

NEW APPOINTMENTS



Nigel Walker

Two important appointments in 2011 have helped bolster our already impressive workforce at Park House. The key position of Head Lad has been filled by Nigel Walker since April and having been the outstanding candidate amongst a large number of applicants for the role it is of little surprise that Nigel has already made the job his own. With experience on the stud side of the racing industry as well as having worked in a management role in a trio of successful Newmarket yards, he has brought good horse sense, team management and an admirable work ethic to the team. We sincerely hope that Nigel and his partner Izzi will be a permanent fixture at Kingsclere for many seasons to come.

Whilst the recently completed new barn has only marginally increased the equine capacity at Kingsclere it has replaced some temporary boxes with superior stabling. Built along the same lines as the existing 'Casual Look Barn' the ventilation and air flow in the new barn is second to none and it has taken little time for the latest facility to provide it's share of winners. In charge of the welfare of the horses in the new barn is Kevin Hunt who joined us as a yard manager this summer. Having gained a mass of experience in racing yards in the past Kevin had been working for the last three years at Her Majesty's Polhampton Stud, all of two miles from his current place of employment but was keen to return to the action of a racing yard. His experience and enthusiasm makes him an extremely welcome addition to the management team. ■



Kevin Hunt

The Spillers Stable Lad of the Month



Winners so far

April – Angie Cheshire

May – Dwayne Pettitt

June – Kim Tierney

July – Sam Angell

Each received £100 and a bottle of Spillers Champagne.

Once again we would like to thank Spillers who have kindly sponsored the awards.



Andrew presenting to Dwayne



Kay from Spillers presenting to Sam

REX & WENDY GORELL – OWNER PROFILE



Rex and Wendy Gorell

Rex and Wendy Gorell have been owners at Kingsclere since first going into partnership with their great friends Jennifer and Peter McMahon to purchase Buccellati in 2005. His eight victories saw him win almost £400,000 in prize money and encouraged Rex and Wendy to be involved in further UK ventures most notably with Balducci and the highly talented but frustratingly fragile Swindler. More recently they have purchased two exciting two year olds, Mysterious Man who is a son of the promising first season sire Manduro and Dance with Me a colt by the leading stallion Danehill Dancer. On top of this the Gorells have joined forces with Neven Botica to bring the highly talented and beautifully bred Dalghar who whilst winless so far in 2011 retains the ability to win a major prize at some stage this year. Rex has enjoyed considerable success in business and owns one of the largest car dealerships in Victoria Australia.

How did you develop an interest in horse racing?

We purchased a property at which we kept a few show horses for our family and had some racehorses on agistment.

One weekend in 1983 we attended a family lunch at one of my wife's relations who's a successful racehorse owner and a committee member of the Melbourne Racing Club. We came home owning a

racehorse...things progressed and it wasn't long before I actually held my own trainers license.

What was the first horse you owned and was the venture a success?

Our first horse was named Abacist, he ran several seconds before winning a couple of races. We were pleased with the result and sold him so we could purchase two yearlings at the Melbourne Sales; these were then followed by the purchase of a mare in the UK.

What has been your racing highlight and low light as a racehorse owner?

The highlight of our racing to date is our first group winning horses, Stella Grande, winning a Group 2 followed by a close second in the Group One AJC Derby. Also, being involved with two other group-winning horses, Buccellati and Kutchinsky with our friends Peter and Jennifer McMahon.

One highlight we look forward to every year is visiting Kingsclere's Park House Stables to see our horses and enjoy Andrew and Anna Lisa's hospitality on their beautiful property.

Racing brings several lowlights with injuries and losing good horses and to date we are still chasing that elusive group 1 winner!

Do you have any current interests at Kingsclere?

We are currently involved in six horses at Kingsclere. We have high aspirations for Dalghar, Tappanappa, Dance with Me and Mysterious Man.

Which racecourse is your favourite and least favourite and why?

Flemington is my favourite racecourse, the track gives all runners an even chance in all conditions and the facilities for viewing and dining etc are excellent. Caulfield is my least favourite because we have had a lot of runners for little success!

We love travelling to England at least twice a year and have enjoyed Ascot, Newmarket and Epsom racecourses. The English racecourses have wonderful hospitality facilities for owners and we have had the opportunity to meet people with the same passion as we have. ■

ALTERNATIVE CAREERS

'RETRAINING OF RACEHORSES' is the BHA official charity for the welfare of horses that have retired from racing.

The charity provides support funding for four established centres, Greatwood, Moorcroft, HEROS and TRC, as well as having a collaboration with the Suffolk Punch Trust and Hollesley Bay.

By raising funds from within the industry the charity has developed over the years a series of sponsored competitions in association with various sponsors covering a wide range of disciplines. Dressage, endurance, eventing, horseball, hunting, polo, showing, show jumping, trailblazers, polocrosse and team chasing have all got events for the retrained ex racehorse. The showing series has become so popular that a solution is going to have to be found to cope with the numbers.

In addition there are several parades at racecourses to demonstrate the skills that have been learnt by these horses and it is a constant surprise how incredibly versatile the thoroughbred is. It is also hugely rewarding to realise how expert they can become having basically not excelled at the business end of the sport for which they were bred!

ROR also run seminars and clinics across the country to try and help riders with their horses and have produced very worthwhile DVDs for riding, polo and show jumping. Their excellent website is worth visiting at www.ror.org.uk.

Photos show two of Kingsclere's previous stars. Fourteen year old DISTANT PROSPECT ran fifty one



PENTECOST returns to Kingsclere at our Christmas Drag Hunt meet

times on the flat and over hurdles, victorious in the 2001 Cesarewitch he retired at the end of 2006. His new tricks have enabled him to become an enthusiastic eventer at the head of the leaderboard.

Twelve year old PENTECOST has found a new lease of life at his new home and thoroughly enjoys his outings including drag hunting and parading at Ascot. He ran sixty three times winning eight of those starts including the Britannia Handicap and two Shergar Cup races. Who would have thought he could jump so well? ■



DISTANT PROSPECT looking really happy to be having an alternative career!

Health and Happiness

by N.N.H. Knapp, MRCVS

One of the many challenges facing a trainer and his team includes monitoring and maintaining horses health in the yard. This is achieved by continuous vigilance, careful inspection of horses on a daily basis, including taking temperature, routine endoscopic examination of runners to assess respiratory health (scoping) and routine blood samples.

At Kingsclere a selection of horses of varying ages and from separate yards are blood sampled at monthly intervals to monitor health and fitness throughout the stables.

Blood samples can be divided into two major categories namely haematology and biochemistry.

Bloods – what do the results mean?

The interpretation of blood tests is a very subjective process, and typically vets look at particular patterns and combinations of abnormalities to diagnose disease or reasons for poor performance. The following information is only a guide, and results should always be interpreted in the light of the clinical status of the animal.

Total protein

The total protein in a horse is a combination of 3 major blood proteins; the albumin, globulins and fibrinogen. An increase or decrease in the total protein is therefore caused by the relative changes in these 3 constituents. The total protein should always be evaluated alongside the albumin concentration. Increases in the total protein are seen with dehydration, septic or nonseptic inflammation, and (rarely) with certain neoplastic lesions. Decreases may be seen with renal and gastrointestinal diseases, liver disease and malnutrition. However, the normal globulin concentration for racehorses is approximately 26-35g/L, and a laboratory result of a 'low' total protein due to a globulin concentration at the bottom end of this range with a normal albumin concentration is not a cause for concern.

Albumin

Albumin is an extremely important blood protein, binding and transporting other proteins, amino acids, hormones, and drugs. Albumin may be decreased as a result of reduced production (liver failure) or, more commonly, because of increased loss (eg. intestinal disease or renal disease). Occasionally severe

peritonitis, pleuropneumonia, malnutrition or chronic inflammatory disease result in decreased levels.

Increases in albumin are generally only seen with severe dehydration.

Globulins

The globulins are immune proteins, and can only be differentiated into the different types by a process called electrophoresis. However, this is expensive and not usually necessary unless there is a suggestion of a specific disease process such as neoplasia. Increases in globulins are typically seen with chronic infection or inflammatory processes, such as parasitism or chronic bacterial infections such as low-grade pneumonia or other inflammatory diseases.#

Other causes of increased globulins are neoplasia, immune-mediated diseases and severe dehydration.

Decreased globulin concentrations are unusual, but may occur with failure of passive transfer in foals and with severe protein losing diseases (most commonly severe diarrhoea).

Fibrinogen

Fibrinogen is an acute phase protein, which increases relatively soon after an inflammatory or infectious insult and decreases back to normal after the insult has been resolved. Fibrinogen concentrations are more reliable for the horse's current infectious disease or inflammatory status than the globulins, as globulin concentrations can take many months to return to normal after disease.

SAA is another acute phase protein, which functions in a similar way to fibrinogen. However, it increases and returns to normal much more rapidly than fibrinogen concentrations (hours rather than days) and is therefore an extremely sensitive indicator of disease. An increase in SAA may occur before any clinical signs of disease and give a warning that the horse is below par. The significance of the result also depends on the amplitude of the increase. A normal SAA is < 1mg/L, and in the face of acute inflammation will increase within 24 hours to over 20mg/L and often over 100mg/L when septic inflammation is present.

SAA is not part of the routine blood profile, but there is increasing interest in its use as part of a routine racing profile, due to its extremely sensitive nature. The SAA will allow for early detection of disease and therefore points to further investigations,

a short rest period, or perhaps a reason not to declare a horse for racing.

Total bilirubin

Analysis of bilirubin is rarely useful in the horse. The horse has an unusual excretion system, and increases in bilirubin may occur without clinical disease. Increases can therefore be difficult to interpret. A short period of anorexia or starvation will lead to rapid increases in the bilirubin concentration. Bilirubin will also be increased with certain types of anaemia and with jaundice.

AST (Aspartate aminotransferase)

Increases are seen in myopathy (muscle damage) and hepatopathy (liver damage), and should be interpreted alongside the CK and GGT. Following muscle damage, levels will peak at 24-48 hours and return to baseline in 10-21 days, assuming no further damage occurs. This can therefore be a useful guide to recovery from an acute episode of muscle damage. These are similar to the length of time for recovery from an acute liver insult.

LDH (Lactate dehydrogenase)

A variety of diseases can cause increases in LDH concentration and more information can be gleaned by sending blood for analysis of the different forms of LDH. Increases may be seen with blood breakdown, heart damage, intestinal abnormalities, liver disease and muscle damage. One form of LDH can even increase in the absence of any disease process in the horse. There are also differences in the normal LDH concentration according to the age of the horse and care must be taken when analysing results from young horses. Due to these limitations, LDH analysis is not considered to be particularly useful.

CPK/CK (Creatine (phosphor) kinase)

CK enzymes are found in muscle (including heart muscle) and the brain. Total CK concentrations are derived from skeletal and heart muscle cells. Increases in CK activity are specific to muscle damage, rising within 6-12 hours and returning to normal in 3-4 days, providing no further damage occurs. Very high CK activity may also occur with white muscle disease in foals. Raised CK levels are diagnostic for rhabdomyolysis (azoturia or tying up) and exercise should be confined to slow work until the CK level has reduced to no more than twice the normal value.

GGT (gamma glutamyl transferase)

GGT occurs in all secretory cells, such as those in the liver, kidneys, pancreas and mammary gland. Increases in serum GGT are almost invariably due to

liver damage. Occasionally, increases are seen with pancreatic disease in the horse, but kidney disease rarely leads to measurable increases. The significance of an increased GGT depends on the level of the increase. Mild increases in GGT are sometimes seen in performance horses that are otherwise healthy, but perform poorly. We have noticed an association of mild increases in GGT with gastric ulcers. Severe increases in GGT are seen with more significant liver damage and may warrant further investigation of the liver (bile acid concentrations, ultrasonographic evaluation and possibly a liver biopsy).

Bile acids

Bile acid evaluation is a much more sensitive guide to liver disease than the bilirubin concentration. Increases occur with a reduction in liver function and are useful to form a prognosis for recovery from liver disease. Due to the large reserve capacity of the liver, functional problems will only occur when the damage is severe and a severely increased bile acid concentration is indicative of a guarded prognosis for recovery of normal liver function. These are not part of a routine profile, but should be considered where liver disease is suspected.

Creatinine

Creatinine is a waste product of muscle cell metabolism and is excreted by the kidneys. Increases in creatinine concentration occur with kidney malfunction, which may be due to dehydration, intrinsic renal disease, post-renal obstruction (eg. a stone), or a ruptured bladder. Heavily muscled horses will have higher creatinine concentration compared to older, less muscled horses and concentrations may even be slightly above the reference range in some normal stallions. A decrease in creatinine concentration may be due to muscle loss or wasting.

Na (sodium), K (potassium), Cl (chloride)

Electrolyte imbalances may occur with excessive sweating, diarrhoea, endotoxaemia, intestinal crises and exertional exhaustion. Potassium may also increase with severe tying up. Electrolyte imbalances predispose to tying up and even to cardiac arrhythmias in high performing horses and the relative concentrations in blood and urine can help to correct imbalances and improve performance.

Cardiac troponin I (CTnI)

Cardiac troponin I is a specific heart muscle enzyme that increases with heart muscle damage and when abnormal heart rhythms occur. This does not form part of a routine blood profile, but is indicated when

cardiomyopathy (heart damage) is suspected to allow further evaluation, prognosis, and to monitor any treatments given.

Lactate

Lactate concentrations are frequently performed in humans to assess responses to training and fitness levels. Unfortunately, high circulating red blood cell counts in response to exercise lead to less accurate results on equine whole blood. Blood should therefore be spun prior to analysis from a recently exercised animal. Although there is some interest in the possibility of using lactate concentrations to analyse fitness levels in horses, they are not useful without carefully controlled, standard exercise testing conditions such as those on a treadmill. At the moment, interpretation under these conditions is extremely subjective and there is some way to go with research into exercise physiology before meaningful results can be gained. Hopefully we will add to our knowledge of lactate in the future using the treadmill at Kingsclere.

However, lactate concentrations are extremely useful in the critically ill horse to evaluate hydration status and possible sepsis and have been shown to be a good indicator of prognosis in colics, diarrhoea and in sick foals. They also increase in the presence of bacteria in fluid, for example in septic joints and peritonitis, and may therefore be a useful aid to diagnosis of these conditions. Lactate is normally excreted by the liver (80%) and kidneys (20%) and increases may occasionally be seen with severe liver or kidney disease. As lactate is a normal product of red blood cell metabolism, if the test is not immediately performed, special blood collection tubes are required for analysis or the results become meaningless. Lactate is not routinely analysed in the normal horse.

Haematology

Erythrocytes (RBC, HCT, Hb, MCV, MCHC, MCH)

The most common cause of increased erythrocyte parameters in the fit Thoroughbred racehorse is splenic contraction. The spleen is the reservoir for red blood cells and contracts in response to exercise or excitement. This is not a cause for concern. However, increases in RBC, HCT and Hb may be seen with haemoconcentration due to dehydration and endotoxaemia, for example with severe colic or pneumonia.

Anaemia (low RBC < HCT and Hb) in the horse is usually secondary to another disease process, such as infection, parasite infestation, or a metabolic abnormality (such as kidney or liver disease).

Anaemia may also be seen following blood loss such as internal or external haemorrhage and occasionally with severe gastric ulceration.

Other, less common causes of anaemia include infectious diseases (Equine Infectious Anaemia, piroplasmosis), autoimmune conditions, and nutritional deficiencies.

Evaluation of MCV, MCHC, and MCH is a specialist process to characterise the type (and therefore likely cause) of anaemia. However, these values are quite variable in the horse and are not routinely evaluated.

Leucocytes (WBC, Lymph, Gran, Mid)

Leucocytosis (increased total white blood cell count) and neutrophilia (increased neutrophil count) are most commonly seen in performance horses with bacterial diseases such as pneumonia or cellulitis. Neutrophilia may also be seen in horses that have been given systemic steroids.

Leucopaenia (decreased total white blood cell count) and neutropaenia (decreased neutrophil count) are most commonly seen in adult horses with acute viral disease, but may also be associated with severe acute bacterial infections such as severe pneumonia and Salmonellosis.

Lymphopaenia (low lymphocyte count) may be associated with viral infections, severe bacterial infections and recent administration of systemic steroids.

Monocytosis (increased monocyte count) is most commonly seen in the post-acute or recovery phase of an upper respiratory tract virus, but may also be seen in chronic infections. This is a favoured parameter of the current trainer!!

Platelets (PLT)

Thrombocytosis (increased platelet count) may occur with bacterial infections, and is particularly common in Rhodococcus infections in foals. Thrombocytopenia (decreased platelet count) is most commonly a sampling artefact, as platelets frequently clump in EDTA (the normal haematology blood tube). An accurate platelet count can only be gained from a citrate blood tube.

Although individual blood samples are of limited value, when a cross-section of horses on the yard are sampled routinely, patterns can be detected allowing changes in management or the administration of medication to be instigated. Blood samples must be taken in context. They remain an important weapon in the armoury of herd health monitoring, helping to maintain a healthy horse population which can perform on its merits and to its full potential. ■



Reg Corfield first came to Kingsclere in 1957 to work for Captain Peter Hastings-Bass and then from 1964 for Ian Balding. He had a golden period in the 70s looking after Martinmas, Rowantree and Fair Season all owned and bred by Colonel Julian Berry. For many years he was senior work rider and a superb horseman. When Reg retired from full time work about ten years ago he continued to work part time in the mornings doing the hay rounds. Unfortunately his recent illness has forced him into complete retirement and we miss him hugely. We hope he will come and visit us when his health allows and wish him and Muriel well.

PARK HOUSE STABLES GOLF DAY

**TUESDAY, 13th September
2011**

**Sandford Springs Golf Club,
Kingsclere**

TEE OFF -From 10.00am



**PRICE PER PERSON - £50.00
(KRC MEMBERS & GUEST MEMBERS - NO CHARGE)**

**Price will include Coffee and Bacon Roll On
arrival, 18 holes followed by lunch**

**Please email or ring Anna Lisa
for more details**

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Park House Stables FC

Sam Angell

This summer has seen the formation of Park House Stables FC, who now compete each Wednesday evening in Basingstoke's 'Powerleague'. A locally run 5-a-side league, which is run to full F.A rules and played on a synthetic surface. The competition runs throughout the year with one 'season' immediately followed by the start of another. Currently the side which, is made up of a mixture of staff are in top form recently racking up a 'six timer' with a 22-8 victory over 'The Pirates' who before that match had lain second in the table. This takes Park House to a six point lead at the top of the table and with a handsome goal difference too, that has been contributed by all members of the squad, they look well on the way to being a further Kingsclere winner come the end of the season. ■



