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SIDE GLANCE winning the Diomed Stakes (G3) at Epsom on Investec Oaks Day

Front cover: *AUTUMN FIRE* wins at Chepstow under David Probert

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HALF

OVERVIEW

The story of the 2012 flat season so far has undoubtedly been the unusually wet weather which has wreaked havoc with some of the trainer's best-laid plans.

Certainly, the fast ground horses just haven't had a fair crack of the whip at all but, due to the fact much of our fast work is done on grass, I am sure some of the horses have conditioned themselves to handling softer ground than maybe would have otherwise been the case.

Despite the conditions we have managed to reach 50 winners this term, which has us comfortably on target for where we want to be numerically at the end of the season and to have hit the £700,000 mark in prize money at this stage is a very good haul.

The obvious highlight of the season so far was Bonfire's reappearance win in the Dante. It was just fantastic to be involved in the subsequent preparation of a leading contender for the Derby and I know everybody connected with the horse thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Though ultimately the bid for a Derby winner didn't end as desired, it would be nice to think in the future we could go through it all again and have a better end result.

Side Glance has been a real stable star in recent seasons and he appears better than ever this year. He has tended to improve in each of the last two seasons and I was not surprised to see him bounce back to his best when winning the Group 3 Diomed at Epsom on Oaks day on his first start at the course under a fine ride from Jimmy Fortune, emulating his sire Passing Glance, who won the race in 2004.

He has since produced a career-best effort in defeat, finding only the incredible Frankel and Group 1 winner Excelebration too good in the Group 1 Queen Anne and, though the winner produced a performance of sheer class that saw him streak home by 11 lengths, the runner-up finished just a neck in front of Side Glance and there was a host of high-class horses in behind. He has now had the opportunity to step up in distance and seemed to stay ten furlongs which opens up a new list of international targets.

Tullius has been a real improver since joining us over the winter and won his first three starts this term. He followed an impressive reappearance win in a valuable handicap at Newmarket's Guineas meeting with two Listed victories on soft ground at Windsor and York, showing his tactical versatility and a good attitude when making the

TERM REVIEW

by Andrew Balding



TULLIUS wins the Suffolk handicap at the Quipco Guineas Meeting, Newmarket

running on the Knavesmire recently. He remains open to further progress and following his third place in the Group 2 Summer Mile at Ascot has shown that he is well worth his place in Group company.

Highland Colori is another to have recorded a hat-trick of wins since joining the yard this season. A close second on his debut for us at Windsor in April, he won his next start over the same CD on soft ground at the beginning of May and, upped in trip first to 7f and then to a mile, he went on to record game wins at Sandown Park and Newmarket later that month. A half-brother to Group-winning sprinter Genki, he is certainly open to further improvement as he showed when a good fifth in a top handicap at Ascot.

We enjoyed a fantastic Oaks day at Epsom, with Side Glance's victory in the Diomed supplemented just half an hour later by the win of the admirable **Highland Knight** in the 1m1f handicap. Off a mark 8lbs higher than when finishing runner-up in the race 12 months before, he set a searching gallop and showed great tenacity to hold on, proving it was third time lucky for his family in the race, as his dam, Highland Shot, had finished 2nd in the race in 2003 to stablemate Passing

Glance. Nine years on, I was delighted his owner Jeff Smith could gain compensation!

Arabian Star had produced a career-best effort to win the Silver Cambridgeshire at Newmarket last September on just his third start for the yard and he showed he has a real liking for the course when returning with a win on his seasonal reappearance there in May. Though unable to make any impression in the Hunt Cup on his only subsequent start, he remains a progressive young handicapper who is likely to return to Newmarket at some point this season in a bid to further enhance his perfect record at the course.

Another emerging course specialist is **John Biscuit**, who brought his record around Epsom to two wins from three starts with a ready success on just his second start over 1m2f, his first win since his debut at the same course in 2010. He looks an improved performer and, though the handicapper has had his say, I am hopeful he can win again off his current mark.

Billy Buttons was sent off at prohibitive odds of 1-5 to win on his reappearance as a four year old, having been unlucky to bump into a couple of smart sorts in maiden company the previous season. Having

strengthened up over the winter, he duly made all to win, though he got tired in the final stages and in the end just held on. Unfortunately, he subsequently picked up an injury that has prevented him from reappearing but he remains a very good prospect.

Tappanappa showed a good level of form on the all-weather this season, winning at Lingfield and Kempton at the beginning of the year and, after a couple of below-par efforts on turf, returning with a good third in a competitive handicap back at Kempton last time. He has since been sold to go hurdling.

Black Cadillac was in fine form on the all-weather earlier in the season, winning impressively over 6f at



HIGHLAND KNIGHT shows his usual gritty determination to win at Epsom on Oaks day

Kempton and failing by the narrowest of margins in his bid to follow up on his next start at Wolverhampton. He looks a better horse on that surface and is the sort to improve further with time, so I am confident he can go on to other successes.

Though several of our older horses are still looking for their first win of the season, there have been some excellent performances in defeat that suggest a first success of 2012 shouldn't be far off.

I was delighted with the effort of **Lay Time** in the Group 2 Windsor Forest at Royal Ascot, where she looked a little unlucky not to finish a bit closer having been caught in a pocket when the leaders quickened. She has certainly improved this year and I had been confident of a very big run in the Group 3 Princess Elizabeth on Oaks day at Epsom but, like Bonfire the following day, she failed to handle the track.

Her Ascot run confirmed she has the ability to win at Group level and her run in the Falmouth on her next

start is best forgotten, as she failed to handle the very soft ground. I remain hopeful she can develop into a very high-class filly on better ground later this term.

Night Carnation won at Group 3 level last term and looks a candidate for further success in that grade after her fine 6th in the Group 1 King's Stand. Unsurprisingly, she had some high-class sprinters in behind and, though she was unable to repeat her Sprint Stakes win at Sandown Park on her next start, she can bounce back in the coming months.

There were also very promising performances at the Royal meeting from both **Decent Fella** and **Dungannon**. The former, who won at Newmarket and



ARABIAN STAR opens his account for 2012 at Newmarket

Goodwood last term, was facing a very tough task on his reappearance and we were delighted to see him finish 5th in the Buckingham Palace. He has since filled the same position in the Bunbury Cup at Newmarket's July meeting on heavy ground and he looks capable of winning off his mark.

Dungannon is a very talented sprinter who tends to run well at Ascot and we were very pleased with his 5th in a good renewal of the Wokingham. That was just his second start of the season and, given he has progressed with racing in the last couple of years, he could well continue to be very competitive in some of the top sprint handicaps this season.

Another sprinter to follow is **Desert Law**, who came close to giving us a second success in the Dash at Epsom (following Holbeck Ghyll in 2008), coming with a late rattle and finding only one too good. He failed to cope with the combination of 6f and rain-softened ground on his next start in the Wokingham,

but he is still relatively lightly-raced and there is more to come from him this year, particularly on his favoured fast ground.

Chiberta King climbed over a stone in the ratings last season after winning in handicap and Listed company and, although he has been unable to win so far this time around, his 3rd to Opinion Poll in the Group 3 Henry II at Sandown Park in May was a fine effort and he lost nothing in defeat when filling the same position in his bid for back-to-back wins in the Listed Esher Stakes there last time. He deserves to get his head in front again.

Dreamspeed was a useful three year old, winning the Derby Trial at Epsom and finishing 5th in the Italian Derby.



CHIBERTA KING coming back from the Downs

He suffered at setback that ruled him out for the whole of last season, so it has been a relief to see him return with his ability intact as, after getting tired on his return in Listed company at Newbury, he ran a fine race in defeat when 4th in the historic Old Newton Cup at Haydock Park, travelling as well as anything through the race. The Ebor Handicap at York is his next intended target.

A new addition to the yard this year was **Communicator** and he has been very consistent in four starts to date, finishing in the frame on each occasion without managing to trouble the winner. He is on a fair mark at present and is versatile as regards ground, so he looks capable of picking up a nice handicap, as does **Rawaki**, a half-brother to Side Glance and a winner on his only start at three. He has returned from injury with two eye-catching runs in defeat and his turn shouldn't be far away.

Kakatosi and **Bernie The Bolt** have both shown a high level of form in the past but they are yet to hit

form so far this term. Both have now come down the handicap to the extent that, if they can rediscover their form, they would be in for a successful autumn.

Opera Gal finished in the mid-division in the Wolferton on her latest start and hopefully she can build on that and, while **I Love Me** has not yet managed to return to the form of her 4th in last year's Coronation Stakes after coming back from a year off through injury, she has shown enough to suggest she retains plenty of her ability and I am hopeful she can add a Pattern race success to her debut win in a valuable sales race in 2010. Another filly to watch out for in the coming months is **Moment Of Time**, who placed in Listed company and finished runner-up in a handicap to a subsequent Listed winner last term. She is a talented individual who should have no problem in shedding her maiden tag.

Sea Soldier and **Theladyinquestion** both showed some smart form last season but have suffered setbacks after reappearing this year. All being well they should be back on the racecourse in August and hopefully they can make up for lost time, a sentiment that also applies to **Sirius Superstar**, who reappeared at Kempton in July after a year off and, with that run expected to bring him on considerably, he could yet develop into a useful staying handicapper.

Stage Attraction had run three good races in defeat prior to disappointing in a valuable handicap at Sandown Park last time but he looks on a mark off which he can figure, which could be the case for **Twin Soul** too, as she has faced some tough tasks this season on ground that has probably been plenty soft enough for her.

Angelic Upstart finished runner-up on his first two starts on the all-weather this season after ten months off and he ran well over an inadequate 7f on his latest start at Newmarket in May behind stablemate Highland Colori. That was his best performance to date on turf and it should open up more avenues for him. **Perfect Mission** is another predominantly all-weather performer who has been in good heart this year and his turn looks near after he was narrowly held at Kempton Park last time. He should be at least as effective on turf, but needs a sound surface to show his best form.

After winning on her final start of last season, **Hidden Valley** has failed to fire so far this year but she is now back down to her winning mark and hopefully can get her head in front over staying trips this autumn, while fellow Kingsclere Racing Club representative **Tartan Trip** will reappear after a wind operation in the autumn. A horse with plenty of natural ability, he could prove well-handicapped if the operation has the desired effect.

My Learned Friend has been a schoolmaster for many of our apprentices in recent years and, though he has yet to run up to his form of 2011, I am hopeful he can gain a deserved success at some point this year.

The Three Year Olds

Before setting foot on a racecourse this season, the very exciting **Bonfire** had been filling the column inches of the racing press and, though his intended reappearance in the Dee Stakes at Chester had to be shelved at the eleventh hour due to the soft ground, I was delighted that he was able to justify all the pre-race hype in the Group 2 Dante at York.



BONFIRE puts himself in the Derby picture with the win in the Dante Stakes (G2)

Having finished an unlucky 3rd on his second and final juvenile start in the Group 1 Criterium International at Saint-Cloud behind the subsequent 2,000 Guineas runner-up French Fifteen, hopes were rightly high that he would be able to develop into a top-class three year old and his win in the Dante was a fine, professional performance, beating a couple of rivals that had run well in defeat in the Guineas.

It looked a very solid trial for the Derby and, though the step up in trip was an imponderable and the two week break between York and Epsom wasn't ideal, we were very hopeful and it was disappointing that he was unable to get into the race, Jimmy Fortune having reported that he failed to handle the descent from Tattenham Corner. Unfortunately he never figured in the Eclipse on his only subsequent start, where he raced very freely and never looked happy, so the decision has been made to have him gelded and give him the rest of the season off to mature. I really hope

he can develop into a genuine Group 1 contender next season and beyond.

The Investec Derby Trial at Epsom was revamped this year, with added prize-money and a place in the Derby for the winner, so I was keen to have a runner in the race and delighted when **Goldoni** proved good enough to win, showing a resilient attitude in heavy ground under a good ride from David Probert. He had been gelded over the winter and therefore the Derby was not an option, but it was a very good prize to win and, though he has been unable to figure in two starts in Group 3 company, things didn't go entirely his way on the AW at Lingfield and he ran well in defeat in the Tercentenary Stakes at



GOLDONI relishing the conditions in the Investec Epsom Derby Trial

Royal Ascot. He was able to prove his ability when a very close second in the listed Glasgow Stakes at Hamilton.

Minimise Risk was the second of our Derby runners, having booked his place when successful in a good Newbury maiden on his second start of the year in April. An excellent mover, he was never happy on the tacky ground in the Chester Vase and, though I was pleased with his run in the Derby, he didn't really handle the camber and the impression is that he has yet to show his best form. Travelling well in the Queen's Vase last time he failed to see out the trip on the ground, however he is a fine staying prospect and could go for the Great Voltigeur.

Expense Claim had shown ability in three starts over 7f in 2011 but he has proved a revelation since being stepped up in trip, winning a 1m3f maiden at Kempton on his reappearance before following up in handicap company at Salisbury and then in the London Gold Cup at Newbury, where he had the subsequent King Edward

VII winner Thomas Chippendale back in fifth. Though unable to add to that hat-trick of wins in three starts since, he went agonisingly close in Listed company at Goodwood behind a very progressive rival and he has run with credit the last twice. He is a very game individual who deserves to get his head in front again.

We have enjoyed plenty of success at Newmarket's July meeting in recent seasons and was delighted to continue that this year with **Stature** winning the valuable 1m2f handicap in ready fashion under Ryan Moore. The win came just eleven days after he had got off the mark over the same trip at Windsor and he has just been a much-improved horse since the hood was



EXPENSE CLAIM with the first of his three wins this spring at Kempton

fitted this year. Versatile as regards ground, I also feel there could be more to come over further and he rates a very exciting prospect.

Another to benefit from the application of a hood has been **Viscount Vert**, who showed much-improved form when fitted with the headgear for the first time at Chepstow in June, winning readily. He followed up on good ground at Windsor and was in the process of running a good race back there in his bid for the hat-trick when the saddle slipped and David Probert went out the side door in the final furlong. The horse kept galloping and thankfully David was none the worse for what looked a heavy fall.

While many of our horses have obviously been inconvenienced by the weather conditions this summer, several have benefited from it, with KRC's **Rocky Reef** one in particular who seems to relish a soft surface.

A little unlucky not to win at Salisbury in mid-June, he made no mistake at Chepstow on his next start, providing

the final leg of a treble for trainer and jockey David Probert, who had won earlier on Halling's Comet and Viscount Vert. Rocky Reef made a very bold bid to follow up off a 9lbs higher mark at Sandown Park on his next start and will be kept busy while the puddles remain!

I was delighted to train a Royal winner just as the Jubilee celebrations were getting underway, with **Autumn Fire** winning for the Queen over a mile at Chepstow. She is from a really good family from the Royal studs that we have had plenty of success with, including the high-class Banknote, and hopefully she can go on to win again.

Hallings Comet had shown a great deal of promise on his only start at two and he showed he is a useful prospect when running away with a mile maiden at Chepstow, providing the first leg of a treble on the day. He has since finished runner-up on his handicap bow at Newmarket and is an excellent prospect.

Flaxen Flare and **Roserrow** had both finished down the field on their first starts of the season (the latter on his debut) at Newmarket, but both went on to win in maiden company on their next start, the former over a mile on his preferred soft ground at Windsor, the latter over the same trip on the all-weather at Lingfield Park. Both look capable of making an impression in handicap company off their current marks and Flaxen Flare ran a very creditable third in such a race at Ascot.

Swan Song is a daughter of former stable star Lochsong and she looked a filly of some potential when making a winning reappearance in a 6f maiden at Salisbury in May. She has been off since but I hope she can prove capable of making up into a black-type filly in due course.

Stirring Ballad is a half-sister to the Coronation Stakes winner Balisada and is another well-bred filly. She is capable of going on to better things and quickened up well to land a 7f maiden at Folkestone, and again at Sandown.

Mysterious Man finished behind a Derby also-ran and this year's King Edward VII and Queen's Vase winners on his first three starts in maidens and he gained a well-deserved first success when knuckling down well to win over 1m4f at Bath in June. That form has since been well-advertised by the third home that day and he is a scopey sort who looks likely to continue to improve with time.

Queen's Star started out in handicaps off a lowly mark but she has a lovely staying pedigree and it was no surprise to see her improve upped to 1m6f on soft ground at Sandown Park. She looks sure to get further

still in time and I am hopeful she can go on to more success this season. Bred by her owner Sir Gordon Brunton, she is a good daughter of his own Ascot Gold Cup winner Indian Queen.

Another who looks capable of winning again is **Renegotiate**, who was a winner over 1m2f at Brighton in June on good to firm ground. He didn't have the run of the race on his next start and, granted a sound surface, he remains on a mark off which he should be very competitive, as does **Topanga Canyon**, who won well in a first-time visor at Wolverhampton in April, beating a subsequently useful type in second. He has since suffered a setback but hopefully he will return in the autumn off a fair mark.

Natasha Rostova made a winning debut in a very weak four-runner maiden at Wolverhampton in April despite running green, but unfortunately she hasn't gone on from there, while **Archina** has been sold having won two of her last three starts, the latest of them under apprentice Thomas Brown, who is enjoying a good season.

Bana Wu finished last year as a very highly-rated maiden, having finished an excellent fourth in the Group 2 Rockfel on her final start. Though it was frustrating to see her miss out narrowly, I was delighted with her run in a Listed event over a mile on Eclipse day, in which she finished a close third, having disappointed a little on her reappearance at Kempton in April on her previous start. A maiden should be a formality before returning to pattern company.

Spiritual Star was one of our brightest hopes for the season, having won his maiden impressively last year before finishing 7th in the Dewhurst. His work prior to his reappearance in the Greenham had been nothing short of spectacular, but he was very disappointing in the race and was lame a week later. He is out for the season, but remains a very high-class prospect for the future.

Like Spiritual Star, **Open Water** is also owned by Thurloe Thoroughbreds and he looks on a good mark based on two excellent performances in defeat in good handicaps earlier this summer, in which he was beaten by some very smart types who have since progressed beyond handicap company. Though he struggled in the King George V, the ground may have been against him and he is capable of much better.

Top Cop is a half-brother to Desert Law and he looks a smart sprinter in the making in his own right, having finished a close 3rd in a decent handicap at Newmarket's Guineas meeting in May. Like his sibling, he failed to handle soft ground on his next start at York but, when

returned to a sound surface, he looks to have the ability to go close in a big handicap.

Another with plenty of ability is **Big Note** who, having won twice at two, left behind a modest effort at Epsom when leading home his group in the very valuable 6f handicap at Newmarket's July meeting. He is not the most straightforward of individuals but he is very capable and, granted a good pace to chase, he could yet have a big handicap in him this season.

Dandy was a smart winner on his second and final start at Newmarket last year and shaped with plenty of promise on his belated reappearance at Sandown Park in July, keeping on nicely having been held up well off the pace in the early stages. He could make up into a very useful handicapper.

Cherry Street looks a useful proposition when winning over 1m2f at Pontefract last term and he finished 3rd on his comeback run off a mark of 84. However, he didn't run up to that level of form in two subsequent starts so he has been gelded and will return in the autumn, as will last year's Kempton winner **Fortrose Academy**, who also has two recent modest efforts to blame! **Just When** is another who has been gelded since his last run and he should be out in the late summer.

Love Tatoo, who had finished a very promising third behind the subsequent Jersey third Sensaril in a maiden on her racecourse debut at Newbury in April, has had a series of niggles since but remains an exciting filly, a comment that also applies to the twice-raced **Caitlin**, a half-sister to Arabian Star who has also been kept off the track since her reappearance. Both fillies should be out in August. Another filly to have shaped with promise is **Mariet**, a half-sister to Ascot Stakes winner Missoula who has finished in the first half-dozen in two maidens this summer.

Restaurateur won his maiden at Lingfield Park last November in good style and he shaped very nicely on his first start since at Windsor in July, coming to win his race in the final furlong only to get a little tired. He should certainly be up to winning off his current mark, as at a lower level should **Oceana Dreamer**, who has not shown much in three starts in maidens but who has always demonstrated a fair amount of ability at home. A step up in trip could be the making of him.

Sir Quintin ran very well to finish 2nd on his first two starts in competitive maidens but, having looked likely to make it third time lucky at Hamilton last time, he failed to pick up as well as the winner, eventually finishing third. He looks a real galloper who should be suited by

the switch to handicap company. The same can be said for **Bank Bonus**, who has shown a good level of form in maiden company and a return to handicaps could see him get off the mark.

The Kingsclere Racing Club has several three year olds who look set to make their mark this autumn, most notably **Intransigent**, who went into many notebooks when 6th at Chester from a wide draw on his reappearance. There remains plenty of untapped potential with him, while I expect an improved showing from **Taglietelle** when he returns from a break. A half-brother to Side Glance (who won five times for the KRC) and Rawaki, he was too green to do himself justice on his only start to date and has improved at home since.

Basingstoke is another lightly-raced KRC representative and he showed promise when finishing midfield on his debut at Newbury, while **Auntie Mabel** deserves to find an opening having finished runner-up on her last two starts in the spring. Another who deserves a change of fortune is **Miss Cap Estel**, who has finished second on both her starts in handicap company to date.

Silver Samba and **Carmen's Concerto** have both shown enough to suggest they are up to winning off their current marks, while **Benzanno** has finished runner-up on two of his three starts until winning well at Epsom recently.

Beau Duke is another on a fair mark at present but we have been waiting for a sound surface for him, while **Magma** has been kept off the track by stalls issues but definitely has ability and should do well in time.

As usual, it is still very early days with the two year olds, but they look a lovely bunch and I am looking forward to introducing some very smart sorts in the coming months.

Operation Chariot was an impressive winner of a 7f maiden at Sandown Park on his debut and, though he was unable to figure in the Group 2 Superlative at Newmarket on atrocious ground, he is a fine prospect.

Here Comes When is another to have made a winning debut, showing a good turn of foot to win at Salisbury in July. A well-bred son of Danehill Dancer, he looks capable of coping with a step up in grade next time and he looks to have a big future.

Cuisine was our first juvenile winner of the season, leaving behind a couple of modest efforts with a tenacious win over the minimum trip at Bath. He was unable to follow up at the same track a week later but could be the type to make his mark in nurseries in the coming months.

Martial Art has been unfortunate not to get his head in front in two starts to date, finishing runner-up on both occasions and he looks likely to gain compensation in the near future. **Walter White** faded close home on his nursery debut but that came over 7f on soft ground at Haydock and he can get his head in front when he settles better.

Zanetto is a very promising individual who, having been green on his debut at Goodwood, pulled hard on his second start in the Chesham at Royal Ascot but kept on nicely and was not beaten too far. He looks sure to win his maiden this year, while **Hot Secret** is another to keep onside, as she has shown signs of inexperience on all three



BA Racings SILVER SAMBA who could be set for a fruitful 2012

starts to date and, given time, looks likely to make up into a useful filly.

I was delighted with the debut effort of **Marishi Ten**, who finished fourth in a fillies conditions event on her debut at Newbury in May, while **Signature Dish** was another to show promise on debut, keeping on to finish 6th in a 6f maiden at Salisbury. By Galileo, she is sure to appreciate a step up to 7f next time.

Lizzie Tudor and **New Fforest** both finished down the field in a 6f maiden at Newmarket's July meeting but they have both shown plenty of ability in their work at home and should derive considerable benefit from the experience, while **Pearl Bounty** was also in need of the experience on his debut at Salisbury in May and he should improve on his subsequent run at Epsom. ■

THE 2012 **12** TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

These are the scores up to and including July 18th. 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 still a lot of two year olds to come out.

If the person in 42nd place could please supply a name we will include it in the next list.

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29 Howson, Geoffrey	83	59 Houndsworth, Matthew	70	86 Powell, D.F. (A)	60
31 Davis, Lady Sue	82	60 Edmeades, Will	69	86 Pugh, Keith	60
31 Kimberley, George	82	60 Gay, Sue	69	86 Thio, Lynn	60
33 L Masteron/E Grant (A)	81	62 Read, Ian	68	91 Lumley, Peter	59
34 Pettit, Dwayne	80	63 Brown, David	67	91 Register, Layton	59

91 Woolley, Steve (B)	59	123 Oates, Des	49	154 Jakes, Martin	38
94 Balding, Emma	58	123 Dr M J & Mrs D O'Brien (C)	49	156 Box, Peter	37
94 Gordon, Susie	58	126 Burns, Richard	48	156 Burns, Lynne	37
94 Green, Marion	58	126 Kingsclere Stud (C)	48	158 Baveystock, Howard	36
94 Read, Teresa	58	126 Plummer, Ann	48	158 Gale, John	36
94 Tillett, Bill	58	126 Teacher, Hugh	48	158 Hill, Audrey	36
99 Balding, Anna Lisa	57	130 Davis, Sir Peter	47	158 Stafford, James	36
99 Keenen, Kevin	57	130 Ewing, Colin Orr	47	162 Paris, Rex (A)	35
99 Kingsclere Stud (A)	57	132 Balding, Andrew	46	163 Donovan, Bryan (B)	34
99 Plumbly, Simon	57	132 Cousins, Rose	46	163 Karen, Newbery	34
99 Reardon Smith, Julia	57	132 Mackinnon, Jamie/Daisy/Ella	46	165 Sir Michael, Oswald	33
99 Sopp, Maria (B)	57	132 Sid The Whippet	46	165 Woolley, Suzanne	33
99 Venter, Theo	57	136 Newton, Sandie	45	167 Donovan, Bryan (A)	32
106 Slade, Valerie	56	137 Doherty, Terry	44	167 Pugh, Mark	32
106 Watson, Eliza	56	137 Gee, Simon	44	169 Arnold, Pamela	31
108 King, Gail	55	137 Woolley, Sharon	44	169 King, Anderson	31
108 Watson, Greg	55	140 Garnet Bounds, A Johnson (A)	43	169 Newman, Linda	31
108 Hetherington, Tessa	55	141 Tierney, Dean	42	169 Webb, Dave	31
111 L Masterton/E Grant (B)	53	142 Dunn, David	41	173 Galvin, Faye	30
111 Rendell, Phil	53	143 Back, David	40	174 Cheshire, Angie (D)	28
113 Hall, David (B)	52	143 Blaydon, Paul	40	174 Mackinnon, Bridget	28
113 Mackinnon, Roger	52	143 Elsesser, Martha	40	176 Palmer, Clare	27
113 Wilson, Julian	52	143 Gay, Edward	40	177 Hall, David (A)	26
116 Box, Sue	51	143 Dr M J & Mrs D O'Brien (A)	40	177 Tierney, Kim	26
116 Coventry, Bryan	51	143 Rees, Lindy	40	177 Thomas, Jeff	26
116 Hallum, John	51	149 A'court, Peter	39	180 Harris, Wendy	23
116 Paris, Rex (B)	51	149 Balding, Ian	39	180 Dr M J & Mrs D O'Brien (E)	23
120 Bowers, Carla	50	149 Chinner	39	180 Palmer, W.	23
120 Rylance, Graham	50	149 Mackinnon, Jamie	39	183 Cheshire, Angie (A)	22
120 Thomas, Kath	50	149 Reditt, Pat	39	184 Kirk, Ian	20
123 Michaelson, R P B	49	154 Bishop, Trevor	38	185 Woolley, Steve (A)	19

SELECTION OF THE LEADERS

BEN DE PAIVA (A)		FORD FUELS (A)		NIGEL WALKER (B)		JOHN RICHARDSON	
BONFIRE	12	DESERT LAW	6	NIGEL BENZANNO	13	BONFIRE	12
DANDY	0	HIGHLAND COLORI	36	BLACK CADILLAC	16	CHIBERTA KING	10
DESERT LAW	6	HIGHLAND KNIGHT	19	DESERT LAW	6	FLAXEN FLARE	10
EXPENSE CLAIM	43	MY LEARNED FRIEND	0	GOLDONI	16	HIGHLAND KNIGHT	19
NIGHT CARNATION	0	SIDE GLANCE	22	HIGHLAND COLORI	36	OPERA GAL	1
SIDE GLANCE	22	TAPPANAPPA	4	OPEN WATER	5	SIDE GLANCE	22
TULLIUS	34	TULLIUS	34	SWAN SONG	10	TULLIUS	34
DAYLIGHT	0	ABSOLUTELY SO	0	ABSOLUTELY SO	0	CUISINE	10
DESERT COMMAND	0	MELVIN THE GRATE	0	HOT SECRET	7	DAYLIGHT	0
HOT SECRET	7	PRAIRIE PRINCE	0	NEW FFOREST	0	LIZZIE TUDOR	0
SOVIET ROCK	0	PURCELL	0	OPERATION CHARIOT	10	PEARL BOUNTY	0
TOO DIFFICULT	0	ROYAL WHISPER	0	PEARL BOUNTY	0	ROYAL WHISPER	0

Kingsclere Stud 2012



SILKEN DALLIANCE with her COCKNEY REBEL foal

The breeding season is a fairly frenzied six months of births and matings, watching the foals of the year before turn into yearlings and then starting their preparation for going into training and the serious side of their lives.

In recent years the yearling crop have been leased to the Kingsclere Racing Club and this year's crop of yearlings is a very level and exciting bunch. They include some first foals of mares that raced for the (KRC), Inhibition and Victoria Montoya. Those who remember Victoria Montoya on the racecourse will be pleased to hear that she is a very good mother. It seems time has flown by and we can only hope that they too will fly when they make their debuts. Among the colts are full brothers to Side Glance and Constant Contact which is exciting for all of us.

We have been lucky to have the balance of colts and fillies the right way round this year and last and are really

looking forward to them taking the next step in their education. Some of the foals are about to be weaned and inevitably go through a rather awkward stage of growth. The incessant rain has been a real test for them all and it would be very helpful if the weather could relent a bit and give them some dry ground and warmer nights.

Part of the fascination of breeding is the unpredictability; how own brothers and sisters can have completely different characters and physical attributes and indeed possibly need different distances. The guessing is probably more fun than the reality but there is always the chance they will be world beaters! ■

YEARLINGS COLTS joining KRC in 2013

B.c 10/2/11	PASSING GLANCE	FLORIANA
Ch.c 12/2/11	SHIROCCO	LADY BRORA
B.c 17/2/11	KHELEYF	INHIBITION
Br.c 5/3/11	PASSING GLANCE	AVERAMI
B.c 15/4/11	TAGULA	MARAJUANA

YEARLING FILLIES joining KRC in 2013

B.f 8/2/11	PHOENIX REACH	SEAFLOWER REEF
B.f 5/3/11	MOUNT NELSON	VICTORIA MONTOYA
B.f 16/4/11	HAAFHD	CASUAL GLANCE

Property of Mrs. Angela Hurst

Gr.c 23/2/11	FIREBREAK	JOSIE MAY
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Property of CHF Partnership

B.c 25/2/11	MULTIPLEX	OCEANA BLUE
Ch.c 6/3/11	FIREBREAK	SILKEN DALLIANCE

Property of Sir Roger Buckley

Ch.f 3/4/11	NOTNOWCATO	SABAH
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CASUAL GLANCE and her YEATS foal

KINGSCLERE STUD FOALS 2012

B.c 23/1/12	PHOENIX REACH	LADY BRORA
B.c 19/2/12	PASSING GLANCE	SEAFLOWER REEF
Ch.c 4/4/12	NORSE DANCER	FLORIDA HEART
B.c 28/4/12	YEATS	CASUAL GLANCE
B.f 26/3/12	SIR PERCY	VICTORIA MONTOYA

Property of Mr. D. Brownlow

Gr.f 19/2/12	PHOENIX REACH	JOSIE MAY
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Property of CHF Partnership

B.c 22/2/12	PASTORAL PURSUITS	OCEANA BLUE
B/Br.c 20/3/12	COCKNEY REBEL	SILKEN DALLIANCE

Property of Sir Roger Buckley

B.f 29/3/12	YEATS	SABAH
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KHELEYF/INHIBITION, PASSING GLANCE/AVERAMI
and PASSING GLANCE/FLORIANA



SEAFLOWER REEF and her PASSING GLANCE foal

Property of Messers J.C., J.R. & S.R. Hitchins

B.c 18/4/12	SIR PERCY	SWEET MANDOLIN
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MARES MATING PLANS 2012

AVERAMI	visiting	CHAMPS ELYSEE
In Foal		
INHIBITION	visiting	DASHING BLADE
In Foal		
MARAJUANA	visiting	LORD OF ENGLAND
In Foal		
ONCE OVER	visiting	SIYOUNI
In Foal		
LADY BRORA	visiting	SHIROCCO
In Foal		
SEAFLOWER REEF	visiting	PASSING GLANCE
In Foal		
VICTORIA MONTOYA	visiting	AUSSIE RULES
In Foal		
FLORIDA HEART	visiting	PASSING GLANCE
In Foal		
CASUAL GLANCE		not covered

Property of Sir Roger Buckley

SABAH		not covered
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Property of CHF Partnership

OCEANA BLUE	visiting	AUSSIE RULES
In Foal		
SILKEN DALLIANCE		retired

Property of Mr D. Brownlow

JOSIE MAY	visiting	SHIROCCO
In Foal		

Property of J.C., J.R. & S.R. Hitchins

SWEET MANDOLIN		not covered
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NEVEN BOTICA – OWNER PROFILE



Neven Botica with Renee and Andrew at Ascot in June

Neven Botica has been an owner at Kingsclere since 2009 having sent five yearlings to Park House after a chance meeting with Andrew and Anna Lisa at a lunch hosted by Tattersalls in Newmarket.

Neven lives in Australia, but spends half the summer in Croatia and around five weeks a year here, living in Uncle William's commune across the road, where he has entertained many local residents with his fine culinary skills.

A former accountant, Neven has racing interests throughout the world and has recently taken a leap into the breeding industry through the purchase of Dalghar, a son of Anabaa who was based at Park House last year but has now been retired to stud shuttling from France to New Zealand.

How did you first come to develop an interest in Horseracing?

I grew up with horses. My father and grandfather were both bookmakers, while my grandmother on my mother's side trained and, in addition to my bookmaking duties from an early age, I even helped my uncle train his horses as a teenager. It was certainly in my blood from an early age!

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

I bought a horse for my mother, who was seriously ill with cancer at the time, in 1995. At that stage of my

life I had no involvement with horses, but I wanted to give Mum an interest. The horse was a pacer called Summer Knight and he won a number of races and was beaten just a nose in the Group 1 Fremantle Pacing Cup. It didn't cost us very much but he was certainly a success.

Do you have any current interest at Kingsclere, if so, what are your hopes / aspirations for them?

I have six in training at Kingsclere at present. My aspiration is to have a thoroughbred Group 1 winner, which I hope can be realised by I Love Me, who is a very talented mare. I have had such a wonderful time owning horses at Kingsclere and it would be a special thrill to manage the feat here. I was delighted to be at Newmarket to see Stature win at the July meeting, at which Big Note also ran very well. Twin Soul, who has finished 4th in Listed company on three occasions, Gwenelda, an unraced daughter of Rock Of Gibraltar, and an unnamed colt by Lemon Drop Kid complete the team.

What have been your racing highlights and lowlights as a horse owner?

My biggest highlight as an owner is that I have been lucky enough to own Sundons Gift, who was recently retired after an incredible career that saw him inducted into the Interdominion Hall Of Fame. He has been spoken of in the media as perhaps the greatest trotter in Australian history, having won an amazing 41 races, of which 23 Group races, including 10 Group 1's. I selected him personally and paid \$24,000 for him in New Zealand and he went on to win over \$1.2 million in prize-money, an unprecedented feat in Australian harness racing. He took me on quite a journey, which included a trip to Sweden to compete against some of the best trotters in the world.

I always try to be positive and am not one for lowlights, but another highlight to mention was getting to know Bart Cummings, who I happened across on holiday in the Hayman Islands. We struck up an immediate friendship and, having become an owner with Bart, it led to my having a runner in the Melbourne Cup with Moatize. With a bit of luck he could have



STATURE winning at the July meeting

won, however finished a good 6th, but it was a real thrill, especially as Bart actually won the race that year with Viewed. My biggest thrill in the UK was when I Love Me won the Tattersalls Millions Auction Trophy at Newmarket in 2010 on her racecourse debut at odds of 50-1!

The horses have been wonderful to me, in many respects they've actually helped get me through some of my own battles in life. I maintain a passion for what I do with my horses, I have a passion for learning from the people I meet in the industry and I love the opportunities that racing has afforded me. ■



SPILLERS AWARDS



Becky Long

Once again we would like to thank Spillers for sponsoring the 'Stable Lad of the Month' So far this year, the prizes have gone to Becky Long, Vicky Ball and Andy Whitehall. Andy is pictured below with his broken leg following an incident in the yard, we all wish him a very speedy recovery.

As part of their sponsorship, Spillers also have provided an individual grooming kit for all the horses in the yard. We are hoping that this will help to prevent the spreading of ring worm and other infectious skin diseases. ■



Andy Whitehall

BALANCING THE BOOKS

by David Mackinnon

David is currently MD at Sandown Park Racecourse having learnt his trade at Windsor Racecourse following a change of profession from accountancy

Firstly many thanks to Anna Lisa and Andrew for inviting me to write on such a complex topic as racecourse funding and prize money. A dry subject but it gives me an opportunity to perhaps give some more colour to a subject that in some eyes is a black and white topic!

By way of background Sandown Park is one of 14 racecourses owned and run by the Jockey

Club whose portfolio also includes Jockey Club Estates, The National Stud and Racing Welfare. The Jockey Club is governed by Royal Charter to act for the good of British Horseracing. The Group therefore invests its profits back into Britain's second biggest sport, whether generated from racing or non-racing activities.

Sandown Park was once farmland attached to Sandon Priory, whose entire brethren died of the plague in 1338. It remained farmland until 1870 when the land came up for sale. The Esher population were filled with horror when they were faced with the possibility of the construction of either a lunatic asylum, a small town, or, most radical of all, a racecourse to be run by a group of young London Society men who were friends of the Prince of Wales. Incredibly, quite a few people fought long and hard for an asylum in preference to a racecourse, because at the time the racecourse epitomised all that was worst about low-life: cheats, crooks and welshers mixing together to pursue both business and pleasure of any kind!

Sandown Park held its first meeting on 22nd April 1875 and was soon the self-appointed leader of the racecourse pack with two innovations which were to transform the industry. In 1948, three races were broadcast by the BBC - the first time that horse racing was televised live anywhere in the world. Nine years later in 1957, Sandown Park staged the first ever sponsored race - the Whitbread Gold Cup, which is



David Mackinnon making his golf bag look very big

now under the sponsorship of bet365 and continues to be one of the highlights of our year.

Sandown Park generates significant turnover from a diverse range of revenue streams. These include ticket sales, hospitality income, sponsorship, media rights, conference & banqueting, exhibitions and property income. Sandown Park has successfully diversified its business in recent years as a result of a strategic

commitment and investment. Today, around 40% of revenues are generated from non-racing activities, including maximising the use of its facilities for conferencing, events, exhibitions, weddings and leisure pursuits from a health & Ski club (where I learnt to ski a number of years ago!), golf centre and go karting. Sandown Park is now one of the top ten exhibition centre's in the country. We also have a major development on the table having secured planning permission to develop a 109 bed room hotel. Significant equine facilities improvements will ensue.

Since I started working in the industry some 15 years ago prize money has always been a much debated and important topic. The Levy was established many years ago to provide a fair return to British racing from the Betting Industry, funding from the Levy is vital to the livelihoods of thousands of people who work in our sport. The Levy is the bedrock upon which racecourses fund prize money. Having provided a return to racing of £115m in 2008 the levy dropped to £60m in 2011. This clearly left a major hole in racecourses finances however Jockey Club Racecourses contributed a record £16.4m to prize money in 2011. The Group recognises the necessity of providing an important return to racehorse owners which is also vital to the livelihoods of trainers, jockeys and stable staff.

The Jockey Club is committed to working with the industry to ensure that the major leakage in the 50 year old levy system, which is not set up to

cope adequately with modern and offshore betting operations, is replaced. A commercial replacement fit for purpose to ensure improved funding to reverse the current prize money status is essential to the long term health of the sport we all hold so close to our hearts.

Alongside prize money Sandown prides itself on the experience offered for Owners and Trainers. We offer 6 complimentary badges for each horse, preferential restaurant booking with a discount and a complimentary bottle of champagne. Additionally within the Owners and Trainers facility we provide a complimentary food and beverage offering. We receive many compliments on how we look after owners but are always looking at ways of making improvements.

The Jockey Club is the leading investor and innovator in British racing and the largest commercial group in the sport. With all profits reinvested back into racing we are committed to prize money improvements and maintaining the quality of the race programme.

I'm delighted Kingsclere supports Sandown on such a regular basis and it personally gave me great pleasure when the yard had a treble on Coral-Eclipse Day last year. My wife Anna-Louise is medical advisor to the Professional Jockeys Association and is a regular work rider for Andrew and we both feel privileged to be involved in a very small way in the yard. Good luck to everyone with their runners over the second half of the season and I hope to be able to welcome many of you to Sandown Park. ■

THE RACING POST YEARLING BONUS



The Racing Post Yearling Bonus scheme is now in its third year, and to date £7.5 million has been paid into the fund by owners, breeders, vendors and sales companies, 533 bonuses have been paid out to the owners of successful horses in these races.

The Bonus Scheme has been, in my opinion, one of the few really positive initiatives set up for owners of horses in this country. The trustees of the scheme, John Osborne, Joe Foley, David Redvers, John Warren, Philip Freedman, Rhyddian Morgan-Jones, and the sales companies, who have embraced the concept, should be very proud of what has been achieved.

The Bonuses are restricted to horses bought at public auction, with a registration payment of £250, put up by the Vendor/Breeder of an eligible yearling. This is then matched by the purchaser by the end of registration in December.

To date Kingsclere trained horses have had a fairly good record in the Bonus races, and whilst we have also had a few near misses, we will continue to chase the extra income for our owners whenever it is appropriate!!

30/08/10	John Biscuit	Epsom	Dr. P Brown
31/08/10	Song of the Siren	Folkestone	Miss K Rausing
11/10/10	Chef	Salisbury	Brookfarm Bloodstock
04/04/11	Discoteca	Windsor	D E Brownlow
21/05/11	King Ferdinand	Chester	Thurloe Thoroughbreds
23/09/11	Spiritual Star	Newmarket	Thurloe Thoroughbreds
28/09/11	Bonfire	Salisbury	Highclere Thoroughbreds
03/10/11	Cherry Street	Pontefract	James/Michaelson/Greenwood
21/04/12	Minimise Risk	Newbury	Mrs Fitri Hay
15/06/12	Operation Chariot	Sandown	P. Brend / J. Dwyer
01/07/12	Here Comes When	Salisbury	Mrs Fitri Hay

A DAY IN THE LIFE – VICKY BALL



Vicky Ball plays an integral part in the yard as 'Manageress of the Colour Room'. She had a hard task when taking on this role following on from Barry Hale. However, she has superseded all expectations. As everyone

knows, logistics in a racing yard are key and with Vicky being so organised and so protective over all 'her' equipment, the place is immaculate and the travelling hampers are always prepared perfectly and well in advance. Vicky lives with her partner, Theo, who works in the yard, so we are not only grateful to her for all she does for us, but also all that she does for Theo as I don't think he would be quite as punctual without her instruction and encouragement.

06.40 – Start the morning by checking the travelling list for the day, detailing where the horses are going and which member of staff is taking them. This is followed by noting any treatments that are needed before horses are ridden out and then preparing the yard list for duties.

06.50 – Get everything ready for the day's racing. This includes passports for the horses and stable passes for the staff, colours, sheets, rollers, coolers, bridles, nosebands and any extra headgear (blinkers, hood etc), as well as sponsored attire, medical boxes, feed and hay.

08.00 – Unpack, clean and wash all the kit from the previous day's runners. All the colours are washed after every use and all the tack cleaned and checked to ensure that they are in fine working order for the next outing.

09.35 – Breakfast – a quick slurp of tea and let the dog out.

10.00 – In the office shortly after declarations to discuss with Lindy which horses are due to run and which owners will be going racing, as well as noting if the runners are sponsored. This is an important task as all runners will be checked for correct sponsorship attire at the racecourse.



10.15 – Treat all horses according to the vet's notes (laser, ultrasound and faradic).

11.15 – Yard duties, including mucking out, sweeping the yards and putting horses on the walkers. This is followed by feeding the horses, before returning home for lunch myself.

12.30 – Lunch

15.40 – Check the board for evening stables. All the horses are mucked out and given fresh water and hay, before being groomed and, if it looks like being a cold night, they are rugged too. Put horses on the walker if required, while some will also need to be jogged-up the yard. The horses I look after are Gwenelda, My Learned Friend, Prairie Prince, Spirit Of Adjisa and Taglietelle.

17.55 – Final feed for the horses and the end of the working day. ■



Guess who...



An excellent turn out of 427 people attended the 'Sport Relief Mile' hosted by us on the Downs. Dwayne Petit discusses the run with a well known retro athlete.

In Memory of Gary Rigby



Eighteen months on, Gary is still sorely missed by everyone, not least by his parents Geoff and Julie. Gary was a very keen player for Kingsclere Football Club and this year Jordi Harris has won the Gary Rigby Memorial Trophy.

This is a special award that will be presented every year for a different football achievement. Jordi had lost 2 ½ stone in order to play football and it seems that the incentive is continuing as he has lost a further 7lbs. The couch has finally given up this particular potato! ■

PARK HOUSE STABLES GOLF DAY

TUESDAY, 11th September 2012

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 ANNA LISA IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO TAKE PART....EVERYONE VERY WELCOME!
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Clare Balding carries the torch in Newbury

