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Highclere members bid a fond farewell to Dante winner BONFIRE

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REVIEW

At this time last year, I had just comprised a list of targets for the 2013 season that lay ahead: 100 winners, £1,000,000 in prize-money, a Royal Ascot winner, Group 1 winner and a place in the top ten in the Trainers' Championship.

12 months later, I can reflect on an outstanding season, with all five targets met during a year in which the horses remained in excellent form and health throughout.

Side Glance has been a tremendous flagbearer for us in recent seasons and, now six, he produced a career best effort with a fine front-running success in the Group 1 Mackinnon Stakes in Flemington.

Having finished sixth in the Cox Plate on his first outing in Australia just a week earlier, we were hopeful of a big run, but with a slow gallop and Side Glance racing keenly, the early signs weren't good. However, Jamie Spencer took the decision to take Side Glance to the front and, dictating matters from thereon in, he quickened inside the final quarter mile and held on for a famous success.



SIDE GLANCE wins the Group 1 Mackinnon Stakes under an inspired ride from Jamie Spencer

Bred on the stud by my mother, he is a homegrown success story and I am delighted for his owner Sheikh Fahad, who is a fantastic supporter of ours. Looking ahead, a trip to Hong Kong is next on the agenda for Side Glance, with a trip to Dubai, where he finished fourth in this year's World Cup, waiting for him in the spring.

It has been eight years since the globetrotting Phoenix Reach won the Sheema Classic in Dubai, but we have significantly greater quality and strength in depth in the yard now and hopefully we won't have to wait nearly so long for the next group 1!

On the domestic front, the tough, consistent **Highland Colori** produced a career-best effort to land the Ayr Gold Cup for his Scottish owner, Evan Sutherland. Cruelly denied by a short-head in the Silver

OF THE SEASON

by Andrew Balding

Cup last year, his Newmarket win in June would, as it turned out, have been enough to get him into the Gold Cup field, but a 4lbs penalty incurred for a minor win at Warwick in August, in order to guarantee his place, looked to have compromised his chances.

However, despite having only had his first ride in public in June, Oisin Murphy's 5lbs allowance already looked incredibly good value just four months later and, after hitting the front a furlong from home, the pair went on to win by over two lengths, providing Kingsclere with a first Ayr Gold Cup victory since Grangeville's success 14 years ago.

Subsequently fourth in the Group 2 Challenge Stakes at Newmarket, Highland Colori was reunited with Oisin Murphy at Doncaster in October and duly won again, before rounding the season off with a fine effort in defeat in Listed company at Doncaster, finishing runner-up to the Ayr Gold Cup third, Jack Dexter.

Having improved another 17lbs in the ratings this season and versatile as regards ground and trip, Highland Colori is a tremendously exciting prospect for next season and he thoroughly deserves to find success at Group level.

Jeff Smith's **Highland Knight** is no relation to the above but they share many characteristics. Having suffered a few minor setbacks this season he showed his tenacity, class and exemplary attitude to gain a first domestic Group success. In customary battling style he made all to win the Group 3 Darley Stakes under a good ride from his regular partner David Probert.

He could go to Dubai in the spring, while looking further ahead, a tilt at the Diomed (a race we have won with both Passing Glance and Side Glance) at Epsom could be on the agenda next summer.

We had a few chances at Royal Ascot this year but, by half-past five on the final day, **Bana Wu's** close third in the Wolferton was the best we had managed during the week. Thankfully, the evergreen **Chiberta King**, racing beyond two miles on the flat for the first time, produced a tremendously game effort under a typically strong ride from Jimmy Fortune to land the Queen Alexandra, fending off the late challenge of the favourite, Shahwardi.

He will go hurdling again this winter for his owners the

Pink Hat Racing Partnership and we may look to qualify him for the Pertemps Final at Cheltenham in March, as he is better suited to going left-handed over hurdles. However, that will not stop him returning to bid for back-to-back wins in the Queen Alexandra next June!

There are few more troublesome opponents in sport than a sprinter in top form and **Dungannon**, who has always had the ability to make up into a high-class performer, really clicked in the second half of the season, winning three times and rising a stone in the handicap.

A first-time visor sparked an improvement in form at Sandown Park in August, where he looked very unlucky not to win, but ridden by Jimmy Fortune, the pair made amends at Ascot next time, providing owner Elizabeth Harris, who has had horses at Kingsclere for many years, with a memorable success at her favourite racecourse.



HIGHLAND KNIGHT wins the final Group 3 race of the season in typically determined fashion

Further success came at Haydock Park and he made it three wins from four starts on his final outing of the year, Oisin Murphy's 5lbs claim once again proving invaluable in a £50,000 handicap at Doncaster. He looks better than ever and there could be more to come in 2014.

It was another sprinter leading the way earlier in the campaign, the three year old **Zanetto** landing the £100,000 Tattersalls Millions Sprint at Newmarket under Liam Keniry. A month later, William Buick was on board for the Listed Carnarvon Stakes at Ascot and they scored in great style, sprinting clear to win by over three lengths. It was an impressive performance and one that suggested

Zanetto could take high rank among the three year old sprinters, but he was unable to cope with the subsequent step up to Group 1 company and his second half of the season hasn't seen him at his best. However, he looks the type to improve at four and I am looking forward to seeing him return in the spring.

Sir Roger Buckley and Gerard Oury's homebred **Roserrow** enjoyed a profitable time of it at Sandown Park in the summer, following a minor win there with a front-running success in a £50,000 handicap a week later, where he had the subsequent John Smith's Cup winner Danchai back in second. Though unable to match that form since, he is now just 2lbs higher and, out of a Listed winning half-sister to former stable star Vanderlin, there could be plenty more to come from him. **Ningara** was also a dual winner at Sandown Park in the summer and proved a tremendously consistent performer this term, but he has since been sold at the Horses In Training sale, realising 120,000gns.



NINGARA a two times winner in 2013 who realised 120,000gns at H.I.T.

Australian owners Rex and Wendy Gorrell enjoyed a very successful year, with **You Da One's** all the way success in a valuable handicap at Goodwood in May under a well-judged ride from Hayley Turner supplemented later in the season by **Mysterious Man**, who showed a very good attitude to hold off a persistent challenger to land a very competitive 1m5f handicap at Newmarket in August in a first-time hood. He has a progressive profile and, if he can find further improvement in the first half of next season, he could go to Australia later in the year.

Another good handicapper to note for 2014 is **Van Percy**, who followed his win in a class 2 handicap at Haydock Park in May under Cathy Gannon with several good efforts in defeat, including when fourth in a valuable handicap at Glorious Goodwood and sixth in the Melrose at York. His dam was a Listed winner and Group placed at five and he remains feasibly handicapped for next term.

Jim and Fitri Hay's **Here Comes When** looked to have a big future after his win at Chester in May but things didn't go his way in the Surrey Stakes at Epsom, while he missed the break on his only subsequent start, in the Jersey Stakes at Royal Ascot. He will be back next year, as will **Beyond Conceit**, whose win in the Great Metropolitan at Epsom in April was followed by three solid runs in staying handicaps, finishing fourth in the Goodwood Stakes on his latest outing. Another staying handicapper to note is **Debdebdeb**, who became the first horse I have trained to be awarded a race in the Stewards' room at Newbury in June. Further success followed at Sandown Park the following month and I was very pleased with her fifth in the Melrose on her final start of the year.

Chester has proved a particularly happy hunting ground in recent seasons and that was once more the case in 2013, with our four winners there including **Powder Hound**, who showed his rivals a clean set of hooves with an impressive front-running display under David Probert in



YOU DA ONE was as game and consistent as any horse to have raced in 2013

a valuable handicap for owner George Strawbridge. He has since been sold to Ireland for 145,000gns.

I was delighted to see **Miss Cap Estel** get off the mark for the season with a 12 length success in a four-runner event at Ffos Las in September, relishing the heavy ground. She ran poorly in a Listed contest in France on her next start but, just a fortnight later, produced a career-best performance to win the Listed Gillies Stakes at Doncaster under David Probert. She will now go to stud and should make a lovely broodmare. Her owner John Pearce was also successful with **Omar Khayyam**, who has had a few minor issues but is a talented individual and he won the apprentices' Derby at Epsom in September in very good style under Oisin Murphy.

A Roodeye winner staying in the yard is **Purcell**, who got up in the shadows of the post to land a 6f handicap in August and was not disgraced in two subsequent outings,

on Kempton Park's All-Weather and on his first outing on soft ground at Ascot in October. He remains capable of better, a comment that also applies to Jackie and George Smith's **Soviet Rock**, a very well-bred individual who won his first two starts of the year at Newmarket but failed to add to his tally in three subsequent outings. George very sadly died earlier this year, but he was a wonderful owner and I hope that Soviet Rock and **Race And Status**, who was limited to just one start this year but remains a horse of great potential, can do his memory proud in 2014.

Leading jumps sire Kayf Tara doesn't have many opportunities on the flat but **Ballinderry Boy** looks a very useful stayer in the making following successes on the All-Weather at Kempton Park in September under Thomas Brown and over two miles on soft ground at Ascot the following month, with Oisin Murphy on board. Rated 65 after three starts in maiden company (two of the last year), he has risen two stone in the handicap this year, bumping into a similarly well-handicapped rival on his final start at Newmarket, the pair drawing ten lengths clear of the third.

Though a year older, **Silver Samba** was another to progress over a trip this year, building on placed efforts at Bath and Ascot in the spring with wins at Chepstow and Haydock Park in the summer. A daughter of Dalakhani, she is open to further improvement, as is **Prairie Ranger**, who looked a very nice prospect when beating subsequent dual Listed winner Nichols Canyon in a Newbury handicap in May, the pair nine lengths clear of the third. Two good runs in competitive handicaps at Ascot in the summer confirm that he is capable of winning a very nice prize off his mark.

The Elite Racing Club's first horse with us, **New Fforest**, is from an excellent family bred by the Club, with her half-brothers including the Group 3 winners Eisteddfod, Border Patrol and Boston Lodge. She won well at Warwick in July and, following a good effort in defeat at Chester, went in again under Oisin Murphy at Leicester in September. She looks capable of picking up black type on a sound surface in 2014.

Another filly for Listed and Group contests next year is **Butterfly Mcqueen**. She looked potentially smart when winning her maiden at Lingfield Park by nine lengths and, thankfully, her subsequent last-place finish upped to Listed company at Newbury was forgotten on her next start as, dropped in trip on the recommendation of Ryan Moore, she won a mile handicap at Ascot by six lengths. A daughter of Curlin, she is a granddaughter of a Grade 1 winner in the US and gained some valuable black type when runner up

in Listed company in Chantilly on her penultimate start of the season.

The beautifully-named **Swan Song**, the last foal of the great Lochsong, has a quietly progressive profile and, followed a third in the Shergar Cup Dash at Ascot in August with a battling win at Epsom under David Probert. Her half-sisters Lochridge and Loch Verdi both placed in Group and Listed company respectively at five before becoming successful broodmares and it would be lovely if Swan Song could follow suit. **Desert Command** was another to win for Jeff Smith, making a successful handicap debut at Lingfield Park in July. A half-brother to Desert Law and out of Listed winner Speed Cop, he has been a slow learner but, while it has been frustrating to see him beaten a short-head on his two most recent outings, he does appear to be progressing nicely and could yet make up into a useful handicapper.

Daylight is a speedy individual and he made all for a four length success for owners Kennet Valley Thoroughbreds at Bath in June. At his best on fast ground, he is a well-bred son of Firebreak and can gain further success next term.

Vicksburg is a daughter of a useful winning sister to Derby winner Commander In Chief and she did her paddock value no harm when making the running and



BALLINDERRY BOY a big improver throughout the season winning at Ascot in October

scooting clear to win a 1m2f maiden at Chester in August. Third off a mark of 85 on her only subsequent outing, she is a big filly who looks likely to make up into a better four year old and is an exciting proposition.

The Kingsclere Racing Club have had another good year, the feature of which was the improvement of **Intransigent**, who deservedly got off the mark for the season with a facile success in a competitive conditions contest at Haydock Park in September. Previously runner-up in Listed company at Chester and on his first attempt over seven furlongs in a £100,000 handicap at Goodwood, his four length defeat of a 106-rated rival suggested he is Group class and his final

start of the season at Ascot is best forgotten, as he was not suited by the soft ground.

Having previously looked an All-Weather performer, he looks as good on a sound surface on turf now, but he is likely to be campaigned with the big 6f sprint at Lingfield's new Good Friday meeting in mind.

Side Glance's half-brother **Rawaki** is a very useful middle-distance handicapper in his own right and, having finished third in the Listed Braveheart Stakes at Hamilton on his reappearance, he got off the mark for the season with a comfortable success at Windsor in June, providing the third leg of a treble for the yard and jockey Thomas Brown, who was in pole position for the apprentice title for so long this year.

Two narrow defeats off career high marks at Ascot followed before being found out by bottomless ground in a Group 3 in Germany and I believe there could be a big staying handicap in him next year.

Taglietelle was a dual winner for the Club, shedding his maiden tag at Kempton Park in March and rounding off a busy day for the Club with a win at Newmarket in the

promising apprentice Jack Garritty his first winner at Salisbury in June, the pair were also successful at Sandown Park the following month. He is proving an excellent schoolmaster for our apprentices.

Kingsclere Racing Club members Martin and Valerie Slade have had plenty to cheer from **Benzanno** this year, with his Lingfield Park win in March under Thomas Brown followed by numerous good efforts in defeat, including two seconds at Epsom. He has since been sold to go jumping, as has Qatar Racing's **Pearl Castle**, who made all in a 1m2f handicap at Sandown Park in August under Jamie Spencer. Kempton Park winner **Hallings Treasure** is also likely to be seen over hurdles in the coming months for his new connections, whilst other recent winners that have also moved on to pastures new include **Martial Art**, for whom 13 proved a lucky number as he finally got off the mark, **Restaurateur**, who won three from nine on the All-Weather and **King Muro**, all three winning at Kempton Park this season.

Angelic Upstart had previously done all his winning on the All-Weather but, following a close third at Chepstow



VICKSBURG leads the field around the tight turns of the Roodeye before her first win of her career

in July, he shed his maiden tag on turf with a win by the narrowest of margins at Newmarket. His is likely to continue over the winter and remains on a competitive mark. Another in over the winter is **Perfect Mission**, who gave Jonathan Willetts a first winner at Salisbury in August, the pair holding on by a short-head for owners Mildmay Racing and Denis Caslon.

Storming was unfortunate to bump into a very progressive rival at Haydock Park in May and again filled the runner-up position at Ffos Las before deservedly getting off the mark under Cathy Gannon at Windsor in August. He was sold at Newmarket, as was dual mile winner

Cape Crossing, who improved in the second half of the year to win handicaps at Ffos Las and Kempton Park, the latter under an enterprising ride from Liam Keniry.

Oasis Spirit provided the second leg of a treble at Windsor in June, keeping on gamely under Thomas Brown to land a mile maiden. She finished runner-up in two handicaps and looks capable of further success, but could now be off to the sales.

Sir Gordon Brunton's **Queen's Star** won over two miles at Chepstow in June, though there was an unfortunate postscript to the race. David Probert was unshipped after the line, sustaining injuries that would prevent him from riding for nearly two months during the summer.

Imperial Glance was another to win during the summer and that performance will be memorable for happier

summer, Intransigent and Rawaki having run earlier in the afternoon! With an exciting group of young horses coming through for the Club, he was sold at Newmarket in October.

Melvin The Grate followed last year's maiden win at Kempton Park with a victorious handicap debut at the same course in March and, though unable to add to that win in six subsequent outings, he reached the frame on his last three starts of the year and he has the scope to progress further.

It was very pleasing to see **Dandy** return to form with a brace of wins at Leicester and Chepstow in the summer and he rounded off the year when finishing second at Bath in September. **Breakheart** made a winning return to the yard last November in my father's colours and supplemented that with two wins in the summer, giving

reasons, having provided Oisin Murphy with his first career winner.

A good season that undeservedly ended without a win by his name was endured by **Havana Beat**, who had finished fourth in the Tattersalls Millions 3yo Trophy on his reappearance and ran with credit in the King Edward VII, prior to looking very unlucky not to win the Group 3 Bahrain Trophy at Newmarket's July meeting. He is an exciting stayer for 2014.

Bana Wu, whose aforementioned third in the Wolferton was one of six starts this season, finished in the first five on every outing. She deserves a Listed success.

It was a tremendous shame that **Bonfire** was never able to reproduce the form of his Dante win and, though we had hoped gelding him would see a marked improvement, that was not to be the case. However, his York win and the excitement of his subsequent Derby preparation will not be quickly forgotten by anyone at the yard or his owners in Highclere Thoroughbred Racing and, having finished second on his final outing for us in Group 3 company in France, he was purchased for 120,000gns to race in Australia.

Qatar Racing's **A Boy Named Suzi** followed his debut for us, when 3rd at Lingfield Park in April, with a good fourth in the Yorkshire Cup in May. Unfortunately, he was unable to run again this year, but he was surrounded by some high-class horses that day (Long Distance Cup winner Royal Diamond finished third, triple Canadian International winner Joshua Tree fifth) and there could be a big staying prize in him next year.

Following a brilliant 2012 in which he won twice in Listed company and gave us another Sovereign Stakes success at Salisbury, we were looking forward to seeing how far **Tullius** could go this year. An early setback prevented him from making his reappearance until October and, though he ran well in defeat in Listed company at Newmarket the following month, it has been a frustrating year for us and his owners. Hopefully, a clearer run next term can see him regain his best form, as he is a very classy horse on his day.

Communicator was limited to five starts this year but he again ran well in the November Handicap, following last year's second place with a fifth in this year's renewal. Owned by Lady Davis, he was nine-length winner at Chester last year, is coming back down to a fair mark and I hope he can regain the winning thread when he reappears next spring.

We were hopeful of a very good season with **Stirring Ballad** and, having finished in the frame in Listed events at Kempton Park and Goodwood in the spring, a big run was expected in the Royal Hunt Cup, for which she was sent off favourite. However, nothing seemed to go her way at Ascot and we were unable to get another run into her.

She is, however, a very talented filly and could yet make her mark in Pattern company next term.

Hot Secret, who won at Ffos Las last year, was unable to add to that nursery success in a busy campaign this time around, but she reached the frame on five occasions.

Musikhani, found one too good on two visits to Chepstow, in the spring and autumn. **Lizzie Tudor**, a winner at Doncaster last year finished fourth in a valuable fillies' handicap at Ascot on her reappearance and again filled that position in a good handicap at Newmarket in July, she looks set for a good four year old season.

Perfect Spell shaped with promise on both starts in handicap company in August and can win his fair share of staying races.

Shamassiba was a rare visitor from the yard to Southwell, but her sire Shamardal's progeny do well there and, considering she was conceding experience to the winner, it was a good effort to finish a head second on her debut. She should not be long in winning, while I hope there is a little race for **Rancho Montoya**, who has not progressed as hoped from a fair debut in June.

John Biscuit was unable to add a third win to his CV at his favourite course Epsom, but twice ran creditably there and he will resume on a decent mark on the form of his fourth at Epsom in June. Impressive Haydock winner **Refectory** finished third in the Listed Murless Stakes at Ascot in October before realising 220,000gns at the sales.

Sea Soldier failed to shine this year, but he had some good form to his name earlier in his career and will at least return a well-handicapped horse on that, while **Fortrose Academy** looks back on a workable mark on his favoured All-Weather, having not added to last December's Kempton Park success this term. **Hope's Wishes** has had two starts in maidens this term but, being a daughter of Kayf Tara and out of a winning 3m hurdler, she is likely to be seen to considerably better effect once sent handicapping over further.

There have been some very encouraging performances from the two year olds this season and I hope we have some potential Group class three year olds amongst them.

Scotland is certainly a candidate for good prizes next year, having built on his promising debut at Sandown Park in September with an impressive success at Epsom on his second and final start. Jim Crowley was impressed with him that day and, with the runner-up finishing third in the Horris Hill on his next start, it looks strong form. A three-parts brother to Shirocco, he is a tremendous prospect.

Signposted looked a useful horse when winning at Epsom in August on his second start and he followed that with a bloodless win in a three runner contest at Sandown Park in September, showing he is able to handle heavy ground. He looked to have a solid chance in the big sales

race at Newmarket, but he didn't get the smoothest of passages in a race that strongly favoured those drawn high and, out of an unraced sister to Nassau winner Favourable Terms, I hope he can leave that form behind at three.

We witnessed few more impressive debut performances than that of Qatar Racing's **End Of Line**, who put 13 rivals to the sword at Doncaster in October under Harry Bentley in effortless fashion. A son of Pastoral Pursuit and out of a half-sister to a smart middle-distance performer, he appeared to relish the soft ground and he is one to look forward to.

Wylfe was another to make a winning start to her career, the daughter of Dalakhani showing a very good attitude to hold off a late challenge in a 1m maiden on heavy ground at Newbury in October. Out of a half-sister to 2,000 Guineas third Frenchmans Bay, she looks an exciting stayer in the making.

Dansili's brother Champs Elysees has made a very bright start to his career at stud and his son **Field Of Fame** looks one to follow on the back of a debut win over a mile on heavy ground at Salisbury in October. The second and



SIGNPOSTED a comfortable Sandown winner and bright prospect for 2014

seventh home were successful on their next starts and he has the scope to make up into a useful three year old.

Montaly will certainly be expected to come into his own over a trip, being the first winner for the four-time Ascot Gold Cup winner Yeats. The form of his Nottingham win in October has been franked by next time out successes for the third and fourth and there was no disgrace in finding a subsequent Group 1-placed rival too good on his next start at Newmarket.

Muir Lodge was unable to land a blow in the same Tattersalls sales race as Signposted, but he had finished third in a similar event over 6f at Newmarket in September having won over the minimum at Wolverhampton on his

previous start. His Newmarket third saw him rise 16lbs, but I hope he can make his mark in a nice handicap next year.

Mime Dance was one of three two year old winners for us this year at Epsom, bringing our strike-rate with juveniles there over the past five seasons to 10 winners from 34 runners. He acquitted himself well in two subsequent starts in nurseries and is bred to improve with time.

Pearl Spectre made a very promising start at Newbury in June but failed to match that when beaten at odds-on next time at Sandown Park. However, he proved himself a good prospect for next season with a ready front-running success under Jamie Spencer at Kempton Park in October. He is a sizeable individual and he could be very useful in 2014.

Rizal Park was another to improve with experience, winning on his third outing, over 6f at Windsor in June. Fourth on his nursery debut at Ascot, he is capable of making an impression off his mark when returning in the spring. Another who should make up into a nice handicapper is **Zampa Manos**, who won a fair Windsor maiden in August before finishing third to a couple of subsequent Listed and Group placed colts at Kempton Park.

One of our most recent juvenile success came courtesy of Mick and Janice Mariscotti's **Royal Preserve**. Down the field on his first two starts, the son of Duke Of Marmalade looked to have benefitted greatly from the experience when getting the better of a hot favourite at Lingfield Park in November. **Collaboration** was another to get off the mark at the third attempt, benefitting from a strong ride from David Probert to win by a neck in a 1m maiden at Brighton. He looks one for middle distances next year.

Trading Profit won well at Windsor on his second start and, later in the season, was a 14 length winner of a match race at Leicester. As his name suggests, he made a very good sum at the Newmarket Horses In Training sale! While Brighton winner **If** was another to be sold.

Ten years on from Casual Look's Oaks success, I was delighted to see her daughter **Casual Smile** finish a close second on her debut in 7f maiden at Newmarket. Third on her next outing at Ascot, she came with a strong challenge to make it third time lucky at Newmarket in September, just failing to reel in another promising daughter of first-season sire Sea The Stars. Though by no means a big filly, she is bred to come into her own over middle distances next year and she is a lovely prospect.

Secret Hint, a homebred of George Strawbridge's, is out of a half-sister to Sleeping Indian and Aiken and she looked to make a very pleasing debut when third at Kempton Park in October, while The Queen's **Micras** is another exciting prospect for next year, having finished fifth on her sole start, in a 1m maiden on soft ground at Doncaster in October,

with the form franked by a subsequent five-length success for the fourth home that day.

Impulsive Moment rates an exciting middle distance prospect for next year, the son of Galileo and Irish 1,000 Guineas third/US Grade 1 winner Luas Line finishing a promising fifth on his debut at Newbury in October.

Telegraph, a son of first season sire Bushranger, showed enough when third on his nursery debut at Chester to suggest there are races in him off his mark, as did **Storm Force Ten**, who is owned by prominent National Hunt owner and breeder Robert Waley-Cohen. By Shirocco, who is doing so well as a jumps sire, and out of a Grade 3 winning hurdler, he could be one to follow in that sphere next year, though I would hope he can win a nice prize on the flat first.

Roskilly is qualified for handicaps and ran very well when runner-up on his third start at Kempton Park in October. He could well win his maiden first and is a good middle-distance prospect, which is also the case

latter is owned by David Brownlow, whose **Pool House** finished the year a maiden despite finishing in the first three on all five starts. He has been a little unlucky and hopefully he can quickly shed his maiden tag before moving on to better things, as can **Knockroon**, a promising son of Royal Applause who finished in midfield on his only start, at Ascot in July.

On Demand made a very promising start for owners Sky Sports News when finishing in midfield at Salisbury over 7f at Salisbury in September and the daughter of Teofilo can hopefully provide a few good bulletins next year.

Merry Me finished down the field at Glorius Goodwood, but she is a well bred daughter of Invincible Spirit and was a good second over a mile on her third start. She looks sure to be winning races next year.

Passing Glance's sons **Spectator** (a full brother to Side Glance) and **Passover** both showed definite ability for the Kingsclere Racing Club, the former making an eye-catching debut behind stablemate Collaboration at Brighton. They

look likely to improve over further next term, though Spectator could have one more run on the All-Weather this year. The once-raced **Chesil Beach** and twice-raced **Pacific Trip** are others that should do better as three years olds.

Willy Brennan showed ability on his debut in soft ground at Newbury in the autumn, as did **Gracious Lady**, who wasn't beaten far on her only start, over 7f at Kempton Park. Both owned by Philip Brown, they should take little time in getting off the mark.

Unfortunately, **Worthy Spirit's** racecourse debut saw him part company with Shane Kelly shortly after exiting the stalls and hopefully he will learn from the experience, as should **Nabatean** from his

debut in soft ground at Newbury. He looked a little green and is bred to improve with time.

Scoppio Del Carro and **Stybba**, both by Medicean, have benefitted from seeing the racecourse this season and can be expected to leave the form behind in due course, the latter looking a potentially well-handicapped filly, having been given a mark of 56 following an improved fifth at Newmarket on her final start.

Opera Duke and **Darting** both struggled in heavy ground on their only starts of the year but the experience should not be lost on them.

Chinotto followed up his encouraging first run with a win at Lingfield last week. As with many of our current two year olds, they are bred to be better at three so there is plenty to look forward to in 2014. ■



MIME DANCE grinds out his maiden victory at Epsom

with **Libeccio**, another son of Shirocco who was third over 1m2f at Bath on his final start. **Alumina** improved markedly on her first two runs with a good third dropped back to the minimum trip at Lingfield Park in November and, out of a Listed-placed miler, she will start back in the spring on a good mark. Also qualified for handicaps is **Comanchero**, who ran much better on his third start at Kempton Park.

New Fforest's half-brother **Man Of Harlech** ran very pleasingly on his only start, finishing second at Pontefract in September and he is a very exciting prospect for the Elite Racing Club next year, as is **Bishop Of Ruscombe**, a well-related individual who was sent off a warm favourite on his debut at Nottingham, travelling well but perhaps just finding the ground too soft on his racecourse bow. The

THE 2013 **12** TO FOLLOW COMPETITION

This year is an example of distance being the winner. Hugh Teacher lives near Kelso and looking at his winning list there is evidence of a theme to his selections. He comes out a clear winner from Will Watson who lives in Yorkshire. Three of the top four do not live on the place and do not hear the misleading information from the gallops! Well done to them all and to Pete who heads up the Stud. Also a word for I.A.B only one point away from the money and still hasn't lost his judgement.

The prize money is divided as follows:-

1st £1138.50 2nd £517.00 3rd £310.50 4th £103.50 Last place £10.00

1	TEACHER, HUGH	258
2	WATSON, WILL	237
3	BEASANT, PETE	224
4	GARDINER, ANDREW	215

5 Balding, Ian	214	27 De Paiva, Ben (A)	179	49 Michaelson, R P B	155
6 G Bounds/A Johnson (A)	211	27 Soul, John	179	50 Arnold, Alice	154
7 Oswald, Michael	205	29 Goddard, Dennis	178	50 Dr M J & Mrs D O'Brien (D)	154
8 Walker, Nigel (B)	200	30 Boyce, I D (A)	176	50 Paris, Rex (A)	154
9 Mariscotti, Mick	198	31 Coventry, Bryan	172	53 Bedford, Peter	153
10 Read, Ian	197	32 Back, David	170	54 Blaydon, Paul	152
11 Cheshire, Angie (A)	195	32 Gee, Simon	170	54 Plumbly, Simon	152
12 Hutchinson, Fiona	193	32 R Chivers/K Derbyshire (A)	170	54 Scutt, Kevin (B)	152
13 Fowler-Watt, Donald/Sheila	192	32 Webb, Dave	170	54 Sutherland, Evan	152
14 Cullen, Eugene (B)	188	36 Richardson, John (A)	168	58 Reis, Paul	151
14 Felton, Peter	188	36 Burns, Daniel	168	59 Aeberhard, Werner	150
14 Jakes, M	188	38 De Paiva, Ben (B)	167	59 Berry, Charlie	150
17 Cheshire, Angie (D)	187	38 Jonno/Toby/Flora	167	59 Cousins, Rose	150
17 Mackinnon, Jamie (B)	187	40 Gay, Susan	166	59 Stillings, M	150
19 Melvin/Rose	185	40 Mariscotti, Janice	166	63 Broughton, B	148
20 Wellman, John	184	42 Ford Fuels (B)	164	63 Payton, Michael	148
21 King, Charlie (A)	183	43 Elsesser, Martha	162	63 Rae Smith, Alan	148
21 Lees, Ian	183	43 Richardson, Jill	162	63 Reardon Smith, Julia	148
23 Hale, Barry	182	45 Warren, Jake	158	67 Liston, Paul	147
24 De Paiva, Ben (C)	181	46 Register, Layton	157	67 Mackinnon, Jamie (A)	147
24 Mackinnon, Daisy	181	46 Wilson, J D B	157	69 Gay, David	146
26 Hunt, Kenneth	180	48 Los, Valentine	156	69 Hutchinson, Mark	146

69 King, Charlie (B)	146	117 Boyce, I D (B)	127	164 Brown, David	103
72 Venter, Theo	144	117 Hornby, Rob	127	164 Hunt, Olena	103
73 Fearne, Paddy	143	117 Watson, Sue	127	166 Midwood, Mick	102
74 Balding, Mack	142	117 Stansby, Clive	127	167 Gale, John	101
74 King, Anderson	142	121 Gay, Edward	125	167 Howson, Geoffrey	101
74 Knight, John	142	121 Whitehall, Lorraine	125	169 Harte, Martha	100
74 Kingsclere Stud, Margot/Peter/Izzy	142	121 Woolley, Suzanne	125	169 Smith, Jeff	100
74 Whitehall, A	142	124 Dunn, David	124	169 Chinner	100
79 Balding, Andrew	141	124 Pascoe, Richard	124	172 Cheshire, Angie (B)	99
79 Reditt, P	141	126 Holmes, Katherine	123	172 Oates, Des	99
81 Pettitt, Dwayne (B)	140	126 Weedy, Kathryn	123	174 Lumley, Sue	98
81 Rendell, Phil	140	126 Balding, Emma	123	175 Wain, Oscar	96
83 Slade, Martin	139	129 Davis, Lady	122	176 A'Court, Peter	95
84 Richardson, Adrian	138	129 G Bounds/A Johnson (B)	122	177 Dangar, Richard	94
85 Burns, Will	137	129 King, Gail	122	177 Donovan, Brian (B)	94
85 Mackinnon, Roger	137	132 Broughton, T	121	179 Whitaker, Carolyn	93
85 Plumbly, Helen	137	133 Slade, Valerie	121	180 Green, Marion	92
85 Richardson, John (B)	137	134 Mackinnon, Bridget	120	181 Hale, Peter	91
89 Brown, Tom	136	134 Jephcott, Jerome	120	182 Balding, Clare	90
89 Burns, Sarah	136	136 Arlington, Jenny	119	182 King, David	90
89 Cheshire, Nathan	136	137 Caslon, Denis (A)	117	184 Charlton, Mike	88
89 Cheshire, Angie (C)	136	138 Paris, Rex (B)	116	184 Pettitt, Dwayne (A)	88
89 Liston, Jessica	136	139 Carter, Michaela	115	186 Elson, Pip	86
94 Ford Fuels (A)	135	139 Donovan, Brian (A)	115	186 Hunt, Kevin	86
94 Dr M J & Mrs D O'Brien (B)	135	139 Read, Teresa	115	186 Powell, D F (A)	86
94 Thio, Lynn	135	139 Rylance, Melvin	115	189 Gay, Joshua	85
94 Woolley, Steve (A)	135	143 Lumley, Peter	114	190 Arnold, Pamela	84
98 Burns, Richard	134	143 Palmer, W	114	190 McPhee, Angus	84
98 R Holmes/J Drew	134	145 Hodgkins, Adrian	113	192 Harte, Winter	83
98 Richardson, Freda	134	145 O'Connor, Lily	113	193 Dr M J & Mrs D O'Brien (C)	82
101 Hurrell, Amy-Kate	133	145 Walker, Nigel (A)	113	194 Scutt, Kevin (A)	81
102 Balding, Anna Lisa	132	145 Dillon, Batt	113	195 Rylance, Graham	80
103 Cullen, Eugene (A)	131	149 Davis, Sir Peter	110	195 Woolley, Steve (B)	80
103 Gee, Mary	131	149 Tucker, Margaret	110	197 Newton, Sandie	78
103 Powell, D F (B)	131	151 Caslon, Denis (B)	109	198 Simpson, Felicity	76
106 Finlay, Rosemary	130	151 Trussell, Steve	109	198 Slot, Juliet	76
106 McPhee, Stuart	130	153 Little, Stuart	107	200 Burns, Lynne	75
106 Watson, Bella	130	153 Mackinnon, Ella	107	200 Dr M J & Mrs D O'Brien (E)	75
109 Ball, Vicky	129	153 Newton, William	107	202 Dr M J & Mrs D O'Brien (A)	70
109 Box, Peter	129	156 Bullion, Barbara	106	203 Oury, Gerald	68
109 Taffy	129	156 Holmes, Rachael	106	204 Birkett, Kerrie	62
112 Gardiner, Carolyn	128	158 Bevan, Simon	105	205 Richardson, Andy	59
112 Holmes, Sarah	128	158 M E Wates, Mrs	105	206 Woolley, Sharon	57
112 Hyde, M	128	158 Oswald, Sir Michael	105	207 Bowers, Carla	56
112 R Chivers/K Derbyshire (B)	128	161 Cullen, Noel	104	208 Newbery, Karen	51
112 Routledge, Hugh	128	161 Doherty, Terry	104		
		161 Palmer, Clare	104		

SELECTIONS OF THE LEADERS

HUGH TEACHER

BALLINDERRY BOY	40
DESERT COMMAND	26
DUNGANNON	31
FORTROSE ACADEMY	4
HIGHLAND COLORI	54
HIGHLAND KNIGHT	29
HALLINGS COMET	0
HIGHLAND ACCLAIM	4
MUIR LODGE	20
POOL HOUSE	26
SCOTLAND	14
WYLYE	10

WILL WATSON

BREAKHEART	40
TAGLIETELLE	12
DEBDEBDEB	40
HOT SECRET	28
MELVIN THE GRATE	18
HIGHLAND COLORI	54
BUTTERFLY MCQUEEN	34
BORN IN BOMBAY	0
CHESIL BEACH	0
MICRAS	0
MYMATECHRIS	0
TELEGRAPH	11

PETE BEASANT

TAGLIETELLE	12
BALLINDERRY BOY	40
POWDER HOUND	26
PURCELL	45
SOVIET ROCK	20
WHITE MONTH	22
DESERT COMMAND	26
FIELD OF FAME	10
LIBECCIO	4
SIGNAL	0
STORM FORCE TEN	8
TELEGRAPH	11

ANDREW GARDINER

TULLIUS	5
STIRRING BALLAD	9
HIGHLAND COLORI	54
HIGHLAND KNIGHT	29
INTRANSIGENT	34
BENZANNO	13
SIDE GLANCE	17
SIGNPOSTED	20
MUIR LODGE	20
HIGHLAND ACCLAIM	4
COLLABORATION	10
STYBBA	0

LEADING HORSES

HIGHLAND COLORI	54
PURCELL	45
DEBDEBDEB	40
BALLINDERRY BOY	40
BREAKHEART	40



HIGHLAND COLORI signs off the season with an historic win in the Ayr Gold Cup the first of four victories on the card for Oisín Murphy

THE SEASON IN NUMBERS

	WINS	RUNS	%	2NDS	3RDS	4THS	WIN £	TOTAL £
2YO	18	121	15	14	20	7	63,965	116,340
3YO	39	310	13	51	46	35	329,970	510,930
4YO+	39	266	15	27	36	32	466,119	713,261
FOREIGN	1	10	10	2	1	2	386,217	896,921
TOTALS	97	707	14	94	103	76	1,298,517	2,237,452

TOP TEN EARNERS

1	Side Glance	£880,970
2	Highland Colori	£136,886
3	Zanetto	£80,723
4	Highland Knight	£71,106
5	Chiberta King	£55,327
6	Dungannon	£48,553
7	Intransigent	£46,235
8	You Da One	£44,488
9	Roserrow	£37,991
10	Miss Cap Estel	£36,740

TOP TEN TIMEFORM (3yo +)

1	Highland Colori	121
1	Side Glance	121
3	Tullius	119
4	Zanetto	114
5	Highland Knight	113
5	Intransigent	113
7	Bonfire	111
8	Chiberta King	110
9	Dungannon	108
10	Bana Wu	107

TOP TEN TIMEFORM (2yo)

1	Scotland	103p
2	End Of Line	95p
2	Signposted	95p
4	Trading Profit	95
5	Casual Smile	91p
6	Muir Lodge	89
7	Pool House	87
7	Zampa Manos	87
9	Field Of Fame	85p
9	Pearl Spectre	85p

TOP TEN JOCKEYS

1	David Probert	31/220	14%
2	Thomas Brown	14/68	21%
3	Oisin Murphy	12/41	29%
4	Liam Keniry	10/80	13%
5	Jimmy Fortune	7/91	8%
6	Cathy Gannon	4/20	20%
7	Jamie Spencer	4/23	17%
8	Ryan Moore	3/11	27%
9	Jack Garritty	2/11	18%
10	William Buick	2/11	18%

TOP TEN TRACKS

1	Kempton Park	14/106	13%
2	Lingfield Park	9/57	16%
3	Windsor	8/32	25%
4	Sandown Park	8/42	19%
5	Newmarket	8/72	11%
6	Epsom	6/31	19%
7	Haydock Park	5/20	25%
8	Doncaster	4/17	24%
9	Newbury	4/31	13%
10	Salisbury	4/32	13%

EVAN SUTHERLAND – OWNER PROFILE



Evan Sutherland with the Ayr Gold Cup

Evan Sutherland has been an owner at Kingsclere since 2006, having started with a small share in a very ordinary syndicate owned filly, Evan has had a number of horses in training here both good and bad and has in that time experienced almost every emotion possible that the thrill or pain of racehorse ownership has to offer! Evan is first and foremost a horseracing enthusiast, a horse lover and an owner who is always keen to support and promote the careers of our home grown jockeys.

He has, of course enjoyed enormous success this year with the wonderful Highland Colori, whose victory in this years Ayr Gold Cup was one of the highlights of the season.

How did you first come to develop a interest in horseracing?

I was brought up the youngest of a large family in the Highlands where both my mother and older sisters enjoyed the occasional flutter. So even as a very young lad I was familiar with names like Charlie Smirke, Scobie Breasley, Doug Smith and Lester Piggott who were

often the topic of conversation in our house. But my real interest started a bit later when I was a 19 year old student at Aberdeen University and spending my summer holidays working as a Butlin Redcoat in Ayr. I wanted to impress a girl I had met by taking her out to dinner but I had no money (I always seemed to be broke in my student days!!!). A holidaymaker gave me a tip to back a horse called Raffingora that afternoon so I borrowed a couple of quid and backed him. I still recall that Raffingora was a lovely old grey sprinter, trained by Bill Marshall and usually ridden by a certain L. Piggott. Anyway Raffingora and Lester did the business, I collected my winnings and took the young lady out to dinner. But the story does not have a happy ending. The young lady was not impressed when she learned that she had been wined and dined on what she described as 'ill gotten gains' and I never saw her again. But that was the beginning of my love affair with horse racing. Raffingora and Lester have a lot to answer for!!!

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

In 2006/2007 I bought a share in 3 different horses and was very lucky. Although the first one, a filly called Kalatime, was totally useless, the venture did lead to me meeting Andrew, Anna Lisa, Clare, Ian and Emma and the Kingsclere team. I think I knew instinctively at a very early stage that I would be having horses trained by Andrew in the future, and hopefully something a bit better than Kalatime!! The 2nd horse I bought a share in was a yearling which we named Shifting Star which developed into a pretty good sprint handicapper, achieved a rating of around 100 and won at Ascot on Shergar Cup day in 2008. But I didn't get on with the trainer and sold my shareholding in him shortly afterwards. The 3rd yearling I bought a share in was named Classic Blade and was pretty good, his BHA rating was 107 and he won the Group 2 July Stakes in 2008. So I was ridiculously lucky in my early ventures. But even as an inexperienced owner, I was always realistic enough to realise that one day I would also own some slow horses. And that's how it has turned out.

What has been your racing highlight and lowlight as a racing horse owner.

My racing highlight so far was of course the day Highland Colori won the Ayr Gold Cup. My son Evan Ross, his



HIGHLAND COLORI (left) winning the Ayr Gold Cup under Oisín Murphy

fiancee Natalie, Andrew and I were all at Newmarket and we watched the race together on the big screen in the parade ring. When HC forged clear inside the last furlong we all went a bit mental and I suspect some onlookers thought we were a bunch of drunken lunatics. It was a wonderful day but I don't think the significance of winning that particular race really dawned on me until that evening when just about every Scottish newspaper started phoning. They were all genuinely pleased that a horse with a Scottish connection in the name and owned by a Scotsman had won their big race.

The lowlight was on Friday 12 March 2010 when a hurdler I owned called Hope Road was fatally injured in a fall at Sandown. Hope Road was quite modest, his main claim to fame being that he provided AP McCoy with one of his 4,000 winners. But he was a lovely gentle horse and I adored him. That was a very black day. I suspect I may not be cut out for NH racing.

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

My daughter Helen, her husband Des and Baby Des live in the North and my son Evan Ross and Natalie live in the South so I tend to split my time between Yorkshire and London. Ideally I would like to own 5 horses at any one time, 3 with Andrew in Kingsclere and 2 with David

O'Meara in Yorkshire. But I only have 2 with Andrew at the moment, Highland Colori and Fortrose Academy. I plan to add one to that before the start of next season. Although many people who know this racing game much better than I do seem to think that HC is still improving, I prefer to hold a much lower level of expectation. HC will be a 6 year old next year and might not be easy to place. If Andrew can train and place him to win again next season, that would be marvellous. But even if he doesn't win another race, he owes us nothing. I am acutely aware of the fact that, as a very small owner who only usually buys cheap horses, Highland Colori has run in and won races which I only used to dream about. And the pleasure that he has brought to all my family and friends is incalculable. Realistically, I doubt if I will ever have one as good or as gutsy as him again, but of course I'll keep on trying.

Which racing course is your favourite/least favourite and why?

My favourite racecourse in the country is Sandown Park, though in the North I enjoy going racing at both Haydock Park and Doncaster. All 3 tracks are fair and I enjoy the owner experience of going there.

My least favourite is definitely Bath – it looks as if no investment has been made in the place for a very long time. In the North, Catterick is also pretty grim. ■

Kingsclere Racing Club

The Kingsclere Racing Club is approaching the end of its sixth year and it has been another very entertaining and successful season, in which the Club's older horses have led the way.

Intransigent's progression on turf this season saw him finish runner-up in a Listed contest at Chester and a £100,000 handicap at Goodwood in the summer prior to an impressive display at Haydock Park in September, beating a strong field with plenty in hand. His big early season target is the 6f contest at Lingfield Park's new Good Friday meeting.

Rawaki's win at Windsor in June was one of a number of very good efforts this season and Club members enjoyed a day at Ascot's Shergar Cup meeting, where Rawaki was beaten under a length in the 2m Shergar Cup Stayers. He will be aimed at some of the big staying handicaps next year.

Taglietelle's wins at Kempton Park and Newmarket in the summer helped us to reach a prize-money total of over £80,000 this year, our best tally in the last three years. However, with a strong team of three year olds for next year, amongst them **Spectator** (a full brother to Side Glance and half-brother to Rawaki and Taglietelle), the exciting **Jonny Rae** and **Cape Victoria** (the first foal of former KRC star Victoria Montoya), we will be looking for even greater gains in 2014!

In addition to our eight three year olds, we will also have five two year olds, amongst them a colt by



Yeats out of Casual Glance and a filly by Sir Percy out of Victoria Montoya.

The Club's social events are well established and once again, proved an excellent accompaniment to the year's racing. We were treated to good weather and some delicious food at our summer picnic at Windsor, the KRC golf day saw good-spirited competition, while more recently the Breeders' Cup evening at Park House was, as ever, an excellent way to round off a good year's racing!

There are two shares available in the KRC for 2014. If you are interested in further information, please contact Club Manager Nathaniel Barnett, by email (krc@kingsclere.com) or on 07890 672435.



SPILLERS AWARDS



Huge thanks go to Spillers, who once again have sponsored the yard throughout 2013, enabling monthly stable staff awards and also the replacement of the uniform earlier in the year. The most recent recipient of the award was Leanne Masterton for doing a great job with Side Glance in Australia. However glamorous it might seem spending 3 months out in Oz, it is actually very hard work with little time off and Leanne, yet again, has managed the whole trip superbly well and we are all hugely grateful to her for her dedication to her job. We must also thank Spillers for arranging to ship Side Glance's food out to both Melbourne and Hong Kong. It has been well received and by all accounts the horse still looks a picture. ■

A DAY IN THE LIFE OF JACKIE INGLIS

Park House Stables is a rare breed in that it is one of the few racing establishments in England that still operates a stable lads hostel.

Having to produce cooked meals for upwards of 20 hungry workers and at the same time trying to ensure that these are consumed with a level of decorum, the job of hostel manager is no easy task.

Jackie Inglis has filled this role for the last 12 months and somehow manages to successfully feed, clean up after and when required counsel the inhabitants of the Park House Hostel. We must also mention Rose Cousins who provides all the lads with a full English breakfast daily. Jackie and Rose do a great job which is hugely appreciated by all.

Choosing an appropriate menu for budding jockeys is a challenge in itself as healthy eating is not always at the forefront of most 17 to 20-year-olds, but Jackie has done a great job and has mastered the balance of empty plate without having apprentice jockeys putting up to much overweight.

Here Jackie outlines an average day in the life of the Park House hostel manager.

10:30 – I live with my daughter in Thatcham, so as long as the level crossing isn't down, it doesn't take me more than 15 mins to get to work which is a relief as I do seem to spend plenty of time going to and fro!

10:45 – I arrive at the stables, unload the dish washer and plan what I am going to prepare for lunch. On a Monday the TESCO home delivery arrives, something which saves me hours. I tend to have to do an additional smaller shop at the end of the week, but generally I get everything delivered on a Monday.

11:00 – Start preparing the lunch for the hostel staff, normally in the summer this is salads and sandwiches, but come this time of year soup is always popular. Some of the apprentices, shoot off racing so I try and persuade them to grab something on the way, sometimes without success.

12:30 – Horses are fed so now time for humans. They arrive en masse and continue to empty all prepared food in a matter of minutes.

During lunch preparation, I try and get around the hostel making sure that all doors / windows are still in tact and turn down those radiators which tend to

get up to 'number 6' daily on their own. I tidy up the bathrooms, give them a good clean twice a week, empty bins and pick up 101 riding boots, trainers or jackets which never seem to get on the peg.



I tend to get home for my cup of tea at **1.30**, before returning at **4.00pm** for supper preparations. This can be anything from a full on roast, fish and chips or a pasta bake. They get a pudding every night too and I'll check the calendar to see if it's anyone's birthday so I know if I need to make a birthday cake.

I have another quick whizz around the hostel, have a chat to any of the lads who happen to have days off and are hanging around, lay the table and then come 6pm, in they come.

By **19:00** they have all eaten, discussed the Park House politics and I have cleared up so I make my way home to go and make supper for my daughter.

The girls and boys both know where I am and when I am in. I really enjoy chatting to them all and try to support and teach them a thing or two.. I think they listen! Previously I have been cooking in schools so this is very different. I even find myself watching the racing at weekends, seeing which one of my boys is riding winners... who'd have thought it? ■

PARK HOUSE STABLES GOLF DAY...

For the fourth year in a row, Anna Lisa has been asked to 'check the scores' by her father in law, as still, the trophy has not come home! It did when I won it!! Congratulations to Huntswood who sent in two teams and duly picked up the number one spot. Gordon Ireland nearly took home two prizes, but a late accurate shot from Neil Minell secured the nearest the pin. However, Clare still got to present Gordon with the thoroughly deserved, longest drive.

We all had great fun and thank you to everyone at the newly refurbished, Sandford Springs Golf Club who provided us with delicious food and good weather. ■



The Winning Team



'Practice makes perfect' says Jeremy Kyle



Clare and Club President Dickie Davies



David Probert on a rare day off

DIGITAL MAGAZINE AVAILABLE

We just want to let everyone know that this magazine is now available in a PDF format and can be emailed to anyone who might prefer it to a hard copy or if anyone would like to forward to any syndicate members. With escalating postage costs, this is probably the sensible way to go, especially for the international recipients.

Please do let us know if you would be happy with a PDF file or would like one to forward on.

This is also available direct from the website, as are all the back copies. ■

SANDFORD SPRINGS HOTEL

Having opened in early October and already played host to several Kingsclere owners, we just wanted to be sure that you all know about the new hotel in the village. It is very near and by all accounts very clean, comfortable and friendly. They have kindly given us a 'Park House' discount so should anyone fancy a night locally, prior to a morning on the gallops do call them on 01635 291500 And quote 'Balding' when booking. ■

AUSTRALIA AND HONG KONG

Receiving an invitation for Side Glance to run in the Cox Plate was a real bonus and we are very grateful to Moonee Valley Racing Club for their generosity in getting the horse, trainer and groom out to Melbourne. He arrived early in October and was trained at the quarantine centre, Weiribee, until his run in the race on the 26th October. He was ridden by Craig Williams who found the horse very head strong and couldn't get him to settle in the race.

All things considered he ran well finishing 6th and picking up Aus\$ 100,000. As it turned out it worked as a perfect prep race for his next run only seven days later in the Mackinnon Stakes. This time he was ridden by Jamie Spencer who gave him a superb ride and he took this Group 1 in good style. He went on to run a very creditable fifth in the Hong Kong Cup becoming an equine millionaire. Huge credit must go to Leanne Masterton who has done a brilliant job with Side Glance on his travels.



Side Glance with Leanne and his trainer amid the sky scrapers



Sheikh Fahad, Geoff Pooley, A.B., Kevin Darley and Ralph Beckett before the Hong Kong Cup



*Cox Plate Day
Neven Botica with Renee, Anna Lisa,
Wendy and Rex Gorell*



A.B., Stewart Strawbridge and EB at Sha Tin

