

Thinking of buying a share?

Now's a great time with our horses about to come back into training after their break. Study The Stars and Eaux De Vie have clearly benefitted from their time off and if you wanted to see either of them before making a decision - just get in touch. Alternatively, you can also view them in action on our YouTube channel simply by visiting www.homebredracing.co.uk and clicking on the YouTube button in the footer. A single payment ensures that you get charged no extras and that it covers your share of all training and racing expenses, race entries and jockey fees as well as any veterinary and transport costs.



Your shareholding will only commence once your horse is in full training so that you can ensure getting a full 12 month's excitement. 10% shareholders are guaranteed free owners' badges whenever

your chosen horse runs as well as enjoying 10% of any prizemoney won during your ownership. Now racing is back and open to all racegoers it really is the time to become an owner!

Meet the celebs who share your passion!



Sir Alex Ferguson

to enjoy ownership. Perhaps less surprising is former rugby international Mike Tindall who's involved as both owner and breeder as is ABBA's Benny Andersson who

enjoyed recent group success with Lavender's Blue trained by Amanda Perrett. There's absolutely no telling who you might be rubbing shoulders with in the paddock!



Dame Judi Dench



Did you know?

More newspaper column inches were devoted to Seabiscuit in 1938 than anyone else - more than President Roosevelt and Adolf Hitler who ranked second and third.

Whipping up a storm

Much delayed due to the pandemic, the BHA's long promised consultation over the use of the whip was completed on September 6th. The plan is that this should deliver a new set of rules for jockeys. As usual the BHA has got itself in a bit of a dilemma having always maintained that the current padded whip doesn't hurt or injure a horse. So why is there need to revise guidelines for its use one might ask? The consultation has been conducted as an online survey open to anyone with an opinion whether or not involved in racing. As could only be expected, the BHA has succeeded in making this ridiculously complicated by posting a plethora of varying scenarios on which an equally varied number of solutions is proposed. But the basic questions are simple:

1. Should whips be allowed?
2. For what purpose - co-ortion or coercion?
3. What should the penalties be for misuse?
4. Should there be an internationally agreed regulation?

Currently there is a complicated range of sanctions to penalise jockeys for mis-use of the whip which need to be simplified. Amongst options proposed by the BHA is where there's misuse of the whip the horse should be disqualified or potentially the trainer and/or owner fined. Some of these suggestions are in cloud cuckoo land as how can connections be responsible for a riding offence? Hopefully common sense will prevail to allow whips to be carried, but only used for correction - for instance when a runner fails to keep straight or is causing interference to other runners or is a danger to itself and its rider. Watch this space!

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THE REGULAR NEWSLETTER FROM HOMEBRED RACING

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Our winning miler Study The Stars has really benefited from his holiday



Gearing up for next season

It's been disappointing not to have had much racing in 2021 due to the pandemic but our youngsters have made the most of their time off and really thrived turned out at home. Study The Stars has grown well, really strengthened up and put on a pleasing amount of condition. We'd initially been a little concerned turning him out with the older boys, but our fears about him being possibly being bullied proved groundless and he's now the one pushing his weight about - so all bodes well for his return to the racetrack! Eaux De Vie has been turned out with Lafontaine and both have also thrived and the younger one (Pitstop) very definitely in charge. What's been interesting is that horse dentist Justin Harcourt



Eaux De Vie - still growing rapidly!

Did you know?

Workforce won the 2010 Derby in a new record time, but despite his prowess on the racetrack he was a complete flop when retired to stud in Japan.

Jockeys are inevitably the fall guy



It's difficult to envisage any career outside racing that's so easily subject to scrutiny. Every runner puts the yard's competence on the line in the most public way. But when things go 'wrong' and a yard goes through a quiet spell it's inevitable that the jockey becomes the fall guy.

That's particularly true when a jockey is retained and has to ride all the underperformers from the yard. A high profile case during the current season has been the well-publicised split between Beckampton trainer Roger Charlton and previous champion apprentice Jason Watson. As is usually the case in such situations, by the time the retained jockey is asked to go, the yard recovers form appearing to vindicate the trainer's decision to sack the rider. We've known Jason since he started with 'Iron Man' Ray Goldstein and then began riding out with Homebred trainer Gerry Enright in Lewes when just twelve years old. He's ridden for us several times in the recent past and it's good to see that since leaving the Beckampton yard, Jason has

been able to show what he can do and has quickly picked up rides from top yards including Andrew Balding and David O'Meara. Never has it been truer that form is temporary, but class is permanent - and at the time of writing Jason is operating at a 23% strike rate. We look forward to seeing him aboard Homebred runners again soon.

“One of the great sights in racing has always been to see Lester Piggott hauled before the stewards.

He goes in like Clint Eastwood and he comes out like Clint Eastwood. Lester just doesn't give a monkey's

Bryn Crossley, former jockey

Dodging the bullet

Racing has again been shocked and appalled by revelations about what happens to horses after their racing days are over. The BHA has introduced new procedures to try and ensure that racehorses can be traced once changing hands, but this is largely a PR exercise as there is no evidence that anyone ever checks. Homebred Racing has been breeding and owning horses for well over 30 years but never has anyone ever checked, let alone visited, to ensure we're giving them the care they need and deserve. The BHA system simply means that an owner has to register a change of ownership online. I guess they feel that absolves them of any responsibility but a simple click is obviously not enough. The reality is that a second hand car has more ownership

checks and those who don't comply face stiff fines or even prosecution. Happy to say that we keep all our retirees and many live long and happy lives here well into their thirties - our oldest being Pastures Green who was 35. What's a disgrace is that revelations exposed by investigations by the likes of Panorama involve people who should know better and can certainly afford to do what's necessary. What's also shocking is that those exposed can still continue to be involved in racing without any sanction. The BHA levies a serious level of charges on all participants for managing racing and it's long overdue that some of these funds were used to ensure the welfare of the principal players - the horses - by deploying proper checks and enforcing the rules to prevent cruelty and neglect.



Our ex-racers – always assured of a happy retirement at home where they were born

Racing needs to wake up to some very obvious home truths



Who would want to have missed out on Homebred Star's 100/1 win?

also likely to be a double-edged sword and simply viewed by many as their reason not to get involved. Of course, there's great appeal for the lucky few able to enjoy exclusive facilities each

racecourse offers and accommodating so many more owners will be a big challenge. But it's not impossible, as several tracks already offer additional owners' badges that allow entry to every

aspect of the course excepting the owners' and trainers' area meaning that it's down to each ownership group to allocate the relevant badges to genuinely enthusiastic racegoers.

Snapshot

Topping the fields in early autumn when the cattle have grazed after the horses ensures that the fields will be in good shape for winter grazing.



Did you know?

The first live coverage of The Derby was on radio in 1927 and the first time the race was televised was in 1932.



Snapshot

This is our farrier Ifan Evans trimming Lafontaine's feet after her spell at home turned out to grass.



Bookies deductions under Rule 4

How very frustrating it is to have enjoyed a winning bet only to discover that a Rule 4 deduction applies. This occurs when a horse is withdrawn after bets have already been struck. The amount of deduction is strictly in accordance with an industry-wide agreement that allows payouts to be reduced to a pre-agreed formula, depending upon what price the runner was when it was withdrawn. This ranges from a maximum 90p in the £ for any horse that was 1/9 in the

betting - or even shorter, down to just 5p for any horse starting between 10/1 and 14/1. If any withdrawn horse's price is bigger than 14/1, bookies are not allowed to make any deduction. A further complication is that bets struck at starting price (SP) are unaffected unless there was sufficient time for odds to be adjusted due to the non-runner - or in technical jargon, in time for a new market to be formed. But bets are rarely struck at SP on course as this is more likely

Did you know?

In the film Champions, Grand National Winner Aldaniti appeared as himself but Bob Champion was played by John Hurt whilst the rider in all the racing sequences was John Burke - who won the National himself on Rag Trade in 1976.

Another Shergar mystery!

One of the criticisms and an obstacle to attracting new race-goers is that to outsiders racing is all very confusing. Handicaps, maidens, novices, listed races, group races, fillies, mares, colts, geldings, all-weather, turf, flat, hurdles, jumps, bumpers, chases, claimers, sellers, conditionals, apprentices - let alone betting being calculated by unheard of fractions. So it's with some surprise, or rather despair, that racing is now introducing more levels of confusion by offering 'team' events. We already have the ridiculous Shergar Cup, now joined by the Skybet Sunday Series and The Racing League. There's no way that horse racing can seriously be considered to be a 'team sport' as every race is all



The Shergar Cup - any appeal as a team sport?

about finding that single winner rather than considering the gender or nationality of the others finishing behind. In naming The Shergar Cup the organisers got one aspect right by attributing the ill-fated Derby winner's name to another mystery. Even for those closely involved in

racing it's getting increasingly hard to get a grip on championships which simply used to give the jockey or trainer the title for the most winners. How can it be that the jockey riding the most winners during a calendar year is not a champion? But racing becomes more and more fragmented with

different championships, different broadcasters and less and less co-ordination between all the major stakeholders. It really is time for racing to take a look at itself and put a stop to these misjudged initiatives being unrolled as making racing more attractive. It's having the opposite effect!