

PHILIP HOBBS

Sandhill Racing Stables

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Newsletter (3rd Edition)



The Cheltenham festival is just around the corner and we are delighted with how the 2015/16 season has gone for us so far. We are currently 2nd in the Jump Trainer's Table, with a 25% strike rate, 96 winners and £1,164,243 in prize money.

Richard Johnson, runner up to Sir AP McCoy 16 times, is well on his way to his first jumps jockeys' championship title and reached his first 200 winners in a season on 'Cheat the Cheater' at Warwick on the 26th February. He reached 3,000 career winners on St Saviour at Ludlow on the 4th January.



Figure 1 Richard having his 200th winner on Cheate the Cheater at Warwick

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The yard had three winners on two Saturdays in the last couple of months, the first in January with **Duke Des Champs** and **Rock The Kasbah** winning impressively at Ascot under Richard Johnson and **Allee Bleue** winning at Taunton under James Best. A month later we had **Sausalito Sunrise** and **Tearsofclewbay** winning at Ascot and **Gala Ball** had his second win of the season at Wincanton on the same day making a total of 23 winners in those two months.

David Maxwell is going to ride in the top race for Amateur jockeys; The Cheltenham Foxhunters on his own **Mendip Express**, after winning at Warwick and Fontwell. We all wish him lots of luck as it the race that amateurs most want to win.



Figure 2 Sternrubin and Jolly's Cracked It Dead heated at Ascot in December



Figure 3 Royal Regatta winning at Ascot in December



Figure 4 Sausalito Sunrise winning at Ascot in February



Figure 5 Tearsofclewby winning on the same day at Ascot

Chances at Cheltenham



Figure 6 Kruzhlilin runs on Tuesday



Figure 7 Balthazar King runs on Wednesday



Figure 8 Garde La Victoire runs either on Thursday

Staff profiles

CHRIS DAVIES (2nd Assistant)



Hometown: Chepstow

Favourite horse and why:

Captain Chris (pictured) I was lucky enough to ride him every day for 5 years and he is by far the classiest and best horse I have ridden.

Favourite racecourse and why:

It has to be Cheltenham for the big festivals as the atmosphere is unbelievable.

How did you get involved in racing:

I've grown up with horses. My father was a jump jockey, who now works for Charlie Hills and my Grandfather, Milton Bradley is still training.

Favourite hobby outside of racing: Playing rugby and squash.

Funniest thing you have seen on a racecourse:

A 2 year old race at Chepstow, where 4 of the 8 jockeys unseated on the way to the start!

And finally.....what did you have for breakfast this morning: Coffee and Chocolate.

SOPHIE KING



Hometown: Kingsbridge, Devon.

Favourite horse and why:

I can't pick between Sykes and Atirelargo, because I ride them every day and I can't wait to see them every morning.

Favourite racecourse and why:

Newton Abbot, because the sun is usually always out, everything is close and the food in the canteen is really good.

How did you get involved in racing:

I got involved by doing a week's work experience with Sophie Leech (Gloucestershire) and then I went to The British Racing School, before I came to Sandhill.

Favourite hobby outside of racing:

I enjoy going to the gym, but I also love a good shopping trip!

Funniest thing you have seen on a racecourse:

Recently I took Atirelargo to Kempton for his first race and on the way out, just before you let the horses go, he got a bit excited and darted off leaving Dickie sat on his bum. At the time it wasn't funny at all, but looking back on it, I had to laugh!

And finally.....what did you have for breakfast this morning:

A delicious bacon bap brought in to the tackroom by Johnson's wife, Liz.

Retired Racehorses...where are they now?

Captain Chris has been retired from racing and is having a summer at grass, before hunting with the Devon & Somerset Staghounds with huntsman Donald Summersgill.

Dream Alliance, who is a big star now, having featured in "The Dark Horse" movie, is happily living with Clare Sandercock in Somerset.

Imperial circus is point-to-pointing with his new owners and living near Taunton.

Owners Day 10 to follow update

1. **Daphne Du Pre** 196
2. **David Jones** 194
3. **Aiden Walsh =** 190
Russell Field = 190
4. **Mike Walker** 186
5. **John Hall** 180

Places to stay near Sandhill

The Luttrell Arms, Dunster <http://www.luttrellarms.co.uk/>



The Castle Hotel, Dunster <http://thedunstercastlehotel.co.uk/>



The Dragon House, Bilbrook <http://dragonhouse.co.uk/>



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The Hobbs sisters take on London Marathon 2016!

Both Katherine and Diana are running this year's London Marathon for the charity St John's ambulance, which is the Nation's leading first Aid service.

Any sponsorship would be greatly appreciated.

<https://www.justgiving.com/Diana-Hobbs1>

