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Although our season was cut short by the dreaded corona virus, we still achieved our target of over £1 million in prize money. We were on our way to 100 winners before racing was halted, where we had 75 winners overall. A huge thank you to all the owners that have supported us once again for the 2019/20 season.

The highlight of the season was Defi Du Seuil winning the Tingle Creek at Sandown, followed up by the Clarence House chase at Ascot. Obviously his Cheltenham run at the festival was disappointing and we found nothing amiss after the race. He is now back at JP McManus's Martinstown stud for a well-earned break and we look forward to next season with him. Thyme Hill has been fantastic for us and the Heywood's & England's winning the Persian War Novices hurdle at Chepstow in October, followed up by wins at Cheltenham in November and then the Grade 1 Challow Novices hurdle at Newbury in December. He was unlucky at the festival not getting a clear run, but still ran on well to be 4th only beaten 1 ½ lengths. The last race of the Cheltenham festival our luck nearly changed when we were beaten just a short head in the Martin Pipe Conditional Hurdle with Pileon for Tim Syder under Ben Jones.



October/ November



The proper National Hunt season started really well with a treble at the Cheltenham November meeting, with Defi Du Seuil, Jatiluwih and Thyme Hill. Gumball ran a cracking race to be beaten just a neck into 2nd in the Greatwood handicap hurdle under Ben Jones, following on from his success at Ascot two weeks earlier.

Pictured above are the horses in this order after their successes at Cheltenham.



Pointed and Sharp, owned by Tony Staple and George Giles ran through the summer on the faster ground, where he was placed numerous times. His owner's patience was finally payed off when Micheal Nolan gave him a fantastic ride to win at

Fontwell in September, followed up by winning at Fontwell (pictured) and Taunton in October in handicap chases.



Master Work (pictured left) gave long standing owners the Peppiatt's a great win under Tom O'Brien, making it a double on the day at Fontwell along with Pointed and Sharp.

Big Shark is an attractive, strong horse that came over from Ireland after finishing 2nd in a point to point. He had wins at Worcester (pictured right) and Hereford for his owners Caren Walsh and The Eden Valley Chancers.



Keep Moving (pictured left) is a real favourite in the yard and ran a cracking race to win well in soft ground under Sean Houlihan over fences at Wincanton. This was a real confidence boost after a horrible fall he had at Exeter on his previous run, so we were delighted for his owners The Country Side Partnership.



Winter Getaway (pictured left) was a mare that was brought by Philip at the Goffs Spring Sales for The Kingpins. She has won twice over hurdles at Stratford in October and Warwick in November where she was ridden by Richard Johnson. She is a very likeable and honest mare.

Potters Venture (pictured right) is a horse that we were always very fond of at home and he impressed us all by winning at Chepstow in November under Richard Johnson for Alan Peterson and his family. Unfortunately he picked up an injury after that win, but we look forward to seeing him back on a racecourse in the autumn.



Zanza (pictured left) is a horse that seems to be a big fan of Newbury having won there twice out of only three runs. He won impressively under Sean Houlihan (pictured) in November and then was being aimed for the Betfair hurdle where he ran a respectable race into 6th place only beaten 2 lengths in a close finish.



Smarty Wild (pictured left) was an impressive Novice hurdler last season for Mike & Norma Tuckey winning three on the bounce. He won at Exeter in November under a great ride from Richard Johnson in the handicap hurdle.

December



From The Heart (pictured above) has really improved since he started chasing. He won his first race for his deserving owner Ray Whitehorn at Taunton in the novice handicap chase, where he was ridden by Richard Johnson.



St Barts above winning at Ascot under Ben Jones
For Richard & Lizzie Kelvin- Hughes.



Flinck winning above at Haydock with
Tom O'Brien for Ronnie Bartlett

Tidal Flow (pictured below) winning a Beginners Chase at Uttoxeter for Garth & Ann Broom. He has been a great horse for the owners winning two chases, two hurdles and a bumper in his first race at Newbury.



January- March



Gala Ball (pictured left) was an impressive winner at Wincanton in the handicap chase at the beginning of January for Robert & Janet Gibbs, under a fine ride from Tom O'Brien.

The following week we had a double at our local track Taunton with Masters Legacy (left photo) under Micheal Nolan, who is owned by Pam Bosley. This was his second novice hurdle win at Taunton and he looks like a really smart horse for the future.

Earth Moor (right photo) has been a great horse for Roger & Catherine Penny and won well at Taunton under Richard Johnson in the handicap hurdle after a 441 day break, due to an injury he picked up from the season before. He went on to win again at Wincanton in March in the handicap hurdle.





Le ligerien (pictured left) is owned by David Churches and is a tough horse. He won twice in one week under Ben Jones, first at Newbury and then at Haydock in the handicap hurdle before being re-handicapped.

Golden Sovereign is a very likeable horse and has won twice for us and owner Liam Quinn this season. First at Uttoxeter in December in the maiden hurdle (pictured right) under Richard Johnson. He then followed up at Warwick in January in the handicap hurdle under Tom O'Brien.



Kalooki (pictured left) won very impressively by 17 lengths at Wetherby under Micheal Nolan in the novice hurdle in February. This followed up his win in the maiden hurdle at Ludlow under Richard Johnson winning by the same distance. He is owned by Andrew Cohen and is a half-brother to Kruzhlilin who won a few races for us.

Horses on their Holidays



Horses enjoying the sun on their backs and plenty of grass



Katies Escape enjoying her summer holidays

Farewell to Leighton Aspell



Leighton has been a fantastic jockey in his career winning the Grand National twice on Pineau Du Re and Many Clouds and with nearly 1,000 winners to his name. We wish him a happy retirement and best of luck in his new venture. The photo on the left was a lovely day at Ascot with both Leighton Aspell and Richard Johnson in Tim Syder's colours for trainers Oliver Sherwood and Philip Hobbs.

The Team



A big Thank you to all our team for their hard work this season and we look forward to everything coming back to normal soon.

New Logo & Sponsorship



As of this season we are sponsoring our own yard with a new logo. A big Thank you to MS Amlin who has sponsored us for the past 15 years.

Thank you once again for your continued support of the yard and we are looking forward to a successful 2020/21 Season.

