

PHILIP HOBBS

Sandhill Racing Stables



We were very fortunate with Covid to re-start jump racing in July 2020, starting a month after flat racing. The BHA did a fantastic job to make it safe for workers in the industry and owners attending race meetings. Thank you to all our loyal owners for your continued support during the 2020/21 season and to our hard working team at Sandhill. We had just over

half a century of winners and $\frac{3}{4}$ of a million in owner's prize money. A season below our usual standards, but after cleaning all the stables and a good summer at grass for our horses we hope normal service will be resumed for the 2021/22 National Hunt season.

A big thank you and a happy retirement to our stable jockey of over 20 years Richard Johnson. We were so proud to see him become champion jockey for four seasons and he is a fantastic ambassador for our sport. He has given us many great days such as Rooster Booster in the champion Hurdle, Flagship Uberalles in the Queen Mother Champion Chase, Captain Chris in the Arkle, Balthazar King in the Cross Country races at Cheltenham and in France are just some of the races we are have to thank him for. Tom O'Brien is his very able successor and he started out on the right note with a fantastic Grade 1 win at Aintree on Thyme Hill.



The stables first winner for the 2020/21 season was Gavrocheka at Market Rasen in July in the handicap hurdle under a powerful Richard Johnson ride for owner JP McManus, She is a tough mare that appreciated the better ground. She then went on to win again at Ffos Las in June this year and will run during the summer months.

It was fantastic to have our first winner for The Philip Hobbs Racing Partnership at Market Rasen with the ever reliable mare Shantou Sunset (on the left) under regular rider Micheal Nolan. She went on to be placed five more times during the season and won again at Ffos Las this May. A great, fun horse for the partnership that always gives her best.



Imperial Presence (on the left) won very well at Stratford for in the handicap chase for Sir Christopher & Lady Wates. He followed up his success at Fontwell in October under Richard Johnson. A great front running chaser that has won nearly £70,000 in owners prize money.

Auld Sod (on the right) won over fences at Fontwell in August under a great ride from Sean Houlihan. A very likeable horse who seems to enjoy his racing and followed up with another win at Ffos Las in June this year.



Horse Force One was our first winner in September at Newton Abbot for Govier, Brown and our farrier Ben Parker. He won the maiden hurdle under Richard Johnson and he is now retired happily with Ben and his family and will have free shoes for life!



Leapaway (top left) won at Hexham in September for James & Veronica Ferguson in the novices chase under Richard Johnson making the long trip worthwhile.



From The Heart (top right) won at Chepstow in the handicap chase for Sarah House in October and then followed up later in the month at Taunton.



Zoffee won on the flat for Tom Dascombe and joined us in the winter. He then went onto win a novice hurdle and last season a beginners chase at Exeter for Alan Peterson under Richard Johnson. A lovely horse for the future.

It was fantastic to have our first winner, after several places at Auteuil in France with Zizaneur for owner David Maxwell under James Reveley. He has now stayed in training in France.





Arian was a great winner at a rather wet Newton Abbot under Tom O’ Brien for owner Mel Mathias in the handicap chase. She then went onto win the following month at Warwick. A lovely big strong mare that is a horse to look forward to this season.

Gumball won the beginners chase at Uttoxeter under Tom O’Brien for long standing owner Terry Warner. He is such a versatile horse having won on the flat, over hurdles and now fences.



Kalooki won impressively at Newbury in the beginners chase in November under Richard Johnson for owner Andrew Cohen.



Feuille De Chene won very nicely at Taunton under Richard Johnson for owner JP McManus in the mares handicap hurdle.



Beau Du Brizais ran a great race at Cheltenham in the cross country race finishing a gallant second under Micheal Nolan for owner Roger Skan.



We had an across the card double with Luttrell Lad at Market Rasen in the bumper with Richard Johnson for “owners for owners” and Little River Bay at Wincanton in the maiden hurdle under Tom O’Brien. This was the first of three wins for the tough mare Little River Bay last season followed up with a wins at Fontwell and Newbury for her owner/ breeder Sir Christopher & Lady Wates.



Awake At Midnight (left) was the winner of the handicap chase at Huntington for owner/breeder Sally Lloyd- Baker under Tom O'Brien.

Wildfire Warrior (right) was a smart winner at Ludlow under Richard Johnson for owner Diana Whateley in the novices hurdle.



Thyme Hill was a gutsy winner of the Ladbrokes Long Distance hurdle at Newbury in November beating Paisley Park under a driving Richard Johnson ride. He was very impressive and is a top class horse for the England's & Heywood's.



Zanza was an impressive winner at Newbury in the handicap chase under Richard Johnson for the Louisville Syndicate.

Orbys Legend was a game winner at Exeter in December in the novice hurdle with Tom O'Brien for owner Highclere Thoroughbred racing. He then went on to win at Sandown in March. A lovely strong gelding, by Milan who will be an exciting novice chaser for next season.



We had a double at Fontwell with Earth Moor (left) Little River Bay (middle) and Glasha's Peak (right) was a good third.



Master Work (top left) was a good winner at Taunton in the handicap chase with Tom O'Brien for long standing owners the Peppiatt's family.

Gosheven (top right) won his maiden hurdle at Doncaster under Tom O'Brien for the Grocer Syndicate and was runner up at the same track a few weeks later.



We had a good week with winners starting with Pol Crocan at Wincanton, followed by St Barts (above on the left) at Newbury. Demopolis & Keep Rolling at Hereford with Ash (top right) and then Everglow at Uttoxeter.



It was a great end to December by having a winner at Doncaster with Truckin Away (top left) under Micheal Nolan for Garth & Ann Broom, followed by Stellar Magic (top right) winning at Taunton with Richard Johnson for Allan Stennett.



Smarty Wild (above) was our first winner of 2021 at Kempton for Mike & Norma Tuckey with Richard Johnson on board. We then had a double at Newbury with Dostal Phil for JP Mcmanus and Little River Bay for Sir Christopher & Lady Wates.





It was fantastic to have a Saturday double at Sandown in February with Sporting John (left) and Deise Aba (right) both under fine rides from Richard Johnson.



A great day at Wincanton with a treble all under Micheal Nolan started with Longshanks (top left) for owner Richard House, followed by Pol Crocan (above) for Roger Skan in separate divisions of the maiden huddle. Golden Sovereig (left) then went onto win with a fantastic round of jumping for owner Liam Quinn in the handicap chase.



March started well with a double at Taunton courtesy of Ebony Gale for Judith Luff in the handicap chase and Luttrell Lad in the bumper for Owners for Owners, both under Richard Johnson. On the same day we had a winner with One For You at Ludlow for Martin St Quinton and Tim Syder, who went onto win again at Market Rasen at the end of the month.



Camprond has been a very consistent horse during the season having run six times and been in the first three in all his runs. He won at Taunton in March under Richard Johnson and followed up by a win at Market Rasen (pictured above) on his last start with Tom O'Brien.



Thyme Hill after having a setback and missing the Cheltenham festival, was a very gallant winner of the Grade 1 Stayers Hurdle at Aintree under Tom O'Brien for the England's & Heywood's. Team Hobbs all enjoyed champagne the following week with the owners and Thyme Hill (Pictured below)



The horses are now having a well earned summer holiday before they come back in next month ready for the 2021/22 season where we hope to have lots of luck & success.

