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Sandhill Racing Stables



The 2021-22 Season ended on a high, with Camprond winning at the Punchestown festival for JP McManus. We ended the season with £1,150,362 in owners prize money and 70 winners overall. Since the horses were turned out to grass in the Spring for their holidays, the staff have been busy steam cleaning and painting the stables with anti- bacterial paint.

The majority of our horses and team are now back to work and getting fit and ready for the 2022-23 National Hunt season. We are excited to get going properly from October onwards with the stable stars returning, along with some nice young horses to look forward to.

Sarah and I celebrated our 40th Wedding Anniversary in June this year and we are very fortunate to have both enjoyed a career with horses that we have grown up with and love. Thank you for supporting our yard for another season and we hope to continue with lots of fun and success along the way.

To continue on from our Winter Newsletter, we will start with our Winner on New Year's Day 2022 at Cheltenham with Dolphin Square under a gallant ride from his Owner/ Rider David Maxwell.

Dolphin Square and David had a brilliant season winning four times and we look forward to seeing them back out again in the Autumn.

Le Ligerien (pictured page 2) put up a classy performance by winning comfortably under Ben Jones at Chepstow on 6th January for owner Dave Churches, in very muddy conditions.





We had a double at Wincanton that Saturday with Great Ocean for Salvo & Alex Giannini and Island Run for Sir Christopher & Lady Wates. It was pretty wet conditions that day, as you can see from a happy, but muddy Tom O'Brien! Alberic (below on the right) is pictured in the winner's enclosure at Huntington. He is owned by Elli Morgan's, Corrina Ltd and provided Conditional Jockey Jack Martin with his first winner under rules.



Sporting John (photo on page 3) followed up his win at the Cheltenham November meeting, by winning the Pertemps Hurdle Series Qualifier at Warwick on the 15th January very comfortably. Unfortunately he picked up a small issue afterwards, which prevented him from running at the Cheltenham Festival, but we look forward to seeing him return to action this Autumn.



Monviel won his Maiden Hurdle gamely at Wincanton the following week for James & Veronica Ferguson, under a positive ride from stable jockey Tom O'Brien.

Keep Rolling (pictured below) rewarded his patient owners; The Mick Fitzgerald Racing Club, with an easy win at Uttoxeter in the Handicap Chase.

He then won again in March at Hereford, under Ben Jones in a Novice Handicap Chase.



Coolnaugh Haze a recruit off the flat in the Autumn, won readily at Plumpton on 31st January in a Maiden Hurdle under Tom O'Brien for owners Highclere Thoroughbred Racing. He then followed up his success by winning at Huntington in April, under Micheal Nolan in the Handicap Hurdle.



The horse's good form continued in February with Iberio (pictured below) winning at Taunton over hurdles for Garth and Ann Broom under Micheal Nolan.

He won again the following month at Taunton and is an exciting horse for the future.





Crossing The Bar won over Hurdles at Ffos Las on 10th February with Ben Jones on board for Salvo & Alex Giannini, who were there with their children Zac and Frankie, to make it an extra special day at their local racecourse.



Celebre D'Allen continued his great form by winning his third race on the bounce, with the valuable Handicap Chase at Warwick under Tom O'Brien for owner Allan Stennett. All his wins were on heavy or soft ground, so he will be a horse that will be out racing again, once we get a considerable amount of rain.



A fantastic day was had on 17th February at Sandown with a double with Monviel (left) and Rolling Dylan (right) both owned by James & Veronica Ferguson. Rolling Dylan won the Royal Artillery Gold Cup under Captain Charlie O'Shea and then followed up the following month by winning The Grand Military Gold Cup. ☺

Near the end of February we had an across the card treble, with a double at Ludlow with Little River Bay (first picture below) for Sir Christopher and Lady Wates and Pulling Stumps (second picture below) for Highclere Thoroughbred Racing, both under Tom O'Brien.

On the same day, the consistent Dolphin Square and David Maxwell won their fourth race of the season at Doncaster.





In March, Alberic has his second win of the season at Wincanton under Tom O'Brien. Elli Morgan, who is the racing manager for Corrina Ltd was in attendance (pictured left with Tom O'Brien and Holly).

Rolling Dylan (pictured below) has been a star for the yard at the grand old age of 11 years old. He followed up his win at Sandown from the month before, by winning The Grand Military Gold Cup under Major Charlie O'Shea in the colours of Colonel James Ferguson. He has enjoyed his hunting in-between his runs, with the local packs of the West Somerset Foxhounds and the Devon and Somerset Staghounds.

He is pictured below at the local meet at the West Somerset Kennels, with Daphne Du Pre's two racehorses, Rolling Dylan ridden by Diana Hobbs and Cotswold Way & Louisa Zeale.



Longshanks has been a consistent horse for his Owner Richard House, by being in the first four in all his six runs last season and thankfully got his win at Exeter under Tom O'Brien in the Handicap Chase. Tom then had to dart off after his win, because his wife Hayley was giving birth to their second son Toby O'Brien. Luckily Exeter is Tom's local Racecourse!

Musical Slave (pictured below on the left) was given a confident ride by Tom O’Brien to win the Handicap Chase at Sandown on 12th March for JP McManus. He then went onto win at Haydock Park the following month and ran a gallant 2nd in the valuable Bet365 Gold Cup at Sandown on the last day of the season in April. A horse with plenty of ability that we hope will keep improving.



Mister Marbles (pictured above right) has improved since his wind operation and won comfortably at Taunton with Tom O’Brien on board. He was 2nd before his win and placed afterwards, so we hope he can continue his good runs for Alan Peterson and his family.



The Grade 1 winner Thyme Hill’s Season target was the Stayers Hurdle at the Cheltenham Festival. He was just beaten in his prep run in the Long walk hurdle at Ascot in December. He ran a great race to be 2nd at Cheltenham and was the best of the British runners. He has schooled really well over fences at home, so we look forward to going Novice Chasing with him this Autumn.

Forever Des Long (pictured right) made the long trip to Market Rasen on the 22nd March worthwhile, by winning the Handicap Hurdle under Jack Martin for The Noel Fehily Racing Club.



Earth Lord completed his third win of the season for Roger and Catherine Penny, by winning a Novices Hurdle at Kempton on th 19th March with Tom O’Brien.



Honestlyntrufully was our first winner in April and made a front running run, a winning one at Taunton in the handicap hurdle, under Tom O’Brien for Janet Gibbs and Clifford Bull. He won very easily by 15 lengths!



Coolnaugh Haze won comfortably at Huntington on the 18th April, with Micheal Nolan riding for Highclere Thoroughbred Racing. He has been a consistent horse for the season winning twice and being placed several times over Hurdles.



It was really fantastic to finish the season on the 30th April, with Camprond winning at The Punchestown Festival in Ireland, for JP McManus. He was given a confident ride by Aidan Coleman, in a valuable Handicap Hurdle.

May can still be a busy Month for the yard, with the horses having their final run before their holidays and the team busy cleaning the stables, with the horses that have been turned out to grass.

We also headed to the Goff's UK Doncaster Store and Horses in Training Sales, where we sold some horses and brought some youngsters that we look forward to racing this season.



Our first winner of the new season in May was Shantou Sunset (pictured above) for The Philip Hobbs Racing Partnership at Stratford in the Handicap Hurdle, under our conditional Jockey Jack Martin taking off a handy 10lbs.

Leapaway then won in the same week at Warwick with Tom O'Brien, in the Feature Race for delighted Owners James and Veronica Ferguson. Pictured left is a picture from Warwick Racecourse's Instagram page.

Leapaway has been a legend at Sandhill for a while and you will see him Racing over the Summer, as he loves fast ground.



Far Sight (By Telescope) was a very impressive Bumper winner at Newton Abbot on 1st June. He was given a great introduction to racing by Tom O'Brien and he looks like an exciting horse for the future for his owners James and Vernoica Ferguson.

His half sister Chillabella, by Black Sam Bellamy is Owned by The Philip Hobbs Racing Partnership II and has a stronger pedigree now thanks to her half brother Far Sight.

The majority of our horses are turned out to grass in June, so they can have a well-deserved Summer holiday with the sun on their backs, plenty of grass to eat and a great sea view. They came back into work on Monday 11th July, went on the horse walker, were shod by the farriers and then started 4 weeks of road work around the local villages.





Horses back in their stables and back to work.



The yard farriers, Ben and Sam shoeing all the horses.



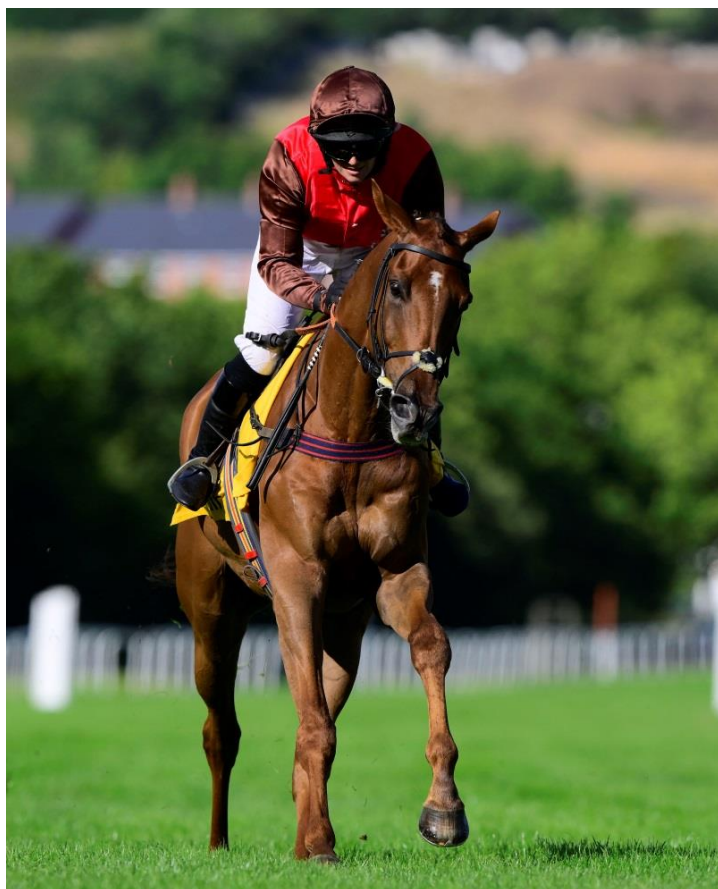
Keeping cool in the Equine swimming pool

Charity Races



Jenny Carr and Wildfire Warrior took part in the Charity Race at Larkhill Point to Point course in February, where she was just touched off into 2nd.

She raised an amazing £4,000 for Brain Tumour research, which is a charity close to her heart supporting her partner Shaun Carter.



Lisa Jackson, who has worked at Sandhill for over 30 years, rode Kepy Blanc for Owner David Maxwell in the Newton Abbot Charity Race at the beginning of July.

She raised a fantastic amount of money for Racing Welfare and has now firmly hung up her race riding boots!

Social activities



Team bowling in Taunton



Racing Welfare rounders and BBQ evening at Sandhill Racing Stables



Tom O'Brien's 1,000 winner's party

Recent employee of the month's (Sponsored by Spillers)



Jessica Coles



Simmy Bright



Marie Wren



Nicola Baker