

On Course

Support for Young Riders through Jockey Coaches

The initiative towards full time "Support for Young Jockeys" moved a step closer when the first two 7lb claimer seminars were held at Newmarket and Middleham. The Flat apprentice seminars are due to take place in October of this year.

The seminars for conditionals included the following: Michael Caulfield (Sports psychology), Simon Milton (Professionalism in sport), Yogi Breisner and Richard Dunwoody (Principles of jumping), John Blake and Clare Hazel (The JAGB), Lisa Delany (JETS), Bill South and Rob King (Security), Lucy Free (Racecourse Doctor), Richard Perham, Steve Smith-Eccles and Jason Callaghan (Jockey Coaches) and Mark Tompkins and Ferdy Murphy (What a trainer expects from a 7lb claimer).

The days were hailed as a great success: John Blake, (Jockeys Association Chief Executive), said "This initiative is the start of something exciting for a new generation of jockeys and should help equip them with some much needed on-going advice and support taken for granted by other sports. I was very impressed with the quality and

depth of presentations and for the genuine interest and enthusiasm shown by the jockeys."

Willie McCarthy, (Conditional jockey), "I found the day very helpful and it has clarified a lot of points for me. A well organised seminar."

Jockey Coach Richard Perham said "This is a very promising start. The aim of these seminars is to help and support young jockeys and therefore, we are very encouraged by their positive response."

The Flat Apprentice Training Race Series is well underway. The winning rider will receive an all expenses paid working holiday abroad, courtesy of the sponsor 'Betfair'. The aim of the training races is to have a Jockey Coach available on course for pre-race advice and a post race video review. Having attended some of the early races Richard Perham said "It is incredibly important for any rider to know the intricacies of a racetrack. To be able to walk the course with a seasoned former professional jockey is a must for any young rider wanting to succeed as a jockey. To review the race afterwards is also an important part of learning."



BRS Jockey Coaches, (from left to right), Steve Smith-Eccles, Richard Perham, Jason Callaghan and Jimmy Bleasdale

Editorial

This edition of the Newsletter encloses a summary of the BRS accounts for the Financial Year 2005-2006. It has been a very good year for the School. We have continued to grow during a difficult period.

In particular, our non charitable activities conducted through BRS Training Ltd have had another year of significant growth. The income that is generated from this activity has become an integral part of the overall operation and ensures that all the assets are used to their full potential. As an indication of this, we have just appointed our first Conference and Events Manager.

The aim is to provide the same level of professionalism in this area as we do in all our other training. Inevitably this creates a number of management challenges. However we have to recognise that if we are to remain financially viable, we have to develop and if necessary evolve and change.

Train to Gain

NVQs for Adult Learners (25 y.o +)

In partnership with West Suffolk College, the British Racing School has obtained an innovative new LSC Contract to deliver free qualifications for employed Adult Learners in the East Of England.

We can deliver the NVQ2 in Racehorse Care and NVQ3 in Racehorse Care and Management in the workplace with additional free training available at the British Racing School. This training is strictly for individuals who have never gained an NVQ Level 2 qualification or equivalent, (such as 5 GCSEs A-C or 5 O Level passes). There are no Key Skill exams or technical certificates to take.

Funding will also be made available to roll this programme out across the major training centres and beyond. The Train To Gain contract goes live from August 1st.

For any queries please contact the Training Office on **01638 675906.**



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Pony Racing

Two local Racecourses, Newmarket and Fakenham, have recently played host to Pony Races. The first at Fakenham on 21st May saw the finals of the East Anglian Point-to-Point Pony Race Finals. The race for 13.2hh & under was hotly contested but Clonross Star won the race in good fashion, in the capable hands of Georgina Andrews. The 14.2hh, sponsored by the British Racing School, was won convincingly by Gemini for the second year running, and was well ridden by Newmarket's Jack Quinlan.

The pony races at Newmarket's Rowley Mile Racecourse were the first to be held on a Flat racecourse for many years.

The straight undulating course was a challenge for the young riders, but once again Georgina Andrews and Jack Quinlan showed a clean pair of heels and won their respective races with ease. Both have now qualified for the finals at Aintree in October.

Georgina and Jack have both been to the Racing School for Pony race riding tuition. Jack is now due to attend a Level III in the near future and Georgina will be on the first Level IV course this August. The vast majority of those that took part in the pony racing at Fakenham and Newmarket have attended pony racing courses here and can't wait to return to the School for the next level of training.



Georgina Andrews, pictured at a BRS Training Day

New Initiatives

One of the themes of Lord Donoghue's Stable and Stud Staff Commission Report was that employers should be more involved in training and that training should be made more relevant. It was therefore very pleasing that Mark Tompkins approached the School to help improve the standard of the riding of some of his staff.

A 10 week programme was therefore developed with training one afternoon a week. It has been a considerable success and Mark was very pleased with the progress made by those attending. We intend to build on this and plans are in progress to work with another Newmarket trainer later in the year. Currently we are limited in the amount of this sort of training that we can take on by the number of horses we have available. However, this problem is being addressed and we have initiated plans to provide more stabling.

The Jockey Coach initiative is progressing well. The first seminar for 7lb conditionals took place on 29th June and was attended by over 30 jockeys. The feedback was very positive and justifies the need for this type of training.

Changes to the Apprenticeship Framework

Lantra are the Sector Skills Council for Land-Based Provision and they determine the components of the Apprenticeship qualifications that we deliver. Their Industry Group have determined that, for starts from August 1st, an Intermediate Technical Certificate exam in Racehorse Care should be mandatory to test the underpinning knowledge of the NVQ2.

We very much hope that this decision will be reversed as part of the ongoing review of the qualification, since we believe that it does not add to the competence of the individual to do what is a practical hands-on job.

The Technical Certificate has major implications to our funding and achievement rates and therefore some changes have been made to the foundation programme to limit the impact of the exams during the on-the-job training section of the qualification.

Lantra have also made a One Day course in First Aid mandatory for all Apprentices and Advanced Apprentices and this must be valid at the time of completion.

Staff Profile



Hayley Tancred

Hayley joined the British Racing School as an Evening Tutor in February. Since May she has been working on a full time basis as the Conference and Events Manager.

Hayley has a Diploma in Stud Management, from the National Stud, and a NVQ Level 2 in Racehorse Care. In addition she has worked as a quarantine manager for a shipping company which involved working as a flying groom and escorting horses to and from Australia. Between episodes of working outdoors, Hayley has worked in the Conference & Events Industry, organising Global Events for major 'blue chip' companies.

In her spare time Hayley enjoys gardening, playing polo, cooking, and walking her dogs Isha and Maluti.

Stable Profile – Marcus Tregoning

The British Racing School have enjoyed a good relationship with Marcus Tregoning's yard and it was wonderful to see Sir Percy's victory in the Derby. The learners that have been sent to the yard over the years have progressed through the ranks and the yard is notable for the two-way loyalty that exists.

Gino Gibbs joined the yard in 1999 and is best known for his long association with Muftaker. Gino has completed his Apprenticeship and Advanced Apprenticeship and is now studying Equine Physiotherapy.

Kelly Jones has been there since 2001 and has completed her Apprenticeship. She is due to start her Advanced Apprenticeship shortly. **Katia Scallan** completed her Apprenticeship and subsequently attended an Apprentice Licence course, to date she has had four rides.

Talib Hussain joined Marcus in September 2004 and has completed his Apprenticeship. He recently returned to the school for an Apprentice Licence course and is hoping to have his first rides soon. **Marco Pereira** joined the yard in January, he had never ridden before attending the 9 week foundation course and has settled in well.

Patrick Macewan has completed his NVQ3 and trainers Modules through the BRS, as well as a Supervisory Management course.



Gino Gibbs



Kelly Jones



Katia Scallan



Talib Hussain



Marco Pereira



Patrick Macewan

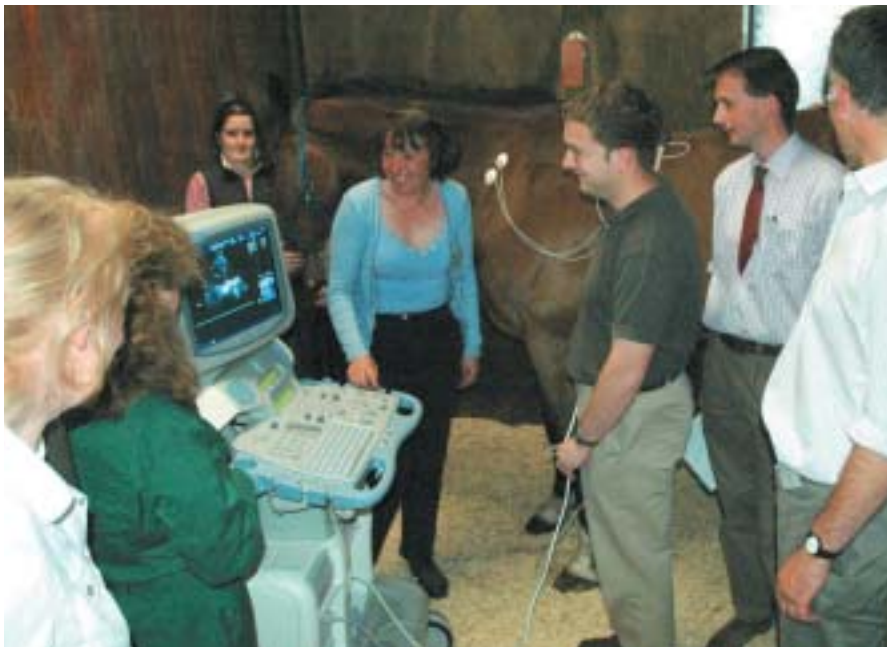
BRS Welcome Equine Vets

The British Racing School hosted the British Equine Veterinary Association (BEVA) Practical Cardiology and Ultrasound courses on the 22nd and 23rd June 2006. The British Equine Veterinary Association prides itself on providing high quality, practical and professional developmental education to its members and other vets. The BRS was the perfect venue to hold one of these courses.

Forty veterinary surgeons came to the school to hone their skills for examining horses with heart problems. The BRS were able to provide some of the cases from their equine residents and 6 other privately owned horses enjoyed the fine facilities and provided the delegates with a wide range of cardiac problems.

Comments from the delegates included "Fabulous course" and "Best course I've ever attended". All of them were keen to attend future courses at the BRS.

Dr Lesley E Young

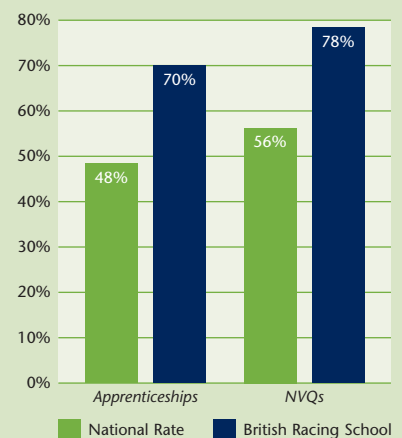


Success Rates

Our Success Rates continue to be far higher than the national average for Work-Based Learning providers. We have seen particular increases in the Advanced Apprenticeship success rates over the last three years and the scheme is becoming increasingly popular.

We now have over 80 LSC-funded Advanced Apprenticeship learners on our books at any one time, more than three times our nearest competitor and Assistant Trainers from the yards of Paul Nicholls, Sir Mark Prescott and Michael Bell have all completed their NVQ3 through this route. For more information please see our website www.brs.org.uk or call 01638 675906.

Work-Based Learning Success Rates (August 2005 – April 2006)





Recent Successes of BRS Pupils – Past and Present

1st winners

Ben Brisbourne, Tom Burrows, Chris Callow, William Carson, Victoria Cartmel*, Ian Chanin, Paul Davey, Jack Dean, Sonia Eaton, Chris Hough, Rhys Hughes, Sam Jones*, Heather McGee, Byron Moorcroft, Frankie Pickard, James Rogers, Bradley Roper and Michael Geran.

| Successful Grooms | Horse | Big Race Wins |
|--------------------|------------------------|--|
| Connie Warren | Denman | Challow Novices Hurdle |
| Caroline Hitchcott | Desert Air | Ladbroke H'cap Hurdle |
| Robert Furnival | Star De Mohaison | Royal and Sun Alliance Chase |
| Sarah Shreeve | Non So | Racing Post Plate |
| Martin Dunne | Liberthine | Topham Chase |
| Jamie Hamblett | Notnowcato | Earl of Sefton and Brigadier Gerard Stakes |
| Genevieve Godward | Sindirana and Wasseema | Lingfield Oaks Trial and Valiant Stakes |
| Tobias Coles | Confidential Lady | Group 1 Prix De Diane and 2nd in 1,000 Gns |
| Elaine Harwood | Baddam x 2 | Ascot Stakes and Queen Alexandra Stakes |
| Danielle Deverson | Dutch Art | Norfolk Stakes |
| Chris Hough | Red Evie | Sandringham Stakes |
| Stephanie Read | Soviet Song | Windsor Forest Stakes |
| Steven Borg | Sander Camillo | Cherry Hinton |
| Emily Scragg | Nannina | Group 1 Coronation Stakes |
| Jamie Walsh | Baltic King | Wokingham Stakes |
| Patrick Trainor | Soapy Danger | Princess Of Wales Stakes |
| Justin Heath | Rajeem | Group 1 Falmouth Stakes |
| Andrew Smith | Les Arcs | Group 1 July Cup |
| Donna Richmond | Dabbers Ridge | Totesport International Stakes |

Miscellaneous

Sara Metcalfe (Jockeys Agent), Rowan Hyde (Welfare Officer – Racing Welfare), John Kington (Hands and Heels Conditional Jockey winner 2nd year running).

All those listed are BRS NVQ2 graduates as a minimum, (*working towards NVQ2 or NVQ3)

Achievements (April 2006 – July 2006)

| Apprenticeship (including NVQ2) | | | Advanced Apprenticeship (including NVQ3) |
|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|--|
| Kirsty Adcock | Patrick Hills | Joseph Proctor | Hannah Ball |
| Sam Allwood | Lee Inston-Evans | Samantha Robinson | Charlotte Brown |
| Ashley Bird | Cassandra Johnson | Adam Rodger | Tobias Coles |
| Charlotte Blakey | Georgia Jones | Gary Rutherford | Kayleigh Kennedy |
| Shaun Bolton | Rachael Kearney | Scarlett Sotiris | Rheanna Lobley |
| William Brisbourne | Hugo Kennard | Emily Toner | Richard Morris |
| William Buick | Robert Kirk | Alexandra Walters | Vicky Swales |
| Faye Conway | Carly Matthews | Lauren Webb | Thomas Symonds |
| Heather Cork | Luke McJannet | Lynsey Wheatley | Dominique Tortice |
| Paul Davies | Timothy Meadows | Carly White | Lyndsey Wood |
| Sam Drury | Byron Moorcroft | Krystina Whitmore | Cara Leanne Woollacott |
| Tean Evans | Donna Osborne | Ross Wishart | |
| Rita Gillies | Lauren Parrott | Natalie Wittering | |
| Natasha Hill | Jason Picton | Sadie Woolley | |
| | | | NVQ3 |
| | | | Katie Maund-Powell |

Additional Courses

Demand for the trainers' courses has meant that we have programmed an additional Module 3 course in September which is already fully subscribed. The popularity and interest in attending the racing secretaries' course meant that an additional course was run in June. The next Racing Secretaries' course runs from 19-20th September and the two day course costs just £50.

We have also run two new courses in July; the first was a bespoke course for HRA Inspectorate staff, the other an intensive four week foundation course. The latter has been planned in response to strong recruiting and to cater for a cohort of trainees who already have a good level of riding proficiency and knowledge.

Staff Matters

Hayley Tancred has taken up the newly created post of Conference and Events Manager. The fruits of her labours are already apparent with increased interest in, and bookings for, our facilities.

We are delighted to confirm that four members of staff have passed their Internal Verifiers qualification through BHEST. Two Roving Assessors, Penny Picton-Warlow and Laura Whitehouse, have gained the qualification and two BRS instructors, Tracy Denness and Ernesta Verburg have also completed. Allegra Hindes has recently completed her NVQ3 in Racehorse Care and her A1 Assessor's qualification.

Congratulations also to Clare Adams who has passed her NVQ3 in Business Administration.

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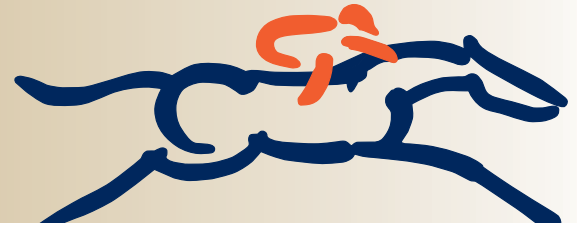
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Chief Executive's Report

The highlight of the year was the Adult Learning Inspectorate's grading of Grade 1 Outstanding. This proves that the Government funded stable staff training is of the very highest order. It puts the BRS in the top 1% of Work Based Learning Providers across all sectors of industry who have been inspected in the last four years.

Nevertheless the stable staff training continues to grow and be developed. Recruiting continues to improve and last year we saw more applications than ever before. This is as a result of the increased marketing effort and the effectiveness of the website. We have now produced a high quality DVD which we believe will be another step forward. Once again we have exceeded our industry target of placing 147 young people into jobs in racing. The quality and effectiveness of the training also continues to grow and the success rate for NVQ's has gone up from 70% -74% and from 59% to 67% for Frameworks. This is significant in two ways. Firstly it puts us 20% and 30% respectively above the most recent national figure for 2004/2005 and secondly it indicates the real progress that has been made in the delivery of key skills.

The programme for 14 and 15 year olds from local schools (known as the Increased Flexibility Programme), who come to the BRS for training each week continues to be very popular and attracts high quality young people into racing. From those who completed the programme in 2005, three have already received Apprentice Licences.

Improvements have also been made to the Advanced Apprenticeship programme and as a result there has been a steady increase in achievement rates. We continue to have an excellent relationship with the Scandinavian racing authorities, especially Sweden, and once again have trained a high quality group of trainees from there. We have taken steps to develop our links with the new European Accession countries and we hope to build on these in the future.

Progress has also been made with the other courses that we run. A new initiative to provide Jockey Coaches to support young jockeys has been launched. The aim is to provide professional advice and help to young 7lb claimers and early indications are from all quarters is that this has been well received and is a first step to keeping racing in step with professional sportsmen and women in other trades. This is currently a two year pilot with funding from the British Horseracing Education and Standards Trust (BHEST). However, we are confident that it will prove its value and will be available in the long term.

Other new developments during the year have been courses for Racing Secretaries, Mentors and a series of training days for young riders involved in pony racing. The Secretaries Course has shown that demand for this type of training is such that additional courses have had to be arranged. The training for Mentors is an important step in providing support to trainees in the workplace. We intend to build on this by providing a formal qualification for Mentors which we will pilot

over the coming year. The pony racing training has uncovered a huge enthusiasm and appetite for such training.

None of this would have been possible without the tremendous contribution of the staff. They have continued to respond positively to the increasing demands of delivering Government funded training and the constant objective of improving the quality of everything that we do at the School. During the year, two members of staff have achieved an NVQ 5 qualification and one an NVQ 4. After 7 years as Operations Director, Simon Page has left to take on a job near his home. He has been central to all that has been achieved during this time. He has been replaced by Duncan Gregory who will no doubt continue the good work. In recognition of the importance of the Conferencing and Events Management, we have now taken on a Manager, Hayley Tancred, to manage and promote this side of the business.

Looking to the future, there is still much to be done. Inevitably there are challenges to be met. There are significant changes in the delivery of Government funded Work Based Learning on the horizon. Within the industry there remains much to be done to implement the recommendations of the Donoghue Committee. We have the appetite and expertise to deliver on these challenges.

Rory MacDonald, Chief Executive

Chairman's Statement

This has been another year of achievement and continued development at The British Racing School. As indicated in the Chief Executive's Report, we have continued to develop the quality and scope of training in all areas. Undoubtedly the highlight of our year has been the achievement of a grading of 'Outstanding' from the Adult Learning Inspectorate. This is something in which the whole racing industry should take pride. In addition, we have continued our policy of reinvesting surplus funds to develop and improve the facilities, and there are some exciting plans being considered to develop them further in the near future.

We continue to try and involve trainers in the work of the School and have introduced several new initiatives to achieve this.

However I fear that, to date, they have not been as successful as I would have hoped. It is essential that we tailor the training that we offer, as far as possible, to meet their needs and therefore it is vital that we have an effective dialogue. The role of the Trainers Committee is central to this objective and I would like to thank Peter Walwyn for his magnificent contribution to the School having just stood down after 23 years as its Chairman. I am delighted that Kim Bailey has agreed to take over this important role.

As the Chief Executive's Report illustrates, the activity and diversity of the School continues to grow. What underpins this growth is the close inter-relationship between the stable staff training, the other courses and the commercial activity conducted under BRS Training Limited.

This inter-relationship ensures that the facilities are fully used and therefore the investment in them is optimised. This enables racing to receive the best possible training and the best possible value for money.

The success of The British Racing School is, of course, entirely due to the professional, loyal and hard working team under Rory MacDonald and once again I thank them on behalf of the whole racing industry for their amazing achievements. I would also like to thank my fellow trustees for their support and wisdom in guiding the School forward towards ever higher standards.

Nigel Elwes, Chairman



The Apprentice School Charitable Trust Summary Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2006

| | Restricted funds 2006 £ | Unrestricted funds 2006 £ | Total 2006 £ | Total 2005 £ |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Incoming resources | | | | |
| Incoming resources from charitable activities | | | | |
| Delivery of Apprenticeships | | 1,475,766 | 1,475,766 | 1,383,869 |
| Course fees received | | 294,848 | 294,848 | 267,615 |
| Incoming resources from generated funds | | | | |
| Investment income | 7,371 | 34,134 | 41,505 | 35,255 |
| Income from BRS Training Limited | | 205,079 | 205,079 | 185,952 |
| Other incoming resources | | | | |
| | | 6,281 | 6,281 | 33,181 |
| Total incoming resources | 7,371 | 2,016,108 | 2,023,479 | 1,905,872 |
| Resources expended | | | | |
| Charitable activities | | | | |
| Delivery of Apprenticeships | 101,007 | 1,139,829 | 1,240,836 | 1,154,658 |
| Courses expenditure | 32,495 | 436,809 | 469,304 | 455,616 |
| Cost of generating funds | | | | |
| Costs of generating voluntary income | | 1,907 | 1,907 | 2,596 |
| Investment management costs | 2,318 | 0 | 2,318 | 2,215 |
| Costs of BRS Training Limited | | 165,402 | 165,402 | 175,456 |
| Governance costs | | | | |
| | 0 | 59,310 | 59,310 | 70,180 |
| Other resources expended | | | | |
| | 0 | 7,877 | 7,877 | 16,726 |
| Total resources expended | 135,820 | 1,811,134 | 1,946,954 | 1,877,447 |
| Net incoming/(outgoing) resources | (128,449) | 204,974 | 76,525 | 28,425 |
| Gain/(loss) on investments | 137,780 | (11,604) | 126,176 | 72,152 |
| Donations | | 17,760 | 17,760 | 205,344 |
| Net movement in funds | 9,331 | 211,130 | 220,461 | 305,921 |
| Total funds brought forward | 2,938,642 | 1,671,892 | 4,610,534 | 4,304,605 |
| Total funds carried forward | 2,947,973 | 1,883,022 | 4,830,995 | 4,610,526 |

Total funds carried forward represent the Net Assets of the Apprentice School Charitable Trust and consist of Fixed Assets, £3,560,920; Investments at Market Value, £770,018; Net Current Assets, £900,057; less Long Term Liabilities, £400,000 Free reserves of some £600,000 are held in the form of cash to allow for any unforeseen circumstances which might demand exceptional unexpected expenditure, and to provide a fund to be used as a basis for the financing of the development of facilities at The School to meet the future needs of the industry.

The above information has been extracted from the audited full annual accounts of The Apprentice School Charitable Trust for the year ended 31 March 2006. Copies of the audited accounts may be obtained from The British Racing School, Snailwell Road, Newmarket, Suffolk, CB8 7NU.



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