

# On Course

## Editorial

It is very welcome to see the emphasis within Racing for Change on encouraging young people to become involved in racing.

It is appreciated that at this stage in their lives, they are not going to be spending huge amount of money on owning, corporate hospitality or other large ticket items but unless we nurture and encourage this age group, racing will suffer a slow and lingering death.

The same applies to attracting young people to work in racing. If we do not take the trouble to acquire, develop and retain young talent, where do we think the senior staff of the future will come from? It is acknowledged that this makes demands on trainers as employers. It is also acknowledged that foreign workers are now an integral part of the workforce in racing but this cannot be at the expense of, or exclusion of, young talent from the UK.

*Roy Mansoral*

## Fundraising

Plans are now well advanced for the next phase of the development of the BRS. We will shortly be launching an Appeal with the aim of raising £1 million.

This will supplement significant Government grants which we are confident that we have secured and are in the process of securing. Whilst some may question the timing of this Appeal, the 'window of opportunity' for these Government grants is limited and therefore the Trustees have decided to

go ahead now to take full advantage of this unique opportunity. The development will consist of 3 projects which aim to improve the facilities and the training that we provide at the School. Details of these will be given when we launch the fund raising campaign.

They are exciting!!



## Twelve Club Awards

The 12 Club awards are given annually to the best male and female trainee on the residential Apprenticeship Foundation Course.

The 12 Club are a group of eminent racing enthusiasts who have supported the British Racing School for many years and we are grateful for their continued support.

This year's winners are Sinead Wolf from Philip Hobbs' yard and Levi Hunt from Robert Waley-Cohen's. They are pictured receiving their silver-topped engraved whips and a cash prize at Newbury Racecourse from a member of the 12 Club and a Board Director of Newbury Racecourse, Brian Stewart-Brown.



Photograph courtesy Gavin James

## Virgin London Marathon 2010

Congratulation to Clare Higgins and Craig Benton who completed the London Marathon on 25th April 2010.

They were joined on the start line by 19 others from the British Horseracing Team who were all raising money for the Spinal

Injuries Association and Tristram Ricketts Fund, with the total sponsorship looking to exceed £38,000. Craig recorded the fastest time for the team at 3hrs 26mins and Clare was the first woman home in 4 hrs 2 mins!



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# The British Racing School Management Academy

**The second group of delegates from across the Jockey Club are currently on their Management Academy programme which they will complete in December.**

This builds on the successful initial programme which was confined to those from Jockey Club Racecourses. The plan in 2011 is to open up the programme to other

organisations within racing and already plans are progressing well.

The programme has already proved its potential. Paul Fisher, the Chief Operating Officer of Jockey Club Racecourses commented on last year's delegates "We have been delighted with this programme. There has been a noticeable improvement in performance

in all those who have taken part and already a number have gained promotion within the Group. It is also pleasing to see how their performance has helped others who work with them to improve". We believe it is another example of the BRS developing sensible, pragmatic and professional training to meet the needs of the racing industry.

## The Racing Industry Course Receives Rave Reviews



**The British Racing School is delighted that The Racing Industry Course has been a huge success once again.**

The five day British Horseracing Authority programme, hosted last week by The British Racing School, and sponsored by Weatherbys, was designed to give participants an insight into the horseracing industry.

Thirty three delegates from as far as Hong Kong, Oman, Singapore and France, as well as all over the United Kingdom, attended the course. The week was packed full of presentations, visits and discussions, hosted by some of the top names in the racing industry.

Highlights of the week included the trips to Tattersalls (which included the Thoroughbred

Breeders' Association stallion parade) Darley's Dalham Hall Stud, a tour of Mark Tompkins' yard, and a tour of the impressive Jockey Club Rooms. Notable speakers included Louis Romanet, the Chairman of the International Federation of Horseracing Authorities, the inimitable Adrian McGlynn from Weatherbys, Ian Balding the highly successful racehorse trainer and Michael O'Hagan of Irish Thoroughbred Marketing.

Jean Pierre Deroubaix, from French Bloodstock Agency commented, "The quality of the speakers, the information they gave us; the quality of the BRS team, the way we have been treated; everything has been excellent. First class."

On the Thursday evening delegates and speakers were united once more for a

celebratory dinner at the Jockey Club Rooms, with guest speaker Nic Coward, Chief Executive of the British Horseracing Authority.

TRIC was again a triumph and the British Racing School looks forward to building on this achievement in the future.

### NOTE TO EDITORS

The Racing Industry Course is now over for 2010. Contact Clare Higgins at The British Racing School if you would like to register your interest for the 2011 course. Please see [www.brs.org.uk](http://www.brs.org.uk) for details of other British Racing School courses. For details on other industry courses please see [www.careersinracing.com](http://www.careersinracing.com)

# Kieren Fox Wins the 2009/10 All Weather Hands & Heels Series

**British Racing School (BRS) Graduate Kieren Fox has won the 2009/10 All Weather Hands & Heels Series.**

Kieren was on course 193 at the BRS in March 2006 and has since been back to attain his Apprentice licence and participate in Apprentice continuation training. He rode in ten of the eleven races and finally secured the series win by finishing second on Michael Attwater's 'Prince Of Phebes' in the final. He rode three winners in total during the series.

It has been a really close and very competitive series this winter and Kieren was only leading David Kenny (who won last years series) by three points going into the final. David needed to win in the final race but sadly for him he was one of the first horses under pressure and could only finish tenth.

Kieren set out at the beginning of the series to win this and has been very professional in his approach throughout, and he deserves a lot of credit for the way that he has conducted himself during the series. The BRS looks forward to him having a crack at this summers Training Race Series and wish him the very best of luck.

*Richard Perham, Jockey Coach*



## horse profiles

### Land 'n' Stars and Sergeant Cecil

**Both Land 'n' Stars and Sergeant Cecil had illustrious careers on the track earning respectively £211,513 and £726,531 in prize money.**

However although they only met twice on the racecourse, it is a wonderful coincidence that they both now find themselves enjoying a second career at The British Racing School.

The first time they met at Sandown in July 2006 in the Listed Addleshaw Goddard Stakes where Land 'n' Stars, at 16/1, got up on the line to beat Sergeant Cecil by a neck. Rivalry was continued a month later

in the Goodwood Cup where Sergeant Cecil was able to turn the tables and finish fourth behind the top stayer Yeats with Land 'n' Stars finishing 6th. However that season Sergeant Cecil went on to land the Lonsdale Cup at York, the Doncaster Cup and the Prix du Cadran at Longchamps whilst Land 'n' Stars went on to finish a creditable 5th in the Melbourne Cup in Australia at 200/1.



*Land 'n' Stars*



*Sergeant Cecil*

# Fitness for 9 Week Foundation Course Trainees – A New Approach

**It has become increasingly clear that there is a strong correlation between fitness and success on the nine week course.**

Whilst we have always actively encouraged prospective students to work on their fitness before embarking on a 9 week course, we now go further. Once accepted for training, trainees receive a fitness 'start standard' that they should have reached by the start of the

9 week course. We assess them against this in week 1 and the expectation is that they will be up to this standard. We are also increasing the number of weekly fitness sessions and expanding the range of fitness activities included in these. Together we hope these measures will produce fitter trainees, better able to cope with the rigors of the 9 week course and thereafter the work place.

## Achievements

### 1st Winners

Peter Hatton	The Walnut Tree	08/11/09	Hereford
Lucy Barry	Campfire Tales	19/11/09	Wincanton
Gary Derwin	Laborec	25/11/09	Wetherby
Harry Bentley	Prince Valentine	20/01/10	Kempton
James Smith	Devils Delight	09/02/10	Sedgefield
Ross Wishart	My Skipper	20/02/10	Uttoxeter
Adam Beschizza	Belle Park	26/03/10	Wolverhampton
Lewis Walsh	Secret Asset	09/04/10	Wolverhampton
Nika Vorster	Cameroon	17/04/10	Doncaster
Sophie Silvester	Ghufa	20/04/10	Wolverhampton

### Big Race Winners

Cambridge Trophy	Doncaster	27/03/10	Inxile	D Nicholls	P Hannagan	James Gee
Nell Gwyn Stakes	Newmarket	14/04/10	Music Show	M Channon	K Fallon	Louisa Flook
Top Novices Hurdle	Aintree	09/04/10	General Miller	N Henderson	B Geraghty	Hannah Stuckey
Maghull Novices Chase	Aintree	10/04/10	Tataniano	P Nicholls	R Walsh	Trudie Smith
Gold Cup	Cheltenham	19/03/10	Imperial Commander	N Twiston Davies	P Brennan	Joanna Collinson
Supreme Novices Hurdle	Cheltenham	16/03/10	Menorah	P Hobbs	R Johnson	Kayleigh Andrew

## staff profile

Liz Jukes –  
Our New Full Time Roving Assessor



**Liz Jukes has recently joined the team of assessors and has responsibility for trainees employed in yards in the Midlands, Cotswolds and Lambourn areas.**

She has a wealth of relevant experience having worked in racing, ridden as an amateur, spent time as an equine veterinary nurse, lectured at Hartpury College and was employed as a NVQ assessor prior to joining us.

Between work and looking after her two young sons, she still finds time to ride out for her brother-in-law who trains.

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