

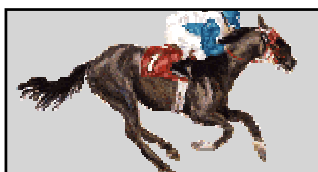
THE GAMBLING ACT 2005

Ten Key Facts You Should Know About the Gambling Act

Members will be aware that the RCA Executive has spent much of the past year in advancing their interests in the implementation of the Gambling Act. The smooth handover to the contingency arrangements for the administration of on-course bookmakers was testament to the prodigious efforts of the Gambling Legislation Group. We are quietly confident that the new arrangements, which we estimate will be in place by 1 January will also work well.

The most newsworthy element of the implementation process is the debate surrounding the bookmakers' list positions.

Here are 10 key facts about the issue:



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1. Bookmakers have never possessed any interest in the land on which the bookmakers' pitches are located.
2. Bookmakers have been fully aware of this since 1998 when the trading of list positions (but importantly not the pitches themselves) were introduced.
3. No security of tenure was ever given to those buying list positions.
4. Racecourses have not received a penny from the trading of list positions between bookmakers.
5. The proposal to move from the 5 Times Rule to commercial arrangements between racecourses and bookmakers was originally made by Government in March 2003, based on the firm recommendations of the 2001 independent Gambling Review.
6. Government's decision does nothing more than mirror existing racecourse relationships with other on-course concession holders, whether betting or other areas such as food and drink, and which work well from big companies down to individual stall holders.
7. The average value of traded list positions in 2006 was less than £6,000 and has been in general decline for some years.
8. Only 1.5% of list positions are valued by the National Joint Pitch Council (NJPC) (based on their tariff values) to be at £30,000 or more.
9. The RCA has offered to discuss these matters openly with the Federation of Racecourse Bookmakers and their constituent associations. To date they have declined to meet. We remain keen to sit down with them. The Minister for Sport has kindly offered to host a meeting of the parties. We are grateful for his assistance.
10. The historic system of pitch administration, by the NJPC, was the subject of significant criticism by both the Office of Fair Trading and within Parliament.

The RCA will continue to look after members' interests in this area in the months ahead and will keep members informed of all material developments. Both the RCA and the Federation of Racecourse Bookmakers will be giving evidence to Parliament's Culture Media and Sport Select Committee who are conducting an Inquiry into the administration of on course Bookmakers.

Stephen Atkin

RACE PLANNING

Strategic Review of the Fixture List – DEADLINE 19 OCTOBER

Racecourse Managers are reminded that the deadline for submissions as well as the questionnaire is **Friday 19 October**. All courses are requested to return the questionnaire in order that a full assessment can be made, which would help the Review.

The RCA has drafted a response, which is currently being amended following the Fixture Policy Group meeting held on 5 October. A copy will be circulated to Racecourses prior to the deadline.

Carla Moore

Race Times

The Race Times Committee and its Working Party met on Thursday 4 October to discuss race times' principles, broadcasters' arrangements as well as racecourses' applications for 2008 race times. Present for the RTC were: Carla Moore and Laura Holmes (RCA), John Johnson and Barry Faulkner (ABB), Debbie Bayley (SIS), Jim Ramsey and Lindsay Davidson (RUK/TurfTV), David Bradshaw (HBLB), Ruth Quinn, Stuart Middleton, Alistair Stewart, James Savage (BHA). The WP consisted of CM, LH, JJ, DB, JR, LD and JS.

Points of note are:

- Where possible Irish racing has been taken into consideration.
- LBO's will only cover those evening races that can operate under natural daylight up to 10 pm. Racecourses having to use artificial lights will only be covered up to 9.30 pm (last race at 9.20 pm)!
- Ample gaps between RUK/ATR racecourses should be created wherever possible.
- When racing on a Saturday or during any mid-week televised meeting/Festival it is unlikely that a request for less 35-minute intervals can be accommodated.
- Sunset time: in the winter months especially the BHA will aim for 15 minutes, but with the necessary flexibility where possible.
- Central co-ordination of race times on racedays was discussed in order to find a way of avoiding clashes when incidents happen on course. It is important to know who has authority to decide whether to delay or try and catch up. BHA to investigate further.

James Savage is aiming to have the next Race Times document with you as soon as possible.

Carla Moore

Development Fund / HBLB 7th Race Scheme

At its October meeting the BHA confirmed the Development Fund for 2008. Details will be released shortly by the BHA Racing Department. Now that the allocation of the Development Fund has been agreed, the attention can be directed towards the HBLB 7th Race Scheme. The intention is that payments will be 50% of the 2008 Minimum Values for those Classes that fall into the criteria. It is hoped that details can be released as soon as possible.

Carla Moore

RACE PLANNING

Jump Racing Development Group (JR DG)

The JR DG met on 12 September 2007. Present were: Edward Gillespie (Chair), Carla Moore, Toby Balding, Richard Russell, Sally Rowley-Williams, Charles Egerton, Anthony Bromley, Anthony Stirk, Fraser Garrity, Phil Smith, Richard Wayman and Claire Simmonds. A short summary is below:

Tribute to Nigel Clark the late Chairman of the JR DG. The meeting recognised his contribution to racing and held a minutes silence in remembrance.

Following Establishment of BHA: The JR DG would continue to meet as the BHA Board had acknowledged that it was a valuable resource. It was noted that reporting lines had to be clarified.

International Federation of Jump Racing: It was recognised that Jump Racing needed to develop a global stage. The Group decided that consideration should be given on how to promote jumping internationally including the creation of a global website.

48-hour declarations: The BHA is to consider, as well as REL, implementing an agreement between Racecourses and the Horsemen's Group. It was stated that if revenues did start to appear from the Flat they may need to assess Jump racing's income streams.

Order of Merit: The Group was advised that responsibility for Order of Merit had passed to REL with BHA staff involvement. REL was pursuing a number of potential sponsors as well as considering appointing a sports sponsorship agency. The Group felt that if possible Chase and Hurdle categories should be split.

Chasers rated 140+: It was noted that Jump racing was in great health and its statistics should be positively promoted to coincide with the launch of Jump Race Focus in October.

Dominance of Irish-trained Horses: This was most likely due to the Irish economy, individuals having more money to purchase horses and owners keeping their horses rather than selling them. The Group felt it was important to ensure that the best Irish horses competed in Britain to ensure that British Racing remained competitive.

Summer Jumping Workshop: The Final report had been reviewed internally and BHA was awaiting comments from the RCA and NTF before being made public.

Strategic Review of the Fixture List: It was recognised that the Review would allow Jump Racing to identify opportunities for promoting Jump Racing and as such it should consider how key Jump fixtures/festivals could be packaged to create more interest (racegoers + betting) both as special events and as betting products.

Jump Race Focus Launch: The brochure would be launched at Cheltenham co-hosted by HSA on 18 October. The purpose of this would be to encourage sponsorship and ownership.

Jump Racing Knowledge Bank: Members were asked to consider how to keep Jump Racing experts involved in the sport and what roles they could take up or provide. **Communications Strategy:** It was decided that in order to try and demystify the sport, ways to engage participants of Racing in interviews etc should be pursued. The Group would relay back to the BHA that these objectives should form part of the new BHA Director of Communications remit.

JR DG: Invited to VAT dinner on 4 December at House of Commons (EG, SRW and TB to attend).

Edward Gillespie: Accepted Chairmanship of the Group

Next Meeting: Tuesday 11 December at 10.30 am.

Carla Moore

RCA/NTF Regional Meetings

During September, members of the RCA Race Planning and Technical Group held meetings with NTF Council members at Cheltenham, Newcastle and Newmarket. Subject that were discussed were: Reserves, Flat/Jump/AWT programmes, Fixture List, 48-hour declarations, Graduation Chases, Going Stick, Frost Covers, watering, race planning on-line, co-ordination between racecourses and trainers. An action plan will be devised, which will be circulated to racecourses.

Carla Moore

RACE PLANNING

British European Breeders Fund increases its contribution for 2008

Bucking the trend, not for the first time, the BEBF Trustees have agreed to provide a significant boost to prize money available in EBF Maiden/Novice races on the Flat in 2008. The recent announcements about the reductions in minimum values in races from Class 3-7 impact on the vast majority of races. The BEBF's increased allocations for 2008 will lift these minimum values **above** the 2007 levels.

Details of the increases are contained in the attached sheet for Racecourse Managers. It must be stressed that EBF prize money in two-year-old maiden/novice races cannot be used to achieve the minimum values, but must, at the very least, be **added** to minimum values. The 96% increase in the BEBF allocation to these races brings the amount to over £525,000. Please note that 97.9% of the two-year-olds in training in 2007 **are** EBF eligible and this percentage figure has been pretty consistent over the previous 11 years (please see below).

The increased allocations to the maiden/novice level of EBF races will be just one part of the BEBF's commitment to prize money on the Flat in 2008. As in 2007, the BEBF will provide prize money on the Flat in 2008 for:

EBF Fillies Nurseries (3)	for a total of	£38,000
EBF Fillies/Mares Handicaps (30)	for a total of	£115,500
EBF Classified Races (4)	for a total of	£15,950
EBF Fillies/Mares Listed Races (25)	for a total of	£219,500
EBF Feature Races (13)	for a total of	£43,500
EBF 2YO MAIDEN/NOVICE RACES (299)	for a total of	<u>£525,955</u>
TOTAL:		£958,405

It is likely that the Trustees will be asked to support a few more Fillies'/Mares Handicaps. There are bound to be minor adjustments to the programme for 2008, but BEBF's allocation to the Flat could reach £1million.

David Brown, Chairman of the BEBF Trustees, commented: I should add that we receive remarkable co-operation from racecourses, and from BHA's Racing Department whose advice and assistance is invaluable.

For any further information, please contact Sam Sheppard at the BEBF on 01638 667960.

Carla Moore

Enterprise Fixtures

Following a meeting of the Fixture Policy Group the RCA Executive will draft a proposal regarding the Enterprise Fixture process for 2009, which will take into account the timetable, cancelling a fixture, involvement of the BHA Inspectorate and the starting point of the allocation process. The RCA will keep Racecourses updated on any developments.

Carla Moore

RACE PLANNING

Race Planning Group

The RCA Race Planning Group met on Thursday 6 September. The Racecourses were represented by Nick Lees, Ian Renton, James Hutchinson, Bill Farnsworth, Jim Allen, and Mark Kershaw, also in attendance were John Smee, David Bradshaw, Carla Moore, Laura Holmes and Laura Parsons. The notes of the meeting were circulated to all Managers and Clerks of the Course on 17 September. A summary of discussions is below:

48 Hour Declarations: The Group was informed that the BHA would conduct a thorough review of 48 hour declarations. Following some concern with regard to non-runners, the Group asked the RCA to look further into the extent of the problem.

Minimum Values 2008: CM reported that the minimum values for 2008 would be released imminently in time for racecourses to confirm their programmes for Programme Book 1. The RCA has since posted the 2008 MVs on its website.

Report from the Race Planning Committee: CM advised the Group that the RPC would be known as the 'Racing Committee' in future as it would embrace more than just race planning matters. She informed the Group of the presentation from Ladbrokes on betting on racing which she had found slightly alarming as other forms of betting were becoming more popular.

Review of the 2008 Fixture List Process: The Group noted the results of the RCA's review of the fixture list process. Only a few responses had been received from racecourses. After some deliberation the Group decided only a few tweaks would be needed for 2009. These included inviting the BHA Inspectorate to attend the Enterprise Fixtures Allocation meeting. There was some concern raised about the likely funding from the HBLB for Enterprise Fixtures. The Group was informed that there would be doubts to this happening if the current climate persisted i.e. Turf TV. The RCA was asked to clarify the conditions linked to handing fixtures back to the BHA. The Group noted that 9 Enterprise Fixture slots would be available for 2009.

BHA's Strategic Review of the Fixture List:

The Group was updated on the progress of the BHA review. CM reported that racecourses had been asked to fill in a questionnaire and that the RCA was working on a submission. The Group expressed its concerns regarding the proposal and was unhappy with the timescale and deadline for the review which would clash with the HBLB's

fixtures criteria due to be decided in March 2008. The RCA agreed to relay the Group's concerns to the BHA.

Development Fund/7th HBLB Race Scheme: The Group considered the RCA's Development Fund proposal and noted the new races added such as the Chases for 10 year olds with a high rating and AWT Listed Races. With regard to the HBLB 7th Race Scheme, CM suggested transferring Novice Chases to the Development Fund provided that sufficient funding was available. The Group considered the level of funding for Bumper races and concluded that this should be reduced to £1000 (50% of Minimum Value) and only made available from mid-November to mid-March.

Race Off Times: The Group was presented with a paper produced by BHA Graduate Laura Parsons on information about the race off times system used in Australia but decided that although it was an interesting concept it would be too expensive and awkward to implement in Great Britain. It would, however, be helpful to have race times available online. The RCA would investigate.

Late TV Payments: Following a request from a racecourse, the Group was asked to consider whether courses could receive compensation from the Late TV payment fund for the loss of LBO income if they decide to swap a race with a bigger field for one of less than 8 following a request from Channel 4. The Group supported this in principle and DB said he would consider it. The RCA agreed to find out how many races had been switched for Channel 4 due to lack of runners.

Reserves: CM explained that the BHA would not change its ruling on the basis that introducing reserves would effect betting. The Group questioned this as the bookmakers priced up Irish races, which have reserves. The Group decided it would be open to further discussion on the matter.

Any Other Business: The Group asked the RCA to enquire why the selling price should increase if the value of a selling race was raised.

Race Elimination Data: For future reference, the number of eliminations by race for your racecourse can be accessed via the TRICL system along with entries and declarations. For further help or information please contact Katherine Proudlove at Weatherbys on 01933 440077.

Laura Holmes

BHA

New Executive Structure Announced

The British Horseracing Authority, racing's new unified governing and regulatory authority which came into being on 31st July, has announced a new team structure, reflecting the responsibilities of the new organisation.

The Authority also announced its first major appointment, with Dr Tim Morris named as Director of Equine Science and Welfare.

The new structure, which takes effect from 31st October, will see six Executives reporting to Chief Executive Nic Coward:

Director of Communications and Promotion: This new role is currently being recruited, and will include promoting the sport, press and media relations, and public affairs. Alan Delmonte is the acting Director in the meantime.

Director of Equine Science and Welfare: Dr Tim Morris. See profile below.

Director of Finance and Corporate Services: Chris Brand will continue to be responsible for the finances of the Authority and its business operations, with additional responsibility for all cross-company support functions, including HR, Legal and Industry Recruitment & Training.

Director of Integrity Services and Licensing: Paul Scotney will lead this new department. In addition to his existing responsibilities, the team will include Licensing, reflecting the Authority's role in setting and promoting standards for all participants, to ensure they are fit for purpose and understood, and to ensure that they are being met.

Director of Raceday Regulation and Operations: Tony Goodhew will lead a new department that combines all activities which relate to regulation and the operations on raceday, from racecourse inspectorate through to medical provision, starters, clerks of the scales and judges, as well as the disciplinary processes that follow on from raceday decisions. It will also include stewarding and the Rules of Racing.

Director of Racing; Ruth Quinn will continue to head up the Racing team, responsible for the fixture list, handicapping, race planning, the Pattern and provision for the horse population. She will have additional responsibility for Point-to-Point, Arab and Pony Racing.

Malcolm Wallace will be leaving his current full-time role as Director of Regulation by mutual agreement. Recruited by the Jockey Club in 1994 when the post was first created, he will take on a part-time role as an expert consultant, continuing to manage the stewarding system and have input into raceday rules and their international harmonisation.

He commented: "The timing of these changes couldn't be better for me personally. For 13 years I have been getting up at or around five o'clock and setting off on a four-hour round trip commute in and out of London and I am ready for a change. Since 1994, we have been evolving the stewarding system on the racecourse and our procedures in London. As a consequence, I believe that the whole regulatory function is in good shape and is managed by a very professional team. However, there is plenty more to be done and I look forward to continuing the work with Tony. We have been good friends for many years and neither of us have any doubt that this new arrangement will work well."

Tim Morris is a visiting professor at the University of Nottingham School of Veterinary Medicine and Science, and comes to the Authority from GlaxoSmithKline. He has held a range of roles at GSK in research, clinical veterinary medicine, and in public affairs. After qualification from the Royal Veterinary College he spent some time in thoroughbred stud and mixed veterinary practice before returning to the College to complete a PhD. In addition he has held a large number of leadership roles in veterinary professional organisations, industry bodies, animal science and welfare charities, worked with animal welfare groups, and advised a number of Government departments and agencies.

He said: "The British Horseracing Authority has clearly made a great start in supporting British horseracing and addressing the challenges it faces. I'm delighted to be joining at this time to help ensure that we give the care and welfare of horses the highest possible profile and that its decisions are underpinned by the best current science."

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BHA

New Executive Structure Announced..... contd

Commenting on the structural changes, Nic Coward said: "It has been a key early task to identify the right structure for the organisation to deal with the Authority's roles. This is a time for change, building on the legacy of the BHB and HRA, and we will now have an effective and coherent structure that will be responsive to the sport's demands. Our role is to:

- provide the most compelling and attractive racing in the world
- be seen as the world leader in raceday regulation
- ensure the highest standards for the sport and participants, on and away from the racecourse
- promote the best for the racehorse
- represent and promote the sport and the industry.

"We have a big job to do for Racing, always with

the simple test of doing what is best for the future of the whole of the sport."

"I am delighted to welcome Tim Morris to the team. He has an outstanding reputation and will make a substantial contribution as a member of the new look senior team. As we have said before, the welfare of the horse must be a top priority."

"I am also very pleased that we will continue to call on the services of Malcolm Wallace. His expertise and commitment have served racing very well for over a decade and part of the reason for British racing's world-class reputation is Malcolm's own contribution to developing and improving our regulatory service and the stewarding system in particular."

For further information, please contact Nic Coward on 020 7152 0015.

Stalls Tests (Instruction G1)

Clerks of the Course will be aware that in line with Paragraph 9 of the above Instruction, trainers wishing to have a horse stalls tested must advise the racecourse by noon the day before racing. (Racecourses are to book a maximum of five such tests).

In addition, the Senior Starter asks that Clerks of the Course advise the scheduled Starter which horses are to be tested during the afternoon of the day before racing. Several Clerks already do this and it is much appreciated by the Starters. It enables them to research horses' performance background in good time and, if necessary, contact the trainer(s) in advance with regard to issues such as the specific repercussions of a failed test.

Contact: Peter Haynes 07747 664025

Preparation of the Track (Instruction 3.2)

Flat racecourses are reminded that as per the above Instruction, they should aim for good to firm going. Whilst recognising that courses aren't all always able to influence their ground owing to weather conditions, good to firm going should be the aim unless there are individual circumstances where track topography, weather patterns and a two-day fixture (or more) mean that good ground is necessary.

Contact: F Garrity 020 7189 3852

Stable Security Officers

Please note that the BHA have now renamed their stable guards, Stable Security Officers.

Yogita Popat

PROMOTIONS

British Horseracing Call Centre

Since the start of April the RCA Promotions department has assumed the role of call centre for the British Horseracing website. Bookings processed so far are as follows:

Month	2007			2006		
	Orders	Tickets	Value	Orders	Tickets	Value
April	340	1,454	£31,795	682	3,363	£69,387
May	369	1,943	£43,959	860	3,952	£82,146
June	597	2,610	£41,485	1,493	5,801	£123,853
July	739	3,173	£47,332	1,104	4,422	£62,330
August	253	1,179	£22,129	403	1,870	£37,070
September	146	642	£12,421	334	1,520	£25,131
Total	2,444	11,001	£199,121	4,876	20,928	£399,917
	(-50%)	(-47%)	(-50%)			

April 2007 saw orders taken on behalf of 44 different courses (49 last April)
 May 2007 saw orders taken on behalf of 37 different courses (49 last May)
 June 2007 saw orders taken on behalf of 36 different courses (38 last June)
 July 2007 saw orders taken on behalf of 40 different courses (42 last July)
 August 2007 saw orders taken on behalf of 42 different courses (40 last August)
 September 2007 saw orders taken on behalf of 26 different courses (39 last September)

John Phillips or Jenna Strachan

Group Sales

As at 31 August bookings stood at 226 valued at £117,807. *Paul Smith*

Special Events Diary

This can be viewed on the RCA website, www.britishracecourses.org. Please e-mail or fax me details of newsworthy meetings you wish to appear in the diary. *Paul Smith*

PROMOTIONS

The Mail On Sunday Ticket Offer

Ticket sales for completed meetings so far are as follows:

Date	Racecourse	Tickets Sold	Date	Racecourse	Tickets Sold
4 March	Huntingdon*	92	1 July	Salisbury*	68
11 March	Market Rasen	42	1 July	Windsor*	286
11 March	Warwick	20	8 July	Ayr	38
18 March	Carlisle	42	8 July	Market Rasen	270
18 March	Fontwell Park	40	15 July	Haydock Park	500
25 March	Kempton Park	50	15 July	Perth	100
25 March	Worcester †	36	22 July	Newton Abbot	538
1 April	Hexham	36	29 July	Ascot	770
1 April	Lingfield Park	92	29 July	Carlisle	80
8 April	Musselburgh	12	29 July	Pontefract	392
15 April	Kelso	64	5 August	Market Rasen	196
15 April	Market Rasen	120	5 August	Newbury	278
15 April	Worcester	102	12 August	Leicester	132
22 April	Southwell	110	12 August	Wolverhampton	52
29 April	Brighton	92	19 August	Bath	250
6 May	Hamilton	32	19 August	Pontefract	616
6 May	Newmarket	968	26 August	Beverley	374
6 May	Salisbury	118	26 August	Goodwood	754
13 May	Plumpton	98	26 August	Yarmouth	540
13 May	Worcester	140	2 September	Market Rasen	106
20 May	Market Rasen	134	9 September	Fontwell Park	198
27 May	Fontwell Park	134	16 September	Goodwood	230
27 May	Uttoxeter	250	16 September	Stratford	238
3 June	Brighton	40	23 September	Hamilton Park	22
10 June	Bath	182	23 September	Plumpton	156
10 June	Stratford	204	30 September	Ascot	552
17 June	Salisbury	234	30 September	Market Rasen	216
24 June	Hexham	34	30 September	Musselburgh	58
24 June	Pontefract	402	7 October	Huntingdon	184
24 June	Warwick	102	7 October	Uttoxeter	204
TOTAL SOLD					12,420

* subsequently abandoned

† subsequently transferred

John Phillips or Valerie Larue

THE RACEGOERS CLUB

2008 Concession Scheme

Our thanks to all racecourses for helping to finalise the 2008 Racegoers Club concession scheme. For the first time, the minimum discount at all racecourses is £3 and over 1,300 meetings are discounted, with 32 courses offering discounts at every fixture they stage. The voucher books are now in production and a copy will be sent to every racecourse manager in December for your reference. Please ensure that all gatestaff are fully briefed to accept the vouchers on the dates you specified.

John Phillips

Free Entry At Newmarket And Sandown Park

Club members have recently enjoyed free entry to Sandown Park on Friday 14 September and Newmarket on Saturday 6 October, Cambridgeshire Day. 239 members took advantage of Sandown's generosity, whilst a huge 717 members watched the Cambridgeshire for free thanks to the Newmarket management. Earlier this year Kempton Park made an offer of free entry for an evening fixture in May, and last year Ascot offered free entry at three fixtures. If any racecourses wish to offer free entry to Racegoers Club members for a fixture, please contact me.

John Phillips

Newsletter Dates

If you wish to provide a special offer/free day for Racegoers Club members, please note the approximate times that we contact members with our quarterly newsletter: End of January, end of April, end of July, mid-October.

John Phillips

RACETECH

RaceTech – Planning & Budgeting

With the summer Flat season coming to a close, the prospect of budgeting for next year's projects and raceday costs starts to loom on the horizon. RaceTech can advise and assist you – whether for direct raceday services or for larger capital projects, please do not hesitate to contact us for budgetary indications.

We would also urge you to look at your existing PA and AV infrastructure and budget for any new equipment or updating/maintenance of equipment that you may need to undertake in the coming year – no-one likes nasty surprises and particularly kit that is open to the elements may need servicing or replacing before next summer. If you would like some advice on what and/or values that you should accrue for this essential maintenance work, please call us and we can advise you.

If you are planning a larger capital investment – a new stand, renovations etc. RaceTech can help you to define the specification of all elements of the technical infrastructure – from cabling and wireless to broadcast and CCTV requirements, power and sound distribution. This resource is available to all racecourses and RaceTech's experience of the unique requirements of a racecourse is second to none. From defining the requirement, we can then provide you with costs and a quotation, and, if successful in our bid for the work, then deliver a technically suitable solution that is fit for purpose and does the job you need it to do.

Happy budgeting!

Catherine Pullan

RACETECH

Sponsors Ads for CCTV

A quick reminder that RaceTech has supplied to all racecourses the specification for sponsors adverts for CCTV usage. We cannot re-format sponsors ads on the day as the MCR does not have the necessary equipment and re-formatting prior to raceday is time consuming, complex and may incur a charge. Please include the correct specification in your sponsor packs so that any ads can be shown as required on your CCTV and no one is disappointed. TV format requires particular sizes and formatting – if you need further clarification, please contact RaceTech.

For more information, call Catherine Pullan on 07976 432271

SPONSORSHIP

Pertemps People Development Training Race Series

Many thanks to the racecourses that are hosting races for the new Pertemps People Development Training Race series for conditional jockeys. The series is designed to be the next step on from the Hands and Heels series in terms of developing jockeys riding skills. Conditional Jockeys that have ridden 20 winners or less at the start of the season can ride in the series; the jockey coaches will walk the course and do the race review with them (both these elements are mandatory), but in this series jockeys are permitted to use their whips. There are 8 races in the new series, which is kindly being sponsored by Pertemps People Development Group – who also sponsor the Apprentice Hands and Heels Series:

1	Kelso	Saturday	20 October 2007
2	Chepstow	Wednesday	28 November 2007
3	Leicester	Wednesday	12 December 2007
4	Folkestone	Wednesday	16 January 2008
5	Wetherby	Monday	11 February 2008
6	Ludlow	Thursday	28 February 2008
7	Market Rasen	Sunday	9 March 2008
8	FINAL ASCOT	Friday	11 April 2008

Mary-Ann Sandercock

Racing Post Hands and Heels Series

The Racing Post Hands and Heels series also starts this month and thank you to the Racing Post for their continued support (it is their third term of sponsoring the series), and also thank you to participating racecourses for their assistance with hosting races. The series is as follows – please note that the date for the Taunton race has changed from when it appeared in the Racing Post recently.

1	Carlisle	Thursday	25 October 2007
2	Huntingdon	Thursday	8 November 2007
3	Market Rasen	Sunday	11 November 2007
4	Wincanton	Thursday	22 November 2007
5	Uttoxeter	Friday	21 December 2007
6	Wetherby	Saturday	12 January 2008
7	Ludlow	Thursday	17 January 2008
8	Plumpton	Monday	11 February 2008
9	Taunton	Thursday	28 February 2008
10	Fontwell Park	Wednesday	5 March 2008
11	Ayr	Friday	7 March 2008
12	FINAL NEWBURY	Friday	28 March 2008

Mary-Ann Sandercock

TECHNICAL

RCA Clerks of the Course Seminar

A seminar for Clerks of the Course will take place at Aintree Racecourse on Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 November 2007.

The event is designed to appeal to Clerks of the Course and other members of racecourse management teams such as Groundstaff, Racecourse Managers, Operational Managers, and Racecourse Directors, who would be very welcome to attend for all or some of the programme.

Monday's programme will feature presentations from the BHA, Cranfield University and TurfTrax as well as a detailed session on the recording, understanding and communicating of raceday data. Tuesday's programme includes presentations from the Tote and BHA Head of Handicapping. There will also be presentations on medical and veterinary issues and an opportunity to view the excellent facilities available at Aintree Racecourse.

As is traditional, on the Monday evening, there will be a reception supported by Letheby and Christopher, followed by a dinner sponsored by Fornells with a guest speaker after dinner.

Booking forms have been sent to all Clerks of the Course and should be returned to me by no later than Monday 5 November 2007. If you have not received a booking form, but would like to attend the seminar, please contact me.

Holly Robarts

Weather Report

Below is a summary of the August Weather Report (for England and Wales) from the Environment Agency.

August was much drier than the previous three months, and all of our regions received below average rainfall. Despite the drier weather, it was the wettest summer since records began in 1914 in our Midlands Region and the second wettest in EA Wales and our Thames and Anglian Regions. Soil moisture deficits remain low for the time of year but have increased across all regions. Monthly mean flows decreased at all indicator sites, but all sites remained *normal* or higher for the time of year. Over one quarter of sites were still *exceptionally high* for the time of year. Groundwater level increases were recorded at just under half of the sites. There are now no longer any *exceptionally low* groundwater levels in any of the reported aquifers. Reservoir storage decreased in all of our regions over the month. Overall storage for England and

Wales decreased by 4% to 89%. However, storage remained at least at *normal levels* in all of our regions.

Rainfall: August was a much drier month than the previous three, with all our regions receiving below the long term average (LTA) rainfall.

Soil Moisture Deficit: Soil moisture deficit (SMD) increased in all regions during August, but was still unseasonally low at the end of the month.

River Flows: Monthly mean flows decreased at all indicator sites in August, but approximately one quarter still had flows more than double the August LTA.

Groundwater Levels: Groundwater levels increased at two out of every five indicator sites during the month.

Reservoir Storage: Regional reservoir storage decreased in all of our regions, with four of our regions recording decreases of 5% or more.

SAFETY

RCA Safety Group

The RCA Safety Group met on Friday 5 October 2007. The racecourses were represented by Iona Barnett, Stella Postins, Steve Tully and Ronnie Wilkie. The notes of the meeting will be circulated to all racecourse managers and racecourse Health and Safety Managers when available. A summary of the discussion is outlined below:

The Green Guide Review: The Group discussed the review of the Green Guide, and agreed that it would be necessary to contact the FLA to determine the timescale for this review.

Ticket Touting: The Group was informed that the Report from the DCMS Select Committee Inquiry into ticket touting should be available in 2-3 weeks, and the RCA agreed to review this on behalf of the Group.

PRS Fees Consultation: The Group was informed that the RCA had submitted a response to the PRS Fees Consultation, and would continue to monitor the situation.

Smoking Legislation: The Group agreed that the implementation of the Smoking Legislation had been successful, but that there were some enforcement issues to be addressed.

Environmental Policy: The Group proposed that the RCA should produce a best practice guide for racecourses on environmental issues, and agreed to provide assistance with this.

Parade Ring Safety: The Group reviewed the RCA Parade Ring Safety Guidance Document and Risk Assessment and agreed that they did not need updating at this time.

Social Responsibility: The Group reviewed the RCA Social Responsibility Guidance Document and agreed necessary amendments which will be circulated.

Tree Safety: The Group was informed that guidance on tree safety had been prepared, and would be reviewed and then distributed.

Caroline Davies or Holly Robarts

MEDICAL

SRMO Training

The BHA will be running a one day SRMO training course at Stratford Racecourse on Monday 19 November 2007. The course is intended for new SRMOs only who have not attended a one day SRMO training course previously. Booking forms have been forwarded to all Racecourse Managers, Clerks of the Course and SRMOs. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THE ONE DAY SRMO TRAINING COURSE AT NEWCASTLE RACECOURSE ON WEDNESDAY 20 OCTOBER 2007 HAS BEEN CANCELLED.** Further details can be obtained from Carol Walker. *Carol Walker*

TRAINING

Racecourse Groundsmen Courses

Intermediate Course:	British Racing School, Newmarket	18-23 November 2007
Advanced Course:	York Racecourse	10-15 February 2008
Foundation Course:	Cheltenham Racecourse	20-25 April 2008
Intermediate Course:	British Racing School, Newmarket	16-21 November 2008

There are places available on the above courses. For information please contact Chris Costello at the Institute of Groundsmanship, 28 Stratford Office Village, Walker Avenue, Wolverton Mill, Milton Keynes, MK12 5TW, Telephone: 01908 312511, e-mail: iog@iog.org

BADGES & PASS

Guide to PASS Cards

It has been brought to our attention that there is some confusion regarding PASS Cards, and which cards people should have. Please find below a brief outline of the PASS Cards in circulation and who they are held by. Should you have any queries regarding PASS Cards, these should be directed to the PASS helpline on 01933 270333 or pass@weatherbys.co.uk

- Green Card with no photograph – currently issued to racehorse owners, permit trainers, amateur riders and jockeys second badge holders. Any metal badges which are issued for pool use (e.g. to a company, racecourse or publication rather than an individual) will be accompanied by a green card with no photograph.
- Green Card with photograph – issued to the press and NTF, JAGB and Official metal badge holders. From 1 January 2008 jockeys second badges will be for 1 named holder, and these holders will be issued with green cards with photographs rather than the previous cards without photographs.
- Maroon Card with no photograph – previously issued to all ROA and TBA members. These cards are no longer being issued and blue cards with photographs (see below) are being issued instead. Maroon cards which have already been issued will continue to be valid unless they are replaced.
- Maroon Card with photograph – Issued to RCA Metal badge holders. These cards are no longer being issued and green cards with photographs are being issued instead. Maroon cards with photographs which have already been issued will continue to be valid unless they are replaced. This is unless they are also ROA or TBA Members, where a blue card with a photograph will be issued.
- Blue Card with photograph – Issued to all ROA and TBA badge scheme members, and being phased in for all ROA members as a whole.

Many PASS Card holders may fall into more than one of the above categories. In this instance the PASS helpdesk will issue them with the most appropriate card.

All PASS Card holders should have 1 card only. Any person with more than 1 card should be advised to contact the PASS helpdesk to determine which card they should continue to use and which should be disposed of.

Holly Roberts

Green Card



Maroon Card



Blue Card



BADGES & PASS

Access and Ticketing Workshop

As racecourses will be aware, the upgrades are currently being made to the PASS System. In addition to this, RaceTech and a number of racecourses are investigating barrier access and ticketing systems.

The RCA, Weatherbys and RaceTech have begun discussions about how these systems may work together in the future, and an Access and Ticketing Workshop was held at Weatherbys on Wednesday 10 October 2007 to discuss these proposals further with racecourses. The workshop will also include presentations regarding ticket touting, and how to deal with forged tickets.

A full report from the Workshop will be included in the November 2007 issue of UPDATE.

Caroline Davies or Holly Roberts

2008 Badge Colour Scheme

The colours for the 2008 metal badges for the RCA, Press, Official, NTF and JAGB will be Light and Dark Purple.

Holly Roberts

2007 Badges and Badge Posters

8 copies of the large poster, and 4 copies of the A4 sized poster have been sent to all racecourses. Extra copies are available on request.

Holly Roberts

RCA and Press Badge Lists

Copies of the lists of 2007 RCA and Press Badges holders are available on request. *Holly Roberts*

Missing Badges

RCA: 151, 152, 153, 154, 256, 257, 269, 316, 372, 380, 426, 448, 459, 552, 582, 1030, 1146, 1147
 Press: 76, 153, 188, 220, 264, 416, 420, 425, 515
 JAGB: 26, 66, 281, 291, 332, 334, 356, 363, 410, 412, 448, 451, 452, 477, 478, 495, 546, 566, 586, 668
 NTF: 383, 410, 470, 481, 526, 544, 545, 790, 793, 851, 1257, 1318, 1319, 1405, 1559, 1583
 Officials: 40, 60

Press Arrangements at Festival Meetings

The RCA, HWPAs and racecourses met on 21 September to discuss press arrangements at festival meetings. The HWPAs area representatives were finalised and their details are available from the RCA. Festival meetings will now be covered by the HWPAs area representative for the region. If you have any press related problems or queries then please contact your HWPAs representative.

The meeting requested that the RCA obtain the list of Irish accredited journalists for racecourses to use if they receive an application from a member of the Irish press to enable them to check their credentials. This list is now available on request, please contact Lizzie Lea. *Lizzie Lea*

Commercial Photographers

A list of racecourse commercial photographers is available on request. The list has been designed for racecourses to check the credentials of those photographers who do not hold press accreditation from the RCA but are familiar with working on racecourses and hold appropriate public liability insurance. As the RCA does not accredit commercial photographers an official list of commercial operators has been devised to help racecourses with their own accreditation. *Lizzie Lea*

RACING REGISTER

Free to use, Racing Register is an events diary maintained by Sportsguide Limited on behalf of the racing industry. Any organisation planning a press day, product launch or open day etc., involving racing professionals and the media can contact Racing Register to register their event and be advised of any potential clashes.

The following are highlights for late October, November and December 2007.

For further details regarding specific dates please e-mail:

events@racingregister.co.uk or contact Lynn Payne at Sportsguide Limited on 01344 774322.

October

18 Thursday -19 Friday	Sponsors Seminar - Cheltenham
19 Friday - 21 Sunday	Breeders Cup Fan Fest Monmouth Park
20 Saturday	Champions Day - Newmarket
22 Monday - 23 Tuesday	DBS - Horses in Training Sales
24 Wednesday - 26 Friday	DBS - October Yearling Sales

November

15 Thursday	Cheltenham Thoroughbred Racing and Breeding Seminar
16 Friday - 18 Sunday	The Open at Cheltenham
18 Sunday	The JETS Richard Davis Awards 2007 sponsored by Griffins at Cheltenham Racecourse
21 Wednesday - 22 Thursday	DBS Flat and NH in Training, Flat Yearlings
30 Friday	Hennessy Winter Festival - Newbury

December

1 Saturday - 2 Sunday	Hennessy Winter Festival - Newbury
3 Monday	Horserace Writers & Photographers Annual Awards Luncheon London
14 Friday	DBS National Hunt Breeze Up Sale

SOCIAL INTERCOURSE

Spotlight On

Fiona Needham
Clerk of the Course - Huntingdon & Warwick



Age	40
Marital Status/Children/ Pets	Single (again) Horse- Sidney, Terrier- Bolan
Previous Career(s)	Assistant trainer, Training point to pointers, & Bloodstock Agent (all combined!)
Best Bits About Your Job	Walking the course (keeps me sane and gives me time to think!!)
Worst Bit About Your Job	Having to abandon a racemeeting
Best Racing Experience(s)	Winning the Cheltenham Fox Hunters
Worst Racing Experience	Falling at the first in the Aintree Foxhunters when expected to go close
Racing Hero	Richard Dunwoody
Most Fanciable Racing Personality	Mike Cattermole
Hobbies	Hunting, walking my dog, reading (and drinking)
Favourite Film & TV	Shawshank Redemption, Life on Mars
Favourite Holiday Destination	Londolozi game reserve, South Africa
Current Wheels	Audi A4
One Wish To Improve The Industry	For there to be fewer politics

DIARY DATES

23 October	BHA Race Planning Committee
30 October	RaceTech Board
5 November	RCA Race Planning Group
7 November	BHEST AGM
8 November	RCA Legal Group
14 November	RCA Board Meeting
19 November	RCA Technical Group
22 November	BHA Race Planning Committee
26-27 November	RCA Clerks of the Course Seminar, Aintree
28 November	RaceTech Board

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Briefing Notes regarding Holiday Entitlement Changes
 Brandwagon Newsletter
 BEBF Allocations to 2 Year Old Maiden/Novice Races 2008
 HBLB Veterinary Newsletter

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