

COMMUNICATIONS

New Radio Racing Programme on Big L Radio

Big L Radio, available nationally on Sky Digital 0190, AM Radio1395 and also at www.bigl.co.uk, has launched a new daily racing programme. The first morning broadcast went out at 11.30am, Thursday 5 June during the Mike Read show.

Initially running over 12 weeks, Monday to Friday at 11.30am it will feature "Turf Talk" with Peter Scudamore, in association with Betfred. The morning show will be broadcast in all Betfred shops and Betfred's Dave Metcalf will be a daily guest.

Following the initial trial, Big L Radio is looking at expanding into providing live afternoon racing seven days a week. Further details to follow.

Lizzie Lea



Daily Racing Bulletin Launch on Monday 16 June 2008

As part of the Racing Promotions Group strategy to raise the profile of Racing to a wider audience, the RCA will be producing, in conjunction with the BHA, a daily racing bulletin to provide key information to national and local media on the following day's racing. The information, including first race time, admission prices, notable horses/jockeys and other special events such as concerts/entertainments, will be sent to national press, local press (specific to those courses racing the following day), local and national radio and relevant websites. The bulletin will compliment any information you provide to local media, and is a snapshot of the day's racing within a compact template to provide basic but useful information to the media. This will be launched on **Monday 16 June** and the concept has already received extremely favourable feedback from the BBC's Head of Sport for English Regions.

This is a great opportunity to provide a daily stream of information to promote racing via a large proportion of relevant media. To ensure that the bulletin produced for your racecourse reaches relevant local media as well as the national media database we are compiling, please could you provide Lizzie Lea or John Phillips with the following:

- (a) Email addresses for your relevant local press contacts
- (b) Email addresses for your relevant local radio (and website) contacts

Racecourses were asked to provide these contact details by Friday 6 June. If you have yet to do so, please forward them on to us as soon as possible. The more extensive the database we can build up for each racecourse, the more effectively we will be able to promote your meetings.

We would welcome any newsworthy information you would like included in the bulletin such as special entertainments or attractions. Please email Lizzie Lea before 11am the day before racing to ensure we can include this for you.

Many thanks to those racecourses who have already provided us with local media details.

Lizzie Lea and John Phillips

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Morning Race Bulletin

From 1 August the daily racing bulletin will be complimented by the expansion of the current talkSPORT service to disseminate going information on the morning of racing to all relevant national and local radio and web-based media.

The Racing Post now receives the early morning going reports from the RCA and these are being produced onto their website to provide up-to-date information.

Lizzie Lea and John Phillips

RACE PLANNING

2009 Fixture List

The Fixtures Allocation Committee (FAC) met on 28 May and discussed the final round of “friendly” applications, as well as a handful of Self-Funded applications. The timetable for the remainder of the process is as follows:

12 June	-	Enterprise Fixture Allocation
16 – 20 June	-	Final non-contentious applications accepted
23 June	-	Final FAC meeting
14 July	-	BHA Board to approve the 2009 Fixture List
24 July	-	2009 Fixture List Published

Carla Moore

Enterprise Fixtures

No racecourse has decided to return an Enterprise Fixture, which hopefully indicates that they are working and are appreciated by those courses that stage them.

On Thursday 12 June four additional Enterprise Fixtures will be offered via an electronic process (9.30 am start). Interested racecourses will be given a 10-minute slot during which they can submit an application (either by email or phone). This time around a handful of racecourses have requested a slot in the allocation timetable.

Carla Moore

Frost Covers

The Levy Board has agreed to provide grants to racecourses for the use of frost covers, starting in November 2008. The RCA Executive is working on a protocol that needs to be met in order to qualify for the grant (£10,000), which will include, among other things, proof of full deployment of covers on the racecourse. The draft protocol will be discussed with the RCA Race Planning and Technical Groups and should be finalized by the end of the summer.

Carla Moore

Minimum Values from 1 July 2008

The BHA has circulated revised Minimum Race Values which will apply from 1 July 2008. The revised minimum values will increase the minimum cost of the race programme during the second half of 2008 by £6.7m.

Carla Moore

RACE PLANNING

Increase in Basic Daily Rates from 1 July 2008

The Levy Board has decided to increase its 2008 Prize Money contribution by an additional £6.7m. As a result, Racecourses were supplied with amended Basic Daily Rates which will apply from 1 July. The BDRs have been increased by 20% on the level prior to 1 July.

In addition to the BDR increase, the Levy Board has also provided an extra £1.5m to an Enhancement Fund and an increase to winter evening fixtures funding (September-December). Racecourses are asked to note that the 20% increase to BDR funding will also apply to funding for BHA fixtures.

Finally, racecourses should be aware that BDR calculations for 2009 will be based on the normal process and will therefore use BDR levels prior to 1 July 2008 as a base. Racecourses should also be aware that the HBLB and BHA do not expect to see a reduction in racecourses' prize money contributions as a result of this increase. I'm sure I do not have to point out that any such move could affect your position in the Merit Table. For further information, please contact David Bradshaw (Levy Board Racing Director on 0207 333 0043).

Carla Moore

Strategic Review of the Fixture List

An update on the progress of the review has shown that in the main, racecourses have been extremely co-operative in achieving the review's aims.

- Weak Saturdays – an initial proposal detailing the qualification criteria for Premier Fixtures was circulated to courses on 16 May. Meeting with racecourses have started to highlight concerns.
- Sunday racing – 4 blank Sundays will appear in next year's fixture list. An all-Jump card will be staged in mid-July.
- Winter evenings – the number of winter evenings staged on a Saturday will be reduced by 13. The RCA is still contesting this decision.
- Moderate Flat horses – initial proposal being discussed with the Horsemen's Group.
- AWT fixtures during Flat season – progress has been made in balancing the distribution of such fixtures during the summer.
- Geographical considerations – 3 BHA fixtures will be solely offered to Jump courses not situated in the south.
- Bank Holidays – progress to be confirmed.
- Break for Jump Jockeys – an 8-day gap has been created in September.

Carla Moore

Premier Fixtures

As part of the Strategic Review of the Fixture List, it was recommended that from 2009 the concept of Premier Fixtures is introduced. In mid-May the BHA circulated a paper to racecourses proposing a criteria that should be associated with them. The BHA's preferred option is as follows:

- Minimum prize money level £150,000.
- However, for Saturday afternoons only a fixture that has prize money between £100,000 and £149,999 could apply for Premier Fixture status if there are not already 2 fixtures with prize money of at least £150,000.
- At least 1 race with prize money of no less than £50,000 (£40,000 for those fixtures with total prize money of between £100,000 and £149,999).
- No races below Class 4 (Flat) and Class 3 (Jump).
- No Maiden races with Auction or Median Auction conditions.
- No Claimers or Sellers; and
- No races restricted to fillies and mares below Class 3 other than Maiden races.

Racecourses were asked for feedback and/or comments by end of play **Friday 6 June.**

Carla Moore

RACE PLANNING

Enhancement Fund

As well as an increase in BDRs, the Levy Board has also approved the creation of a £1.5m Enhancement Fund in response to increasing concerns associated with the decline in the level of support for Flat Pattern and Listed races. To that end, the following table confirms the payments that will be made from the Enhancement Fund to Group 2, 3 and Listed races during the second half of 2008:

<u>Race Type</u>	<u>Payment per race</u>
Group 2 – 2yo	£8,000
Group 3 – 2yo	£9,000
Listed races – 2yo	£6,000
Group 2 – 3yo+	£11,000
Group 3 – 3yo+	£13,000
Listed races – 3yo+	£11,000

In the event that a Jumping-related need is identified by the BHA for the second half of the year, there remains unallocated resource within the Development Fund to support a suitable initiative.

Carla Moore

Development Fund

All payments to be made from the Development Fund during the second half of 2008 are unaffected by the developments outlined previously. For the avoidance of any doubt, the payments from the Development Fund to Flat Listed races for 3yo and above will continue at £3,000. However, as is currently the case, if a racecourse is prepared to stage a Listed race at £4,000 above the minimum value, (i.e. with a total prize fund of £44,000 at the revised minimum values), the racecourse will receive a further £2,000 from the Development Fund.

Carla Moore

Merit Table

On 28 May, the Levy Board circulated details of the 2009 Flat and Jump Merit Tables, which will be used as a basis for calculating 2009 BDRs. The data for the compilation of the tables has been supplied by Weatherbys and the BHA's Racing Department from racecourses' executive and sponsorship contributions to prize money, averaged over 2005, 2006 and 2007 (calendar years). I'm sure you are all

aware that BHA, Enterprise and Self-Funded Fixtures do not count towards the Merit Table. The calculation of racecourse BDRs for 2009 will commence in August, so any queries on the figures should be directed at David Bradshaw (0207 333 043) at the Levy Board as soon as possible.

Carla Moore

Hunter Chase Review

The BHA has written to various racecourses staging Hunter Chases in February asking them to make some small changes to the Hunters' Chase qualification criteria and to the conditions of Hunters' Chases next year. It is hoped that by restricting 10 races to horses which have not won more than 3 steeple chases, fields sizes will increase across the board as the professionally trained ex-handicappers are channeled to race against each other in fewer races rather than be able to side step each other and scare away rivals of lesser ability. These are only suggestions and if you are keen that your race is or is not included, please contact Richard Russell (0207 152 0054) at your earliest convenience.

Carla Moore

RACE PLANNING

Veteran Chases

Due to its tremendous success the BHA has announced that 3 more Veteran Chases will be added to the Jump race programme later this year. They are:

Aintree	Saturday 25 October	3m	10-y-o and upwards	
Huntingdon	Saturday 22 November	2m 4f	10-y-o and upwards	
Haydock Park	Tuesday 30 December	3m	10-y-o and upwards	<i>Carla Moore</i>

Introductory Novices' Hurdles

Due to the healthy state of the Development Fund, the BHA is able to reinstate some of the funding towards the Introductory Hurdle races staged last year. Courses that used to hold such a race will be awarded £5K, with each race to be run for a minimum of £10,000. Naturally, if you would like to run the race for more than that, it is entirely up to you. Unfortunately, due to the mechanics of the way in which the Development Fund is achieved, the BHA cannot guarantee that this funding will be available beyond 2008, but it will review the situation later in the year.

Carla Moore

RCA/NTF Regional Meetings

The RCA is keen to repeat the race planning/technical meetings it had with NTF representatives later this year. The purpose of these meetings is to discuss various race planning/technical issues and to improve relations between the RCA and NTF. The RCA believes it would be a good opportunity for trainers to provide feedback on such topics and for NTF members to have more insight into the race and fixture list planning processes. Dates of meetings will be announced as soon as possible.

Carla Moore

BHA Racing Committee

The Committee's meeting 4 March was cancelled. A brief update on matters arising from the April meeting is as follows:

Day-of-race Reserves: After consultation with Ascot Racecourse and the Horsemen's Group, an agreed procedure for allowing Reserves to replace non-runners in the Britannia Stakes, Buckingham Palace Stakes and Duke of Edinburgh Stakes at Royal Ascot have been published in the Racing Calendar.

To summarise:

- Jockeys for all horses, including all 3 reserves, must be declared by 1.00 p.m. at the 48-hour stage.
- Only in exceptional circumstances will jockey substitutions be permitted after this time, i.e., illness or non-appearance of jockey.
- Weights will be raised at 10.30 a.m. at the 24-hour stage if an appropriate non-runner is notified to Weatherbys before that time.
- A non-runner notified to Weatherbys by 8.30 a.m. on the day of the race will be replaced by a reserve.

Tattersalls Millions: The ROA and Tattersalls have reached agreement over the level of refund of stakes to owners of horses which are eliminated from the Tattersalls Millions and Tattersalls Fillies' 800 in 2009, when the extra race over six furlongs is added. The total stake will be £6,000, with a 40% refund to all owners whose horse is eliminated from either The Tattersalls Millions or Tattersalls Fillies' 800.

Re-Opened Races: As of 12 June the time that horses will be able to be entered into re-opened races will be extended to 11am. Order 111(v) and Instruction B4 has been amended accordingly.

Carla Moore

RACE PLANNING

Jump Race Development Group

The Group met on 29 May and the following topics were discussed:

Launch of Point-to-Point Authority: See Page 7.

48-hour declarations for Jump racing: 1 race every Saturday agreed.

Jump Race Sub-Committee: Hunter Chase Review – minor changes to race conditions. Wetherby Chase course – meeting with NTF reps on 13 June to report progress. Review of Pattern and Listed races. Veteran Steeple Chases – tremendous success, 3 more races added. Mares' Black Type race review – another success story. Handicapping Once Raced Novice Winners – proposal is to allow horses that have been placed twice (in the first four) to get a rating.

Jump Racing Knowledge Bank: Identify racing mentors for 'behind the scenes' race-course packages. Promote racing to students. Dummy racing guide.

Communications Strategy: Encourage racecourses to include a welfare message on their websites. Welfare will be included in ROA Gold Standard assessments. Good practice should be communicated (include in RCA

seminar?). Racing Promotions Group – Sun pull-out disappointing from a Summer Jumping point of view.

Bringing new owners into the sport: Report on a meeting with Nigel Bunter (owner with Alan King). Topics discussed included prize money, race planning, promotion and sponsorship.

Jump Review 2004: Re-issue in 2009 with updated recommendations. To be reviewed by RCA Race Planning Group and other associations.

Strategic Review of the Fixture List: 4 blank Sundays during winter period. An all Jump Sunday in July. An 8-day break for Jump jockeys created in September. Prize money criteria for Premier Fixtures the same as Flat racing.

Levy Yield and Expenditure plans: Group concerned regarding change to 60:40 prize money split.

Membership JRDG: To be reviewed

Date of Next meeting: Monday 21 July at 10.30 am.

Carla Moore



Contribution from the European Breeders Fund

The EBF would like to point out that most weeks the Racing Calendar shows Total Prize Funds for EBF Maiden Races below those agreed earlier in the year with the EBF Office. These values are in breach of the EBF's minimum requirements – i.e. Minimum Value for Class of race, PLUS the EBF contribution. The EBF would be grateful if racecourses could adhere to this agreement.

Carla Moore

RACE PLANNING

Claiming Races

The NTF is working on a proposal to make Claiming races more competitive and therefore more attractive to stage for racecourses. The RCA Race Planning Group has had sight of the draft and has provided feedback. The RCA is now awaiting the formal proposal, which we assume will be discussed at the next BHA Racing Committee meeting on 22 July.

Carla Moore

Programme Book Volume IV

The programmes for race meetings taking place between 1 October and 31 December 2008, which will feature in Volume 4 of the 2008 Programme Book, were available for collection from the Weatherbys database on Wednesday, 14 May.

Races for a number of the BHA Fixtures have been added to the base already. There is no further requirement to alter these races, but please add your own race titles and sponsorship details as appropriate. Please call the BHA Racing Department if for any reason you are unable to run any of the races included, to discuss alternative options. Mike Waring (0207 152 0056) and Richard Russell (0207 152 0054) will be contacting other racecourses staging BHA Fixtures, once plans have been finalised. You should make any amendments to your programmes, using the TRICL software, and then submit the programmes to the BHA Racing Department by no later than *Friday 13 June*.

Contact: Carla Moore (Tel: 01344-625723)

Point-to-Point Authority (PPA) launch

On 23 May a new body was formed to act as governing body to promote and administer, plus provide strategic planning and guidance for Point-to-Points. The PPA will be funded by an increase in fees from owners and organisers, as well as contributions from the MFHA. It will take 50% in Weatherbys Chase, a company which collects and disseminates PtP information. The BHA will continue to regulate. The PPA has 4 guarantors comprising: The Jockey Club (Andrew Merriam), Master of Fox Hounds Association (Mike Felton), PtP Owners and Riders Association (Simon Claisse) and PtP Secretaries Association (Robert Killen). It has 3 independent members: Robert Waley-Cohen (Chair), Richard Russell and Heather Kemp.

Carla Moore

BETTING

Racecards

Please be aware that if you include "How to Bet with a Racecourse Bookmaker" in your Racecard the address of the NJPC for Late Payment Claims should be as follows:

NJPC, 3a Kings Hall, Parsons Green, St Ives, Cambs PE27 4WY

SPONSORSHIP

News from the HSA

Flat Sponsorship Showcase Event, 27 June – Newmarket

We have had a good response to the event since mentioning it in last month's Update – this is just a reminder to any racecourse representatives wishing to come along to get in touch if they would like an attendance reservation form and event programme forwarded to them.

We are delighted to announce that Sport Business Magazine has been appointed media partner for this event. Sport Business Magazine is a global magazine and this is the first time that it has partnered a horseracing event. It is hoped that the business of horseracing will become a regular feature of the magazine, bringing the sport to a wider audience of sports business professionals and investors across the world.

Speakers include, Mark Jordan – Brand Manager, Woodford Reserve, speaking about their involvement with the Kentucky Derby and indeed their new partnership with the Epsom Derby; Colin Birchall, Chief Executive and Steve King, Managing Director, Pertemps People Development Group, talking about their sponsorship of the Pertemps People Development Hands and Heels Series and Gordon Brock – Brand Manager, Natwest; talking about their partnership with the Natwest Rowley Mile Racecourse at Newmarket.

The champagne and wine for the evening's event are kindly being sponsored by Allertons and the buffet dinner is kindly being sponsored by Letheby and Christopher – in addition to this Woodford Reserve will kindly be serving their Kentucky Derby renowned Mint Julep cocktails.

Mary Ann Sandercock

Pertemps People Development Jumps Training Series

The final of the inaugural series, sponsored by Pertemps People Development Group, took place at Ascot on 11 April. Although he didn't have a ride in the final race, the series was won by Michael McAvoy who is based with Micky Hammond in Middleham. Michael will be sponsored by Pertemps People Development Group for the next 12 months and has received branded riding clothing and equipment and a cheque for £500.

Many thanks to all the racecourses that hosted races in this series, we only lost one race originally scheduled at Folkestone in

January but it was abandoned and rescheduled for Lingfield Park early March, only to become a victim of the weather again.

A "wash-up" meeting about this series and the Racing Post Hands and Heels Jumps Series took place at the British Racing School in Newmarket on 27 May. This was attended by the Jockey Coaches and representatives from the BHA, PJA, NTF, AJA – and myself as co-ordinator of the series and representing the RCA.

Mary Ann Sandercock

PRESS

RCA/HWPA Press Liaison Committee

The Committee met on 15 May to review late applications for 2008 Press Accreditation and discuss other issues relevant to the press. A summary of these discussions is outlined below:

HWPA Press and Photographers Racecourse Representatives: The Committee congratulated Will Hayler on his appointment as HWPA President and welcomed new committee members; Steve Cargill, Andy Clifton, Martin Kelly and Mike Vince.

Press Accreditation Requirements at Festival Meetings: The Committee discussed Aintree and Cheltenham's festival press arrangements and considered future arrangements. Nick Smith informed the Committee that Ascot had improved its press facilities which

would be available for Royal Ascot. The Committee agreed that the accreditation of foreign press at festival meetings be discussed further at the Press Arrangements at Festivals meeting in September at Doncaster racecourse.

Photographers: The BHA GI 5.2 relating to photographers on racecourses was discussed and the Committee's comments would be forwarded to the BHA. The revised instruction will be circulated later in the year.

Press Room Facilities: The Committee discussed the press room facilities at racecourses and approved the amended Guidance Document for media facilities on racecourses. The Committee thanked York Racecourse for its kind hospitality in providing a venue.

Caroline Davies or Lizzie Lea

HWPA Racecourse Representatives

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PROMOTIONS

The Times Month of Evening Racing

The offer was launched in The Times in week commencing Monday 17 March. Unfortunately The Times was not able to print a booking form along with the offer dates in the paper, which restricted customers to downloading a booking form from their website or calling us. Whilst some racecourses received few bookings, others secured a decent number of advance ticket sales. The list of ticket sales is below.

John Phillips

Date	Racecourse	Tickets Sold	Date	Racecourse	Tickets Sold
Friday 2 May	Bangor	66	Tuesday 20 May	Leicester	8
Friday 2 May	Fontwell	38	Wednesday 21 May	Sandown	48
Tuesday 6 May	Catterick	4	Wednesday 21 May	Sedgefield	4
Thursday 8 May	Wetherby	18	Thursday 22 May	Salisbury	32
Friday 9 May	Hamilton	10	Thursday 22 May	Worcester	38
Friday 9 May	Ripon	36	Friday 23 May	Haydock	114
Saturday 10 May	Thirsk	48	Friday 23 May	Stratford	40
Saturday 10 May	Warwick	72	Saturday 24 May	Cartmel	26
Monday 12 May	Windsor	114	Tuesday 27 May	Hexham	16
Wednesday 14 May	Bath	36	Tuesday 27 May	Huntingdon	32
Wednesday 14 May	Perth	2	Wednesday 28 May	Southwell	10
Thursday 15 May	Newmarket	44	Thursday 29 May	Newcastle	16
Saturday 17 May	Doncaster	114	Friday 30 May	Musselburgh	46
Saturday 17 May	Uttoxeter	82	Saturday 31 May	Lingfield	20
Monday 19 May	Wolverhampton	4	Saturday 31 May	Newbury	32
TOTAL SOLD					1,170

The Mail on Sunday Ticket Offer

35 racecourses are participating in this offer on 84 racedays in 2008. The offer launched over Christmas and appeared for a second time in the Daily Mail on Friday 4 April. Total ticket sales for meetings that have occurred are listed below.

Valerie Larue or John Phillips

Date	Racecourse	Tickets Sold	Date	Racecourse	Tickets Sold
3 February	Fontwell	86	13 April	Kelso	16
10 February	Hereford	48	27 April	Brighton	200
17 February	Southwell	56	4 May	Hamilton Park	134
24 February	Fontwell	104	4 May	Newmarket	882
2 March	Bangor	110	4 May	Salisbury	310
2 March	Huntingdon	106	11 May	Plumpton	70
9 March	Market Rasen	82	11 May	Worcester	166
9 March	Warwick	96	18 May	Market Rasen	170
16 March	Carlisle	32	25 May	Fontwell Park	226
16 March	Fontwell	80	25 May	Uttoxeter	456
30 March	Wincanton	96	1 June	Bath	162
6 April	Hexham	Abandoned	8 June	Brighton	114
6 April	Market Rasen	70	8 June	Worcester	126
TOTAL SOLD					3,998

PROMOTIONS

British Horseracing Call Centre

The Racecourse Association has been fulfilling the function of the BHA's call centre since April 2007, taking telephone bookings and processing all web bookings. Below are the ticket sales dealt with since the start of 2008 along with the equivalent sales from last year.

Month	2008			2007		
	Orders	Tickets	Value	Orders	Tickets	Value
January	183	718	£21,018	214	802	£23,421
February	248	1,011	£26,554	243	963	£23,050
March	277	1,029	£24,767	253	1,130	£25,468
April	212	1,047	£21,902	340	1,454	£31,795
May	210	1,131	£22,757	369	1,943	£43,958
TOTAL	1,130	4,936	£116,998	1,419	6,292	£147,692
	(-20.4%)	(-21.6%)	(-20.8%)			

January 2008 saw orders taken on behalf of 30 different courses (26 last January)

February 2008 saw orders taken on behalf of 32 different courses (29 last February)

March 2008 saw orders taken on behalf of 37 different courses (36 last March)

April 2008 saw orders taken on behalf of 42 different courses (44 last April)

May 2008 saw orders taken on behalf of 37 different courses (37 last May)

John Phillips

Coach Security Passes

We have redesigned the RCA coach security passes which we supply to racecourses. The new passes require the group organiser to put all data into a boxed form with one box per letter (ie. like a passport form) to ensure the information is fully legible. It has also been redesigned to aid racecourses in data capture, now requesting that organisers add their email addresses and mobile phone numbers. There is also a box to tick if they do not wish to be informed of future offers by the racecourse.

Hopefully these changes will make it easier for racecourses to capture and use the data provided by the group organisers.

John Phillips

THE RACEGOERS CLUB

Special Offers

The next Racegoers Club newsletter will be edited in mid-July. If you have any special offers you would like to make as an exclusive promotion to Club members, please contact me.

John Phillips

Owners Groups

Owners Group 27 has seen Maia, trained by Dandy Nicholls, run three times already this season with a fourth run scheduled at Newcastle on 7 June. Owners Group 26, who had shares in the ill-fated Tartan Article and Gaye Starlet whose season came to an end without a run, have been informed that the lease on Gaye Starlet has been extended for three months. Alan King is very happy with her recovery from injury and intends running her in a bumper at the end of June.

Paul Smith

BRITISH HORSERACING AUTHORITY

Raceday Operations & Regulation Department Changes

The following changes have recently been announced within Tony Goodhew's Raceday Operations and Regulation Department:

Senior Stipendiary Steward William Nunneley becomes Head of Stewarding with Paul Barton and Robert Earnshaw continuing to report to him. He has overall responsibility for the development and control of the Raceday Stewards and Stipendiary Stewards Department in all aspects relating to the conduct of race meetings and the Rules of Racing. He will continue to act as a Stipendiary Steward on racecourses as required.

Nigel MacFarlane has been appointed Head of Disciplinary with overall responsibility for the running of the Disciplinary Department and ensuring that the Rules of Racing are kept up to

date, and applied fairly and consistently. Lyn Williams continues to report to him as Manager of the Department.

Fraser Garrity becomes Head of Racecourse, and in addition to setting and monitoring standards for racecourses to ensure safe and efficient racing, he is responsible for the cost effective provision of the Inspectorate and of raceday integrity services by the Clerks of the Scales, Judges and Starters Departments. Recruitment of an Operations Manager, who will report to Fraser, with day-to-day responsibility for the Clerks of the Scales, Judges, and Starters Departments is currently underway and will replace the "Senior" positions for those departments. Following this appointment a Technical Specialists will be recruited from within each of the three departments.

Owen Byrne

Racecourse Gallops

Racecourses are reminded about the British Horseracing Authority's policy on gallops (as set down in BHAGI 3.1 para 5) as follows:

Pre-racing or during racing not permitted except with permission from the Racecourse Department.

Post racing – no permission needed.

In certain circumstances the Racecourse Department will consider an application from a racecourse for a gallop before or during racing as long as the following criteria are adhered to and apply:

- The principal horse must be a genuine Group/Grade 1 winner or placed (1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th) horse;
- A maximum of 2 high calibre gallop companions are permitted;
- At least 48hrs notice must be given to the Racecourse Department;
- The Racecourse Department will seek approval from the British Horseracing Authority Inspectorate, but in any event the gallop will not take place on soft or Heavy going;
- The Jockey(s) riding work on the horse(s) are not to be engaged in the next race;
- Sufficient racecourse medical and veterinary staff must be on standby to deal with any incident arising from the gallops so as to ensure there is no chance of a delay to racing;
- The Stipendiary Stewards are to be informed of the plans no later than the day before racing.

To apply, please contact Robert Hartley, Racecourse Licensing Executive, on rhartley@britishhorseracing.com or 020 7189 3854

Owen Byrne

Jockeys Changing Rooms

Further to a request from the PJA, racecourses are reminded of the BHAGI 8.3 para 24 and asked to install a noticeboard in jockeys changing rooms, wherever space permits. Jockeys have indicated that they find a dedicated noticeboard particularly helpful in terms of reviewing course maps, going reports, start timetables etc.

Owen Byrne

RACETECH

RaceTech to the rescue!

Burst water main leaves Ayr's new AV system needing urgent engineering attention.

Following RaceTech's completed design and build of a whole new AV system in the Ayrshire Suite at Ayr Racecourse, and a hugely successful Ladbroke Casinos Scottish Grand National meeting at the course on 18/19 April, that utilised the new touch screen control system to supply images and sound to TVs in the stand, Ayr Racecourse was looking at a busy bookings schedule for non race-day activities into the area, using the AV system to full effect.

But the best laid plans can sometimes go awry and having completed the full installation, RaceTech then received an urgent call for help when a flood from a burst water main caused irreparable damage to the control units and cabling, just days before the facility was needed for a conference booking of 750 people. With all hands to the pumps, the water main fixed and RaceTech staff on site within hours, the system was replaced, repaired and patched up so that the show could go on. Subsequently, RaceTech have replaced all of the water damaged equipment and re-installed much of the cabling and controls.

Richard Johnson for Ayr Racecourse said "It was a disaster for the new kit, but RaceTech just calmly arrived, sorted out the problem and handed it back to us. It was a supremely professional job, with no fuss or complaint, they just dropped everything for us. Without their prompt response, we would have had a large event with no AV or PA and really compromised facilities for the customer. We are all extremely grateful for the amazing job they did under tight timescales and difficult circumstances."

Brad Higgins for RaceTech commented "This is a prime example of RaceTech's capabilities – we designed and installed a top notch, future proofed system, proved it worked at an excellent Scottish Grand National Meeting, accepted many compliments about it, and when the chips were down and Ayr needed our help, we were there! Our engineers have worked exceptionally hard to get the replacement system in, up and running and operational for Ayr's busy schedule, so big thanks to those individuals. Disasters happen, but it is how we respond that makes the difference."

Catherine Pullan

The Big Digital Switchover

You will probably have seen the new campaign on television promoting the Big Digital Switchover. This will have major implications on racecourse TV distribution systems, since all existing systems are analogue. This means that there will be substantial work required to update and upgrade systems to accommodate the digital Switchover. RaceTech is undertaking a programme of research and investigation to see what options racecourses may have to facilitate this change. For some racecourses it may be a good opportunity to update cabling and systems, for others it will mean a necessary expense, which we are trying to help minimise. If you would like to know more about what this might mean and what budget you need to start thinking about to cover this change, please contact us.

The Digital Switchover will be phased from 2008 to 2012 and racecourses will have to make plans to be able to receive the new digital signals, as analogue will be switched off altogether. Please start thinking about this now as it could mean a major programme of re-cabling and will almost certainly mean that racecourses need to allocate budget.

Catherine Pullan

TECHNICAL

RCA Technical Group

The RCA Technical Group met on Friday 9 May 2008. The racecourses were represented by Seamus Buckley, Simon Claisse, Bob Davies, Sally Iggulden, Jon Pullin and Anthea Morshead. Clare Hazell from the Professional Jockeys Association was also in attendance. The notes of the meeting have been circulated to all Racecourse Managers and Clerks of the Course. A summary of the discussion is outlined below:

BHAGI 7.2: The Group agreed alterations to BHAGI 7.2 to require any feed to be removed between stable occupancies as well as the existing requirements to remove soiled bedding and droppings.

BHA: The Group was informed that the BHA has agreed to conduct a review of their procedures for agreeing and issuing amendments to BHA General Instructions. In addition they had agreed to produce a 5 year plan outlining their aims.

BHA Racecourse Manual: The Group was informed that the BHA has conducted a review of the Racecourse Manual, and reviewed details of the comments provided by the RCA to the BHA on the review.

Removal of Spread Plates at the Start: The Group reviewed and agreed alterations to BHAGI 10.1 and BHAOP 5.1 which stipulate that BHA Starters will no longer be permitted to remove a spread plate at the start. It will be at the discretion of the racecourse whether to make a farrier available at the start for any races other than Pattern races or races shown on terrestrial television, where a farrier will be required.

Dissemination of Raceday Information: The Group was informed that the facility for Clerks of the Course to update their own going reports on the Racing Administration Website had been agreed and was awaiting development. The RCA was asked to confirm that any updates were automatically sent to the Press. Weatherbys has confirmed this to the RCA.

Photographers: The Group reviewed the proposed changes to BHAGI 5.2 regarding photographers and agreed revisions to be forwarded to the Press Liaison Committee for review.

Abandonments: The Group was informed that the RCA and BHA are to conduct a review of BHAOP 2.4 regarding the procedures and responsibilities for the abandonment of racing mid-way through a meeting.

TurfTrax Going Stick Trial: The Group reviewed a report produced by the RCA following feedback from the Racecourses about the Going Stick trial, and agreed the content of a report to the BHA, particularly with regard to the way forward, on this matter.

Frost Covers: The Group noted that the first year of research as part of Phase III of the frost protection cover trials had concluded on 30 April 2008 and that Cranfield

University was in the process of collecting and analysing the data before producing the first interim report for Phase III of the project.

Research Partners: The Group was informed that the RCA is pursuing the proposed link with Betfair as research partners.

PJA Safety Officers: The Group was supportive of the proposals for remuneration for Jockeys Safety Officers, which were being discussed by the RCA and PJA. The Group was informed that the PJA has secured insurance cover for all their members for any track related advice with they provide.

Stop Race Procedures: The Group was informed that Stop Race Procedures had been introduced for all racecourses from 27 April 2008 and that the relevant Rules and Instruction had been amended to acknowledge that racecourses would use their best endeavours when implementing the procedure.

Light Metres: The Group agreed not to further pursue investigations into light metres as research into the issue by RaceTech had shown that light levels are constantly changing and a light metre would not assist in making decisions regarding whether or not a race should go ahead.

Physiotherapy: The Group was informed that a Physiotherapy Sub-Group established by the BHA Welfare and Training Group was in the process of conducting research regarding the availability of physiotherapy services on racecourses and the requirements of the jockeys.

Clerks of the Course Accreditation: It was reported that the Clerks of the Course accreditation procedure had been reviewed and that the number of racedays on which a trainee should shadow a Clerk of the Course was to be increased from 12 to 16 which should be balanced evenly across Flat and Jump racing and spread across a minimum of 4 racecourses. The number of days required for other training would be reduced to require the same total number of training days.

Foot and Mouth and Other Disease Protocols: The Group noted that the BHA Director for Equine Science and Welfare was reviewing the Foot and Mouth Disease Protocols and developing protocols for other exotic diseases and that the RCA had requested to be involved in this process.

New Official Distances: The Group noted that 6 new official distances had been introduced and that a trial of an alteration in the way distances were calculated was taking place. The Group was reminded that these calculations were based on going and therefore it was essential that the judge was aware of the Going before the first race and any changes in Going throughout the day.

Caroline Davies or Holly Roberts

TECHNICAL

RCA Racecourse Groundstaff Seminar 2008

A seminar for Racecourse Groundstaff will take place at Sandown Park Racecourse on Monday 10 and Tuesday 11 November 2008. These dates have been specifically selected to avoid a clash with those of the previous groundstaff seminar, with the aim that those who were unable to attend previously will be able to attend on this occasion.

If there are any topics that you would particularly like to see covered in this seminar please contact me and we will endeavour to include them in the seminar programme.

Holly Roberts

RCA Guidance Document—Reissued Purple Folder

The RCA Guidance Documents Purple Folder has been fully reviewed and reissued, with copies being sent to all Racecourse Managers, Health and Safety Managers, Clerks of the Course and Group head offices, and further copies will be available on request. The folder included revisions and updates to a number of existing documents as well as new documents on arboricultural management, inside information, environmental policies and illegal workers. Further electronic copies are available on request and they are also available in the Members Area on our website www.britishracecourses.org.

Holly Roberts

Weather Report

Below is a summary of the April 2008 Weather Report (for England and Wales) from the Environment Agency.

April was another wet month with above average rainfall across all our regions. Overall, England and Wales received 118% of the long term average (LTA) rainfall. Soil moisture deficits remained low during the month in all our regions. Deficits were significantly lower than at the same time last year. River flows were *normal* at all but two of the indicator sites. At all but one site river flows were lower than in March. Groundwater levels decreased at two thirds of the updated indicator sites over the month, but there was very little change in the descriptive classes. Two groundwater sites were lower than *normal*, with the remainder *normal* or higher. Reservoir storage decreased or remained unchanged in all but one of our regions, though overall storage for England and Wales decreased by just 1% to 96%. All reservoirs or reservoir groups were *normal* or higher for the time of year.

Rainfall: April was the third month of 2008 with above average rainfall across all of our regions. Rainfall as a percentage of the LTA ranged from 101% in our South West Region to 143% in our North East Region. Overall, England and Wales received 71mm, 118% of the LTA.

Soil Moisture Deficit: At the end of April, soil moisture deficits (SMD) were 15mm or less in

all our regions. SMD changed very little during the month with values lower at the end of the month than the start in five of our regions. SMDs were lower than at the same time last year by between approximately 40mm and 80mm.

River Flows: Monthly mean flows decreased at all but one of the indicator sites in April. All except two sites were *normal* for the time of year. The descriptive class at over one third of sites decreased since March. Monthly mean flows at all of the regional index sites were higher than those recorded in April 1976[^], with the exception of the index site in our North West Region.

Groundwater Levels: Groundwater levels decreased at two thirds of the updated indicator sites during April. Small increases were recorded in some of the chalk aquifers of the south east and also several of the sites in the sandstone aquifers. There was very little change in the descriptive classes over the month. At the end of the month just two sites were lower than *normal* for the time of year.

Reservoir Storage: Reservoir storage decreased or remained unchanged over the month in all but our Southern Region. Storage was lowest in our North West Region at 92%, but was at least 94% in all other regions. All reservoirs or reservoir groups were *normal* or higher for the time of year. Overall reservoir storage for England and Wales decreased by 1% to 96%.

TECHNICAL

TurfTrax Going Stick

Following correspondence from the BHA and RCA, all racecourses will be aware that the BHA Board has approved the proposal that the use of the Going Stick and provision of pre-declarations and raceday readings be implemented from 1 January 2009..

The RCA, BHA, NTF, TurfTrax and the media will work closely to establish and implement an industry education programme and to take account of the points raised in the RCA report on the Going Stick. The RCA intends to take a very active role in this process.

It is intended that requirement for use of the Going Stick will be included in the BHA General Instruc-

tions and will come into effect from 1 January 2009. However, the RCA maintains that it will be necessary for the BHA to show that the education programme has been effective, that performance of the stick has improved and that there is demand for the information before this can happen.

During this implementation phase prior to 1 January 2009 the trial of the Going Stick will continue and racecourses should carry on taking readings and using the Going Stick as they have been doing. This continuation of the trial will be funded jointly by the BHA and TurfTrax on the same basis as previously. Any practical feedback from racecourses would be much appreciated during this period. *Caroline Davies or Holly Robarts*

Stalls Handler Manning Levels

The BHA Board has discussed Stalls Handler Manning Levels and the RCA has been made aware that BHA General Instruction 4.3 is to be amended to an 'output based instruction'. As a consequence of this, the Instruction will identify key criteria that constitute a good, acceptable load and it will be the racecourses' responsibility to ensure they meet those criteria. The criteria will be monitored and if there is consistent failure to meet the criteria outlined in the Instruction the BHA will address this with the relevant racecourse.

It is therefore anticipated that the number of handlers provided will be at the discretion of the racecourse, although the BHA will continue to recommend a minimum of 11 handlers.

The RCA is awaiting a copy of the revised General Instruction for review prior to it being issued.

Caroline Davies

SAFETY

BHA Health and Safety Committee Meeting

The BHA Health and Safety Committee met on Wednesday 14 May 2008, and Holly Robarts attended on behalf of the RCA. A full update will be provided to the RCA Safety Group at their next meeting. An outline of the discussions is given below:

Parade Ring Safety: It was confirmed that any unruly horses that are identified are included on a database by the Stipendiary Stewards and the Clerk of the Course is automatically informed a previously identified unruly horse is present.

Safety Nets: It was noted that some racecourses do not have safety nets under the judges box where there is a danger of something falling from the box onto a person. This will be pursued with the relevant racecourses

Power Outlets and Cables: It was noted that due to the increase in electrical equipment being used

by the Clerks of the Scales there was a difficulty with an available number of power sockets and with cables causing a trip hazard. Racecourses are asked to ensure that sufficient power sockets are available and that all care is taken to ensure that cables running from this do not cause a hazard.

Chairs for Officials: It was noted that some racecourses had still to provide fully adjustable chairs for officials, particularly for Clerks of the Scales who use them for several hours, as previously requested. It was requested that these racecourses provide these chairs as soon as possible.

Risk Assessments: The Committee was made aware that, further to comments received from the RCA Safety Group, the BHA Field Force Risk Assessments are in the process of being reviewed. Finalised copies will be provided to the RCA when available.

Holly Robarts

SAFETY

The Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds

The Fifth Edition of the Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds (the Green Guide) was issued on Wednesday 4 June 2008. The RCA has informed all Racecourse Health and Safety Managers of this, has requested a copy of the document and will conduct a review of this in association with the RCA Safety Group. Further details will be provided to racecourses shortly. *Caroline Davies or Holly Roberts*

Performing Rights Society Fees Consultation

On 14 May 2008 Caroline Davies and Holly Roberts met with representatives of the Performing Rights Society to discuss the proposed alterations to PRS Licence tariffs for sports grounds. Further to these discussions the PRS is producing an outline of the revised charges and worked examples for consideration and feedback from the RCA.

From the meeting it was apparent that there was some confusion among racecourses of the difference between 'Ground Music' and 'Featured Integral Music'. Whilst the PRS is currently not concerned about this confusion as the charges for the two uses are the same. However, this may change under the new charging structure. It was therefore

agreed that racecourses should be made aware of the distinction between these types of music use.

Ground Music is music played over the PA system generally throughout the ground. If this music is only audible in certain areas it may be possible that the charges will reflect this. However, Featured Integral Music is music integral to an event that is played as the event happens or during the build up to it, such as the music played in advance of Order of Merit races. The RCA is investigating whether this music is subject to PRS licensing.

The RCA will keep racecourses informed on progress with agreeing and implementing the revised PRS tariff. *Caroline Davies and Holly Roberts*

MEDICAL

BHAGI II

The BHA is undertaking a review of BHA GI 11 regarding racecourse medical arrangements prior to it being reissued for implementation on Jump Racecourses from **18 October 2008** and Flat Racecourses from **1 January 2009**. Racecourses and SRMOs will be consulted about any revisions in July and August 2008. We welcome comments on the Instruction for inclusion in the review.

Caroline Davies, Lizzie Lea

WELFARE & TRAINING

RMO Training Courses 2009

The Racing and Equestrian Medical Officers course run by Dr Bennett has received full approval from the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh.

In order to comply with the requirements of BHAGI 11.1 para 1, RMOs must undertake training every three years (or 4 for ATLS). Courses are scheduled to be held on February—1 March 2009, 9—10 May 2009 and 19—20 September 2009 at Chorley and 4-5 July 2009 at Newmarket. To book a place, please contact Dr Bob Bennett on 07979 506548.

Racecourse Groundsmen Courses

Intermediate Course: British Racing School, Newmarket 16-21 November 2008

There are places available on the above course. 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

WELFARE & TRAINING

IOSH Course

Adams-Payne Safety Ltd will be running an Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (IOSH) Managing Safely Certificate Course at the British Racing School on Tuesday 9 & Wednesday 10 September and Tuesday 16 Wednesday 17 September 2008.

The four individual course days are spread out to enable the completion of the risk assessment project assignment and also to reduce the burden to employers who would prefer not to lose staff for four consecutive days.

This nationally recognised IOSH accredited **four** day course is intended for all levels of management and supervisory staff. The course concentrates on providing delegates with tried and tested methods of applying Health and Safety principles to all aspects of their work.

The course contains the following modules, requiring approximately 28 hours of directed study and off-site practical work:

- Introducing Managing Safely
- Assessing Risks
- Controlling Risks
- Understanding your responsibilities
- Identifying hazards
- Investigating Accidents and Incidents
- Measuring Performance
- Protecting our Environment

Places on the course are available at a specially discounted rate of £295 + VAT, which includes lunch, refreshments, handouts, workbook and certification. Further details are available from the RCA or from Adams-Payne Safety Ltd on 01353 698767.

Holly Roberts

BADGES & PASS

PASS Workshop

A PASS Workshop was held at Weatherbys on Friday 30 May 2008 and was attended by 8 delegates representing 4 racecourses. The workshop focussed on the introduction of a VPN system for downloading raceday information as well as discussion and feedback regarding the recent upgrades to the system. The reduced attendance allowed for a more interactive session and provided the opportunity for the delegates to try out the changes for themselves.

The RCA and Weatherbys intend to investigate regional workshops in future, as it is hoped this will reduce the travel costs for any staff who wish to attend and to allow for the continuation of small and productive workshops. Further details will be provided to racecourses when available.

Holly Roberts

BADGES & PASS

Horsebox Drivers Identity Cards

As reported in the May issue of RCA Update, the Identity Cards issued to Horsebox Drivers in 2007 expired on 29 February 2008, but it has come to the attention of the RCA that only a very small number of drivers have applied to renew their cards for 2008.

Weatherbys has contacted all those who have failed to renew their cards and reminded them of the need to do so, and were informed that racecourses had been asked to cease recognising any out of date cards from **1 June 2008**.

Therefore, we ask that racecourses no longer recognise the outdated 2007 Horsebox Drivers Identity Cards and where one is presented the holder be advised to contact Weatherbys on 01933 270333 to obtain an up to date card.

Holly Roberts

PASS Report Package for Racecourses

Racecourses are reminded that the following reports are now available from PASS Central Operations on request:

People by category: Report showing which categories (owner/trainer/jockey etc) have attended your racecourse and how many badges they have taken. The report will differentiate between a person whom may fall into more than one people category i.e. a trainer could also be an owner etc.

Season Attendance: Report showing how many times an individual person has attended your racecourse within a date range, identifying the number of badges they have taken.

Attendance by County: Report showing the number of owners visiting a particular meeting from a specific county or various counties.

Declaration and Attendance: Report on owner/trainer declarations/attendance at your racecourse per year. The report will identify the number of declarations by owner/trainer at your racecourse within a date range and how many of these were attended.

Attendance at Neighbouring Courses: Report on people attending a specified range of racecourses within a radius of your racecourse.

Company Ownership: Report identifying company ownerships who have attended your racecourse. Could be used to target hospitality packages.

Please note that the reports will only detail relevant information e.g. cardholder name, card number, card category, number of badges, dates, times etc. Unfortunately, there are limitations to providing information such as addresses due to Data Protection laws.

To request any of the above reports please contact the PASS Helpdesk on 01933 270333 or pass@weatherbys.co.uk

Information in these reports will be provided free of charge as part of your current PASS agreement. However, a charge will be applicable should you wish to contact the cardholders listed within the reports by mailshot. Mailshots can be conducted via the PASS Helpdesk – details of charges will be provided on request.

Should you require information that is not currently covered in the available reports, please enquire to the PASS Helpdesk as additional details may be provided on request.

BADGES & PASS

PASS Cards

Racecourses are asked to remind all metal badge holders that their badge should be accompanied by a PASS Card. Those who do not have a PASS Card should contact the RCA or the PASS Helpdesk in order to get a PASS Card application form.

Carol Walker

Old Metal Admittance Badges

We are aware that there are several collectors of Racecourse Metal Admittance Badges from previous years, and that many badge holders pass the badges to these collectors when they are no longer valid. Whilst the RCA has no issues with this practice once the badges are no longer valid, any person who passes on an old badge is asked to be vigilant when doing so as it has come to our attention that there have been occasions where these have been used to attempt to gain access to racecourses.

Racecourses are asked to be vigilant and not to permit access to any person with an out of date metal admittance badge. Any queries regarding reissue of out of date badges should be forwarded to the RCA, NTF or PJA as appropriate.

Holly Robarts

2008 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 Robarts

2009 Badge Colour Scheme

The colours for the 2009 metal badges for the RCA, Press, Official, NTF and PJA will be Emerald Green and Orange.

Holly Robarts

RCA and Press Badge Lists

Copies of the lists of 2008 RCA and Press Badges holders are available on request.

Holly Robarts

Missing Badges

RCA: 152, 161, 679, 830, 847, 848, 861, 867, 899, 990, 1026, 1067, 1075, 1079, 1080, 1136, 1248, 1505, 1866
 Press: 60, 149, 394
 Officials: 26, 100, 106, 148
 PJA: 22, 64, 79, 93, 155, 215, 266, 302, 318, 1783
 NTF: 5, 6, 34, 120, 121, 172, 173, 202, 203, 453, 454, 477, 478, 638, 639, 672, 705, 706, 782, 783, 854, 856, 857, 905, 906, 953, 1065, 1342

RACING REGISTER

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The following are highlights for July and August 2008. For further details regarding specific dates please e-mail: events@racingregister.co.uk or contact Lynn Payne at Sportsguide Limited on 01344 774322.

June

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| 17 | Tuesday - 21 Saturday | Royal Ascot |
| 25 | Wednesday | ROA AGM Hyatt Regency, London |

July

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| 7 | Monday | Dubai International Arabian Race Day, Media Conference - Carlton Tower, London |
| 20 | Sunday | Dubai International Arabian Race Day – Newbury Racecourse |
| 28 | Monday | Horserace Writers and Photographers Association Southern Golf Tournament – Downs Course, Goodwood |
| 29 | Tuesday – 2 August | Glorious Goodwood |
| 30 | Wednesday | Goodwood Media Dinner – Goodwood House |

August

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| 5 | Tuesday - 7 Thursday | Doncaster Bloodstock Sales, Flat and NH Horses in Training |
| 7 | Thursday | Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup Draw – Ascot (provisional) |
| 9 | Saturday | Dubai Duty Free Shergar Cup – Ascot |
| 26 | Tuesday – 28 Thursday | Doncaster Bloodstock Sales, St. Ledger Yearling Sales |

SOCIAL INTERCOURSE

Spotlight On

Kevan Hodges
Managing Director
Folkestone & Lingfield Park



Age	40
Marital Status/ Children/Pets	Single with two sons. William 11 and Leo 8. No pets though Will and Leo have 2 guinea pigs.
Previous Career(s)	After 19 years working in licensed retail I moved to the Manchester Evening News Arena in 2004 as European Food & Beverage Director. Following three years there I joined Arena Leisure as MD of Arena Leisure Catering in February 2007.
Best Bits About Your Job	In my role as MD Lingfield Park & Folkestone Racecourses it is without doubt combining the lively atmosphere of a great day's racing as 1000's of people enjoy themselves watching competitive sport; together with the strategic planning that will see Lingfield Park as the top leisure venue in the south east upon completion of our development in 2010.
Worst Bit About Your Job	There simply isn't one.
Best Racing Experience(s)	Picking the winner of the Grand National for 10 consecutive years during the 80's and 90's!
Worst Racing Experience	Seeing any horse injured during racing.
Racing Hero	Lester Piggott and Corbiere
Most Fanciable Racing Personality	Zoey Bird
Hobbies	Enjoying time with my sons. General exercise and long walks. Good food and even better wine.
Favourite Film & TV	Shawshank Redemption, House.
Favourite Holiday Destination	New York
Current Wheels	Jeep Grand Cherokee
One Wish To Improve The Industry	Leave the past in the past, evolve what is good about the industry and look to the future by embracing professionalism across all aspects of racing.

DIARY DATES

24 June	RCA Members Forum—Cheltenham
25 June	RCA Members Forum—Doncaster
26 June	RaceTech Board
2 July	Race Planning Group
10 July	RCA AGM

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