

Manor House Monthly

August 2011

Searching for euro millions

July was a month in which our horses were spread far and wide in search of the generous prize money available in Europe.

We attended no fewer than seven different racecourses with a total of seven horses, and although not picking up a winner, we still came away with around €35,000 in prize money.

That in itself just goes to show the value in travelling to the continent, where you usually need only finish 4th or 5th to cover expenses.

Pyman's Theory picked up €12,000 for her efforts when finishing 3rd in a G3 at

Chantilly behind Family One who subsequently won the G2 Robert-Papin, in which Bear Behind finished 4th, earning €9,000.

Brown Panther collected €10,000 for finishing 5th in the German Derby earlier in the month and was an agonising head and a short head away from the €60,000 available for 3rd.

We are now looking to pick up some French premiums and have a team of horses and staff based at Deauville, where their summer racing calendar and sales season now gets underway in earnest.



Sales double act

In a few weeks' time, the sales catalogues will start landing on the desk of Ed Sackville, MHS's primary bloodstock agent.

Ed will search through every single pedigree, putting red lines through those unsuitable, either because of foaling date, the stallion or the dam.

Ed and Tom share the opinion that it is crucial to focus on the dam and are very keen on how many winners and runners the mare has had. Ed is quite relaxed about old mares but Tom less so.

At a sale like Tatts Ireland, Ed would reduce the catalogue from 550

lots to around 375. Ed will then spend the next few weeks travelling around the farms looking at as many of the remaining yearlings as possible.

Ed will then arrive at the sale 3 or 4 days before it is due to start and looks at around 120 horses per day, comparing each horse with another on the shortlist.

When Tom arrives Ed will give him a shortlist of around 50 per day which Tom will view himself and reduce to around 20 based on conformation, pedigree and how trainable he thinks they will be.

A strict budget is then set for each horse and the bidding begins!

Old favourite Brouhaha returns for GTRC

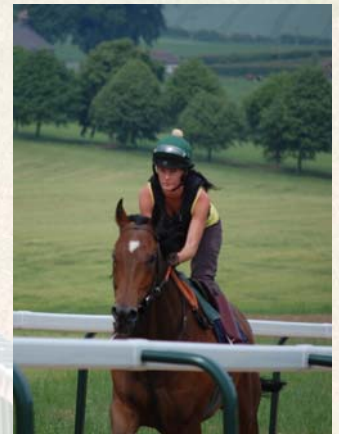
There isn't a horse in the yard more popular than Brouhaha, and the old boy is looking to return to the track in early August.

Brouhaha has had 54 lifetime runs, notching up 6 wins and 15 other placed efforts. His best win came off a mark of 80 at Wolverhampton and his most recent victory

came at Windsor last year under Sonia Eaton at 20/1.

He now runs off a mark of just 70 and has had a rest to freshen him up after a couple of poor efforts.

We hope he has a fruitful autumn campaign for the Grant Thornton Racing Club, in which there are places available at £40 per month.



Brouhaha breezing up the gallop under Sonia Eaton



Week 26: Pool and ramp rendering are nearing completion while windows and lighting are fitted

Pool news

Progress on the build is coming along in leaps and bounds with the pool itself almost ready for its final coat of rendering.

The picture doesn't do the scale and size justice. Only a walk-through tour down the ramps and around the pool can reveal the magnificence of what has been constructed!

Racing round-up

July began for us with all the hype and build up to the German Derby. Brown Panther ran a gallant race in 5th and was really unlucky to ultimately be run out of 3rd, a position he probably deserved having made all the running. He will have a rest now before beginning an autumn campaign which will hopefully culminate in a shot at the last classic of the season, the St Leger.

Pyman's Theory acquitted herself well in Chantilly on the same day as the German Derby, finishing 3rd in the G3.

The horses continued to run well throughout July, but frustratingly were just coming up short with a whole host of placed efforts. Highland Colori got things back on track at Southwell for Evan Sutherland beating hot-pot favourite Supercharged by an emphatic five lengths. The seconditis continued however, with our next four runners finishing second.

While the focus for many turned to Goodwood and the marvellous Frankel, Winter Hill made it third time lucky in breaking her maiden tag at Beverley. It was good to get a win into her as she had been showing a lot at home and it's always good to see that manifesting itself on the track.

The month came to a close with a Chester meeting on the last Sunday of the month at which we had four runners. Two of those were making their first starts; Cool Hand Luke for debut owner Phil Mousley and I'm A Doughnut for the MHS 8x8 Partnership. Both missed the break slightly and finished 5th but ran encouragingly and should build on these efforts next time out.

As we move into August we look to our runners in France to follow in the footsteps of the likes of Hung Parliament and fly the Manor House Stables flag in Europe!

Five to Follow Update

Richard Kingscote remains in front in the Five To Follow but his lead is not unassailable, especially with many entrants taking advantage of the transfer window which closed at the end of July.

We received 62 transfers which adds £310 to the prize fund. The most popular horse in the transfer market was Present Danger who is due to run on Wednesday 3 August. She was added to the teams of 12 entrants, making her the 3rd most selected horse in the competition with 25 selections. Other notable popular transfers were Anaconda and Brouhaha who were added to 7 and 6 teams respectively.

As ever, to keep track of the progress of your team in the competition, please visit the website address below:

www.manorhousestables.com/mhs-5tofollow.html

TRAINING FEES: All owners should now have received notification via post or email of our revised training fees which will take effect from 1 November 2011. Should you wish to discuss the changes, please do not hesitate to contact either Tom directly, or one of us in the office.

RACING CLUB

CHESTER FC RACING CLUB

£50 per month membership



Chester FC Racing Club is a newly formed partnership between Manor House Stables and Chester FC in which Andrew Black and Michael Owen have agreed to lease the club 'Gin Twist' for the remainder of the season. For more detail visit www.manorhousestables.com/mhs-cfrc.html.

"This is a fantastic and affordable opportunity for supporters to become involved in horse racing, whilst at the same time being able to support Chester FC through the potential prize money Gin Twist could win and other surpluses from the club." **Steve Ashton**, Chester FC CEO

"We are very excited to be able to support Chester FC through the gifting of this filly. We hope Gin Twist will have a number of entries over the flat season presenting members with the chance to see their horse in action in the blue and white stripes of Chester, with the potential of winning money for the club." **Tom Dascombe**

FOR SALE

NEW YEARLINGS!

Get your orders in now...



"This autumn I will be attending all the major yearling sales looking for next year's winners. If you are interested in purchasing a yearling please speak to me soon so that we can discuss your requirements and get cracking!" TD