

Manor House Monthly

May 2011

Go Jonny go go go!

April saw the return of one of the most popular Manor House Stables horses in Jonny Mudball.

Jonny amassed many fans last year with outstanding handicap performances; winning off 90 at Newcastle and then finishing an agonising 2nd in the Stewards' Cup at Goodwood.

For his comeback run at Newmarket, Jonny was not only making his Group

company debut, but was also dropping back to five furlongs for the first time in his career.

Jonny relished being thrown in at the deep end and posted an excellent performance, eventually finishing dead heated for third place.

We think he will improve for the run and his next race will be the G2 Temple Stakes at Haydock on 21 May.



Jonny Mudball: Dead heat 3rd in the Palace House

Staffing matters

Last month we mentioned that staff bragging rights centered around the cricket results in certain quarters. Their attention has now turned to the culmination of the football season, where it looks likely that Manchester United will seal the title and reach the Champions League final once again.

Not surprisingly, there are a few 'Man U' fans here at MHS who will be cheering Michael and the rest of the team on in the final few weeks of the season!

A different competition that is getting everyone excited is the MHS Barn Competition. For those familiar with the set-up here, you will know that there are four barns, each with its own 'barn leader'. These are Amy,

Lee, Paul and Theo. Barns earn points in the same format as the five to follow. The competition has created a friendly rivalry between barns and Lee Ward's barn is currently in the lead with 61 points, all earned in a fantastic month of April in which Van Go Go picked up two wins and a second and Marford Missile a win and a third.

When you're next visiting MHS, why not check which barn your horse is in and see how your barn is faring in the competition!

In other news, Lauren Weir began work at MHS this month. She previously worked at Goldford Stud and is a welcome addition to the team.

Marine Boy signs for Chester FC

This month, Chester FC, Manor House Stables and Andrew Black announced an exciting new partnership in which Marine Boy is to be leased to the newly formed Chester FC Racing Club for the remainder of the season.

Marine Boy will run in the blue and white silks of Chester FC and will hopefully be engaged at the Chester May meeting.

Steve Ashton,

Chester FC CEO said "This is a fantastic and affordable opportunity to become involved in horse racing, whilst at the same time being able to support Chester FC through the potential prize money Marine Boy could win."

Membership costs just £50 per month. To see full details please visit the ownership section of our website.

Chester FC recently secured



Marine Boy: Ready to go! promotion from the Evo-Stick League First Division North.

Let's hope Marine Boy can deliver yet more success for the community run club!



Week 12: the shell is up and the recess complete

Pool news

The equine pool and vet centre continues to progress on time. As can be seen from the picture, the main steel shell of the building is complete and the recess for the pool has been dug and lined.

Further progress can be followed in the news section of our website.

Racing round-up

As flagged up in last month's round-up, Van Go Go was indeed our first 2yo runner at Kempton. She ran a solid race in second behind what looked a useful Channon 2yo and has since gone on to record two subsequent victories at Redcar and Warwick.

Our second 2yo runner was Marford Missile at Newcastle, who posted a professional victory in a race that contained a couple of well touted individuals. This got the MHS 4x10 Partnership off to a flying start with their first ever runner. Congratulations to everyone involved. On the same card, Nemo Spirit ran his first race since returning to MHS and bumped into a tartar in Agglestone Rock but finished well ahead of the rest in second place.

Throughout the month, the 2yos continued to apply themselves well. Misty Conquest, owned by Deva Racing, came 5th in a decent looking Windsor maiden followed by a 3rd at Doncaster. She will improve as she steps up in trip. Pyman's Theory, owned by Michael Owen and Matt Williams, came 3rd at Pontefract in which the front three pulled clear. Ten days later she posted a convincing victory at Leicester. Lord Ali McJones was another to post an encouraging effort on debut, finishing 3rd at Wolverhampton behind a 2yo with apparent group race aspirations.

The older brigade are yet to record a winner but on the whole they haven't done as much work as the 2yos and most are needing the run just to bring them on a bit. Despite this, Jonny Mudball ran a cracker on his return; dropped to five furlongs for the first time.

Five to Follow Update

The horse of the moment in the Five To Follow is Van Go Go who has already secured 26 points with two victories and a second place. Only seven entrants were shrewd enough to include the Dutch Art filly in their team and all were left with a nervous wait after she won the seller at Warwick. Ultimately she was bought back in for 7,200gns and can continue to earn points in the competition!

Current leader Marie Roe looks to have all the aces at this stage, having the three highest scoring horses in the competition in her team (Van Go Go, Marford Missile and Pyman's Theory) but with Chester just around the corner and lots of entries it could be all change in May!

To follow the progress of the competition please visit:

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



Horse Racing Abroad 2011 Prix De L'Arc De Triomphe Offer!

Manor House Stables would like to bring to our owners' attention a deal that is currently being offered on this year's Prix De L'Arc De Triomphe by Horse Racing Abroad. If you book your 'Arc Tour' by close of business on Friday 13 May 2011 and a British trained runner finishes in 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in the big race, then Horse Racing Abroad will refund the cost of your trip to Paris. If you would like more information on this soon-to-close offer then please call Horse Racing Abroad on 01244 355 580, visit www.horseracingabroad.com or email info@horseracingabroad.com.

FOR SALE

KODIAC ex GEROBIES GIRL

2-y-o bay colt €28,620



"Now the six furlong races are out, he is ready to run. All he needs is a name and an owner!" TD

2f FOR SALE

VITAL EQUINE ex ALEXANDER BALLETT

2-y-o bay colt £52,500



"This horse has had a pedigree update in that his half sister, Fire Line, has won on debut in France for Henry Pantall owned by Sheikh Mohammed al Maktoum" TD