

Manor House Monthly

April 2011

All going swimmingly

Phase three of the Manor House Stables development plan continues to progress on time.

The equine swimming pool, spa and veterinary centre is due to be completed in September 2011.

Week seven of the build saw the foundations being completed and the diggers moving in to begin excavating the base of the

pool in the centre of the site.

John Bonsall, project manager reports that "we have completed all the piling for the foundations the initial digging of the recess for the pool. The pool guys will then go away for a few weeks while we put up the building's steel frame, which will take around two weeks to erect. It's an exciting build and all is going to plan!"



Week 7: foundations in and pool being dug out

The iceman cometh



Andy Jackson, head lad, gets to

grips with the Zamar cooling machine which is used to cool the lower limbs of horses after exercise.

We also now have a Cryo machine which uses dry ice (carbon dioxide) sprayed onto areas of inflammation.

Staffing matters

The staff at MHS, as with any stables, are integral to our success. We have a great team here and are always looking to improve and add to our workforce.

This spring we took on Derwyn Williams, Louise Gould and Jordan Dodd. They all join our team of riders.

Darren is from Anglesey and previously worked for Donald McCain just up the road from us.

Jordan is from the Wirral and

worked for Paul Green before joining us while Louise joined her boyfriend Scott Pease at MHS.

Vinnie Pardeshi, who has worked here for over 3 years, is a massive cricket fan and claimed bragging rights over his Pakistani workmates as India defeated them in the semi-final of the World Cup and went on to defeat Sri Lanka in the final. He still has not come back down to earth yet!

Welcoming old and new faces to MHS

The month of March, as is usually the case, saw the stables bulge to capacity as we welcomed back old faces that have spent the winter in alternative pastures as well as some new faces as we gear up for the start of the flat season.

Firstly, Nemo Spirit returned to Manor House having spent the winter with Tim Vaughan, plying his trade over hurdles. Nemo ran three times over a variety of trips and ended up with an official rating of 113. He returns to us fit and well and will hopefully take his chance in the Chester Cup.

We also welcomed back Highland Colori, owned by Evan Sutherland. Highland is an unraced 3yo and spent all of last season with us but was given time to grow and was sent

home during the winter. We wish Evan all the best with Highland Colori this season.

As well as welcoming some old faces we also added some 2yos to our team. Andrew Black has so far brought two fillies by Nayef and Motivator to Manor House.

Earlier this month, David Solomon claimed 3yo Fantasy Fry from a race at Southwell that he won impressively. David previously owned Gross Prophet and Cinq Heavens with Tom.

This month also saw the arrival from pre-training duties at Bearstone Stud of our most expensive 2yo, the Authorised colt out of Octaluna. This huge colt, owned by Laurence Bellman and now named Equalizer, has settled in at Manor House and may run towards



Finding Nemo: 2nd in the St Patrick's Day Derby at the Cheltenham Festival

the end of the season, and is certainly a horse with significant potential.

Whilst taking the time to welcome new horses we should also take the time to welcome a few of our new owners.

Mr John Duffy has kindly brought us a 2yo and a 3yo, both out of the same mare, Approaching Storm.

We also welcome The GADS Partnership into ownership at MHS. They have purchased the 2yo Elusive City colt and named him Lord Ali McJones. We wish them and John the best of luck for the season.

Racing round-up

March was a very quiet month for us; the calm before the storm that is the start of the turf season! We only sent out six runners and unfortunately didn't pick up a win, but all our runners ran with credit.

Mr Macattack was our first turf runner of the season on 31 March and he nearly got us off to a flying start at Leicester, just getting pipped at the post by Paul Cole's horse Nimue. We were really pleased with this effort and he is entered on the turf again at Thirsk along with Ballista on Saturday 9 April.

We are purposely two or three weeks behind the schedule that we employed last year and did not target the Brocklesby this time around. Our 1st 2yo runner this year looks like being Van Go Go, a Dutch Art filly owned by Andrew Black, on 7 April at Kempton. She is working well at home and will hopefully show this ability on the track. Our 2nd 2yo runner should be Marford Missile at Newcastle on 8 April for the MHS 4x10 Partnership. There are a few virgin owners to MHS in this Partnership and we hope they get lots of enjoyment from their new venture.

Richard Kingscote has got off to a great start to the season recording wins with outside rides for Milton Bradley and Ralph Beckett. It's always good to see Richard's talents recognised and used by other trainers.

The runners will now come thick and fast from MHS as we get into the turf season proper. Watch this space!

Five to Follow Update

The five to follow competition is now closed to new entries. We received a record 115 entries, 12 more than last year. The most popular horse was the Majestic Missile 2yo colt out of Khawafi, interestingly by the same sire as last year's most popular 2yo, Ballista.

This horse has now been named Marford Missile and hopefully runs 8 April at Newcastle for 32 entrants!

The most popular older horse selected was Jonny Mudball and the most popular 3yo was Ballista. Gentle Lord's half sister, by Lucky Story was the most selected 2yo filly. She is yet to be named and is part of the MHS 8x8 Partnership, in which there are still shares available.

Mr Macattack was the first horse to earn points in the competition, which got Arthur Merchant off to a flyer with 8 points earned before anyone else has even got out of the blocks!

Don't forget that we have changed the scoring system for this year's competition such that horses pick up more points in Group races and Heritage Handicaps. We also have a transfer window half way through the season which allows you to swap up to two horses for £5 each.

You can see a full explanation of all the rules and follow the progress of the competition via a dedicated page on our website:

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

FOR SALE

HOLY ROMAN EMPEROR ex MACKENZIE'S FRIEND

2-y-o bay colt €58,300



"He's going really well and he looks a bit different from the above picture now. Being a May foal we haven't pushed a button yet but I'm looking forward to doing so." TD

FOR SALE

OASIS DREAM ex BARATHIKI

2-y-o bay colt £39,900



"We've given this horse plenty of time and he has developed into a big strong colt. Now will we start picking him up with the aim of running in July." TD

STOP PRESS: Chester FC Racing Club launched this week. Marine Boy to be leased to Chester FC! For full details please visit www.manorhousestables.com/mhs-cfrc.html