

## NTF WEEKLY – 5 SEPTEMBER 2017

### **Deadline approaching for Assistant Trainers Travel Scholarship applications**

All trainers will have received a poster to notify their staff about the Alex Scott Assistant Trainers Travel Scholarship and the new Toby Balding Award. Please would you make sure your staff are aware of these opportunities.

From 2017 the Alex Scott Scholarship is being funded by the Tim Dunlop Memorial Travelling Scholarship (TDMS). TDMS is a charity that was set up by friends of Tim, in his memory, after he was tragically killed in a car accident in France at the age of 21 in 1987. The winner will receive a grant of £3000 towards their travel costs and living expenses. The NTF will assist the winner to plan their trip and if necessary will facilitate introductions to a trainer abroad.

To get an idea of the hugely valuable experiences these and others have gained, reports from recent winners can be viewed on the Awards page on our website. Applications, which must be received by 30<sup>th</sup> September, can be made by downloading the form from the same page here: [www.racehorsetrainers.org/aboutthentf/alexscott.asp](http://www.racehorsetrainers.org/aboutthentf/alexscott.asp)

### **New Racing Admin Workshops and Visits**

From next week, the BHA and Weatherbys will be staging the first in a series of events to help ensure trainers and their staff are confident using the new Racing Admin system ahead of the removal of the old Racing Admin site at the end of the year.

While the events are staged across the country, in the instance that you are unable to attend any of the sessions, or you require further support, please do not hesitate to get in contact via [racingadmin@britishhorseracing.com](mailto:racingadmin@britishhorseracing.com). In addition to arranging separate visits, online demonstrations can also be staged to ensure that all trainers have the chance to raise any queries before the original system is replaced.

### **Workshops**

In September and October the BHA and Weatherbys are staging three workshops for trainers and their staff. The sessions, which will all start at 12:30pm and last just over an hour, will take place at:

**11<sup>th</sup> September** – British Racing School, Newmarket

**19<sup>th</sup> September** – Middleham Key Centre

**9<sup>th</sup> October** – The Queen's Arms, Lambourn

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The workshops will help guide you through the switch to the new site and if you are interested in attending please email [racingadmin@britishhorseracing.com](mailto:racingadmin@britishhorseracing.com) to reserve your place.

### **Racecourse visits**

In addition to these workshops, there will also be the opportunity for owners and trainers to ask questions about the new Racing Admin system and the ownership reforms at drop in sessions hosted on racedays across the country at:

**18<sup>th</sup> September** – Carlisle

**19<sup>th</sup> September** – Newcastle

**26<sup>th</sup> September** – Warwick

**12<sup>th</sup> October** – Exeter

Members of BHA and Weatherbys staff will be present throughout each meeting and there is no need to reserve a place.

In the instance you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Weatherbys Ownership Desk on 01933 304808 or email [ownersupport@weatherbys.co.uk](mailto:ownersupport@weatherbys.co.uk).

### **BHA launches redesigned website**

The BHA has re-launched its website, [www.britishhorseracing.com](http://www.britishhorseracing.com), to make it easier to navigate, more user-friendly and to improve its overall look and feel.

The changes were made following a significant public consultation in the second half of 2016, which said that while users of the site found its information useful, improvements could be made on simplifying the navigation and improving the visual layout.

As well as seeking to address the feedback, a number of enhancements were made as part of the project. These include:

[Live fixture updates](#) and interactive racing data and statistics for those seeking the latest news in real time

Interchangeable format for [upcoming fixtures](#), accessed via the small red and blue icons to the right of the fixtures page

[Stewards' reports](#) are now placed in a more prominent position to make it easier to navigate and seek out information related to a particular site. Their format has also been altered to provide more information about each race and present the reports in a manner that is simple and more easily understandable for the media and general public

Notices, results and written reasons from the BHA [Judicial Panel](#) are now located on a new [microsite](#). This can be accessed via the main BHA website and creates a distinction between the BHA's Judicial and Executive functions.

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## **Book now for H&S seminar at the BRS**

The BHA is putting on a seminar for anyone keen to understand the Health & Safety requirements of a racing yard or stud. The seminar is on 15<sup>th</sup> December at the British Racing School; the cost is £48 (incl VAT) per person. Accommodation can be booked at £35 per person per night.

The seminar content includes Statute Law, H&S Legislation, Explanation of the industry 'RED BOOK', Practical Risk Assessment Exercises and Insurance & Managing risk.

For an application form please contact Di Farrell-Thomas on [di.farrell-thomas@brs.org.uk](mailto:di.farrell-thomas@brs.org.uk) or phone 01638 675907.

## **Two new secretary social events with the ROA**

Following the successful first event in Lambourn, the ROA has planned secretary social events in the North:

Tuesday 26th September – Middleham (The Saddle Room)

Wednesday 27th September – Malton (Jack Berry House)

For more information please contact Chloe Martin [cmartin@roa.co.uk](mailto:cmartin@roa.co.uk)

## **Auto enrolled employees**

Weatherbys will shortly be sending out the pension run statements for the Friends Life Aviva pension run for 1st September 2017. If you have auto enrolled your employees please check the pension statements to ensure that no contributions are being collected for employees now in your auto enrolment scheme. If there are any then please let Weatherbys know straight away before the contribution is sent to Friends Life for processing.

## **Please complete training fee survey by Trainer Magazine**

This is a final reminder to complete the Trainers' Daily Rates Survey 2017 as soon as possible, please. It doesn't take long to complete and Trainer Magazine would like a greater number of responses from trainers in Great Britain.

As well as asking about training fees, the survey also asks about the factors that affect costs and how this affects the training profession. The link you need to complete the survey is here <https://www.trainermagazine.com/survey>

## **Forms to be completed for hind shoeing dispensation**

Over the past six months the BHA's Racecourse Stewarding Co-Ordinator has received a lot of calls from trainers at extremely short notice wishing to run their horse without hind shoes. On occasions horses have been brought to the racecourse partially shod and the trainer has no knowledge of the dispensation process required.

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We are therefore reminding you about the procedure. The form provided at this link on the new [BHA website](#) (Regulation/Health and Welfare/Notices and forms), along with veterinary evidence, must be submitted by 12pm two working days before the declarations deadline. All the requisite information must be emailed to [administrativecontrols@britishhorseracing.com](mailto:administrativecontrols@britishhorseracing.com) for review by the veterinary department.

### Registration fees for new ownership structures

If you need to know the registration fees for the new ownership structures, which we notified in the NTFW on 15<sup>th</sup> August, you can find them at this link on the [BHA Rules website](#). You will need to scroll down to see them towards the bottom of the table.

### Regional meeting dates

Scotland & Borders	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Kelso Racecourse (before racing)
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### Regulation deadlines

- Pension auto enrolment staging dates
  - **Up to February 2018** for businesses started since April 2012
- **10th August 2017** – 30-day stand down period for Bisphosphonates takes effect. [More...](#)
- **25<sup>th</sup> August 2017** – **New ownership registrations will cease at 3pm** to ensure the smooth introduction of the new owners' system. Registrations will re-open in the new Racing Admin system on the morning of **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> August**.
- **By the end of 2017** – original Racing Admin website will close.
- **1st October 2017** – Novice Chase recommendations come into effect. [More...](#)
- **1<sup>st</sup> January 2018** – minimum ratings applies to all non-two year old Group 1 and non-novice Grade 1 races.

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