



NTF WEEKLY – 12 FEBRUARY 2018

Your reply to the AGM invitation cordially requested

We look forward to seeing members at the Annual General Meeting at the Institute of Directors, 116 Pall Mall, London SW1Y 5ED from 11.30am. The AGM will be followed by the announcement of the winners of the Lycetts Team Champion Award and presentation of prizes by chairman of the judging panel, Yogi Breisner. A reply form was enclosed with the invitation and 2017 Annual Report; we would welcome your reply this week.

As we reported in the last edition of NTFW, Jim Chiapetta from Flair, the company that makes equine nasal strips, will be present to make a short address and introduce himself and the company's product to members. The BHA Veterinary Committee has asked Flair to involve a wider group of trainers in discussions about permitting the use of equine nasal strips in British racing, so the AGM is a good starting point.

Remember 48-hour declarations at The Festival

Don't forget that 48-hour declarations apply to all races at this year's Cheltenham Festival. This was announced by the BHA in September 2017 to provide earlier clarity with regards to running plans for racing fans, bettors, the media and bookmakers and enhance their ability to focus on the race and its participants when promoting the event.

Full information about declarations and reserves can be viewed in this week's Racing Calendar or on the Racing Admin Site.

For further information please contact the BHA Racing Department on 0207 152 0050 or via racing@britishhorseracing.com.

Complete racehorse aftercare survey for a chance to dine out on the BHA

This week, David Sykes, the Director of Equine Health and Welfare for the BHA, will be sending out a voluntary survey to all licensed trainers regarding the Aftercare of Thoroughbreds.

An important piece of the BHA Equine Health and Welfare Strategy is a commitment to improve the traceability of thoroughbred racehorses from foals to beyond retirement. This commitment has been supported across the industry with the recent implementation of the 30-day foal notification.

The information that you supply in this survey will be used to help the racing industry investigate and better understand the pathways of horses that permanently leave training, and will influence future work carried out to ensure appropriate outcomes for ex-racehorses. The NTF and RoR are supporting this survey as a significant welfare initiative.

The BHA is offering a prize draw for a £300 voucher to spend on a meal out for your yard with www.restaurantchoice.co.uk. The survey will take about 10 minutes to complete.

British EBF 2017 review demonstrates investment in racing

The British EBF'S £1.6million investment in racing has been reported in the organisation's first dedicated annual review. The report can be read online at this [link](#).

Over 630 flat races carried EBF conditions in 2017, the races being confined to the progeny of stallions contributing income to the fund or individual horses "opted in" by their owners. The record breaking contribution to prize money covered races that held a total prize fund of £6,713,900. Of equal importance to the remit of the British EBF is a responsibility to NH racing; 84 jumps races were run in 2017 under the EBF banner supporting over £650,000 of prize money.

Working with the BHA and racecourses, the British EBF has developed a series of races to bolster industry initiatives to enhance the racing opportunities for fillies and staying juveniles. NH projects are focused on fillies' programmes but the ever popular EBF National Hunt Novice Hurdle Qualifier series with its valuable £75,000 final continues to be a flagship investment of this discipline.

Opportunity to rent a yard on flexible terms

An opportunity has arisen to rent a small yard in the Scottish Borders. There are currently 25 boxes but another five could be built if required. The yard has been developed on a farm where there is also a breeding operation and there is a six-furlong woodchip gallop, a one-mile grass gallop and an 8-horse walker. We understand the site is not licensed but has been inspected by the BHA and deemed suitable for a licensed training business.

The owner of the property is keen to structure the arrangement in such a way that rent would be related to the number of horses on the site and the growth of the business. The opportunity could suit either an existing business or an Assistant Trainer looking for the chance to begin training on flexible terms.

If you would like more information, please contact the NTF office first with your details, which we will pass on to the property owner.

Brexit: movement of people in the fields of sport and culture

Trainers concerned about access to migrant workers from Europe after Brexit will be interested in the House of Lords EU Home Affairs Sub-Committee inquiry into potential future arrangements for the movement of people between the EU and UK in the fields of sport and culture. The BHA will be submitting evidence to this inquiry, based on its joint submission with the NTF to the Migration Advisory Committee call for evidence last year.

The Parliamentary website notice of the enquiry says that BBC research has shown that without freedom of movement, 332 current players in the English Premier League, the Championship and the Scottish Premier League would not meet the requirements for non-EU/EEA nationals.

Regulation deadlines

- **1st January 2018** – when extending declaration deadline, each trainer with a declaration will be deemed to have declared only one horse
- **1st January 2018** – microchip number on any horse under trainer's care must be checked against the number in the passport
- **1st January 2018** – a horse may not be made a non-runner on a self-cert once the Declaration Sheet on the racecourse has been signed.
- **1st January 2018** – trainer becomes responsible for notifying the BHA when a mare in their care is pregnant.
- **1st January 2018** – mandatory 5-day stand down before racing for any horse having received shockwave therapy.
- **1st January 2018** – rules tightened on equine flu vaccination records. If horse judged to be a biosecurity risk, Stewards may prevent it from running.
- **19th January 2018** – notification of specified wind surgeries must be made on the Racing Admin website for notification for any horse having its first run following surgery.
- **1st April 2018** – mandatory Equine Herpes vaccination to race in France