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John Dunlop (1939 – 2018)

There will be a service of thanksgiving for John on Wednesday 19th September at 2.00pm at St. Paul's Church, 32a Wilton Pl, Knightsbridge, London SW1X 8SH.

Alex Scott Future Trainers Travel Scholarship – call for applications - ends on the 30th September

It has become a feature of successful young trainers to travel abroad, working for a trainer in another country to add to the array of knowledge needed and to acquire new insights to further their career. For those without the necessary funds, these opportunities may seem beyond reach. One reason for setting up the Alex Scott Future Trainers Travel Scholarship was to provide that opportunity for those who wouldn't otherwise be able to go abroad.

The Scholarship is 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 charity sponsors young people who wish to travel abroad to expand their experience in the thoroughbred industry initially as a prize for the best overall student on the main National Stud course, it now also sponsors a participant on this course as well.

The NTF is responsible for promoting and managing the Alex Scott Scholarship. 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.

James Given and Charlie Longsdon are among previous winners; 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. They include Charlie Duckworth, who is now Racing Manager for Chris Waller, trainer of the great Winx in Sydney.

Applications, which must be received by 30th September, can be made by downloading the form from the same page here www.racehorsetrainers.org/industry/alexscottaward.asp

We hope you will bring this opportunity to the attention of your assistant in recognition of the huge part winning the award could play in helping his or her career.

Employment helpline
01488 71729

General legal helpline
0333 003 0159

NTF Racing Diary 2019

Please check that the contact details we have for you are correct by following this link to the trainer's membership profile

<https://www.racehorsetrainers.org/login/memberloginwordy.asp> any changes required can be requested via the links on the profile.

This year, due to both the General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) and the horrid abuse that trainers and jockeys are being subjected to, not just on social media but to their mobile phones and email addresses, we suggest reducing the amount of contact detail shown in the NTF Racing Diary. But, this is your Diary and if you would like to add any other than the main contain details listed: Trainer's Name, Address, Office telephone number (that may be your mobile telephone number if we don't have a landline number), Email Address, Website address, Type of licence held – or prefer not to be included in the trainer contact list - please let us know with an email to diary@racehorsetrainers.org

Additional Conditional Jockeys Licence Course

An additional Conditional Jockeys Licence Course may be added to this years training programme. If sufficient bookings are achieved, the British Racing School (Newmarket) will host a pre assessment Day on Thursday 4th October 2018 followed by the Licence Course on Monday 29th October to Friday 9th November 2018. It should be noted that those who fail to pass the pre assessment will not be eligible for a place on the Licence Course. The next Conditional Licence Course will not be held until early 2019.

Trainers with a suitable candidate should contact the Licensing Team on 020 7152 0145 or email licensing@britishhorseracing.com by Friday 21st September.

Upcoming ROA Secretary and Senior Staff Events

The ROA are hosting several informal social events for Racing Secretaries and Senior Staff over the coming weeks:

- Monday 24th September – Middleham, The Saddle Room
- Tuesday 25th September – Malton, Jack Berry House
- Tuesday 2nd October – Gloucester, The Huntsman Inn (Falfield)

Secretaries are invited to attend between 1-3pm for a general discussion on ownership related matters and to share new ideas for the recruitment and retention of owners. There will also be the opportunity to discuss ways that the association can support secretaries in their daily communications with owners. A selection of sandwiches, cakes and light refreshments will be provided.

As well as providing a discussion forum, the events provide a great opportunity for

networking with others from neighbouring yards. Those wishing to attend any of the events should please RSVP to Chloe Martin cmartin@roa.co.uk as soon as possible. Further dates for other regions, including Newmarket and Epsom, will be circulated in due course.

Appearance Money at Non Criteria Fixture

Hamilton Park Racecourse has increased the total prize fund for Sunday 23 September's fixture by £10,000, as a result of providing Appearance Money for runners.

The fixture is a non-criteria raceday, therefore receives no central funding or support, and so would not ordinarily have Appearance Money provided. However, Hamilton Park Racecourse will ensure that £400 Appearance Money is paid down to 8th place for eligible races, as any HBLB-Funded Appearance Money Scheme race would. Six of the seven programmed races on the card are eligible for Appearance Money.

If you have any queries, please contact the Racing Manager/Clerk of the Course, Sulekha Varma on 07715 640525 or email sulekha@hamilton-park.co.uk

BHA NOTICE – ALTRENOGEST

The BHA would like to make Trainers, veterinary surgeons and other industry participants aware of an international issue regarding products which contain altrenogest. Altrenogest is commonly referred to by the trade name "Regumate".

It has been reported in international racing jurisdictions that trace levels of the anabolic steroid(s) trenbolone and/or trendione have been detected in products which contain altrenogest. Trainers have been advised by Racing Victoria (Australia) to immediately stop the use of products containing altrenogest. Further investigation is being carried out by Australian regulators.

In the UK, there is one product which contains altrenogest which is licensed for use in horses: Regumate[®] Equine 2.2mg/ml Oral Solution for Horses (MSD Animal Health). Regumate[®] Equine is a prescription only veterinary medicine (POM-V).

Following discussion with the European manufacturer, the BHA can inform industry participants that Regumate[®] Equine which is distributed in the UK is reportedly sourced from a separate location to those products under investigation. In light of the international situation, the BHA would strongly advise trainers to be cautious if using altrenogest in racing thoroughbreds.

The BHA published Detection Time for altrenogest is 288 hours (12 days), based on an administration study of four horses using an oral dose of 2.2mg/kg once daily for 10 days. In contrast, a 24 hour (one clear day) withdrawal from racing is recommended in Australia for mares and fillies receiving oral altrenogest.

The BHA is undertaking further work to gain an understanding of the implications of this issue within Europe and participants will be informed as soon as further information becomes available.

Further information on the BHA's Anabolic Steroid Policy can be found [here](#).

NTF Regional Meeting dates

REGION	DATE	VENUE
Scotland and Borders	Wednesday 10 th October	Hamilton Racecourse

Regulation deadlines

- **1 October 2018** – Level 2 safety vest mandatory for jockeys for race riding
- **January 2019** – Changes to Racing Calendar and Programme Book take effect