

NTF WEEKLY – 26 JUNE 2018

Closure of the Weatherbys call centre

The BHA has been sending regular emails to remind trainers that the Racing Admin call centre is closing on 2nd July, so we think it unlikely you need us to repeat the details.

The NTF has ensured there will be an emergency help desk number (01933 440011) available in case your internet connection goes down unexpectedly or there is some other last-minute hitch in your ability to use the Racing Admin website.

Please don't hesitate to let us know if the internet-only system is causing any problems.

ROA Owners Jackpot races in July and August

Below is a list of races taking place in July and August.

As usual, these races will carry a bonus of £2,000 to the winner if qualified for an Owners Jackpot. To qualify, horses must be owned by ROA members. In the case of a racing partnerships - the horse needs to be registered as at least 51% in the ownership of ROA members. For horses owned by Clubs or Syndicates - a majority of the club/syndicate managers will need to be members of the ROA to qualify.

Further details can be found at www.roa.co.uk/jackpot

July 5	Perth	3m Class 4 4yo+ 0-105 Novices Handicap Hurdle
July 13	Chester	7f Class 4 3yo+ 0-85 Handicap
July 20	Haydock	1m2f Class 5 3yo 0-70 Handicap
July 26	Doncaster	6f Class 4 3yo 0-80 Handicap
August 6	Ripon	1m 4f Handicap 3yo+ 56-75
August 15	Worcester	2m 7f Handicap Steeple Chase 0-110
August 22	Bath	1m Handicap 46-65
August 28	Epsom	1m 2f Handicap 51-70 3+

Racing Staff Week fulfilling a life's ambition

Racing Staff Week (sponsored once again by Betfair) runs from Saturday 30th June until Saturday 7th July 2018. The week aims to bring the racing industry together to inform and engage horseracing followers and supporters about the passion and dedication of those who work to make racing happen.

This year will see the fourth renewal of the Betfair Clock Tower Cup, run over seven furlongs at Doncaster Racecourse on Friday 6th July. As in previous years, the race has attracted a maximum entry of 12 stable staff riders, all of whom have been nominated to ride by their respective trainers.

The Friday of Racing Staff Week provides a double-hit of racing action this year, with the inaugural running of the Racing Staff Week Cup at Newton Abbot, held over one mile and four furlongs and designed to give those from the jump yards of the South West and surrounding areas the opportunity to take part.

Many thanks to all the trainers who have encouraged members of their staff to ride and provided the horses.

How to deal with abusive emails

It is a sad fact that social media has spawned an epidemic of abusive behaviour online. There are regular reports of trainers receiving abusive messages and recently some particularly unpleasant ones have been sent by email.

Trainers have forwarded some of these to the BHA, who advise trainers to forward a copy to intel@britishhorseracing.com marked for the attention of Chris Watt and to save a copy on their computer. There are some common elements to some of the recent emails; we won't share the details here but the BHA and the police may be able to use them to trace the sender and take some action.

GDPR - Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) template and guidance

A Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) template and guidance has been added to the suite of GDPR documents available for NTF members.

Essentially the DPIA is a risk assessment of proposed processing of personal data. Under the GDPR legislation a business must undertake a DPIA where the processing of personal data is likely to result in a high risk to the rights and freedoms of employees

In practice, most of the HR functions in a small business are unlikely to carry a level of risk high enough to warrant a DPIA. High risk for employment is likely to apply when

- Automated processing such as profiling is used
- Large scale processing of special categories of data or of personal data relating to criminal convictions and offences, and
- Large scale, systematic monitoring of public areas (capturing CCTV)

However, if introducing new systems, it is still good practice to work through the questions to consider what risks there may be to employees' personal data and to be able to show that you have considered any risks and the solutions to them. For example, the DPIA is likely to be needed if a business were to introduce an automated process for assessing an attendance bonus, with the eligibility being based on the use of an automatic system for clocking in and out. Further information on DPIA is available on the ICO website (www.ico.gov.uk)

Coaching plans for racing grooms

Following the success of the BHA's Jockey Coaching Programme, attention is being turned to developing the skills of racing grooms. With funding support from The Racing Foundation, a new BHA Rider Coaching Programme (RCP) will be piloted in Middleham this summer, led by the Northern Racing College.

The RCP will train experienced staff members from several different yards to gain nationally recognised qualifications as Level 1 Coaches so that they will be able more effectively to improve the horsemanship of less experienced riders in their yards. Having proved the concept with the pilot and fine-tuned the programme, the plan is to roll it out across the country thereafter.

This initiative will give experienced staff real opportunities to grow and enhance their skills, adding even greater value while also providing them with them with an incentive to progress in their chosen career.

Racehorse re-trainer recommendations invited

Trainers may know that Retraining of Racehorses (ROR) has a list of re-trainers on their website. If trainer know someone who they think is suitable to added to this list, then please ask the re-trainer to contact Laura Quinton at ROR (lquinton@ror.org.uk) telephone 01488 648998 to discuss that with her.

NTF 2018 meeting dates

Today's Northern regional meeting at Ripon was a lively affair with some valuable insights provided by members. Thank you to all those who came and for your willingness to help the NTF to help trainers.

There are two more regional meetings next week (see below.) Please come along or send a representative.

REGION	DATE	VENUE
South West	Monday 2nd July	Taunton Racecourse
East	Wednesday 4th July	Rowley Mile, Newmarket
South East	Monday 16 th July	Epsom Racecourse
Central South	Monday 23 rd July	Oaksey House, Lambourn
West Midland and Wales	Monday 30 th July	Wolverhampton before racing
Council and Committees	Monday 6 th August	London

Regulation deadlines

- **2nd July 2018** – Racing Admin call centre at Weatherbys closes