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Winter 2007 Newsletter

Specialist Courses

Category A Seminar (One Day)

Start Date
29/01/07
09/05/07
09/08/07
30/10/07

Category A Assessment (One Day)

Start Date
30/01/07
10/05/07
21/06/07
10/08/07
31/10/07

Category B Licence Course

Start Date	End Date
12/02/07	16/02/07
14/05/07	18/05/07
30/07/07	03/08/07
08/10/07	12/10/07
12/11/07	16/11/07
10/12/07	14/12/07

Apprentice Licence Course

Start Date	End Date
30/04/07	04/05/07
16/07/07	20/07/07
17/09/07	21/09/07

Conditional Course

Start Date	End Date
08/10/07	12/10/07
10/12/07	14/12/07

Amateur Rider Flat Course

Start Date	End Date
08/05/07	11/05/07
10/07/07	13/07/07
16/10/07	19/10/07

Amateur Rider National Hunt Course

Start Date	End Date
14/05/07	18/05/07
08/10/07	12/10/07
12/11/07	16/11/07

Assistant Trainer Course

Start Date	End Date
23/07/07	24/07/07
01/11/07	02/11/07

Remedial Training (One Day)

Start Date
10/05/07
05/07/07
23/08/07
25/10/07

Northern Racing College Named As "Best Of The Best" By Government Watchdog

The South Yorkshire based Northern Racing College was named as one of only 18 organisations in the country to be awarded a clean sweep of "outstanding" inspection grades for every aspect of its training by the Adult Learning Inspectorate, the government body responsible for the quality of education and training for adults and young people.

Speaking at the launch of his annual report for 2005-06 Chief Inspector, David Sherlock, said:

"This is a truly exceptional achievement. I am delighted to be able to name the Northern Racing College as one of the "best of the best".

To be judged "grade one" in every category we inspect requires an extraordinary commitment to providing the very highest standards of training and education. Learners can be confident that they will receive first-class support to reach their full potential.

The whole team at the Northern Racing College should take great pride in what they have achieved, they are a model for other training providers to aspire to."

The ALI carried out nearly 500 inspections this year. The report lists 151 "outstanding achievers" – training providers who received the top two inspection grades for all aspects of their training. But only 18 received grade ones across the board.

The Chairman of the Northern Racing College, Colin Wedd, said "This ALI "Outstanding" result was a tremendous achievement in itself but to be nominated as 'The Best of the Best' is the icing on the cake. Mike Mason, who recently took up the post of NRC Director, is already in the process of building on this success through the development of a whole range of quality specialist training courses for jockeys, racehorse trainers and others".

Editorial

2006 was without doubt a great milestone in the history of the College and was testament to the dedication and professionalism of the outgoing Director, Jim Gale.

Grade 1 'Outstanding' Training Provider, 'Best of the Best' and ISO9001 certification. Whilst the trumpets are still resounding in triumph elsewhere in the industry, we have been busy looking to the future, as it is only the fool who basks in his own glory for too long.

We have completed a massive overhaul of our Conditional and Amateur Category B Course. To complement the traditional methods of jumping our students' receive comprehensive tuition which encourages them to look technically at the jumping technique of the horse. To further enhance their understanding, we take a closer look at the art of training horses over obstacles to maximise their potential and the importance placed upon the jockey to develop transferable skills which enable them to adapt effectively from one horse to another.

During the course the students ride out and school over fences everyday under the watchful eye of Tim Reed our Jumping Consultant, followed by detailed video analysis. We are the only training provider to offer this level of training to our jump jockey students. Similarly we have mandated that all our Amateur Category A students' who intend to apply for a jumping or dual licence will be assessed whilst schooling over hurdles and chase fences.

Again, this is to increase standards and also to protect the other jockeys with whom they will be racing.

The BHB and HRA have asked us to conduct Assistant Trainers' and a Trainers' course in 2007 and also Remedial Training for jockeys based in the North or those looking to complete their Remedial Training on the way to a Northern or central race meeting. We welcome this move as it confirms our position as an 'outstanding training provider'.

I would like to thank all the owners, trainers, officials and jockeys who have continued to support the educational programmes of the NRC.

Mike Mason
Director



NRC Director, Mike Mason



The Northern Racing College Achieves ISO9001 Certification



The Northern Racing College has been accredited with the internationally recognised ISO9001:2000 standard.

ISO9001:2000 is an international standard that certifies the effectiveness of quality management systems. This award follows fast on the NRC's recent outstanding overall grade in the ALI inspection, where quality improvement also achieved a grade 1, which is the highest grade possible.

Quality improvement is a vital activity for training providers, where the whole emphasis is on continuous improvement of training provision.

The NRC has improved its quality systems markedly over the last 2 years, culminating in the ISO9001 award.

Quality improvement is not merely a compliance orientated paper-based system as, it demonstrably improves the experience of the NRC's learners. Quality improvement arrangements at the NRC include

observations of key learning processes, collation and analysis of feedback from stakeholders including learners, internal verification of assessments, and audits of procedures. These activities have been used to improve the key learning processes at the NRC, which have, in turn, led to a significant improvement in achievement rates and key skills achievements.

The ISO9001 registration, which is based on rigorous assessment of the quality arrangements against key indicators, was only made possible by the hard work and commitment of the whole team at the College.

Michael Mason, Director said "This award confirms the recent ALI Grade 1 report and our commitment to outstanding training provision. A training provider has to maintain high standards and listen to the needs of the industry which it serves, with respect to its training provision."

Experience the thrill of horseracing

Unfamiliar with horseracing, not sure what all the hype is about?

Allow us to introduce you, your school, college, careers centre, pony club or riding school to the 'Sport of Kings' for a day and you'll find out for yourself.

The Northern Racing College would like to hear from individuals and organisations interested in arranging either a special taster day at the college, a visit to a racehorse trainer's yard or an afternoon at the races. Irrespective of the area of the country you are located in we will make all the necessary arrangements and will host your day; all you need to do is arrive at the venue.

For further details please contact Zoë Horne on Email zoe.horne@northernracingcollege.co.uk or telephone 01302 861 003.

Personal Development Programmes

With an increase in racing fixtures again this year, we understand that time is precious so to compensate for this we are asking stable staff to contact us to arrange a mutually convenient time for us to visit them to discuss their individual, personal development.

Stable staff not familiar with our location might be surprised to hear that we are just four miles from the Doncaster Bloodstock Sales complex, an ideal venue to meet up to discuss your training requirements.

Similarly Southwell, Wetherby, Market Rasen and Pontefract Racecourses are all within easy travelling distance, as will Doncaster Racecourse when it re-opens on 17th August, 2007.

To discuss the various ways in which we can assist in enhancing your career prospects please call Zoë Horne on 01302 861 003 or 07852 98 22 44. In many cases the training will be entirely free; there is no cost for the initial consultation.

This invitation also extends to jockeys who might wish to receive one to one tuition on our equicisors. Perhaps there is a particular aspect of race riding that an individual would like to improve on maybe it is simply constructive feedback that is required. For a minimal fee, training and fitness programmes can be put in place for those wishing to make this a regular part of their fitness and training regime. There will be no cost for the initial visit.

Please phone Zoë Horne on 01302 861 003 or 07852 98 22 44 a day or two before you intend visiting to set the wheels in motion.

Help, I Need Careers Advice!

You're leaving school in the summer but you're not sure about future plans. Should you go to college or straight into employment? What grades will you achieve? How will these influence your decision making and how sure can you be that the career you choose will be right for you?

There are no certainties but take some of the guess-work out of the equation by visiting us on one of our Taster Days. After a taster day, you can arrange a follow-up visit to talk through your options with one of our careers advisors.

Perhaps you're a parent who is unsure about the career path your child is leaning towards. You might have misgivings about a career with racehorses. Perhaps you believe that there are limited career opportunities, that the pay is poor, that the hours are endlessly long and that ultimately it is a 'dead end' job.

If you are uncertain and have questions you want answering then arrange an appointment with a careers advisor to put your mind at ease. Horseracing is among the top ten employers in the U.K. We guarantee you'll be astounded by what you hear.

For an informal chat please call Zoë Horne on 01302 861 003 or Email zoe.horne@northernracingcollege.co.uk

For 2007 Taster Day Dates please visit www.northernracingcollege.co.uk

Pony Racing Training Days

The Northern Racing College is opening it's doors to youngsters aged between 10 - 16 who have aspirations of becoming a jockey.

Pony Racing Training Days are open to children with and without ponies. Both days will run along similar lines although those with ponies will receive riding tuition on our gallops.

A typical Pony Racing Training Day will consist of the following:

- Discussions on racecourse procedures and the rules of racing.
- Practical demonstrations including saddling a runner and fitting paddock clothing.
- *Tuition in our indoor school and on the gallops delivered by former jockeys and work riders. Riding elements are videoed and analysed.
- Guidance and helpful suggestions on improving both the pony and rider's fitness levels.
- Advice on good race riding, riding at speed and tips on walking a course.
- Equicisor training including balance, technique and style in a finish.
- Care for a pony after a race.

*Riding tuition is available to those who attend with their own pony

For further information please visit our website www.northernracingcollege.co.uk

To book a place on one of our training days please contact Zoë Horne on 01302 861 003 or Email zoe.horne@northernracingcollege.co.uk

The Kings Troop Royal Horse Artillery 2012 Olympics



Fifteen soldiers from the Kings Troop Royal Horse Artillery recently visited the NRC to undertake a one-week intensive training course to prepare them for the "Troop Race" over the infamous Larkhill Point-to-Point Course.

They brought with them their own army horses who are more used to parading on ceremonial duties and pulling the guns as part of the Musical Drive Display.

Chief instructor Malcolm Bygrave and jumping consultant Tim Reed put the riders through their paces, which culminated in the soldiers jumping the hurdles and steeplechase fences with style, confidence and precision. A further schooling session and course walk are the final phases of the training programme.

Twelve Gun horses and soldiers will be competing in The King's Troop Race at the Royal Artillery Hunt Race Meeting at Larkhill on 27th January 2007. In addition, five King's Troop soldiers, who hold a Category A Amateur licence are hoping to compete in the two military steeplechase races at Sandown Park; the Royal Artillery Gold Cup on 16th February and the Grand Military Gold Cup on 9th March 2007. Mike Mason, Director of the NRC was very impressed with their commitment and confidence, "We now need to find four rides for them and we'll be talking with owners and trainers to try and secure horses for each jockey."

Sergeant Harry Grantham who has participated in two amateur races has accepted the ride on Mrs Dicken's rangy chestnut gelding 'Wild About Harry', in both the RA Gold Cup and the Grand Military. Wild About Harry resides at the college and has spent the last six months taking our Foundation students through their paces. His training regime has now stepped up another gear in preparation for his first racecourse appearance under Sergeant Harry.

The college are delighted to be involved with training the Kings Troop and look forward to calling the soldiers home.

If anyone has a horse they would like a member of the Kings Troop to ride in either of the above mentioned races please contact Mike Mason in the first instance on 01302 861 000. Support with this initiative will be greatly appreciated.



Sgt. Harry Grantham



The Northern Racing College has submitted a pre-games training camp application for the London 2012 Olympics.

The College's potential for hosting equine events was recognised in Yorkshire's Olympic Prospectus prepared by Montgomery Leisure Services Ltd on behalf of Yorkshire Forward in 2006.

In his role as Commercial Manager, Ben Micó has become heavily involved in both the Doncaster 2012 Committee and working within the South Yorkshire International Training Camps Working Group that has significant experience in hosting international sports competitions and events. If successful, this will provide the College with an excellent opportunity to expand its facilities and upgrade to world-class standard. It would also help the St Leger Horse & Country Park, in which the College is situated, to become a centre of excellence for the horse.

The College has put its facilities forward for dressage, paralympic dressage, showjumping, eventing and the modern pentathlon (cross-country running and riding).

The deadline for applications is 31st January 2007 at which point the audit process will begin to identify which facilities can be utilised for training camps.

For further details please contact Ben Micó on Email ben.mico@northernracingcollege.co.uk or telephone 01302 861010

Horse Profile: Darasim

Shortly before Christmas an equine superstar arrived at the college to begin his second career. For people who are familiar with racing, this horse will need no introduction for he has spent several seasons mixing it with the big boys on centre stage. The horse in question is the former Mark Johnston - trained inmate Darasim.

Darasim couldn't be described as being the largest of horses but what a powerful engine he has to go with his blue-blooded pedigree.

His career began as a three-year-old in Ireland where he won at Wexford on his second start before following up at Gowran Park a month later whilst in the care of John Oxx and under the ownership of His Highness The Aga Khan. Over the summer of 2001 this son of Kahyasi transferred ownership and took up residence in Middleham, North Yorkshire. His first success in Britain came at Doncaster, followed by Ripon although his three victories at Goodwood would suggest he took a distinct

liking to the West Sussex track.

His glittering career saw him step onto the stage in Germany and France where he returned triumphant in Group races - the crème de la crème of racing. If that were not enough, his versatile nature allowed him to win a hurdle race under the champion jockey A. P. McCoy whilst in the care of Cotswold maestro Jonjo O'Neill.

Darasim is stabled alongside Carbury Cross, a former Jonjo O'Neill inmate, who finished seventh in the 2003 Grand National under Liam Cooper and Courlis Pontet who in the care of champion trainer Paul Nicholls won the prestigious Sporting Index Select Chase (Cross Country) race at Cheltenham.

To receive a horse of this calibre is very exciting and we look forward to introducing you to this truly exceptional horse on our Taster Days.



Darasim Photo by Mikaelle Lebreton

Specialist Courses Continued.

Point to Point Owners and Riders Association (One Day)

Start Date
03/01/08

Point to Point Pre-Season Training (One Day)

Start Date
23/11/07
07/12/07

Racing Secretaries Course

Start Date End Date
23/04/07 24/04/07
13/09/07 14/09/07
05/11/07 06/11/07

Pony Racing Training Days (One Day)

Start Date
03/04/07 (Non-Rider)
05/04/07 (Rider)
10/04/07 (Rider)
06/08/07 (Non-Rider)
07/08/07 (Rider)
15/08/07 (Rider)
24/08/07 (Rider)
22/10/07 (Rider)
23/10/07 (Non-Rider)
21/12/07 (Rider)

Taster Days (One Day)

Start Dates
26/01/07 27/07/07
23/02/07 31/08/07
30/03/07 28/09/07
27/04/07 26/10/07
25/05/07 30/11/07
29/06/07
No Taster Day in December

Foundation Course

Start Date End Date
22/01/07 13/04/07
05/03/07 25/05/07
16/04/07 06/07/07
28/05/07 17/08/07
09/07/07 28/09/07
20/08/07 09/11/07
01/10/07 21/12/07
19/11/07 08/02/08
07/01/08 28/03/08

College Conversion Course

Start Date End Date
12/02/07 23/02/07
02/04/07 13/04/07
25/06/07 06/07/07

The Winning Formula

Start Date End Date
30/07/07 17/08/07
20/08/07 07/09/07

NRC Student Achievements June to November 2006

Students Achieving NVQ Level 1 (Horsecare)

Name	Name
Jennifer Allen	Amie Glaves
Victoria Blueman	Megan Victoria Lester
Thomas David Dewhurst	Kimberly Roe
Janyne Kelly Ford	Darren Savage
Faye Galvin	Jenine Swan
Michelle Henderson	Jennifer Telfer
Simone Linster	Stephen Wandless
Cory Jon Masden	Stephanie Webb
Kieran Miller	Joe Westhead
Dean Skelley	Kara Wilkinson
Kelly Symes	Faye Bainbridge
Victoria Blueman	Aimee Barnes
Jayson Clark	Adam William Doran
Carly Dixon	Jessica Flint
Terrence Robert Fisk	Lenice Rose Gillet
Dovile Gudynaite	Laura Grimes
Kelly Inglis	Matthew Lawson
Leah Munro	Matthew James McGhee
Kimberley Nugent	Peter Frank O'Malley
Stacey Rhodes	Rachel Elizabeth Schofield
Melanie Riley	Lorna Marie Smith
Rebecca Stone	Lauren Amy Taskis
Michael James Thompson	Amy Elizabeth Tilford
Lauren Ashleigh Tindle	Lianne Yates
Stewart Barker	Lana Stephany Chambers
Simon James Dennison	Marc Dunning
Chloe Gilks	Ellie Ferris
Jolita Meilunaite	Sinead Logush
Lucy Mogan	Virginia Lound
Lindsey Rushon	Derek Marland
Heather Seddon	Caroline McLean
Rebecca Sparks	Jamie Plumridge
Aimee Margaret Sterio	Claire Louise Sandercock
Mandi Mary Anderson	Jessica Slater
Stewart Barker	Paris Stevenson
James Paul Evans	Jade Elizabeth Thrush
Robert James Forsyth	Jamie Lee Cook

Students Achieving NVQ Level 2 (Racehorse Care)

Name
Kyle Apark
Francesca Bennet
Lisa Blackwell
Danielle Bradley
Alison Clarke
Kimberley Victoria Dee
Scott Paul James Dixon
Samanthar Amy Drake
Krystina Louise Erskine
Amy Fairclough
Kerry Marie Galvin
Steven Griffiths
Kate Louise Hanson
Andrew Hefferman
Alice Marie Hewitt
David Charles Hickin
Lauren Johns
Matthew Mark Keerie
Becky Large
Thomas Leaper
Victoria Ruth Lester
Simone Linster
Ryan Colin Mania
Emma McDonald
Christine Munro
Justin Newman
Sean Palmer
Lucy Roberts
Emma Michelle Stanley
Lee Anthony Walker
Kim Wells
Sophie Wray
Heather Mary Young

Students Achieving NVQ Level 3 (Racehorse Care and Management)

Name
James Patrick Allen
Emma Atkins
Kelly Bryson
John Joseph Davies
Lisa Ruth Elizabeth Hoskins
Jocelyn Ann McFadden
Carol Susan Parrish
Niomi Patterson
Donna Pidcock
Paul Seddon
Emma Jane Smith
Samantha Stephenson
Toni Marie Syddall
Samantha Louise Thompson
Grant Fraser Tuer

The Friends of the NRC was formed in 1987, principally to help raise funds for the Northern Racing College.

Annual membership is open to any individual or organisation and costs from £10 per year.

Anyone interested in joining should contact: Andrea Mallinson, Membership Secretary, Broomfield House, Spital Road, Blyth, Nottinghamshire. S81 8EL

Please visit the Friends page on www.northernracingcollege.co.uk for all the latest news.

Tom Halliday Memorial Scholarship 2006/07

The Northern Racing College is thrilled that Market Rasen Racecourse have invited us once again to be involved with the Tom Halliday Memorial Scholarship.

Last year's scholar, conditional jockey Phil Kinsella, is on the verge of riding his 40th winner which will see his riding allowance reduce to 3lb. This year's recipient Mick O'Connell, is starting to attract more attention and a double at Wetherby on Boxing Day will only serve to enhance his reputation further, taking his tally of jump wins to a healthy 11 from 99 rides.

Recipients of the award receive guidance, tuition and advice from the instructor team at the college.

This includes equicisor training, tuition on the schooling ground and fitness and diet advice from our qualified physical education specialist.



Mick O'Connell

To complement the above, we have arranged for Mick to receive a series of schooling sessions from the British Eventing Team Coach, Yogi Breisner, and former jockey turned trainer Tim Reed. Steward Secretaries have generously offered to guide Mick on issues such as the use of the whip to ensure he complies with the rules of racing, while T. Frost (Bawtry) and Regent Boots have donated a full set of waterproof riding-out clothing and leather exercise boots.

Mick will continue to raise his profile this winter by riding out, both in the north and south of the country for trainers while his agent, Sam Stronge, will work overtime securing him rides.

To get the low-down on Mick please visit the case studies section on our website. As the winners continue to flow we will issue press releases which can be viewed on the site.



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