KINNESTON NATIONAL HUNT SEASON 2016/17 – THE TEAM

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Welcome to Kinneston and thank you for taking the time to look at this booklet about the team we have here for the 2016/17 National Hunt Season.

I am delighted to report after the 2014/15 “plateau” described last year we hit “lift off” again in 2015/16 and more than doubled the previous season’s total of winners with a new record of 32 under rules and 6 in point-to-points along with 34 seconds across the two codes from a total of 257 runners. Pleasingly that was also an all-time high in terms of “first two” strike rate with nearly 30% filling those slots and over 50% making the first four. Sadly, we failed by a mere £1600 to break our prize money record.

Whilst we may have benefitted from some well-handicapped horses I have no doubt that the consistency was a direct consequence of the in depth audit we carried out of every aspect of our equine management a year ago. Our rigorous implementation of best practice was reflected in our results which proved a just reward to the team of staff here who worked tirelessly towards those goals and I give my heartfelt thanks to them for their efforts. We can never rest on our laurels in this regard and everything we do every hour of every day is done with these principles in mind.

So where do we go from here? Without expanding the number of horses it would be very difficult to repeat, let alone exceed, that number of winners. There is no intention to increase numbers so there is only one way to continue raising the bar and that is to train better winners and that means moving towards operating on the national rather than local stage. This will take time of course but we produced a national champion conditional jockey who remains the only female rider to win a title open to men over jumps so I have no doubt that we are capable of operating at the highest level and thereby winning more prize money.

To do that of course we need the horses and we are lucky enough to have a very promising team of young horses that should be able to progress. We need to keep working together to build on that and although the financial power of the big stables can be daunting I do believe that our excellent research and network of contacts enables us to buy well.

The BHA’s Jump Racing Review Group that I sat on last year has evolved into a focus group to improve jump racing in the North. I have been delighted to be a proactive contributor to this group and if we can pull a few more strings there will be plenty of positive news to emerge over the coming weeks. Our remit has been to restore aspiration, ambition and reward to Northern jumping through an improvement in the race programme at every level; it won’t happen overnight but there is immense goodwill from the racing authorities and the right levers are falling into place to make the North a more attractive place to train and race horses.

Once again I would like to finish by saying a genuine thank you to everyone involved – staff, owners, jockeys, vets, farriers, physios, dentists, agents, our sponsor Alistair Cochrane and many others. And please may I remind you again that this is a team sport as much as any other, thank you.

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**CLAN CHIEF**  
2009 Chesnut Gelding by Generous ex Harrietfield (Nicholas Bill) - Rating 89c  
Owner: Clan Gathering  
A bumper winner who went on to win a handicap hurdle last season prior to going novice chasing. His progress wasn’t entirely smooth in that department but he seems to be learning to settle better now which is helping his jumping and he finished the season on a good note when 2nd at Kelso in April. May step up in trip now and prefers better ground despite having won twice on heavy.

**GOLD OPERA**  
2009 Bay Gelding by Gold Well ex Flute Opera (Sharifabad) - Rating 118c  
Owner: Macdonalds, Cardwell and Castle  
He progressed nicely over fences last season winning twice and being placed on his other four completions, the only disappointment being when he was pulled up suddenly on his last start at Kelso in April. He is versatile in terms of trip but in due course is likely to show his best form over 3m at a galloping track on soft ground.

**HERE’S TO HARRY**  
2007 Bay Gelding by Helissio (FR) ex Harrietfield (Nicholas Bill) – Rating 74c  
Owner: Alexander Family  
A big disappointment really he has proved hard to keep sound but he was runner up in two maiden point-to-points last season prior to pulling two front shoes off at Dalston in the spring. He jumps well and might just prove very well handicapped back under rules. A triumph of optimism over experience….

**JET MASTER (IRE)**  
2006 Bay Gelding by Brian Boru ex Whats the Reason (Strong Gale) Rating Rating - 124c 111h  
Owner: Mr HW Turcan and Sir Simon Dunning  
A high class performer who appeared to be in the grip of the handicapper last season after winning at Perth in September; one would like to think he might now get the benefit of that as his mark has slipped to an attractive level, especially over hurdles. He will mix codes this winter.
**LITTLE GLENSHEE**

2006 Grey Mare by Terimon ex Harrietfield (Nicholas Bill) - 118c 127h  
Owner: Turcan Barber Douglas Miller Dunning  
A game and consistent mare who rarely runs a bad race especially when the ground is deep. The plan is to step her up to 3 miles now where I hope there may be more to come.

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**THE ORANGE ROGUE**

2007 Brown Gelding by Alderbrook ex Classic Enough (Classic Cliche) Rating 105c  
Owner: Mrs S Irwin  
An Irish point-to-point winner who made the frame in all his completed starts last season including winning at Newcastle in April. He is entitled to progress further over 2m 4f to 3m at flat galloping tracks on soft or heavy ground.

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**THE BISHOP (IRE)**

2008 Bay Gelding by Winged Love ex Charlie's Mary (Daar Alzamaan) - Rating 93c  
Owner: Kinneston Racing  
Another Irish point-to-point winner he took a long time to acclimatise and I still don't think he was ever really right last season despite winning and being placed three times. He has done very well over the summer and I would expect him to improve this time round over 3 miles plus on soft ground.
NOVICE CHASERS

BERTALUS (IRE)
2009 Bay Gelding by City Honours ex Deep Dalus (IRE) (Mandalus) – Rating 113h

Owner: Lord Cochrane & Partners
He won both his starts in point-to-points in Ireland prior to joining the stable last spring, he duly won a hurdle last winter but was a little disappointing thereafter. Despite winning I don’t think he properly acclimatised and with another summer on his back I am hopeful he will prove progressive now switched to fences, the handicapper was hard on him for his win though.

BUFFALO BALLET
2006 Bay Gelding by Kayf Tara ex Minora (Cataldi) – Rating 116h

Owner: HW Turcan and Sir Simon Dunning
A talented but fragile individual who remains frustratingly lightly raced, he did some work last autumn and then again in the spring and is well forward now. If we can keep him sound he certainly has the ability to repay our patience with a good prize.

CALIVIGNY (IRE)
2009 Bay Gelding by Gold Well ex Summer Holiday (IRE) (Kambalda) – Rated 122h

Owner: Angus Hodge
He won two hurdles last autumn and was then a little disappointing when stepped up in grade, he finished the season on a good note when 3rd carrying a double penalty at Hexham and should be able to build on this over fences, likely to be at his best over 3m with give in the ground.

CLAN LEGEND
2010 Chesnut Gelding by Midnight Legend ex Harrietfield (Nicholas Bill) – Rating 118h

Owner: Clan Gathering
A revelation last winter winning four of his six starts and looking thoroughly progressive. He should jump fences well and be capable of taking another step forward this season, restricted to 2m so far there is no reason why he won’t stay further but he must have soft ground.
NOVICE CHASERS

CRAIGANBOY (IRE)
2009 Bay Gelding by Zagreb (USA) ex Barnish River (IRE) (Riverhead (USA)) – Rating 118h
Owner: C Lysaght Media, Quandt & Cochrane
An active sort who we acquired at Doncaster May Sales. He has been placed over hurdles on his last three completed starts and his form is solid. We are still learning about him but if he settles in his races he should prove well bought, likely to start off over hurdles.

DUTCH CANYON
2010 Brown Gelding by Craigsteel ex Chitabe (Lord of Appeal) - Rating 87h
Owner: E Barlow S Cochrane & W Kennedy
A big strapping horse that has taken time to come to hand despite plenty of racing, things didn’t really go his way last season though he did show decent form to finish 4th on three occasions, most particularly on his last start of the season at Perth. The form of that race has worked out particularly well and gives us plenty of hope that he will prove well handicapped now he is going chasing.

LAKE VIEW LAD (IRE)
2010 Bay Gelding by Oscar ex Missy O’Brien (Supreme Leader) – Rating 136h
Owner: Alistair Cochrane
Having shown good form when placed in a bumper in Ireland he duly obliged in that sphere on his first start for us prior to winning 3 novices hurdles showing high class form in the process. A switch to fences now beckons where he should have an exciting future as a novice chaser. His best form last season was over 2m 4f, he seems versatile as regards trip and stamina should not be an issue, he handles deep ground particularly well.

MARLEE MASSIE (IRE)
2009 Bay Gelding by Dr Massini ex Meadstown Miss (Flemensfirth) - Rating 110h
Owner: For Sale
Progressed well last season winning four hurdles impressively, handicapper has had his say but there should be more to come stepped up to 3m, he is likely to start back over hurdles prior to going chasing.
**TITIAN BOY**

2009 Chesnut Gelding by Spadoun ex Leodotcom (Safety Catch) – Rating 80h

Owner: Hardie and Robb

An imposing late developing type who hadn’t shown much prior to finishing 2nd in a competitive handicap hurdle at Ayr in February, his form tailed off again after that but hurdling was always going to be an inconvenience en route to a career as a chaser, he had been very weak but is finally beginning to fill his huge frame and I hope he can pull things together now he is going chasing, if that is the case he will prove nicely handicapped.

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**PRESENTING ROSE (IRE)**

2010 Bay Mare by Presenting ex Berkeley House (IRE) (Beneficial) – Rating 113h

Owner: Alistair Cochrane

This well bred mare made good progress last season to win two novice hurdles, she is taking time to mature and has the size and scope to make a nice chaser, versatile as regards trip and ground she is best suited by flat left-handed tracks.

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**ROAD TO GOLD (IRE)**

2009 Bay Gelding by Gold Well ex Haute De Gamme (IRE) (Carmelite House) – Rating 127h

Owner: Judy Douglas Miller

A winning Irish point-to-pointer who won two novice hurdles after joining our yard last summer. His point-to-point and hurdling form are both very solid and his experience in the former sphere should stand him in good stead now that he is going chasing. He has winning form at 2m and 3m and seems best with plenty of give in the surface.

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**NOVICE CHASERS**
KINNESTON TRAINING FEES 2016-17

FULL TRAINING - £39.50 per day

PRE-TRAINING AND BREAKING - £30.00 per day

GRASS LIVERY - £7.50 per day

FARRIERY - £60 per month

TRANSPORT TO RACES - £135 flat rate
ANDHAAR
2006 Bay Gelding by Bahri (USA) ex Deraasaat (Nashwan) - Rating 101h
Owner: Bissett Racing
A winner on the flat as well as three times over hurdles he hit a good patch of form last autumn winning and coming 2nd twice. He didn’t really replicate that after a break this spring though his last run on soft at Perth should be discounted. He has now returned from a short break and will hopefully have another good autumn campaign in staying handicap hurdles.

ALWAYS TIPSY
2009 Bay Gelding by Dushyantor ex French Pick (Johannesburg) - Rating 115h
Owner: JJ Cockburn AJ Wight P Home
After an excellent seasonal debut last autumn we sent him down to Cheltenham where he didn’t stay on ground that was too soft for him. He struggled a little during the winter but came back to form on the better ground in the spring, falling at the last at Perth in May with the race at his mercy. He has had a decent break now and should prove nicely treated on good ground over 2m 4f to 3m.

ANOTHER MATTIE (IRE)
2007 Bay Gelding by Zagreb ex Silver Tassie (Kaldouveeves) - Rating 123h
Owner: Quandt and Cochrane
He had an excellent season last winter winning twice and filling the runner up slot on another three occasions, stepping up to 3m on very soft ground seemed to be the key and we will be following a similar strategy this time round at the big galloping tracks, I wonder what his chase mark is now?

BENNY’S SECRET (IRE)
2010 Bay Gelding by Beneficial (IRE) ex Greenhall Rambler(Anshan) – Rating 107h
Owner: Brian Castle
A sharp and athletic bumper winner who went on to win a hurdle last season. He jumps very well but in the heat of the battle can become error prone, experience should rectify that and he has matured a lot mentally and physically which will hopefully help him progress this season. I have always considered him one of the best I have trained from what I see at home and he has the pedigree to match, this is yet to be reflected in his handicap mark! Up in trip may be the answer.
BRACING
2009 Chesnut Mare by Alflora (IRE) ex Sports Express (Then Again) - Rating 88h
Owner: Bissett Racing
She only ran three times last season but was 2nd twice and has proved very consistent over last 18 months. There should be plenty more to come from her now if she is granted an uninterrupted preparation, 3 miles and goodish ground seem to be her thing and I would like to think she will be going over fences before too long.

FAREWELLTOCHEYENNE (IRE)
2008 Bay Gelding by Zagreb (USA) ex Valerie Ellen (Ire) (Accordion) – Rating 100h
Owner: Douglas Miller Turcan & Dunning
A bumper winner who was very weak when he came over from Ireland two years ago, he hasn’t been straightforward to train but he has now started to build condition which should help in this regard and hopefully he can start to fulfil his early potential, unlikely to be on the track until early 2017.

HEILAN REBEL
2010 Bay Gelding by Whereorwhen ex Nordice Equity (Ire) (Project Manager) – Rating 88h
Owner: Alexander Macdonald Stanistreet
Placed in a bumper this good looking horse with a fine pedigree and physique has had one or two issues that have prevented him flourishing so far having also been slow to acclimatise when he came over from Ireland. He has done very well this summer and his work has been very good so I hope we might finally be getting there in which case he is much better than his rating suggests.

LANDECKER (IRE)
2008 Brown Gelding by Craigsteel ex Winsome Breeze (Glacial Storm) - Rating 118h
Owner: Hugh Hodge Ltd
A three time hurdle winner who stays well and prefers better ground, he was a little bit inconsistent last season but finished up with 332 so we hope we know what comes next! He has a particular fondness for Kelso but we will have a more open mind this season and we may try chasing again.
A winner of her only start in a point-to-point in May we were lucky to buy her at the Tattersalls Cheltenham Sale later that month. I love the way she is bred and she has done nothing but improve all summer. A lovely prospect for mares novice hurdles, still only a 4yo so we won’t be rushing her.

Owner: Brian Castle

2012 Bay Mare by Gold Well ex Olde Kilcormac (IRE) (Supreme Leader)

FINAL REMINDER (IRE)

Purchased out of Andrew Balding’s yard via the July Sales at Newmarket this 4yo has good flat form behind him. A little unlucky in two point-to-points we then gave him one run over hurdles. He has now had a good break, filled out and strengthened up and is a good prospect for novice hurdles this winter, handles soft well and guess 2m 4f may be his optimum trip.

Owner: Turcan, Barber, Douglas Miller & Dunning

2012 Bay Gelding by Norse Dancer ex Strictly Dancing (Danehill Dancer) – Rating 89f

DANCE OF FIRE

Purchased out of Andrew Balding’s yard via the July Sales at Newmarket this 4yo has good flat form having won three times over 8-10f. By a proven NH sire from a top class family he is an exciting prospect for novice hurdling, appears to handle all types of ground and seen as a two miler at this stage.

Owner: Bowen and Nicol

2012 Bay Gelding by Shaanmer (IRE) ex Diamond of Diana (FR) (Darshaan) – Rating 119h

CHRISTMAS IN USA (FR)

By a top sire out of a sister to a Gold Cup winner this well-made horse had four runs last season showing only glimmers of ability. I am certainly not giving up on him though, we just need to get him a handicap mark then step him up in trip.

Owner: J J Cockburn, A J Wight, P Home

2010 Bay Gelding by Flemensfirth ex Laboc (Rymer)

BEEN DECIDED (IRE)

Owner: Bowen and Nicol

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BEEN DECIDED (IRE)
JUST BROOKE
2010 Chesnut Mare by Black Sam Bellamy ex Sports Express (Then Again)

Owner: Bissett Racing

By a good stallion out of a tough dual winning mare she was held up last season by a number of minor setbacks and then the ground went against her in the spring, she may have another bumper before going hurdling.

McGINTY’S DREAM (IRE)
2011 Bay Gelding by Flemensfirth ex Laboc (Rymer)

Owner: Brian Castle

By a top sire out of a sister to a Gold Cup winner this well-made horse is yet to translate the ability he shows at home to the race-course for the simple reason that he is far too keen. He must learn to relax and settle and we are doing everything we can to help him in this regard

UN-NAMED BAY Filly 2011
Bay Filly 2011 by Westerner ex Courtain (USA) (Diesis)

Owner: TBC

By a top sire out of a mare who is a sister to two top class horses and has already produced four good winners. She was in training for a season in Ireland prior to coming to Kinneston in August. She has a lot going for her and will probably start off in a bumper.
**UN-NAMED BAY FILLY 2012**

2012 Bay Filly by Getaway ex Call Her Again (Old Vic)

Owner: Hugh Hodge Ltd

By a high class German bred son of Monsun her dam is by the highest rated son of Sadlers Wells to stand as a National Hunt sire and is from a prolific winning National Hunt family, she was in training last season and turned away in the early spring and has done well.

**FIG’S PRIDE**

2013 Bay Filly by Stowaway ex Roseboreen (IRE) (Roselier (FR))

Owner: Claire Harper-Gow

An attractive forward going scopey filly she came to Kinneston to be broken in May and then returned here last month. Her pedigree suggests she will make a nice staying hurdler and chaser in time.

**UN-NAMED BAY FILLY 2013**

Bay Filly 2013 by Mountain High (IRE) ex Minoras Return (IRE) (Bob’s Return (IRE))

Owner: Kinneston Bloodstock

Out of a sister to Buffalo Ballet from a high class damside family and by an up and coming Coolmore sire, she she seems tough and hardy.

**UN-NAMED BAY FILLY 2013**

Bay Filly 2013 by Ask ex Minora (Cataldi)

Owner: Kinneston Bloodstock

A sister to Buffalo Ballet from a high class damside family and by an up and coming Coolmore sire she, works nicely.
LEFT BACK (IRE)
2012 Bay Gelding by Oscar (IRE) ex Baldrica (FR) (Lost World (IRE))
Owner: Kinneston Bloodstock
A nicely bred strapping chasing type he ran twice in point-to-points in Ireland this spring latterly falling at the second last when still in the lead. Bought cheaply thereafter at Doncaster in May he is still only a 4yo and will be given plenty of time.

UN-NAMED BAY FILLY 2013
Bay Filly 2013 by Kalanisi ex Westgrove Berry (Presenting)
Owner: Available for Free Lease
This smart well-bred filly has recently come over from Ireland and is being broken in. She is a half sister to the high class Jet Stream Jack from the prolific winning family of Fiddling the Facts, she will be available on a free lease from her breeder for her racing career.
ALLTHEKINGSHORSES (IRE)
2006 Bay Gelding by King's Theatre (IRE) ex Penny Brae (IRE) (Montelimar (USA))

Owner: Jamie Alexander
Bought out of Philip Hobbs yard in January this decent chaser won his first two point-to-points for Jamie in the spring and was unlucky not to make it a third at Aspatria in May. He should continue to give a good account in this sphere next season especially on good ground.

BERTIE MILAN (IRE)
2005 Bay Gelding by Milan ex Miss Bertaine (Denel) – Rating 99c

Owner: Turcan Barbour Douglas Miller Dunning
The winner of the 2014 Highland National’s retirement to the point-to-point field was postponed when he won at Perth this time last year, he ran well again in the Highland National this spring but finished a little bit jarred up so has been resting this summer.

ROSSINI’S DANCER
2005 Bay Gelding by Rossini ex Bint Alhabib (Nashwan)

Owner: Turcan Barber Fletcher Dunning
A talented if enigmatic horse who won 4 times on the flat prior winning 6 times over fences at distances from 2m to 3m on all types of ground, finally defeated by the handicapper he switched to point-to-pointing last season and has now won four Mens Opens. He fell 3 out when in contention in the Perth Festival Hunter Chase and was sore afterwards but seems fine now.

ROYAL CHATELIER (FR)
2005 Bay Gelding by VIDEO ROCK (FR) ex ATTUALITA (FR) (MASTER THATCH)

Owner: Mr Jamie Alexander
He has won two point-to-points, four chases and a hurdle. This well-bred staying chaser should remain competitive in point-to-points and Hunter Chases; very consistent when the ground is soft.
WICKLOW LAD
2004 Grey Gelding by Silver Patriarch (IRE) ex Marina Bird (Julio Mariner) – Rating 122c

Owner: Alexander Family

This ultra-consistent veteran was never out of the first two in six starts in point-to-points and Hunter Chases last season including winning twice; he should give plenty of fun again this winter.
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