



RETRAINING OF RACEHORSES

Trained to run, retrained for fun

Review of 2013 - Year of Shining Stars

Chairman's Foreword

Retraining of Racehorses is one of the lynchpins of British Horseracing, helping the sport to honour its core pledge to promote the highest standards of equine welfare. This objective is close to my heart and I therefore felt honoured to be appointed as its Chairman last July.

RoR would not be viable without the generous support of our benefactors and industry stakeholders. I would like to thank them, together with our trustees and all of those individuals who have contributed to our activities over the past year with their time, expertise and material support.

Much of the work that went into RoR's achievements during 2013 came under the chairmanship of my predecessor Ron Huggins, who performed an excellent job for the charity from his appointment in April 2010, and for which we are extremely grateful. Ron's success,

in turn, would not have been possible without the drive, enthusiasm and hard work of RoR's small executive team, led by Di Arbutnot. Their results speak for themselves and some of these are described in this annual report, which I hope you will find informative and inspirational.

By doing our best for our equine heroes, we can help British Horseracing to feel proud and confident in its record as a global leader in equine welfare. I look forward to working with all of our stakeholders in the coming months to continue to progress RoR's many initiatives and activities.

Paul Roy, RoR Chairman



The high profile retirement of Kauto Star, pictured here at Barbury showing off his dressage skills, boosted awareness of RoR



Whatecanyasay shines in every way for Robyn Gray, qualifying for HOYS and the Retrained Racehorse Challenge final as well as finishing second in the Racing to Hunting Challenge, having already won the Scottish Show Championship

Promotion - RoR Series of Competitions

To recognise the successes of former racehorses in all equine disciplines and to encourage more owners and riders to rehome ex-racehorses, RoR run an ever increasing series of competitions.

SHOWING 85 classes (50 RoR/Tattersalls Show Series and 35 RoR/TBA Retrained Racehorse Challenge). 50 TARRA unaffiliated classes. Prizes in kind at all competitions and at all levels.

Two £2,500 prizes to the winners of the RoR/Tattersalls Show Series at Hickstead and the RoR/SEIB Racehorse to Riding Horse final at the Horse of the Year Show (HOYS). Prizes are also given to support HOYS qualifiers. A Scottish Series Championship was held at the Royal Highland Show and special prizes were presented at the Royal Welsh Show.

SHOW JUMPING Regional/area prizes under the BSJA banner of £4,500. Plus competitions with prize money totalling £3,000.

DRESSAGE Four sections at BD Area Festivals. RoR Championship for Prelim, Novice and Elementary finalists with £3,000 in prizes. Elite Dressage Awards of £3,000.

EVENTING 30 BE90/100/Novice sections supported by Bedmax in the RoR/Bedmax Racing2Eventing Series. RoR/NTF Retrained Racehorse Championship (£6,500) at Barbury International. Elite Eventing Awards of £3,000.

HUNTING Racing to Hunting Challenge at the Cheltenham Countryside meeting, for £1,000 in prize money and prizes in kind.

TEAM CHASING Prizes at the National and Intermediate Team Chasing Championships.

ENDURANCE Elite awards totaling £3,000.

TRAILBLAZERS Prizes for unaffiliated show jumping and dressage competitions nationwide.

POLO Racing to Polo Challenge test competition with prize money totalling £7,500 for three competitions. Eight prizes at International/medium/low goal events in liaison with Lycetts, as well as Pony Club/Junior HPA bridle prizes.

OTHER Polocrosse/Horseball/Le Trec with prizes at all levels.



RoR/Tattersalls Show Series winner, Barber's Shop & Katie Jerram, owned by HM The Queen



RoR/NTF Retrained Racehorse Event Championship winner, Vortex & Tim Price



RoR/TBA Retrained Racehorse Challenge winner, Presentforyou & Sophie Smyth



RoR Racing to Hunting Challenge Champion, Haxton & Yvonne Goss



RoR/SEIB Racehorse to Riding Horse HOYS Champion, Deep Reflection & Helen Newbold



RoR/Bedmax Racing2Eventing Series winner, Penny's Loss & Nicola Ford

Website & Registrations

RoR's successful event and competition programme has resulted in an increase in registrations. The total number of horses registered with RoR up to 30th November was 8,680, an annual increase of 20%, with 4,700 horses registered to compete in the RoR Series of Competitions, an increase of 17% in one year.

RoR's website www.ror.org.uk had over 93,000 visits and 50,000 unique visitors in the last year. A new regional section was launched, and more social media marketing helped increase visitors to the site.



Education & Training

In 2013, RoR is forecast to spend £230,000 on its educational and training programme, creating demand for the ex-racehorse through sponsored competitions, events, workshops, clinics and lectures. RoR also provides extensive advice to potential and existing owners of ex-racehorses through its website with the care & retraining section and the 'Ask the Expert' helpline proving popular. A film showing the success stories of former racehorses in RoR events and parades was shown at racecourses throughout 2013, as well as through other media channels and on the website.



Show Series winner Katie Jerram shares her expertise with other RoR horses and their riders

Parades

It is important for racing and the general public to see that the racing industry in this country cares about what happens to racehorses when they leave racing. RoR runs a series of parades to showcase ex-racehorses who have gone on to be successful in other equestrian disciplines. In 2013 these took place at a variety of racecourses including Cheltenham, Aintree, Newcastle, Ascot and Musselburgh.



Former racehorses on parade at Ascot

Retraining Centres

RoR supports five charitable retraining centres for the care, retraining and rehoming of former racehorses across Britain: Greatwood, HEROS, Moorcroft, Thoroughbred Rehabilitation Centre (TRC) and Hollesley Bay. It also makes ad hoc grants to other homing organisations. RoR grants to these centres in 2013 was in the region of £400,000.

ERT

In 2007 the RoR adopted the Racehorse Owners Association charity, Emergency Relief for Thoroughbreds (ERT) and took responsibility for those rare cases when former racehorses are found to be neglected, ill-treated or sick. RoR will consider providing financial assistance for horses that have raced under the Rules of Racing or have been in training in GB, which are found in a poor state of health and, on veterinary advice, are in need of immediate attention.



RoR Polo Series winner at Cirencester, Clare & Guy Schwarzenbach



RETRAINING OF RACEHORSES

Trained to run, retrained for fun

Regional Support

In 2013, RoR appointed Regional Co-ordinators to help promote the charity's objectives and organise more grassroots activities at a county level. New regional events and competitions are underway including a range of clinics, Regional Dressage and Riding Club Leagues, the first Inter-County Competition, and new dressage to music sessions. Question time evenings provide expert advice from vets, nutritionists, physios, saddlers, farriers and well know equestrian riders and trainers.

Funding

RoR funds its activities from a combination of donations from racing's participants, and investment income. This is forecast to generate a total of £610,000 in 2013, with owners contributing 34%, racecourses 14%, investment income 26%. A further 26% comes from HBLB, trainers, bookmakers, breeders, jockeys, auctioneers, legacies and fundraising activities. Total expenditure is forecast to be £780,000 which leaves a deficit of £170,000 to be funded from reserves.

RoR Trustees

- Paul Roy – Chairman (from July 2013)
- Ron Huggins - Chairman (April 2010 to June 2013)
- Christopher Foster - British Horseracing Authority
- Lady Emma Balding - National Trainers Federation
- Dr David Hunter - Racecourse Association
- Joe Grimwade LVO - Thoroughbred Breeders Association
- Sheila Bailey - Racehorse Owners Association



Vicky Smart, RoR North East Regional Co-ordinator, brings first hand experience of retraining and RoR competitions



Hertfordshire win the first RoR Inter County Championship held in the RoR East Region



Retraining of Racehorses (RoR), Ash Cottage, Back Street, East Garston, Berkshire RG17 7EX
Chief Executive - Di Arbuthnot T: 01488 648998 E: info@ror.org.uk
Registered Charity No: 1084787