



RACING FOR A CAUSE



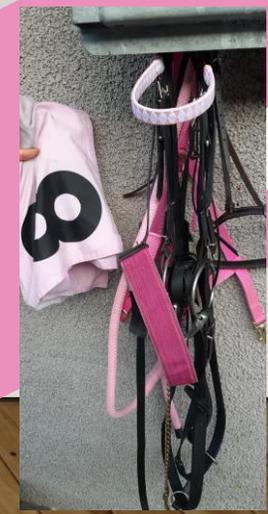
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Christmas 2022

We would like to thank all our members for their continued support and from everyone at Michael Blake Racing we would like to wish you and your families a **HAPPY CHRISTMAS** and a very **HAPPY NEW YEAR**

We look forward to seeing you in 2023.



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FREEDOM AND WHEAT

AKA: Dommy

The season started off really promising for Dommy. He ran a fantastic race at Windsor against 3-year-olds and was in tremendous form in training. Like all the team at Staverton, it was a massive blow and very sad for him to have a career ending injury sustained at Wolverhampton in October. He is currently staying with Jon and Allie, living a quiet life whilst the tendon recovers which will take about a year. We are hopeful he will enjoy a long retirement from racing and will no doubt turn his hoof to something new and will boss it!! Even going for a hack he'll want to be first....



We do need to acknowledge what an absolute legend he has been for Racing for a Cause. He has that true racehorse determination and courage to be first. He loved to race, loved to train and loved to win. 10 places 1st – 3rd over 21 races. Enjoy a happy retirement lovely boy, we will all miss seeing your exciting races.

4 x 1st Places
5 x 2nd Places
1 x 3rd Place



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BOUNTY PURSUIT

AKA: Bounty



What a complete star this horse has been for Racing for a Cause

He has been the flag bearer for the syndicate since its inception and has helped us make donations to lots of charities.

Bounty was purchased at Ascot sales in May 2017, incredibly well over 5 years ago!

He has run a total of 53 times in the famous Pink and White silks.

He has won incredibly 7 races been second 8 times and third 3 times.

All the jockeys that have rode him have loved him and referred to him as a legend of a horse!

He is a complete gentleman on and off the track and we all love him to bits.



A NEW YEAR AND NEW HORSES



CLEARANCE

We have been very fortunate to have been loaned **Clearance** by Joe Blake and he successfully came 2nd in his first outing over hurdles for us.

His next outing wasn't so good, sticky ground and loosing a shoe didn't help – Michael will give updates in the next week or so about plans – but think we will have some fun with him next year either over hurdles or on the flat – or both!



ATHEBY

I am very pleased to be given the opportunity to be able to train the new Racing For A Cause horse. When I saw him listed at the sales I immediately became excited for two connected reasons... I knew that he would be affordable and I knew that the previous trainer had been running him over completely the wrong trip! We had an added advantage in that we had a big insight into his previous stable – we also knew he was perfectly sound and ok. He is currently having a break before he returns to training in the new year-hence looking a bit muddy here!

Anyone who has looked at his win at Nottingham or his placed runs over 7f At Chelmsford would think it very strange that they stepped him up in trip. He is a good class horse and only 3years old. Good fun times await in the Spring and Summer. Thank you to the management and members of Racing For A Cause for giving the yard this opportunity...

Michael Blake





Spotlight on R4AC members Gordon & Ann

A little bit about yourself.....

We both like horse racing and enjoy meeting people. Have been married for 57 years (!!)
and have run a charity for children with special needs for 27 years.

We followed the box with Heir to Be down the motorway to Lingfield which was where we were going. On the back of the horse box it said Michael Blake Racing - join the syndicate for £99 so we did!

Had a few years gap then started again when Bounty came on the scene with Racing for a Cause



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Do you have a favourite racehorse?

Gordon: Aldaniti



Ann: Bounty of course!!

What 5 people would you invite to a dinner party?

Ann: David Essex, Piers Morgan, Agatha Christie (!) Mick Lynch (!!) so I could argue with him.....My late Mum.

Gordon: Brian Conley, Hayley Mills, David Cameron, Lucinda Lusardi, Bob Champion, Sam Fox

Favourite Food

Gordon: Chilli **Ann:** Chinese

Favourite Holiday destination

Both say the same: Caribbean

Favourite Movie

Gordon: Whistle Down the Wind **Ann:** Quadrophenia

Favourite Animal

Gordon: Horse **Ann:** Cat





NEXT FUNDRAISER



Two tickets to Ladies Day at the Cheltenham Festival

Cheltenham Racecourse have very kindly donated 2 tickets to Ladies Day in the Club enclosure (worth £200) for Racing for a Cause to raffle.

We will be raffling these tickets for £5 each early in the New Year, so keep an eye out on how to enter!

Proceeds will be divided between Carmela and the Injured Jockey's Fund.



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DOM CONTINUES TO FUNDRAISE FOR RACING FOR A CAUSE – WITH HELP FROM WE'RE REUNITED

*Where there's muck there's money!!!
What goes in, must come out!!*

Whilst staying with us, Jon and I have been bagging up some quality manure – compliments of Dommy and We're Reunited, who love to help us out as well!

We have been delivering it around our local village to keen gardeners who have donated £75 so far to Carmela's fund.

Great work boys – I know you'll keep going with the production line!!

Allie





If you would like to get involved in organising or have any ideas for a fundraising event, please get in touch – we'd love to hear from you.

New members always welcome

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THANK YOU

As always to Michael, Sharon and all the team at Staverton who ride, love and look after Bounty, Dommy, Atheby and Clearance.

If any member would like to visit the stables, please let us know, you are very welcome (especially if you bring carrots & apples)

