



FRONTRUNNER NEWS

- OCTOBER 2008



Simon Bagzlaquette



You know the high profile guy who came up with the really brilliant Sovereign Series idea.

Frontrunner was told in all seriousness that he is paid (by us)

650k a year; we just do not

believe it because that would be stupid. So could we have a list, set out like the trainers title of Shaftesbury Avenues top ten salaries please. Unless they are embarrassed of course.

P TUCK WELL DONE MR SCOTNEY

P Tuck fiddles a few expenses, unlike every racing journalist, salesman, worker I have ever known.

Caught, offered a choice of the fraud squad or to resign.

Brilliant, now thrown out of racing. (though has got a gig in outer Mongolia - good for them)

At least he has achieved one thing - it is now likely that the stipes, handicappers, vets et al., traditionally politically to the right of Genghis Khan will soon join a union

Classified Ads



Backbone required, please contact P. Scotney BHA integrity (lack of) department.



Good to see the French Authorities doing an even worse job than ours could do on Arc Day.



Old Jokes Home (I)

In light of this week's furore, Jonathan Ross and Russell Brand will be placed on the Sachs offenders register.

Apologies for this but it made me laugh

Dear Jonathan Ross,
I've just shagged your daughter. Who's laughing now? Lots of love,
Gary Glitter x

Dickhead

TRACKSIDE LIVE

A cunning ploy to annoy the hell out of everyone at the course. Please could all readers insist that all runners are certainties and see how long it takes for this annoyance to stop.

Frfw



Lots of changes will be sent out on CD with next issue, with chocolate.

TEAM TACTICS



So lets get this straight. You are on the pacemaker two furlongs out in the Derby, if you do not move away from the rail your stable companion will not get a run. What

exactly do the BHA avenue think will happen? Yet another example of rules and regulations being written by well meaning/anally retentive people with no real understanding of what really happens in a race/yard/betting shop. Take a reality pill guys.

Top jockeys need more money to appear in top races



April 1st joke?

Did someone put Josh Apiani up to this for a laugh. Surely he is not serious.

Broadband

For those of you who have broadband supplied by Frontrunner, it should now be running a lot faster. If this is not so, please ring me because I am not telepathic.

For those of you who *we do not* supply broadband to. I cannot sort it out when you have a problem. Either change to us or speak to someone in Bangalore.

Shaftesbury Avenue



Well well well

5 minutes after moving from Portman square the rent has been increased at Shaftesbury Avenue, so the BHA cannot stay there. Perhaps now would be a good time to point out that central London is really

expensive and suits no one and you do not attract many people who know how the game really works (well maybe plenty who know about the game, but not racing!)



Places to visit

Frontrunner applauds the venerable Desmond Stoneham. In his list of places to visit in Paris when going to the Arc, he manages to sneak in what can only be described as a brothel. Sterling work, but what is really odd is that no one has put in a complaint!

Old Jokes Home (II)

Recently many police trained dogs have gone missing, when asked why this was, the Police said there were no leads at the time.

Deanos beano



Well thank heavens for P Scotney, the crime of the century :60k "nicked" between 9 people over 2 years - they would have been better off

working at Macdonalds!

This "success" story for Mr Scotney is not anything to crow about on a number of levels.

The main one being that in this country we have an "accusatorial" system rather than an "inquisitorial" one, and The BHA have adopted this model.

This means you have a prosecution fighting tooth and nail to give their side of the story, a defence doing the same their side and an independent judge and jury in the middle. In the real world if accused of a criminal offence even Robert Mugabe would get a professional legal team defending him.

In Shaftesbury avenue world if you choose to spend 30k per day you can have a defence team, and you get the judge and jury appointed by the prosecution, you do not get the defence mutually agreeing an independent arbitrator nor do you get anything heard in open court.

What you do get is verdicts which can take livelihoods away under a legal structure which Mugabe would be happy with, - It is not right, and needs fixing.

Where are you now

In February John Ryan (63) was appointed communications manager for the BHA, since when he has not been heard of. Why?

Going to the dogs



Many many years the greyhound authorities thought that lots and lots of rubbish greyhound racing was a good business model.

Now they are closing greyhound tracks all over the place.

A few years ago the BHB though that was a good plan as well and copied it.

What do you think will happen next?

Bank letter



Dear Sirs,

In view of what seems to be happening internationally with banks at the moment, I was wondering if you could advise me... if one of my cheques is returned marked "insufficient funds," how do I know whether that refers to me or to you?

Jockeys Association demand to know why members were fined after l'abbaye false start



- To buy new stalls of course.

Well informed



TV reporter: "Runners now go into the stalls for Mountgrange Stud Horris Hill Stakes, Splendourinthegrass did not show much in his first race but there must be a reason he is running here today."

- Owned by Mountgrange stud maybe?

Polish flag men



From next year the £20.00 meal allowance that flagmen (and other racecourse BHA workers) can claim will only be claimable if there is an accompanying receipt. Not a problem for most, but a huge problem for flagmen who only get paid tuppence halfpenny, who used to take sandwiches and claim £20.00. Fronrunner looks forward to the majority of flagmen being replaced by Polish immigrants, who we are sure will do a great job and show those cheating flagmen that we can provide integrity within a budget!

Old Jokes Home (III)

A deaf old man goes for a checkup to the doctors with his wife.

Doctor, slowly: "Mr. Roberts, I need a urine sample, a faeces sample and a sperm sample please".

"What did he say dear?" says old Mr. Roberts.

Mrs. Roberts: "He says he needs your underpants".



"48 hour decs are an integral part of the sale of the Tote" – Can we stop them now then?

Go to this



Scaresville
the Haunted Village

The site for a **FRIGHT** - not for the squeamish

Sat 18 Oct to Sun 2 Nov
Nightly 6.30pm till Late

Adult from £8.75
Child (under 16) from £5.75

Pre-booking is essential (not suitable for young children).
BOOK - online at www.kentwell.co.uk or by telephone 01787 310207.

Do you dare?
BOOK NOW!

30 minutes from Newmarket, ends November 2nd.
Can personally recommend, especially if you have family member who is easily scared and will scream when frightened.

<http://www.kentwell.co.uk/halloween/scaresville>