

ARCHIVE NEWS FROM JOHN BEST RACING 2016

January 17th, 2016

Lupo D'Oro added to his prize fund today in a 7f handicap at Kempton. He raced midfield under Kieren Fox before making headway 1f out to challenge. He kept on well in the final furlong, taking second place for owners Simon Malcolm, Paul Tindall and Malcolm Winwright near the line.



January 20th, 2016

Charlies Mate continued his great form from 2015 this afternoon in a 1m handicap at Lingfield. Kieren Fox had him well placed to make his move over 1f out. He challenged the leader going into the final furlong, got his head in front and kept on strongly to win cosily for owners Bob and Jackie Jones (pictured accepting their trophy today). Congratulations from all the team on another splendid win for Charlies Mate and Kieren Fox, our first winner of 2016!

January 21st, 2016

Santiburi Spring posted her most successful run to date on her third outing. She raced midfield in a 6f median auction maiden stakes, made headway in the final furlong under Kieren Fox, before staying on well to take third place near the line. Congratulations to owners Walter and Geraldine Paine, Derek Hill and Derek Young.

January 27th, 2016

We are counting down to the White Turf Festival out in St Moritz. Flying the flag for John Best Racing this year will be Berrahri, returning for his second year racing on the frozen lake and Vale of Iron, who will be experiencing racing on snow for the first time.



Authorized Spirit



January 27th, 2016

Authorized Spirit made her debut for the yard in a 1m 4f handicap at Kempton. She made headway 2f out under Kieren Fox. In the final furlong, she made ground to challenge the leader, drew clear to win for Roy Searle, Stapleford Racing posting her best performance to date. Congratulations from all the team. Thanks to John Hoy www.hoycubed.com for this amazing photo of Authorized Spirit winning tonight.

February 7th, 2016

We are all disappointed that racing has been cancelled today due to the mild conditions making some parts of the frozen racetrack unsafe. Organisers hope that racing will go ahead next week. Meanwhile Berrahri and Vale of Iron continue with their high altitude training. Take a look at them in our St Moritz 2016 picture gallery and our [YouTube channel](#)

Ruby Wednesday & Santiburi Spring



February 10th, 2016

Ruby Wednesday gave her owners a thrilling finish at Kempton in a maiden fillies' stakes over 7f. She made progress over 1f out before making her challenge going into the final furlong under Martin Dwyer. She put in a credible performance finishing strongly, just held by a nose to take second place for her owners Alan and Terry Harris, Paul and Diane Beckett and John Millen. Congratulations from all the team. Pictured above in the winner's enclosure tonight.

It was definitely a night for the fillies, with another of our stallion Mullionmleanhour's daughters putting in an exciting finish in 7f handicap later on the card at Kempton. Santiburi Spring raced under Martin Dwyer in a prominent position and made progress over 1f out. She challenged the leader in the final furlong, going head to head towards the line. She was also just held in a photo finish to take second place for owners Walter and Geraldine Paine, Derek Hill and Derek Young. Congratulations from all the

team - we are sure both these fillies will have luck on their side very soon! (Santiburi Spring pictured below courtesy of www.hoycubed.com).



February 14th, 2016

At last the news we have been waiting for, temperatures dropped in St Moritz and racing went ahead today. Vale of Iron, drawn 2 of 8, made his racecourse debut on the frozen lake look easy when he made all to win decisively for owners Mark Curtis, Bob Malt, John Millen, Adrian Stannard, Miggie Ravenscroft and Bruce Woodward. Fantastic result - Happy Valentines Day!

Congratulations to Mark Curtis, Bob Malt and Mark Wykes when later on in the card Berrahri put in another credible performance on the ice to come third.

Great start to Best Racing's 2016 Ice Campaign!



February 17th, 2016

Mossgo put in another credible performance for his owners Hucking Horses V, when returning to Kempton in a 5f handicap. He raced in a prominent position under William Carson, kept on well battling for the line to add to his prize fund with another third. Congratulations to all his owners from the Eyehorn Farm team.

February 21st, 2016

After a week of assessing the conditions on the frozen lake in St Moritz, CEO of White Turf Silvio Martin Staub, was delighted that racing could take place and that the full racetrack was deemed safe for the feature race of White Turf. Berrahri, partnered with Kieren Fox took on a strong international field in the 77th running of the Gueblin Grand Prix of St Moritz, travelled strongly throughout the race to take third place for his owners. Congratulations to Mark Curtis, Bob Malt and Mark Wykes on Berrahri's impressive performance in this prestigious race. Earlier on in the card, Vale of Iron put in another good performance, even though he ran over an inadequate trip due to track conditions, to pick up prize money in 6th.



Vale of Iron has picked up over 7,000 CHF for his two races and Berrahri nearly 20,000 CHF for his two races.

February 25th, 2016

Ruby Wednesday gave her owners an exciting night out at Chelmsford when running in a median auction maiden fillies' stakes over 1m. Kieren Fox had her nicely settled midfield and started to make headway 2f out. Going into the final furlong Ruby Wednesday moved up to take second place and then went head to head with the favourite. An exciting battle to the line ensued with Ruby Wednesday passing the finish line in a photo finish. With a little more luck she would have notched up a win but had to settle for a well fought second place tonight for owners Alan & Terry Harris, Paul & Diane Beckett and John Millen.

February 26th, 2016

Santiburi Spring followed up her solid performance at Kempton earlier this month with another cracking performance at Lingfield in a 1m 1 handicap.

She raced midfield under Kieren Fox, made her move to challenge going into the final furlong keeping on strongly to take second for owners Walter and Geraldine Paine, Derek Hill and Derek Young.

March 3rd, 2016

Great way to kick off March with Whitstable Pearl in a 1m handicap at Chelmsford City tonight. She broke well under Kieren Fox to race in third place. Whitstable Pearl made headway 3f out to get her head in front at the 2f marker. She was challenged going into the final furlong and battled back going head to head to produce a nail biting finish. We are all delighted that Whitstable Pearl prevailed to win on her debut for us - congratulations to owners Bruce Woodward and Mark Wellbelove.

March 11th, 2016

Berrahri put in another credible performance in a 1m handicap tonight at Chelmsford City. He was well placed under Kieren Fox and made headway 3f out. Despite running into traffic down the straight, he kept on well adding to his prize fund with third place for owners Mark Curtis, Bob Malt and Mark Wykes.

March 18th, 2016

Ruby Wednesday posted her best performance to date in a 7f handicap at Lingfield today. We always knew it was just a matter of time before this homebred filly out of our stallion Mullionmleanhour improved on her two exciting second places this year. She didn't have it all her own way when running into traffic problems over 2f out, forcing Kieren Fox to switch right. The filly kept on gamely making progress going into the final furlong to take a well deserved first place for owners Alan and Terri Harris, Paul and Diane Beckett and John Millen.

March 26th, 2016

Charles Mate raced midfield under Kieren Fox in a 1m 3f handicap at Kempton this evening. He made progress to chase the leaders 2f out, kept on well to challenge going into the final furlong to take third place for owners Bob and Jackie Jones.

April 4th, 2016

Hiorne Tower put in his best performance this year when stepped up in trip in a 1m 7f handicap at Lingfield today. He raced midfield under Kieren Fox, moved up to third 7f out and made progress 3f out to take second place. He kept on well in the final furlong to take second place for delighted owners Bob and Jackie Jones.

April 14th, 2016

Mossgo returned to his preferred trip of 5f tonight at Chelmsford. He jumped smartly under Kieren Fox to lead the field in this competitive handicap, He was challenged going into the final furlong, kept on well and added prize money for third place to his owners' prize fund. Congratulations to owners Mark and Marilyn Connelly, Tony Demarco, Chris Page, Alan Pattenden, Mark Wykes and Malcolm Winwright from all the team on another strong performance from Mossgo.

May 11th, 2016

Berrahri gave his owners Mark Curtis, Bob Malt and Mark Wykes an afternoon's exciting racing in a 1m 2f handicap at Lingfield today. He broke well to race in third place under Kieren Fox, before making progress 2f out. Going into the final furlong he battled head to head to the line and was just held by a neck to take second place.

Next on the card was one of our fillies, Santiburi Spring in a 1m classified stakes. She raced in a prominent position under Kieren Fox, made her challenge 2f out and another exciting head to head unfolded with Santiburi Spring also just being held by a neck to take second place for owners Walter and Geraldine Paine, Derek Hill and Derek Young. Exciting afternoon's racing but we were just unlucky!

May 17th, 2016

Mossgo returned to the turf in a 5f handicap at Nottingham on good to firm ground. He raced in a prominent position up the centre under George Baker, made progress 2f out and was driven to challenge going into the final furlong. He kept on well to the line taking second place for his delighted owners Hucking Horses V.



May 27th, 2016

Berrahri gave his owners Mark Curtis, Bob Malt and Mark Wykes another afternoon's thrilling racing in a 1m 2 1/2f handicap on good to soft at Haydock this afternoon. Kieren Fox had him settled and travelling

in a prominent position before making effort 3f out. He battled well to the line keeping on strongly but was just held by a neck for second place!

Next on the card was one of our fillies Santiburi Spring. She also put in an encouraging performance on her turf debut over the same trip as stablemate Berrahri. She jumped well under Kieren Fox and cruised in a prominent position. She too, put in a strong performance to the line to take third place for owners Derek Hill, Walter and Geraldine Paine and Derek Young who were all there to welcome her into the winner's enclosure.

May 31st, 2016

Another exciting performance from Mossgo and so unlucky! Mossgo broke well in a 5f handicap on the all weather tonight. He made progress 2f out under Kieren Fox to close on the leaders. An exciting battle ensued to the line and Mossgo was just held by a neck to take his second 2nd this month.

June 2nd, 2016

He jumped, he led, he won! Trident Tested broke his maiden over 1m 3f on soft ground at Lingfield this afternoon. He broke well under Kieren Fox, led the field, kept on strongly when challenged in the final furlong to win easily by 4 lengths for owners Mark Curtis, Walter and Geraldine Paine and Bob Malt.



June 5th, 2016

Vale of Iron gave his owners a thrilling day's racing at Goodwood today on good to firm over 1m 3f. He made headway under Kieren Fox 3f out to chase the leaders, went second in the final furlong battling on well to the line. Congratulations to owners Ksenia and Nick Jones and members of LPOG for his well deserved second place.

June 7th, 2016

Fearless Lad made a convincing return to the track after a break tonight in a 1m 2f handicap at Lingfield. Kieren Fox had him settled towards the rear, made progress 2f out and challenged the leaders going into the final furlong. He kept on well despite a challenge from the favourite to win for delighted owners Bob and Jackie Jones.



June 8th, 2016

Moncarno put in an improved performance in a 1m 3f maiden at Yarmouth on good to firm ground today. He made effort 2f out to chase the leaders and take 3rd place for owners David and Elaine Long. Congratulations from all the team.

18th June, 2016

Vale of Iron notched up another win over course and distance tonight in a 1m 4f handicap at Lingfield. He raced prominently under Kieren Fox, made his move 2f out to finish strongly winning well for owners Ksenia Jones and Nick Dyshaev and members of the Lingfield Park Owners Group.

Congratulations to Mark Curits, Bob Malt and Helen Williams on another great effort by Ballylare in a 6f maiden stakes later on the card at Lingfield tonight. He too raced in a prominent position under Kieren, kept on well towards the line to take second place for his owners. Ballylare's record so far is definitely going in the right direction 6,3,2,2 and we hope it won't be too long before he gets his head in front!

July 6th, 2016

Gung Ho Jack returned to the track after a break tonight in a 6f handicap at Kempton. He raced in a prominent position under Kieren Fox, made headway going into the final furlong to challenge. He kept on well to the line just held by the favourite to take second place for owners Walter and Geraldine Paine and Bruce Woodward.

9th July, 2016

Berrahri raced on soft ground over 1m 2 1/2f this afternoon in a handicap at Chester. He jumped well and Kieren settled him tracking the leaders. As usual Berrahri raced gamely, fighting back to the line in the soft and tacky conditions to take third place for owners Mark Curtis, Bob Malt and Mark Wykes.

August 6th, 2016

Glenys The Menace posted her best performance to date in a 6f handicap on good ground at Lingfield tonight. She broke well under Kieren Fox to race in third. The filly made progress 2f out, got her head in front in the final furlong to win for owners Mark Curtis, Bob Malt and Tom Jenkins. Congratulations from all the team who are delighted with their first 2yo winner.

Next on the card was another 2yo having his second run - **Too Many Shots**. He broke well in a 7f maiden stakes, raced in a prominent position under Kieren Fox, made progress 2f out and took second place for owners Paul and Diane Beckett. Congratulations from all the team. Levi (red hat) pictured on Too Many Shots earlier this week on the gallops.

What a night at Lingfield! Our third and final runner 3yo **Ballylare**, didn't disappoint in a 6f handicap on the turf. He jumped out smartly under Kieren Fox and lead from start to finish to produce another winner. Congratulations from all the team to Mark Curtis and Bob Malt. Ballylare pictured on the gallops below earlier this week.

August 9th, 2016

Another successful 2yo debut by Luxford, a Mullionmoleanhour filly, in a median auction maiden fillies' stakes over 5f on good to firm ground at Lingfield tonight. It was a great introduction to racehorse ownership with John Best Racing for owners Stuart Mair and Wendy Bush who were there to cheer her into a well deserved third place.

August 13th, 2016

Fearless Lad produced another exciting finish at Lingfield when stepped up in trip to 1m 4f in a handicap on the all weather. Kieren Fox rode a patient, waiting game, made his move 2f out to challenge. He kept on well to take second place for owners Bob and Jackie Jones,

August 15th, 2016

The consistent **Santiburi Spring** put in another solid performance over 1m 2f in a handicap at Chelmsford City this afternoon. Kieren Fox made his move 2f out to put in a strong challenge to the leaders, the filly kept on well to take third place for owners Walter and Geraldine Paine, Derek Hill, Derek Young and Stuart Mair. Congratulations from all the team on her sixth consecutive run this year - always in the money!

Next on the card was **Hiorne Tower** in a 2m handicap. He jumped smartly under Kieren Fox to race in second place but it wasn't long before he got his head in front. Going into the final circuit he was travelling well and in the lead by 2 lengths. He kicked for home 3f out and the win was never in doubt! In the end he won by 5 lengths for delighted owners Bob and Jackie Jones.

August 16th, 2016

Pendo put in an improved performance today when dropped back in trip to 1m in a handicap at Kempton. On his second outing for the yard he jumped smartly to race in second before making all under Kieren Fox. Going into the final furlong he was challenged by the favourite Pike Corner Cross when both well clear of the field. The pair battled to the finish with the favourite just getting up near the line. Pendo took a well deserved second, just held by a neck and we're sure it won't be long before he gets his head in front. Congratulations to owner Brett Hopson from all the team.

August 20th, 2016

Fast Sprite raced midfield in a 1m handicap at Chelmsford City tonight. He made progress 3f out under Kieren Fox and got his head in front 2f out. He kept on well to win convincingly by 2 lengths for owners Nick Dyshaev, Ksenia Jones, Charlie Pigram, Jim Chambers, Brian Arthey and Will Jones.

August 23rd, 2016

Ballylare jumped smartly to lead in a 7f handicap on good to firm ground at Newbury this evening under Kieren Fox. 2f out he went head to head in an exciting finish, kept on well to the line to take second place for owners Mark Curtis and Bob Malt with this step up in trip.

August 24th, 2016

Whitstable Pearl put in an improved performance today when stepped up in trip in a 1m 3 1/2f handicap on good to firm ground at Lingfield today. She raced towards the rear under Kieren Fox and made headway over 2f out but didn't have an easy passage because of interference. Despite this she kept on gamely to challenge going into the final furlong to take second place for owners Mark Wellbelove and Bruce Woodward.

August 30th, 2016

Gung Ho Jack provided his owners Bruce Woodward, Walter and Geraldine Paine with an exciting afternoon's racing at Goodwood today. He jumped smartly under Kieren Fox in a 6f handicap on good ground to race in a prominent position. He was well placed 2f out, kept on well when challenged to take third place, just held by a nose!

September 3rd, 2016

Charlies Mate jumped out smartly in third place under Kieren Fox in a 1m 3f handicap at Kempton tonight. He got his head in front of the 16 strong field quickly, travelled well throughout and went head to head in the final furlong to produce an exciting finish. Charlies Mate ran on well to take a well fought second place for delighted owners Bob and Jackie Jones.

September 7th, 2016

Glenys the Menace provided an exciting fast finishing run at Kempton over 7f tonight under Kieren Fox. The filly impressed in the final furlong when producing a late run for a photo for third place. The result showed there was nothing to choose between the horses. Congratulations to owners Mark Curtis, Tom Jenkins and Bob Malt on another strong performance.

September 8th, 2016

Mullarkey put in a strong debut performance in a 7f maiden at Epsom today. The colt raced midfield under Kieren Fox, made progress 3f out to chase the leaders going into the final furlong. He kept on well to take third place on his racecourse debut - exciting times ahead! Congratulations on your 33/1 shot Best Breeding and Mark Thompson.



September 8th, 2016

Kieren Fox made a quick dash from his success on Mullarkey at Epsom for his ride on Hiorne Tower in a 2m handicap at Chelmsford this evening. He travelled well throughout the race to take third place for owners Bob and Jackie Jones, his third consecutive run this year in the money.

10th September, 2016

Fearless Lad again proved his worth to owners Bob and Jackie Jones in a 1m 6f handicap on good ground at Lingfield this afternoon. He travelled well under Kieren Fox and raced in a prominent position 4f out. He made headway 3f out, taking second place 2f out. In the last 100 yards an exciting battle between Fearless Lad, Glorious Legend (3/1F) and Londonia took place but it was Fearless Lad who got his head in front when it mattered to notch up his fifth career win, and first turf win.



September 20th, 2016

Pendo made his third appearance for the yard in a 1m handicap on the all weather at Lingfield today. Pendo dictated a decent pace 5f out under Kieren Fox, went head to head 2f out, kept on well to the line and was just held to take second in a thrilling finish for all concerned.

21st September, 2016

Glenys the Menace continued her run of good form in a 7f handicap at Kempton this evening. The filly raced in a prominent position under Kieren Fox, started to make headway 2f out and challenged the leader in a head to head dispute in the final furlong ending in a nail biting photo finish. We are delighted for owners Mark Curtis, Bob Malt and Tom Jenkins on Glenys notching up another win!



September 28th, 2016

The consistent Charlies Mate raced midfield tonight in a 1m 3f handicap under George Baker. He started making progress 3f out, kept on well to the line to add to his prize fund taking third place for owners Bob and Jackie Jones.

9th October, 2016

Mullarkey put in a solid performance in a 7f handicap at Goodwood today. He raced towards the rear before making progress 2f out under Kieren Fox. He stayed on well going into the final furlong to take third place for owners Alan Sheridan, Mark & Rachel Thomson and Matthew Tobin.



10th October, 2016

Pendo didn't mind the soft going at Yarmouth in a 1m handicap today. He jumped well under Kieren Fox, raced prominently and kept on gamely disputing the lead in the final furlong to hold off the favourite, winning well for owner Brett Hopson.



October 18th, 2016

Santiburi Spring has been involved in some exciting finishes this year but luck hasn't been kind to the filly! So it's with great delight that we can report all that changed tonight. She broke well in a 1m 4f handicap at Kempton to race in a prominent position under Kieren Fox. She made progress going into the final furlong, got her head in front and kept on well to win convincingly. Congratulations to owners Derek Hill, Walter & Geraldine Paine, Stuart Mair and Derek Young.



October 26th, 2016

Fast Sprite stepped up on his course and distance appearance last month tonight in a 1m handicap at Kempton. He started making progress 2f out under a well timed run from George Baker to get his head in front in the final 100 yards to win well, beating the favourite, for owners Ksenia Jones, Nick Dyshaev and The Boys Partnership - Charlie Pigram, Jim Chambers, Brian Arthey and Will Jones. Congratulations on Fast Sprite's second win.



October 27th, 2016

The consistent Gung Ho Jack again put in a strong performance from a wide draw in a 6f handicap at Chelmsford tonight. He raced midfield under Kieren Fox, made headway going into the final furlong to take third place for his owners Geraldine and Walter Paine and Bruce Woodward.

November 11th, 2016

Gung Ho Jack raced midfield in a 6f handicap at Lingfield this afternoon. He didn't have a clear run 2f out but Kieren Fox managed to make progress 1f out to chase the leaders. He stayed on well under pressure and took 2nd close to the line for owners Walter and Geraldine Paine and Bruce Woodward.

18th November, 2016

2yo Ourmullion jumped well under Kieren Fox in a 1m nursery handicap at Newcastle today. He raced in a prominent position, kept on well in the final furlong to take third place for owners Elaine and David Long.

December 7th, 2016

Ballylare continued his run of good form at Lingfield over 7f today. Despite the wide draw, he jumped well to race in a prominent position under Kieren Fox. He put in another solid performance, put in a strong defence going into the final furlong but was just held to take second near the line.

Next on the card was one of our fillies Santiburi Spring in a 1m 4f handicap. She raced midfield under Kieren, made progress going 2f out but was short of room in the final stages and was just held by the favourite to take a well deserved second place. Congratulations to owners Walter & Geraldine Paine, Derek Hill, Derek Young and Stuart Mair.

December 15th, 2016

The last time Pendo ran at Chelmsford was back in February over a longer trip of 8f. Tonight, partnered with Kieren Fox he ran in a 7f handicap. Racing towards the rear, Kieren put in a well timed run, making headway to take second place in the final furlong. Pendo battled strongly to provide an exciting photo finish for owner Brett Hopson before posting his second win of the year.



December 17th, 2016

Mossgo jumped smartly in a 5f handicap at Lingfield this afternoon to dictate the pace under Kieren Fox. He kept on well, battling with the favourite in the final furlong to pick up second place for owners of Hucking Horses V.

December 19th, 2016

For those who viewed John's video blog this morning, you would have heard John talking about stepping Ruby Wednesday up in trip to 1m 6f at Chelmsford tonight. He thought it was a little bit of a gamble but said she was in good form at home and hoped she could build on her last performance. The gamble paid off for owners Alan and Terry Harris, Paul and Diane Beckett and John Millen when, despite not having a clear run, she was finally able to make progress 1f out to chase the leaders, putting in a strong run to take second place.

December 28th, 2016

2yo **Thetrioandme** put in an improved performance in a 7f maiden stakes at Lingfield this afternoon on only his second outing. He raced midfield under Kieren Fox. He made headway 2f out, chased the leading pair going into the final furlong, just held by a neck to take a well fought third place for owners Paul Butcher and Andrew and Michael Keaveney.

Later in the card, the consistent **Gung Ho Jack** again gave his owners Walter and Geraldine Paine and Bruce Woodward a thrilling afternoon's racing. He raced midfield in the 6f handicap before making headway under Kieren Fox 2f out. He took on the leaders and produced a strong finish with little to choose between the three as they crossed the line together! Luck wasn't quite on our side today but nonetheless a great effort taking 2nd place.

31st December, 2016

Mullarkey dropped back in trip to 7f on the all weather at Lingfield today in a nursery handicap. He jumped well under Kieren Fox to race in a prominent position. 2f out he battled for position and kept on well to take third place giving his owners Alan Sheridan, Mark & Rachel Thomson and Matthew Tobin plenty to look forward to in 2017.