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QUALITY PERMEATES THE ENTRIES FOR NOVICE CHASES AT THE FESTIVAL

Sizing Europe and **Captain Cee Bee** are set to renew their rivalry in The Irish Independent Arkle Challenge Trophy at Cheltenham on the opening day of The Festival, Tuesday, March 16, after both were among 47 entries for the two-mile championship contest.

The Henry de Bromhead-trained **Sizing Europe** maintained his unbeaten record over fences after **Captain Cee Bee** fell at the last when travelling ominously well in the Grade One Bord Na Mona Nature Novices' Chase at Leopardstown in December. **Captain Cee Bee's** fall left **Osana**, runner-up to **Katchit** in the 2008 Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle when trained by David Pipe, to take second place to **Sizing Europe**. This season **Osana** has been under the care of Edward O'Grady, the most successful current Irish trainer at The Festival, and prior to his Leopardstown second, the horse had won twice over fences at Navan.

Michael Goodbody, racing manager to **Osana's** owner Thomas Barr, commented today: "Osana is very much on course for The Irish Independent Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase. We are planning to run him in the Grade Two Flyingbolt Novice Chase at Navan on February 14, which will be his final prep before The Festival.

"I don't think you can complain about his first season over fences so far - whether he is good enough to win at Cheltenham is a bit of an unknown - but he is such a tough and consistent horse. Edward has been pleased with how he has taken to chasing and I think that the faster pace and the bigger field of a championship race, especially at Cheltenham, will play to his strengths.

"We knew that **Sizing Europe** was the horse to beat in this division before we took him on at Leopardstown and I don't think that much has changed since then. Cheltenham has been our objective for quite some time and we have been building him up for March. He will come on a lot for his run at Navan and hopefully we can try and turn the form around at The Festival."

Captain Cee Bee landed the 2008 Spinal Research Supreme Novices' Hurdle for trainer Edward Harty and owner J P McManus. The superb Arkle entry also includes fellow past Festival winners **Mikael D'Haguenet** (2009 Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle) and **Cousin Vinny** (2008 Weatherbys Champion Bumper) from the eight from the Willie Mullins yard.

Champion trainer Paul Nicholls landed The Irish Independent Arkle Trophy with Flagship Uberalles (1999) and Azertyuiop (2003). He has five entries this year, headed by **Tataniano**, successful from the Nigel Twiston-Davies-trained **Pigeon Island** over the course and distance in the Grade Two Independent Newspaper Novices' Chase on November 15.

What is shaping to be an epic renewal of the Irish Independent Arkle Challenge Trophy could also feature the Henrietta Knight-trained **Somersby** and a whole bevy of contenders from Nicky Henderson's Seven Barrows stable, headed by the outstanding French import, **Long Run** and the recent Kempton winner **Mad Max**.

That triple Grade One winner, along with the aforementioned Mullins pair, are also engaged in the Grade One RSA Chase over three miles at The Festival on Wednesday, March 17, which has attracted 71 entries.

Grade One winning hurdlers that have taken to fences this term and could start in the RSA Chase include the Henderson-trained **Punchestowns**, **Mighty Man** from the Henry Daly yard and the exciting **Diamond Harry**, trained by Nick Williams.

Last season's Grade One Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle hero **Weapons Amnesty**, in the care of Charles Byrnes, could also line up at Prestbury Park, while the Renee Robeson-trained **Ogee**, victorious in the Grade One Sefton Novices' Hurdle at Aintree is another that may attempt to lift the spoils.

The enthralling staying novice chase division also includes the likes of Grade One winner **Pandorama**, **Oscar Looby**, **Weird Al** and the Francois Doumen-trained **Doctor Pat**, whose dam, **Bilboa**, finished third in the 2002 Smurfit Kappa Champion Hurdle.

A massive entry of 80 has been received for the 140th Year of the National Hunt Chase, a novice chase for amateur riders over four miles, that also takes place on Wednesday, March 17.

The historic race, the oldest at The Festival, is also potentially on **Doctor Pat's** agenda, while others with dual entries in this contest and the RSA Chase include the Paul Nicholls-trained pair of **Inchidaaly Rock** and **Forest Pennant**.

There is also Australian interest among the entries as **Ginolad**, another with an engagement in the RSA Chase, won the Victoria Racing Club Grand National and contested the Nakayama Grand Jump in Japan for Aussie trainer Aaron Purcell before joining the Venetia Williams yard. Williams has also entered the quirky but talented **Mobaasher**.

Nigel Twiston-Davies could bid for back-to-back victories following **Tricky Trickster's** success in 2009. The Gloucestershire handler has entered the smart **Jaunty Journey** and **Petitfour**.

Jonjo O'Neill is the winning-most current trainer with five victories in the historic contest and he has entered four in a bid to increase his tally. The quartet is headed by **Theatrical Moment** and **Synchronised**.

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CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL 2010 ANALYSIS OF ENTRIES

NUMBER OF ENTRIES

THE IRISH INDEPENDENT ARKLE	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
	47	52	64	43	57	48	42	47	57
	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
	51	47	58	51	46	30	30	28	29

RSA CHASE	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
	71	72	78	73	91	61	64	72	82
	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
	61	84	88	75	81	61	54	65	43

140TH YEAR OF THE NH CHASE	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
	80	85	56	58	50	54	71	71	61
	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997				
	58	44	41	42	48				

IRISH-TRAINED ENTRIES

THE IRISH INDEPENDENT ARKLE	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
	16	17	20	10	19	17	12	17	15
	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
	12	9	17	11	6	8	7	4	5

RSA CHASE	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
	26	26	22	28	28	17	19	20	24
	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	1994	1993
	11	12	16	13	7	10	8	14	6

140TH YEAR OF THE NH CHASE	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005	2004	2003	2002
	32	29	18	22	17	11	17	24	17
	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997				
	19	10	11	10	10				

HORSES ENGAGED IN BOTH THE IRISH INDEPENDENT ARKLE CHASE & THE RSA CHASE

Citizen Vic
Cousin Vinny
Little Josh
Long Run
Mikael D'Haguenet
Nicanor
Pigeon Island
Quiscover Fontaine
Rory Boy
Shakervilz
Take The Breeze
The Nightingale
Uimhiraceathair

THE IRISH INDEPENDENT ARKLE CHALLENGE TROPHY CHASE

Class 1, Grade One, Total Prize Fund £150,000, 2.05pm, Cheltenham, Tuesday, March 16, 2010, two miles. For novice 5-y-o & upwards, two miles. Weights: 11st 7lb. Allowances: mares 7lb. Entries closed January 26, entries revealed January 28 (**47 entries**), scratchings deadline February 23, six-day confirmation stage March 10, final declaration stage 10.00am, March 15. Form figures supplied by Weatherbys and are correct up to and including the racing of Tuesday, January 26, 2010. May not include some overseas form.

Form	Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
1-02311	AN CATHAOIR MOR (IRE)	7	Owen Byrne	Henry de Bromhead IRE
U403-11	BEDLAM BOY (IRE)	9	Tony Ambler	Ferdy Murphy
2011-11	BERGO (GER)	7	Maggie Findlay	Gary Moore
111P/-1F	CAPTAIN CEE BEE (IRE)	9	J P McManus	Edward Harty IRE
121-051	CITIZEN VIC (IRE)	7	Donal O'Connor	Willie Mullins IRE
242-132	COPPER BLEU (IRE)	8	Alan Peterson	Philip Hobbs
1U5-223	COUSIN VINNY (IRE)	7	Festival Syndicate	Willie Mullins IRE
0040/-31	DAR ES SALAAM	6	John MacGregor	James Moffatt
0166-13	DAVE'S DREAM (IRE)	7	David Murdoch & Jenny Murdoch	Nicky Henderson
1-66522	EL DANCER (GER)	6	Ron Davies	Lucy Wadham
3111U5	FOSTERS CROSS (IRE)	8	Pat O'Donovan	Tom Mullins IRE
356-111	FRENCH OPERA	7	Judy Wilson & Martin Landau	Nicky Henderson
00-1222	I HAVE DREAMED (IRE)	8	D R Hunnisett	Gary Moore
212-121	I'M DELILAH	8	C S Johnston	Ferdy Murphy
1201-11	KANGAROO COURT (IRE)	6	N Mustoe	Emma Lavelle
01-2F22	KEMPES (IRE)	7	Three Cheers Syndicate	Willie Mullins IRE
05-F421	KING EDMUND	7	S P Tindall	Chris Gordon
31500-1	LEO'S LUCKY STAR (USA)	8	S J Brookhouse	David Pipe
41-2F1F	LITTLE JOSH (IRE)	8	Tony Bloom	Nigel Twiston-Davies
3-12111	LONG RUN (FR)	5	Robert Waley-Cohen	Nicky Henderson
11/110-1	MAD MAX (IRE)	8	Carole Skipworth & Paul Murphy	Nicky Henderson
11111-1	MIKAEL D'HAGUENET (FR)	6	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
F23/00-1	MR CRYSTAL (FR)	6	Champagne Ascent Partnership	Micky Hammond
44-0232	NICANOR (FR)	9	P R Syndicate	Noel Meade IRE
1/F/-1F1	NOMECHEKI (FR)	8	The Stewart Family	Nick Gifford
2/20-112	OSANA (FR)	8	Thomas Barr	Edward O'Grady IRE
15FP-U3	OTHERMIX (FR)	6	Power Panels Electrical Systems Ltd	Tom George
0-2F222	PIGEON ISLAND	7	Raymond Mould	Nigel Twiston-Davies
31110-1	QUISCOVER FONTAINE (FR)	6	B Doyle/T W Connolly	Willie Mullins IRE
4/1110-	QUWETWO	7	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Howard Johnson
3/234-F2	RIGUEZ DANCER	6	The DPRP Second Dance Partnership	Ferdy Murphy
114-311	RIVERSIDE THEATRE	6	Jimmy Nesbitt Partnership	Nicky Henderson
6-52F11	ROBERTO GOLDBACK (IRE)	8	J P Dunne	Jessica Harrington IRE
601123	RORY BOY (USA)	5	Colin Cornes	Nigel Twiston-Davies
410-101	SEE U BOB (IRE)	7	Celtic Bookmakers/John Brennan	Paul Nolan IRE
05-4561	SHAKERVILZ (FR)	7	Thomas Gilligan	Willie Mullins IRE
133F0-3	SHOREACRES (IRE)	7	David Nash	Brendan Powell
5-41111	SIZING EUROPE (IRE)	8	Ann & Alan Potts Partnership	Henry de Bromhead IRE
1333-11	SOMERSBY (IRE)	6	Camilla Radford	Henrietta Knight
2/211-1 2	SPORTS LINE (IRE)	7	Tkpp Syndicate	Willie Mullins IRE
00-1113	TAKE THE BREEZE (FR)	7	Mr & Mrs G Calder	Paul Nicholls
2141-11	TATANIANO (FR)	6	The Stewart Family	Paul Nicholls
0-2113F	TCHICO POLOS (FR)	6	Chris Giles	Paul Nicholls
2/S164-1	THE NIGHTINGALE (FR)	7	Graham Roach	Paul Nicholls
521-321	UIMHIRACEATHAIR (IRE)	8	Full House Syndicate	Willie Mullins IRE
12/1111-	WOOLCOMBE FOLLY (IRE)	7	The Hon Mrs Townshend	Paul Nicholls
3F11-11	YOU'RE THE TOP (FR)	6	Michael Buckley	Nicky Henderson

47 entries

16 Irish-trained

Breakdown of Entries by Trainer with Past Successes in The Irish Independent Arkle Trophy

8 entries

Willie Mullins IRE

6 entries

Nicky Henderson (**2000 Tiutchev, 1993 Travado, 1991 Remittance Man**)

5 entries

Paul Nicholls (**2003 Azertyuiop, 1999 Flagship Uberalles**)

3 entries

Ferdy Murphy

Nigel Twiston-Davies

2 entries

Henry de Bromhead IRE

Gary Moore

1 entry

Tom George

Nick Gifford

Chris Gordon

Micky Hammond

Jessica Harrington IRE (**2002 Moscow Flyer**)

Edward Harty IRE

Philip Hobbs

Howard Johnson (**2008 Tidal Bay**)

Henrietta Knight

Emma Lavelle

Noel Meade IRE

James Moffatt

Tom Mullins IRE

Paul Nolan IRE

Edward O'Grady IRE (**1996 Ventura Canyon**)

David Pipe

Brendan Powell

Lucy Wadham

THE IRISH INDEPENDENT ARKLE CHALLENGE

TROPHY CHASE - Analysis

A particularly classy crop of two-mile novice chasers comprise the 47 entries for the 2010 Irish Independent Arkle Challenge Trophy Chase at The Festival on Tuesday, March 16.

Sizing Europe was top-class over hurdles, winning the 2008 Irish Champion Hurdle. The Henry de Bromhead-trained eight-year-old maintained his unbeaten streak over fences at Leopardstown on December 26, when winning the Grade One Bord Na Mona Nature Novice Chase by five and a half lengths from **Osana**, trained by Edward O'Grady, who landed the prize in 1996 with Ventana Canyon.

The outcome may have been different however, had the strong-travelling Edward Harty-trained **Captain Cee Bee**, winner of the Grade One Spinal Research Supreme Novices' Hurdle at the 2008 Festival, not fallen at the last fence.

De Bromhead could be doubly represented as the trainer's **An Cathaoir Mor**, having defeated the Noel Meade-trained **Nicanor** in a beginners' chase a week earlier, landed the Grade One Frank Ward Solicitor Arkle Novice Chase at Leopardstown on January 24.

The Willie Mullins-trained **Sports Line** was runner-up that day and the Irish champion trainer is responsible for eight of the formidable 16-strong Irish contingent. The octet also includes last season's impressive Grade One Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle winner **Mikael D'Haguenet**, 2008 Grade One Weatherbys Champion Bumper hero **Cousin Vinny**, **Uimhirceathair**, **Quiscover Fontaine** and **Citizen Vic**.

Jessica Harrington saddled the great Moscow Flyer to win the 2002 renewal and she has entered Grade Two MCR Novice Chase victor **Roberto Goldback**.

The home defence will, as ever, be difficult to crack. **Somersby**, third to Go Native in last season's Spinal Research Supreme Novices' Hurdle for trainer Henrietta Knight, brushed aside Crack Away Jack to win the Grade Two Henry VIII Novices' Chase at Sandown in December.

Champion trainer Paul Nicholls was successful in 1999 with Flagship Uberalles and in 2003 with Azertyuiop. He has five entries, headed by **Tataniano**, successful from the Nigel Twiston-Davies-trained **Pigeon Island** over the course and distance in the Grade Two Independent Newspaper Novices' Chase on November 15. **The Nightingale** was the easy winner of a Fontwell beginners' chase, while **Woolcombe Folly** was a classy novice hurdler.

Nicky Henderson triumphed in the race with the brilliant Remittance Man in 1991, Travado two years later as well as Tiutchev in 2000, and has a particularly exciting sextet. Prolific French import **Long Run** already has three Grade Ones to his name, including Kempton's Feltham Novices' Chase over three miles on Boxing Day. **French Opera** has won his last two starts at Cheltenham, **Mad Max** scored over fences at the first attempt at Kempton on January 16, **Riverside Theatre** defeated the Lucy Wadham-trained **El Dancer** to win a Grade Two at the same course in December, **You're The Top** is on a hat-trick and **Dave's Dream** has always been held in some regard.

The Gary Moore-trained **Bergo** slammed Franchhoek at Huntingdon last time to go two from two over fences, while the strapping **Quwetwo**, trained by Howard Johnson who saddled Tidal Bay for victory in 2008, was smart over hurdles and is yet to make his chase debut.

Ferdy Murphy trains **Bedlam Boy**, who is unbeaten in two chase starts, as well as **I'm Delilah** and **Riguez Dancer**, while David Pipe has entered **Leo's Lucky Star** and Emma Lavelle has engaged Cheltenham winner **Kangaroo Court**.

THE IRISH INDEPENDENT ARKLE CHASE

FACTS AND FIGURES

1. The Arkle Challenge Trophy was inaugurated in 1969, after Arkle's three wins in the Cheltenham Gold Cup (1964-66). In its first year, the race was worth £1,365, and was won by Chatham (10/1), trained by Fred Rimell and ridden by Terry Biddlecombe. The 2010 running has total prize money of £150,000. It was known as the Cotswold Chase before 1969.

2. The Irish Independent, which backed the Arkle Chase for the first time in 2000, is only the race's third sponsor. Guinness sponsored from 1994 until 1999, having taken over from Waterford Castle, who had supported since the first sponsored running in 1991.

3. The Irish Independent Arkle Chase has always been a fiercely contested event, and the following have gone on to other Championship victories at The Festival:

2006 Voy Por Ustedes (Seasons Holidays Queen Mother Champion Chase winner 2007)

2003 Azertyuiop (Queen Mother Champion Chase winner 2004)

2002 Moscow Flyer (Queen Mother Champion Chase winner 2003 & 2005)

1999 Flagship Uberalles (Queen Mother Champion Chase winner 2002)

1995 Klairon Davis (Queen Mother Champion Chase winner 1996)

1991 Remittance Man (Queen Mother Champion Chase winner 1992)

1978 Alverton (Tote Cheltenham Gold Cup winner 1979).

Alverton is the only horse to have won both The Irish Independent Arkle Chase and totospot Cheltenham Gold Cup.

4. The lowest number of runners has been eight (1979, 1984 & 1993) and the highest 19 (1987 & 2005) as the Arkle Chase - there were 25 runners in the Cotswold Chase in 1960. The current safety limit is 20.

5. The Irish Independent Arkle Chase has seen several trainers and jockeys run up strings of wins. Martin Pipe notched up successive wins with Or Royal in 1997 and Champleve in 1998 before Well Chief in 2004 and Contraband a year later gave him another brace of victories. Peter Easterby trained three winners - Alverton 1978, Clayside 1981 and Ryeman 1983. Among current trainers, Nicky Henderson leads the way with three successes (Remittance Man 1991, Travado 1993 and Tiutchev 2000), while both Paul Nicholls (Flagship Uberalles in 1999 and Azertyuiop in 2003) and Alan King, successful with My Way De Solzen in 2007 and Voy Por Ustedes in 2006, boast a pair of victories. Among jockeys, Jamie Osborne won three times, via a hat-trick between 1992 and 1994 on Young Pokey, Travado, and Nakir for three different trainers, Oliver Sherwood, Nicky Henderson and Simon Christian. Tony McCoy equalled Osborne's three wins in 2004 when scoring on Well Chief, having also been aboard Or Royal (1997) and Champleve (1998).

6. Irish trainers have won The Irish Independent Arkle Chase 10 times, including four of the last 14 runnings with Klairon Davis (1995), Ventana Canyon (1996), Moscow Flyer (2002) and Forpadydeplasterer (2009).

7. The longest-priced winner is Gala's Image, successful at 25/1 in 1987, while Pendil (1972) and Chinrullah (1979) are the shortest-priced scorers at 10/11. Six other favourites have won - Canasta Lad (1974), Clayside (1981), Bobsline (1984), Remittance Man (1991), Klairon Davis (1995) and Azertyuiop (2003).

8. The fastest time for the two miles of The Irish Independent Arkle Chase was 3m 46.5s by Tiutchev in 2000, beating the previous best of 3m 52.5s set by Or Royal in 1997.

9. Until 1980, The Irish Independent Arkle Chase was always run on the Wednesday of the National Hunt Festival. It now takes place on the opening day, Tuesday.

THE IRISH INDEPENDENT ARKLE CHALLENGE TROPHY CHASE

Previous Results

- 2009-WINNER-FORPADYDEPLASTERER** 7-11-07 Owner-Goat Racing Syndicate; Trainer-Tom Cooper IRE; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-8/1
2ND-Kalahari King 8-11-07 Owner-Mrs J Morgan; Trainer-Ferdy Murphy; Jockey-Graham Lee; SP-8/1
3RD-Planet Of Sound 7-11-07 Owner-Charles Lloyd-Baker; Trainer-Philip Hobbs; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-10/1
17 ran, Time-4m 1.00s Dist-sh, 5 4/1 Fav Tatenan (Fell)
- 2008-WINNER-TIDAL BAY** 7-11-07 Owner-Andrea & Graham Wylie; Trainer-Howard Johnson; Jockey-Denis O'Regan; SP-6/1
2ND-Kruguyrova 5-11-00 Owner-Ronald Brimacombe; Trainer-Charles Egerton; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-9/1
3RD-Noland 7-11-07 Owner-John Hales; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-7/4 Fav
14 ran, Time-4m 3.40s Dist- 13, 1½
- 2007-WINNER-MY WAY DE SOLZEN** 7-11-07 Owner-Ben Winfield, A Longman, J Wright & C Fenton; Trainer-Alan King; Jockey-Robert Thornton; SP-7/2
2ND-Fair Along 5-11-02 Owner-Alan Peterson; Trainer-Philip Hobbs; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-100/30 Fav
3RD-Jack The Giant 5-11-02 Owner-Hanbury Syndicate; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Mick Fitzgerald; SP-14/1
13 ran, Time-3m 51.70s Dist-5, 1
- 2006-WINNER-VOY POR USTEDES** 5-11-02 Owner-Sir Robert Ogden; Trainer-Alan King; Jockey-Robert Thornton; SP-15/2
2ND-Monet's Garden 8-11-07 Owner-David Wesley Yates; Trainer-Nicky Richards; Jockey-Tony Dobbin; SP-8/1
3RD-Foreman 8-11-07 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Thierry Doumen FR; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-5/1
14 ran, Time-3m 52.30s Dist-1¼, 4 9/2 Fav Racing Demon (7th)
- 2005-WINNER-CONTRABAND** 7-11-07 Owner-David Johnson; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-Timmy Murphy; SP-7/1
2ND-Ashley Brook 7-11-07 Owner-Elizabeth Ellis; Trainer-Kevin Bishop; Jockey-Paddy Brennan; SP-20/1
3RD-River City 8-11-07 Owner-Sally Rowley-Williams & Partners; Trainer-Noel Chance; Jockey-Tom Doyle; SP-10/1
19 ran, Time-3m 53.10s Dist-1, 4 11/4 Fav War Of Attrition (7th)
- 2004-WINNER-WELL CHIEF** 5-11-03 Owner-David Johnson; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-9/1
2ND-Kicking King 6-11-07 Owner-Conor Clarkson; Trainer-Tom Taaffe IRE; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-7/2
3RD-Le Duc 5-11-03 Owner-Judy Stewart; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Joe Tizzard; SP-25/1
16 ran, Time-3m 55.80s Dist-1, 7 5/2 Fav Thisthatantother (Fell)
- 2003-WINNER-AZERTYUIOP** 6-11-08 Owner-John & Lisa Hales; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-5/4 Fav
2ND-Impek 7-11-08 Owner-Jim Lewis; Trainer-Henrietta Knight; Jockey-Jim Culloty; SP-6/1
3RD-Isio 7-11-08 Owner-Sir Peter & Lady Gibbings; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Mick FitzGerald; SP-10/1
9 ran, Time-3m 56.70s Dist-11, 1
- 2002-WINNER-MOSCOW FLYER** 8-11-08 Owner-Brian Kearney; Trainer-Jessica Harrington IRE; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-11/2
2ND-Seebald 7-11-08 Owner-The Macca and Growler Partnership; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-5/2 Fav
3RD-Armaturk 5-11-03 Owner-Barry Marshall; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Timmy Murphy; SP-8/1
12 ran, Time-3m 50.50s Dist-4, 13
- 2001 - Cancelled**
- 2000-WINNER-TIUTCHEV** 7-11-08 Owner-The Liars Poker Partnership; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Mick FitzGerald; SP-8/1
2ND-Cenkos 6-11-08 Owner-Judy Stewart; Trainer-Oliver Sherwood; Jockey-David Casey; SP-10/1
3RD-Decoupage 8-11-08 Owner-Decoupage Partnership; Trainer-Charles Egerton; Jockey-Norman Williamson; SP-7/4 Fav
12 ran, Time-3m 46.5s Dist-8, 8
- 1999-WINNER-FLAGSHIP UBERALLES** 5-11-00 Owner-Elizabeth Gutner & Michael Krysztofiak Racing; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Joe Tizzard; SP-11/1
2ND-Tresor De Mai 5-11-00 Owner-Joe Moran; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-Richard Dunwoody; SP-14/1
3RD-Nipper Reed 9-11-8 Owner-Graham Piper; Trainer-Rod Simpson; Jockey-Adrian Maguire; SP-10/1
14 ran, Time-3m 58.1s Dist-2½, 14 4/1 Fav His Song (5th)
- 1998-WINNER-CHAMPLEVE** 5-11-00 Owner-David Johnson; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-13/2
2ND-Hill Society 6-11-08 Owner-Pat Garvey; Trainer-Noel Meade IRE; Jockey- Richard Dunwoody; SP-8/1
3RD-Mandys Mantino 8-11-08 Owner-John Plackett ; Trainer-Josh Gifford; Jockey-Philip Hide; SP-25/1
16 ran Time-3m 55.1s Dist-sh, 1½ 11/2 Fav Kadastrof (10th)

THE IRISH INDEPENDENT ARKLE CHASE ROLL OF HONOUR

(The Irish Independent Arkle Chase since 2000, Guinness Arkle Chase 1994-99, Waterford Castle Arkle Chase 1991-93, no sponsor 1969-90, Cotswold Chase before 1969)

Year	Winner	Age/Wt	Jockey	Trainer	Owner	SP	Ran
2009	Forpadydeplasterer	7-11-07	Barry Geraghty	Tom Cooper IRE	Goat Racing Syndicate	8/1	17
2008	Tidal Bay	7-11-07	Denis O'Regan	Howard Johnson	Andrea & Graham Wylie	6/1	14
2007	My Way De Solzen	7-11-07	Robert Thornton	Alan King	Ben Winfield, A Longman, J Wright & C Fenton	7/2	13
2006	Voy Por Ustedes	5-11-02	Robert Thornton	Alan King	Sir Robert Ogden	15/2	14
2005	Contraband	7-11-07	Timmy Murphy	Martin Pipe	David Johnson	7/1	19
2004	Well Chief	5-11-03	Tony McCoy	Martin Pipe	David Johnson	9/1	16
2003	Azertyuiop	6-11-08	Ruby Walsh	Paul Nicholls	John and Lisa Hales	5/4F	9
2002	Moscow Flyer	8-11-08	Barry Geraghty	Jessica Harrington IRE	Brian Kearney	11/2	12
2001	<i>No race (Foot and Mouth disease)</i>						
2000	Tiutchev	7-11-08	Mick FitzGerald	Nicky Henderson	Liars Poker Partnership	8/1	12
1999	Flagship Uberalles	5-11-00	Joe Tizzard	Paul Nicholls	Elizabeth Gutner/Michael Krysztofiak	11/1	14
1998	Champleve	5-11-00	Tony McCoy	Martin Pipe	David Johnson	13/2	16
1997	Or Royal	6-11-08	Tony McCoy	Martin Pipe	David Johnson	11/2	9
1996	Ventana Canyon	7-11-08	Richard Dunwoody	Edward O'Grady IRE	Philip Myerscough	7/1	16
1995	Klairon Davis	6-11-08	Francis Woods	Arthur Moore IRE	Chris Jones	7/2F	11
1994	Nakir	6-11-08	Jamie Osborne	Simon Christian	Jim Lewis	9/1	10
1993	Travado	7-11-08	Jamie Osborne	Nicky Henderson	Mrs Michael Ennever	5/1	8
1992	Young Pokey	7-11-08	Jamie Osborne	Oliver Sherwood	Maurice Oberstein	4/1	11
1991	Remittance Man	7-11-08	Richard Dunwoody	Nicky Henderson	Jim Collins	85/40 F	14
1990	Comandante	8-11-08	Peter Hobbs	Josh Gifford	Maurice Pinto	9/2	14
1989	Waterloo Boy	6-11-08	Richard Dunwoody	David Nicholson	Michael Deeley	20/1	14
1988	Danish Flight	9-11-08	Mark Dwyer	Jimmy FitzGerald	A F Budge (Equine) Ltd	11/2	12
1987	Gala's Image	7-11-08	Richard Linley	Mercy Rimell	Sheikh Ali Abu Khamsin	25/1	19
1986	Oregon Trail	6-11-08	Ronnie Beggan	Simon Christian	Henry Ponsonby	14/1	14
1985	Boreen Prince	8-11-08	Niall Madden	Andrew McNamara IRE	William Lenehan	15/2	16
1984	Bobsline	8-11-08	Frank Berry	Francis Flood IRE	R H Kelsey	5/4F	8
1983	Ryeman	6-11-08	Alan Brown	Peter Easterby	D Slater	16/1	16
1982	The Brockshee	7-11-08	Tommy Carberry	Arthur Moore IRE	T Murray	12/1	19
1981	Clayside	7-11-08	Alan Brown	Peter Easterby	Mrs D Grant	5/2F	13
1980	Anaglogs Daughter	7-11-08	Tommy Carberry	Bill Durkan IRE	A Durkan	9/4	9
1979	Chinrullah	7-11-08	Dessie Hughes	Mick O'Toole IRE	Mrs R Eastwood	10/11F	8
1978	Alverton	8-11-08	Graham Thorner	Peter Easterby	Snailwell Stud Co Ltd	5/2	12
1977	Tip The Wink	7-11-08	Dessie Hughes	Pat Taylor	Michael Simmonds	15/2	10
1976	Roaring Wind	8-11-08	Reg Crank	Roy Cambidge	S Jones	11/1	16
1975	Broncho II	6-11-11	Colin Tinkler	Tony Dickinson	Frank Tyldesely	8/1	12
1974	Canasta Lad	8-11-11	Jeff King	Peter Bailey	Mrs R Hague	2/1F	10
1973	Denys Adventure	8-12-01	Graham Thorner	Tim Forster	Mrs Robert Henriques	8/1	10
1972	Pendil	7-12-01	Richard Pitman	Fred Winter	Mrs C Kinney	10/11F	10
1971	Alpheus	6-11-08	Eddie Wright	Tom Dreaper IRE	Lord Donoughmore	15/1	11
1970	Soloning	5-11-00	Paul Kelleway	Fred Winter	Mrs C E Thornton	4/1	13
1969	Chatham	5-11-00	Terry Biddlecombe	Fred Rimell	C Knott	10/1	10
1968	The Hustler	6-11-12	Barry Brogan	Earl Jones	Mrs D E Crouch	20/1	11
1967	Arctic Stream	7-12-02	Ben Hannon	P Rooney IRE	J A Duffy	8/1	9
1966	Arctic Sunset	6-12-06	George Milburn	Ken Oliver	J R McNair	3/1	9
1965	Flyingbolt	6-12-04	Pat Taaffe	Tom Dreaper IRE	Mrs Jean Wilkinson	4/9F	13
1964	Greektown	8-11-08	Michael Scudamore	Willie Stephenson	Lionel Ensten	13/2	16
1963	Ben Stack	6-12-01	Pat Taaffe	Tom Dreaper IRE	Duchess of Westminster	13/8F	17
1962	Prudent Barney	8-12-01	Johnny East	Bobby Renton	Lurline Brotherton	20/1	9
1961	Mountcashel King	6-12-04	Pat Taaffe	Tom Dreaper IRE	John Glyn	2/5F	12
1960	Mazurka	6-11-12	Ron Harrison	Ron Smyth	Mrs Chris Barnes	10/1	25
1959	Flame Gun	8-12-04	Fred Winter	Charlie Mallon	Michael Sobell	7/2	14
1958	Fortria	6-12-01	Tom Taaffe	Tom Dreaper IRE	A Craigie	7/2	17
1957	Ballyatom	5-11-04	Mr Bob McCreery	George Beeby	David Evans-Bevan	8/1	13
1956	Sir Ken	9-12-03	Tim Molony	Willie Stephenson	Maurice Kingsley	5/4F	17
1955	Manuscrit	5-11-00	Johnny Bullock	Fulke Walwyn	Mme Peggy Hennessy	10/1	20
1954	Armorial III	5-11-05	Rene Emery	Fulke Walwyn	Mrs M de Pret-Roose	7/2F	17
1953	Bramble Tudor	5-11-12	Tim Molony	Stewart Wight	Lord Joicey	11/4	9
1952	Nautical Print	5-11-00	Tommy Cusack	Gerry Wilson	Lt Col J F Harrison	6/1	15
1951	Red Steel	5-11-00	Dick Francis	Frank Cundell	Hugh Sumner	4/1F	15
1950	High Level	5-11-04	Johnny Bullock	Fred Rimell	T E Ward	9/2	14
1949	Grand Refrain	5-11-05	Glen Kelly	Bobby Norris	Lord Abergavenny	9/4F	12
1948	Top Cash	6-12-05	Glen Kelly	Bobby Norris	Lord Abergavenny	3/1	9
1947	<i>No race (abandoned due to snow and frost)</i>						
1946	Bright Penny	6-11-12	Glen Kelly	Bobby Norris	Lord Penrhyn	5/1	15

THE 2009 IRISH INDEPENDENT ARKLE CHALLENGE TROPHY CHASE RESULT IN DETAIL

2m, Old Course, £170,000 guaranteed. For 5yo+ weights 11st 7lb Allowances mares 7lb Entries 64 pay £185 1st Forfeit 38 pay £370 Confirmed 17 pay £185 Penalty Value 1st £96,934, 2nd £36,363, 3rd £18,207, 4th £9,078, 5th £4,556, 6th £2,278

- 1 **FORPADYDEPLASTERER (IRE) (Goat Racing Syndicate) Tom Cooper IRE 7-11-7 Barry Geraghty 8/1**
- 2 KALAHARI KING (FR) (Mrs J Morgan) Ferdy Murphy 8-11-7 Graham Lee 8/1
- 3 PLANET OF SOUND (Charles Lloyd-Baker) Philip Hobbs 7-11-7 Richard Johnson 10/1
- 4 MADE IN TAIPAN (IRE) (Mrs Paul Duffin) Tom Mullins IRE 7-11-7 Davy Russell 20/1
- 5 TARTAK (FR) (Power Panels Electrical Systems Ltd) Tom George 6-11-7 Paddy Brennan 10/1
- 6 GAUVAIN (GER) (J McDougall) Charlie Mann 7-11-7p Noel Fehily 33/1
- 7 CORNAS (NZ) (The Gascoigne Brooks Partnership) Nick Williams 7-11-7 Daryl Jacob 33/1
- 8 I'MSINGINGTHEBLUES (IRE) (John Hales) Paul Nicholls 7-11-7 Christian Williams 9/1
- 9 FOLLOW THE PLAN (IRE) (Cavan Developments Bloodstock) Oliver McKiernan IRE 6-11-7 John Cullen 16/1
- 10 CALGARY BAY (IRE) (Camille Radford) Henrietta Knight 6-11-7 Tony McCoy 15/2
- 11 PANJO BERE (FR) (Paul Chapman & Elizabeth Kiernan) Gary Moore 6-11-7 Jamie Moore 40/1
- 12 COOL OPERATOR (Andrea & Graham Wylie) Howard Johnson 6-11-7 Denis O'Regan 125/1
- 13 CHEATING CHANCE (IRE) (M Tedham) Andrew Turnell 8-11-7 Mark Grant 150/1
- 14 GOLDEN SILVER (FR) (Violet O'Leary) Willie Mullins IRE 7-11-7 Paul Townend 14/1
- 15 BRINGBACKTHEBIFF (NZ) (Thomas Barr) Edward O'Grady IRE 7-11-7 Andrew McNamara 33/1
- F 3 TATENEN (FR) (The Stewart Family) Paul Nicholls 5-11-7 Ruby Walsh 4/1F
- PU BEF 6 ORIGINAL (FR) (Edward Walsh) Marcel Rolland FR 7-11-7 James Davies 16/1

17 ran

Non-runner: 11 I'm So Lucky (ground)

Distances: sh, 5, 3 1/4, 1 3/4, nse, 1, nk, 2 3/4, 10, 9, 1, 1, 4 1/2, 18

Time: 4m 1.00s

Breeder: John Broderick

Breeding: b g Moscow Society (USA) - Run Artiste

Totes: Win: £8.30 Places: £2.60; £3.80; £4.10 Exacta: £72.60

Winning Trainer: THOMAS COOPER **Based:** Cahermoneen, Tralee, Co Kerry, Ireland **Background:** Held permit for two seasons before becoming a full-time trainer in 1998. First Festival triumph came with Total Enjoyment in the Champion Bumper in 2004. Also a dentist. **Cheltenham Festival Wins (2):** Weatherbys Champion Bumper (2004 Total Enjoyment), Irish Independent Arkle Challenge Trophy (2009 Forpadydeplasterer). **Big Race Wins:** Edmond Whelan Memorial Handicap Hurdle (2005 Owennacurra Bobby), Ballygarry House McGillicuddy Cup Handicap Hurdle (2005 Owennacurra Bobby) paddypower.com Future Champions Novice Hurdle (2007 Forpadydeplasterer), Deloitte Novice Hurdle (2008 Forpadydeplasterer)

Winning Jockey: Barry Geraghty **Born:** September 16, 1979 **Background:** Barry Geraghty is one of six children from a "horse-mad" family that hails from Drumree in Co Meath. His father 'Tucker' was a useful amateur and trains a few horses in addition to his riding school and livery yard while his brother Ross, who won the 2002 Irish National on The Bunny Boiler, and sister Jill, an amateur, are both jockeys. Geraghty has a background in pony racing, riding his last winner in that sphere in September, 1996, before becoming apprenticed to Noel Meade that month and having his first ride in October, 1996. He has twice been champion jump jockey in Ireland in the seasons 1999/2000 and 2003/04. He crowned the 2002/03 season with victory in the John Smith's Grand National aboard Monty's Pass, something which contributed to him being voted RTE Sports Personality of the year by Irish television viewers. Took up the offer of becoming Nicky Henderson's number one jockey following the retirement of Mick Fitzgerald at the end of the 2007/08 season, and he now divides his time between Britain and Ireland. **Based:** Drumree, County Meath, Ireland **First Winner:** Stagalier (EBF Mares' Maiden Hurdle, Down Royal, January 29, 1997) **Achievements:** Champion jockey in Ireland in 1999/2000 and 2003/04 **Cheltenham Festival Wins (14):** Jewson Novices' Handicap Chase (2008 Finger OnThe Pulse), Irish Independent Arkle Chase (2002 Moscow Flyer, 2009 Forpadydeplasterer), William Hill Trophy Chase (2003 Youlneverwalkalone), Pertemps Final (2003 Inching Closer), Queen Mother Champion Chase (2003, 2005 Moscow Flyer), JCB Triumph Hurdle (2003 Spectroscope), County Hurdle (2003 Spirit Leader), bonusprint.com Stayers' Hurdle (2004 Iris's Gift), totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup (2005 Kicking King), Royal & SunAlliance Chase (2006 Star de Mohaison), Coral Cup (2006 Sky's The Limit), Weatherbys Champion Bumper (2007 Cork All Star) **Leading Rider at The Festival:** 2003 (5). **Other Big Race Wins:** Grand National (2003 Monty's Pass); AIG Europe Champion Hurdle (2005 Macs Joy), Betdaq.com Champion Chase (2004 Moscow Flyer), December Festival Hurdle (2004 Macs Joy), Durkan New Homes Juvenile Hurdle (2006 Lounaas), Evening Herald Champion Novices' Hurdle (2000 Moscow Flyer), John Durkan Memorial Punchestown Chase (2004 Kicking King, 2006 In Compliance), King George VI Chase (2004, 2005 Kicking King), Midlands Grand National (1998 Miss Orchestra), paddypower.com Johnstown Novice Hurdle (2007 Kazal), Pierse Hurdle (2005 Essex), Punchestown Guinness Gold Cup (2005 Kicking King), Royal Bond Novices' Hurdle (1999 Moscow Flyer), Steel Plate & Sections Novices' Chase (2002 Super Fellow), Thomas Pink Gold Cup (2002 Cyfor Malta), Tied Cottage Chase (2005 Moscow Flyer), Tingle Creek Chase (2003, 2004 Moscow Flyer) **Wins in Britain (2001/02-2007/08):** 4; 26; 13; 10; 8; 1; 1; **Wins in Britain this Season:** 41

THE RSA CHASE

Class 1, Grade One, £150,000 Total Prize Fund. 2.40pm Cheltenham, Wednesday, March 17, 2010. For novice 5-y-o+, three miles and half a furlong. Weights: 5-y-o 11st 3lb; 6-y-o+ 11st 4lb. Allowances: mares 7lb. Entries closed January 26, entries revealed January 28 (**71 entries**), scratchings deadline February 23, six-day confirmation stage March 11, final declaration stage 10.00am, March 16. Form figures supplied by Weatherbys and are correct up to and including the racing of Tuesday, January 26. May not include some overseas form.

<u>Form</u>	<u>Horse</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Owner</u>	<u>Trainer</u>
23/32-31	ABBEYBRANEY (IRE)	9	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Howard Johnson
0/1-2212	APT APPROACH (IRE)	7	Greenstar Syndicate	Willie Mullins IRE
54/33-11	ARANLEIGH (IRE)	8	J P McManus	Tony Mullins IRE
4014F3	BAILY VIEW (IRE)	7	R A Scott	Mouse Morris IRE
012-521	BAKBENSCHER	7	Three Line Whip	Alan King
5F4231	BECKETT ROCK (IRE)	6	Michael O'Flynn	Mouse Morris IRE
121-12F	BENSALEM (IRE)	7	Alan Marsh & John Duggan	Alan King
4604-42	BLAZING BAILEY	8	Three Line Whip	Alan King
342-121	BURTON PORT (IRE)	6	Trevor Hemmings	Nicky Henderson
15-1F43	CATCH ME (GER)	8	J P O'Shea	Edward O'Grady IRE
120-2F2	CHARIOT CHARGER (IRE)	6	The Fox Inn Syndicate	Emma Lavelle
012/-3FF	CHASING CARS (IRE)	8	Howard Spooner	Jessica Harrington IRE
431454	CHINA ROCK (IRE)	7	Michael O'Flynn	Mouse Morris IRE
121-051	CITIZEN VIC (IRE)	7	Donal O'Connor	Willie Mullins IRE
214-241	CLAN TARA (IRE)	8	Gigginstown House Stud	Paul Nolan IRE
2-6146F	COPSIANO (IRE)	7	Michael O'Flynn/John F O'Flynn	Mouse Morris IRE
1U5-223	COUSIN VINNY (IRE)	7	Festival Syndicate	Willie Mullins IRE
0//1P-412	DEN OF INIQUITY	9	Malcolm Denmark	Warren Greatrex
113-131	DIAMOND HARRY	7	Paul Duffy Diamond Partnership	Nick Williams
0-5F611	DOCTOR PAT (IRE)	6	J P McManus	Francois Doumen FR
530P-11	DOOR BOY (IRE)	7	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Howard Johnson
1410-51	EDGBRIAR (FR)	8	D Allen	Paul Webber
4/33-122	EMPEROR CONCERTO	7	Waterhall Racing	Lucy Wadham
1321-21	ERNST BLOFELD (IRE)	6	A D Dick and A J Duckworth	Donald McCain Jnr
00F/2-25	FLIGHT LEADER (IRE)	10	John and Heather Snook	Colin Tizzard
141/2-12	FOREST PENNANT (IRE)	8	Peter Hart	Paul Nicholls
102/-311	GANSEY (IRE)	8	Trevor Hemmings	Sue Smith
1006-13	GINOLAD (AUS)	10	James Purcell	Venetia Williams
14U0-4F	HEATHCLIFF (IRE)	8	George Brookes & Family & Lord Daresbury	Richard Lee
310-212	HEY BIG SPENDER (IRE)	7	Brocade Racing	Colin Tizzard
160-1	HUNTERS PLOY (IRE)	8	Colin Cornes	Ian Williams
2102-11	INCHIDALY ROCK (IRE)	8	Maggie Findlay & Paul Barber	Paul Nicholls
121F/-F3	JADANLI (IRE)	8	Eamonn Gilligan	Paul Gilligan IRE
2/11-1F3	JESSIES DREAM (IRE)	7	Martin Lynch	Gordon Elliott IRE
21220-4	JUNIOR	7	Paul Green	Alan King
0-11212	KNOCKARA BEAU (IRE)	7	W F Trueman	George Charlton
13-3214	LENABANE (IRE)	8	K F McNulty	Dessie Hughes IRE
41-2F1F	LITTLE JOSH (IRE)	8	Tony Bloom	Nigel Twiston-Davies
3-12111	LONG RUN (FR)	5	Robert Waley-Cohen	Nicky Henderson
21P//52-1	MIGHTY MAN (FR)	10	Joss Hanbury	Henry Daly
11111-1	MIKAEL D'HAGUENET (FR)	6	Susannah Ricci	Willie Mullins IRE
132-14P	MINELLA THEATRE (IRE)	7	Trevor Hemmings	Henrietta Knight
2230-13	MOBAASHER (USA)	7	Seasons Holidays	Venetia Williams
001112	MONTERO (IRE)	8	Gerard Burke	Dessie Hughes IRE
020-11P	MOUNT OSCAR (IRE)	11	Jean Bishop	Colin Tizzard
44-0232	NICANOR (FR)	9	P R Syndicate	Noel Meade IRE
11-3113	OGEE	7	Sir Evelyn De Rothschild	Renee Robeson
10-1131	OSCAR LOOBY (IRE)	7	M T M Partnership	Noel Meade IRE
121-111	PANDORAMA (IRE)	7	R J Bagnall	Noel Meade IRE
04-221U	PETTIFOUR (IRE)	8	J B Pettifer	Nigel Twiston-Davies
0-2F222	PIGEON ISLAND	7	Raymond Mould	Nigel Twiston-Davies
3/1122-1	PUNCHESTOWNS (FR)	7	Judy Wilson	Nicky Henderson
31110-1	QUISCOVER FONTAINE (FR)	6	B Doyle/T W Connolly	Willie Mullins IRE
121210-	REALT DUBH (IRE)	6	Des Sharkey	Noel Meade IRE
601123	RORY BOY (USA)	5	Colin Cornes	Nigel Twiston-Davies
111411	SEVEN IS MY NUMBER (IRE)	8	David Johnson	David Pipe

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Form	Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
05-4561	SHAKERVILZ (FR)	7	Thomas Gilligan	Willie Mullins IRE
11/23-1F	SULLUMO (GER)	7	C & P Sturgeon & P & K Warren	Charlie Mann
321152/-	SUPERIOR WISDOM (IRE)	10	Andrew Cohen	Alex Hales
00-1113	TAKE THE BREEZE (FR)	7	Mr & Mrs G Calder	Paul Nicholls
201-121	TAZBAR (IRE)	8	The Supreme Partnership	Keith Reveley
13-14U3	THE MIDNIGHT CLUB (IRE)	9	C C R Racing Syndicate	Willie Mullins IRE
2/S164-1	THE NIGHTINGALE (FR)	7	C G Roach	Paul Nicholls
03-0231	THE PACKAGE	7	David Johnson	David Pipe
01/204-1	THE SLIOTAR (IRE)	9	Roger Brookhouse	David Pipe
10-4411	THEATRICAL MOMENT (USA)	7	Masterson Holdings Limited	Jonjo O'Neill
521-321	UIMHIRACEATHAIR (IRE)	8	Full House Syndicate	Willie Mullins IRE
1213/-	VIKING REBEL (IRE)	8	Richard & Lizzie Kelvin Hughes	Nicky Henderson
15-3F12	WEAPON'S AMNESTY (IRE)	7	Gigginstown House Stud	Charles Byrnes IRE
2/1-11	WEIRD AL (IRE)	7	Brannon Dennis Dick Holden	Ian Williams
252P-04	WESTERN CHARMER (IRE)	8	Gerard Burke	Dessie Hughes IRE

71 Entries
26 Irish-trained
1 French-trained

Breakdown of Entries by Trainer with Past Successes in the RSA Chase

8 Entries
Willie Mullins IRE (2009 Cooldine, 2004 Rule Supreme, 1998 Florida Pearl)

4 Entries
Nicky Henderson (2005 Trabolgan)
Alan King
Noel Meade IRE
Mouse Morris IRE
Paul Nicholls (2007 Denman, 2006 Star De Mohaison)
Nigel Twiston-Davies (1993 Young Hustler)

3 Entries
Dessie Hughes IRE
David Pipe
Colin Tizzard

2 Entries
Howard Johnson
Ian Williams
Venetia Williams

1 Entry
Charles Byrnes IRE
George Charlton
Henry Daly
Francois Doumen FR
Gordon Elliott IRE
Paul Gilligan IRE
Warren Greatrex
Alex Hales
Jessica Harrington IRE
Henrietta Knight (2000 Lord Noelie)
Emma Lavelle
Richard Lee
Charlie Mann
Donald McCain Jnr
Tony Mullins IRE
Paul Nolan IRE
Edward O'Grady IRE
Jonjo O'Neill (2008 Albertas Run)
Keith Reveley
Renee Robeson
Sue Smith
Lucy Wadham
Paul Webber
Nick Williams

RSA CHASE ANALYSIS

Staged over an extended three miles, the Grade One RSA Chase is the championship race for staying novice chasers and a host of talented individuals are among this year's 71 entries.

Punchestowns has a huge reputation and was runner-up to Big Buck's in the 2009 Grade One Ladbrokes World Hurdle at The Festival. Nicky Henderson's charge was impressive when winning a Grade Two novice chase at Newbury in November.

The trainer has also engaged star French import and impressive Grade One Feltham Novices' Chase hero **Long Run**, as well as **Burton Port** and **Viking Rebel**.

The popular **Mighty Man** was top-class over hurdles and has also finished runner-up in the Ladbrokes World Hurdle, when behind the great Inglis Drever in 2007. Henry Daly's charge saw off **Forest Pennant** to win over fences at Hereford in December and won his second race over the larger obstacles at Huntingdon on January 27.

Another Grade One-winning hurdler with a lofty reputation is the Nick Williams-trained **Diamond Harry**, who won his first novice chase start when defeating the smart **Knockara Beau** in a Grade Two contest at Haydock on January 23.

Paul Nicholls won this race with Star De Mohaison in 2006 and the great Denman a year later. He has entered four this time, headed by **Inchidaly Rock**, winner of the Ryman The Stationer Novices' Chase at Cheltenham in November. He also has **Take The Breeze** who was third to An Cathaoir Mor in a Grade One at Leopardstown last time, **The Nightingale** and Forest Pennant.

The David Pipe-trained **Seven Is My Number** won the Grade Two Dipper Novices' Chase at Cheltenham on New Year's Day from **Pigeon Island** and the trainer has also engaged **The Package** and **The Sliotar**.

Ogee was a Grade One winner over hurdles for Renee Robeson and landed his first two starts over fences before coming home third to Long Run at Kempton, while the Jonjo O'Neill-trained **Theatrical Moment** won twice at Leicester in December.

A 26-strong Irish entry includes a pair of Grade One novice hurdle winners from last season's Festival - the Willie-Mullins-trained **Mikael D'Haguenet**, victorious in the Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle, and the Charles Byrnes-trained Albert Bartlett Novices' Hurdle hero **Weapons Amnesty**.

The latter went down by a short-head to the Noel Meade-trained **Pandorama** in the Grade One Knight Frank Novice Chase over three miles at Leopardstown on December 28. Meade could also saddle Grade Two Woodlands Park 100 Club Novices' Chase winner **Oscar Looby** and **Realt Dubh**.

Mullins, successful three times (2009 Cooldine, 2004 Rule Supreme, 1998 Florida Pearl), has engaged eight horses in all. Included among them are 2008 Weatherbys Champion Bumper winner **Cousin Vinny**, **Apt Approach**, **Quiscover Fontaine**, **Citizen Vic** and **Uimhiraceathair**.

Edward O'Grady has entered **Catch Me**, a top-class hurdler in previous seasons, who was third to Pandorama at Leopardstown, while the Tom Mullins-trained **Aranleigh** landed a Grade Three novice chase at Punchestown in November.

French trainer Francois Doumen is no stranger to Festival success and he has engaged **Doctor Pat**, successful in novice handicap chases at Sandown and Newbury in December.

Other exciting entries to note are the Ian Williams-trained **Hunters Ploy** and stablemate **Weird Al**, twice successful at Cheltenham already this season, as well as the Keith Reveley-trained **Tazbar**, who sandwiched a second place to Long Run in the Grade One Feltham Novices' Chase between victories at Musselburgh and Huntingdon.

Alan King has entered **Blazing Bailey**, **Junior** and **Bensalem**, while Howard Johnson has engaged the smart pair of **Abbeybraney** and **Door Boy**.

Also among the entries are **Den Of Iniquity**, **Ernst Blofeld**, **Gansey**, **Edgbriar**, **Mobaasher**, **Mount Oscar**, **Petitfour**, **Sullumo**, **Clan Tara**, **Jessie's Dream** and **Superior Wisdom**.

RSA CHASE FACTS AND FIGURES

1. The RSA Chase is run with its current title for the second time this year although is backed by one of Cheltenham's longest-running sponsors. It was run as the Royal & SunAlliance Chase up to 2008 and as the Royal SunAlliance Chase in 1997. Sun Alliance, which merged with Royal Insurance in 1996, previously backed the Sun Alliance Chase for 23 years and sponsored at Cheltenham for 26 years altogether. From 1971-73, the Foxhunter Chase was titled the Sun Alliance & London Foxhunters.

2. Sun Alliance & London was the first sponsor outside racing to embrace commercial sponsorship at The Festival. Only the tote precedes the insurance company. Before 1974 the race was titled the Broadway Novices' Chase and the Totalisator Champion Novices' Chase.

3. Since 1959, seven horses have won both the RSA Chase and totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup. They are:

1959 Mandarin (Gold Cup 1962)

1963 Arkle (Gold Cup 1964-6)

1974 Ten Up (Gold Cup 1975)

1979 Master Smudge (Gold Cup 1980 on the disqualification of Tied Cottage)

1990 Garrison Savannah (Gold Cup 1991)

1999 Looks Like Trouble (Gold Cup 2000)

2007 Denman (Gold Cup 2008)

To this list might be added the name of Tied Cottage, winner of the RSA Chase in 1976 and the Gold Cup in 1980, before subsequent disqualification.

4. The biggest field for the race has been 30, in 1986, and the smallest eight, in 1993. The current safety limit is 20.

5. Willie Mullins has the best record among current trainers in the contest, having landed three victories with Rule Supreme (2004), Florida Pearl (1998) and Cooldine (2009). Legendary handler Fred Winter also saddled three winners of the RSA Chase - Killiney (1973), Pengrail (1975) and Brown Chamberlin (1982).

6. Irish-trained winners number 14 in total, the latest being Cooldine in 2009.

7. The most successful jockey in the RSA Chase has been Peter Scudamore, who notched up a hat-trick from 1991 to 1993 with Rolling Ball, Miinnehoma and Young Hustler. Ruby Walsh is the only current jockey to have landed the race twice, having won on Denman (2007) and Cooldine (2009).

8. The longest-priced winners since 1964 are Hussard Collonges in 2002 and Canny Danny in 1983, both at 33/1, with Arkle the shortest-priced at 4/9 in 1963.

9. The fastest running of the race was won by Lord Noelle in 2000 at 6 mins 5.3s, beating the previous best of 6 mins 6.6s set by Miinnehoma in 1992.

10. The West Awake is the only horse to have won both what is now the Neptune Investment Management Novices' Hurdle (previously sponsored by RSA) and the RSA Chase. He won the Hurdle in 1987 and the Chase in 1988.

Previous results

RSA CHASE

- 2009-WINNER-COOLDINE** 7-11-04 Owner-Violet O'Leary; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-9/4 Fav
2ND-Horner Woods 7-11-04 Owner-Howard Spooner; Trainer-Jessica Harrington IRE; Jockey-Robert Power; SP-66/1
3RD-Massini's Maguire 8-11-04 Owner-Alan Paterson; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-10/1
15 ran, Time-6m 22.80s. Dist-16, 9
- 2008-WINNER-ALBERTAS RUN** 7-11-04 Owner-Trevor Hemmings; Trainer-Jonjo O'Neill; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-4/1 Fav
2ND-Roll Along 8-11-04 Owner-Bryan & Philippa Burrough; Trainer-Carl Llewellyn; Jockey-Timmy Murphy' SP-20/1
3RD-Battlecry 7-11-04 Owner-Hamsard Ltd; Trainer-Nigel Twiston-Davies; Jockey-Paddy Brennan; SP-25/1
11 ran, Time-6m 23.5s Dist-4½, 3½
- 2007-WINNER-DENMAN** 7-11-04 Owner-Maggie Findlay & Paul Barber; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-6/5 Fav
2ND-Snowy Morning 7-11-04 Owner-Quayside Syndicate; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Mick Fitzgerald; SP-10/1
3RD-According To John 7-11-04 Owner-Sir Robert Ogden; Trainer-Nicky Richards; Jockey-Tony Dobbin; SP-66/1
17 ran, Time-6m 6.80s Dist-10, 3½
- 2006-WINNER-STAR DE MOHAISON** 5-10-08 Owner-Sir Robert Ogden; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-14/1
2ND-Idle Talk 7-11-04 Owner-Mrs M J George; Trainer-Tom George; Jockey-Jason Maguire; SP-33/1
3RD-Darkness 7-11-04 Owner-Lady Lloyd-Webber; Trainer-Charles Egerton; Jockey-Paddy Brennan; SP-11/2
15 ran, Time-6m 9.20s Dist-6, 11 9/2 Fav Commercial Flyer (PU)
- 2005-WINNER-TRABOLGAN** 7-11-04 Owner-Trevor Hemmings; Trainer-Nicky Henderson; Jockey-Mick FitzGerald; SP-5/1
2ND-Comply Or Die 6-11-04 Owner-David Johnson; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-Timmy Murphy; SP-3/1 Fav
3RD-Cornish Rebel 8-11-04 Owner-Graham Roach; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-9/2
9 ran, Time-6m 12.85s Dist-3, 3
- 2004-WINNER-RULE SUPREME 8-11-04** Owner-John Lynch; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-David Casey; SP-25/1
2ND-Royal Emperor 8-11-04 Owner-Widdop Wanderers; Trainer-Sue Smith; Jockey-Dominic Elsworth; SP-6/1
3RD-Our Vic 6-11-04 Owner-David Johnson; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-11/8 Fav
10 ran, Time-6m 9.70s Dist-1½, 2
- 2003-WINNER-ONE KNIGHT** 7-11-04 Owner-Robert Gibbs; Trainer-Philips Hobbs; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-15/2
2ND-Jair Du Cochet 6-11-04 Owner-Miriam Montauban; Trainer-Guillaume Macaire FR; Jockey-Jacques Ricou; SP-4/1
3RD-Barrow Drive 7-11-04 Owner-Mrs B Leniham; Trainer-Tony Mullins IRE; Jockey-Barry Geraghty; SP-9/1
9 ran, Time-6m 14.90s Dist- 1¾, 10 9/4 Fav Keen Leader (5th)
- 2002-WINNER-HUSSARD COLLONGES** 7-11-04 Owner-Nick Bannister; Trainer-Peter Beaumont; Jockey-Russ Garrity; SP-33/1
2ND-Iznogoud 6-11-04 Owner-County Stores-Avalon Surfacing; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-14/1
3RD-Chives 7-11-04 Owner-Trevor Hemmings; Trainer-Henrietta Knight; Jockey-Richard Guest; SP-33/1
19 ran, Time-6m 35.65s Dist- 2, 4 9/2 Fav Colonel Braxton (5th)
- 2001-Cancelled**
- 2000-WINNER-LORD NOELIE** 7-11-04 Owner-Executive Racing; Trainer-Henrietta Knight; Jockey-Jim Culloty; SP-9/2
2ND-Alexander Banquet 7-11-04 Owner-Miriam O'Callaghan; Trainer-Willie Mullins; Jockey-Ruby Walsh; SP-9/2
3RD-Toto Toscato 6-11-04 Owner-Hilda Clarke; Trainer-Alan King; Jockey-Richard Johnson; SP-11/1
9 ran Time-6m 5.3s Dist-1¼, hd 7/2 Fav-Native Upmanship (4th)
- 1999-WINNER-LOOKS LIKE TROUBLE** 7-11-04 Owner-Universal Conference & Incentive Trv Ltd; Trainer-Noel Chance; Jockey-Paul Carberry; SP-16/1
2ND-Lord Of The River 7-11-04 Owner-Brian Stewart-Brown; Trainer-Oliver Sherwood; Jockey-Tony McCoy; SP-11/2
3RD-Billingsgate 7-11-04 Owner-Dr David and Mrs B Chesney; Trainer-David Elsworth; Jockey-Paul Holley;
SP-25/1 14 ran Time-6m 21.5s Dist-dist, 3 5/4 Fav-Nick Dundee (fell)
- 1998-WINNER-FLORIDA PEARL** 6-11-04 Owner-Violet O'Leary; Trainer-Willie Mullins IRE; Jockey-Richard Dunwoody; SP-11/8 Fav
2ND-Escartefigue 6-11-04 Owner-Darren Mercer; Trainer-David Nicholson; Jockey-Adrian Maguire; SP-5/1
3RD-Fulip 5-10-08 Owner-Roger Barby; Trainer-Francois Doumen FR; Jockey-Mr Thierry Doumen; SP-9/1
10 ran Time-6m 8.3s Dist-1½, 19

RSA CHASE ROLL OF HONOUR

(RSA Chase from 2009, Royal & SunAlliance Chase 1998-2008, Royal Sun Alliance Chase 1997, Sun Alliance Chase 1974-96, Totalisator Champion Chase 1971-73, Totalisator Champion Novices' Chase 1964-1970, Broadway Chase 1961-63, Broadway Novices' Chase before 1961)

Year	Winner	Age/Wt	Jockey	Trainer	Owner	SP	Ran
2009	Cooldine	7-11-04	Ruby Walsh	Willie Mullins IRE	Violet O'Leary	9/4F	15
2008	Albertas Run	7-11-04	Tony McCoy	Jonjo O'Neill	Trevor Hemmings	4/1F	11
2007	Denman	7-11-04	Ruby Walsh	Paul Nicholls	Maggie Findlay & Paul Barber	6/5F	17
2006	Star De Mohaison	5-10-08	Barry Geraghty	Paul Nicholls	Sir Robert Ogden	14/1	15
2005	Trabolgan	7-11-04	Mick FitzGerald	Nicky Henderson	Trevor Hemmings	5/1	9
2004	Rule Supreme	8-11-04	David Casey	Willie Mullins IRE	John Lynch	25/1	10
2003	One Knight	7-11-04	Richard Johnson	Philip Hobbs	Robert Gibbs	15/2	9
2002	Hussard Collonges	7-11-04	Russ Garrity	Peter Beaumont	Nick Bannister	33/1	19
2001	<i>No Race (Foot and Mouth)</i>						
2000	Lord Noelle	7-11-04	Jim Culloty	Henrietta Knight	Executive Racing	9/2	9
1999	Looks Like Trouble	7-11-04	Paul Carberry	Noel Chance	Universal Conf. & Incentive Trv Ltd	16/1	14
1998	Florida Pearl	6-11-04	Richard Dunwoody	Willie Mullins IRE	Violet O'Leary	11/8F	10
1997	Hanakham	8-11-04	Richard Dunwoody	Ron Hodges	Malcolm Brereton	13/2	14
1996	Nahthen Lad	7-11-04	Warren Marston	Jenny Pitman	Jim Shaw	7/1	12
1995	Brief Gale	8-10-13	Philip Hide	Josh Gifford	Carrie Zetter	13/2	13
1994	Monsieur Le Cure	8-11-04	Peter Niven	John Edwards	Hector Brown	15/2	18
1993	Young Hustler	6-11-04	Peter Scudamore	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Gavin MacEchern	9/4	8
1992	Miinnehomia	9-11-04	Peter Scudamore	Martin Pipe	Freddie Starr	7/2F	18
1991	Rolling Ball	8-11-04	Peter Scudamore	Martin Pipe	Hilda Clarke	7/2F	20
1990	Garrison Savannah	7-11-04	Ben de Haan	Jenny Pitman	Autofour Engineering	12/1	9
1989	Envopak Token	8-11-04	Peter Hobbs	Josh Gifford	Frank Arthur	16/1	15
1988	The West Awake	7-11-04	Simon Sherwood	Oliver Sherwood	Maggie Heath	11/4F	14
1987	Kildimo	7-11-04	Graham Bradley	Toby Balding	Lady Harris	13/2	18
1986	Cross Master	9-11-04	Reg Crank	Tom Bill	Harlow Bros	16/1	30
1985	Antarctic Bay	8-11-04	Frank Berry	Pat Hughes IRE	P Meade	6/4F	11
1984	A Kinsman	8-11-04	Geordie Dun	John Brockbank	Mrs John Brockbank	10/1	18
1983	Canny Danny	7-11-04	Niall Madden	Jimmy FitzGerald	P Norton	33/1	14
1982	Brown Chamberlin	7-11-04	John Francome	Fred Winter	Mrs Coral Samuel	7/1	15
1981	Lesley Ann	7-11-04	Colin Brown	David Elsworth	Brian Gaule	25/1	17
1980	Lacson	8-11-04	Steve Knight	Bob Hawker	Bob Hawker	16/1	17
1979	Master Smudge	7-11-04	Richard Hoare	Arthur Barrow	Arthur Barrow	16/1	17
1978	Sweet Joe	6-11-04	Steve Smith Eccles	Tom Jones	Milton Ritzenberg	12/1	17
1977	Gay Spartan	6-11-04	Michael Dickinson	Tony Dickinson	M Armstrong	13/2	15
1976	Tied Cottage	8-11-00	Tommy Carberry	Dan Moore IRE	Anthony Stanley Robinson	12/1	15
1975	Pengrail	7-11-00	John Francome	Fred Winter	Mrs G Morton	12/1	11
1974	Ten Up	7-11-00	Tommy Carberry	Jim Dreaper IRE	Anne, Duchess of Westminster	7/2	12
1973	Killiney	7-11-03	Richard Pitman	Fred Winter	Enid Boucher	8/15F	9
1972	Clever Scot	7-11-07	David Mould	Tom Jones	Milton Ritzenberg	11/1	18
1971	Tantalum	7-11-07	David Nicholson	Michael Pope	Colonel S W Green	14/1	16
1970	Proud Tarquin	7-11-12	Pat Taaffe	Tom Dreaper IRE	John Thomson	100/7	17
1969	Spanish Steps	6-11-12	John Cook	Edward Courage	Edward Courage	100/8	22
1968	Herring Gull	6-11-12	Joe Crowley	Paddy Mullins IRE	Mrs G A J Wilson	9/1	16
1967	Border Jet	7-11-00	Josh Gifford	Ryan Price	Lady Weir	4/1F	19
1966	Different Class	6-11-12	David Mould	Peter Cazalet	Gregory Peck	10/1	17
1965	Arkloin	6-11-07	Liam McLoughlin	Tom Dreaper IRE	George Ansley	100/7	17
1964	Buona notte	7-12-04	Johnnie Haine	Bob Turnell	Jim Joel	11/8F	16
1963	Arkle	6-12-04	Pat Taaffe	Tom Dreaper IRE	Duchess Of Westminster	4/9F	15
1962	Cadual	7-11-08	Laurie Morgan	Bogden Lubecki	Bogden Lubecki	11/2	13
1961	Grallagh Cnoc	7-12-01	Pat Taaffe	Joe Osborne IRE	Mrs K Harper	8/13F	17
1960	Solfen	8-11-12	Pat Taaffe	Willie O'Grady IRE	B Naughton	5/4F	21
1959	Mac Joy	7-11-12	Arthur Freeman	Ken Bailey	W C Simpson	4/1	11
1958	Just Awake	6-11-08	Arthur Freeman	Peter Cazalet	Bill Whitbread	100/7	19
1957	Mandarin	6-12-01	Michael Scudamore	Fulke Walwyn	Peggy Hennessy	8/1	14
1956	Polar Flight	6-11-08	Tommy Cusack	George Spann	Mrs P Pleydell-Bouverie	100/7	19
1955	Great Eliza	7-11-13	B Cooper	Danny Morgan IRE	Mrs N Hope Collins	7/2F	23
1954	Glenbeigh	8-11-13	Dave Dick	Fulke Walwyn	Dorothy Paget	EvsF	16
1953	Coneyburrow	7-11-03	Pat Taaffe	Joe Osborne IRE	I E Levy	100/8	13
1952	Good And Plenty	8-11-08	Jimmy Power	Jack Fawcus	Lady Joicey	8/1	18
1951	On View	8-11-13	Bryan Marshall	Fulke Walwyn	Dorothy Paget	8/1	23
1950 (I)	Manicou	5-11-06	Lord Mildmay	Peter Cazalet	Lord Mildmay	2/1F	9
1950 (II)	Arctic Gold	5-10-13	Glen Kelly	Gerald Balding	John Hay Whitney	100/30	9
1949 (I)	Glen Fire	6-11-02	Mr J Spencer	Syd Mercer	J G Greenaway	100/8	19
1949 (II)	Comeragh	8-11-02	D Kelly	Major Noel Furlong	Major Noel Furlong	10/1	10
1948 (I)	Blakely Grove	7-11-04	Joe Maguire	Ivor Anthony	Paul Mellon	5/4F	17
1948 (II)	Mountain Prince	9-11-04	Bryan Marshall	Fulke Walwyn	Dorothy Paget	100/8	15
1947	<i>No race (snow and frost)</i>						
1946	Birthlaw	11-11-07	Ted Vinall	Tommy Rayson	Mrs V Bruce	20/1	16

THE 2009 RSA CHASE RESULT IN DETAIL

£170,000 guaranteed, 3m 1/2f Old Course, For 5yo+, Weights 5yo 11st 12lb; 6yo+ 11st 4lb Allowances mares 7lb Entries 72 pay £195 1st Forfeit 51 pay £390 Confirmed 19 pay £195 Penalty Value 1st £96,917, 2nd £36,363, 3rd £18,207, 4th £9,078, 5th £4,556, 6th £2,278

1 COOLDINE (IRE) (Violet O'Leary) Willie Mullins IRE 7-11-4 Ruby Walsh 9/4F

2 HORNER WOODS (IRE) (Howard Spooner) Jessica Harrington IRE 7-11-4 Robbie Power 66/1

3 MASSINI'S MAGUIRE (IRE) (Alan Peterson) Philip Hobbs 8-11-4 Richard Johnson 10/1

4 CARRUTHERS (The Oaksey Partnership) Mark Bradstock 6-11-4 Matthew Batchelor 13/2

5 CASEY JONES (IRE) (Gillian Burke) Noel Meade IRE 8-11-4 Paul Carberry 16/1

6 WHAT A FRIEND (Ged Mason & Sir Alex Ferguson) Paul Nicholls 6-11-4 Sam Thomas 13/2

F 3 BOHEMIAN LASS (IRE) (Riona Molony) Bill Harney IRE 6-10-11 John Cullen 150/1

F 8 SIEGEMASTER (IRE) (Gigginstown House Stud) Dessie Hughes IRE 8-11-4 Davy Russell 16/1

PU BEF 14 HOLD EM (IRE) (David Hughes, Mike Evans & Partners) Keith Goldsworthy 7-11-4 Graham Lee 66/1

PU BEF 16 KILLYGLEN (IRE) (D McCammon) Howard Johnson 7-11-4 Denis O'Regan 12/1

PU BEF 16 BALLYFITZ (F Mills & W Mills) Nigel Twiston-Davies 9-11-4 Paddy Brennan 16/1

PU BEF 16 LODGE LANE (IRE) (O Wynne & S Wynne) Victor Dartnall 8-11-4 Christian Williams 33/1

PU BEF 16 GONE TO LUNCH (IRE) (Gary Lever) Jeremy Scott 9-11-4 Tony McCoy 7/1

PU BEF 3 OUT THE MARKET MAN (NZ) (Sir Robert Ogden) Nicky Henderson 9-11-4 Barry Geraghty 14/1

PU ON FLAT LIGHTNING STRIKE (GER) (John Nicholls (Trading) Ltd) Venetia Williams 6-11-4 Aidan Coleman 28/1

15 ran Distances: 16, 9, 4, 1, nk **Time-6m 22.80s**

Breeder: Eleanor Hadden **Breeding:** b g Beneficial - Shean Alainn

Totes: Win: £3.40 Places: £1.50, £15.70, £3.30 Exacta: £263.30

Winning Trainer: WILLIE MULLINS **Date of Birth:** 15/9/56 **Based:** Closutton, Bagenalstown, Co Carlow **Background:** Born September 15, 1956, Willie Mullins was six-time amateur champion rider in Ireland and his major successes in the saddle included the 1983 John Smith's Fox Hunters' Chase at Aintree on Atha Cliath, before taking out a training licence in 1988. He hails from one of Ireland's most famous racing families, being a son of Paddy Mullins, the now retired outstanding all-round trainer, whose most famous star was Dawn Run, winner of the 1984 Champion Hurdle and Cheltenham Gold Cup two years later. Willie Mullins rode and trained Wither Or Which to win the 1996 Weatherbys Champion Bumper, the Cheltenham Festival race in which he has saddled six winners (also Florida Pearl 1997, Alexander Banquet 1998, Joe Cullen 2000, Missed That 2005 and Cousin Vinny 2008). Mullins saddled Rule Supreme to win the Royal & SunAlliance Chase at the 2004 Cheltenham Festival and sent out the same horse to win the Irish Hennessy in 2005. His best horse to date has been Florida Pearl, who was placed in two Cheltenham Gold Cups, won the 1998 Royal & SunAlliance Chase, the 1999, 2000, 2001 and 2004 Irish Hennessy Cognac Gold Cups in Ireland as well as the 2001 King George VI Chase and the 2002 totesport Bowl at Aintree. Mullins, who began training in 1988, has around 100 horses at his Closutton yard near Bagenalstown in Co Carlow. He was crowned both Champion and Leading Trainer in Ireland for the first time in the 2007/08 season. **Cheltenham Festival wins (15):** David Nicholson Mares' Hurdle (2009 Quevega), Ballymore Properties Novices' Hurdle (2008 Fivefourthree, 2009 Mikael D'Haguenet), Supreme Novices' Hurdle (1995 Tourist Attraction, 2007 Ebaziyan), Royal & SunAlliance Chase (1998 Florida Pearl, 2004 Rule Supreme, 2009 Cooldine), Weatherbys Champion Bumper (1996 Wither Or Which, 1997 Florida Pearl, 1998 Alexander Banquet, 2000 Joe Cullen, 2005 Missed That, 2008 Cousin Vinny), JCB Triumph Hurdle (2002 Scolardy) **Number of Winners in Britain (2001/02-2007/08):** 4; 1; 1; 2; 0; 1; 2; **Wins in Britain this season:** 4

Winning Jockey: Ruby Walsh **Born:** May 14, 1979 **Background:** Ruby (short for Rupert) is associated with the powerful stables of Paul Nicholls in Britain and Willie Mullins in Ireland. He is the son of 11-times Irish amateur champion jockey, Ted Walsh, now a trainer and television pundit. Ruby is the second of Walsh's four children and his younger sister Katie is a successful amateur. He in his father's footsteps when capturing the Irish amateur riders' championship (1996-97) at the age of 19 while still studying for his Leaving Certificate. He was crowned champion Irish National Hunt jockey in his first season as a professional (1998/99) and has taken the title a further five times (2000/2001, 2004/05, 2005/06, 2006/7 and 2007/08). Walsh has won the John Smith's Grand National twice - in 2000 aboard Papillon, trained by his father, and the Willie Mullins-trained Hedgehunter in 2005. He followed Papillon's Aintree triumph with an Irish Grand National victory aboard his father's Commanche Court but surpassed that achievement in the 2004/2005 season when his John Smith's Grand National success aboard Hedgehunter was augmented by wins in the Welsh National (Silver Birch) and Irish Grand National (Numbersixvalverde). He narrowly missed out in that season's Scottish Grand National when his mount, Cornish Rebel, finished a short-head second to Joes Edge. In the 2007/08 season he was leading rider at the Cheltenham Festival for a third time (he also took the accolade in 2003 and 2007) with three wins. **First Winner:** Siren Song, Gowran Park, July 25, 1995 **Cheltenham Festival Wins (20):** David Nicholson Mares' Hurdle (2009 Quevega), Ballymore Properties Novices' Hurdle (2008 Fivefourthree, 2009 Mikael D'Haguenet), JCB Triumph Hurdle (2008 Celestial Halo), Weatherbys Champion Bumper (1998 Alexander Banquet, 2005 Missed That), Mildmay Of Flete (2002 Blowing Wind), Irish Independent Arkle (2003 Azertyuiop), Seasons Holidays Queen Mother Champion Chase (2004 Azertyuiop, 2008 Master Minded), Grand Annual (2004 St Pirran), County Hurdle (2004 Sporazene, 2006 Desert Quest), Ryanair Chase (2005 Thisthatandtother, 2007 Taranis) Anglo Irish Bank Supreme Novices' Hurdle (2006 Noland), William Hill Trophy (2006 Dun Doire), Royal & SunAlliance Chase (2007 Denman, 2009 Cooldoine), totesport Cheltenham Gold Cup (2007 Kauto Star) **1,000th Winner in Ireland:** Rare Article, Smirnoff (Mares) Maiden Hurdle, Thurles, May 4, 2008 (became only the second jockey to complete the feat after Charlie Swann) **Number of Wins in Britain (1998/99-2007/08):** 1; 1; 5; 13; 77; 62; 81; 69; 73; 69; **Wins in Britain This Season:** 59

THE 140TH YEAR OF THE NATIONAL HUNT STEEPLECHASE CHALLENGE CUP

(AMATEUR RIDERS' NOVICES' STEEPLECHASE)

Class 2, £75,000 Total Prize Fund, 1.30pm, Wednesday, March 17, 2010. Four miles. For novice five-year-olds and upwards. To be ridden by Category B Amateur Riders or Category C Qualified Riders. Weights: 5-y-o 11st 5lb; 6-y-o and upwards 11st 6lb; Mares allowed 7lb. Entries closed January 26, entries released January 28 (**80 entries**), scratchings deadline February 23, six-day confirmation stage March 11, final declaration stage 10.00am Tuesday, March 16. Form figures correct up to and including the racing of Tuesday, January 26.

Form	Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
23/32-31	ABBEYBRANEY (IRE)	9	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Howard Johnson
0-32113	ANY CURRENCY (IRE)	7	Cash Is King	Martin Keighley
0/1-2212	APT APPROACH (IRE)	7	Greenstar Syndicate	Willie Mullins IRE
03-1306	ASKMEROE (IRE)	7	A F Shiels & Niall Reilly	Tony Martin IRE
4014F3	BAILY VIEW (IRE)	7	R A Scott	Mouse Morris IRE
464310	BARCARDERO (USA)	8	Top Of The Rock Syndicate	Gordon Elliott IRE
42-11	BAY CHERRY (IRE)	8	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Howard Johnson
15F4	BECAUSEICOULDNTSEE (IRE) 7	7	Noel Glynn	Noel Glynn IRE
123-123	BENCH WARRENT (IRE)	7	Mrs J M Mayo	Charlie Mann
6-	BENTOTA (IRE)	9	Julie Martin and David R Martin	Kim Bailey
03F21/-	CANALTURN (FR)	8	The Dover Street Boys	Charles Egerton
120/2-PP	CARDINAL SPIRIT	8	One Day Soon Rodney Racing	Ferdy Murphy
0-02F04	CARLAS DREAM (IRE)	8	John Place	Denis Murphy IRE
0411-24	CAST CADA (IRE)	7	Jared Sullivan & Edwyn Good	Charlie Mann
214-241	CLAN TARA (IRE)	8	Gigginstown House Stud	Paul Nolan IRE
1U5-223	COUSIN VINNY (IRE)	7	Festival Syndicate	Willie Mullins IRE
0-P1304	CRUCHAIN (IRE)	7	P McCarthy	Jonjo O'Neill
0-5F611	DOCTOR PAT (IRE)	6	J P McManus	Francois Doumen FR
1410-51	EDGBRIAR (FR)	8	D Allen	Paul Webber
141-432	FABALU (IRE)	8	Tim Leslie	Donald McCain Jnr
126/-121	FAR MORE SERIOUS (IRE)	10	Neysauteur Partnership	Charlie Longsdon
141/2-12	FOREST PENNANT (IRE)	8	Peter Hart	Paul Nicholls
3-U031F	FREE WORLD (IRE)	8	Malcolm Denmark	Warren Greatrex
3-1P225	GENTLE RANGER (IRE)	8	Mrs S Clifford	David Pipe
0-41264	GERSHWINNER (IRE)	7	The Red Oak Partnership	Donald McCain Jnr
11P-P2F	GILES CROSS (IRE)	8	K C M S Partnership	Victor Dartnall
1006-13	GINOLAD (AUS)	10	James Purcell	Venetia Williams
F-53135	HERE COMES SALLY (IRE)	10	Andrew Pierce	Paul Pierce IRE
P2-0053	HIGH FIDELITAY (IRE)	8	J P McManus	Tony Mullins IRE
160-1	HUNTERS PLOY (IRE)	8	Colin Cornes	Ian Williams
F/53-S11	ICONOCLAST (IRE)	9	John & Lorraine Barlow	Alex Hales
2102-11	INCHIDALY ROCK (IRE)	8	Maggie Findlay & Paul Barber	Paul Nicholls
1/05P4/-2	INVERLOCHY LAD (IRE)	9	Ronald Lilley	Ian Duncan IRE
4602-U6	IRISH REALM (USA)	7	Maurice Clifford	Paul Magnier IRE
121F/-F3	JADANLI (IRE)	8	Eamonn Gilligan	Paul Gilligan IRE
33-12UP	JAUNTY JOURNEY	7	Colin Roberts	Nigel Twiston-Davies
11//5/624-	KILDONNAN	11	W E Sturt	Jim Old
0-11611	KNIGHTON COMBE	10	I R Snowden	Jamie Snowden
P-62413	LORD APPELLARE (IRE)	9	The Reality Partnership	Richard Rowe
154-221	MASSASOIT (IRE)	8	The Stewart Family	Paul Nicholls
006156	MIGHTY MASSINI (IRE)	7	Sam Agnew	Colin McBratney IRE
2230-13	MOBAASHER (USA)	7	Seasons Holidays	Venetia Williams
001112	MONTERO (IRE)	8	Gerard Burke	Dessie Hughes IRE
5-13425	NOAKARAD DE VERZEE (FR)	9	David Maxwell	Giles Smyly
2U2-526	NOM DE GUERRE (IRE)	8	Mr & Mrs Nicholas Tatman	Ben de Haan
3C-1202	ORPHEUS VALLEY (IRE)	7	Twill End In Tears Syndicate	Paul Flynn IRE
5/411-00	PALACE MERANO (FR)	7	T J Heneghan	Willie Mullins IRE
121-111	PANDORAMA (IRE)	7	R J Bagnall	Noel Meade IRE
333F-05	PENNEK (FR)	7	H D Read	Alan King
04-221U	PETTIFOUR (IRE)	8	J B Pettifer	Nigel Twiston-Davies
F00-205	POKER DE SIVOLA (FR)	7	David Johnson	Ferdy Murphy
30F2-1	PRESENTING FOREVER (IRE)	6	Andrea & Graham Wylie	Howard Johnson
0-00023	PRUDENT HONOUR (IRE)	8	Humble Syndicate	Thomas Cooper IRE
32-PU11	RICHARD'S SUNDANCE (IRE)	8	Elizabeth Masterman and Sara Vernon	Victor Dartnall
P000-1P	RINGAROSSES	9	Mrs Nicholas Jones/Martin Broughton	Jonjo O'Neill

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Form	Horse	Age	Owner	Trainer
02-2453	ROCCO'S HALL (IRE)	8	A Germano Terrinoni, D Cox, M Roberts	Edward O'Grady IRE
0-00431	SADDLERS STORM (IRE)	8	Billy Moffett	Tony Martin IRE
31-2235	SAM ADAMS (IRE)	7	Gigginstown House Stud	Paul Nolan IRE
02P2P-3	SAMSBRO (IRE)	9	Stewart Andrew	John Quinn
032//-143	SHAKA'S PEARL	10	Bridget Biddlecombe	Nick Gifford
05-4561	SHAKERVILZ (FR)	7	Thomas Gilligan	Willie Mullins IRE
55-300R	SHESADOLL (IRE)	9	Laura Drumm	Laura Drumm IRE
11-F031	SIGMA LIFESTYLE (IRE)	7	J A Boyle/Michael McGinley	Noel Meade IRE
11F-113	SYNCHRONISED (IRE)	7	J P McManus	Jonjo O'Neill
24F2-F3	TANK TOP	9	R & L Channing A & P Hurley A & S Waller	Tom George
P-3122P	TARQUINIUS (FR)	7	Hugh Villiers	Charlie Mann
0-50U45	TEN FIRES (GER)	8	Barry Connell	Dessie Hughes IRE
13-14U3	THE MIDNIGHT CLUB (IRE)	9	C C R Racing Syndicate	Willie Mullins IRE
32320-0	THE SHOE (NZ)	8	Gerard Peterson & Owen Glenn	Nicky Henderson
01/204-1	THE SLIOTAR (IRE)	9	Roger Brookhouse	David Pipe
10-4411	THEATRICAL MOMENT (USA)	7	Masterson Holdings Limited	Jonjo O'Neill
6	THYNE FOR DEPLOY (IRE)	6	Ms M M Hourigan	Michael Hourigan IRE
402614	TINAKELLYLAD (IRE)	6	Ms B Twomey	Mouse Morris IRE
15	TRUE GRIT (NZ)	6	Thomas Barr	Edward O'Grady IRE
521-321	UIMHIRACEATHAIR (IRE)	8	Full House Syndicate	Willie Mullins IRE
3/54-40	VAMIZI (IRE)	7	Remenham Racing	Mark Bradstock
1213/-	VIKING REBEL (IRE)	8	Richard & Lizzie Kelvin Hughes	Nicky Henderson
252P-04	WESTERN CHARMER (IRE)	8	Gerard Burke	Dessie Hughes IRE
14F-411	YOUNGSTOWN (IRE)	7	Jon Glews & Peter Knight	Donald McCain Jnr
211-24	ZEMSKY (IRE)	7	R A Bartlett	Nicky Henderson

80 Entries

32 Irish-trained

1 French-trained

**BREAKDOWN OF ENTRIES BY TRAINER WITH PAST SUCCESSES IN THE NATIONAL HUNT CHASE
CHALLENGE CUP**

6 Entries

Willie Mullins IRE

4 Entries

Jonjo O'Neill (2007 Butler's Cabin, 2004 Native Emperor, 2003 Sudden Shock, 2002 Rith Dubh, 1995 Front Line)

3 Entries

Nicky Henderson

Dessie Hughes IRE

Howard Johnson (1993 Ushers Island)

Charlie Mann

Donald McCain Jnr

Paul Nicholls

2 Entries

Victor Dartnall

Tony Martin IRE

Noel Meade IRE

Mouse Morris IRE

Ferdy Murphy (2006 Hot Weld)

Paul Nolan IRE

Edward O'Grady IRE (1996 Loving Around, 1983 Bit Of A Skite, 1974 Mr Midland)

David Pipe

Nigel Twiston-Davies (2009 Tricky Trickster)

Venetia Williams

1 Entry

Kim Bailey

Mark Bradstock

Thomas Cooper IRE

Ben de Haan

Francois Doumen FR

Laura Drumm IRE

Ian Duncan IRE (2005 Another Rum)

Charles Egerton

Gordon Elliott IRE

Paul Flynn IRE

Tom George

Nick Gifford

Paul Gilligan IRE

Noel Glynn IRE

Warren Greatrex

Alex Hales

Michael Hourigan IRE (1999 DeeJaydee)

Martin Keighley

Alan King (2008 Old Benny)

Charlie Longsdon

Paul Magnier IRE

Colin McBratney IRE

Tony Mullins IRE

Denis Murphy IRE

Jim Old

Paul Pierce IRE

John Quinn

Richard Rowe

Giles Smyly

Jamie Snowden

Paul Webber

Ian Williams

140th Year of the National Hunt Chase – Analysis

This year the National Hunt Chase Challenge Cup – the longest race run at The Festival – has received a bumper entry of 80, including 32 Irish-trained and one French-trained horse.

Jonjo O'Neill boasts a superb record in the four-mile contest, having taken the spoils on five occasions and the master of Jackdaws Castle's quartet of entries this year includes **Theatrical Moment**, who has been victorious at Leicester on both his previous starts, and dual chase scorer **Synchronised**. The latter's owner J P McManus may also be represented by the Francois Doumen-trained **Doctor Pat**, who has landed novice handicap chases at Sandown and Newbury already this season.

Champion trainer Paul Nicholls may bid for one of the few Festival chases to elude him with **Inchidaly Rock**, who is unbeaten in two starts over fences, Listed Hurdle winner **Forest Pennant** and recent Fakenham victor **Massasoit Mobaasher**, who was third for Charlie Mann in the 2007 JCB Triumph Hurdle, may take his chance for current handler Venetia Williams, as could **Ginolad**, who was sixth in the Nakayama Grand Jump for Australian trainer Aaron Purcell.

Nigel Twiston-Davies saddled Tricky Trickster to victory in this race last year and the locally based handler could aim for a repeat with **Jaunty Journey** and **Pettifour**, successful in a Grade One hurdle at the 2008 Grand National meeting and a winner over fences at Cheltenham in November.

Howard Johnson sent out Ushers Island to win this race in 1993 and the Co Durham handler may bid for another victory with **Abbreybraney**, who was beaten a head in a Grade One novice chase at Leopardstown in December, 2007, the progressive **Bay Cherry** and impressive Sedgefield scorer **Presenting Forever**.

A trio of entries from the stable of Nicky Henderson includes **Zemsky** and the talented but fragile **Viking Rebel**, while his former assistant Charlie Longsdon has entered **Far More Serious**, who was a comfortable winner of a novices' handicap chase at Newbury in December.

Numerically, Willie Mullins has the strongest challenge with six entries, headed by recent Grade Two runner-up **Apt Approach**, talented hurdler **Shakervilz** and the 2008 Weatherbys Champion Bumper victor **Cousin Vinny**. Noel Meade has entered **Pandorama**, whose three victories over fences include a pair of Grade One successes, and Punchestown scorer **Sigma Lifestyle**, while Paul Nolan may be represented by **Clan Tara**, who is a Grade Two winner over hurdles.

Other notable entries include **Any Currency**, who was third in the Listed Neptune Investment Management Chase at Cheltenham in December for trainer Martin Keighley, the Alex Hales-trained **Iconoclast** and **Youngstown**, who has won his two previous starts for Donald McCain in impressive fashion.

140TH YEAR OF THE NATIONAL HUNT CHASE FACTS & FIGURES

1. The National Hunt Chase has been run more times than any other race at The Festival, and is in its 140th year in 2010. Until the 1930s, only the Grand National was more important than the National Hunt Chase in the jump calendar. The race had been run at a number of venues until it became a part of the new two-day National Hunt Festival at Cheltenham in 1911. It had also been run at Cheltenham in 1904 and 1905.

2. The four-mile National Hunt Chase is the longest race run at The Festival. The race was reduced in distance by a furlong in 2008 and reverted back to the old course.

3. The race is usually one of the best supported at The Festival, with very competitive fields each year. The largest post-war field size is 37 (1948) and the smallest 13 (1993). There is now a safety limit of 20 runners.

4. Flimsy Truth, a 33/1 chance, set a record post-war time of 8 mins 11.09s in 1998 but that was beaten by Relaxation in 2000, who scored in 8 mins 0.60s.

5. Flimsy Truth is not the longest-priced post-war winner - that honour goes to Topsham Bay, successful in 1990, and 2005 winner Another Rum, who were both returned at 40/1. Castledermot, 6/4 favourite in 1949, is the shortest-priced victor.

6. The race has proved a good guide to future success in recent seasons. The 2007 winner Butler's Cabin subsequently won the Irish Grand National, while 2006 victor Hot Weld landed a memorable double in 2007 by collecting the Scottish National and the Sandown Gold Cup in the space of a week. 2007 John Smith's Grand National victor Silver Birch finished fourth in 2004.

7. The 2008 race was run as the Peter O'Sullivan National Hunt Chase to celebrate the legendary commentator's 90th birthday.

140TH YEAR OF THE NATIONAL HUNT CHASE CHALLENGE CUP PAST RESULTS

- 2009-WINNER-TRICKY TRICKSTER** 6-11-11 Owner-Million In Mind Partnership; Trainer-Nigel Twiston-Davies; Jockey-Mr Sam Waley-Cohen; SP-11/1
2ND-Drumconvis 8-11-11 Owner-Billy Moffett; Trainer-Tony Martin IRE; Jockey-Mr Derek O'Connor; SP-22/1
3RD-Nine De Sivola 8-11-07 Owner-The DPRP Sivola Partnership; Trainer-Ferdy Murphy; Jockey-Mrs Rose Dobbin
19 ran, Time-8m 25.80s; Dist-10, nk 4/1 Fav Can't Buy Time (4th)
- 2008-WINNER-OLD BENNY** 7-11-07 Owner-Trevor Hemmings; Trainer-Alan King; Jockey-Mr Charlie Huxley; SP-9/1
2ND-Over The Creek 9-12-00 Owner-David Johnson; Trainer-David Pipe; Jockey-Mr Josh Guerriero; SP-7/1
3RD-Back On Line 8-11-07 Owner-ROA Arkle Partnership; Trainer-Venetia Williams; Jockey-Mr William Biddick
20 ran, Time-8m 26.6s; Dist-7, 4½ 9/2 Fav Ornais (5th)
- 2007-WINNER-BUTLER'S CABIN** 7-12-00 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Jonjo O'Neill; Jockey-Mr Alan Berry; SP-33/1
2ND Character Building 7-12-00 Owner-Mrs E Wright; Trainer-John Quinn; Jockey-Mr Derek O'Connor; SP-7/1
3RD Countess Trifaldi 7-11-00 Owner-C Wilkinson; Trainer-Michael Phillips IRE; Jockey-Mr Colman Sweeney; SP-100/1
19 ran, Time-8m 38.70s; Dist-¾, 10 2/1 Fav Gungadu (Fell)
- 2006-WINNER-HOT WELD** 7-11-11 Owner-S Hubbard Rodwell; Trainer-Ferdy Murphy; Jockey-Mr Richard Harding; SP-33/1
2ND Beantown 8-11-07 Owner-Eoin Barry; Trainer-Sean Aherne IR; Jockey-Mr Paul Tobin; SP-40/1
3RD Far From Trouble 7-11-11 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Christy Roche IRE; Jockey-Mr J T McNamara; SP-7/2 Fav
22 ran, Time-8m 33.20s; Dist-nk, 1
- 2005-WINNER-ANOTHER RUM** 7-11-07 Owner-Ronald Lilley; Trainer-Ian Duncan IRE; Jockey-Mr Mark O'Hare; SP-40/1
2ND Caislean Ui Cuain 9-11-11 Owner-Seamus O'Farrell; Trainer-Jim Lambe IRE; Jockey-Mr J P O'Farrell; SP-150/1
3RD Control Man 7-12-00 Owner-David Johnson; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-Mr Gordon Elliott; SP-11/1
20 ran, Time-8m 49.90s; Dist-7, ½ 100/30 Fav Point Barrow (5th)
- 2004-WINNER-NATIVE EMPEROR** 8-11-11 Owner-J C, J R & S R Hitchins; Trainer-Jonjo O'Neill; Jockey-Mr Robert Widger; SP-5/1
Jt Fav
2ND Celestial Gold 6-11-11 Owner-David Johnson; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-Mr Ashley Farrant; SP-33/1
3RD Drombeag 6-11-07 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Jonjo O'Neill; Jockey-Mr J T McNamara; SP-8/1
22 ran, Time-8m 12.10s; Dist-1¾, 6 5/1 Jt Fav Silver Birch (5th)
- 2003-WINNER-SUDDEN SHOCK** 8-11-07 Owner-Darren Mercer; Trainer-Jonjo O'Neill; Jockey-Mr Denis Cullen; SP-25/1
2ND Stormez 6-12-00 Owner-David Johnson; Trainer-Martin Pipe; Jockey-Mr Jamie Moore; SP-7/4 Fav
3RD Young Ottoman 7-11-11 Owner-D G Staddon; Trainer-Victor Dartnall; Jockey-Mr Julian Pritchard; SP-10/1
24 ran, Time-8m 21.80s; Dist-1, 13
- 2002-WINNER-RITH DUBH** 10-11-11 Owner-J P McManus; Trainer-Jonjo O'Neill; Jockey-Mr J T McNamara; SP-10/1
2ND-Timbera 8-12-00 Owner-Josephine Breen; Trainer-Dessie Hughes IRE; Jockey-Mr Davy Russell; SP-8/1
3RD-Silver Steel 7-12-00 Owner-Thomas Harty; Trainer-Christy Roche IRE; Jockey-Mr Alan Crowe; SP-12/1
26 ran, Time 8m 46.40s; Dist-hd, 13 6/1 Fav Mister Bigtime (8th)
- 2001-Race Cancelled**
- 2000-WINNER-RELAXATION** 8-12-00 Owner-Sir Philip Payne-Gallwey and Mrs Vicky Wiggin; Trainer-Henry Daly; Jockey-Mr Mark Bradburne; SP-8/1
2ND-Inch Rose 6-11-13 Owner-E Hunston, P White and Mrs V Griffiths; Trainer-Noel Chance; Jockey-Mr Tom Doyle; SP-9/1
3RD-Mister One 9-12-07 Owner-Colin Tizzard; Trainer-Colin Tizzard; Jockey-Mr J D Moore; SP-11/2
21 ran, Time-8m 0.60s, Dist-6, 5 4/1 Fav Fandango De Chassy (PU)
- 1999-WINNER-DEEJAYDEE** 7-12-00 Owner- Mrs M Devine; Trainer-Michael Hourigan IRE; Jockey-Mr Tony Martin; SP-13/2
2ND-Riot Leader 9-12-07 Owner-Mrs & Mrs D A Gamble; Trainer-Tom George; Jockey-Mr Alan Dempsey; SP-10/1
3RD-Spot Thedifference 6-12-04 Owner-Mrs S Bolger; Trainer-Enda Bolger IRE; Jockey-Mr Paul Moloney; SP-13/2
21 ran, Time-8m 33.7s, Dist-nk, 6 6/1 Fav Derrymore Mist (4th)
- 1998-WINNER-WANDERING LIGHT** 9-12-7 Owner-Anne Duchess of Westminster; Trainer-Tim Forster; Jockey-Mr Rupert Wakley;
SP-10/1
2ND-Thatwhatithought 6-12-0 Owner-Joy Valentine; Trainer-Mouse Morris IRE; Jockey-Mr Ruby Walsh; SP-20/1
3RD-Torduff Express 7-12-7 Owner-Two Plus Two; Trainer-Paul Nicholls; Jockey-Mr Joe Tizzard; SP-7/1
24 ran, Time-8m 21.1s, Dist-16, 7 100/30 Fav Farfadet V (BD)
- 1997-WINNER-FLIMSY TRUTH** 11-12-07 Owner-Martin Weston; Trainer-Martin Weston; Jockey-Mr Mike Harris; SP-33/1
2ND-Vol Par Nuit 6-12-04 Owner-D O McIntyre; Trainer-Francois Doumen FR; Jockey-Mr Thierry Doumen; SP-13/2
3RD-Robsand 8-12-00 Owner-Sir Brian McGrath; Trainer-Toby Balding; Jockey-Mr Andrew Balding; SP-9/1
23 ran, Time-8m 11.09s, Dist-1¼, 27 6/1 Fav Random Harvest (PU)
- 1996-WINNER-LOVING AROUND** 8-11-13 Owner-Lord Tavistock; Trainer-Edward O'Grady IRE; Jockey-Mr Philip Fenton; SP-10/1
2ND-Fellow Countryman 9-12-07 Owner-A D Wardall; Trainer-Kim Bailey; Jockey-Mr Marcus Armytage; SP-10/1
3RD-Class of Ninetytwo 7-12-07 Owner-Lord Cadogan; Trainer-Tim Forster; Jockey-Mr Jim Culloty; SP-3/1 Fav
22 ran, Time-8m 34.7s, Dist-13, 6

140TH YEAR OF THE NATIONAL HUNT CHASE CHALLENGE CUP (AMATEUR RIDERS) ROLL OF HONOUR

(Peter O'Sullivan National Hunt Chase in 2008)

Year	Winner	Age/Wt	Jockey	Trainer	Owner	SP	Ran
2009	Tricky Trickster	6-11-11	Mr Sam Waley-Cohen	Nigel Twiston-Davies	Million In Mind Partnership	11/1	19
2008	Old Benny	7-11-07	Mr Charlie Huxley	Alan King	Trevor Hemmings	9/1	20
2007	Butler's Cabin	7-12-00	Mr Alan Berry	Jonjo O'Neill	J P McManus	33/1	19
2006	Hot Weld	7-11-11	Mr Richard Harding	Ferdy Murphy	Simon Hubbard Rodwell	33/1	22
2005	Another Rum	7-11-07	Mr Mark O'Hare	Ian Duncan IRE	Ronald Lilley	40/1	20
2004	Native Emperor	8-11-11	Mr Robert Widger	Jonjo O'Neill	J C, J R & S R Hitchins	5/1JF	22
2003	Sudden Shock	8-11-07	Mr Denis Cullen	Jonjo O'Neill	Darren Mercer	25/1	24
2002	Rith Dubh	10-11-11	Mr J T McNamara	Jonjo O'Neill	J P McManus	10/1	26
2001	<i>No Race (Foot and Mouth)</i>						
2000	Relaxation	8-12-00	Mr Mark Bradburne	Henry Daly	Sir Philip Payne-Gallwey/Vicky Wiggin	8/1	21
1999	Deejaydee	7-12-00	Mr Tony Martin	Michael Hourigan IRE	Mrs M Devine	13/2	21
1998	Wandering Light	9-12-07	Mr Rupert Wakley	Tim Forster	Anne Duchess of Westminster	10/1	24
1997	Flimsy Truth	11-12-07	Mr Micky Harris	Martin Weston	Martin Weston	33/1	23
1996	Loving Around	5-11-06	Mr Philip Fenton	Edward O'Grady IRE	Lord Tavistock	10/1	22
1995	Front Line	8-12-07	Mr John Berry	Jonjo O'Neill	J P McManus	7/1	25
1994	Christmas Gorse	8-12-04	Mr Marcus Armytage	Nick Gaselee	David Stoddart	14/1	19
1993	Ushers Island	7-12-04	Mr Noel Wilson	Howard Johnson	Bob Bowden	15/2	13
1992	Keep Talking	7-12-07	Mr Marcus Armytage	Tim Thomson Jones	Jim Joel	5/2F	24
1991	Smooth Escort	7-12-00	Mr Tony Martin	Di Haine	A F Budge (Equine) Ltd	7/1	18
1990	Topsham Bay	7-12-00	Mr Paul Hacking	David Barons	Michael Marsh	40/1	25
1989	Boraceva	6-12-07	Mr Seamus Mullins	Toby Balding	Duke of Atholl	4/1F	21
1988	Over The Road	7-12-04	Mr Tom Costello	Terry Casey	John Upson	10/1	28
1987	Mighty Mark	8-12-07	Mr Jimmy Walton	Frank Walton	Frank Walton	8/1	30
1986	Omerta	6-12-07	Mr Lorcan Wyer	Homer Scott IRE	Mrs J McMorrow	9/4F	22
1985	Northern Bay	9-12-04	Mr Tony Fowler	Tom Bill	Twycross Frozen Food Centre Ltd	12/1	20
1984	Macks Friendly	7-12-07	Mr Willie Mullins	Paddy Mullins IRE	John Mulhern	11/4	18
1983	Bit Of A Skite	7-12-00	Mr Frank Codd	Edward O'Grady IRE	J P McManus	5/1F	29
1982	Hazy Dawn	7-12-07	Mr Willie Mullins	Paddy Mullins IRE	R Daniels	8/1	26
1981	Lucky Vane	6-12-07	Mr Stephen Bush	Toby Balding	Bridget Swire	13/1	21
1980	Waggoners Walk	11-12-04	Mr Tony Fowler	Caroline Mason	George Mason	10/1	23
1979	Artic Ale	8-12-00	Mr John Fowler	Dan Moore IRE	Anthony Robinson	20/1	25
1978	Gay Tie	5-11-09	Mr John Fowler	Mick O'Toole IRE	Dr P Morrissey	10/1	17
1977	Alpenstock	10-12-04	Mr Dick Saunders	Stan Mellor	Harron Thompson	14/1	21
1976	Sage Merlin	8-12-07	Mr Peter Greenall	Jack Hardy	John Bingham	5/2F	22
1975	<i>Abandoned (course waterlogged)</i>						
1974	Mr Midland	7-12-04	Mr Mouse Morris	Edward O'Grady IRE	B Naughton	7/2	17
1973	Foreman	7-12-01	Mr Bill Shand Kydd	Tom Jones	R Dean	11/2F	25
1972	Charley Winking	7-12-00	Mr Derrick Scott	Leslie Scott	Leslie Scott	20/1	23
1971	Deblin's Green	8-11-07	Mr Derek Edmunds	George Yardley	George Yardley	9/2F	20
1970	Domason	7-12-01	Mr Robert Alner	Harry Dufosee	Harry Dufosee	10/1	18
1969	Lizzy The Lizard	10-12-00	Mr Grant Cann	Tony Hartnoll	Tony Hartnoll	10/1	35
1968	Fascinating Forties	9-11-07	Mr Michael Dickinson	George Owen	Lord Leverhulme	9/1	22
1967	Master Tammy	9-11-07	Mr Brian Fanshawe	George Guilding	George Guilding	100/7	24
1966	Polaris Missile	7-11-09	Mr John Thorne	John Thorne	John Thorne	100/6	29
1965	Red Vale	11-12-00	Mr George Small	Albert Piper	Mrs C Smith	100/8	26
1964	Dorimont	10-12-01	Mr Charles Vaughan	Tom Taafe IRE	M A Walshe	4/1	30
1963	Time	8-12-00	Mr Ian Balding	Willie Stephenson	John Cheatele	8/1	35
1962	Go Slow	7-12-07	Mr George Small	Albert Piper	Mrs I R Millar	10/1	26
1961	Superfine	8-12-04	Sir William Pigott-Brown	Frank Cundell	I Kerwood	10/1	33
1960	Proud Socks	8-12-00	Mr H Thompson	Vivian Bishop	Vivian Bishop	100/6	22
1959	Sabaria	8-12-00	Mr John Lawrence	Bob Turnell	Bob Turnell	5/2F	17
1958	Spud Tamson	7-12-04	Mr Geordie Dun	Tommy Dun	Mrs T D C Dun	13/2	28
1957	Kari Sou	8-12-00	Mr Alan Lillingston	Archie Thomlinson	Archie Thomlinson	100/6	24
1956	Rosana III	7-12-00	Mr G Everitt	G Everitt	G Everitt	9/1	22
1955	Reverend Prince	9-12-00	Mr C Pocock	P Dufosee	P Dufosee	33/1	26
1954	Quare Times	8-12-04	Mr Bunny Cox	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Mrs R Smyth	5/2F	26
1953	Pontage	7-12-04	Mr Bunny Cox	Dan Moore IRE	Lady Honor Svejdar	9/4F	22
1952	Frosty Knight	6-12-00	Mr Charles Straker	Ian Straker	Ian Straker	15/2	19
1951	Cushendun	6-12-04	Mr Peter Chisman	Bobby Renton	Lurline Brotherton	10/1	18
1950	Ellesmere	7-12-07	Mr Atty Corbett	Ken Cundell	Lord Bicester	100/30F	26
1949	Castledermot	7-12-07	Lord Mildmay	Vincent O'Brien IRE	Mrs Harry Keogh	6/4F	17
1948	Bruno II	8-12-03	Major Guy Cunard	William Anstruther-Gray	William Anstruther-Gray	20/1	37
1947	Maltese Wanderer	8-12-03	Major Dermot Daly	Tom Yates	G J Wells	6/1	20
1946	Prattler	11-12-03	Major Dermot Daly	Tom Yates	E Manner	33/1	20

THE 2009 NATIONAL HUNT CHASE CHALLENGE CUP RESULT IN DETAIL

£75,000 guaranteed, 4m Old Course, For 5yo+ Weights 5yo 11st 5lb; 6yo+ 11st 7lb Penalties a winner of a chase 4lb Allowances mares 7lb
Entries 85 pay £90 1st Forfeit 68 pay £180 Confirmed 40 pay £90 Penalty value 1st £40,015, 2nd £14,062, 3rd £7,027.50, 4th £3,517.50, 5th
£1,755, 6th £885

1 TRICKY TRICKSTER (IRE) (Million In Mind Partnership) Nigel Twiston-Davies 6-11-11 Mr Sam Waley-Cohen 11/1
2 DRUMCONVIS (IRE) (Billy Moffett) Tony Martin IRE 8-11-11 Mr Derek O'Connor 22/1
3 NINE DE SIVOLA (FR) (The Dprp Sivola Syndicate) Ferdyn Murphy 8-11-7 Mrs Rose Dobbin 16/1
4 CAN'T BUY TIME (IRE) (JP McManus) Jonjo O'Neill 7-11-11 Mr J T McNamara 4/1F
5 HENNESSY (IRE) (Malcolm Denmark) Carl Llewellyn 8-11-11 Mr Danny Cook 33/1
6 KORNATI KID (Diana Whateley) Philip Hobbs 7-11-11 Mr Robbie McNamara 6/1
7 FOREST LEAVES (IRE) (Legal Access Syndicate) Edward O'Grady IRE 9-11-11 Mr Kevin Power 14/1
8 NICHE MARKET (IRE) (G Regan) Bob Buckler 8-11-11 Mr Jamie Codd 14/1
9 FAIR POINT (IRE) (Jared Sullivan & R Michaelson) Charlie Mann 7-11-11 Mr Paul Cashman 16/1
10 NUVELLI (IRE) (Gigginstown House Stud) Shane Donohoe IRE 7-11-11 Mr Brian O'Connell 100/1
PU BEF 17 ITSA LEGEND (The We're A Legend Partnership) Alan King 10-11-11 Mr James Banks 50/1
PU BEF 17 RADETSKY MARCH (IRE) (Piers Pottinger) Mark Bradstock 6-11-11 Mr David Stratton 100/1
F 17 TANK TOP (R & L Channing/A & P Hurley) Tom George 8-11-7 Mr Luke Morgan 25/1
PU BEF 19 CARNIVAL TOWN (Gay Smith) Jonjo O'Neill 8-11-11 Mr Alan Berry 40/1
PU BEF 19 BORERO (FR) (N Bannister & M Bannister) Charlie Mann 6-11-11 Mr Tom Greenall 40/1
PU BEF 3 OUT LE BEAU BAI (FR) (Glass Half Full) Richard Lee 6-11-11 Mr Oliver Greenall 20/1
PU BEF 3 OUT PANGBOURNE (FR) (Trevor Hemmings) Alan King 8-11-11 Mr William Biddick 20/1
F 3 OUT PARSONS PISTOL (IRE) (R Bagnall) Noel Meade IRE 7-11-11 Miss Nina Carberry 7/1
F 2 OUT COE (IRE) (Trevor Hemmings) Sue Smith 7-11-11 Mr Richard Burton 15/2

19 ran

Non-runner: 18 Wichita Lineman (vet certificate)

Distances: 10, nk, 2 3/4, 5, 24, 26, 14, 1 1/4, 11

Breeder: Donie O'Brien

Breeding: b g Oscar (IRE) - Pavlova (IRE)

Totes: Win: £12.40 Places: £3.40; £7.40; £5.20 Exacta:£372.40

Winning Trainer: NIGEL TWISTON-DAVIES Based: Grange Hill Farm, Naunton, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire **Date of birth:** 16/5/57 **Background:** Rode as an amateur for Fred Winter, Fred Rimell and Kim Bailey. The Gloucestershire handler combined training as a permit-holder with his farming interests throughout the 1980s, having his first winner with Last Of The Foxes, who he also rode, at Hereford in March, 1982, before the agricultural recession prompted him to make training his full-time profession. He took out a full training licence in 1989, recording his first win as a public trainer in December of that year with Babil at Newbury. As an amateur jockey Twiston-Davies rode 17 winners under Rules and gained a further 17 point-to-point victories. He served as assistant trainer to Richard Head and Fred Rimell. A childhood neighbour and friend of Peter Scudamore, he went into partnership with the former champion jump jockey to set up stables at Grange Hill Farm, Naunton, Gloucestershire, although Scudamore is no longer involved in the venture, having teamed up with Denis Caro in 2002 and then his father Michael. Twiston-Davies has adopted and developed the pioneering techniques of Martin Pipe, such as interval training and regular blood tests for his string, enabling him to rapidly raise his profile among the training ranks. An essentially shy man, he momentarily shocked Des Lynam after Earth Summit's Grand National success in 1998 by telling the BBC presenter in front of millions of viewers "I don't do interviews". Trained his 1,000th winner at Stratford in October 2006. **Cheltenham Festival wins (9):** 139th Year Of The National Hunt Chase (2009 Tricky Trickster), William Hill NH Chase (1992 Tipping Tim), Royal & SunAlliance Hdle (1993 Gaelstrom, 2004 Fundamentalist), Royal & SunAlliance C (1993 Young Hustler), Letheby & Christopher Supreme H (1994 Arctic Kinsman), JCB Triumph Hurdle (1998 Upgrade), Pertemps Final H'cap Hurdle (2000 Rubhahunish, 2008 Ballyfitz) **Wins (1982/3-2007/08):** 0, 0, 4, 4, 1, 3, 2, 8, 19, 31, 76, 72, 81, 74, 52, 69, 65, 87, 4, 35, 31, 79 ; 69; 59; 60; 87; **Wins this Season:** 70

Winning Jockey: Mr Sam Waley-Cohen **Born:** April 15, 1982 **Background:** Son of Robert Waley-Cohen, long-standing owner with Nicky Henderson and Cheltenham Racecourse Director. Sam, a regular on the point-to-point circuit, studied politics at Edinburgh University. **First Winner Under Rules:** Moscow Dancer, Kelso, December 1, 2003, Kevin Oliver Property & Business Amateur Riders' Handicap Hurdle **Cheltenham Festival Wins (2):** 139th Year Of The National Hunt Chase (2009 Tricky Trickster), Mildmay of Flete Handicap Chase (2005 Liberthine) **Aintree Festival Wins:** John Smith's Foxhunter's Chase (2005 & 2006 Katarino), John Smith's Topham Chase (2006 Liberthine) **Wins (2003/04-2007/08):** 2; 3; 4; 6; 1 **Wins This Season:** 2