



SO CLOSE TO ROYAL ASCOT GLORY



Headway

Tweenhills' stallions Havana Gold and Harbour Watch both made their mark at Royal Ascot when siring 2-year-olds who went very close to winning on the big stage.

Leading first-season sire Havana Gold gained his first stakes success as a sire when Havana Grey won the Listed National Stakes in May, and he went agonisingly close to siring another when Headway ran a cracker to finish a head second in the Gr. 2 Coventry Stakes.

Headway is bred to relish a step up to seven furlongs and it promises to be an exciting second half of the season for his owners The Royal Ascot Racing Club, his breeders Whatton Manor, Global Equine and Larry Stratton and all those supporting Havana Gold!

Harbour Watch is already a sire of three Stakes winners worldwide, and his son Santry put in a huge performance in the Gr.2 Norfolk Stakes. He 'won' the race on his side only to be beaten by a colt on the far rail.

Santry is owned by Ray Flegg, John Bousfield and Steve Ryan, and he was bred by Qatar Racing's Irish Representative Peter Molony.

Another gallant second at Royal Ascot was Tweenhills' homebred Count Octave in the Gr. 2 Queen's Vase.



STAFF PROFILE

Scott Marshall
Stud Hand

A horseman from an early stage...

I grew up in Newnham on Severn, which is only 15 miles from Tweenhills. My parents were not particularly into horses but I started riding at a local riding school when I was five – thinking about it, I'm not actually sure why! It was great though, and I made some good friends there.

Great experiences...

I worked at Meadow Stud in Gloucestershire – which is a sport horse stud – for six years. I then worked for the Retraining of Racehorses project for a year. About six months of my time there was spent riding horses that had come straight off the track, which was very rewarding. I then worked the hunting season before coming to Tweenhills in April. I've learn so much already, especially from Stud Groom Ben Hyde and Graham McCourt, who does the breaking and training – it's so different to the sport horse industry.

Ambition the path to success...

At the moment I generally have Fridays and Saturdays off, which allows me to go away and event most weekends – actually, two of the horses I event with now are from Retraining of Racehorses. I would love to do a CCI 1 Star in the near future. I'm also just aiming to keep progressing in the racing industry; I've just started helping with stallions, which is great, while I really enjoy seeing the yearlings develop.

BROOKE CHARITY DAY A GREAT SUCCESS

Tweenhills hosted an open day on June 15 which raised £11,000 for The Brooke - Action for Working Horses and Donkeys, a charity helping working equines in developing countries.

The afternoon featured a parade of stallions, including one of the leading first-season sires in Europe in Qatar Bloodstock's Havana Gold (pictured). Also very popular were a gallery of images from the 2017 Mongol Derby, an exhibition by artist John Redvers, and, of course, afternoon tea in the sun!



All eyes on Havana Gold (credit: Sarah Farnsworth)

The event ties in with The Brooke's current campaign, How The Other Horse Lives, which aims to highlight the stark differences between the daily lives of horses and donkeys in Britain and those working in developing countries. For more information visit www.thebrooke.org.

CHARM SPIRIT ON HIS TRAVELS



Charm Spirit

Charm Spirit left Tweenhills for quarantine on June 22 ahead of his third season standing the Southern Hemisphere breeding season at Windsor Park Stud in New Zealand.

While he'll initially be joined on his trip by our stallion man Tom King, it'll be a while before the rest of us see Charm Spirit again as he will return to Haras de Bonneval in 2018 as part of an agreement initiated between Qatar Bloodstock and the Aga Khan Studs. However, we are very much looking forward to seeing how his sons and daughters fare at the yearlings sales in the coming months.