

## CLIFFTOPS

Third in the Gr2 Prix Dollar on Saturday and worthy of a mention is Highlands Stud triple Royal Ascot winning 2018 shuttler Canford Cliffs' 3yo son Salouen. Trained in Lambourn by Sylvester Kirk, Salouen broke the two-year-old course record time at Windsor with an impressive display in a mile maiden last season. He went on to acquit himself well in two of Europe's top juvenile Gr1 races over the same trip. A horse who enjoys fast ground, he is one for the notebook.

## Flag Flying

Bush Hill Stud stallion Flying The Flag's full sister Rhododendron caught the eye on Arc day with a hard-fought victory over stablemate Hydrangea in the Gr1 Prix de l'Opera – a second career Gr1 victory for the Irish Champion juvenile filly. Rhododendron had been beaten by Arc winner Enable in the Oaks in June – no disgrace, after what we saw at Chantilly on Sunday!

## Chantilly Ace!



Summerhill Indian Ridge stallion Linngari was a stakes performer in eight different countries on four continents and his son Garlingari could have booked his trip to Hong Kong in December when he won the Gr2 Prix Dollar at Chantilly on Saturday. He added to his tally of five stakes successes and a cracking third in last season's Gr1 Prix Ganay when following up here on his win in the Gr3 La Coupe de Maisons-Laffitte just a fortnight earlier. Trainer Corine Barande-Barbe, who won the Prix Dollar three times previously with former stable star Cirrus des Aigles, described Garlingari as a fighter. The Gr2 Prix du Conseil de Paris could be next in advance of the gelding's global campaign. The athletic chestnut Linngari produces over 60% winners to runners from his lifetime statistics and stands for a reduced fee of R12 000 this season.

## Vaalrassic Park

Who said there were no celebrities on course? Four dinosaurs of the racing media ranks were spotted by our roving photographer at the Vaal on Grand Heritage day. With over 500 years race reporting experience between them, the aged quartet paid their own way and coughed up the ten bucks admission fee. What happened, we wonder, to media privileges? From left to right, Die Beeld's Etienne Louw, published author Charl Pretorius, Business Day's globetrotter Dave Mollett and Wessel Moolman of the Daily Despatch and Citizen.



## IN FAVOUR

Congratulations to former trainer and TBA Yearling Inspector Tobie Spies on his appointment as manager of Favour Stud in the beautiful Stilbaai. The vastly experienced Tobie fills the position vacated by Renate du Plessis on her recent emigration to Australia.

## 620 501

The numbers 7-4-24-15 produced what must be an all-time record quartet payout amount of R620 501 on the Grand Heritage last Saturday. The sum of R439 916 was carried over – till where and when, we don't know.

## ON TOP

Cape-based Aldo Domeyer was propelled to the head of the SA National Jockey log courtesy of his four-timer for Alan Greeff at Fairview on Friday and a double for Candice Bass-Robinson at Durbanville on Saturday. With a big away job, Domeyer could go close to securing the championship.



## Whipping Boy

Craig Zackey is enjoying a cracking season – although he seems to have been a tad under the whip during September. The former champion apprentice was fined on four occasions under Rule 58.10.2 – for striking his mount more than three times on consecutive strides. Cutey Me (Fairview 15 September), Zeal And Zest (Turffontein 25 September), Gold Medal Girl (Turffontein 25 September) and It Is Written (Fairview 26 September) were the rides in question. He was fined R750, R1000 and R1500 respectively – and oddly enough only R750 for his fourth and most recent contravention.

## WEIGHT A MOMENT

Interesting to read Ridgemont Stud Manager Craig Carey's statement to Gold Circle journo Michael Clower that Sun Met winner Whisky Baron had pulled up well after his unplaced run at Newmarket last Friday. "He lost 10kg in the race, which showed how much he needed it," said Carey.

## Bob's Your Uncle

Former Mike de Kock galloper Mubtaahij won the \$300,000 Gr1 Awesome Again Stakes at Santa Anita on Saturday. It was Mubtaahij's first victory since the Gr2 UAE Derby and broke a 10-race winless streak for Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa Al Maktoum. Now with Bob Baffert, Mubtaahij was a €450 000 purchase for Jehan Malherbe's Form Bloodstock at the Arqana Sale in France in August 2013.