

BHRC AWARDS

2009 SEASON

One of the more pleasurable duties of a BHRC Official is voting on awards. The class of 2009 gave us plenty to think about, memories were rekindled and great performances relived.

Three horses vied for this Horse of the Year, our ultimate accolade, with the winner being decided by a single vote, so I think it fair to say something about all three

Horse of the Year & Mare of the Year **LANESIDE LEXUS**

2004 - Bay - Female - Owner: Neville Bainbridge - Trainer: Alexis Laidler - Driver: William Laidler
Breeder: M.W. Powers

This great mare hit a purple patch in mid summer after a strong year in 2008. She hit form when it really mattered. Within a few days she had won the Famous Musselburgh Pace and The European Pacing Classic - Powerhouse performances. I have known this family for a long time. Bred by my family's old friend, Bill Power of Walsall, she is by the unraced sire Hopping High, he is of course is well known to aficionados of the turf being the multi-millionaire pacer Precious Bunny out of the great Anniecrombie (1:52.3 - \$1.4m). She is out of the promising but lightly raced Goldilocks, she by the precocious Albatross stallion Fame. Grandam is Flying Lodge, bred by Mick Wilcox of Lichfield, she was by the unraced Flight Messenger, he of course by Most Happy Fella, from a champion trotting mare. Then we go to Valley Adios, one of the foundation mares of Joe Hill, a great broodmare and the source of a family that has produced Yankee Adios, Rosie O'Neil, Flynn, Black Adder to name a few. There does seem to be a "nick" here as both Lexus and Black Adder are by Hopping High.

Hopping High

Precious Bunny

Cam Fella

Most Happy Fella

Bunnys Wish

Nan Cam

B Gs Bunny

Last Wish

Abercrombie

Silent Majority

Anniecrombie

Bergdorf

Sparklespray

Windshield Wiper

Coral Cape

Albatross

Meadow Skipper

Fame

Voodoo Hanover

Noreen Napoleon

Bret Hanover

Colleen Napoleon

Flight Messenger

Most Happy Fella

Goldilocks

Flying Lodge

Duchess Gay

Valley Adios

Adios Boy

So Pleasant



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