

LANESIDE LEXUS

2004 - Bay - Female

AT THE TOP OF THE HILL

Everyone loves a winner especially when it is former BHRC Horse of the Year, Laneside Lexus, off a bad draw mowed the opposition down to win the 2011 Crock of Gold. However two men were missing from the winners circle, the first being my old mate Bill Powers of Walsall. I don't believe Bill has ever seen this great mare race, but breeding great horses is not new to him. From the Valley Adios daughter Flying Lodge, he has bred Rosie O'Neill and Flynn, and further down the lines comes the talented, multi-winner on both sides of the Atlantic, Black Adder. Bill also bred a very good horse who won well over \$250,000 in America, Jack The Lad.

The other man missing, but maybe not in spirit was the importer of Valley Adios, Joe Hill. Mr Hill wanted the best in everything he had and to be the best in everything he did. So far as I was ever aware he pretty much achieved on all counts. He decided in the 60's that the best mares were by Adios, so set out to import some. Impossible to do he brought over grand-daughters of Adios in Valley Adios and Dancing Jet. Valley Adios has made a lasting impression on our sport and started by producing super horses Adios Hill and Yankee Adios. Loads of winners have since followed, headed perhaps by Laneside Lexus, but there was another great mare, likewise Horse of the Year, who stems from this line, whose actual breeding is not quite what it says on the registration certificate. That story is an old one and I do not want to stir up the past!

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