



Showcase
& Awards
2025



Racing Connection : The Chairman's Challenge

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Objectives

1. Incentivise and reward loyalty of Owners, showing appreciation for their support.

- Owners are the lifeblood of the sport and their support is crucial to racecourses, particularly those who have regular runners at the track.
- We want to provide a significant incentive to return to Pontefract time and again, rewarding success, celebrating our regular visitors and course specialists and creating a narrative for racegoers to follow across the season.

2. Show our support for the trainers who regularly support us and give them a reason to seek opportunities at Pontefract.

- Trainers are tasked with finding opportunities for their horses to run and win prize money. They have plenty of races and racecourses to choose from.
- We want to promote their consideration of Pontefract in the decision-making process, especially for horses that have already shown a liking for the track.

3. Incorporate stable staff, thank them for their contribution and make Pontefract a racecourse they want to come to.

- Stable staff are the back-bone of racing, the day-to-day custodians of the equine stars, yet they can feel under-appreciated or overlooked. We want to celebrate their excellent work and ensure they are rewarded for the success of their horse.
- We want stable staff coming to Pontefract to feel part of the raceday as their role in the sport is pivotal.



THE CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE

ANY horse who wins 3 races at Pontefract over the course of the 2025 season unlocks a bounty of **£3000** for the winning **Owner(s)**.

Any further victory is worth an additional **£1000** bonus.

The **Trainer(s)** of any horse to achieve the feat of three victories during the 2025 season receive a race sponsorship and use of a private hospitality facility for them, their guests, owners and stable staff at the season finale (or at opening meeting of 2026 season if achieved on final day of the season).

The yard of any horse to achieve the feat of three victories during the 2025 season receives a **£500** bonus for their **Stable Staff**.

Bonus an added 'extra' paid by Pontefract Racecourse, not redistributed from elsewhere in racing programme. Unlimited number of bonus winners.

And there's more...

The horse who makes the most appearances at Pontefract in the 2025 season wins a £1000 bonus for their Owner(s).

The Trainer of the horse who makes the most appearances is rewarded with a sponsored race at the season finale (or in 2026 if achieved on final day).

The yard of the horse who makes the most appearances at Pontefract receives a **£250** bonus for their stable staff.

Informing the relevant parties?

- Posters placed in O&T entrance, lounge, toilets, Winning Connections suite, as well as in the Stable Staff canteen and toilets.
- Celebrating the return of previous winners with notices in O&T lounge.
- Raceday presenter announcements at the start of the day alerting public and connections to returning winners and to the Chairman's Challenge bonus on offer should they reach three wins.
- Raceday presenter announcements after 2 wins emphasising that one more win unlocks the £3000 bonus.
- Contacting connections of horses on two wins to ensure they are aware that a third win is worth an additional £3000, on top of prize money with additional benefits for Trainer and Stable Staff.
- Social media updates.
- Racecard advertising and race titles i.e. 'Pontefract Races Chairman's Challenge Handicap'.

Results

With four meetings remaining in 2025 we currently have five horses on two wins (below). An additional 18 have returned at least once after winning:

Mount King – Tim Easterby (Ryedale Partners No1)
Walsingham – David O'Meara (The Horsewatchers 3)
Captain Potter – Brian Ellison (Brian Ellison Racing Club)
Raulin – David O'Meara (Akela Thoroughbreds Limited)
Reigning Profit – Ruth Carr (The Chancers)
At the same stage of the season in 2024 we had one!



“The Chairman’s Challenge is a great initiative to reward Owners, Trainers and Stable Staff and gives an added incentive to run at Pontefract. It’s good that anyone can win it too, not just the big yards with lots of runners. Our horse loves the track, so we’ll definitely be looking for an opportunity to come back and have a good crack at getting the third win and the bonus”. Ruth Carr (Trainer)



“It’s fantastic that this initiative includes a reward for Stable Staff and recognises the huge part they play by rewarding them for their horses’ success as well as the Owners and the Trainers. Great to see!”
Peter McCulloch (NARS Inspector)



“I think it’s fantastic. It gives us something to build a story at the start of each raceday, as we always have a horse returning that has won at one of the previous meetings. It gives everyone something to follow across the season and it’s testament to how popular it is that we’ve got five in with a live chance”. Andrew Thornton (Raceday Presenter)

“We had a choice of races but with the bonus this was worth 3 grand more, so it was a no brainer. We’ll see if we can come back and have another go later in the season if the ground is alright for him”. Tim Easterby (Trainer)



“Any initiative that rewards Owners can only be a good thing and it’s great that this one incorporates the Trainer and Stable Staff too. If you’ve got the right horse and they show a liking for the track then it’s nice to have a bonus like this as it gives you a reason to keep coming back”. Mark Atkinson (Owner)



Supporting Information



CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE!

£3000 FOR ANY HORSE WHO WINS 3 TIMES THIS SEASON + £1000 FOR ANY FURTHER WIN
A SPONSORED RACE & HOSPITALITY FACILITY FOR TRAINER
£500 FOR STABLE STAFF

£1000 FOR THE HORSE WHO APPEARS MOST AT PONTE IN 2025





Pontefract Racecourse
June 30 · 🌐

Mount King wins again at Pontefract!
One more win here this season and he lands the chairman's challenge, winning £3000 🏆
[Tim Easterby Racing](#)





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RACING POST

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Pontefract Races Chairman's Challenge Handicap (GBBPlus Race)
(Class 3) (0-90, 4yo+) (1m4f5yds) **1m4f** Good
1st £10,308 **2nd** £4,834 **3rd** £2,418

[Full Race Replay](#) [Closing Stages Replay](#)

Result	Analysis	My Ratings	Past Winners
Pedigrees Comments			
POS.	HORSE / SP	JOCKEY	TRAINER
< 1 (2)	 3. Sol Cayo > (IRE) 5/1	J: Daniel Tudhope T: Fionn McSharry	
Made all, faced challenge over 4f out, went clear under 2f out, soon ridden, kept on well, comfortably (op			

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Pontefract Races Chairman's Challenge Apprentice Handicap (Apprentice Training Race - RE Series)
(Class 5) (0-75, 4yo+) (5f3yds) **5f** Good
1st £4,187.20 **2nd** £1,964.80 **3rd** £981.60 **4th** £491.20 **5th** £244.80

[Full Race Replay](#) [Closing Stages Replay](#)

Result	Analysis	My Ratings	Past Winners
Pedigrees Comments			
POS.	HORSE / SP	JOCKEY	TRAINER
< 1 (1)	 2. Copper Knight > (IRE) 5/2	J: Jake Dik T: Tim Eas	



PontefractRacecourse
@ponteraces

Mount King
Walsingham
Captain Potter
Raulin
Reigning Profit

All on 2 Ponte wins in 2025

🏆 One more win bags a £3000 bonus as well as a sponsored race and hospitality facility for Owners & Trainer + £500 for stable staff.

🏆 Also £1000 bonus for horse who appears most in 2025.



CHAIRMAN'S CHALLENGE!



Has to be @ponteraces for me! They put good luck messages for owners in the entrance. Fantastic value for money all year around, the loveliest race course staff and they love the odd Yorkshire Pudding @olibelltracing 🍷



PontefractRacecourse @ponteraces · Jun 6

🌟 New for 2025 the Chairman's Challenge 🌟

£3000 for any horse who wins 3 times, +£1000 for any further win
Sponsored race & hospitality facility for trainer
£500 for stable staff
£1000 for the horse who appears most at Ponte in 2025

Find out more: [pontefract-races.co.uk/chairmans-chal...](https://www.pontefract-races.co.uk/chairmans-chal...)



A warm welcome back to connections of Dan Tucker who is back at Ponte and looking for his second success here this season.

Good luck!



for his 7th course win!
Best of luck to all

THE RICHARD FAHEY
EBOR RACING CLUB LTD
are back for another day at
Ponte and they have
CROWTHORPE in the
finale. Best of luck to
them!



