

THE ALBATROSS CLUB EXPERIENCE

As a member of the Albatross Club one can expect a very high level of service. Each member is treated as if he or she owned their horses outright. Our senior management team will act as your personal racing manager, keeping you regularly informed as to the progress of your bloodstock and running plans. Whether you are based in the UK or abroad, we will keep in touch via email and on the telephone, sending photographs, and replays of winning races as well as filmed updates showing your horses on the move and featuring interviews with the trainers. We arrange regular visits to see our horses in training, giving our members the opportunity to talk to the trainers direct and feed the horses polo's and carrots!

As an example in Newmarket, owners are able to stay overnight at the prestigious Jockey Club Rooms, home of one of the finest art collections in the UK, where at dinner, owners will be joined by their trainers. The following morning owners will see their horses on Newmarket's historic gallops, before returning to the Rooms for breakfast. On race day, arrangements are made for owners to pick up their owners badges at the Owners & Trainers desk. A member of the Albatross Club events team will be on hand at the racecourse and escort owners into the paddock before the race to meet the trainer and jockey. The Albatross Club has a private box at Ascot, where all owners have exclusive use during the Flat and National Hunt season based on availability. When horses are running at major festival meetings, TAB will make arrangements for hospitality on the day as appropriate. We have similar arrangements at Newbury and Cheltenham.

While our aim is to manage our bloodstock as professionally as possible, in order to maximise the horses' potential, we also want to ensure that every owner enjoys the involvement in racehorse ownership to the full as with our events this is a social club first and foremost.

THE ALBATROSS CLUB STRUCTURE

We launch new syndicates every winter. The number of shares available per syndicate is always 10, although members can always own more than one share. The horses are always trained by what we consider the country's most social, affable and top quality trainers including Nicky Henderson, David Pipe, Hugo Palmer and Karl Burke.

Each shareowner enters into an agreement with the company to share in the prize money and the proceeds from the sale of the horses once the syndicate is wound up including any breeding rights that maybe sold off. The Albatross Club charge a fixed management fee for admin and 15% on the upside on any horse sold over its purchase price.

We work with the trainers and leading bloodstock agents in the world to purchase the horses at the world's principal yearling and breeze up sales. In order to comply with Jockey Club rules, the horses remain the property of TAC.

After often being broken at Laundry Cottage Stud, the horses are sent to their nominated trainers. TAC keeps in close contact with the trainers, regularly visiting the yards in order to carefully monitor the progress of the horses. In combination with the trainers, each horse is managed in order to maximize its potential and future value.

Owners have the opportunity to see their bloodstock in regular visits to the horse's stables. We may even run a social event in London and bring the horses down to meet new members!

The duration of each syndicate differs but generally lasts for a minimum of two seasons. The horses may be sold at any time throughout the duration of the syndicate and any attractive offer is always carefully considered by TAC racing board.

Once all the horses are sold, the syndicate is wound up and the accounts are reviewed by the auditors. Any surplus of income over expenditure is distributed to the shareowners. In the unlikely event of a deficit, the cost will be borne by TAC thereby ensuring that no further calls for funds are ever made.

[FAQs BY OUR MEMBERS](#)

What type of horses do we buy?

We buy unraced 2 year olds flat horses and 3 year old unraced national hunt horses

How many people are there in each Albatross Club horse?

We offer shares in racehorses that we put together to form racing syndicates i.e. small groups of people to share in a number of horses with up to a maximum of 10 members.

Who buys the horses?

We utilise the services of some of the best bloodstock agents in the world, whilst involving the trainers.

How successful have the founding members been as owners?

The founding members have owned many successful horses together including Stewards Cup winner Hoof It and Dubai Duty Free Stakes Group 1 horse Right Approach. They had Royal Ascot runners with Karl Burke and won at Meydan in Dubai with Rerouted for Mike De Kock. Chandler and Westwood have been a strong supporter of Nicky Henderson and Michael Easterby with winner such as Grand Jete, Tequila Sheila, Hoof along and more recently Golden Hoof, Oscar Hoof and Hunters Hoof. Chandler, Westwood, Marshall and Harding have had recent winners with Poker School with Ian Williams at Kempton Park and have an exciting 2 y o Equiano with Karl Burke called Wayward Hoof that won a Maiden at Haydock for Karl Burke. Marshall and Harding most notable victory's are with tough listed winning handicapper Credit Swap that won the 2010 Cambridgeshire, durable listed flat and national hunt performer War Singer and 6 times winner in one season Tee it up Tommo named after Derek Thompson.

How much does a share cost in our syndicates?

A 10% share in one of our flat 2 year old horses syndicates costs £4,000 on average with training fees, vetting , entry and jockey fees on top.

When are the new syndicates launched?

In early November of each year after the yearling sales that take place in September and October in the UK and Ireland.

Do buy horses at the breeze-up sales?

We have bought horses at Kempton Park, Doncaster Bloodstock sale, Goresbridge as well as the Tattersalls Breeze-up sale in April.

What does the price of share include?

The price of a share covers all expenses including the purchase and training of the horses up to the end of their two-year-old year. This includes vet bills, entry fees, jockey fees, transport etc. The contract is a 2 year commitment to the syndicates so you will be billed again minus any prize money at the beginning of November a year on.

How long do the horses race?

Most of our flat horses are sold by the end of their three year old careers. Some are kept to race at four years old, provided it is thought that they can increase their capital values and win good prize money but that is voted on by the syndicate. National Hunt horses that start as 3 or 4 year olds will race to 5 and 6 but then reviewed by their ownership.

Are shares sold with VAT?

Yes absolutely. VAT is charged on each share but is reclaimed by us and paid back to the shareowners directly.

Are more fund requested other than that we contracted to?

No and our contract is legally binding unless we decide to pay to supplement the horse for a big race.

Who trains the horses?

Initially we will have Nicky Henderson, Karl Burke, Hugo Palmer and David Pipe as our trainers.

Can owners see their horses being trained?

Yes we organise structured members visits to see the horses throughout the year as well as social functions.

How do I know if my horse is running?

We fully informed as to the progress and running plans of their bloodstock. This is done through email, fax and, most importantly, by personal communication on the telephone.

What happens on race day?

TAC organises for two owners' badges to be collected from the owners' entrance. Owners have access to the paddock before the race as well as access to the Owners' and Trainers' Car Park. TAC owners also have the use of the Box at Ascot racecourse, which is situated with a fantastic view of the track.

How is TAC remunerated?

We take a management fee charged on each share and for the costs of the events we run. The company also takes 5% of the sales price of any horse if it is greater than the purchase price and 10% of the sales price of any horse selling for more than twice its purchase price.

What is the most money that an A horse has sold for?

Why join a TAC syndicate versus racing my own horse?

The short answer is that it will be more fun, more cost-effective and will give you far greater chance

of racing success at the highest level. It currently costs over £25,000 a year to train, insure, travel and vet one horse. In addition, the average price of a yearling in the 2011 Tattersalls October sale was 76,000 guineas. For the same money that it costs to train one horse for one year, an TAB member can enjoy four horses with all training fees paid through to the end of their three-year-old career trained by some of the best trainers in the country.

How did our own horses perform last season?

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Should I regard my involvement with TAC as an investment?

Yes but as a investment in fun not a financial one.

Each shareowner acknowledges that participation in the syndicates is for the purpose of sharing in the enjoyment of the horses and not for investment and that capital deployed maybe fully lost.