

### **Jim's Blog (3) 2 February 2011**

Dear Friends

A great start to the blog with details of it being published in last Sunday's Racing Post. Having seen Robin Gibson's previous reviews of websites in the Racing Post, I added him to our contacts list, as I was mailing Blog No 2 to many of them, as I suspected that many of them would not regularly log on to the NASS website. Thanks Robin, much appreciated.

Last week we got details of hits on the website last year from our Website Manager and were very pleased with the average of about 2,500 hits some months rising to 3,000+. November 2010 was exceptionally high which was probably due to the NASS vs. Irish Stable Staff Association football match as we posted photo's of it.

I am going to keep this one relatively short as I have to prepare a number of documents to go out by the end of the week for the NASS Executive Council meeting on Sunday 13 February 2011.

On behalf of Stable Staff, I gave support to the Kempton Park Racecourse and BETDAQ initiative whereby points will be awarded to winners and placed horses running in each of four BETDAQ - sponsored races every Wednesday evening. A £5,000 prize will go to Stable Staff in the winning yard. The series concludes on 21 December (my birthday).

Talking about finances, I will be making an interesting statement on behalf of NASS soon but can't blow it yet.

Next blog soon and will talk about NASS role in Horseman's Group.