

## **Royal Ascot Trials Day entries email copy**

The entries for the inaugural Royal Ascot Trials Day were published today and they include a host of potential stars who will be looking to make their mark ahead of the Royal Meeting in June.

In the opening race, the Irish Thoroughbred Marketing Royal Ascot Two-Year-Old Trial, leading American trainer Wesley Ward has entered one of his exciting juveniles – Lady Pauline, a half-sister to dual Royal Ascot winner Lady Aurelia. Having made a winning debut in America three weeks ago she will travel over from America for the race to experience the track and surroundings before Royal Ascot.

The Group 3 Longines Sagaro Stakes entries include 2017 St Leger winner Capri for Aidan O’Brien, last year’s Derby runner up Dee Ex Bee for Mark Johnston as well as Grade 1 winning Jumps mare Verdana Blue for Nicky Henderson.

In the Group 3 Merribelle Stable Commonwealth Cup Trial the star name is Calyx who has not been seen since winning the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot last year but could take high order among this year’s Classic generation. Signora Cabello, last year’s Queen Mary Stakes winner, is also among the entries along with Pocket Dynamo for owners Phoenix Thoroughbred Limited.

The Ascot Shop Paradise Stakes could potentially be the race of the day though with a high class list of entries headed by 2017 Royal Ascot winner Barney Roy as well as Addeybb, Auxerre and Threading.

Final fields will be confirmed at declaration stage on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April.