**NEW FORMAT MEDIA TRAINEESHIP**

With so many jockeys interested in both pursuing careers in media and generally increasing their media experience, we decided to change the format of the RMG media traineeship to allow more jockeys to take part over a much shorter period to allow for their schedules. As a result, Racing TV were able to invite 17 former and current jockeys to their Ealing studios for a two day ‘behind the scenes’ introduction to some of the key aspects of media presenting and production as well as the opportunity to appear on the channel.

The jockeys received a tour of the studios before watching the production from each of the individual gallery positions. They also received coaching in presenting with Racing TV presenters Tom Stanley and Richard Hoiles. Combined with the studio experience, the jockeys then each had the chance to take part on Racing TV’s racecourse productions, either trying their hand at presenting or working behind the camera.

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> The new format for the RMG-JETS Training Course has worked well and hopefully has offered a rounded overview of what goes into a horseracing broadcast while offering a taste of what it’s like to contribute to a live broadcast from the studio. We have been very impressed with the contributions the jockeys have made which will enhance Racing TV’s relationship, and the media in general, with jockeys past and present, while potentially unearthing pundits or presenters for the channel. **Seb Vance, Racing TV Director of Communications**

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**FIVE YEAR FUNDING BOOST FOR JOCKEYS**

Along with the PJA and LJF, we are delighted to have recently secured a tripartite five year grant from the Racing Foundation worth £2.3 million. The funding will allow us to build on the work already done to support jockeys in the areas of Jockey Coaching, Mental Health and Nutrition. The funding will secure the future of the roles of Coaching Development Manager Kevin Darley and Personal Development Manager Phil Kinsella and help build on the progressive working environment in which jockeys are regarded as elite athletes, comparable to other professional sports.

> Further details on precisely how the grant will help jockeys can be found in the News section of our website. **>>**

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**SWITCHING SADDLES**

**Jockey Story Case Study: Wilson Renwick**

Former Jump Jockey Wilson Renwick rode over 450 winners before he was seriously injured in a fall at Market Rasen in 2015. Unfortunately, due to nerve damage in his arm he was not able to return to racing. He had not given any thought to what he would do after riding but fell into professional cycling after he’d taken it up to maintain his fitness whilst injured.

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**NEW!** With the opening of Peter O’Sullivan House, Newmarket-based jockeys now have access to a host of world class facilities and services including advice and support from JETS. Lisa and Phil will be running drop in sessions at least once a month so keep an eye on Twitter for dates.
We were delighted to be joined by so many supporters of JETS at Cheltenham Racecourse on Sunday 17th November for the 22nd Richard Davis Awards. Hosted by 2015 winner Niall Hannity and with BHA Chair Annamarie Phelps kindly agreeing to be our Guest of Honour, the Awards once again showcased the diverse and successful careers jockeys go on to enjoy. This year’s winners have all taken advantage of JETS funding, advice and guidance with their career development.
RICHARD DAVIS AWARDS 2019

THE JOCKEY CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNER (£3000 prize)

AODHAGÁN CONLON rode as a Jump jockey for 9 years and had 36 winners under rules in the UK, mainly attached to Rebecca Curtis and Tom George. Always fascinated with the psychological aspect of racing, Aodhágán originally used JETS to help fund a Psychology degree course at Bath Spa University which he completed with first class honours. He has continued his education with a Masters in Sports and Exercise Psychology and is now studying for a PhD at the University of Bath alongside Stage 2 training with the British Psychological Society. Alongside his academic work, he is working in practical settings with a range of athletes across sport including delivering workshops at BHA jockey training workshops and as a Performance Consultant for the PJA.

THE JOCKEY CLUB ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RUNNERS UP (£500 PRIZE EACH)

ANTHONY FREEMAN is a fully qualified Plumbing and Heating Engineer having started his training at Warwickshire College in 2015 gaining two Level 3 NVQ qualifications and finishing top of his class in each year of study. He uses many of his racing contacts to build up work, notably for Dan Skelton where he still rides out. He is now planning to employ an apprentice in 2020 and continue to grow his business.

ADELE MULRENNAN is a former finalist who has gone from strength to strength with her racecourse presenting role for Go Racing in Yorkshire. She has recently been offered a role working for ITV Racing in 2020 as well as carrying out a range of other hosting and presenting roles in racing and she’s also a Trustee of the British Racing School.

IJF PROGRESS AWARD WINNER (£2000 Prize)

Former Apprentice EVA MOSCROP, owner of Cortado Espresso Bar in Newmarket, rode for five years until 2016 before injuries and lack of opportunities led to her embarking on a completely new career; opening the coffee shop on Newmarket High Street in September 2018. With the support of JETS, Eva was able to develop a range of skills through various training courses and showed great determination to develop her experience in areas of accounting, technology, marketing and stock management. Her racing connections have helped her grow a loyal and supportive customer base and the coffee shop is now a thriving independent hub for the local Newmarket community.

BHA CURRENT JOCKEY CPD AWARD (£1000)

Conditional Jockey, AIDEN BLAKEMORE won this Award which is exclusively for current jockeys and recognises those jockeys who are developing themselves in all areas, not just their riding skills, in order to enhance their racing careers and prepare them as well as possible for the future. As well as riding 8 winners, Aiden has demonstrated a fantastic attitude through his work with Jockey Coach Kim Tinkler and has shown a very proactive approach to personal development, completing a Level 3 in Racehorse Care and Management and Level 1 coaching qualification whilst also managing his fitness and nutrition very effectively too.

QUOTES OF THE DAY

“...I was never able to have the level of success I wanted as a jockey but after what will be seven years of training, I feel that I’m well on my way to achieving my dream of being able to support athletes at an elite level. The skills that I’ve developed as a jockey have definitely helped me achieve the academic success and my experiences have helped inform all the work that I’ve done with jockeys and athletes from other sports...”

“AODHAGÁN CONLON”

“...Every year we’re impressed with the quality of entries for these Awards. This year’s finalists have shown immense dedication to their chosen second careers, boosting their skill set in a range of different areas and showing complete commitment to developing themselves to their full potential. This has led them all to having great success and it is clear how rewarding they find their post riding lives. We are delighted to recognise their achievements and they are great role models for the career development of jockeys...”

“LISA DELANY”

“There was a particularly strong group of entries for this year’s IJF Progress Award, however Eva stood out having demonstrated great initiative and an incredibly strong work ethic in setting up her own business. Eva has used the fantastic support and resources JETS can offer to her full advantage, resulting in an impressive skill set and in a short space of time is running a thriving and successful business. She is an incredibly deserving winner of this year’s Award...”

“KAREN SHARPE, IJF ALMONER”
CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Andrew Tinkler, Leighton Aspell, Charlie Poste, Ted Durcan, and Carol Bartley who have all gained their Level 2 Coaching Qualification.

JETS Scholarship recipients Aodhagan Conlon (Psychology PhD), Samuel Welton (Civil Engineering) and Megan Carberry (Sport and Exercise Therapy).

Fergus Sweeney on securing a new role working for the BHA as a Stipendary Steward.

Adele Mulrennan on her new presenting role for ITV Racing in 2020.

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It’s the best way to stay in touch and maximise opportunities even if you’re only starting out on your jockey career.

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