



## IJF PROGRESS AWARD FINALISTS 2021

### 1. KATHY BEGLEY

**Age:** 28

**From:** Wiltshire



**Second Career:** Veterinary Medicine

**Race Riding Career:** First licensed in 2012. Had over 280 rides and 20 winners as an Apprentice and 2 winners as an Amateur. Biggest win in the Lady Cecil Morpheus Handicap Class 2 at Nottingham on Gracious John.

**Career Development:** During her riding career, Kathy has used JETS for support and advice, whilst also grappling with upheaval in her personal life. She has always embraced her personal development doing various bookkeeping and accounting courses whilst riding and using time off injured to undertake a work placement for an accountancy firm. However, her passion remains with horses and with the support of JETS, she completed a fast track two year, self-study Chemistry A level. She passed with an A\* grade enabling her to take up a place at Cambridge University to study Veterinary Medicine which she began in October 2021.

**Kathy said:** "I have been in touch with Lisa at JETS a lot during the last couple of years and have used them to complete Accounting and Bookkeeping qualifications. Whilst those are skills I enjoy, I know that my full-time second career lies in the equine and racing industries. Horses are my passion and I intend to keep it that way. Throughout my career in racing, I have gained many years of experience dealing with

veterinary problems and working alongside vets and I am looking forward to broadening my knowledge and gaining my veterinary qualifications from Cambridge.”

**JETS Support/Training Courses:** JETS consultation, Training advice, Career Guidance, Assistance with Work Placement at Accountancy firm. Training and education course assistance with AS Chemistry, Level 2 & 3 Bookkeeping and SAGE course, Racing Secretary Course.

## 2. PAUL CALLAGHAN

**Age:** 38

**From:** Co. Monaghan, Ireland



**Second Career:** Sports Broadcasting

**Race Riding Career:** Rode for 13 years from 1999 to 2012, c. 1,000 rides and 22 winners under rules including one for Alan Shearer and Terry McDermott.

**Career Development:** When Paul finished race riding he got a job working for BoyleSports in one of their shops which he did alongside riding out. He was soon promoted to deputy manager but after a number of years, he moved into a media role, broadcasting to their retail estate. Paul has used his in depth knowledge of racing and passion for broadcasting to branch out in other areas. As well as doing a Freelance Journalism course, he also took part in the Racing TV traineeship. To gain profile, he publishes racing previews on Twitter and makes short promotion stings for BoyleSports and also has set up a horseracing podcast ‘In The Saddle’ which has ranked well in Ireland’s top sporting podcasts. He completed a Business Studies degree whilst working full time and is set to make his debut as a raceday presenter at Dundalk in November.

**Paul said:** “I would like to build up my freelance work both in terms of presenting experience and providing written content for online platforms. I want to be the best broadcaster that I can be and I am prepared to do whatever it takes to get there.”

**JETS Support/Training Courses:** JETS Consultation, Training advice, Career Guidance, CV Preparation, Interview Training. Level 3 Freelance Journalism Course in 2020 and RMG JETS Media Traineeship in 2019.

### 3. EMMA SAYER

**Age:** 29

**From:** Penrith, Cumbria



**Second Career:** Scottish Racing Academy Tutor and Assessor

**Race Riding Career:** Emma rode as an Amateur before getting her Conditional and Apprentice licences with 240 rides and 18 winners.

**Career Development:** Emma has always been committed to her personal development and has gained a PE instructor qualification at university. She travelled extensively as part of her riding career gaining experience in different racing jurisdictions and used JETS to help her apply for the Alex Scott travel scholarship which she did to complement her trainers modules. When she applied for the role at the Scottish Racing Academy (SRA) she wanted to combine her education background with her love of racing. She is a qualified Level 1 coach and is working towards the next Coaching and Assessor qualifications in the hope that she can progress to the management team overseeing all the teaching and learning within the SRA.

**Emma said:** “Working for the Scottish Racing Academy gives me the perfect opportunity to apply my skill set with my passion of horse racing. Using my knowledge and experience gained in the racing industry across the world, I felt it was an opportunity to give something back to an industry that has given me so much. I love to see the progress the students make over the academic year, and it is even more rewarding helping them to secure jobs within racing in Scotland.”

**JETS Support/Training Courses:** JETS consultation, Training advice, Career Guidance, CV Preparation, Interview Technique and Recruitment support. Trainers modules and Saddlers Course Level 1.