

RICHARD DAVIS AWARDS 2019

The JETS Richard Davis Awards are set to take place at Cheltenham on Sunday 17th November and entries are now open. Previous winners of these Awards have demonstrated the diversity of careers jockeys go on to enjoy and these Awards are all about recognising the achievements of former jockeys in their second careers as well as current jockeys working hard on their development to help prepare for their future.



Thanks to generous sponsorships from The Jockey Club, Injured Jockeys Fund and BHA, we're offering £7,000 in prizemoney across **three Award categories**:

The Jockey Club Achievement Award

The top Award designed for those jockeys who have significantly achieved in pursuing their new chosen careers and is worth £3,000 to the winner with two runners-up prizes of £500 each. Three finalists will be selected by the judging panel in advance with the winner announced at the Awards in November.



The IJF Progress Award

Judged by a team of IJF Almoners and worth £2,000, this Award rewards the early progress of those jockeys who have more recently started out on a new career/training path (in previous two years) or who are actively preparing for their future careers while still riding or while injured.



The BHA Current Jockey CPD Award

With a prize of £1,000, this award is exclusively for currently licensed jockeys who have shown real commitment to their Continuing Personal Development whilst riding or during injury time out in order to enhance their development as a jockey and/or to prepare for their future careers.



HOW TO ENTER

We encourage as many jockeys to enter these Awards as possible. We would also urge those working with young jockeys to enter them in the Current Jockey Award category especially if they have stood out in terms of their commitment to personal development and improving their skills. Entry forms can be found on the website. If you're unsure of what to include in your entry, Lisa and Phil, our Personal Development Managers, are on hand to help with entries.

Entries close on Friday 6th September.

CAREER CASE STUDY – WORKING IN A TRAINING YARD



A popular career path for jockeys once they stop riding is to continue working in a training yard either in a managerial position, travelling horses, riding work or based in the office. There are so many opportunities and our latest Career Case Study

available in the Careers Support section of our website looks at some former jockeys who are now thriving in their roles within training yard.

Featured in the case study are Tom Messenger (Assistant Trainer to Dan Skelton), Aaron Bateman (Senior Head Groom for David O'Meara), Wayne Kavanagh (Travelling Head Groom for Richard Hannon), Gemma Marshall (Work Rider for Owen Burrows) and Calvin McCormack (Travelling Manager for Mark Johnston).

2019 MEDIA PRESENTING COURSE Racing TV

Following the success of two previous Media Traineeships, in 2019 Racing TV and JETS are teaming up again to offer jockeys a five-day Media Presenting course with each day focusing on a different area such as studio interviews, outside broadcasts and raceday presenting. Former trainees Shelley Birkett, Jason Kiely and Mikey Ennis all gained a huge amount of experience over a number of weeks however, this format will allow those jockeys with less time available to benefit from some high-level, intensive media training.



Explaining the new format, RTV Director of Communications, Seb Vance, said, "We have been delighted to team up with JETS and offer jockeys, past and present, the opportunity to work with the company on various

aspects of the media over the last two years. We have altered the format of the traineeship this year, so it's now a condensed five-day course, to take place over the course of a month, with the focus more on the presenting and punditry elements.

"The jockeys are the real ambassadors for our sport and Racing TV is fortunate to be able to call on the valuable insight of former jockeys, such as Ruby Walsh, Niall Hannity, Fran Berry, Kevin O'Ryan and George Baker, while Martin Dwyer is settling in very well to his role as co-host of The Friday Club. We look forward to hearing from as many jockeys as possible.

Dates for the courses will be available shortly and will factor in the quieter periods of the Jumps and Flat seasons. Anyone interested should email traineeship@racingtv.com, and outline your accomplishments/achievements to date and why you feel you should be considered for the Traineeship.

NEW LEVEL 2 JOCKEY COACHES

JETS has provided funding for a Level 2 Jockey Coaching course run by The British Racing School. A combination of former and current jockeys (Leighton Aspell, Ted Durcan, Charlie Poste, Liam Treadwell and Andrew Tinkler), the trainee coaches are due to qualify later this year. It is hoped in time that these coaches will join the team of BHA Jockey Coaches.

Coaching Development Manager, Kevin Darley said, "It has been a real pleasure to see the enthusiasm of these new trainees who are so keen to share their knowledge and experience to help the next generation of jockeys. I believe we have the strongest team of Jockey Coaches in the world and I'm really looking forward to seeing these coaches develop."



NEW EXIT SURVEYS FOR JOCKEYS

We have recently introduced exit surveys for jockeys who have retired from riding. The aim is to get a better understanding of what the key highlights and challenges have been and how best we can learn from the experiences of recently retired jockeys to help improve the services we offer current jockeys. Two key themes that have come through have been the importance of hard work but also making sure you have other interests to help you plan ahead.

" Being obsessed doesn't make you a better jockey. Having a work/life balance helps you deal with disappointments and keeps things in context."

Retired jockey (9 years riding)

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Former Flat jockeys **Phillip Makin** and **Adrian Nicholls** who have both recently enjoyed their first winners as racehorse trainers.

Previous Richard Davis Award winner **David O'Meara** on his Group 1 winner Lord Glitters in the Queen Anne Stakes at Royal Ascot.

DATES FOR DIARY

TRAINING COURSES:

08-10 July	Trainers Module 3 <i>The Northern Racing College</i>
16 July	Communication & Media Training <i>JETS at Oaksey House, Lambourn</i>
06-08 Aug	Racing Secretaries Course <i>The British Racing School</i>
10-12 Sept	Assistant Trainers Course <i>The British Racing School</i>
16-18 Sept	Bookkeeping/SAGE Accounts <i>The British Racing School</i>

JETS ON COURSE:

10 July	Catterick <i>Phil</i>
17 July	Lingfield <i>Lisa</i>
23 July	Wolverhampton <i>Phil</i>
01 Aug	Nottingham <i>Phil</i>

SIGN UP THIS AUTUMN

Have you thought about boosting your skills? Now is a good time to talk to JETS about what courses you could do. There are plenty of evening and part-time courses starting in the Autumn across a huge range of subjects and JETS can help with funding and finding the most suitable course for you.



COMING SOON...

With so many jockeys driving thousands of miles each year, we are currently working on a new 'Jockey Matters' film about driving. We are going to look at how driving can impact the mental and physical health of jockeys and suggest some ways of minimising the risk and improving the safety of jockeys behind the wheel. Keep an eye out for the new film in the coming months.



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