



## PRESS INFORMATION

### **JOCKEYS NOW OPTING FOR MUCH WIDER CHOICE OF FURTHER CAREERS 2009 Griffins Richard Davis Awards shortlists demonstrate increasing diversity**

The shortlists for this year's Griffins Richard Davis Awards – the JETS' annual career development awards – demonstrate the broad and varying choices made by jockeys when pursuing their careers after retirement from race riding.

- Applicants for the Achievement category – THE GRIFFINS RICHARD DAVIS ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - this year include: a Joiner and Funeral Director (**Paul Robson**), an Accounting Technician and businesswoman (**Claire Bryan**), a Landscaper (**James Diment**), a Tennis Coach (**David Papworth**) and a post-graduate student in Human Geography (**Cheryl Nosworthy**). Also on the shortlist is **Alan Dempsey**, who has opted for a more traditional role as a Stipendiary Steward for the British Horseracing Authority. The Achievement Award goes to the jockey who is judged to have demonstrated the most initiative, effort and forethought in developing a further career.
- On the shortlist for THE PROGRESS AWARD (supported by The Injured Jockeys Fund) are three students in the process of full-time study (across very different subjects, from Television Production to Psychology and Equine Science) and two Farrier apprentices. The winner will be the one who the judges feel has made most progress in their career development over the past year.

The Griffins Richard Davis Achievement Award is a £2,500 prize fund to be spent on further career development, generously sponsored by Newbury-based Griffins, accountants and business development consultants to the racing and bloodstock industry. The Progress Award winner will take home a £2,000 prize.

The winners will be announced and presented with their trophies at an official racecourse presentation in the paddock before racing (1245pm) at Cheltenham on the Sunday of the Open meeting (15 November). **The Griffins Richard Davis Awards Standard Open National Hunt Flat race** will be the sixth race on the card that day. Terry Boothby of Griffins will present The Achievement Award and Ian Balding (Injured Jockeys Fund Trustee), The Progress Award.

Comments Griffins Richard Davis Awards judge, Ian Balding: "The applicants this year have all shown real commitment to their new career – a sign that jockeys are getting the message that it pays to plan ahead early. The message JETS really needs to get across to jockeys now, is the importance of using their injury time to learn new skills."

The Griffins Richard Davis Achievement Award is judged by a panel of representatives from The Injured Jockeys Fund, The Professional Jockeys Association, JETS, The Racing Post and the sponsors, Griffins. The Progress Award is decided by the Injured Jockeys Fund Almoners and the IJF Deputy Chief Executive, Lisa Hancock.

JETS is jointly funded from jockeys' own prize money contributions and The Injured Jockeys Fund. It typically issues over £70,000 in training grants and scholarships annually. Since its inception in 1995, jockeys and the IJF have together invested over £1million in the scheme which has helped over 700 current and former jockeys with career advice and training in new skills, in order to gain employment after race-riding. [www.jets-uk.org](http://www.jets-uk.org).

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#### NOTES TO EDITORS

1. For Appendices: A) Short profiles of shortlisted candidates & B) Past Winners  
[http://www.jets-uk.org/latest\\_news.htm](http://www.jets-uk.org/latest_news.htm)
2. Photographs of the shortlisted candidates are available on request
3. Results will be issued in a further release in the week before Cheltenham, embargoed not for publication before Sunday 15 November 2009.
4. The Griffins Richard Davis Awards are the annual career development honours established by The Jockeys Employment & Training Scheme 14 years ago, in memory of the late Richard Davis who had started planning for his future before his fatal race fall in 1996.
5. Newbury-based Griffins are accountants and business advisors to the horseracing industry  
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