

The Jockeys Employment & Training Scheme aims to help jockeys achieve a more secure future, through career development advice & retraining grants
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JETS SET TO RESPOND TO JOCKEY DECLINE



Dennis Grattan

With NH race riding becoming increasingly competitive and the number of jump jockeys in statistical decline; JETS is predicting an increase in demand for its services as candidates start to review their careers.

Dennis Grattan is one jockey who has relinquished his NH licence and is typical of this trend. With the help of JETS, Dennis has been taking an HGV training course to broaden his career options and plans a computer course as the next step.

Explains Dennis: "I did not have any of the big stables behind me and was getting around 100 rides a year and between five and ten winners; so to continue was simply unrealistic. At 29, I feel I am at the right age to move on and so am consulting JETS for general advice and help with training. I'm starting by investing in some new skills. I just wish I'd done this earlier, while I was still riding."

Adds Michael Caulfield: "It's a brutally competitive profession now. Whilst there's no room for passengers - and that's how it should be - with JETS, racing also provides a self-help mechanism for those who do decide to move on from race riding. I don't think enough jockeys realise that JETS' career coaching can also help to rejuvenate a race riding career, as well as advise on steps to take to move on."

CHELTENHAM PAYS TRIBUTE TO RICHARD DAVIS

The 2002 Griffins Richard Davis Awards were presented at Cheltenham Racecourse on Sunday 17 November by Terry Boothby of our long-time sponsors, Newbury-based chartered accountants and business development consultants, GRIFFINS. The day was attended by Ann and John Davis and also featured the JETS Handicap Hurdle won by Tony McCoy, who fittingly was himself a close friend of Richard's.

Our Richard Davis award winner, this year, was Injured Jockeys Fund beneficiary, **Bob Weaver**, the Herefordshire-based Former flat jockey, who is now a successful and respected equine dentist in Herefordshire. He will be putting his £2,000 prize towards professional association fees and a four wheel drive vehicle for work.

The Runner Up prize (worth £500) went to **Gary Crone**, former conditional and National Hunt jockey (1989-96) who is now a firefighter. A Special Recognition Award went to **Michael McGonagle** who rode under both rules, before injury forced early retirement. Michael has worked hard to train as a Medical Massage Practitioner, specialising in Chinese and

Indonesian techniques and has now returned to his home town of Strabane in Ireland to set up his own medical massage business.

JETS would like to thank Griffins; Simon Tindall (sponsor of The Special Recognition Award); and Cheltenham Racecourse for helping to make the day such a great success.

The Griffins Richard Davis Award 2002. From L. to R. Gary Crone, Terry Boothby, Bob Weaver and Michael McGonagle

SUPPLE STARTS NEW ROLE



Robbie Supple

Former NH jockey **Robbie Supple** has secured a part-time starter's role in the Midlands, with the help of JETS. Since retiring from the saddle two and a half years ago, Robbie has been Assistant Trainer to John Upson.

Commented Robbie: "JETS were a fantastic help throughout - producing a CV, advising on the application letter and preparing me for the interview. Any jockey applying for a job would be crazy not to take advantage of the advice available."

THE JOCKEY CLUB

EMPLOYER VIEWPOINT:

Going for a Jockey Club Official's position

Taking up an Official's job is still a popular choice of career change for many jockeys after race riding; so we asked The Jockey Club's Human Resources Manager, Mrs Pauline Peters to give potential applicants a few pointers:

"Competition for Jockey Club positions is extremely high. Most attract around 100-150 applicants, of which only a handful will be asked for interview; so your written applications are crucial," explains Pauline. I suggest that those of you who want to apply:

- Take the time to gain an understanding of what the job's about. If you are really serious about taking on a new role, talk to people in those jobs now and get their views.

- Ensure that your CV is accompanied by a covering letter which highlights your relevant skills including any training you have undertaken (eg computer or media/communications training) in addition to your race riding experience.

- Don't leave any gaps in your career experiences. A thread of continuity should run through your CV.

- Remember that geography is very important. If you do not live in the area then you will need to think through whether you would be serious about relocating and state this clearly.

- Please re-apply for newly advertised jobs. We are not in a position to keep CVs on file for any length of time; so (unless very similar positions are advertised within a few months of each other) a new application must be made."

Adds Lisa Delany for JETS: "If all this sounds a bit daunting, remember that JETS is able to help you through the application and interview process for any jobs - Jockey Club or otherwise. Many jockeys have never experienced a formal job interview before and preparation for this is crucial. JETS is a service you have paid for; so why not make the best use of it."

Robert Bellamy, Nick Carlisle, Chris Rutter, Adie Smith and now **Robbie Supple** are among those who JETS has helped to secure Jockey Club jobs.

WHO HAVE WE HELPED?

A summary of who has either been training recently or currently training:



Dean McKeown

NAME	RACE RIDING CAREER	JETS ASSISTANCE
John Bramhill	Current Flat Jockey	Media Training, York
Andrew Garrity	Conditional Jockey (1996-2002)	IT Skills
Richard Forristal	Current Conditional	Italian Language Skills
Geoff Lake	Conditional Jockey (1999-2002)	Gas Services Installation & Maintenance
David McGaskill	IJF Beneficiary	National Licencee's Certificate Course
Dean McKeown	Current Flat Jockey	Media Training, York
Giles Parkin	Current Flat Jockey	Media Training, York
Steve Perks	IJF Beneficiary	Cantonese Language Skills

BROADCAST MEDIA TRAINING CONTINUES APACE

JETS' media training courses continue to be ever popular and Dean McKeown and Giles Parkin are the latest candidates to benefit, following the JETS-organised training day at York Racecourse on 19 December



Explains JETS Manager, Lisa Delany: "We are continually improving our media training to make it relevant to jockeys and to put them under the sort of media pressure they face in

today's world. Whether or not you have ambitions of a career in the media later on; this training will give you a good grounding in communications skills and give you more confidence to deal with the press in your riding career."

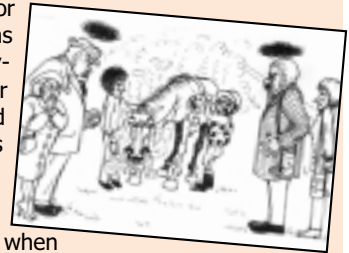
Further courses are planned for this Spring, in Newbury, as follows.

TUESDAY 18 MARCH 2003	<i>Designed primarily for flat jockeys but ALL WELCOME</i>	There are no British Flat meetings that day
WEDNESDAY 23 APRIL 2003	<i>Designed primarily for NH jockeys but ALL WELCOME</i>	That day's NH meetings are at: Perth and Fontwell

These media training courses are available at half price to all candidates qualifying for JETS grants. We advise making an early provisional reservation so call us NOW.

REGISTER NOW FOR SWINBURN'S COMMUNICATIONS COURSE

As part of the planning process for JETS new general communications skills courses we asked Jockey-turned racing presenter, Walter Swinburn to identify where jockeys could best improve on their communications skills. Here's what he said:



"Jockeys must realise that they are 'selling' themselves at all times, not just when they are race riding. The better they are at talking to owners, describing a horse's way of going and explaining how a race unfolded, the more they will be positively promoting themselves."

"Of course, I had bad days when I was wasting when I might also have had a disappointing ride. In those instances I would withdraw and become sullen and silent, even in the paddock. But letting that negative emotion show through does you no favours; it just prevents you from giving your full attention to what you should be concentrating on - the next race and the next owner."

Walter will be contributing his thoughts to the JETS programme of communications courses which will be available to jockeys from February 2003 in their own homes and can be taken during injury or quieter periods. Grants will be available. Please enquire NOW for further details.

JETS ON-THE-ROAD

In every future issue of the Journal we shall be identifying some dates ahead of time when JETS Manager, Lisa Delany will be available on the racecourse to discuss training courses and career issues. She will be based in the weighing room, one hour before racing. Look out also for the advance details on The Racing Post *Databank* page.

Over the next couple of months, Lisa will be at:

Wednesday	8 January	- Newbury
Saturday	11 January	- Uttoxeter
Tuesday	14 January	- Southwell
Thursday	30 January	- Towcester
Thursday	6 February	- Huntingdon
Tuesday	11 February	- Southwell

If you are riding at these meetings, or would like to make a special trip to meet up, Lisa would be delighted to see you.

CONGRATULATIONS...

... to the following JETS candidates who have made successful steps in developing their careers:

- Former flat jockey and IJF Beneficiary, **Michael Reid** (now Head Lad for Nicky Richards) who has passed his Diploma in Equine Sports Massage
- Injured Jockeys Fund Beneficiary and JETS Graduate, **David Papworth**, who is busy taking on more and more tennis, basketball and multi-sports to 7-11 year old children in the Newmarket area.
- **Malcolm Morrison**, now an antique furniture restorer, who's award-winning William & Mary 1680s walnut chest on a stand was selected to be exhibited at The Thames Valley Antique Dealers Association Annual Fair in October.

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