



CHAMPION JOCKEYS LEAD THE WAY AT 'THE SHADWELL 20th LESTERS'

CHAMPION Jockeys Tony McCoy and Ryan Moore led the way at the Shadwell Stud 20th Lesters – horse racing's own 'Oscars' – on Sunday evening (28 FEBRUARY).

The glittering awards ceremony celebrating the achievements of jockeys from Britain and overseas took place at the Hilton Park Lane in London in front of a host of sporting stars and celebrities.

Tony McCoy added two more 'Lesters' to take his career haul to 16 after winning 'Jump Ride of the Year' for Wichita Lineman at the Cheltenham Festival (sponsored by At The Races) and 'Jump Jockey of the Year'.

Three times Champion Flat Jockey Ryan Moore was named 'Flat Jockey of the Year'.

The 'Apprentice Jockey of the Year' award went to Freddy Tylicki, the winner of the 2009 Jan Wilson & Jamie Kyne Apprentice Championship. The 'Conditional Jockey of the Year' was Aidan Coleman, the current Champion Conditional.

Two recently retired jockeys were among the winners too – Mick Kinane as 'International Jockey of the Year' (sponsored by SIS) and Dale Gibson for 'Flat Jockey Special Recognition' (sponsored by Russell Jones & Walker Solicitors).

Hayley Turner won her seventh 'Lester' when she took the prize for 'Lady Jockey of the Year'.

'Flat Ride of the Year' (sponsored by the Racing Post) was won by Tom Queally for his horsemanship on Middy in the Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf, while 'Jump Jockey Special Recognition' went to Jimmy McCarthy.

The Shadwell Stud 20th Lesters were hosted by TV star, racing fan and racehorse owner Jeremy Kyle and racing's Derek Thompson. The evening's entertainment also included an auction of exclusive items hosted by John Francome.

As well as celebrating the achievements of jockeys during 2009, the PJA remembered the tragic loss of two members of their profession.

Chief Executive Kevin Darley said: "2009 was a year of momentous achievements, both human and equine, in the sport of British horse racing. However, for jockeys especially, it will be a year recalled with great sadness because of the deaths of Jan Wilson and Jamie Kyne."

FULL LIST OF WINNERS

- *International Jockey of the Year: Mick Kinane
- *Apprentice Jockey of the Year: Freddy Tylicki
- *Lady Jockey of the Year: Hayley Turner
- *Flat Ride of the Year: Tom Queally – Midday, Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf, Santa Anita
- *Flat Jockey Special Recognition: Dale Gibson
- *Conditional Jockey of the Year: Aidan Coleman
- *Jump Ride of the Year: Tony McCoy – Wichita Lineman, Cheltenham Festival
- *Jump Jockey Special Recognition: Jimmy McCarthy
- *Jump Jockey of the Year: Tony McCoy
- *Flat Jockey of the Year: Ryan Moore

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