



## **NOMINATIONS FOR 'THE SHADWELL 20<sup>th</sup> LESTERS'** **ARE ANNOUNCED**

THE nominations for the Shadwell 20<sup>th</sup> Lesters – horse racing's own 'Oscars' - were revealed today.

The glittering awards ceremony celebrating the achievements of Jockeys from Britain and overseas during 2009 will take place at the Hilton Park Lane in London on Sunday 28 February in front of a host of sporting stars and celebrities.

Champion jump Jockey Tony McCoy could add two more 'Lesters' to his current haul of 14 after being nominated for 'Jump Ride of the Year' on Wichita Lineman at the Cheltenham Festival as well as 'Jump Jockey of the Year'.

Two recently retired Jockeys are among the nominations – Mick Kinane as 'International Jockey of the Year' and Dale Gibson for 'Flat Jockey Special Recognition'.

Richard Johnson recently rode his 2000<sup>th</sup> winner, and he's named in the 'Jump Jockey Special Recognition' category.

Hayley Turner would move into third place for the all-time number of 'Lesters' – on to seven - if she were to be chosen as 'Lady Jockey of the Year' again.

Voting for 'The Lesters' is by ballot among members of the Professional Jockeys Association.

The Shadwell 20<sup>th</sup> Lesters is to be hosted by TV star Jeremy Kyle and racing's Derek Thompson. Tickets are on sale from the PJA's website ([www.thepja.co.uk](http://www.thepja.co.uk)) or from the Association on 01635 44102.

The evening begins at 7pm with a Champagne reception followed by a sumptuous three-course meal at 7.30pm. The evening's entertainment includes the awards ceremony, an auction of exclusive items hosted by John Francome, plus a casino, live band and DJ until the early hours.

New for 2010 are platinum tables. Each platinum table will be hosted by a champion Jockey or racing celebrity, there will be a choice of wine from a wine list as well as a half page advertisement in The Lesters brochure and complimentary group photo for each guest.

FULL LIST OF NOMINATIONS (in alphabetical order)

**International Jockey of the Year**

Mick Kinane  
Christophe Lemaire  
Davy Russell  
Ruby Walsh

**Apprentice Jockey of the Year**

Andrea Atzeni  
Jack Mitchell  
David Probert  
Fred Tylicki

**Lady Jockey of the Year**

Cathy Gannon  
Kelly Harrison  
Amy Ryan  
Hayley Turner

**Flat Ride of the Year**

Neil Brown – Sirvino, John Smith's Cup, York  
Richard Hughes - Monsieur Chevalier, Weatherbys Super Sprint, Newbury  
Phil Makin – Jaconet, Toteswinger Handicap, Musselburgh  
Tom Queally – Middy, Breeders' Cup Filly & Mare Turf, Santa Anita

**Flat Jockey Special Recognition**

Dale Gibson  
Richard Hughes  
Philip Makin  
Vince Slattery

**Conditional Jockey of the Year**

Aidan Coleman  
Campbell Gillies  
Brian Hughes  
Harry Skelton

**Jump Ride of the Year**

Tony McCoy – Wichita Lineman, Cheltenham Festival

Paddy Merrigan - Opus Cafe, Sedgefield  
Tom Scudamore – Lough Derg, National Spirit Hurdle, Fontwell Park  
Liam Treadwell – Mon Mome, Grand National

**Jump Jockey Special Recognition**

Brian Harding  
Richard Johnson  
Warren Marston  
Jimmy McCarthy

**Jump Jockey of the Year**

Paddy Brennan  
Noel Fehily  
Tony McCoy  
Robert Thornton

**Flat Jockey of the Year**

Richard Hughes  
Philip Makin  
Ryan Moore  
Tom Queally

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