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Inaugural PJA dinner celebrates Champion Jockeys

The Professional Jockeys Association (The PJA), the body representing Jockeys in British horseracing is delighted to announce the inaugural running of the Champions Dinner on Sunday 9 November 2008 at The Plaisterers' Hall, London.

During an exclusive evening of entertainment, the outstanding achievements of some of the greatest Champion Jockeys from the past and present will be celebrated. Hosted by TV sports presenter Clare Balding, some of the attending Jockeys will include thirteen times Champion Jump Jockey A P McCoy, five times Champion Flat Jockey Willie Carson, 1995, 1994 and 2004 Champion Flat Jockey Frankie Dettori and current joint Championship Flat Jockey Seb Sanders.

The event will also recognise the current Champion Jockeys, with The PJA Championship awards being presented to the existing Jump and recently crowned Flat Champion Jockey title holders.

Guests will be welcomed with a champagne reception and the opportunity to rub shoulders and meet with numerous riding legends of the Flat and Jumps. Further former Champion Jockeys in attendance will include Pat Eddery, Kevin Darley and John Francome.

During a three course dinner a past or present Champion Jockey will host each table of guests and share experiences from their remarkable riding careers. The evening will also reflect on some of the outstanding achievements that the Jockeys present have accomplished, which will include exclusive one on one interviews. The Flat and Jump Jockey Championship awards will also be presented by former Champion Jockeys attending. A Charity auction of select items will complete the event.

Josh Apiafi, PJA Chief Executive commented "The PJA is excited to be hosting the inaugural Champions Dinner as it will provide a unique and memorable evening for guests that attend, as well as the opportunity to rub shoulders and meet with some of the most celebrated and successful Jockeys of recent times.

The event will also provide an excellent platform to officially present the current Champion Jockeys with their PJA Championship awards. Traditionally, The PJA Champion Jockey is presented with their award at the last race meeting of the Flat or Jumps season when the title is decided. The Champions Dinner will provide a further and unique opportunity to mark and congratulate our current Champions Jockeys along with their achievements".

A table at The Champions Dinner costs: £2500 + VAT, including 10 guests, a Champion Jockey host and their guest.

For further information, table bookings and sponsorship opportunities, contact The PJA on T: 01635 44102: champions@thepja.co.uk or visit www.thepja.co.uk
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