



PRESS RELEASE

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Former Champion Jockey Kevin Darley joins The PJA to fill Industry Liaison Director Role

The Professional Jockeys Association (The PJA), the body that represents jockeys within horseracing, has announced that former champion flat Jockey Kevin Darley has been recruited to fill the new role of Industry Liaison Director. Darley is the final recruitment to the senior management team at The PJA, which consists of Chief Executive Josh Apiafi, Company Secretary Ann Saunders and the PJA Doctor, who currently is being recruited.

Darley, a respected and successful flat jockey is also known for his associations with high profile horses **Celtic Swing** and more recently star filly **Attraction**, will liaise between The PJA's members and horseracing's major stakeholders, which will include representation on various racing industry groups within the British Horseracing Authority (BHA), namely The Industry Committee, The Race Planning Committee, The Rules and Regulations Committee and the Industry Training Group.

During a career of 31 years, Darley totalled over 2,430 flat winners, including 77 Group winners, 27 of them being Group Ones and using his experience riding under rules he will also be responsible for providing advice and support to PJA members during jockeys appeals and addressing membership safety on the racecourse, he will also work with both the British Racing School and Northern Racing College mentoring their students.

To fulfil the role Darley plans along with his wife Debby, to move from their current home in York, North Yorkshire to the Newbury area in the south of the country near to where The PJA's offices are situated.

Darley commented: "Throughout my career as a jockey I was actively involved with the then Jockeys Association. This began with me acting as a Safety Officer, I was then voted onto the Council in 1988 and eventually elected as joint president of the organisation along with A P McCoy in 2001, which I remained as until my retirement from the saddle in November last year.

The role of Industry Liaison Director is a great opportunity for me to continue my involvement with The PJA within a sport that I love. Combined with my past riding experience and knowledge and working with the various industry groups at the BHA, I will aim to benefit the PJA's members providing them with a proactive voice within the sport as well working together for the good of horseracing as a whole".

Chief Executive of The PJA, Josh Apiafi commented, "We are delighted that Kevin will be joining The PJA senior management team and bringing with him a wealth of experience on a riding and

industry level to The PJA as well as horseracing. Kevin is obviously close to many of his ex-colleagues in the weighing room and is well respected and known by many jump jockeys, he also has proven skills on the industry aspect of horseracing and will be able to act as a experienced and informed voice for the jockeys.

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Notes to Editors

Kevin Darley Stats

Flat Jockeys Licence granted in 1976

Champion Apprentice Jockey: 1978

Champion Flat Jockey: 2000

Ridden over 2430 winners and 200 winners abroad

This includes 77 Group race wins, including 21 Group 1 wins

Successful horse associations:

Celtic Swing

Attraction

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