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JETS MANAGER AND SENIOR JIM TEAM MEMBER NOMINATED FOR PRIDE OF RACING AWARDS

LISA DELANY - the General Manager of the Jockeys Employment & Training Scheme for almost eight years - has been nominated for the 2011 Pride of Racing Awards.

The annual Betfair-sponsored event recognises significant contributions to horse racing by individuals involved in the sport.

She is joined as one of 29 nominees by both Anna O'Brien, a member of the Professional Jockeys Association's Jockeys Injury Management Team, and also 16-times Champion Jump Jockey AP McCoy.

Lisa was nominated by PJA Chief Executive Kevin Darley who said: "With the support of the PJA and JETS Public Relations and Business Manager Sandy Thwaites, Lisa has persuaded jockeys that there is no stigma in planning ahead early for life after racing.

"Through putting herself in their shoes and her encyclopaedic knowledge of retraining opportunities, Lisa has maintained the self-esteem of these sportsmen and women in what is acknowledged to be a very difficult - but inevitable - career transition, and often in the face of serious injury. She has pioneered the importance of media training both to improve their performance as jockeys and to build communication skills for the future."

Anna O'Brien is a member of the PJA's cherished Jockeys Injury Management (JIM) Team. JIM Team members are all highly qualified physical therapists with many years' experience of treating professional athletes. They are managed by the PJA's Medical Advisor, Dr Anna-Louise Mackinnon, and provide a highly competent and comprehensive physiotherapy service to Jockeys at race meetings.

Fellow awards nominee and PJA President AP McCoy said: "Anna is outstanding in so many ways and Jockeys are very fortunate to have someone with her experience to call on. The passion she has for her work is evident and she will go "outside the call of duty" to help Jockeys in any way she can. A real star and a lot of Jockeys are indebted to her."

Current Champion Flat Jockey Paul Hanagan said: "Anna is very good at her job. Any problem you have she will sort out. She makes a big difference especially when you are riding every day."

The nominees will next be reduced to 12, of whom six will receive Pride of Racing awards at Epsom Down's evening fixture on 14 July.

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