



TICKETS FOR 22ND LESTERS GO ON SALE AS FIRST **STOBART LEAGUE CHAMPIONS ARE REVEALED**

TICKETS have gone on sale for the Stobart Lesters which will be held on Thursday 5 April at the Hilton Metropole in Birmingham.

The nominations in all the categories for the glittering awards ceremony – which will be voted on by members of the Professional Jockeys Association – will be revealed on 1 February.

Kevin Darley, Chief Executive of the PJA, said: “The Stobart Lesters, which is a highlight of the year for Jockeys, celebrates the Jockey profession and will honour their achievements in 2011. It also pays tribute to some of those who do not win the top honours but, through their hard work and dedication, contribute much to the sport.”

An array of sports people and celebrities attend The Lesters each year.

Hosted by At The Races presenters Luke Harvey and Jason Weaver, the evening starts at 7pm with a Champagne reception, followed by a three-course dinner with half bottle of wine included, the awards ceremony and the brilliant live band ‘Lady Marmalade’ and DJ performing until the early hours.

The presentations to the winners of the inaugural Stobart League Championships will also take place during the evening.

While the Jump League Championship continues until 31st March, the winners of the Flat League Championship – in three categories – have already been decided.

Participating Jockeys required to have a minimum of 75 rides during the season and to have joined the Stobart Group sponsorship scheme, wearing the Stobart branded breeches.

The winners are: (Gold – 101 winners or more) Richard Hughes; (Silver – 51 to 100 winners) Phil Makin; and (Bronze – 1 to 50 winners) Ryan Clark. The winning Jockeys in each category were decided on winner-to-runner strike rate.

The trio will receive gold, silver and bronze category fuel cards from Stobart worth £6,000, £3,000 and £2,000 respectively.

Tickets for The Stobart Lesters costing £145 inc vat each can be bought from the PJA by downloading a booking form at www.thepja.co.uk/lesters or by calling 01635 778108.

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