



VOTING FOR 'RIDES OF THE YEAR' LESTERS OPENS

Racing Post readers and At The Races viewers can now vote for two of the most sought-after awards at the Stobart Lesters as the polls opened today for the Racing Post Flat Ride of the Year and At the Races Jump Ride of the Year of 2018.

The prestigious accolades will be awarded at the Stobart Lesters ceremony at its fantastic new London venue three days before Christmas. The glittering awards night celebrating the achievements of Jockeys will take place at the Park Plaza Westminster Bridge on Saturday 22nd December. Stobart Group, the leading infrastructure and support services company, is headline sponsor of the Lesters for the seventh successive year as part of its wider sponsorship and support of the PJA and its members.

Other sponsors for individual awards, in addition to At The Races and the Racing Post, are All Sport Insurance, Arena Racing Company, Great British Racing, Racing Excellence and Weatherbys Bank.

The nominations for the At The Races Jump Ride of the Year are:

- James Bowen on Raz de Maree at Chepstow on 6th January
- Lucy Gardner on Snazzman at Fontwell on 9th May
- Lizzie Kelly on Coe Star Sivola at Cheltenham on 13th March
- Sam Twiston Davies on Politologue at Aintree on 13th April

The nominations for the Racing Post Flat Ride of the Year are:

- Dave Allan on Wells Farhh Go at Newmarket on 12th July
- Connor Beasley on Jack Blane at Hamilton on 24th September
- Hollie Doyle on Daddy's Poppit at Chelmsford on 6th September
- Eoin Walsh on Storm Lightning at Wolverhampton on 22nd September

Fans can now vote for the At The Races Jump Ride of the Year at <http://www.attheraces.com/lestersvote> and for the Racing Post Flat Ride of the Year at www.racingpost.com/lesters, with polls closing at midnight on 30th November.

Voting for the remaining awards in 'The Lesters' – for which nominations will be announced on 5th December - is by ballot among members of the Professional Jockeys Association.

Paul Struthers, Chief Executive of the PJA, said:

"The shortlists for the Flat and Jump rides of the year are chosen by the form experts from the Racing Post and At The Races and it's great to see a diverse range of quality rides that aren't just from the biggest meetings. Congratulations to all the nominees and best of luck to them."

Coming just three days before Christmas in 2018, the Stobart Lesters – co-hosted by racing presenters Luke Harvey and, for the first time, Hayley Moore - are an ideal occasion to celebrate the festive season with friends, for corporate hospitality or Christmas parties. Fantastic live music and entertainment will follow the awards ceremony so revellers can dance until the early hours!

Tickets are on sale at £180 each, inclusive of VAT, from www.thepja.co.uk/lesters and by telephone on 01635 778108.

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