

## 2019 Lycetts Team Champion Award



# Judging Panel

### **Yogi Breisner**

A former member of the Swedish International European and Olympic Three-Day Event Team, Yogi went on to be part of the British Horse Society's Training and Education Committee and Chef d'Equipe for the British Three-Day Event Team. Yogi's extensive experience in racing includes advisory roles with the British Racing School and many trainers in the schooling of jump horses and coaching of work riders.

### **Dana Mellor**

As a trainer's daughter in Berkshire and an apprentice to trainer Jack Berry, Dana gained valuable insight into the teamwork required to run a successful racing yard. With a law degree to back her up, Dana became a key player in establishing the Jockeys Employment Training Scheme (JETS). More recently, Dana has worked with parents returning to the workplace.

### **Kevin Parsons**

Kevin Parsons has been in racing for 17 years full time in a range of role, including as an apprentice, head lad and assistant trainer for leading trainers. In 2012 he took the role of Sports Coordinator and Union Learn Project Manager for the National Association of Stable Staff, providing staff with education courses to help improve their qualifications and transferable skills.

### **Simon Christian**

Simon has spent over forty-five years in the racing world. He started by working in top class stables and became assistant to Fulke Walwyn. He held a trainer's licence for twelve years, with winners at the Cheltenham, Aintree, and Punchestown festivals. More recently, he has advised racehorse owners on purchasing many successful horses, including Group winners. He visits many racing stables and attends bloodstock sales in Britain and abroad. Simon has also served on Sandown Park's race-day committee and worked in a leading hospitality company. He retains great passion for horse racing's future.

### **Laura Whyte**

Laura Whyte was Human Resources Director for John Lewis where she oversaw major change programmes. Laura is now a Non-Executive Director on the British Horseracing Authority Board and is on the Defence People and Training Board for the Ministry of Defence.