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THOROUGHBRED RACING SA

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SA racing honours top performers

Thoroughbred Racing SA recognised its top performers for the 2010/11 season at its annual Industry Awards and Hall of Fame induction at Allan Scott Park Morphettville yesterday (August 21).

More than 450 people, including the best of the best in SA racing, turned out to honour the achievements of the state's top horses, trainers, jockeys and apprentices – with prizes awarded to the industry's finest performers, both past and present.

Paul Gatt took out the top award for Metropolitan Jockey of the Year while Justin Potter won the equivalent for country racing. Steven Patemen was recognised as the Jumps Jockey of the Year taking home the EJ Mooney Medal, while the up and coming talent of Jordan Frew was recognised as he took out the Apprentice of the Year Award.

Metropolitan Trainer of the Year was Mark Kavanagh, while David Jolly won the Country Trainer of the Year honour after another strong season.

A new addition to this year's awards was the John Letts Medal - which recognises excellence in riding and outstanding achievements at all race meetings throughout the state - with none other than Clare Lindop becoming the inaugural winner.

This year's inductees to SA Racing's Hall of Fame included champion horse Light Fingers and renowned trainer David Hayes. Associate Robert A Lee was also recognised with the industry's top honour.

"The annual Awards and Hall of Fame induction is easily the SA racing industry's most celebrated event – and it is something that incites much competition and friendly rivalry throughout the season," Thoroughbred Racing SA Chief Executive Jim Watters said.

"This year we've seen an extremely even racing season, so it was great to see the winners prevail in what was a particularly tight competition.

"The addition of the inaugural John Letts Medal was an added bonus to this year's event and we're thrilled that we can honour one of South Australia's past racing greats while looking to the future of racing - and star jockey Clare Lindop – with the introduction of this medal."

Themed 'the best of South Australia' – guests enjoyed tasting some of the state's finest food and wine throughout the afternoon.

Please find a full list of winners on the following page.

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2010/11 Thoroughbred Racing SA Industry Awards Winners

Award

EJ Mooney Medal for 2010/11 South Australian Jumps Jockey of the Year

2010/11 South Australian Jumps Trainer of the Year

TattsBet 2010/11 South Australian Country Apprentice of the Year

2010/11 South Australian Metropolitan Apprentice of the Year

2010/11 South Australian Most Consistent Racehorse

The 2011 Minister for Racing Award for Most Outstanding Achievement by a Volunteer

TattsBet 2010/11 South Australian Country Jockey of the Year

Hyland Sportswear 2010/11 South Australian Jockey of the Year

2010/11 South Australian Country Trainer of the Year

2010/11 South Australian Metropolitan Trainer of the Year

Leon Macdonald Award for 2010/11 South Australian Apprentice of the Year

CS Hayes Award for 2010/11 South Australian Trainer of the Year

Glennon-Johnson Award for 2010/11 South Australian Metropolitan Jockey of the Year

Sky Racing 2011 Most Outstanding Achievement Award by a Club

Sky Racing 2011 Most Outstanding Achievement Award by an Individual

Festival Hire 2010/11 South Australian Champion Racehorse of the Year

Winner

Steven Pateman

Eric Musgrove

Jordan Frew

Billy Egan

Budriguez

Geoff Sweeney

Justin Potter

Paul Gatt

David Jolly

Mark Kavanagh

Jordan Frew

David Jolly

Paul Gatt

Murray Bridge Racing Club

Sharon Forrester-Jones

Budriguez

Inaugural John Letts Medal

2010/11 John Letts Medal

Clare Lindop

Hall of Fame

Horse

Light Fingers

Trainer

David Hayes

Associate

Robert A Lee