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CADET OF THE YEAR 2016

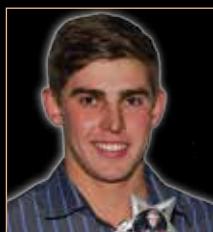
GRAND FINAL

ADDINGTON RACEWAY - WEDNESDAY 6 JULY



Erin Isherwood

Northland



John Morrison

Canterbury



Kim Blakemore

Canterbury



Chelsea Faithful

Southland

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the 2016 Primary ITO Cadet of the Year Competition. The final stage of the competition is upon us with the four finalists excelling in all of their regional challenges. They will now battle it out for the right to call themselves the Primary ITO Cadet of the Year.

Representing Canterbury is the Regional winner John Morrison and runner-up Kim Blakemore. Travelling up from the deep south to contest the title is the Southern Regional winner Chelsea Faithful and the Northern Regional winner Erin Isherwood will also make the trip down. All four finalists have displayed a comprehensive range of skills in their horsemanship, driving and all-round general knowledge to set the stage for an exciting and competitive final.

The final competition has been designed to call on not only the contestant's equine knowledge but to also challenge the finalists in a diverse range of practical, theoretical and technical tasks. Each phase of the competition will be evaluated and marked and the Cadets will earn points for each task based on performance, accuracy and speed. The final will be held throughout Christchurch on Wednesday the 6th of July.

The winner will be announced at the 2016 Annual Harness Racing Awards Function on Saturday the 30th of July.



TIMETABLE

TIME	ACTIVITY
9.10am – 9.40am	Challenge One
9.45am – 10.15am	Challenge Two
10.30am – 11.30am	Challenge Three
11.30pm – 1.00pm	Challenge Four – Round Robin
1.00pm – 1.30pm	Lunch
1.30pm – 2.00pm	Challenge Five
2.00pm – 3.00pm	Challenge Six – Round Robin
3.30pm – 5.00pm	Challenge Seven
5.00pm	Finish

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ERIN ISHERWOOD



Age: 26

Employer: Adrienne Matthews

Licence Held: Trials

Career Highlight: Winning Northern Cadet of the Year

Favourite Horse: I have a lot of favourites but a favourite in our stable is Snow Raker. Otherwise my favourite horse of all time is American galloper Barbaro

If you weren't in the Harness Industry What would you be doing: Probably riding track work

Favourite Food: Italian

Best thing about your job: Getting to spend every day with horses that you get very attached too and feel like they're your own. Also working with the youngsters and seeing them grow up and progress to be racehorses is very rewarding

Worst thing about your job: Working out in the worst of the weather can be hard, along with the long hours

What do you think about the Cadet of the Year Competition: I think it is cool to have a competition for the people who aren't necessarily driving at the races yet. I also like the North and South competitive aspect

Person you admire most in the world: Mark Todd

Favourite Movie: Seabiscuit

If you could invite three people to dinner who would it be: Chris Hadfield, Sir David Attenborough and David Beckham

Tell us something interesting about yourself: I have climbed the equivalent of 5 stories of scaffolding and touched the top tail of a Jumbo 747

JOHN MORRISON



Age: 18

Employer: Steven McRae

Licence Held: Junior Drivers

Career Highlight: Driving my first winner on Motu Speedy Star

Favourite Horse: Field Marshall and Motu Speedy Star

If you weren't in the Harness Industry What would you be doing: High Country Farmer

Favourite Food: Roast

Best thing about your job: Working with the horses and driving

Worst thing about your job: Wet days

What do you think about the Cadet of the Year Competition:

Cadet of the Year is a great competition enjoyed by everyone

Person you admire most in the world: Ricky May

Favourite Movie: Borat

If you could invite three people to dinner who would it be: Natalie Gameson, Georgie Bolton and Tim Tetrick

Tell us something interesting about yourself: I am a blacksmith

KIM BLAKEMORE



Age: 19

Employer: Brendon Hill

Licence Held: Junior Drivers

Career Highlight: My first race day drive at Addington on Star Fantasy

Favourite Horse: Dalton Bromac

If you weren't in the Harness Industry What would you be doing: Equine Acupuncture or Chiropractor

Favourite Food: Chocolate

Best thing about your job: Getting to work with lots of different horses and learning from Benny

Worst thing about your job: South Island winters

What do you think about the Cadet of the Year

Competition: Cadet of the Year is a fun competition and a great opportunity for us all

Person you admire most in the world: Benny Hill; he is a great trainer and horseman. It is amazing to learn off one of the best

Favourite Movie: Seabiscuit or Dreamer

If you could invite three people to dinner who would it be: Beyonce, Kylie Jenner and Charlotte Crosby

CHELSEA FAITHFUL



Age: 17

Employer: Hamish Hunter

Licence Held: Trials

Career Highlight: My career is just starting but I loved the time I spent at Overport Lodge last year

Favourite Horse: Ted West and Tartan Trilogy

If you weren't in the Harness Industry What would you be doing: Probably still be at School

Favourite Food: Indian

Best thing about your job: Getting the opportunities I'm getting

Worst thing about your job: Is there one?!

What do you think about the Cadet of the Year

Competition: Cadet of the Year is a good concept and if you're lucky enough to do well a good prize at the end

Person you admire most in the world: Dad- the way he turns his horses out and they are always ready to go

If you could invite three people to dinner who would it be: Ricky May, Mark Purdon and Darryn Simpson

Tell us something interesting about yourself: I have unofficially trained two winners



Harness Racing New Zealand

Awards Dinner

Saturday 30 July



Location: Mashima Lounge, Christchurch Casino

Time: 5.30pm

Cost: \$130pp (includes three course meal and beer, wine & soft drink)

Dress: Formal

celebrate the outstanding performances and performers of the 2015/16 season

Only limited tickets available due to venue size so get in early!

A ticket to the awards also covers entry to the afterparty

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