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INTRODUCING ELITE HORSE OWNERS' AMBITION SYNDICATE RIDER TIM CHEFFINGS

Tim Cheffings has achieved a huge amount in his equestrian career. Based at Downe Farm in Devon, Tim was the recipient of the Mark Todd Bridging the Gap ("MTBTG") Scholarship for 2016, run in association with British Eventing and sponsored by The Mark Todd Collection and Keyflow Feeds. And there is so much more to tell now that he has agreed to be one of the Elite Horse Owners' rider partners.

"I was so pleased to be contacted, out of the blue, by Elite Horse Owners, to be one of their riders. It just shows the value of going out every day as if you are going to win knowing that someone will recognise those achievements. This is a really valuable follow-on opportunity from the Mark Todd BTG scholarship and I can't wait to get out there with some new horses for the 2017 season." TIM CHEFFINGS

MTBTG co-ordinator Lizzel Winter commented that "this is exactly the kind of opportunity we are looking for for our riders. We want to see the support of great talent that we have nurtured turn into commercial and equestrian opportunity for our very best riders. We will continue to support Tim in his journey to the top level of competition".

Tim's horsey upbringing and solid early years in the pony club environment has fuelled his passion for horses and instilled the key ethics of dedication, commitment and a real ambition to achieve. Tim has been riding all his life and his aim is to become one of the top event riders of his generation with the support of his high performance team. He has his sights firmly set on 4* wins and representing his country.

Tim has proven his ability with horses especially with the production of youngsters as the vast majority of Tim's rides when he started out were homebreds he backed and brought on himself. Tim is known not only for his talent as a rider and as a trainer of young horses, but also for his perceptive and calm approach to his horses and their training at the higher levels.

Part of Tim's MTBTG Scholarship prize includes training and mentoring from Sir Mark Todd, who said: "The key for most young riders is the engagement of owners, as without them it can be incredibly difficult to progress,. During my career, I have been supported by many generous people who have helped me get to where I am today and I have made some lifelong friends as a result. . I hope that the Elite Horse Owners collaboration with Tim can give to him and the owners the successes that make our sport so exciting"

Tim will head our Ambition syndicate and he will now work closely with Elite Horse Owners management to select, produce and campaign the horses in the 2017 season.

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Background information

Tim has had continued success at both national and international level with his exciting string of horses. In 2016 Tim has had a win at Belton Horse Trials CIC2* on the mega-talented Donateur which is the biggest International win for Tim in his career and we feel is only the start of the things to come.

Tim and Donateur are currently sitting in 3rd position in the Calver Wealth Management 2* league. This league was introduced in 2015 to recognise excellent horses ridden by British riders making their way up the rankings.

Career Highlights

- Tim was long listed for the Young Rider Event Team in 2003 and represented the South West Junior Team.
- Since 2006 Tim has qualified a selection of horses from 4 year olds through to 7 year olds for the British Eventing Young Horse Championships.
- 2012 CIC1* win at Aldon International on Cosmo Boy.
- Tim qualified his own 9 year old Alinero Van Het Scharenberg for CCI4* at **BRAMHAM**, the duo impressed on their **BURGHLEY** debut in 2014.
- Several top 20 placings at 3* events most recently finishing 10th at 2015 Ballindenisk CCI3* on Nota Bene.
- 2015 Osberton Young Horse Championships with Donateur in the 7yo CIC2*. Showing their true class to finish 9th! Fantastic result against the best 7 year old horses in the country.

Tim is also a sought after BHS registered II instructor, a British Eventing Accredited Coach and mentor for riders at all levels from Pony Club through to Advanced & 3* British Eventing.

You can find out more about Tim

British Eventing <http://www.britisheventing.com/asp-net/events/results.aspx?riderid=55342>

Downe Farm website <http://www.downefarm.com/>

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