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Dexter Dunn receives Outstanding Achievement Award

At last Saturday's glitzy Harness Racing awards held at the Convention Centre in Christchurch, the sensational driver Dexter Dunn received many worthy accolades. One award was kept secret from Dexter and was presented by John Mooney from the NZ Standardbred Breeders' Association (NZSBA) on behalf of the three Kindred Bodies – the NZSBA, NZ Trotting Owners Association and the NZ Harness Racing Trainers and Drivers Association.

Dexter was presented the 2009 Outstanding Achievement award for his amazing success, dedication and hard-work this season. He was presented with a beautifully framed photo of his 200th win salute along with a very fitting citation as below:

“Dexter Dunn distinguished himself through his outstanding achievements as a licensed horseman and ambassador for harness racing. Dexter drove 204 winners in the 2008/09 season. His balance, poise, and relaxed driving style is a rare talent, used well. In just three years Dexter has achieved: the New Zealand record for wins by a driver or a jockey; the youngest driver of a Group One race; the youngest junior driver to win 100 races in a season; and the first junior driver to win \$1 million in a season.

His professional attitude, work ethic, courteous demeanour and exemplary behaviour are admired inside and outside of harness racing. These distinctive accomplishments reflect great credit upon himself, his family, his employer, his workmates and New Zealand harness racing.”

Dexter hasn't slowed down at all after his phenomenal success last season, he has started the 2009 season leading the Drivers' Premiership and posted three wins at Rangiora's meeting on Sunday.

The three Kindred Bodies wish Dexter all the best for the coming season and will be watching his progress with much interest.

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