

Tom Jackson, 31
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Tom Jackson, 31, is based near Godalming in Surrey. He and Capels Hollow Drift were placed second at Burghley in 2022, a first time at the event for both horse and rider and a career best. Tom, who is a former British junior and young rider team member and medallist, is currently #17 in the FEI world rider rankings.

Tom, originally from Maidstone, grew up surrounded by horses. He was an active member of the Ashford Valley branch of the Pony Club and during his teens combined eventing with hunting. In 2010 with Waltham Fiddlers Find, Tom won the CCI2*-L at Weston Park and the following year was a member of the gold medal-winning team at the Junior European Championships. After completing GCSEs, with a sports scholarship at Bethany School, Tom spent two years working for event rider Sacha Pemble and a further year with Dasset Eventing.

In 2013 he set up his own yard in Kent and that year won team silver at the young rider Europeans riding Waltham Fiddlers Find. The pair won the 2014 Under-25 championship at Bramham and was again part of the British Young Rider team winning team bronze, placing seventh individually). They were selected for the senior European Championships at Blair Castle, but were withdrawn due to injury. He completed his first four-star at Badminton in 2017 and gained a second completion in 2019. He was unlucky not to complete Badminton in 2018 when parting company from Waltham Fiddlers Find in the showjumping. Later that year with Capels Hollow Drift he finished second in the 2018 World seven-year-old Young Horse Championships at Le Lion d'Angers. In 2019 he relocated to his present base near Godalming with wife Sabrina, who runs the yard. The pair got married in November 2022 and have a six-month-old daughter.

Tom's mother used to do dressage and his father is a farrier – his two sisters also event on an amateur basis. Tom trains with Pippa Funnell and, in his spare time, enjoys playing golf.

Capels Hollow Drift (Shannondale Sarco-Lucky Crest (Darco)) is a 13-year-old Irish Sport Horse. Bred by Jeanette Glynn, he is by Shannondale Sarco out of Lucky Crest by the thoroughbred Lucky Gift – she is also the dam of three-star horses With Love (Frankie Reid Warrilow) and Triple Point (Sharon Reilly IRL). He was acquired by his owners as a foal from the breeder and has been ridden by Tom since he was a seven-year-old. The pair finished their first season together by taking second place in the World seven-year-old championship at Le Lion d'Angers. Capels Hollow Drift completed his first CCI5* at Badminton in 2022, placing 16th, and was runner-up at Burghley the same year. The pair finished fifth at Badminton in both 2023 and 2024.