



# MOUNTED GAMES

## 2001 Web Awards

### Best Team (Club / County)



**1**

**28.85% Sussex (ENG)**

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**2**

**26.92% Ski (NOR)**

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**3**

**8.65% Alleby Ridklubb (SWE)**

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4=	3.85%	Nottingham (ENG)
4=	3.85%	Berkshire (ENG)
4=	3.85%	Kent (ENG)
4=	3.85%	Warwickshire (ENG)
8=	2.88%	Wild Thangs (USA)
8=	2.88%	Flateby (NOR)
10	1.92%	Gloucestershire (ENG)

A straightforward fight this one between Sussex of England and Ski of Norway. Despite my allegiance to Norway, I have to agree that Ski has some way to go before they can match the outstanding achievements of Sussex over the past few years. So congratulations to Sussex who just came out on top. Third place goes to last year's winners Alleby from Sweden.

## Best Team (International)

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**1**

**27.27% England**

**2**

**22.73% Norway**



**3**

**17.27% Canada**

4	13.64%	Wales
5=	5.45%	Northern Ireland
5=	5.45%	Sweden
7=	2.73%	Republic of Ireland
7=	2.73%	USA
9	1.82%	Luxembourg
10	0.91%	Australia

I have to say here that these results may have looked a little different had it not been for the fact that so many didn't really seem to understand. There is no longer an International team called Great Britain so I'm afraid we couldn't accept those votes. Great Britain is now represented by Wales, Scotland and England. Not Wales, Scotland, The North of England and the South of England. I know that North and South of England teams do exist within MGAGB but they are not international teams.

I doubt it really made much difference though as England held on to the top spot despite the avid voting from the Norwegian supporters association. Surprisingly, current World Champions Canada only just sneaked into third ahead of Wales.

## Best Pair



**1**

**30.59% Kaja Lande & Helene Moe (NOR)**

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**2**

**8.24% Bob Ghandour & Ross Elliot (ENG)**

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**3**

**7.06% Elaine Trevor-Jones & Iain Pringuer (ENG)**

4	5.88%	Shawn Dunn & Barbie Bent (CAN)
5=	4.71%	Valy Schmartz & Mickels Schmartz (LUX)
5=	4.71%	Vicky Ward & Darren Adcock (ENG)
7=	3.53%	Cecilia Adolfsson & Maria Cerboni (SWE)
7=	3.53%	Johan Bergendahl & Younes Ahlbom (SWE)
9=	2.35%	Alex Franklin & Sam Belsey (ENG)
9=	2.35%	Bethany Brown & Jessica McVittie (?)
9=	2.35%	Daloni Lucas & Nicky Williams (WAL)
9=	2.35%	Day & Mallard (FRA)
9=	2.35%	Hannah & Kerry Hopkins (?)
9=	2.35%	Jens Martin & Bettina Pratt (LUX)
9=	2.35%	Rory Prime & Jamie McGanny (NIR)

Hmmm, pretty decisive this one for the Norwegian pairing of Kaja Lande and Helene Moe who romp home in first place. It seemed that the rest of you simply couldn't make up your minds who your favourites were with the votes spread across a vast array of different pair combinations. Bob Ghandour and Ross Elliot just had enough to make it into second though with Elaine Trevor Jones and Iain Pringuer hot on their tails.

## Best Individual Rider



**1**

**14.85% Daniel Williamson (ENG)**



**2**

**12.87% Jens Martin (LUX)**



**3**

**8.91% Shawn Dunn (CAN)**

4	6.93%	Kaja Lande (NOR)
5	5.94%	Christian Jones (WAL)
6=	4.95%	Felicity Hotston (ENG)
6=	4.95%	Joelene Martin (ENG)
6=	4.95%	Maria Cerboni (SWE)
9=	3.96%	Daloni Lucas (WAL)
9=	3.96%	Younes Ahlbom (SWE)

Now come on people! This is where I have to start blushing. I'm just thankful for the late rally of Daniel Williamson supporters. Congratulations to Daniel anyway, things may not have quite gone according to plan at the Individual World Championships for him last year but there are obviously still plenty of people who think he is the best. Shawn Dunn can be found waving the Canadian Maple Leaf of the World Champions in third.

## Best Trainer



**1**

**31.90% Jens Martin (Norway)**



**2**

**11.21% Jim Dunn (Canada)**



**3**

**6.03% Colin Carson (Northern Ireland)**

4=	5.17%	Clive Jones (Sussex)
4=	5.17%	Nisse Adolfsson (Sweden)
4=	5.17%	Peter Dale (Powys)
7	4.31%	Les Edwards (Warwickshire)
8	3.45%	Alistair Elliot (South Wiltshire)
9=	2.59%	Ian Hopkins (?)
9=	2.59%	Kathy Taylor (?)

Well, what can I say? Thank you? I think that it is worth mentioning that it was not only Norwegian voting that tipped the scales on this one. I do however think that this would be more deserved once Norway have actually won something (which won't be long I'll have you know!!). I'm sure Jim won't be too thrilled at being bumped into second but I'll be sure to buy him a beer and he can tell me exactly what he thinks of it. That is of course if Colin won't have already drunk the place dry, drowning his sorrows at coming in third.

## Loudest Trainer or Supporter



**1**

**18.28% Maren Lande (NOR)**



**2**

**11.83% Tora Lande (NOR)**



**3**

**9.68% Sharon Taverner (ENG)**

4	7.53%	Nisse Adolfsson (SWE)
5	5.38%	Alan Scott (NIR)
6	6.45%	Barb Bent (CAN)
7=	4.30%	Robert Taylor (USA)
7=	4.30%	Jim Dunn (CAN)
9=	3.23%	Joan Knott (ENG)
9=	3.23%	Richard Clegg (CAN)

Well, this just goes to show that not only can the Norwegians type like crazy, they can shout as well with Maren Lande taking the honours just ahead of her sister Tora. I have to admit that their screeches are prone to shatter glass over 100 metres away but they probably do still have something to learn from old favourite Sharon Taverner who comes in third and has, as many of you know, been bursting ear drums on the MGAGB circuit for many years now.

Personally though I have to say that it is a shocking oversight by the voting public that Alan Scott can only be found in 5th place with just over 5% of the vote. I mean, any poor soul that happened to be standing next to him in Canada last summer will still be trying to recover from the experience.

## Best Competition



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**1**

**27.27% World Team Championships Canada 2001**

**2**

**24.55% Swedish Championships**

**3**

**18.18% Scandinavium**

4	12.73%	Inter-county Championships
5	4.55%	Welsh Championships
6=	2.73%	Builth Wells
6=	2.73%	US Masters
8=	1.82%	Balloon Festival
8=	1.82%	Norwegian Championships

Well deserved this one I think. As I have said before, last summer's World Championships did set a new standard and it's nice to see that so many people recognised that. Bit of a surprise below that though with perennial crowd favourite Scandinavium being pushed into third place behind the Swedish National Championships. I was at the Swedish Championships last year and as good a show as it was, if I had to choose between the two, I know where my vote would go.

## Best Looking Rider (Male)



**1**

**20.93% Jens Martin (NOR / LUX)**



**2**

**8.14% Daniel Williamson (ENG)**



**3**

**8.14% Robert Vit (USA)**

4	6.98%	Ben Ebrey (ENG)
5=	4.65%	Shawn Dunn (CAN)
5=	4.65%	Younes Ahlbom (SWE)
7=	3.49%	Ben Logue (AUS)
7=	3.49%	Jamie McCanny (NIR)
7=	3.49%	Jay Channock (CAN)
7=	3.49%	Lester Brown (ENG)
7=	3.49%	Rory Prime (NIR)

(Here we go again!). Well, I suppose there are some things you just can't argue with! Daniel, Robert, .... Better luck next time!



## Best Looking Rider (Female)



**1**

**34.21% Kaja Lande (NOR)**



**2**

**7.89% Heather Clegg (CAN)**



**3**

**7.89% Valy Schmartz (LUX)**

4=	6.58%	Jamie Dunn (CAN)
4=	6.58%	Ragnhild Fægri (NOR)
6	2.63%	Karin Wikman (SWE)
7=	2.63%	Maria Cerboni (SWE)
7=	2.63%	Sofia Bergendahl (SWE)

I have taken a close look at this one and I can confirm that a large number of these votes did not come from Norway. It seems that Kaja made quite the impression last season. Certainly enough to leave Heather from Canada and last year's winner Valy Schmartz in her wake anyway.

## Best Referee



**1**

**37.50% Roger Sykes (ENG / SWE)**



**2**

**15.63% Roy Barclay (ENG)**

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**3**

**12.50% Pete Daniels (ENG)**

4	9.38%	Klaus Käshammer (GER)
5	7.81%	Nigel Taverner (ENG)
6=	3.13%	Geoff Turkington (ENG)
6=	3.13%	Jens Martin (NOR)
6=	3.13%	Twiga Vollmers (GER)
9=	1.56%	Marilyn Hackman (ENG)
9=	1.56%	Mary Worth (ENG)
9=	1.56%	Peter Williamson (?)
9=	1.56%	Sally Woods (CAN)

Funny how this category always has the lowest voting turnout!! As before though, Roger Sykes is still your favourite to be waving the flag. MGAGB's chief referee follows in second with Pete Daniels, who always seems to be there or thereabouts, in third.

## Best Commentator



**1**

**20.00% Geoff Turkington (GB)**



**2**

**18.33% Rose Dunn (CAN)**



**3**

**16.67% Tina Solbakken (NOR)**

4	15.00%	Jens Martin (NOR)
5	13.33%	Geoff Snell (GB)
6	5.00%	Richard Garglianno (USA)
7	3.33%	Tim Pinney (?)
8=	3.13%	Aiden Foley (IRE)
8=	1.67%	Dirk DeClerq (BEL)
8=	1.67%	Ingvar Oldsberg (SWE)
8=	1.67%	Mary Worth (ENG)
8=	1.67%	Val Edwards (ENG)

No doubt here whatsoever. For the third year in a row, the golden microphone goes to the larger than life Geoff Turkington. It seems you just can't get enough of the hundred year old jokes and the smutty one liners! Keep it up Geoff! Of course it was a pretty close run thing this year with Rose Dunn right behind him in second. I think it is fair to say that Rose's style is a little more docile than that of Geoff. In third place of course comes the Norwegian vote in the shape of Tina Solbakken whose commentary I'm afraid to say I don't think I have ever heard.

## Most Improved Team



**1**

**41.00% Norway**



**2**

**10.00% Canada**

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**3**

**5.00% Australia**

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4= 3.00% Berkshire (ENG)  
4= 3.00% GFRK (SWE)  
4= 3.00% Northern Ireland  
4= 3.00% USA  
4= 3.00% Yorkshire (ENG)

Again, I'm sorry but even as Norwegian trainer, I must object to this. As much as my team have improved this last year, I really don't think you needed to look much further than Canada to find a worthy winner of this category. B final to World Champions in one year is quite an improvement in my book. That was not the opinion of the voting public, however, and we in Norway (yes I have been adopted by the country of Mooses and strangely coloured cheese) will gladly accept this award. For the record, Canada come in second (how many beers is that I owe you now Jim?) and MGA debutants for 2001 and B final champions, Australia take third.

## Best Pony



**1**

**28.87% First (NOR)**



**2**

**7.22% Winnie (SWE)**



**3**

**6.19% Red Robin (CAN)**

4=	3.09%	Alec (WAL)
4=	3.09%	Elkin (USA)
4=	3.09%	Milo (WAL)
4=	3.09%	Misty Kayla (CAN)
4=	3.09%	Tara (SWE)

I don't know about you but I have enough trouble trying to remember the riders' names, let alone the ponies. As a result, this one is always a tough one to decide on but it seems that this year you have decided that the fairest maiden of them all also rides the best pony of them all as well. The (I hope) aptly named First belongs to Kaja Lande and although many of you will not have seen her yet, I can assure you that she is quite spectacular.

In second we have Winnie. Most of the time it's the riders who become famous in our sport but occasionally you come across a pony which attains almost celebrity status in their own right. I think it is fair to say that Winnie is one of those ponies. For many years under the guidance of Younes Ahlbom she performed miracles. Now she is back on the Swedish team doing what she does best.

Finally in third place we have a Canadian Red Robin, Shawn Dunn's pony.