



MOUNTED GAMES

2003 Web Awards

Best Team (Club / County)



1

18.66% Sussex (ENG)



2

17.16% Ski (NOR)



3

13.43% Walloos in the Baba (FRA)

4	5.97%	AGR (NOR)
5	5.22%	Canada Red (CAN)
6=	4.48%	South Staffordshire (ENG)
6=	4.48%	Warwickshire (ENG)
8=	3.73%	Alleby Ridklubb (SWE)
8=	3.73%	Middlesex (ENG)
10	2.99%	Barrow Valley (IRL)

Once again it's that lot from Sussex . The Inter-county title may have slipped from their grasp in 2003 but for the 4th time in 5 years you voted them the best club team in the world.

It was a bit of close thing this year though. The Norwegian vote, and their favourites the Ski team, who came 2nd at the Norwegian team championships gave them a good run for their money but just fell short.

In 3rd place a new name in terms of the Web Awards with the French champions and the interestingly named Walloos in the Baba!!

Best Team (International)



1

24.20% Wales



2

22.29% Denmark



3

17.83% Norway

4	11.46%	England
5	8.28%	Canada
6	5.73%	France
7	3.18%	Ireland
8	2.55%	Belgium
9	1.91%	Australia
10	1.27%	Scotland

Last summer Wales defended their World Team Championship title at the World Championships in Kentucky, USA . The same things has happened in the Web Awards as they hold on to their crown.

However, it was quite a close thing with Wales only managing to secure a less than 2% lead over 2nd place. Also, it wasn't the usual contenders from England, Canada or Norway that gave them such a close contest but newcomers Denmark who are now making their mark. Norway still manages to secure a solid 3rd place ahead of England .

Best Pair



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14.97% Alex Jones & Andrew Gleadow (WAL / ENG)

2

13.61% Sofie Ennis & Charlotte Heiselberg (DEN)

3

10.88% Tina Johansen & Lene Graver (NOR)

4	8.16%	Nicolas Desforges & Valentin Vieilledent (FRA)
5	6.80%	Shawn Dunn & Barbie Bent (CAN)
6	6.12%	Felicity Hotston-Jones & Christian Jones (WAL / ENG)
7	4.08%	Jens Martin & Helene Therése Moe (LUX / NOR)
8=	3.40%	Ditte Christensen & Charlotte Heiselberg (DEN)
8=	3.40%	Kaja & Maren Lande (NOR)
10	2.72%	Craig Tordoff & Ceri Hopkins (ENG)

So far nobody has ever managed to retain this title and this year is no exception as we have the 5th different winner.

Alex Jones and Andrew Gleadow however run out deserved winners and can stick this particular honour next to the World Pairs title they won last year.

Alex and Andy are kept company on the podium by on the one side Sofie Ennis & Charlotte Heiselberg from Denmark in 2nd place and Tina Johansen & Lene Graver from Norway on the other in 3rd. I'm sure Alex and Andy aren't complaining.

Best Individual Rider

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15.47% Choc Adcock (ENG)

2

13.81% Charlotte Heiselberg (DEN)

3

8.29% Kaja Lande (NOR)

4	6.63%	Alex Jones (WAL)
5	6.08%	Shawn Dunn (CAN)
6	5.52%	Lene Graver (NOR)
7	4.97%	Nicholas Deforges (FRA)
8	4.42%	Helene Therése Moe (NOR)
9	3.31%	Ditte Christensen (DEN)
10	2.76%	Christian Jones (WAL)

Last year the voting was all very sensible. The World Team, Pairs and Individual champions all also won their respective categories in the Web Awards.

The pattern appeared to be repeating it self this year with the team and pairs titles going the same way. The Individuals, however, has panned out quite differently.

Choc Adcock holds on to the title he won last year. Charlotte Heiselberg from Denmark takes 2nd and Kaja Lande from Norway 3rd spot.

Anybody spot a pattern yet? But what of the new World Individual Champion?? Not even in the top 10????

Best Trainer



1

25.00% Jens Martin (Norway)



2

22.62% Signe Sehested (Denmark)



3

10.71% Clive Jones (Wales / Sussex)

4	9.52%	Christophe Guillou (Walloos in the Baba)
5	7.74%	Jim Dunn (Canada)
6	2.98%	Les Edwards (Warwickshire)
7=	2.38%	Kiaran Hanlon (Republic of Ireland)
7=	2.38%	Michael Hern (Middlesex Red)
7=	2.38%	Nisse Adolfsson (Sweden / Alleby)
10	1.19%	Malcolm Trevor-Jones (Shropshire)

Well, last year I won this category by a huge margin but this time I didn't have things all my own way.

So guess who takes the 4th second place of this year's awards so far? Yes, it's our friends from Denmark again. Signe Sehested makes her first of two appearances in this year's awards, coming here in 2nd place.

Clive Jones, who now of course has three world titles to his name, last year voiced his disapproval to me at not even making the top 3, this year he does move one place up to 3rd but I guess he's going to have to get himself a new PR manager if he's going to add to his win from 1999.

Loudest Trainer or Supporter



1

21.93% Signe Sehested (DEN)

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14.91% Barb Bent (CAN)

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3

7.89% Sharon Taverner (ENG)

4	7.02%	Jens Martin (LUX / NOR)
5=	4.39%	Benoit Snoeck (BEL)
5=	4.39%	Tora Lande (NOR)
7=	3.51%	Jamie Kiessel (USA)
7=	3.51%	Michael Hern (ENG)
9=	2.63%	Colin Carson (NIR)
9=	2.63%	Matt the Bartender (ENG / NOR)

In the past three years Barb Bent from Canada has slowly been creeping up the table in this category, having finished, 7th , 6th and 3rd. I know there was a strong lobby for her to take the title this year but although she has moved up again into 2nd , it just wasn't quite enough.

Instead, the Danish vote finally manages to break all others and storms into 1st place with Signe making her second appearance. Now I have heard both of these ladies yell and it is a tough one to call. Maybe we could arrange some sort of run off between the two this season??

Of course in 3rd place there is also Sharon Taverner (who, quite frankly, we had in mind when this category was created). On her day, I'm sure she could give both of these a run for their money.

Best Competition 2003



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1

24.00% World Team Championships (Lexington / USA)

2

17.60% Inter-county Championships (Stoneleigh / ENG)

3

14.40% Spektrum International Friendly (Oslo / NOR)

4	8.00%	Scandinavian International Friendly (Gothenburg/SWE)
5	7.20%	French Team Championships (Lamotte Beuvron/FRA)
6	4.80%	Welsh Championships (Builth Wells/WAL)
7	4.00%	Peter Dale Challenge Cup (Various)
8	3.20%	Norwegian Team Championships (Nesodden/NOR)
9=	2.40%	German Team Championships (Achim/GER)
9=	2.40%	Norwegian Individual Championships (Hønfoss/NOR)

In the past there has always been confusion in this category between whether this meant best competition of the year or of all time, so we split it into two this time around.

So where was the place to be in 2003? Of course, it was the World Team Championships in Kentucky. As the blue ribboned event of the season, this is just as it should be as well.

This year's Inter-county championships had a good following as well coming in in 2nd, ahead of one of the newer fixtures on the international calendar, the friendly international at the Spektrum stadium in Oslo.

Best Competition Ever



1

20.00% World Team Championships 2001 (Guelph / CAN)



2

13.75% World Team Championships 2002 (Fontwell / ENG)



3

10.00% Spektrum International Friendly 2003 (Oslo / NOR)

4	8.75%	2003	Scandinavian International Friendly (Gothenburg/SWE)
5	7.50%	2003	Inter-county Championships (Stonleigh/ENG)
6	5.00%	2000	World Team Championships (Bremen/GER)
7=	2.50%	2003	German Team Championships (Achim/GER)
7=	2.50%	2002	Norwegian Team Championships (Hellerudsletta/NOR)
7=	2.50%	2001	Scandinavian International Friendly (Gothenburg/SWE)
7=	2.50%	2003	Welsh Championships (Builth Wells/WAL)

Surprisingly enough there was quite a low voting turn out in this category. I suppose most you just couldn't make up your mind. Of those that did however, the 2001 Worlds in Canada came top of the list. I think I know a few people who will be pretty happy about that.

In 2nd place we have the World Championships in Fontwell from 2002, and 3rd place goes to Spektrum as it did in the 2003 vote.

Best Looking Rider (Male)

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1

18.98% Choc Adcock (ENG)

2

10.22% Shawn Dunn (CAN)



3

8.76% Jens Martin (NOR / LUX)

4	7.30%	Alex Jones (WAL)
5	6.57%	Nicolas Desforges (FRA)
6	5.11%	Ben Ebrey (ENG)
7	4.38%	Brenton Ward (AUS)
8=	3.65%	Ben Logue (AUS)
8=	3.65%	Nicolas Mauny (FRA)
9=	2.92%	Andrew Gleadow (ENG)
9=	2.92%	Andrew Horscroft (ENG)

I suppose I should be upset that I have lost my title after two years but it makes it a lot less embarrassing publishing these results and at least I can still say I have never finished outside the top three. Down to 3rd place for me this year, however.

Climbing one place into 2nd is Shawn Dunn from Canada, but storming from 6th up to 1st place is our previous individual winner, Choc Adcock. With no Danes eligible for this category, I wonder where the Danish vote went?? Hmm...

Best Looking Rider (Female)

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1

16.67% Charlotte Heiselberg (DEN)

2

9.42% Helene Therése Moe (NOR)



3

8.70% Kaja Lande (NOR)

4	7.25%	Vickie Kjær (DEN)
5	6.52%	Joanna Dale (WAL)
6	4.35%	Jamie Dunn (CAN)
7=	3.62%	Daloni Lucas (WAL)
7=	3.62%	Lene Graver (NOR)
9=	2.90%	Amy Guy (WAL)
9=	2.90%	Felicity Jones (ENG)

Bit of a ding-dong battle this one. Two Danes and two Norwegians in the top four!! In the end though, there was little doubt who was the winner as Charlotte Heiselberg from Denmark took the honours.

In 2nd place Helene Therése Moe, who just pipped her Norwegian team mate and 2001 winner of this category, Kaja Lande.

Best Referee



1

19.48% Peter Hern (ENG)



2

15.58% Jens Martin (LUX / NOR)



3

14.29% Roy Barclay (ENG)

4	11.69%	Pete Daniels (ENG)
5	10.39%	Roger Sykes (ENG / SWE)
6	6.49%	Dee Tordoff (ENG)
7=	3.90%	Keith Hardy (?)
7=	3.90%	Klaus Käshammer (GER)
9=	2.60%	Jim Dunn (CAN)
9=	2.60%	Warren Townsend (CAN)

Well, you are nothing, if not consistent. Once again, this category attracts the lowest number of votes!! However, Roy Barclay's crown is snatched away from him by the come-back kid, Peter Hern, who has dusted off his clipboard and referee's flag and is back in the hot seat. Flag waving duties at the World Championships and Spektrum last season see him take 1st place. I hold onto 2nd place and Roy takes 3rd.

Best Commentator



1

33.33% Per Ivar Lande (NOR)

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2

16.67% Mary Worth (ENG)



3

15.63% Rose Dunn (CAN)

4	10.42%	Geoff Turkington (ENG)
5	5.21%	Ingvar Oldsberg (SWE)
6=	4.17%	Roger Sykes (ENG / SWE)
6=	4.17%	Tim Pinney (ENG)
6=	4.17%	Val Edwards (ENG)
9=	2.08%	Alex Jones (WAL)
9=	2.08%	Tilo Donner (GER)

The biggest winning margin of the year goes to Per Ivar Lande. Having only picked up the commentators microphone for the first time this year, he made his debut at last year's Norwegian Team Championships but really made an impression at Spektrum where he managed to whip a crowd of around 8,000 up into a frenzy.

A neck and neck fight for 2nd place between Mary Worth and Rose Dunn, finally saw Mary take it by only just over 1% of the vote.

Most Improved Team



1

25.69% Denmark



2

16.67% Norway



3

6.94% France

4	5.56%	South Africa
5	4.86%	Ski (NOR)
6	4.17%	Walloos in the Baba (FRA)
7=	2.78%	AGR (NOR)
7=	2.78%	Middlesex Red (ENG)
7=	2.78%	USA
7=	2.78%	Bedfordshire (ENG)

Personally, I thought this category was a complete no brainer! Coming from nowhere, France came 2nd in the World Championships only a fraction behind Wales, how could you not vote for them? However, it seems, you did!

Managing to secure only a little less than 7% of the vote, France come in 3rd. Winner for the last two years, Norway take 2nd, but top of the pile and by quite some margin, it's Denmark, and I can confirm that there were quite a few votes cast here from outside of Denmark as well.

Best Pony



1

17.14% Manouk (Ditte Christensen / DEN)



2

9.71% Flying Lillie (Kaja Lande / NOR)



3

8.57% Zico (Helene Therése Moe / NOR)

4	5.14%	Pippen Kelly (Lorrain Kelly / IRE)
5	4.57%	Gazelle (? / FRA)
6	2.86%	Ecoissaise 2 (Sophie Normand / FRA)
7=	2.29%	Golden Track (Sofie Ennis / DEN)
7=	2.29%	Holly (Mark Devitt / IRE)
7=	2.29%	Pandora (Lone Nummedal / NOR)
7=	2.29%	Whoopee (Katie Hardy / ENG)

The problem with this category is, everybody tends to vote for their own pony and there is very little bulk voting. In total 53 ponies were nominated in this category, 43 of them received three votes or less each! Of the remaining 10, however, there was some consensus in the Danish camp at least, where Manouk, owned by Ditte Christensen ran out a convincing winner.

Those Norwegians just couldn't make up their minds though as their vote is split right down the middle with Kaja Lande's Flying Lillie, just taking second place from Helene Therése Moe's Zico.

