



# MOUNTED GAMES

## 2005 Web Awards

### Best Team (Club / County)



**1**

**11.94% Warwickshire (ENG) (11)**



**2**

**10.82% EM2C Peillard (FRA) (10)**

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**3**

**8.96% Sussex (ENG) (1)  
Winner 2004, 03, 02, 01**

4	West Glamorgan (WAL)	6.34%	(15)
5	AGMGA (NOR)	4.85%	(8)
6	Berkshire (ENG)	4.10%	(11)
7	Søndre Ski (NOR)	3.73%	(3)
8	Hurlumhei Mix (NOR)	3.26%	(4)
9	Monmouthshire (WAL)	2.99%	(21)
10	Shropshire (ENG)	2.61%	(16)

*The (number in brackets) is last year's placing*

First category and already a surprise winner. Having won this category for the past 4 years running, Sussex have been relegated to third place. Taking their place are Warwickshire who weren't even in the top 10 last year! In actual fact Warwickshire led this category from the very beginning. French team EM2C Peillard came on strong towards the end, but it wasn't enough to take the top spot. Further down the order we have Monmouthshire who are biggest movers from 21st last year to 9th this year.

## Best Team (International)



**1**

**41.22% England (1)**  
**Winner 2004, 01, 00**



**2**

**14.69% Wales (3)**  
**Winner 2003, 02**



**3**

**10.61% Norway (2)**

4	France	6.94%	(4)
5	Switzerland	4.49%	(13)
6	Northern Ireland	4.08%	(9)
7	Denmark	3.27%	(6)
8	Germany	2.86%	(13)
9	Sweden	2.45%	(8)
10	New Zealand	2.04%	(13)

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If the last category was a surprise, this has got to be the most predictable of them all. With the biggest winning margin of all categories, England retain the title of best international team, and after successfully defending their World Crown in Wales last summer, it is hardly surprising and entirely deserved. In fact, overall there was not a great deal of movement in this category with only Wales switching places with Norway to take second and France remaining in 4th overall. A big increase in popularity for Switzerland though, who move up from 13th to 5th and that despite not even having taken part in the World Championships this past season.

## Best Pair



1

**17.57% Aron Tyler & Elaine Trevor-Jones (ENG) (-)**



2

**6.28% Katie Hardy & Shayla McInulty (ENG) (11)**

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**5.86% Holly Rauch & Gemma Walters (WAL) (-)**

4	Janey Surman & Chloe Golding (ENG)	4.60%	(-)	
5	Christian Jones & Peter Walters (WAL / ENG)	4.18%	(-)	
6	Elodie Quenon & Vincent Leroy (FRA)	3.77%	(-)	
7	Huw Whitney & Alex Franklin (WAL / ENG)	3.35%	(15)	
8	Melainie Edwards & James Knott (ENG)	2.93%	(-)	
9	Nathalie Rosvall & Patricia Karlsson (SWE)	2.51%	(-)	
10	Kaja Lande & Lene Graver (NOR)	2.09%	(1)	Winner 2004

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Pairs tend to come and go in MGA with only few riders remaining faithful to their partners for very long. This is probably the reason for the vast number of new faces in this line up, in fact only three of the top 10 even featured in last year's vote at all and one of them didn't actually ride as a pair last season anyway. Winners are of course Elaine and Aron who add this title to their World Pairs title won in Newark last season. This also was never in doubt despite a good showing from Katie and Shayla as well as Holly and Gemma.

## Best Individual Rider



**1**

**27.17% Elaine Trevor-Jones (ENG) (2)**



**2**

**9.06% Lene Graver (NOR) (1)  
Winner 2004**



**3**

**6.30% Katie Hardy (ENG) (9)**

4	Chloe Golding (ENG)	4.72%	(-)	
5	Christian Jones (WAL)	3.15%	(12)	
6	Kaja Lande (NOR)	2.76%	(3)	
=7	Ditte Christensen (DEN)	2.36%	(4)	
=7	Younes Ahlbom (SWE)	2.36%	(26)	Winner 1999
=9	Jess Hindle (ENG)	1.97%	(-)	
=9	Mark Skubatz (GER)	1.97%	(10)	

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Last season Elaine Trevor-Jones completed the remarkable feat of winning the grand slam of World Team, Pair, and Individual Championships in the same season. As a result, it is only fair that she should capture the same hat trick here in the web awards and this she did, leaving all in her wake. Last year's winner Lene Graver from Norway took a solid 2nd place with Katie Hardy moving up from 9th last year to get her foot on the podium this time round. Cast your eyes a little further down the list though and you'll see the rather remarkable comeback of the first ever winner of this category all the way back in 1999, Younes Ahlbom!

## Best Trainer



**1**

**14.29% Clive Jones (Norway / Sussex) (2)  
Winner 1999**



**2**

**9.52% Philippe Gargallo (Switzerland / EM2C Peillard) (9)**



**3**

**7.33% Jens Martin (Nesodden) (1)  
Winner 2004, 03, 02, 01**

4	Iain Hopkins (Monmouthshire)	6.23%	(20)
5	Les Edwards (Warwickshire)	5.49%	(11)
6	Colin Carson (Northern Ireland / Co. Down)	5.13%	(8)
7	Malcolm Trevor-Jones (England / Shropshire)	4.40%	(-)
8	Signe Sehested (Denmark)	4.03%	(4)
9	Younes Ahlbom (Näås / Alingsås)	3.66%	(20)
10	Alun Whitney (Wales / West Glamorgan)	3.30%	(13)

*The (number in brackets) is last year's placing*

Well, he finally made it. After winning in 1999, Clive Jones came 3rd in 2003, 2nd in 2004 and has now completed the comeback to take the title this time. Philippe Gargallo also seems to have profited from the popularity this year of EM2C Peillard and Switzerland, both of whom he trains. He take 2nd place and I have to settle for third. Oh well, after being top of the pile for so long, I don't think I should complain! :-). Big movers further down see Iain Hopkins move up from equal 20th to 4th and then there's that Younes Ahlbom again. First person to feature on the best individual and best trainer lists in the same year? I'll have to check on that one.

## Loudest Trainer or Supporter



**1**

**10.81% Alan Scott (NIR) (7)**



**2**

**5.95% Kayrene Whitney (WAL) (-)**



**3**

**5.41% Colin Carson (NIR) (5)**

4	Michael Hern (ENG)	4.86%	(3)	
5	Elin Kamperin (SWE)	4.32%	(-)	
6	Kristine Bang (NOR)	3.78%	(-)	
=7	Judith Moormann (GER)	3.24%	(16)	
=7	Signe Sehested (DEN)	3.24%	(2)	Winner 2003
=9	Iain Hopkins (WAL)	2.70%	(-)	
=9	Sharon Taverner (ENG)	2.70%	(6)	Winner 1999

*The (number in brackets) is last year's placing*

Well, about time too! How on earth this man has not won this category before is beyond me. His must be the most recognisable (and probably feared) voice in MGA. We are of course talking about Northern Ireland's secret weapon, Alan Scott. Not to be confused of course with Northern Ireland's Not-So-Secret weapon Colin Carson, whose dulcet tones see him make a solid entrance in third. Sandwiched between these two powerhouses of MGA is the lovely Kayrene Whitney who hereby proves that not only does she have the a fantastic singing voice, but when it comes to all out screaming volume, it is also hard to outdo her.

## Best Competition 2005



**Wales 2005**  
International Mounted Games Association  
World Championships



**1**

**20.61% Inter-County Championships (Stonleigh / ENG)**

**2**

**19.74% World Team Championships (Bridgend / WAL)**

**3**

**12.72% Scandinavian International Friendly (Gothenburg / SWE)**

4	INPG Cup (FRA)	12.28%
5	Peter Dale Challenge Cup (Various)	3.95%
6	Norwegian Team Championships, 4th Leg (Fevik / NOR)	3.51%
=7	Northern European Championships, 2nd Leg (Fevik / NOR)	3.07%
=7	Royal Welsh International Friendly (Builth Wells / WAL)	3.07%
=9	Horse of the year Show (Hastings / NZL)	2.19%
=9	Welsh Championships (Builth Wells / WAL)	2.19%

Where was THE place to be in 2005? Normally the answer to that question is the World Team Championships. This year however, the blue ribboned event of the IMGA season had to battle it out with the ever popular showpiece of the MGAGB season. On this occasion it was the Inter-Counties that came out on top by the slenderest of margins. Just behind them though was the famous Scandinavium friendly international that is always there or thereabouts when it comes to picking out the highlights of any season.

## Best Competition Ever



Wales 2005

International Mounted Games Association  
World Championships



# 1

**16.38% World Team Championships 2004 (Saumur / FRA) (1)  
Winner 2004**

# 2

**14.69% World Team Championships 2005 (Bridgend / WAL) (-)**

# 3

**9.60% Inter-County Championships 2005 (Stonleigh / ENG) (-)**

4	Scandinaviu International Friendly 2005 (Gothenburg / SWE)	9.04%	(-)	
5	World Team Championships 2001 (Guelph / CAN)	5.65%	(4)	Winner 2003
6	INPG Cup 2005 (FRA)	4.52%	(-)	
7	Spektrum International Friendly 2004 (Oslo / NOR)	3.95%	(3)	
8	Royal Welsh Internation Friendly 2005 (Builth Wells / WAL)	3.39%	(-)	
=9	Mini Championships 2004 (Shrewsbury / ENG)	2.82%	(-)	
=9	Scandinaviu International Friendly 2003 (Gothenburg / SWE)	2.82%	(5)	

*The (number in brackets) is last year's placing*

This is always a strange category. In the humble opinion of the MGA voting public, the Inter-Countries was a better show than the World Championships last season. Ask what the best competition of all time was, however, and you change your mind and decide that on balance the Worlds was better after all!! All very bizarre. At the end of the day though, it's all academic because ahead of both of them remains last year's World Team Championships in Saumur which becomes the only winner from last year to retain the title this time around.



## Best Looking Rider (Male)



1

8.02% Jens Martin (LUX) (4)  
Winner 2002, 01



2

7.49% Aron Tyler (ENG) (1)  
Winner 2004



3

4.28% Rob Price (WAL) (-)

=4	Jack Edwards (WAL)	3.74%	(-)	
=4	Tim Wingård (SWE)	3.74%	(-)	
6	Christian Jones (WAL)	3.21%	(16)	
=7	Andrew Jordan (NIR)	2.67%	(5)	Winner 2000
=7	Ben Ebrey (ENG)	2.67%	(8)	
=9	Andrew Horscroft (ENG)	2.14%	(6)	
=9	Colin Carson (NIR)	2.14%	(-)	

*The (number in brackets) is last year's placing*

Just when I thought it was all over and I slipped out of the top three altogether last year, I'm back. It is, however, not lost on me that not only is this most probably the consolation prize for having lost both of my titles from last year but also I manage to win the smallest number of votes in any category. Aron has to make do with 2nd place this year but I dare say he has youth on his side. Rob Price is a new entry in 3rd and in what appears to be the comeback year for some of the "elder statesmen" of the MGA, Christian Jones makes a welcome return to the fold in 6th.

## Best Looking Rider (Female)



1

8.45% Maria Axén (SWE) (11)



2

6.10% Shayla McInulty (ENG) (28)



3

5.63% Lotte Hansen (NOR) (15)

4	Lene Graver (NOR)	5.16%	(2)	Winner 2002
5	Katie Hardy (ENG)	4.69%	(-)	
6	Tammy Watkins (WAL)	3.76%	(-)	
7	Lucy Davies (WAL)	2.82%	(15)	
=8	Abbie Murphy (ENG)	2.35%	(-)	
=8	Daloni Lucas (WAL)	2.35%	(11)	
=8	Rochelle O'Hara (NZL)	2.35%	(15)	

*The (number in brackets) is last year's placing*

Well, some things never change. The Scandinavian contingent has dominated this category for some time now, but that has always been a Norwegian and Danish thing. This year it's Sweden that crash the party as Maria storms up the charts from 11 to the top spot. Let's hope she fairs better than some of the past winners of the category who, with the exception of Lene Graver, appear to have all dropped from sight. Shayla McInulty flies the flag for England in 2nd whilst there is a new Norwegian entry in 3rd for Lotte Hansen who I personally believe will be making an impact in years to come.

## Best Referee



**1**

**17.22% Pete Daniels (ENG) (2)**



**2**

**13.89% Jens Martin (LUX) (1)  
Winner 2004**

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**3**

**11.67% Dee Tordoff (ENG) (8)**

4	Huw Whitney (WAL)	10.56%	(-)	
5	Roger Sykes (ENG / SWE)	10.00%	(3)	Winner 2001, 00
6	Roy Barday (ENG)	9.44%	(13)	Winner 2002, 1999
7	Dirk de Clerq (BEL)	3.89%	(5)	
8	Kent Trulsén (SWE)	3.33%	(13)	
9	Keith Hardy (ENG)	2.78%	(11)	
10	Klaus Käshammer (GER)	2.22%	(11)	

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It was nice while it lasted but after having finally won this one last year, I now resume my familiar position of 2nd (third time in 4 years). Pete Daniels, however, finally fulfils what he has been threatening for so long by taking the top honours for 2005. Dee Tordoff is the big climber this year moving up from 8th to 3rd.

## Best Commentator



**1**

**24.00% Mary Worth (ENG) (2)**



**2**

**14.50% Per Iver Lande (NOR) (1)  
Winner 2004, 03**

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**3**

**9.50% Huw Whitney (WAL) (11)**

4	Tim Pinney (ENG)	8.00%	(3)	
5	Geoff Turkington (ENG)	6.50%	(6)	Winner 2001, 00, 1999
6	Ingvar Oldsberg (SWE)	5.50%	(5)	
=7	Phillipe Permingeat (FRA)	3.50%	(10)	
=7	Tilo Donner (GER)	3.50%	(4)	
9	Wendy Williams (WAL)	3.00%	(-)	
10	Kalle Hufnagel (GER)	2.50%	(7)	

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Geoff Turkington won this one three years in a row not too long ago and it would have been a fair bet to say that Per Ivar Lande might have repeated that feat this year, having reigned supreme among the Norwegian voting public over the past two years. It was not to be, though, as you decided that after so many years service behind the microphone, in fact it was time to give Mary the top honours and by quite some margin as well! Per Ivar did manage to hold on to second place as he cements his reputation amongst the big hitters such as Tim Pinney, Geoff Turkington, and the voice of Scandinavium, Ingvar Oldsberg. Amongst them there is a new young upstart in the form of Huw Whitney who takes the 3rd spot.

## Most Improved Team



**1**

**10.46% EM2C Peillard (FRA) (17)**



**2**

**10.04% Norway (1)  
Winner 2004, 02, 01**



**3**

**6.69% Denmark (5)  
Winner 2003**

4	Alingsås RS (SWE)	4.18%	(-)
5	Yorkshire (ENG)	3.35%	(-)
6	Hurlumhei Mix (NOR)	2.93%	(4)
=7	Australia	2.51%	(2)
=7	Midtre Ski (NOR)	2.51%	(17)
=7	West Glamorgan Black (WAL)	2.51%	(-)
10	Germany	2.09%	(-)

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Personally I didn't see EM2C Peillard show their best form on the French circuit this year, but they were certainly the hot ticket with the French voting public, moving up a massive 16 places over last year from 17th to numero uno! Norway, who always feature heavily in this category, have to make do with 2nd this time but they did hold off the Danes to stay above them. Personally, however, I expected to see the Danish do a lot better in this category after some amazing leaps forward during 2005.

## Best Pony



**1**

**8.88% Dee Bee (Elaine Trevor-Jones / ENG) (29)**



**2**

**6.95% Annie (Katie Hardy / ENG) (-)**



**3**

**4.63% Karinka (Lene Graver / NOR) (2)**

4	Legs (Ron Weller / NZL)	4.25%	(-)
5	Cinderella (Patricia Karlsson / SWE)	3.86%	(-)
6	O'Bajana (Lotte Hansen / NOR)	3.47%	(-)
7	Skye (Lavinia Montgomery / NIR)	2.70%	(11)
8	Dancer (Huw Whitney / WAL)	2.32%	(29)
=9	Helen (Gemma Walters / WAL)	1.93%	(-)
=9	Zico (Helene Therese Moe / NOR)	1.93%	(3)

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Consistently, every year, this category always attracts the most nominations of all as we all believe our own four-legged friend to be the best of all. A massive 97 different ponies were chosen this year but the one that made the biggest climb up the table and perhaps not entirely surprisingly, is the other half of Elaine Trevor-Jones' amazing season, Dee Bee, who moves up from 29th to 1st overall. Not too far behind her, however, is Katie Hardy's much loved Annie who is remembered by many. Third goes to another regular on this list who has never quite made it to the top spot, and that is Lene Graver's Karinka, famous for having a tail not unlike a propeller. Interesting facts here are that only two of last year's top 10 managed to repeat the feat and if you were to add up all of the votes cast for each previous winner of this category, you would only just breach 3% of the total!!