



# MOUNTED GAMES

2006 Web Awards

## Best Team (Club / County)



1

12.33% Monmouthshire (WAL) (9)



2

10.27% Warwickshire (ENG) (1)  
Winner 2005



3

9.25% Søndre Ski (NOR) (7)

4	Sandefjord (NOR)	8.90%	(-)	
5	AGMGA (NOR)	6.16%	(5)	
6	Sussex (ENG)	5.14%	(3)	Winner 2004, 03, 02, 01
7	Lindau-Gettorf 1 (GER)	4.45%	(20)	
8	Mid Glamorgan (WAL)	4.11%	(20)	
9	Speeds of Bruille (FRA)	3.77%	(35)	
10	EM2C Peillard (FRA)	3.42%	(2)	

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

Between 2001 and 2004 Sussex won this title 4 years in a row but they slipped down the order last year and that slide appears to have continued.

Your new favourites are Monmouthshire who climb from 9th place last year to the top of the pile and condemn last years winners, Warwickshire, to second place.

The Norwegian vote appears to have been somewhat split but their championship winning team, Søndre Ski, were the ones that came out on top and claim the third place overall.

## Best Team (International)



1

**28.51% England (1)**  
**Winner 2005, 04, 01, 00**



2

**24.38% Norway (3)**



3

**13.64% Wales (2)**  
**Winner 2003, 02**

4	Germany	9.92%	(8)
5	Republic of Ireland	4.13%	(13)
6	New Zealand	3.72%	(10)
7	Denmark	3.31%	(7)
8	Switzerland	2.89%	(5)
9	France	2.48%	(4)
10	Belgium	2.07%	(14)

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

No great surprise here really. England's win makes it three in a row and 5 in total. Given that England once again convincingly won the World Championships, I think this is well deserved and to be expected.

If anything, the only surprise here is that their winning margin was not bigger.

Norway take the runners up spot switching places with Wales (as indeed, they did last year). Good gains further down the field for Germany and Ireland as well.

## Best Pair



1

**12.20% Aron Tyler & Elaine Trevor-Jones (ENG) (1)**  
**Winner 2005**



2

**10.63% Holly Rauch & Gemma Walters (WAL) (3)**



3

**8.94% Henriette & Vibeke Johansen (NOR) (-)**

4	Christina Ødeskau & Thea Kristine Østby (NOR)	9.45%	(-)
5	Cicci Adolfsson & Ditte Christensen (SWE / DEN)	5.91%	(-)
6	Lene Graver & Tina Johansen (NOR)	5.12%	(-)
7	Mark Skubatz & Anna Wolff (GER)	4.33%	(-)
8	Katie Hopkins & Chris Clinton (ENG)	3.54%	(37)
9	Janey Surman & Chloe Golding (ENG)	3.15%	(4)
10	Katie Hardy & Katie Davies (ENG / WAL)	2.76%	(-)

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Due to the fact that pairs generally change from year to year we often have a lot of new combinations in this category, and this year is no exception, with over half of the top 10 being new entries.

Another characteristic of this category is that nobody has ever won it twice... until now that is!

Elaine and Aron last year became the first pair to ever successfully defend the World Pairs title and they have done the same thing here. An impressive result for an impressive pair.

The Welsh challenge was not far behind, however, and, having moved up from third to second place this year, Holly and Gemma will be looking to depose them next year.

A pair of new faces in third with Henriette and Vibeke Johansen from Norway being the pick of the bunch amongst the Norwegian supporters.

## Best Individual Rider



**1**

**16.17% Elaine Trevor-Jones (ENG) (1)**  
**Winner 2005**



**2**

**13.16% Lene Graver (NOR) (2)**  
**Winner 2004**



**3**

**10.53% Widukind Moorman (GER) (24)**

4	Henriette Johansen (NOR)	9.77%	(-)
5	Chloe Golding (ENG)	5.64%	(4)
6	Katie Hardy (ENG)	3.76%	(3)
7	Mark Skubatz (GER)	3.38%	(9)
8	Julien Brun-Cosme Gazot (FRA)	3.01%	(11)
9	Jass Foley (IRE)	2.63%	(-)
10	Jess Hindle (ENG)	2.26%	(9)

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

Well, it's all starting to look rather familiar, isn't it? Another category and another champion retaining their title. In fact here there wasn't any change in either of the top 2 spots with 2004 champion and last year's runner up, Lene Graver, remaining just behind Elaine.

Once again however, this is of course well deserved for somebody who has (by my reckoning) now racked up a total of 9 World titles in her impressive career so far.

If there was no change in the top two though, third place sees an impressive jump from 24th last year to take the bronze medal spot for Widukind "Frodo" Moorman. The reigning German individual champion will no doubt be looking to further enhance his reputation during the coming season.

## Best Trainer



**1**

**24.24% Clive Jones (Norway / Sussex) (1)**  
**Winner 2005, 1999**



**2**

**7.58% Iain Hopkins (Wales / Monmouthshire) (4)**



**3**

**5.68% Margret Welsby (New Zealand) (14)**

4	Jens Martin (Nesodden/Hurumheim Mix)	5.30%	(3)	Winner 2004, 03, 02, 01
5	Malcolm Trevor Jones (England/Shropshire)	4.92%	(7)	
6	Steve Price (Mid Glamorgan Juniors)	4.55%	(25)	
7	Judith Moorman (Germany/Dahmeland 2)	4.17%	(25)	
8	Philippe Gargallo (Switzerland/EM2C Peillard)	3.79%	(2)	
9	Signe Sehested (Denmark)	3.41%	(8)	
10	Les Edwards (Warwickshire)	3.03%	(5)	

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

No doubt about this one. It might have taken Clive a few years to climb back to the top of the pile but now that he's made it there doesn't seem to be much hope of moving him again.

He actually amassed more than three times as many votes as his closest rival and countryman Iain Hopkins, who himself moves up the table from 4th to 2nd.

Third spot with an impressive climb up the table is the belle of New Zealand and nemesis of many a Swedish pick-pocket, Margaret Welsby.

## Loudest Trainer or Supporter

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# 1

**10.54% Judith Moormann (GER) (7)**

# 2

**8.96% Signe Sehested (DEN) (7)**



# 3

**7.46% Michael Hern (ENG) (4)**

4	Marina Norton (WAL)	6.97%	(-)	
5	Susy Johansen (NOR)	6.47%	(-)	
6	Henriette Johansen (NOR)	5.97%	(-)	
7	Maren Lande (NOR)	5.47%	(-)	Winner 2001
8	Kayrene Whitney (WAL)	4.98%	(2)	
9	Iain Hopkins (WAL)	3.98%	(9)	
10	Benoit Snoek (BEL)	3.48%	(17)	Winner 2004

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

Finally a bit of change. Just as it seemed as though every category was going to be retained by last years winner, the ever popular "Loudest" category has been turned on its head.

Last year's winner, Alan Scott, has dropped out of the top 10 altogether and for a long time it seemed as though it would be the 2003 winner and trainer of Denmark, Signe Sehested, who would return to the top of the pile.

A surge of German support in the final couple of weeks of voting, however, saw Judith Moorman take the honours for Germany. I think that might actually be our first ever German winner of a Web Awards as well.

Signe eventually had to settle for second just ahead of Michael Hern.

## Best Competition 2006



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# 1

**20.47% World Team Championships (Gothenburg / SWE)**

# 2

**14.88% European Team Championships (Moudon / SUI)**

# 3

**12.56% Inter-county Championships (Stoneleigh / ENG)**

4	Norwegian Pairs Championships (Fevik / NOR)	9.30%
5	Spektrum International Friendly (Oslo / NOR)	6.98%
6	Royal Welsh Internation Friendly (Builth Wells / WAL)	6.51%
7	Horse of the year Show (Hastings / NZL)	3.72%
8	Scandinavium International Friendly (Gothenburg / SWE)	3.26%
9	World Pairs Championships (Newark / ENG)	2.33%
10	Norwegian Team Championships (Nesodden / NOR)	1.86%

What was the best competition of 2006? Well, it seems that your favourite was once again the World Championships and so it should be. It is, after all, THE event of the year and so you would expect to see it at the top of the pile.

The European Championships, a new addition to the IMGA calendar this past year, seem to have also gone down very well coming in second.

The intercounties are also never very far behind in this category and there they are again creeping into the top three of your favourite competitions of the year.

## Best Competition Ever



**1**

**17.80% World Team Championships (Gothenburg / SWE) (-)**



**2**

**8.90% World Team Championships (Saumur / FRA) (1)  
Winner 2005, 04**



**3**

**6.81% World Team Championships (Bridgend / WAL) (2)**

4	2006 European Team Championships (Moudon / SUI)	6.28%	(-)	
5	2006 Inter-county Championships (Stonleigh / ENG)	5.76%	(-)	
6	2001 World Team Championships (Guelph / CAN)	5.24%	(6)	Winner 2003
7	2000 World Team Championships (Bremen / GER)	4.71%	(-)	
8	2005 Royal Welsh Internation Friendly (Builth Wells / WAL)	4.19%	(8)	
9	1998 World Team Championships (Tullamore / IRE)	3.66%	(-)	
10	2006 Spektrum International Friendly (Oslo / NOR)	3.14%	(-)	

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World Championships all round this year!

The 2004 Worlds in France still seem to hold a special place in a lot of people's hearts. They might not be top of the pile anymore but still holding on solidly in second.

New favourites? Well, the most recent World Championships, of course, with the ones from the previous year completing the top three.

What does this prove? Well, it proves beyond a shadow of a doubt that not only do you all love the worlds, you all also have a very short memory. :-)



## Best Looking Rider (Male)



**1**

**10.43% Jens Martin (LUX) (1)**  
**Winner 2005, 02, 01**



**2**

**9.95% Daniel Blundell (NZL) (-)**



**3**

**7.58% Aron Tyler (ENG) (2)**  
**Winner 2004**

4	Rob Price (WAL)	6.64%	(3)
5	Widukind Moorman (GER)	6.16%	(42)
6	Jass Foley (IRE)	4.74%	(-)
7	Gaetan Sejalon (FRA)	4.27%	(-)
8	Jojo Franke (GER)	3.79%	(11)
9	Peter Walters (ENG)	3.32%	(11)
10	Christian Jones (WAL)	2.84%	(6)

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

The big mover here is without a doubt Daniel Blundell. The Kiwi heart throb comes from nowhere to take second place and move Aron and Rob down a spot from last year. Daniel very nearly took the win as well.

Another big mover is Frodo again coming from 42nd to 5th!

The less said about the winner the better I think  
(I didn't even ride last year!) :-)

## Best Looking Rider (Female)



1

**12.78% Lene Graver (NOR) (4)**  
**Winner 2002**



2

**9.77% Abbie Murphy (WAL) (8)**



3

**8.65% Lotte Hansen (NOR) (3)**

4	Vibeke Johansen (NOR)	7.52%	(-)
=5	Katie Hardy (ENG)	3.76%	(5)
=5	Pola Preugel (GER)	3.76%	(-)
=5	Chloe Golding (ENG)	3.76%	(45)
=5	Shayla McInulty (ENG)	3.76%	(2)
9	Cathrine Kolstad (NOR)	3.01%	(-)
10	Jess Hindle (ENG)	2.26%	(28)

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

Lot of changes here again with 4 of the 6 previous winners of this title not polling any votes at all. A fifth, last years winner, didn't even make the top ten.

The only one who does feature is the queen of Norwegian MGA, Lene Graver, who, having stolen your hearts in 2002, has done it again this year. She also ensures that for the 6th year in a row the title goes to Scandinavia. Look out for a restyled Lene in 2007 by the way!

Lotte Hansen remains in the third place that she took last year and with yet another Norwegian in 4th place, it was up to Abbie Murphy to break the Viking stranglehold on the category by taking the runners up spot and carry the hopes of all non-Scandinavians.

## Best Referee



**1**

**17.89% Huw Whitney (WAL) (4)**



**2**

**13.16% Jens Martin (LUX) (2)  
Winner 2004**



**3**

**10.00% Pete Daniels (ENG) (1)  
Winner 2005**

4	Philipp Preugel (GER)	7.37%	(15)	
5	Peter Hern (ENG)	6.84%	(11)	Winner 2003
6	Roger Sykes (ENG)	5.79%	(5)	Winner 2001, 00
7	Dee Tordoff (ENG)	5.26%	(3)	
8	Per Ivar Lande (NOR)	4.74%	(-)	
9	Clive Jones (WAL)	4.21%	(-)	
10	Dirk de Clerq (BEL)	3.68%	(7)	

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Many of the usual suspects here with a host of previous winners filling the top 10 but ahead of all of them, having finished just outside the medals last year, is Huw Whitney from Wales whose own style of refereeing has convinced you that he is the man you want to have waving a flag at you.

Pete Daniels slips down to third place and there's no change in second.

Watch out though, the Germans are coming. Deutschland's flag waver extraordinaire, Philipp Preugel moves up from 15th to 4th!!

## Best Commentator



**1**

**27.27% Per Ivar Lande (NOR) (2)**  
**Winner 2004, 03**



**2**

**15.45% Mary Worth (ENG) (1)**  
**Winner 2005**



**3**

**14.09% Huw Whitney (WAL) (3)**

4	Tilo Von Donner (GER)	7.27%	(7)
5	Tim Pinney (ENG)	6.82%	(4)
6	Nikki Carter (ENG)	5.45%	(11)
7	Kalle Hufnagel (GER)	4.55%	(10)
8	Steve Morgan (NZL)	3.18%	(22)
9	Aiden Foley (IRE)	2.27%	(17)
10	Jean-Herve Ameller (FRA)	1.82%	(-)

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Having posted massive winning margins in 2003 and 2004, it was quite a shock when Per Ivar Lande did not complete his hat trick last year but was instead pipped to the post by Mary Worth. This year though, everything seems to be back to normal with Norwegians voting the golden voiced Oslo Orator back to the top spot with a comfortable majority.

Fear not Mary, you are still up there but you'd better watch out because Huw's right behind you and it seems he's not content with just the referee's title!

## Most Improved Team



**1**

**12.92% Norway (2)  
Winner 2004, 02, 01**



**2**

**12.08% Sandefjord (NOR) (-)**



**3**

**6.25% Monmouthshire (WAL) (31)**

4	Les Zoups (FRA)	5.00%	(-)	
5	Australia	4.58%	(7)	
6	M&M's (IRE)	4.17%	(31)	
7	EM2C Peillard (FRA)	3.75%	(1)	Winner 2005
8	West Glamorgan Black (WAL)	3.33%	(7)	
9	Denmark	2.92%	(3)	Winner 2003
10	New Zealand	2.50%	(11)	

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

Again here we appear to be moving back into familiar territory with three times winners, Norway, taking this title once again!

Not content with just having their national team at the top of the pile, second place is taken by a Norwegian club side from Sandefjord as well!

Monmouthshire may have taken the overall team title but when it comes to improvement it appears they will just have to do that bit better. This time around it was only enough for third place.

## Best Pony



**1**

**9.71% Dee Bee (Elaine Trevor-Jones / ENG) (1)  
Winner 2005**



**2**

**9.06% Embla (Henriette Johansen / NOR) (48)**



**3**

**7.12% O'Bajana (Lotte Hansen / NOR) (6)**

4	Von Dutch (Christina Rasmussen / DEN)	6.47%	(48)
5	Karinka (Lene Graver / NOR)	6.15%	(3)
6	Legs (Ron Weller / NZL)	4.53%	(4)
7	Sundance Kid (Thea Kristine Østby / NOR)	3.88%	(11)
8	Nikita (Inken Mertens / GER)	3.24%	(-)
9	Laura (Chloe Golding / ENG)	2.91%	(11)
10	Raskia (Pola Preugel / GER)	2.59%	(-)

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

And so it comes to our four legged friends. The ones without whom none of this would be possible and yet generally have to make do with little more than a pat on the neck and carrot.

Of course there are ponies, and then there are star ponies.

Elaine Trevor-Jones may have amassed 9 world titles but she'll be the first to pay tribute for no small amount of that success to Dee-Bee who is once again voted your favourite and is the first pony to win this category twice.

Behind her, however, is a stampede of Norwegians being headed by probably the smallest of all. Embla is a pony who has carried many of today's Norwegian

international riders at some point. The perfect training pony, currently in the hands of Henriette Johansen, and she even had a competition named after her last year.

The fantastically named O'Bajana rounds off the top three.

