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2007 Web Awards

Best Team (Club / County)



1

19.00% Sussex (ENG) (6) Winner 2004, 03, 02, 01, 1999



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18.50% La Bonde (FRA) (-)



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13.25% Sandefjord (NOR) (4)

4	Monmouthshire (WAL)	12.25%	(1)	Winner 2006
5	Bedfordshire Gold (ENG)	11.75%	(16)	
6	Lindau-Gettorf 1 (GER)	8.25%	(7)	
7	Shropshire (ENG)	5.75%	(27)	
8	Warwickshire (ENG)	5.00%	(2)	Winner 2005
9	Preetz 1 (GER)	3.75%	(36)	
10	AGMGA (NOR)	2.50%	(5)	
	The (number in brackets) is last year's placing			

The current Sussex team may now be very different from the one that won so many titles a few years ago, but they continue to be one of the most popular and best travelled of the British county teams. This has seen them make a welcome return to the top of the pile after having missed out to Monmouthshire and Warwickshire in the past two years.

The La Bonde team from France ran them very close though and this new team in Web Awards voting takes a very solid second place behind Sussex.

Rounding out the top three we have the Sandefjord team from Norway who climb one place from their fourth spot last year.

Best Team (International)



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33.89% England (1) Winners 2006, 05, 04, 01, 00



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13.60% France (9)



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11.22% Germany (4)

4	Norway	9.55%	(2)	
=5	Italy	9.07%	(-)	
=5	Luxembourg	9.07%	(-)	
7	Wales	5.49%	(3)	Winner 2003, 02
8	Denmark	4.06%	(7)	
9	Ireland (Republic of)	2.86%	(5)	
10	Scotland	1.19%	(12)	
	The (number in brackets) is last year's placing			

No big surprise here, England run out winners by a massive margin to take this honour for the sixth time in eight years.

More surprising are the teams in second and third. Traditionally England, Wales, and Norway almost always make up the top three in this category, but this year Norway drop to fourth and Wales to seventh. France instead take the runners-up spot just ahead of Germany.

Interestingly enough, newcomers Italy go straight in at number five.

Best Pair



1

20.00% Quentin Voetzel & Anthony Henrotte (FRA / BEL) (46)



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17.56% Lotte Hansen & Lene Graver (NOR) (14)



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14.88% Huw Whitney & Alex Franklin (WAL / ENG) (26)

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There was certainly a far higher participation in the voting from France than we have seen in previous years and nowhere is that more evident than here where the Franco-Belgian partnership of Quentin and Anthony take the top honour.

The Norwegian favourites Lotte and Lene take the runners-up spot with World Champions Huw and Alex only managing third!!

Best Individual Rider



1

25.97% Elaine Trevor-Jones (ENG) (1) Winner 2006, 05



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16.50% Lene Graver (NOR) (2) Winner 2004



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15.05% Quentin Voeltzel (FRA) (51)

Janey Surman (ENG) Widukind Moorman (GER) Julien Brun-Cosme Gazot (FRA) Henriette Johansen (NOR) Chloe Golding (ENG) Maren Lande (NOR)	12.38% 11.89% 6.80% 3.40% 3.16% 2.67%	(57) (3) (8) (4) (5) (53)
Kaja Lande (NOR) The (number in brackets) is last year's	2.18% placing	(11)

She may not be the Individual World Champion anymore but the general consensus is that the legendary Elaine Trevor-Jones is still the best of the best. She now wins this title for the third year in a row and I dare say it is going to take something spectacular to stop her winning for a fourth time next year.

No change at number two either where Lene remains the second favourite also for the third year in a row. Will this trend continue? Well, with Lene sadly retiring from international competition at the end of last season, probably not.

There is some change at the top, though, as Quentin muscles his way onto the podium and Widu drops from third to fifth. But there is no room for the World Champion, who has to make do with a fourth place finish this time around.

Best Trainer



1

32.27% Clive Jones (Norway / Sussex) (1) Winner 2006, 05, 1999



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15.16% Malcolm Trevor Jones (England / Shropshire) (5)



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14.91% Jens Martin (Luxembourg) (4) Winner 2004, 03, 02, 01

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Jacques Cavé (Italy)	11.98%	(-)
Judith Moorman (Germany)	8.07%	(7)
Iain Hopkins (Wales / Monmouthshire)	6.36%	(2)
Michael Hern (Middlesex Red)	4.89%	(13)
David Leese (Bedfordshire Gold)	2.20%	(28)
Craig Tordoff (Hampshire Juniors)	2.20%	(-)
Les Edwards (Warwickshire)	1.96%	(10)
The (number in brackets) is last year's placing		

If there is one certainty in Web Awards voting, it is that the trainer of Norway will win best trainer. Clive's win this time is his third in a row as Norway trainer and fourth overall when you add his 1999 triumph.

 $\operatorname{\mathsf{Malcolm}}\nolimits\operatorname{\mathsf{Trevor}}\nolimits\operatorname{\mathsf{Jones}}\nolimits$ climbs from fifth to second and I climb from fourth back up to third.

A strong showing here for Italy as well, as Jacque Cavé just misses out on the podium with his fourth place finish.

Loudest Trainer or Supporter



1

17.50% Judith Moormann (GER) (1) Winner 2006



2

17.22% Michael Hern (ENG) (3)



3

13.89% Annie Kastrup (DEN) (-)

4	Signe Sehested (DEN)	12.50%	(2)	Winner 2003
5	Vibeke Johansen (NOR)	10.00%	(-)	
6	Iain Hopkins (WAL)	8.61%	(9)	
7	Hanne Johansen (NOR)	7.78%	(-)	
8	Marina Norton (WAL)	5.56%	(4)	
9	Lillann Akselsen (NOR)	3.61%	(-)	
10	Susie Johansen (NOR)	3.33%	(5)	
	The (number in brackets) is last ye	ear's placing		

Once again, there is no change at the top in this category either. It seems it is Germany's trainer who is making herself heard above all others. Maybe this has something to do with Germany's climb in the best team rankings as well?

It was a bit of a close run thing, though, with Michael Hern only finishing a fraction behind her. Seems he is taking after his father!

The fight for third place was no less contested than that for third, with the loudest that Denmark had to offer going head to head. In the end it was Annie who finished in the bronze medal spot.

Best Competition 2007



1

32.42% World Team Championships (Brugelette / BEL)



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18.70% European Team Championships (Broadlands / ENG)

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17.46% Chtis (Bruille / FRA)

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German Pairs Championships (Grossenaspe / GER)	7.73%
Spektrum International Friendly (Oslo / NOR)	6.48%
Royal Welsh Internation Friendly (Builth Wells / WAL)	5.49%
Inter-county Championships (Grantham / ENG)	4.49%
World Individual Championships (Newark / ENG)	2.99%
Nisse Cup (Alleby / SWE)	2.24%
Southern Classic (Chepstow / WAL)	2.00%

Is it really worth running this category? The World Team Championships are confirmed each year as being the best competition of the year and so it should be. For the second year in a row the European Championships are also considered to be the best of the rest. France's blue ribboned event comes in third.

So nothing too surprising there, if there was any surprise it was probably the fact that for the first time ever (I think), the Scandinavium competition didn't make the top 10. Surely the popularity of this perennial favourite can't be on the way down, can it?

Best Competition Ever



1

25.27% 2007 World Team Championships (Brugelette / BEL) (-)



2

20.74% 2004 World Team Championships (Saumur / FRA) (2) Winner 2005, 04



3

12.23% 2000 World Team Championships (Bremen / GER) (7)

4	2006 World Team Championships	10.90%	(1)	Winner 2006
5	(Gothenburg / SWE) 2006 Inter-county Championships (Stoneleigh / ENG)	10.64%	(5)	
6	2007 Spektrum International Friendly (Oslo / NOR)	5.85%	(-)	
7	2006 Européan Team Championships (Moudon / SUI)	4.79%	(4)	
8	2005 World Team Championships (Bridgend / WAL)	3.99%	(3)	
9	2005 Royal Welsh Internation Friendly (Builth Wells / WAL)	3.46%	(8)	
10	2003 World Team Ćhampionships (Lexington / USA) The (number in brackets) is last year's placing	2.13%	(13)	

Every year I have a bit of a moan about one result or another and invariably it comes in this category. Don't get me wrong, I think that last year's Worlds was a fantastic competition but it does seem to happen quite often that the best EVER competition winner comes from the most recent season. Surely not? Does everybody have such a short memory?

That said, the margin between Belgium 2007 and the runner up France 2004 was massive so maybe there is something in it after all??

The Worlds in Germany in 2000 round out the top three.

Best Looking Rider (Male)



18.87% Peter Walters (ENG) (9)



2 18.60% Jens Martin (LUX) (1) Winner 2006, 05, 02, 01



3 16.17% Anthony Henrotte (BEL) (-)

Jojo Franke (GER)	15.36%	(8)	
Aron Tyler (ENG)	11.86%	(3)	Winner 2004
Widukind Moorman (GER)	7.82%	(5)	
Brent Couch (CAN)	5.12%	(-)	
Andres Berger (NOR)	3.77%	(-)	
Sven Ludewig (GER)	1.62%	(54)	
Christian Høvik (NOR)	0.81%	(-)	
The (number in brackets) is last vear'	's placina		

Well, he has been slowly climbing the rankings over the past few years and now this year he makes a massive jump from ninth last year to the top spot this year. Yes, Pete Walters is MGA's most desirable male.

He ran a good campaign and I am happy (not to mention relieved) to congratulate him on his victory.

In third place we have Anthony making his debut appearance on this list.

Best Looking Rider (Female)



18.92% Lene Graver (NOR) (1) Winner 2006, 02



2 14.05% Chloe Golding (ENG) (7)



11.62% Karen Houge (NOR) (18)

4	Katie Hardy (ENG)	10.81%	(5)
5	Katrine Petersen (DEN)	10.54%	(33)
6	Pola Preugel (GER)	10.00%	(6)
7	Ho l ly Rauch (WAL)	9.19%	(21)
8	Cathrine Kolstad (NOR)	5.95%	(9)
9	Svea Hensel (GER)	5.41%	(17)
10	Helena Wetjen (GER)	3.51%	(32)
	The (number in brackets) is last ye	ar's placing	

Yet another category where last year's winner retains their title. In fact, this is now the third time that Lene has been voted the sport's most beautiful female and this now stretches the Scandinavian winning streak in this category to seven years.

Quite a bit of change behind her, though, with last year's silver and bronze medallists dropping out of the top ten altogether. Chloe Golding moves up from fifth to second and Karen Houge is the latest in a long line of Norwegian riders to feature in this category in third.

Best Referee



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18.97% Huw Whitney (WAL) (1) Winner 2006

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17.95% Peter Dale (WAL) (-)



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17.18% Jens Martin (LUX) (2) Winner 2004

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Philipp Preugel (GER)	11.03%	(4)	
Per Espen Magnussen (NOR)	10.26%	(-)	
Ditte Christensen (DEN)	8.21%	(-)	
Pete Daniels (ENG)	4.87%	(3)	Winner 2005
Peter Hern (ENG)	4.36%	(5)	Winner 2003
Per Ivar Lande (NOR)	4.36%	(8)	
Klaus Käshammer (GER)	2.82%	(-)	
The (number in brackets) is last year	's placina		

Last year Huw Whitney won this title with relative ease but this year he faced very stiff competition from his compatriot and Worlds 2007 referee, Peter Dale. But in the end Huw did manage to gather the required votes to ensure that he retains his title and be named as the most popular (not a term often used in this category) referee on the scene at the moment.

Peter's outstanding display at the World Championships sees him take a very deserved runner-up spot.

I fall from second to third but given the fact that I don't remember actually refereeing a competition last year I'd say that is still more than generous!!

Best Commentator



1

23.40% Huw Whitney (WAL) (3)



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18.97% Steeven Née (FRA) (-)



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17.49% Per Iver Lande (NOR) (1) Winner 2006, 04, 03

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Widukind Moormann (GER)	11.33%	(-)	
Tilo Von Donner (GER)	7.14%	(4)	
Mary Worth (ENG)	6.40%	(2)	Winner 2005
Tim Pinney (ENG)	5.91%	(5)	
Gemma Hopkins (WAL)	4.43%	(-)	
Nick Maher (IRE)	2.46%	(17)	
Tina Johansen (NOR)	2.46%	(-)	
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Finally, a bit of a shock result. In recent years this category has more or less been the personal property of Per Ivar Lande with only Mary Worth interrupting his run of victories in 2005. This year, though, we have a new name on the trophy. Huw Whitney doubles up to not only take the best referee title but also best commentator, improving on his third placed finish last year.

A new name also in second place with Steeven Nee who pushes Per Ivar down into third.

Most Improved Team



1

18.46% Germany (33)



2

15.90% Norway (1) Winner 2006, 04, 02, 01



3

15.38% We Hope (FRA) (-)

4	Sandefjord (NOR)	13.59%	(2)
5	Middlesex Red Open (ENG)	8.97%	(11)
6	Monmouthshire (WAL)	8.72%	(3)
7	Sussex (ENG)	6.92%	(42)
8	Preetz 4 (GER)	5.64%	(46)
9	Lindau Gettorf 1 (GER)	3.85%	(24)
10	AGMGA (NOR)	2.56%	(22)
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Quite a deserved victory here for Germany I think. A very good result at the World Championship last year sees them take this title which is traditionally dominated by Norwegian teams.

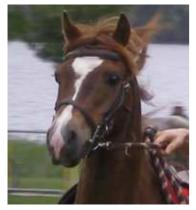
The Norwegian national team are runners-up, with the interestingly named "We Hope" from France coming in third!

Best Pony



1

18.67% Visby (Karen Houge / NOR) (-)



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18.43% Spy (Quentin Voeltzel / FRA) (-)



3

16.71% Dee Bee (Elaine Trevor-Jones / ENG) (1) Winner 2007, 05

4	Poppy (Janey Surman / ENG)	10.81%
5	Dreamwork DK (Amanda Nielsen / DEN)	8.11%
6	Wiek (Judith Moormann / GER)	7.37%
7	Karinka (Lene Graver / NOR)	6.39%
8	Willow (Katie Hardy / ENG)	5.16%
9	Laura (Chloe Golding / ENG)	4.91%
10	Legs (Ron Weller / NZL)	3.44%
	The (number in brackets) is last year's placing	

Elaine Trevor-Jones completed a hat trick of victories in the best individual category this year and she could well have been joined by her pony doing the same. The winner of this category for the past two years, however, fell a little short this time around and could only finish third.

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At the front instead there was a very close French / Norwegian battle which was eventually won by the sadly departed Visby ahead of Quentin Voeltzel's pony Spy.