



MOUNTED GAMES

1999 Web Awards

Best Team



1

22.9% Sussex



2

19.3% Great Britain



3

11.4% Sweden

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| 4 | 10.7% | Canada |
| 5= | 5.7% | Northern Ireland |
| 5= | 5.7% | South Wiltshire |
| 7 | 2.9% | USA |
| 8= | 2.1% | France |
| 8= | 2.1% | Luxembourg |
| 8= | 2.1% | Tipperary |

There can be little doubt that Sussex are worthy winners of this award, winning most competitions they entered.

A strong Sussex influence in the second placed team as well. Great Britain produced a memorable performance in the final of the World Championships last year and for much of the voting they led the way. Sussex just came out on top, though.

In third place we have Sweden, always a popular team, who came very close to breaking the British strangle hold on World MGA by giving the GB team a real run for their money at the European Championships.

Best Pair



1

27.7% Jens Martin & Bettina Pratt (LUX)



2

25.9% Heather Clegg & Shawn Dunn (CAN)



3

16.1% Andrew Gleadow & Nicola Leese (GB)

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| 4 | 7.1% | Kate Lamb & Michelle Paige (GB) |
| 5= | 2.7% | Felicity Hotston & Christian Jones (GB) |
| 5= | 2.7% | Nicholas Maher & Mark Devitt (IRE) |
| 7= | 1.8% | Jamie Dunn & Amanda Dunn (CAN) |
| 7= | 1.8% | Jamie Dunn & Amanda Long (CAN) |
| 7= | 1.8% | Craig Tordoff & Charline Smith (GB) |
| 10 | 0.9% | Ben Edwards & Simon Huninik (GB) |

I should point out that I only voted once myself and am in no way responsible for this result. I suppose I'm a little embarrassed that Bettina and I beat the current World Champions but nonetheless flattered.

In second we have the first of many Canadian nominees in the awards, and there were a very large number of votes from Canada. Heather and Shawn did very well at the German Pairs Championships last year and as I understand it will be there again next month, where I too will be opening my season.

Possibly a little unfortunate to only finish third are Nicola Leese and Andrew Gleadow, the current World Championships who put on a very good show at Newark last year to take the title.

Best Individual Rider



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17.4% Younes Ahlbom (SWE)



2

9.1% Amanda Dunn (CAN)



3 =

6.1% Alex Knott (GB)

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3 =

6.1% Nicola Leese (GB)

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| 5= | 5.3% | Andrew Gleadow (GB) |
| 5= | 5.3% | Choc Adcock (GB) |
| 5= | 5.3% | Christian Jones (GB) |
| 5= | 5.3% | Jens Martin (LUX) |
| 5= | 5.3% | Jonathan Barnett (GB) |
| 5= | 5.3% | Lamb (GB) |

This one will do wonders for the ego of a fantastic rider who actually retired right at the beginning of last season. Had he had the opportunity to take part in the Individuals with his own pony he may well have become that most elusive of all Mounted Games riders, a non-British World Champion.

Second place to Amanda Dunn, stalwart of the Canadian national team. She gave the World Championships a miss last year but was an important member of the Canada White team which regained the Canadian Indoor Championship title in Toronto.

Tied for third place are current World Champion Alex Knott and Nicola Leese, who will surely soon become the first female World Champion since Liv Pultar.

Best Trainer



1

21.1% Clive Jones (Sussex)



2

20.4% Jim Dunn (Canada)



3

14.8% Peter Hern (Luxembourg)

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| 4= | 6.3% | Nisse Adolfsson (Sweden) |
| 4= | 6.3% | Younes Ahlbom (GFRK) |
| 6 | 5.6% | Alistair Elliot (South Wilts) |
| 7 | 3.5% | Peter Dale (Powys) |
| 8 | 2.8% | Colin Carson (Northern Ireland) |
| 9 | 2.1% | Frank Blackwell |
| 10 | 1.4% | Graham Hazell (Oxfordshire) |

You don't even have to think twice about this one. The two top teams of the year were both trained by the same man, need I say more ?

Jim Dunn almost snatched the top spot but eventually had to make do with second.

Third goes to my own trainer, Peter Hern, under whom the Luxembourg team achieved heights previously unthinkable.

Loudest Trainer or Parent



1

24.1% Sharon Taverner (GB)



2

20.7% Jim Dunn (CAN)



3

16.4% Danièle Schmartz (LUX)

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| 4 | 5.2% | Alistair Elliot |
| 5= | 4.3% | Frie Martin |
| 5= | 4.3% | Nisse Adolfsson |
| 7 | 3.4% | Gwen McBride |
| 8= | 2.6% | Colin Carson |
| 8= | 2.6% | Nick Delahaunty |
| 10 | 1.7% | Iain Hopkins |

Well, all those who have met her, or have been on the receiving end of that most famous of screams, will not be in the least surprised at this one. Some of her mid-competition outbursts are legendary and an MGAGB competition really wouldn't be the same without her.

Jim Dunn has also been known to let off the odd exasperated yelp and to be honest I wouldn't want to be on the wrong side of some of those outbursts.

Finally, Luxembourg's answer to Sharon Taverner, the mother of Carla and Valy Schmartz, long term members of the Luxembourg team. She can normally be heard as much as 10 miles away!!

Best Looking Male Rider



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19.6% Johan Bergendahl (SWE)



2

18.2% Jens Martin (LUX)



3

11.9% Christian Jones (GB)

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| 4 | 10.5% | Alex Jones (GB) |
| 5 | 9.1% | Shawn Dunn (CAN) |
| 6 | 4.2% | Ben Ebrey (GB) |
| 7 | 2.8% | Luke Brewin (GB) |
| 8= | 2.1% | Andrew Garvey (GB) |
| 8= | 2.1% | Nicholas Maher (IRE) |
| 8= | 2.1% | Rory Prime (IRE) |

Again, I'm sure egos will be close to bursting as Johan Bergendahl takes the title as best looking male rider in the world. I wonder how many times he voted himself!

In second there is, well... me!! Thanks mum!

And in third place, Christian Jones! Sorry girls, he's a taken man. You had better watch out though, Fliss, because he's obviously a popular chap!

Best Looking Female Rider



1

16.2% Julia Wehkamp (CAN)



2

13.7% Bettina Pratt (LUX)



3

12.8% Karin Antonsson (SWE)

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| 4 | 12.0% | Kate Lamb (GB) |
| 5= | 6.0% | Amy Guy (GB) |
| 5= | 6.0% | Gemma Hawes (GB) |
| 7 | 4.3% | Nicola Leese (GB) |
| 8 | 3.4% | Felicity Hotston (GB) |
| 9= | 2.6% | Amanda Long (CAN) |
| 9= | 2.6% | Carla Schmartz (LUX) |

Very close this one, but in the end the beautiful Julia Wehkamp from Canada stood out above all the other beauties. Any arguments?

In second my own pairs partner, Bettina, capturing the older gentleman's vote there. A special mention at this point for Geoff Turkington, who not only voted for Bettina in this category but also singled her out alone in the best pair category!!

What would a best looking female poll be without Swedish representation? Step forward Karin Antonsson, pin-up of the Swedish national team!

Best Referee



1

20.3% Roy Barclay (GB)



2

15.3% Roger Sykes (GB / SWE)



3

13.9% Mike Gleadow (GB)

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| 4 | 11.9% | Sally Woods (CAN) |
| 5 | 8.5% | Mary Worth (GB) |
| 6= | 6.8% | Bill Graham (GB) |
| 6= | 6.8% | Peter Daniels (GB) |
| 8= | 3.4% | Dirk DeClerq (B) |
| 8= | 3.4% | Nigel Taverner (GB) |
| 10 | 1.7% | Alan Martin (GB) |

Most people opted not to vote in this category but those who did saw chief GB referee Roy Barclay as the fairest of them all.

Following him, Roger Sykes, who clocks up more airmiles between GB and Sweden than most.

Mike Gleadow just squeezing into third.

Best Commentator



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27.8% Geoff Turkington (GB)



2

20.3% Rose Dunn (CAN)

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16.5% Sue Rimmer (GB)

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| 4 | 10.1% | Mary Worth (GB) |
| 5 | 5.1% | Geoff Snell (GB) |
| 6= | 3.8% | Amanda Dunn (CAN) |
| 6= | 3.8% | Nicholas Maher (IRE) |
| 8= | 1.3% | Aiden Foley (IRE) |
| 8= | 1.3% | Bettina Pratt (LUX) |
| 8= | 1.3% | Colin Carson (NIR) |

Goes to show that the best jokes are the old ones! The King of the smutty one liners standing head and shoulders above all others.

Yet another member of the Dunn family taking second place in the form of Rose Dunn, the voice of the Canadian Indoor Championships.

In third, Sue Rimmer, who knows most MGA gossip which is going round and has been known to air the odd snippet.

Most Improved Team



1

26.7% Luxembourg



2

15.8% Canada



3

12.5% Norway

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| 4 | 10.8% | Central Warwickshire |
| 5= | 5.0% | South Wiltshire |
| 5= | 5.0% | U.S.A. |
| 7= | 2.5% | Belgium |
| 7= | 2.5% | Northern Ireland |
| 7= | 2.5% | Sussex |
| 7= | 2.5% | Tipperary |

OK, I admit it, I did have a particular team in mind when I set up this category. No doubt about it really, even if I say so myself, we did deserve it!

Canada in second and watch out for third placed Norway next season, my tip for the top!

Best Pony



1

12.2% Winnie the Pooh



2

10.7% Dragonwycks Alpha



3

9.9% Storm Warning

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| 4 | 5.3% | Laura (Andrew Gleadow) |
| 5= | 4.6% | Ben (Nicola Leese) |
| 5= | 4.6% | Folly |
| 7= | 3.8% | Big Beau |
| 7= | 3.8% | Foofy (Amanada Dunn) |
| 7= | 3.8% | Imminent Thunder (Jens Martin) |
| 10 | 3.1% | Rob Roy |

Winnie the Pooh, not nearly as lethargic as his namesake, one of the fastest ponies I have ever seen, maybe even a little too fast. MGA will miss the Younes / Winnie combination!

Dragonwycks Alpha in second place. Maybe next year we should have a category for the pony with the strangest name, doesn't half shift though!!

Poor old Storm Warning, better known to most of you as Filly, missed most of the season through injury but came back strong towards the end.

Best Competition or Venue



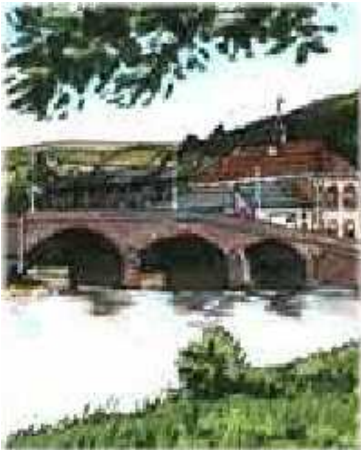
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32.2% Scandinavium



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14.4% Toronto



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13.6% Builth Wells

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| 4 | 6.8% | Inter-County Championships, Stoneleigh, England |
| 5= | 4.2% | Newark & Nottinghamshire Showground, England |
| 5= | 4.2% | 1996 World Championships, Gothenburg, Sweden |
| 7 | 3.4% | Erin Invitational, Toronto, Canada |
| 8= | 2.5% | Scotsdale, Ontario, Canada |
| 8= | 2.5% | 1995 World Championships, Jesterburg, Germany |
| 8= | 2.5% | 1997 World Championships, Lamotte Beuvron, France |

The most conclusive winner of all the categories. It is no secret that the Scandinavium stadium in Gothenburg hosts the best Mounted Games competition in the world. You have to experience the atmosphere to know exactly what it is like.

Very close for second and third are the Canadian Indoor Championships in Toronto and Builth Wells, scene of many an MGAGB competition and one time venue for the Inter-County Championships.