

British Dressage

North & East



BD North and East Ball round up

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Success at every level – superb scores, cracking coaching, cobs who can, paras who excel, peak performances on the international and national stage, teamwork, friendship, and a dancing unicorn made the 25th anniversary edition of the North and East Trophy Presentation and Ball a vintage one.

The dancing unicorn, who had previously been seen performing dressage in the dark at the Senior Home Nations, was the alter ego of Sam York's groom Emma Leeding, who shared the Hart Shield for outstanding contribution to senior teams with her boss.

"None of us could manage without our support teams and it's important to recognise them," said Sam, who had arrived back from coaching in Qatar just before the Home Nations where she competed her home bred Oakring Santino.

"Emma came for a lesson four years ago and joined us. She's the daughter I never had. She keeps the horses in superb condition and makes it possible for me to what I do."

"I love it," said Emma, "And yes, I did decide to enter at A and do the full test in the unicorn outfit after hours at Kelsall. You need a sense of humour in this job."



Amanda Barrett, who won the Sir Oliver Silver Freestyle Bronze for her winning regional score in the novice silver freestyle at Arena UK with her seven-year-old mare A Capella, admitted that there were times she never thought she'd be back competing again.

“I had success with my previous Horse Fine and Dandy, but coming back to producing a youngster was harder than I thought. I found her tricky and my confidence took a knock. Fortunately, I persevered - when she hit six, we suddenly clicked, and Hannah Moody's coaching has helped enormously.”

The pair previously danced to Tina Turner but now have new music from Dirty Dancing for their elementary freestyle which earned them a win at the summer area festival at Port Royal.



The passion for dressage was ignited in Hollie Jepson when her trainer Laura Woodcock put together a team to contest the Quest series.

“I only used to event and started dressage to strengthen my mare, but I really enjoyed it. Then when we had our team it was the best fun,” said Hollie who was awarded Snainton Riding Centre Quest Open Trophy, for the highest individual percentage by an over-21 rider at the Quest semi-finals.

Hollie, who is a corporate banking manager, hopes to combine her dressage with eventing this season on Bridgehouse Tamborine, her six-year-old Dutch Warmblood Thoroughbred cross.



The recipient of the Big Murph Cup for the highest percentage at the Draught Associated Championship was awarded to Tracey Hunt and Risk N Reward, her Clydesdale x TB. She's just had a hip replacement but hopes to be back in the saddle soon.



Catherine Chalkly proved cobs can, producing her part bred gypsy cob Bradwell Dun Deal to medium level.

“Rolo was bred to drive, so we’ve learned everything together. We spotted him on Facebook and initially Mum bought him for herself, but I stole him.”

“We’ve done teams, associated championships and I’m on the Foundation Academy programme so it’s very exciting.”

Catherine, who is trained by Gwyneth Lewis, took home the Sheepgate Youth Trophy for the most promising Youth rider.

Involving the family is a familiar theme for North and East BD members.



Mary Pritchard, who was awarded with the Yorkshire Equine and Pet Crematorium Trophy for winning the summer regional at advanced medium gold on her own Koeka Matcha, runs a small yard of five competition horses competing up to Grand Prix, with her husband.

“We don’t have any owners and we’ve worked hard to run the operation ourselves with lovely horses whilst still having time for family,” she said, “We work with most of them from youngsters and treat them all as individuals.”

“Matcha is a bit of a Mummy’s Boy, and you have to love him. He’s been a bit tricky in the past, but we’ve developed a great relationship now.”



Nicola Naprstek, recipient of the Chevet Express Rosebowl for winning the elementary silver at the summer regionals with Don Cru, also juggles family, coaching including having time off recently for major surgery.

“I help in the family business and my family supports me, so we do it together,” she said. “I’ve had Don Cru since he was a two-year-old, and he is the horse of a lifetime.”



North and East para dressage has strength and depth and Jane Ogden who was awarded the Moira Richardson Equine Touch and VHT bronze for overcoming individual physical challenges sums up the spirit.

“Everyone who is trying to succeed in this sport is dealing with constant setbacks and challenges. If you only think about the challenges, it could become overwhelming and would feel so negative. But if you keep reminding yourself of the progress you’ve made, the milestones you’ve achieved and keep listening to your horse it feels amazing and is so

motivating – addictive even! My love of riding and competing I think is greater because it's so challenging, so the sense of achievement is even bigger!" she said. She credits trainer Elspeth Day for outstanding support.

Jan Cummings, who was awarded a certificate, has been newly classified to grade 3 with her partner Rhonderful Dorrells, and has ambitions to wear the team GB flag.

"I knew the minute I sat on Ronnie he was for me, and we've been able to progress, so we have an international in our sights. The para community has been very welcoming, and I train with Paul Hayler who has been invested in us. I may have MS and problems in my spine, but dressage drives us."



Paul Hayler won two trophies himself – the Jane Peberdy Shield and the Shipley Equestrian Trophy for tests on Suhara Jubilee at PSG and Inter 1 at the summer regionals.

"I love being involved in my clients progress and seeing them achieve," he said. "And nice to still compete and train horses. Jubilee needs some time but she's working towards Grand Prix."



The region's exceptional judges and coaches were recognised with Vikki Hayton taking home the Equitrek Trophy for outstanding contribution to members' development as she celebrates 30+ years of coaching, having come up through eventing but deciding dressage was a safer option.



Andrea Smith received the Chrissie Havis Shield for outstanding contribution as a tutor judge as she continues her own pathway, training to be an FEI judge at the highest level.



Charlotte Wilson, the coaching rep on the committee, was awarded the Chairs Rosebowl. She brings a 360-degree vision to everything she does as she competes, judges, runs Snainton Riding Centre and is a competition organiser.



Les Smith was presented with the Gwyneth Lewis lifetime achievement judges award.



The prize for the table with most silverware – and maybe making the most noise - must go to the Moody table. Becky herself took the Barley Mow Trophy, the Aimbyr Stud Trophy, and the Frontline Trophy for her performances at home and internationally.



Anna Burns, who rides and helps produce the young horses, won the Bruce and Faye Grant Shield for her prelim gold summer regional victory on San Isidro, and Moody graduate Charlotte Lutener received the Mount St John Salver for her test on Nacho SR which was the highest score by a young rider at the nationals' prelim gold.

Overall, 37 trophies, squad shields, sashes and certificates were presented to dozens of members who had a memorable 2023. And **January 4, 2025**, was added to the diary to do it all again next year.

Mount St John Salver

Awarded to the highest % achieved by a North & East Young Rider (25 and under at the end of the Calendar year) at the British Dressage National Championships 2023

Charlotte Lutener riding Nacho SR Prelim Gold 76.44%

Sophie Wells Para Trophy

Awarded to the highest overall individual % by a North & East PARA rider at the Home International in 2023

Mark Griffin riding First Class IV 71.02%

The Sir Oliver Silver Freestyle Bronze

Awarded to the North & East rider with the highest % in a Music Freestyle class Silver Section at the 2023 Winter Regionals

Amanda Barrett riding A Capella 74.26% (Arena UK) Novice Silver

The Elovate Trophy

Awarded to the North & East rider winning a summer regional and/or with the highest % at Prelim Silver at the 2023 Summer Regionals

Helen Little riding Merlot T Hage 70.86% (Northallerton)

The Bruce & Faye Grant Shield

Awarded to the North & East rider winning a summer regional and/or with the highest % at Prelim Gold at the 2023 Summer Regionals

Anna Maria Burns riding San Isidro 72.36% (Northallerton)

The Gingerley Does it Rose bowl

Awarded to the North & East rider winning a summer regional and/or with the highest % at Novice Silver at the 2023 Summer Regionals

Jordan Kavanagh riding Magic Mikey 68.70% (Northallerton)

The Gamblethorpe Hanoverians Trophy

Awarded to the North & East rider winning a summer regional and/or with the highest % at Novice Gold at the 2023 Summer Regionals

Hannah Esberger Hancock riding Moonlight Dancer 72.41% (Northallerton)

The Chevet Express Rose bowl

Awarded to the North & East rider winning a summer regional and/or with the highest % at Elementary Silver at the 2023 Summer Regionals

Nicola Naprstek riding Don Cru 71.72% (Northallerton)

The Barley Mow Trophy

Awarded to the North & East rider winning a summer regional and/or with the highest % at Elementary Gold at the 2023 Summer Regionals

Becky Moody riding Sieben Siegel 71.67% (Northallerton)

The Gingerley Does It Trophy

Awarded to the North & East rider winning a summer regional and/or with the highest % at Medium Silver at the 2023 Summer Regionals

Jessica Griffiths riding RS Furst Love 68.69% (Sheepgate)

The Aimbry Stud Trophy

Awarded to the North & East rider winning a summer regional and/or with the highest % at Medium Gold at the 2023 Summer Regionals

Becky Moody riding Magic dream 73.15% (Northallerton)

The Michelle Harris Trophy

Awarded to the North & East rider winning a summer regional and/or with the highest % at Advanced Medium Silver at the 2023 Summer Regionals

Patsy Bartram riding Greenacres Cadiz 68.11% (Northallerton)

The Yorkshire Equine & Pet Crematorium Trophy

Awarded to the North & East rider winning a summer regional and/or with the highest % at Advanced Medium Gold at the 2023 Summer Regionals

Mary Pritchard riding Koeka Matcha JCS 71.84% (Northallerton)

The Jack Richards Memorial Trophy

Awarded to the North & East rider winning a summer regional and/or with the highest % at PSG Silver at the 2023 Summer Regionals

Grace Webster riding Eureka 66.03% (Northallerton)

The Jane Peberdy Shield

Awarded to the North & East rider winning a summer regional and/or with the highest % at PSG Gold at the 2023 Summer Regionals

Paul Hayler riding Suhara Jubilee 71.91% (Northallerton)

The Promodo Shield

Awarded to the North & East rider winning a summer regional and/or with the highest % at Inter 1 Silver at the 2023 Summer Regionals

Antonia Brown riding SJL Duuk 66.81% (Sheepgate)

The Shipley Equestrian Trophy

Awarded to the North & East rider winning a summer regional and/or with the highest % at Inter 1 Gold at the 2023 Summer Regionals

Paul Hayler riding Suhara Jubilee 71.62% (Northallerton)

Big Murph Cup

Awarded to the highest overall individual % by a North & East rider at the Draught Associated Championship in 2023

Tracey Hunt riding Risk n Reward Part Bred Draught Novice 69.35%

The Benjamin Rose Bowl

Awarded to the highest % achieved by a North & East Rider at the Pet plan Summer Area Festival Finals 2023 (Regular Tests)

Kate Johnston riding Lotus Key 70.76% Prelim Silver

The Magical Song Memorial Shield

Awarded to the highest overall individual % by a North & East rider at the ROR Associated Championship in 2023

Boogie Machin riding Closer than Close 68.65% Prelim Gold

The Snainton Riding Centre Quest Trophies

Awarded to the highest overall individual % by an over 21 rider at the North & East Quest Semi Finals in 2023

Hollie Jepson riding Bridgehouse Tamborine TQ Prelim 71.83% Willow Banks EC

Awarded to the highest overall individual % by an under 21 rider at the North & East Quest Semi Finals in 2023

Beth Harrison riding Garthfach Whiskey Rocks MQ Novice 73.21% Holmside Hall

The Leonidas Trophy

Awarded to the highest marks by a North & East Rider at the North & East Young Horse Semi Final 2023

Amy Woodhead riding MSJ Secretly 83.60 marks

North & East Breeder Trophy

Awarded to a North & East Breeder/stud – recognising a breeder/stud in the region who has made a significant contribution in 2023

Emma and Jill Blundell, Mount St John LLP

The Esberger Bronze

Awarded to a North & East region rider (under 25 at the end of the calendar year) having notable international success in 2023

India Durman Mills riding Escade

The Fosters Trophy

Awarded to a developing North & East region rider (Under 18 at the end of the calendar year) having notable international success in 2023

Violet Hawkins riding DZL Royal Sunrise

The Frontline Trophy

Awarded to a senior North & East region rider having notable international success in 2023

Becky Moody – Jager Bomb, James Bond II & Jack Diamond

The Frizzell Trophy

Awarded to a North & East region PARA rider having notable international success in 2023

Bert Sheffield riding Fairuza and Delilah

Sheepgate Youth Trophy

Awarded to the most promising North & East BD Youth rider of 2023
(Nominee must be part of 2023 BD Youth published squad)

Catherine Chalkly riding Bradwell Dun Deal

The Catherine Marshall Cup

Awarded to a North & East Senior/Youth rider/horse or combination overcoming individual physical challenges in 2023 whilst continuing to compete.

Megan Kellett-Jones

The Moira Richardson Equine Touch & VHT Bronze

Awarded to a North & East PARA rider overcoming individual physical challenges in 2023 whilst continuing to compete.

Jane Ogden

Equi-Trek Trophy

Awarded to a North & East Region Coach for outstanding contribution to members development through regional training in 2023.

Vikki Hayton

Chrissie Havis Shield

Awarded to a Tutor Judge for outstanding contribution to members development in the North & East Region in 2023

Andrea Smith

The Hart Shield

Awarded to a Senior Team Member representing the region in year for outstanding contribution to Senior Teams in 2023

Sam York & Emma Leedham

RDO Cup

Awarded to a North & East region volunteer making a significant contribution to the region and members in 2023.

Lesley Francescon

Gwyneth Lewis Lifetime Achievement Judges award

Awarded to a Judge for their contribution to judging in the North & East Region

Les Smith

Chairs Rose bowl

Awarded to a North and East member to recognise their contribution to member development and initiatives across the region

Charlotte Wilson – Coaching Representative

Youth Rider League



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**B+ Squad Jayne Sandiford riding Bulgari
Sponsored by Sheepgate Tack and Togs**

**B Squad Holly Scott riding Lincoln LDS
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**C+ Squad Eve Corrigan riding Clontumpher Dream
Sponsored by Sue Carson Saddles**



C Squad Grace Smith riding Matty Menlo
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D Squad Darci Ward Emular Dare to Dream
Awarded the Patty Shield for Highest Marks overall

Certificates for riders Competing Internationally in 2023

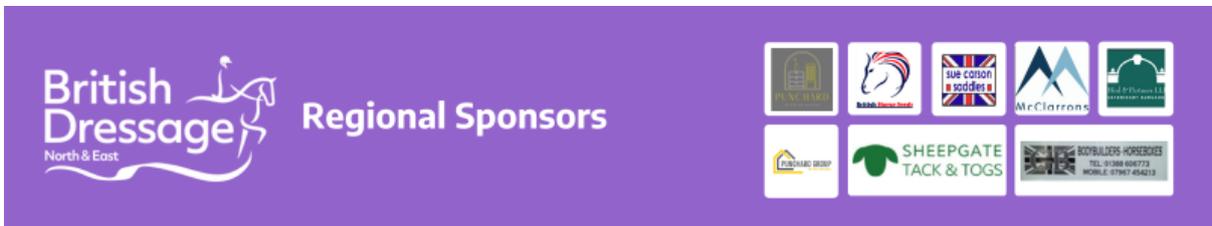


Certificates for riders on Regional Teams in 2023





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