

THE EASTERN OSCARS 2017



Senior Supporter of the Year – AMY BIRD

For always goes the extra mile for the region – literally in some cases! Amy writes, rides herself, helps out at events and comes along to cheer on our teams when she is not riding. Always with a smile on her face and never too busy to help others.

Senior Team Player of the Year – TERESA EDMONDS

Teresa trains at camps, joins in all the fun, chatting to riders, helping people with their tests and taking part on any Ask the Trainer panels! As well as gaining additional coaching qualifications, she has also had time to help out in her county, get teams to the Inter County Challenge, visit new venues and set up more events all over the north of the region for our members. If that was not enough, she has also represented the region with her horse this year at the Home International



BYRDS Supporter of the Year – VERITY TYRELL

Verity has ridden on many teams successfully throughout her years in the system, and has been a great support for Eleanor and Jess. Travelling from Scotland to Sheepgate, she has helped warm up younger riders, taken charge of new team riders and always been there to assist anyone else, as well as riding her own horses. Things that some BYRDS riders have said “She inspires me no end. I love the way she rides and I’m always wanting to be as good as her she always gives me confidence that I can be the best that I can and that’s why she my role model”.

BYRDS Progress Trophy Winner – SOFIA REEVES

The BYRDS Progress Trophy is presented each year by Phillippa and Flis Coles to the rider that we feel has made the most progress in their riding over the past 12 months. Sofia has gone from starting out at Team Quest Prelim just over a year ago, to representing her country at this year’s Home International in Scotland at Novice. She always strives to get the very best from her pony, is a delight to train and works really hard at her riding



THE FOLLOWING AWARDS WERE THOSE VOTED FOR BY OUR MEMBERS, AND THEY SAID SOME LOVELY THINGS ABOUT THE PEOPLE THAT THEY NOMINATED



BEST EASTERNER IN A SUPPORTING ROLE, JESSICA BROWN

- She is always encouraging and keeps the region together
- For dedication to the Eastern Region, her sheer enthusiasm, support and positive attitude and her love of clip board...
- She is a true ambassador for the region
- Works tirelessly to help the under 21 riders, gives up her weekends and all her time to give the kids the best time away
- She welcomed me in like I had been there for years I love the way she gives confidence to everyone and make us laugh all the time! She is so helpful when I'm upset about how my test went and always talks me out of my tears
- She's the absolute best - always there for everyone both at camps and at shows, helping out, encouraging and putting a smile on everyone's face.
- She is supportive, fun and super encouraging of the young BYRDs riders and keeps the tense warm up area fun with her clipboard and organisational skills!! We all love her!!

MOST INSPIRING EASTERNER – TAMMY RUFFLES

- Tireless in her work in volunteering and supporting the teams and organising us lot into any sort of coherent group.
- Always full of encouragement for her pupils. I know she 100% cares about what we do.
- She is always the first to get in contact after a competition to see how things have gone.
- She's always there for a kind word and encouragement when things haven't gone so well but always full of pride for what we have achieved.
- She is incredibly talented as a trainer and really has no idea how good she is.
- She works so hard and inspires and motivates everyone.



EASTERN PERSONALITY OF THE YEAR – BEV LYNN

- An amazing inspiration to all. Works hard. Enjoys life and can cheer up anyone that's had a bad day. Everyone needs a Bev in their life!!
- Never ceases to make me smile with her infectious sense of fun and love of life.
- She is full of life no matter what life throws at her.
- She is full of fun and competitive without it being all about the winning.
- She is a great ambassador for dressage and who else would turn up for a lesson at camp in a leopard print onesie!
- This diminutive figure has the biggest impact whenever she enters a room, instantly lifting spirits and boosting morale.
- Such a huge character, forever cracking jokes, keeping it real, fun, entertaining and warm.
- Tits, teeth and a wicked sense of humour – she takes life by the balls!



EASTERN MEMBERS SPECIAL AWARD – JODIE SMITH

- Someone who has been through a lot in her personal life this year yet still manages to compete with the teams.
- She is always happy, smiley and keen to chat. She is a great ambassador for The Eastern team, Brook Farm and Westleighs Saddlery. She also had a great Facebook presence and is always liking or commenting on fellow Eastern team members posts.
- Always a jolly bright bubbly person in life and on social media
- The most consistent person on teams. Dedicated and competitive but always upbeat and fun and tops at supporting everyone else. She epitomise what the Eastern Region is about in pint size!



CONGRATULATIONS to all our winners, and thanks also to:

The Eastern Regional Committee: Lotte Olsen, Eleanor Collins, Pam Bushell, Tracy Wright, Hayley Liddiard, Katie Tysome, Joanne Dagley-Cleworth and Jessica Brown

Team Trainer Extraordinaire Mark Ruddock

Comper for the Evening – Sean Burgess

Peter Clark for designing and printing off all the lovely certificates.

Teresa and Eugan Edmonds for securing the red carpet

Ross Dagley Cleworth for the photography

And all our lovely members who joined us for the evening, and then came and helped wash-up, sweep up and drink-up, cleared tables and took away rubbish – what a great bunch you all are!

