



British Breeding Breeders' Awards Dinner, 8th Jan 2011



The Dinner is organised by The British Horse Foundation with assistance from the Supporters of British Breeding and the British Equestrian Federation.

Baileys Horse Feeds/British Breeding Futurity Awards presented by Baileys Marketing Manager Jane Buchan. The Futurity series is designed to assesses young horses and ponies from foals to three years for potential as performance sport horses and ponies of the future.

Futurity Certificates of Merit to the breeders of the highest scorers in each age group and discipline from 2010

Dressage foal – Lord Farquhar (Lord Leatherdale x Katinka by Rossini) – Sarah Tyler Evans

Eventing foal – Tregorran (Grafenstolz x Trevia by Hand in Glove) – Preci Spark

Endurance foal – Muromets (Richelshagen x Perimli by Melesur) – Christina Anderson

Sports pony foal – SOS What Apricot Wants (SOS Katje's Unicolor x SOS Promiscuous by Pre-Set) – Georgia Stokes

Showjumping yearling – Chicago's Dylan (Broadstone Chicago x Rosa II by Tobias Corbett) – Corrienne Hall

Eventing Yearling – Dove Vale Regal Dove (Foxcourt Andante x Bold Dove by Never So Bold) – Desmond Morris

Endurance yearling – Peponi (Krayaan Dilmun x Zawadi by Cloud Stepper) – Chris Wray

Sports pony yearling – Bathleyhills Monet (Casino Royale K x Mona by Matcho) – Penny Walster

Showjumping two year old – Kasabian (Zacharov x Mishka 3 by Puchka 3) – Miles Pearson

Dressage two year old – Diamond Lil (diamond Hit x Walenia by Warkant) – Olivia Voce

Endurance two year old – Ashsham Amir (Prince Sadik by Dhamma Fielen by Ibn Charismma) – Mark King

Sports pony two year old – Abbeywoods Chocolate Brownie (Copybush Chiron by Harroway Pot of Gold by Harroway Mr Harlequin) – Mr S Wilson

Showjumping three year old – Hartpury Sky is the Limit (Take it 2 the Limit x Sammy Jo G by Concorde) – Hartpury College collected by Janet Plant

Eventing three year old – Catherston Caractacus (Caramasow x Deanes Kings Courage by Dutch Courage) – Mr & Mrs W Murray collected by Jane Holderness Roddam

Endurance three year old – Seren Procyon (Hanson x Winter Queen) – Jan Varty & Dominick Atkinson

Sports pony three year old – Rosewater Breant (Bernwode Brokat x Delphi by Dornick) – Sarah Eberle

Dressage Sire Dimaggio by Don Primero - Suzanne Lavandera

Showjumping Sire Lauriston by Latus - Lucy Sheldrake

Endurance Sire 2010 Krayaan Dilmun by Maanaghy Nadeem - Jenny Lees of Pearl Island Arabians

Sports Pony Sire 2010 Bernwode Brokat by Brillant - Sarah Steggall

Showjumping Dam 2010 Carnaval Delight by Carnaval Drum - Lindsay Beech

Eventing Dam 2010 Bold Dove by Never So Bold - Desmond - Morris

Sports Pony Dam 2010 Mona by Matcho - Penny
Walster

Futurity Award trophies for the top scorers in each age group in 2010

Foal winner

Classic Top Lancelot

Sire: Lauriston Dam: Renkum Meranta by Renkum Lancelot

Owned and bred by Jane Townshend who collects the award

- Highest scoring Futurity foal of the 2010 season, scoring 9.46 out of 10
- Sire Lauriston is highest ranking Futurity show jumping sire of all time with a progeny average of 9.28 out of 10
- Dam Renkum Meranta only has one eye but is nonetheless a tremendous athlete of great character
- Jane is a breeder and producer of sports and show horses in East Sussex

Yearling winner

Hammerwood Roulette

Sire: Rhondeo Dam: De Lite by Dimaggio

Bred and owned by Pippa Drew who collects the award

- Another fabulous chestnut winner from the Dimaggio dynasty who scored 9.25 out of ten in her evaluation
- De-Lite is Hammerwood Stud's foundation mare and is a full sister to Don Archie, who is also a winner here tonight.

- Sire Rhondeo was supreme champion at the BWBS Stallion Grading 2004.
- Roulette has inherited her sire's friendly and straightforward temperament and will compete in Sports Horse classes in 2011

Two year old winner

May Be Valentine

Sire: Renkum Valentino Dam: Velea by Niveau

Owned and bred by Sally Davey who collects the award

- Scored 9.09 in his Futurity evaluation
- May Be Valentine, or Oscar, is the result of Sally's first ever attempt at breeding horses.
- Dam Velea was imported from Holland and bought for the owners' daughter to compete. She then cut her near hind leg, spent 6 weeks at Bristol having her tendon sheath flushed and to allow her recovery time she was put to Renkum Valentino

Three year old winner

Premier Royal Mint

Sire: Royal Hit Dam: Oleander by Ilmeo

Bred by Mr Johnston and owned by Ami MacLean who collects the award.

- Scored 9.29 in his Futurity evaluation impressing the evaluators with his athleticism and balance at the Plumpton venue
- Oldenburg sire Royal Hit himself sired 3 licenced stallions and 6 state premium mares by the time he was 10
- Damsire Ilmeo is by Selle Francais sire Alme Z who also sired Animo, Galoubet, Jalisco and Quick Star to name but a few

Stallion Award for the best 2010 progeny record

Grafenstolz (Trak)

Sire: Polarion Dam: St Pr Gipsy Lady by Camelot

Owned The Stallion Company. Ken Rehill collects the award.

This is for the sire with the highest average progeny score in his year's Futurity. The average score is taken from a stallion's top three progeny.

- Grafenstolz was awarded a premium at the 2000 Trakehner licensing in Neumünster as a two year old
- As a six year old he made German breeding history by becoming the first horse ever to qualify for the finals of the Jumping, Dressage, and Eventing in the same year. He went on to win the eventing with an average score of 9.7 out of ten
- This was followed later in the same year by him winning the World Championship for young event horses at Le Lion d'Angers
- In November 2006 he received Trakehner Horse of the Year award given by the Trakehner Verband
- His 2010 Futurity offspring scored an average of 9.08 out of ten

Broodmare Award for the best 2010 progeny record

Katinka (KWPN)

Sire: Rossini Dam: Violetta by Le Val Blanc XX

Bred by J Van Tilburg Thijs and owned by Sarah Tyler Evans who is here to collect the award.

This award is for the broodmare who has the highest average progeny score in this year's Futurity. The average score is taken from the mare's top two progeny Lord Farquhar by Lord Leatherdale and Moviemar by T Moviestar.

- Katinka is a Keur mare who has a good proportion of TB blood from her sire Le Val Blanc, who had such an impact on the KWPN studbook and was also sire of the winner of this award last year
- She is the grand dam of Winston Bond (by 007), owned by Carl Hester and ridden to victory in the Shearwater Young Dressage Horse Supreme Championship in 2009 by Charlotte Dujardin

BE Young Horse Awards presented by Vincent Jones, Chairman of British Eventing's Breeding Panel.

These horses were the highest placed British bred horses of their age sections at this year's Lycetts British Eventing Young Horse Championships at Osberton in October 2010.

4 year old winner

Rowley Farm Houdini

Sire: Primmere's Pioneer Dam: Just Sapphire by Sportsnight

Owned and bred by Susan Kerfoot who collects the award.

- Rodney as he is known, was backed in February 2010 by Ruth Edge who then went on to compete him in his first event at Shipton Moyne in the four year old qualifier which he won with a dressage score of 22.5
- His next show was then the four year old championships at Osberton where he finished second overall and highest placed British bred four year old
- Rodney has had a break over the winter and will aim to start competing BE100 in May.

5 year old winner

Mister Maccondy

Sire: Accondy Dam: Matilda by Lord David S

Bred and owned by Ann Lawson who collects the award

- "Mac" is out of Matilda who was one of twins, the other being Matthew, who won Blair 3* and had 365 points.
- Mac has a lovely temperament, we had no trouble breaking him and at 4 he qualified for the Burghley young event horse finals, winning at Knaptoft out of 60 entries.

- Again produced by Ruth Edge, he has run 10 times and won 7 including 2 at novice level and the Lycetts BE young horse 5 year old Championships.
- He has never been lower than 4th. He has also qualified for Winter Dressage semi-finals at Elementary and Elementary with music and is on the Equine Pathway. We hope to get him graded when he is 7.

7 year old winner

Borough Penny Z

Sire: Cevin Z Dam: Sovereign Flight by Dutch Gold

Bred and owned by Sally Bullen who is here to collect the award

- Pennyz is a homebred with jumper bloodlines who started eventing with her first BE90 last spring progressing to her first CIC* last autumn (12th)
- Pennyz is a magical jumper and is now gaining top placings at Intermediate level with a 2nd at her first run at this level at Glanusk followed by a 3rd at Tweseldown and a 6th at the Gatcombe Novice Championships.
- She has since gone on to win her first CCI** at the 7yo Championships at Osberton in October and finished 9th at the 7yo World Championships at Le Lion in France.

British Dressage Top British Bred Young Horse Horse Awards

Presented by British Dressage Chief Executive Amanda Bond

Four year old

Woodlander Farouche

Sire: Furst Heinrich Dam: Woodlander Dornroschen by Dimaggio

Bred and owned by Lynne Crowden at the Woodlander Stud, Lynne collects the award.

- An embryo transfer foal, Farouche was foaled when her dam was four and already well underway with her own competition career
- Farouche was BEF Futurity Champion as a two year old in 2008 and won her class at the Warmblood Breeders UK's national show also in the same year and in 2009 was the British Hanoverians' Mare Performance Test Champion and overall show supreme
- Farouche has gone on to have phenomenal success under saddle with Michael Eilberg to win each and every young horse class she has been entered for in 2010
- Farouche is believed by Lynne to be the best horse she has ever bred and is one of Horse & Hound's Ones To Watch in 2011

Five year old

Retro Hit

Sire: Royal Hit Dam: Calibra by Cardinar

Owned by Kay Byron and bred by Dan Henson who collects the award.

- Another winner here tonight by Royal Hit, renowned for his temperament, and for passing it on and for producing horses with "10" walks
- Ridden by Emile Faurie, Retro Hit has this very active hind leg and, Emile predicts that this signifies how good her flying changes will be in time
- German judge Peter Engel says of Retro Hit, when she won the Shearwater Potential International Dressage Horse Championship that "She has really nice movement, swinging in the back with three very good paces. She has great rideability too."

Six year old

Don Archie

Sire: Dimaggio Dam: St Pr Lorena by Lysander

Joint owned by Ann Cory and Carl Hester and bred by Suzanne Lavandera at UK Hanoverians who collects

- Sire Dimaggio has been many times here tonight, like last year, but now also beginning to appear a generation further back as a grandsire.
- Damsire Lysander had an extremely high dressage breeding index and a reputation for rideability
- Don Archie has had a very successful 2010 season, the ride being shared between Charlotte Dujardin and Katie Bailey, he was second in the Shearwater International Championships to win tonight's award

British Showjumping Young Horse Horse Awards

Presented by Justine Naylor, BS Director of Sport

Five year old

Billy Manhattan

Sire: Cevin Z Dam: Amantico by Amanti

Bred by Donal Barnwell and owned by the Billy Stud Natasha Sewell picks up the award.

- Sire Cevin Z's breeding features the outstanding bloodlines for which the Zangersheide Studbook is famous. He carries the double crosses of both Cor de la Bryere and Capitol 1 in his pedigree. He was the second highest priced foal from this prestigious stud in 1997 and also sired an eventing winner here tonight
- Billy Manhattan has had a great 2010 with £1285 actual winnings this season, he is a Grade C

Six year old

Strijder IV

Sire: Shearwater Olivier Dam: Jacaranda by Emilion

Bred by Georgie Crumley and owned by Kevin Crumley. Kathleen Maher steps up for the award.

- Winnings of £2695 in 2010, he is a Grade C

- Not a huge horse at 16.1 but has all the talent in the world, being “almost but not quite” the Newcomers Champions at HOYS
- Known as “Timmy”, he is very sharp at home and often sees things that aren't there! But he enjoys going to the beach and loves a swim

Seven year old

Billy Angelo

Sire: Tangelo van de Zuuthoeve Dam: Siena by Koongraaf

Bred by James Fisher and owned by Julie Slade. Natasha Sewell is here to collect the award.

- Sire Tangelo van de Zuuthoeve is one of the most remarkable performers as well as sires, his lift-off, wellrounded jumps and excellent leg technique, a surplus in power and carefulness have been inherited by Billy Angelo
- Billy Angelo is a Grade A with winnings of £4702 in 2010
- Jumped clear throughout the BS Young Horse Championships in 2008
- Was fourth in 2009, was second this year to win this award and is another of Horse & Hound's Ones To Watch in 2011

Sports Pony Studbook Society Performance and Breeding Award

Presented by Sarah Steggall, SPSS Founder Director

Owned by Samantha Brown who is here to collect the award

Caesar 171

Sire: Condor Dam: Dina H by Askan

- SPSS Elite sire Caesar 171 is 13.3 (or 141 cm) and hits 22 this year!
- He stands at Godrics Stud which is based at Leamside Equestrian in County Durham
- He was graded in Germany gaining a good score in his performance test (including two 10s). After being imported to the UK, he was Restricted Medium Winter Champion in 2000 ridden by his owner, the Pony Rider, Victoria Molloy

- Caesar was then a member of the GB Pony Team that won Silver at the European Championships in Germany in 2000 and the Bronze medal winning team in 2002. In 2003, ridden by Natalie Allen, Caesar was again scoring over 70% in Open Medium and FEI Pony classes
- His current owner/ rider is Samantha Brown who rode him in FEI pony classes and is now representing GB at junior level and is taking part in the BBSH Young Breeders programme

South Essex Insurance Brokers and Racehorses to Riding Horses Performance Championships presented by David Buckton, Associate Director of SEIB and the RoR awards jointly with Mick Fitzgerald.

South Essex Insurance Brokers and the charity, Retraining of Racehorses, are working together to encourage and recognise the success of ex-racehorses across the disciplines. This year has seen the introduction of the new ROR Elite SEIB Performance Awards, with a valuable prize fund of £30,000 donated by ROR.

RoR and SEIB ELITE PERFORMANCE AWARDS FOR SHOWING

This award is given in two parts, to the winner of the SEIB Racehorse to Riding Horse Championship held at the Horse of the Year Show and to the winner of the Tattersalls and ROR Thoroughbred Show Horse Championship held at Hickstead.

The winner of the SEIB Racehorse to Riding Horse Championship at Horse of the Year Show:

BLUE JAVA

9 year old chestnut gelding by Bluegrass Prince (IRE) out of Java Bay

Owned by Tim Billington and Ridden by Sonia Fitch-Peyton. Tim Billington collects

- Blue Java was a successful racehorse, running 46 times on the flat over 7 furlongs, with 5 wins and numerous places earning £40,000 in prize money whilst under the care of trainer Hughie Morrison. He was bred by Tim Billington, who still owns him.
- Sonya is manager of the breaking, pre-training and point to point yard at Billington's, Pangfield Farm.
- The ten-year-old gelding, by Bluegrass Prince (IRE) out of Java Bay, put in an impeccable performance to take the title having qualified at the Racehorse to Riding Horse qualifier held at Vale View Equestrian Centre in June.

The Winner of the Tattersalls Thoroughbred Show Horse Championship at Hickstead:

CHIVOLA (IRE)

5 year old bay gelding by Invincible Spirit (IRE) out of Boudica (IRE)

Owned by Beth Smart and Ridden by Victoria Smart. Vicky Smart collects

- Chivola was purchased at the Breeze Up Sales as a 2 year old for Victoria's husband Brian to train. He ran 11 times on the flat and had one win. He looked unlikely to be top class so he was gifted to Victoria's now twelve year old daughter Beth for her to ride once she is old enough.
- Chivola is very highly thought of by Victoria, he has already qualified for Hickstead next year, and she hopes to qualify him for the small hack and the racehorse class at the Horse of the Year Show. The pair are trained by Sue Ritchie.
- Victoria is a qualified equine physiotherapist and has just completed a three year course in veterinary homeopathy, both of which skills she uses on her horses.

RoR AND SEIB ELITE PERFORMANCE AWARDS FOR DRESSAGE

1st - THEME PARK

10 year old bay gelding by Classic Cliché (IRE) out of Arcady

Owned and ridden by David Trott who collects

- In his racing career, Theme Park ran a total of ten times, on the flat and over jumps. He was purchased from Ascot Sales as a five year old, by the TP Club syndicate for David to train for Point to Points. After a heavy fall in a Hunter Chase in May 2008 it was decided to retire him from racing.
- Theme Park took part in his first dressage competition in May 2009. This season he has progressed to Medium level at which he is unbeaten earning a total of 160 British Dressage Points to date. David hopes to compete him at Prix St Georges level next year.
- The TP Club are still keen followers of Theme Park, some of them are here this evening (give us a cheer!)
- Theme Park regularly canters with racehorses and hunts with either the Grafton or the Bicester.

Runner up:

BOLD HUNTER

16 year old bay gelding by Polish Precedent (USA) out of Pumpona (USA)

Owned and ridden by Ann Bostock who collects

- Bold Hunter began racing as a 2 year old and continued in training until he was 10, with a total of 65 starts on the flat and over fences. Ann and her husband, Ian, bought him as a 10 year old and Ian rode him in point to points until he was 13, when he was retired from racing.
- At 14, Ann decided that Bold Hunter should have a go at dressage and he took to it very easily. Last year they competed at Elementary and Medium level, qualifying for the Elementary Regional Finals. Ann, a list 2a judge herself, is trained by International dressage judge and top dressage rider, Judy Harvey.
- Bold Hunter has proved to be a very versatile horse. During the winter he hunts with the Oakley, ridden by Ian, and goes onto the gallops with Ann's younger horse to keep him company and keep Bold Hunter busy. Bold Hunter was a winner here last year.

RoR AND SEIB ELITE PERFORMANCE AWARDS FOR ENDURANCE

1st - APRIL'S COMAIT

13 year old bay mare by Komaite (USA) out of Sweet Caroline

Owned and ridden by Val Cammock who collects

- April's Comait was placed as a 2 and 3 year old and continued in training until she was 4, running a total of 23 times on the flat. Val then purchased her from her breeder, Pat Appleby in 2002.
- Val spent the first six months teaching the mare to walk calmly and trying to build up her strength. They competed in their first endurance ride a year later and then came second in this award in 2006.
- Val is very committed to EGB, she fits in working part time in the EGB office and running the Lions Tail ride alongside riding her own two horses.
- April's Comait is a very tough mare but has recently been having problems with arthritis in her knee. She is now going to retire and will most likely be put in foal.

Runner up:

MONKEY BOY (IRE)

19 year old bay gelding by Mazaad out of Zaretta

Owned and ridden by Sue Henry who collects

- Monkey Boy, is now 19 years old. He was in training with Jack Berry and had 10 starts on the flat and two placed Hurdle runs. Sue bought him in 1997 and over this time they have created a strong bond together.
- Monkey Boy and Sue won this title in 2008 and 2009 and have completed in excess of 40 advanced rides.
- This year they were invited by RoR to parade in an impressive line up of ex-racehorses at Ascot on King George Day. Sue described the outing as “one of the best moments of my life!”

RoR AND SEIB ELITE PERFORMANCE AWARDS FOR SHOW JUMPING NEWCOMERS

ZOLUSHKA (IRE)

9 year old chestnut mare by Russian Revival (USA) out of Persian Myth

Owned and ridden by Emily Morris who collects

- Zolushka had 8 starts on the flat and was placed third once during her racing career.
- Emily bought her in October 2009 and has been successfully show jumping her since. She has notional winnings of £724, and Emily is keen to compete in a derby class next year and qualify for the amateur final at Aintree.
- Emily works for the Peoples Dispensary for Sick Animals, promoting responsible pet ownership and fits in competing her two horses around this.
- Emily is very grateful to her father and trainer Mark Smith of “Bridleless not Brainless” team chasing fame, who regularly helps her with Zolushka.

ROR AND SEIB ELITE PERFORMANCE AWARDS FOR EVENTING

1st - DANAAAN PRINCE (IRE)

10 year old chestnut gelding by Danehill Dancer (IRE) out of Classic Queen (IRE)

Owned by Sue Brendish. Ridden by Sam Griffiths. Sue Brendish collects

- In his racing career, Danaan Prince ran a total of ten times, on the flat being placed 4th twice. Sue bought him as a yearling for Richard Hannon to train and he is very proud of what the horse has gone on to achieve.
- Danaan Prince was then sent to dressage trainer Jennie Loriston Clarke to help him build up strength so that he might progress to hurdle races. This was not to be so Sue sent him to Australian rider Sam Griffiths (now based in the UK) to train as an eventer.
- Danaan Prince is now competing at Advanced level and has had a very successful season, including taking runner up spot at the competitive RoR and National Trainers Federation Retrained Racehorse Eventing Championships at the Barbury International Horse Trials in July, he was also placed 15th at the three star Boekelo event in Holland in the autumn. Next year they plan to take the horse to Saumur three day event in France and try to qualify for the World Cup Final. He has 122 BE points

Runner up:

ALLIGATOR ALLEY (IRE)

14 year old chestnut gelding by Roselier (FR) Ballyhoura Lady

Owned and ridden by Matthew Heath

Matthew's father, Lucy Higginson, Editor Horse & Hound, collects the prize on his behalf

- Alligator Alley was bought from Ireland as an unbroken 4 year old for Paul Webber to train, he was very nervous and not very successful as a racehorse, he ran three times then his owners Andy and Christine Jenkins decided he should be given to Matthew to retrain as an eventer.
- 2010 has been an immensely successful season for Alligator Alley. He won the RoR and National Trainers Federation Retrained Racehorse Eventing Championships at the Barbury International Horse Trials in July.
- He came third in this class in 2009 and has gone on to complete his first Advanced event this season. He has 128 BE points
- Matthew has always been involved with horses, his father Trevor Heath is head lad to Paul Webber. After College he went to work for Nigel Taylor at Aston-le-Walls and is now a full time event rider, renting a yard at Aston-le-Walls.

Horse & Hound Outstanding Mare Award. This award recognises a mare who has made a great contribution to British equestrianism and left a legacy for future generations. As we all know, breeding decisions need to be based on the aptitude and capability, as well as the pedigrees of both parents, and this award emphasizes the importance of that consideration. Here to present this award is the Editor of Horse & Hound, Lucy Higginson.

Winner: St Pr (State Premium) Welunja

Sire: Weltmeyer

Dam: St Pr Lunja by Lungau

Bred by Hermann Kahmann, the award is collected by her owner Suzanne Lavandera

Bred by Hermann Kahmann in Badbergen-Wehdel, Welunja was purchased by UK Hanoverians as a three year old as the stud's foundation Hanoverian mare

- 2010 Winner of the British Hanoverians' 10 years and over mare class
- 2001 won the British Hanoverians' family class with progeny Keystone Darling I and Don Amore

Her six progeny

Decree (*Don Primero*) has 191 British Dressage points. She has competed to Advanced Medium; regularly qualifies for BD Regional Championships and competed in the BD Winter Championships in both 2008 and 2010.

Keystone Darling (*Dimaggio*) has 272 British Dressage points. She competes at Inter I, regularly qualifies for BD Regional Championships and has competed at the BD National Championships in 2008 and 2010 and the Winter Championships in 2006.

Don Amore (*Dimaggio*) born 2001 has 369 British Dressage points. He was the BWBS Reserve Stallion Champion in 2005; competes at PSG; has competed Internationally and has competed at the BD National Championships in 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2010

Riva Dance (*Rivallino*) has 235 British Dressage points. She competes at Advanced Medium; regularly qualifies for BD Regional Championships and competed in the BD Winter Championships in 2009.

Keystone Denada (*Dimaggio*) has just started her competitive career. He has 32 British dressage points from 8 classes, won each of his last 3 competitions and qualified for the BD Winter Regional Championships.

Keystone Darling II (*Dimaggio*) born 2010 was the Highest scoring youngster across all the disciplines and all the ages at the BEF futurity classes held at Plumpton. She was awarded an Elite and scored 9.21. She finished the year joint 6th across all the venues, ages and disciplines

BEF Awards for the Individual Medal Winning Horses at WEG Kentucky 2010.

The awards will be presented by BEF Chairman Keith Taylor, and BEF Chief Executive Andrew Finding.

Cool Mountain

Sire: Primitive Rising Dam: Ice Lolly by Idiot's Delight

Bred by Mrs Jane Pilkington and owned by the Hon Mrs Teresa Stopford-Sackville. Mrs Pilkington's daughter Melinda Wilson collects the award.

- Cool Mountain is the cover star of the brand new issue of the British breeder and you can read all about him, and the other three British bred eventing medal horses there!
- He is the very first medal winning graduate of BEF's performance potential programmes, where he was first presented by Antoinette McKeown and Lucinda Sims
- Cool Mountain now has 889 BE points and won the Calcutta Light Horse Trophy this year for earning the highest number of BE points in 2010
- He has earned points at all but one of his competitions this year, has been clear XC every time out and is renowned for his "cool" temperament

WH Bentley

Sire: Arlequin Des Sarts Dam: Lambton Rose by Copelaw Quick Step

Bred by Mrs & Mrs Philip Grant and owned by John and Jane Eccles. Philip Grant collects the award.

- The Eccles family acquired “Henry” over ten years ago, they then trained him to become an international vaulting horse. He is a by a Selle Francais sire out of a Dales mare. He is 17 this year.
- He has been a fantastic asset to the sport of equestrian vaulting and is a character well known world wide!
- Henry has competed for GBR since WEG Jerez in 2002 both as a team and individual horse. He took the British Team to 5th place at WEG Aachen in 2006. He is lunged by John Eccles for his WEG gold medal winning daughter Joanne.

Purdy’s Dream

Sire: Fandor Dam: Purdy by San Michele XX

Bred by Graham Worrall and owned by Emma Sheardown. Graham collects the award.

- Purdy’s Dream or “Eddie” has been owned by Para Dressage Rider Emma Sheardown since March 2008.
- In that time their partnership has grown and Eddie has taken Emma onto the next stage of her career
- In 2009 Eddie and Emma were selected to represent Team GBR at the Para Dressage European Championships in Norway. Eddie and Emma exceeded expectations by bringing home an Individual Silver Medal and a Freestyle Gold Medal.
- Following on from their European success, last year Emma and Eddie were selected to represent Great Britain at the World Equestrian Games in Kentucky, from there they came home with an Individual Bronze Medal and a Freestyle Gold Medal.

Teddy Edwards

Teddy is of unverified parentage, known to be a Welsh Section D, unless anyone here knows more than we do!

Owned by Sally Ann Brown and the award is collected by his rider Anne Dunham.

- Teddy is a 14 year old 16 hand chestnut gelding Teddy has been Anne Dunham's mount for the last couple of years
- He is "a bright and happy horse who loves hugs."
- Teddy has complete trust in Anne, something that can be of particular importance to Paralympic riders, but that doesn't stop him from being stubborn some of the time!
- Teddy and Anne secured a team gold and individual silver at WEG in Kentucky

Academy Award

Sire: Purioso Dam: Bofina by Meridiaan

Bred by Steve Ross and owned by Elaine Hoeg, Ricky Balshaw, C Phillips and C Evans. Amanda Bond the award.

- A big horse at 17.2, Academy Award was teamed up with rider Ricky Balshaw only this year when they obtained impressive results at Moorsele CPEDI in April 2010.
- Ricky and Academy Award won an Individual Silver medal in the grade 1b para-equestrian dressage competition with 72.87%
- Ricky and academy Award also compete at novice level in able-bodied competitions

The Equestrian Edge Meritoire presented by Sandie Chambers, Managing Director of Equestrian Edge – a company which works with horses and riders using specialist technology to maximize performance.

This lifetime award is for the person who the Awards Committee consider is making or has made an outstanding contribution to the Performance Sport Horse and Pony breeding industry.

This year's winner is an ardent supporter of British Breeding. In fact, this year's winner is an ambassador for British breeding & British equestrianism, regularly travelling the continent waving our banner. And all this despite actually being an import himself!

He landed on our shores in 1978 bringing with him foundation breeding stock for what has become a world-renowned competition horse stud. Also bringing with him a breeding philosophy that was simple yet sound: Breeding from mares with proven competition records, realising the importance of the dam, fully understanding pedigrees and their traits. His knowledge of warmblood bloodlines is nothing short of encyclopaedic.

However, tonight is not primarily about recognising his own stud's breeding successes, of which there are many. Tonight we are acknowledging his vision for British performance horse breeding as a whole. A vision, which he was prepared to act upon and persevere for. A vision, which in 2010 truly came of age. We now know this vision as The Anglo European Studbook. A Studbook that now, quite literally, competes and holds its own with the old established continental studbooks. A Studbook whose 2010 FEI **World Breeding Federation** for **Sport Horses** rankings really speak for themselves: 10th place overall for Show Jumping and 4th place overall for Eventing. A first!!

In his own words the Anglo European Studbook was established "in response to demand from prominent members within the world of competition . . . with a determined resolve to get going and start producing horses for Britain, with which we can take on the rest of the world".

He also saw that it was in the best interest of Great Britain for the AES to promote the importation of semen from the very best continental stallions **as well as** promoting the best British based stallions to achieve **rapid** improvement in our own broodmares and therefore youngstock.

The person behind this vision, founder of the Renkum Stud, Director of the Anglo European Studbook & winner of this year's Equestrian Edge Meritoire is of course none other than Mr.Henk Minderman.

We would like to invite Henk Minderman, winner of this year's Equestrian Edge award for outstanding contribution the British breeding industry to the stage to accept the award from Sandie Chambers, Managing Director of Equestrian Edge.

AWARDS END

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