



INFORMATION ON ELSTEAD RIDING CLUB'S ANNUAL POINTS / AWARDS

Elstead Riding Club presents a range of awards at its AGM each year. Points are earned at club events as follows:

PLACE	POINTS
1 st	6
2 nd	5
3 rd	4
4 th	3
5 th	2
6 th	1

Points are accumulated based on a horse/rider combination.

Dressage - There are separate junior and senior dressage championships - these are based on points awarded in dressage classes organised by Elstead RC. For juniors the championship is based on points gained in Prelim tests or higher. For seniors the championship is based on points gained in Novice tests or higher. The Preliminary Dressage Shield (kindly presented by Caroline and Charlotte Winser) goes to the horse/senior rider combination with the most points in Preliminary dressage classes organised by Elstead RC - the horse must not have any BD points (unless previous BD points have been downgraded in accordance with BRC rules). A horse/rider combination that has previously won the senior dressage championship is ineligible for this shield. The Preliminary Dressage Shield can only be won once by the same horse/rider combination - points gained by a winner of this shield in preliminary classes in any subsequent year will be disregarded for the purpose of deciding the winner of the Preliminary Dressage Shield.

Show Jumping - There are separate junior and senior awards for the show jumping championship – these are based on points awarded in show jumping classes organised by Elstead RC where the height of jumps in the first round start at 0.8m or higher. The Novice Show Jumping Shield (kindly presented by Caroline & Charlotte Winser) goes to the horse/rider combination with the most points in show jumping classes where the height of the jumps in the first round is below 0.8m. The Novice Show Jumping Shield can only be won once by the same horse/rider combination.

Showing - There are separate awards for the junior and senior members who gain the most points in showing classes at the Spring and Autumn Shows (not the fun shows). In addition **The Fern Hunter Trophy** (kindly donated by Carol Deane) goes to the member with the most successful horse/pony across the three hunter classes (working hunter pony, working hunter horse, show hunter horse/pony) at both the Spring and Autumn Shows - in addition to points for being placed in one or more of these classes, the hunter champion and reserve at each show will be awarded 5 points and 3 points respectively towards this trophy.

Overall Club Championship - all classes (except gymkhana events) at all events count towards this overall championship, irrespective of test, height of jumps, etc. There are separate championships (champion and reserve champion) for juniors and seniors.

Achievement Awards:

Senior Chairman's Trophy, Junior Chairman's Trophy and Twelves Trophy

These awards recognise achievement and/or improvement. In general these are aimed at the less experienced rider or perhaps someone whose experience was some years ago and has returned to riding after a break. This type of award would be unlikely to go to someone who has won a championship as set out above in the current or recent years.

The Aysha Award (kindly donated by Annie Denton) is awarded to the club member who has made great achievements in either training and/or competing a young horse/pony.

The Jasper Veteran Award (kindly donated by Diana Standing) is awarded for the best all round performance throughout the year by a horse/pony aged 20 years or over.

The Shamus Trophy (kindly donated by the Negus family) is awarded in recognition of an 'all rounder' horse/pony, which gives a lot of enjoyment and pleasure to its rider(s) across a wide range of activities.

The Snowman Trophy (kindly donated by Jenny Dutton) is awarded to the best team performance throughout the year.

The Chou Chou Memorial Trophy (kindly donated by Diana and Richard Terry) is presented to the junior member who has not won a championship trophy/award this year but who has regularly attended club events. One point is awarded per event attended – this includes instruction and fun events and also for help given if not competing/riding at the event.

The Saffron Trophy (kindly donated by the McMurray family) is presented to the club member who the Committee feel has been the 'best member' – this can be in terms of helping the club, having a good team spirit, being friendly and cheerful, etc.