

MEON TROPHIES AWARDED 13 OCTOBER 2017

Novice Challenge Award - outstanding performance at Novice level – **Diane Williams**

Diane has competed at varying levels this year, but her performance at Combined Training Qualifier with a dressage score of 27.4 and clear showjumping which contributed to the team qualifying for the championships and her performance at the Festival of the Horse Qualifier are what earn her this award.

Hawthorn Achievement – outstanding performance at Intermediate Level – **Oonagh McGibbon**

Oonagh has had a brilliant final year with Hobnob competing in all disciplines, starting with her first attempt at Elementary at Crofton, finishing in 3rd place in the 85cm style jumping and culminating in winning her Arena riding Novice 24 at the Summer Qualifier contributing to the team's overall win.

Apollo Award – outstanding performance at Open Level - This Award is not being presented this year as we have had very few people competing at Open level. Hopefully some of you will step up to this level in the near future.

Macarthy Salver – This is an award that recognises a member who has made the biggest improvement over the year, and is designed to recognise those who may not compete in our teams or other competitions, but still work very hard in the background. – **Debby Hadwen**. When Debby first started having lessons with Elsbeth she definitely had a steering problem. She has made huge strides in her training and Elsbeth believes she is now ready to do her first Prelim competition.

Volunteer's Award – **Ony Rogers**

Ony has been amazing this year, helping at many events. She volunteered her two daughters to fence judge at the FOH Qualifier and went to the FOH Combined Training Championships at Aston-le-Walls where the girls said she was superb. She helped to get Ruth's trailer out of the mud and mucked out all their stables

Arc en Spirit Award – outstanding performance in Dressage –**Sam McEwen**

There really could only be one person to receive this trophy this year for her success in the Dressage to Music competition. She beat some pretty good local talent to win the qualifier, and then followed it up with an emphatic win at the Championships. I cannot remember when Meon had a BRC National Champion!!

Special mention should be given to Carol Alford, Pippa Griffin and Briony Stevens who qualified for and attended, the Intermediate Dressage Championships as individuals and to Diane Williams, Oonagh McGibbon, Gen Lodge and Jenny Day who made up the winning team at the Summer Dressage Qualifier, but were not able to make the long trip to Lincoln for various reasons.

Simply Seamus Award - outstanding performance in Show Jumping – **Not awarded this year**

Gem Cross Country Cup – outstanding performance in Cross Country –**Michelle Cartman**

A while ago Michelle would not even consider leaving the ground, and whilst she has yet to compete for the club at XC, she has come on in leaps and bounds starting at the 2 day clinic and finishing in a team of Meoners at the Fairoak Team Chase. We hope to see her representing Meon next year.

Rose Seagrave Memorial Trophy – for improvement in Dressage during the year- **Jenny Day**
Jenny started with Elsbeth when riding at Prelim level. She has made excellent progress competing in the Summer Dressage Qualifier, and being placed third in her arena, riding Novice 34 and has now done her first Elementary.

Veteran's Cup – for a club member over the age of 50 who has been consistent throughout the year - **Margaret Hird**

Margaret was in fact nominated for more than one of our trophies, as she has done so much this year from representing Meon in the Combined Training and qualifying for the Championships through to riding in the 90cm team at Blenheim. She was definitely the star of the day at our Arena Eventing Competition and she took part in the Sport England's This Girl Can.

I am sure that there are many of you here that would be more than happy to be doing what Margaret does when you are past 60!!