



Katie Memorial Trophy - CTG Horse of the Year



Please see below for the Katie Memorial Trophy - CTG Horse of the Year nominations. This trophy is presented to the horse that the CTG members this most deserves recognition for their achievements or attitude during the last year. Please read why each has been nominated and then follow the link at the bottom to the voting survey. One vote per member, and members only. Results will be announced and the trophy presented at the CTG AGM on Sunday 3 Dec (3pm).



Monty



Storm Child



Tia



Mars



Tevo



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Monty

Nominated by Angela Hughes

Mary Lazarus has competed Monty this year through the summer series and they are together photographed at the champs.



Mary has had no luck with trying to get herself a new horse and has kindly been loaned Monty from Helen Dawson. Together they have made great progress as Monty was timid character and has progressed to being much bolder and more confident, a lot down to Mary's patience and perseverance - the highlight of the year being placed in the L1 individual champs.



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Storm Child

Nominated by Sarah Wynn

It may be cheating a little for me to nominate Storm Child (T to his mates) but I think he deserves it. I have spent the last 5 or 6 years begging and borrowing rides on other people's horses because T has been out of action with two tendon injuries and then laminitis and arthritis. However, with a change of diet and management (I bought a youngster - Mars - to compete on, so maybe jealousy too) he decided this year that actually he might be sound enough to play again. We started with the winter league - which he loves as he just has so much fun doing the obstacles. He won the CTG Open league and came 10th in the National open league. We then moved on to the start of the summer season, which I had never expected him to be able to complete a POR again given his history, but he was sound and fit for Park farm, so instead of bringing Mars I ended up putting him on the lorry. He did a grand job of escorting Ellie Rayner and Toby as partners in the Level 1, he fair skipped round the beautiful turf of the Park farm chaser course and had the biggest smile on his face doing it. Has to be one of my best trec moments, finishing on such a happy horse. T partnered up with Toby for another 2 trecs. We had a strike rate of 3 firsts out of 3, not bad for a rusty old man who I thought was heading for early retirement this time last year - that left us at the top of the national league for the L1 pairs. So please vote for Storm Child just because he loves his TREC so much and always applies himself with such gusto, especially to the obstacles, he really is my superstar.





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Tia

Nominated by Jo McCormack

Apache aka Tia/Firecracker/Whizzpop.

I've put Tia forward for this since her first experience of TREC was on the 8th January 2017 at an indoor event, and yet in August 2017 she was competing with me in France in the European Young Rider championships for Team GB, coming back with a Team 3rd and individual 35th.

She has gone from complete newbie to a great all round TREC pony and loves PTV especially, always in the top 3 placings for that phase. Her favourite is the bending, as soon as she spots it she can commonly be seen bunnyhopping her way towards it!

She's also placed 4th in the national level 2A league, 3rd in the national novice endurance championships, but most importantly she's done this while always putting a huge smile on my face and making me laugh!

Pictured on the POR in France, a journey I never dreamt we'd be making this year!





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Mars

Nominated by Bev Stevens

I would like to nominate 'Mars' for Central TREC Group horse of the year .

Proving what a great education TREC is Mars has had a brilliant year at indoor and outdoor TREC comps , stepping up when Sarah's old horse couldn't go to comps Mars has started filling big hoofs!





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Tevo

Nominated by Lindsey Measures

I am going to nominate Tevo as doing Trec over the past year has turned him from a sad, nervous and very hysterical little Spanish horse who trashed everything in his path to a very happy, confident little chap who thoroughly enjoys life and now focuses on the different obstacles in Trec to the point where we have now started winning :-). He is now a pleasure to be around and Trec has helped him to be more focussed in other disciplines such as show jumping and dressage.



Please use the link below to vote - One vote per member and members only.

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