



## **British Equestrian Federation Media Release**

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### **Success breeds success at the British Breeding Breeders' Dinner**

For the fourteenth time, the success of British breeders was celebrated at the glittering Breeders' Dinner at London's Grange City Hotel.

Twenty seven awards were presented in recognition of the continued development of the British breeding industry.

Six racehorses, re-schooled to excel as performance horses, received awards in the South Essex Insurance Brokers (SEIB)/ Retraining of Racehorses awards, one of whom, Karen Whittington's Maiden Ray was on the podium for the second time in the affiliated Endurance section.

Baileys Horse Feeds' Futurity section was notable for the three year old prize and the top broodmare prize both going to Sheri Tozer Robb's River Stud in Cornwall for the athletic three year old potential showjumper Zubin-R and his dam Fabionne who is a consistent producer of high scoring foals.

High level success was recorded in the Sports Pony Studbook Society (SPSS) and Ponies (UK)'s sponsored sections with outstanding performance results being shown by established sire Laban, show jumping pony Micklow Madness, dressage pony Maesyfron Rhett and event pony Mayflower.

SPSS's Chairman Celia Clarke paid tribute to NED, the National Equine Database, in facilitating the compilation of the results for the pony sections. "It took me 10% of the time it has taken in previous years, and if NED can do this for us, I can't wait to see everyone else using it!"

British Eventing's Breeding Awards also saw some consistent patterns with the five year old winner Pokey's Bally Milo having also excelled in the SEIB/British Breeding Young Horse Evaluations as well as in several affiliated events in 2006 and 2007. The same pattern emerged for four year old winner Elite Opposition, ridden by Ruth Edge, and six year old winner Redesigned, ridden by Pippa Funnell who collected the award on behalf of the breeder. British Eventing's Patrick Rolfe revealed that an independent study had shown that horses excelling in BE's Breeding Championships were proven to have gone on to attain a higher number of BE points than horses which had not been as successful at these Championships. Said Patrick "it is very reassuring to see that the results we anticipate are actually proving to be the case".

The British Horse Foundation's Outstanding Broodmare Award went to Bairn Free, who competed as Memento, and produced a legacy of roan progeny in the form of Andrew Nicholson's eventers Avebury and Tristar and up-and-coming young event horse Tomaz Godunov.

Two out of the three Dodson and Horrell Young Horse Awards went to British bred horses, namely Halida du Rouet and King's Temptress, the latter out of the ever consistent Kings Mistress owned by Mary King. King's Mistress by Louella Inschallah has produced progeny who have won this same award for three consecutive years.

This year's winner of the Dodson and Horrell Young Horse Award was Rock Model, of whom some spectacular photos were shown on the evening.

The room fell silent in anticipation of the announcement of the winner of the Merial Meritoire for outstanding services to British sport horse breeding. As Mike Tucker announced that winner, Louella Stud, the room erupted. The story of the Louella Stud is a remarkable one and the dynasty continues in the form of Lucy Gillingham, granddaughter of the founder, Louis Massarella, who was there to collect the award.

With thanks extended to delightful guest speaker Jenny Pitman, the Supporters of British Breeding who organised the event and to all of those who attended and made the occasion memorable, Chairman of Supporters of British Breeding Desi Dillingham closed the proceedings.

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### **Information**

Pedigrees and supporting information are in the attached "Winners" sheet.  
A full set of compere's notes are also available.

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