

SRC Awards and Trophies

Annual Show

Domino Trophy: Domino was Jenny Skinner's 'horse of a lifetime'. He was bought as an unbroken three year-old from Ascot Blood Sales, starting his career at SRC unaffiliated competitions and representing the club at Malvern as part of the Rural Riders team. He competed successfully in BHTA one day events, affiliated dressage and Le Trec. He took two young friends to Pony Club camp and loved dogs, cats and children. In the yard you could be soaked by a bucket of water thrown from his stable, find him sweeping up with the broom or the cat sitting on his back. Life was never dull with Domino!

Fergal Working Hunter Trophy: Fergal was an Irish Wolfhound who used to accompany his owner and friends out hacking around Ightham and Seal Chart. He loved running alongside them during canter work. The trophy was originally given, by Richard Hay, for the hunter championship at the Underriver Horse Show, run by the Owlett family, and was passed to SRC when that show ceased.

Glynn Antrim Trophy: Glynn has been owned by the Comer family for over twenty years. He was very nervous of people at first, having been through four or five homes by the age of seven, but with a settled home has become much more confident. He was originally a great cross-country horse but, when his eyesight deteriorated, he turned to dressage.

Howlett Rose Bowl: Bob Howlett was a founder member of SRC in 1948. With his daughter, Betty, he played an active part in the club during its early years and became its president. He continued to support the club in many ways throughout his long life.

Jeremy Cup: Jeremy arrived as a surprise extra. Current SRC president, Margaret Thompson, bought his mother in May 1956 and hunted her until Christmas. Jeremy was born in 1957 and lived for thirty one years. He did everything! He was a brilliant hunter, hunting for about fourteen seasons and carrying the huntsman and whipper-in for two of those. He completed three Golden Horseshoe rides, winning Gold each time, he was shown as a Small Hunter, represented SRC in a number of teams and won the Veteran Class at SRC's Annual Show several times in his later years.

Mascal Prince Memorial Trophy: Prince belonged to Teresa Allen, whom many members will remember as Teresa Jones. He was a part-bred, liver chestnut arab who was a true all-rounder in all senses of the word. He did dressage, showjumping, cross-country, hunting and was a huge favourite

with RDA. He excelled in the family pony class at Sevenoaks Riding Club where he proved that he could adapt to any rider, large or small, young or old, experienced or novice. Tragically, he lost his life after being in collision with 2 cars. The memorial trophy is a legacy to a truly great animal who touched so very many lives.

Mystic Legend Cup: Mystic Legend belonged to Denise Tross, who now lives in Germany. She regularly hunted him with the West Kent Hunt and, twenty five years on, his memory remains very dear to her.

Pickles Challenge Cup: Pickles was a small bay pony, hired for the summer holidays from Eddy Vickers, a dealer in Orpington, by Christine Ball. Unknown to her or her parents, he had previously been written off as unridable but, after a terrifying first ride though Petts Woods, she got to grips with him and spent a wonderful summer hacking for miles, jumping logs and entering gymkhana races. At the end of the summer she returned to school and, despite appeals to her father to buy him, he went back to the dealer. Later she heard that he had reverted to being 'unridable' and had been sold to the meat man. But Christine says "he was a wonderful companion . . . we had such fun together. All pony mad little girls should have a pony like Pickles."

Young Alfie Cup: Young Alfie was a local race horse. Although he never competed in SRC activities, he acted as companion to many youngsters once his racing career was over and was very good at teaching his 'pupils' and giving them confidence.

AGM Awards

Ballantyne Cup: Mrs W.H. Ballantyne and her daughter, Grizel, were founder members of the club. Grizel was an early committee member and Mrs Ballantyne acted as a judge at the Annual Show. The cup was originally awarded in 1951 as a challenge cup for the best child rider at the Annual Show.

Hatfield Cup: This was another cup originally awarded at the 1951 Annual Show, for the best riding horse owned by a member of SRC and regularly ridden at club rallies. We have no information about the Hatfield in whose name it was given and would be interested to hear from anyone who can supply more details about it.

The Piglet Trophy: This was given by Juli Southby in memory of her much-loved horse, who represented SRC at Area Dressage and the national BRC Championships. He was a great character, always putting his best effort into everything, and giving Julie a lot of fun. This award is given to a member who has embraced the spirit of the club and done their best throughout the season. It is not about how successful they have been but that they have done their best and had fun along the way.

Horse Trials

The Sheila Cotter Challenge Trophy: Sheila Cotter was a founder member of the club. She was an energetic and dedicated horsewoman who was president of the club for many years and took responsibility for organising the maintenance of Redlands. She was a well-known instructor and many people in Sevenoaks recall their lessons with her. Her reputation was such that she travelled the country and trained many aspiring riders, including William Fox-Pitt.