

## 15<sup>th</sup> Lancelot Awards

### Club Secretary of the Year Award



### Nominations

#### **Maria Carrick (Cheval Riding Club)**

Maria upholds and demonstrates every quality, skill and knowledge any committee would have the pleasure and fortune to encounter. She has an invaluable ability in disseminating her 18 years as a club member with Cheval Riding Club, along with holding positions of Chairperson and Treasurer.

Her smooth organisational methods allow healthy relationships between club members, committee and our region. Maria demonstrates natural leadership in matters of difficulty and always bringing impartiality, fairness, respect and most of all kindness.

Throughout the year Maria showed enormous commitment to our calendar of events, through agreed consultation and a well circulated agenda we enjoyed a very productive and eventful year to date. We recognise all the unseen work Maria puts in on behalf of her club - , meetings, phone calls, newsletters, emails, texts, flyers, pre-show preparation, minutes and distribution, and that's just a snapshot.

#### **Gemma Kelly (Border Counties)**

This is Gemma's second year as club secretary and has went from strength to strength always trying for each and every member she works tirelessly on behalf our club. This year, in particular, she was the driving force behind sending our team which represented the Association and Ireland in France at the World Club Tournament. Not only did she do all the many administrative tasks related to this, she helped organise fundraisers and travelled out to France to cheer them on.

As well as being organised, methodical and extremely helpful to everyone in the club, Gemma is also very encouraging and great fun. She is not just a great secretary, she's a wonderful all-round club member.

#### **Ann Marie Quinlan (Meath Riding Club)**

Ann-Marie listens, understands and accommodates members needs. Regularly organising quality lessons at affordable prices (reflecting her apt use of Club funds), catering for all levels; early organising and planning (including fair, efficient delegation) of tasks (taking on many herself) for our annual show, ensuring its continued success.

Consistently and efficiently informs members of upcoming events, actively encouraging participation. Administers members Whatsapp, embedding strong camaraderie. Provides early-notice events. Leads and organises regular meetings. Promotes our club via social media. Encourages members ideas. Is key in attracting and keeping members. Ann Marie is our go-to person and good fun (encouraging prosecco picnics at events, win/lose/draw!). Lives the AIRC ethos, fulfilling her role. When unwell around the time of our 2019 show, dedication & enthusiasm. Simultaneously participating in shows herself, rarely missing outings. Scheduling volunteer roles fairly, regularly filling additional slots herself. Ann Marie executes this voluntary position without complaint. She's the Club's engine and personifies what it means to be part of an amateur association.