



The Society of Master Saddlers (UK) Ltd

National Saddlery Competition

**Monday 3rd February 2020
Saddlers' Hall, Gutter Lane,
London, EC2V 6BR**

Prize Giving – 17.30
Doors open for viewing by entrants 16.15
Doors open for other guests 16.45

SCHEDULE

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Class 1 Master and Apprentice

Any design of dog collar and a plain lead

This class is open to Master Saddlers and their **Millennium** Apprentices only. The Dog Collar (to any design and specification) should be made by the Apprentice and the plain lead, with a trigger hook, is to be made by the Master. Materials, Fittings and stitch size to match.

Marks will be weighted towards the apprentice at 2/3 to 1/3. Points for each item will be added together and the Master and Apprentice with most points will win. There will only be a winner and no placings.

To be eligible for this class - the apprentice should not have received their completion certificate prior to the competition.

*Prize: Master: A bottle of Champagne
 Apprentice: A tools and materials voucher to the value of £100 + £100 sponsored cash prize*

Entries will be judged on quality of craftsmanship and dog collar design

Class 2a, 2b & 2c Trainee Bridlework and Trainee Harness

Prizes kindly sponsored by Abbey England, Musto, & The Worshipful Company of Coach and Coach Harness Makers

- a) Head Collar conforming to Level 2 City & Guilds Skills Assessment specification.**
- b) Show Double Bridle conforming to Level 3 City and Guilds Skills Assessment specification.**
- c) Breeching Seat with short tugs conforming to Level 2 City and Guilds Skills Assessment specification. (No hip or breeching straps)**

Open to Members' Employees / Apprentices, Trainee Saddler and Student Members and Students undergoing training at The Saddlery Training Centre & Capel Manor College.

Must be the sole work of the entrant.

Class a - Entrants must not have commenced training before 1st September 2017.

Class b & c - Entrants must not have commenced training before 1st September 2015 or, in the case of Millennium Apprentices, the apprentice should not have received their completion certificate prior to the competition.

Please note: Entrants may not enter classes 2a and 2b. You may enter 2a and 2c, or 2b and 2c.

Prizes:

*Class 2a: **Abbey England** vouchers for tools or materials to the value of:*

1st - £150 2nd - £100 3rd - £75

*Class 2b: Sponsored by **Musto**. Vouchers for tools or materials to the value of:*

1st - £150 2nd - £100 3rd - £75

*Class 2c: Sponsored by **The Worshipful Company of Coach and Coach Harness Makers***

Vouchers for tools or material to the value of:

1st - £150 2nd - £100 3rd - £75

Entries will be judged by the C&G specification and quality of craftsmanship.

Class 3a **Trainee Saddle (Rural)** *2nd prize kindly sponsored by H Webber in conjunction with Osborne Tools*

Any type or size of Leather Saddle (must be suitable to meet the specification and marking criteria of C&G Level 2 or 3 Saddle which includes all cutting, stitching, finishing and assembly being done by the entrant) (Should incorporate knee pads, knee rolls and have a flocked panel)

Open to Members' Employees / Apprentices, Trainee Saddler and Student Members and Students undergoing training at The Saddlery Training Centre & Capel Manor College. Entrants must not have commenced training before 1st September 2014 or, in the case of Millennium Apprentices, the apprentice should not have received their completion certificate prior to the competition.

Must be the sole work of the entrant.

Entrants to ensure that the origin of the saddle is not identifiable by manufacturer's nameplates or saddle nails.

Prizes: Osborne Saddlery voucher for tools (2nd Prize) and prize vouchers for tools or materials to the value of:

1st - £200 2nd - £100 3rd - £50

Entries will be judged by the Skills Assessment specification and the quality of craftsmanship.

Class 3b **Trainee Saddle (Trade)** *Sponsored by Musto*

Any style of leather astride Saddle (must be manufactured on a wooden tree).

Open to all employees of trade members who commenced their training after 1st September 2015. (It is accepted that trade entries might not be the sole work of the entrant ie. that the cutting and/or machining might not be the sole work of the entrant.)

No miniatures. Entrants to ensure that the origin of the saddle is not identifiable by manufacturer's nameplates or saddle nails.

Prizes: 1st - £200 2nd - £100 3rd - £50

Entries will be judged on quality of craftsmanship.

Class 4 **Intermediate Bridle**

Five point Breast Plate with Standing Martingale attachment. Cob or Full Size in Dark Havannah or Black

Prize winners will be offered the opportunity to sell their entry to The Saddlers Company to be given as a prize at the British Horseball Championships.

Open to Individual Qualified Saddlers / Harness Makers, Indentured Apprentices, Members' Employees and Trainee Saddler and Student members. (No Master Saddlers)

Must not have commenced training before 1st September 2013.

Must be the sole work of the entrant.

Prizes: 1st - £175 2nd - £100 3rd - £50

Entries will be judged in this order: Quality of craftsmanship, suitability for purpose and design.

Class 5 **Special Open Class**

A Pair of all leather Rolled Pelham Roundings with hook studs. Any size.

Open to all members and employees thereof. Not to have won a 1st prize in any class in the last three years (* See note 3 re. guests)

Must be the sole work of the entrant.

Prizes: 1st - £100 2nd - £50 3rd - £30

Entries will be judged on quality of craftsmanship and suitability for purpose.

Class 6 **Small Business Saddle Makers**

Any design of English astride leather saddle made on conventional wooden tree.

Open to members and employees thereof who manufacture **no more than 10 saddles a year**.

Must be the SOLE work of the entrant, including webbing the tree, building, blocking and seaming the seat, all cutting and machining.

Entrants to ensure that the origin of the saddle is not identifiable by manufacturer's nameplates or saddle nails.

Prizes: 1st - £200 2nd - £125 3rd - £75

Entries will be judged on quality of craftsmanship, stylish design and suitability for purpose.

Class 7 **Trade / Company Saddle**

Any design of English Astride leather Saddle

(Made on a conventional wooden or synthetic tree and with panel filling of your choice i.e. flock, foam, felt or a combination of materials). **The saddle entered in this class must be readily available to order.**

Open to all Master Saddler Trade members (**all entries will be from the company, not individuals - no more than one entry per company**).

Entrants to ensure that the origin of the saddle is not identifiable by manufacturer's nameplates or saddle nails.

Prizes: *There will be one prize of £250 and no placings.*

(The prize will be awarded to the company)

Entries will be judged on quality of craftsmanship and suitability for purpose. In addition the Neil McCarragher Trophy will be presented. (See Trophies)

Class 8 **Trade / Company Saddlery Accessory**

Any Leather Girth or Stud Guard

Must be a stock item with no competition embellishments.

Open to all Master Saddler Trade members (**all entries will be from the company, not individuals - no more than one entry per company**).

Entrants to ensure that the origin of the item is not identifiable by manufacturer's nameplates or stamps.

Prizes: There will be one prize of £100 and no placings.
(The prize will be awarded to the company)

Entries will be judged on quality of craftsmanship and suitability for purpose.

Class 9 **Open Harness** *Prizes kindly sponsored by Cribbs Carriage Masters and Funeral Directors*

A leather Breast Collar including neck strap, suitable for Exercise, Work or Show. Any colour, size or design.

Open to all members and employees thereof. Must be the sole work of the entrant.

Prizes: 1st - £200 2nd - £125 3rd - £75

Entries will be judged on quality of craftsmanship, suitability for purpose.

Class 10 **Open Bridle** *Prizes kindly sponsored by South Essex Insurance Brokers*

A Double Bridle with Cavesson noseband suitable for ridden showing - see full guidance notes below on SMS web site

Must be the sole work of the entrant, judged on quality of craftsmanship and suitability for purpose

Open to all members and employees thereof Must be the sole work of the entrant

Prizes: 1st - £200 2nd - £125 3rd - £75

Entries will be judged in this order: quality of craftsmanship, design and suitability for purpose.

Class 11 **Open Saddle**

Any design of General Purpose (GP) Saddle (made on a conventional wooden or synthetic tree.)

Open to ALL members and employees thereof.

Must be the SOLE work of the individual saddle maker, including webbing the tree, building and blocking seat, cutting and machining. The declaration on the entry form to this effect must be signed by the entrant.

Entrants to ensure that the origin of the saddle is not identifiable by manufacturer's nameplates or saddle nails.

Prizes: 1st - £225 2nd - £150 3rd - £75

Entries will be judged on stylish design, innovative design and quality of craftsmanship.

Class 12 **A Side Saddle** made on a new tree or completely refurbished old tree, to include the stirrup leather (no iron)

If an old tree is used photographic evidence of this will be required and all work and other materials must be new. Must be all leather with a serge panel or Wickham pad.

Open to all members and employees thereof.

Must be the sole work of the entrant.

Prizes: 1st - £225 2nd - £150 3rd - £75

Entries will be judged on quality of craftsmanship and suitability for purpose.

Class 13 **Open Class**

Any type of Bitless or Hackamore Bridle (must not infringe any patented designs)

Open to all members and employees thereof.

Must be the sole work of the entrant.

Prizes: 1st - £200 2nd - £125 3rd - £75

Entries will be judged on quality of craftsmanship, design and suitability for purpose.

Class 14 The President's Choice

In commemoration of the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrim Fathers' voyage on the Mayflower:
Any leather item with a Nautical Theme, which should be made using traditional hand skills.

Open to all members and employees thereof.
Must be the sole work of the entrant

Prizes: 1st - £200 2nd - £125 3rd - £75

Entries will be judged on quality of craftsmanship and innovative design.

THIS CLASS WILL BE PART JUDGED AT BETA INTERNATIONAL SO ALL ITEMS MUST BE SENT TO THE SOCIETY HEAD OFFICE BY 16th JANUARY 2020 AT THE LATEST.

NO ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THIS CLASS AFTER BETA INTERNATIONAL.

NO MINIATURES TO BE ENTERED IN ANY BRIDLE, SADDLE OR HARNESS CLASS

Only members who enter the competition and whose item is submitted are entitled to attend the evening reception and prize giving (with one guest * see note 3)

All queries regarding the schedule should be directed to the chair of the Craft Committee, Mark Romain, at The Saddlery Training Centre: 01722 341144 saddlerytraining@btconnect.com

TOTAL PRIZE FUND £5505

PRIZE FUND KINDLY PROVIDED BY THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF SADDLERS & SPONSORS: ABBEY ENGLAND, CRIBBS CARRIAGE MASTERS, SOUTH ESSEX INSURANCE BROKERS, MUSTO, H WEBBER (OSBORNE TOOLS), AND THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF COACH & COACH HARNESS MAKERS

Notes: (See also Conditions of Entry)

- 1. All Entry Forms must be sent to the SMS no later than Thursday 23rd January or by 10th January for class 14.** Early paper entry is requested to assist in distribution of tickets for the evening reception.
- 2. All items entered in the competition, except class 14, to be sent to Patrick Burns, Saddlers' Hall, 40 Gutter Lane, London, EC2V 6BR, to arrive no later than 30th January 2020.** Under no circumstances may entries be delivered in person on the morning of judging which takes place on 31st Jan and 1st February. **Entries for class 14 (President's Choice) must arrive at the SMS office by Wednesday 15th January** at the latest and will be transported to BETA International. These items must be packaged to allow safe transport both to AND from BETA International. Address to: Hazel Morley, SMS, Green Lane Farm, Stonham, Stowmarket, Suffolk, IP14 5DS

3. Only members who enter the competition **and whose entry is submitted for judging** are entitled to attend the evening reception and prize giving. Entry is by ticket only. Entrants may bring a guest whose name must be registered with the Society. (*Those who only enter class 5 are not entitled to bring a guest. Class 5 entrants may only do so if they also enter another class and the entry is submitted.)
4. All entrants, apart from those entering classes 2 or 3, must be members in their own right or properly employed and on the payroll of the member's business. In the event of a company entry the entrant must be employed and on the payroll. In the event of any fraudulent entry, membership will be suspended for one year. In any dispute the Judges' decision is final.
5. Those who started college training after 1st September 2017 will normally be expected to enter class 2a but may elect to enter 2b instead if they so wish.
6. Prize winners will be offered the opportunity to sell their item to The Worshipful Company of Saddlers for presentation as prizes at the equestrian events which they support.
7. Items of work from previous competitions may not be re-entered and entries must have been manufactured within the last two years.
8. A note may be included with an entry to explain any particularly innovative design but must not include anything which may identify the entrant.
9. Entrants may not enter more than one item in any class. (Except in the case of a Master with more than one apprentice, Class 1).
10. It is at the discretion of the judges to award an additional fourth prize if appropriate or not to award prizes or trophies if a satisfactory standard or number of entries in a class has not been reached.
11. The 'Conditions of Entry' and Schedule specifications will be strictly adhered to. Entrants must make themselves fully aware of all specifications and marking criteria relating to their class.
12. **Every individual item to be clearly and securely labelled with the entrant's name and the class to be entered.** It is not sufficient to only include your name on your parcel. A list of items entered should be included in the box. Notification of entries not completed must be sent to Saddlers' Hall or the SMS office prior to the competition.
13. No photographs of entries or canvassing for votes at BETA International may be published on social media prior to the competition. Non-compliance will result in the entrant being disqualified.

Full conditions of entry and entry forms are available on the Society's web site via a link from the 'Home' page.

They are also available on request from the SMS office.