



**Peter Higgins (left) with winners Frank Smith, Dean Robinson and Phil Bell** PICTURE: IAN HARGREAVES

## Take a tip from Dean as competition reaches fever pitch

DEAN ROBINSON is the Cheltenham tipping king after winning Festival Fever.

Robinson, from Baffins in Portsmouth, racked up the most points by backing healthy-priced winners on three of the four days of the festival to scoop a £300 prize in the competition run by *The News* and Southsea bookmakers The Betting Room.

He tipped 14/1 Royal & SunAlliance Chase winner Star De

Mohaison, World Hurdle winner My Way De Solzen and Gold Cup scorer hero War Of Attrition.

Paulsgrove's Jim Carr, Southsea's Paul Burns, Gosport's Freddie Smith and Ashley Brown, of Knowle Village near Fareham, all won £200 for being best tipster on each day of the Festival.

Fontwell Park general manager Phil Bell beat Gary O'Neil, Mick Quinn, Harry Redknapp and Jim Smith in the celebrity tipping

contest to win £500 for his chosen charity, the Injured Jockeys' Fund.

The Betting Room's Peter Higgins said: "The competition has been a major success with a number of punters asking if we would run the same again.

'A lot of folk who wouldn't normally bet on horses were able to play for free. Brave Inca, Reveillez, War Of Attrition and Desert Quest were the four biggest losers for us during the week.'

