

WAQHA Bonanza Show

On the 2nd and 3rd of November, WAQHA held its Annual Multi Judged Show in which competitors could be judged by both Peter Bellden and Joanne Gregory at the same time to earn both AA and A points.

Peter Bellden our AA Judge is from Peachester, QLD, while Joanne Gregory is an accredited Judge from Glenmore Park, NSW.

Saturday started out warm and just got hotter so it was great to see everyone braving the hot sunny day to participate in the Halter breed (inc Open, Youth and Amateur), Showmanship and some "English" style events such as the Hunter in Hand and Hunter under Saddle classes.

Both Peter and Joanne picked the 1st place getters consistently while the rest of placings varied at times. It was good to see the judges, judging independently of each other and selecting their own choice horses.

Peter Bellden:

Mare/Filly: Open - Champion: JCG Blonde Bomber; Reserve - Dakota Talisman Sweetstar. Amateur - JCG Blonde Bomber; Reserve: SOQ My Sweet Scenario. Youth: JCG Blonde Bomber; Reserve: Dakota Talisman Sweetstar.

Gelding: Open - Champion: Legends Last Chime; Reserve: SOQ My Only Scenario. Amateur: Legends Last Chime; Reserve: SOQ My Only Scenario. Youth - Champion: Dakota Zulu Lisimba; Reserve: SOQ Deliberate Conscent.

Stallion/Colt: Open - Champion: Heez Zippen Hot; Reserve: Touched. Amateur - Champion: Touched; Reserve: Made In China.

Joanne Gregory:

Mare/Filly: Open - Champion : JCG Blonde Bomber; Reserve: SOQ My Sweet Scenario. Amateur - Champion: JCG Blonde Bomber; Reserve: SOQ My Sweet Scenario. Youth - Champion: JCG Blonde Bomber; Reserve: SOQ My Sweet Scenario.

Gelding: Open - Champion: Legends Last Chime; Reserve: SOQ My Only Scenario. Amateur - Champion: Legends Last Chime; Reserve: SOQ My Only Scenario. Youth - Champion: Dakota Zulu Lisimba; Reserve: Our Western Scenario.

Stallion/Colt: Open - Champion: Made In China; Reserve: Touched. Amateur: Made in China; Reserve: Touched.

After the Halter breed classes the Showmanship classes started with a strong line up in the Amateur Showmanship with 16 handlers competing. The Showmanship class, where the handler completes a set pattern, is judged on accuracy, presentation and performance of the handler controlling the horse.

Yearling led trail is an obstacle course for the yearlings to be led through and over. Obstacles usually include poles, cones and a bridge and gate. Gary Eglinton with Tally S Da Vinci placed 1st with Janeen McRobert and Made in China placed second.

Last of the Led classes was the Hunter in Hand (HIH) class in which horses are geared up in an English plain bridle and handlers usually wear slacks and plain shirt. In this class the handler

Touched, Champion Stallion Amateur Handler, owned by Karl Planke and Rikki De Ville of Carlville Stud.



must, after presenting horse to judge, lead the horse around a set of cones in a small triangle at the walk then continue onto a larger triangle at the Trot. SOQ My Sweet Scenario led by Emily Stewart placed 1st under both judges in a class of five.

After lunch the first of 2 groups of 'English' riding commenced. Firstly the Hunter Under Saddle (HUS) which had separate classes for Amateur Senior Horse, Senior Youth, Select Amateur, Senior Horse, Junior Amateur and 3yr old



Jordyn Dagnell in the Showmanship class with Charary Power Of One.



Made In China with owner/handler Janeen McRobert.

classes. Classes varied with 3-6 riders competing in the classes held. In these classes the horses are ridden around the arena and are asked to trot and then canter in both directions then perform a rein back. Chips Sweet Rosalie, ridden by Sharon Currie, won both the Junior Amateur and the 3yr old classes under both judges.

Last for day was the Hunt Seat Equitation (HSE) which is a rider class. Again classes varied from 1-5 riders all having a go at being judged on correctness of pattern ridden, and rider performance. In the Senior Youth classes judging varied with Courtney Holden riding RQH Jiminy

Cricket for 1st place by Peter Bellden and Nick Balchin riding Winderadeen Cee A Passer selected by Joanne as her 1st choice. Sunday was the start of the western ridden disciplines including Reining (fast patterns), Trail (obstacle course), western Riding, Western Pleasure and western horsemanship (rider class)

Although not a huge number of entries in the reining events it was exciting to watch the riders put their horses through spins in both directions, then doing small circles and then large circles of loping up to galloping and sliding stops. Readies Lil Whizzel won the Senior Horse Reining.

Western Horse riding is similar to the reining classes although there are lots of flying changes at lope for the horse to perform, Karen Nicoletto and Heez Zippin Hot won the Senior Horse Class.

The Trail classes, in which riders must take their horses over obstacles without knocking poles or refusing to go over the bridge, was well attended. The Senior Horse Trail had a massive class of 15 contenders – well done to Jaden Thompson with Dakota Zulu Lisimba winning under both Peter and Joanne, and Courtney Holden coming 2nd with RQH Jiminy Cricket.

The western horsemanship is the rider performance class where the rider must jog and lope a pattern and is judged on his or her riding. The Select Amateur group had the largest class with 7 competing. Both Peter and Joanne selected Lesley Elder riding YLS Foolish Pleasure as their 1st choice in this class.

Last classes of the day were the Western Pleasure which shows off the horses jogging (slow trot) and loping (slow canter) ability. This is done on the rail (horses are ridden along the fence line around the arena) while the announcer calls the gait to be ridden.

The most contended class was the Senior Horse in which 8 riders participated with Peter selecting Cee the Sensation ridden by Rae Hare as his 1st choice and Joanne selecting Winderadeen Gay Bar Mickey ridden by Paula Balgera.

Well done to everyone who competed on Saturday and Sunday and to the Club and committee for running this event. Thank you to Judges Peter Bellden and Joanne Gregory for coming over and sharing the weekend with the competitors. A special

thank you to the sponsors of the many prizes awarded to competitors at the show. Our sponsors for this show included Bling it on Horse Gear & Accessories, Susan Benthian of Sheoak Quarter Horses, Kellie Moore and Family and Tracey Allen.

Hi Points were award to:

Senior Horse - Winderadeen Gay Bar Mickey. **Junior Horse** - SOQ Sweet Scenario. **Junior Youth** - Hannah Cartland Hore. **Senior Youth** - Jaiden Thompson. **Amateur Senior** - Paula Balgera. **Amateur Junior** - Sharon Currie. **Select Amateur** - Pam Eglinton. **3yr old** - Chips Sweet Rosalie. **Senior Youth Owner** - Jaiden Thompson. **Junior Youth Owner** - n/a.

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An armful of ribbons - someone had a good day!

Karen Nicoletto with He's Zippen Hot.

