

Once again the gods blessed us with almost perfect conditions for the running of the 10th State Championships at the immaculate Gosnells Pony Club grounds. Prolific Pony performance breeder Melanie McGuire-Muller from Ascot stud in Victoria accepted our invitation to judge and was very impressed with firstly the presentation and also the outstanding quality, temperament and versatility of the exhibits.

The Best Presented was well supported with twenty two entries with the judge calling in exhibits off the ring in preference. A workout was then called for with the judge looking at both horse and handler as a combination. The stallion Admiral's Christmas and Kristie Morrone and Colonial Salute and Jess O'Meagher both presented a perfect picture in their workouts with both horses carrying rounded frames and pricked ears to be awarded Champion and Reserve Champion respectively.

The Partbred numbers were disappointing with only three entries. Devil's choice was awarded Champion Senior Partbred Exhibit but the judge could not go past the South-west owned Junior Champion Rumble Hill Dipped In White for the Supreme award. The judge commenting that "this colt was stunning with plenty of attitude and has movement that will see him certainly excel under saddle in the future".

The Purebred juniors also only had three entries with the Supreme going to the two year old colt Sexy Beast. Judge McGuire-Muller stated that she was looking for qualities the breed would require for racing in the young stock and this colt had presented a very good set of clean legs and was well conformed with a big stride and was beautifully conditioned and coated.

In the senior division the winners were the big striding mare Angostura and very petite gelding Colonial Salute up against the stallion Admiral's Christmas. After workouts were executed and side profiles studied the judge congratulated all handlers for their efforts and presentation before calling the stallion forwards for Supreme Senior Exhibit. The two stable mates in Sexy Beast(Jnr) and Admiral's Christmas(Snr) came together for Grand Champion. The judge briefly studied each horse on side profile before declaring Admiral's Christmas State Champion Led exhibit for 2010.

The Junior Handler class have five contestants with Leticia Barron awarded Champion and young Cassie Abbott taking Reserve. The Senior Handler had nine entries and Kristie Morrone taking Champion honors and Kristy Padberg Reserve. Jess O'Meagher continued on her wonderful form when awarded Champion Junior rider and Caitlin Stevenson taking Reserve. The Senior Rider was awarded to Erin Parker over Veronica Robinson for Reserve.

The Partbred ridden only had two entries with the well schooled B An Aristocrat giving Veronica Robinson and armchair ride when awarded Grand Champion Partbred exhibit for the second year in succession.

The first ridden class for the purebreds was the gelding class that had the delightful Colonial Salute and Jess O'Meagher take all before them again when awarded Champion in this class along with the victories and Hack over 15.1hh and Heavyweight Hack. The mare Adina Park Phedora took victories in her only two classes, the Ridden Mare and Lightweight Hack. The young Satinka Park Ashtaar also only contested two classes with a Reserve Ridden Gelding and Champion Hack up to 15.1hh enabling him to qualify for the final. The elegant Presidents Excuse worked consistently all day to claim Reserve Champion and finalist sashes in all events he contested. Lights of Wembley's worked improved with each class and was rewarded with Reserve Champion sashes in Hack over 15.1hh and Heavyweight hack.

The Championships workout was relatively simple with the judge asking for variance through the gates. After workouts the judged called forward the mare Adina Park Phedora for Grand Champion Ridden Exhibit. The judge had the following comments on the ridden events "Although the numbers were not large in most cases the horses were of an acceptable level. Unfortunately the ridden mare class I deemed that only the Champion was worthy of being awarded a sash. The three horses to qualify for the final were all worthy of that opportunity. The young pinto gelding Satinka Park Ashtaar just lacks forward go and a bit of sparkle about him at this stage of his career. The gelding Colonial Salute is a lovely picture under saddle and worked well in all his classes but didnt give me that bit extra in his Supreme Workout. Congratulations for all three horses on qualifying for the final."

RESULTS

Best Presented Exhibit 22 Presented

Champion Best Presented – Admiral's Christmas (K Morrone) Reserve Champion – Colonial Salute (J O'Meagher) Finalist – Adina Park Phedora, All Style, Satinka Park Ashtaar, Ohoka Sonny, Lights Of Wembley, Kimaley Toyboy, Beefiftytoo

Mustang Fighter

Junior Partbred 3yrs & Under 1 Presented

Champion - Rumble Hill Dipped In White

Senior Partbred 4yrs & Over 2 Presented

Champion – Devils Choice Reserve Champion – B An Aristocrat

GRAND CHAMPION PARTBRED: RUMBLE HILL DIPPED IN WHITE

Junior Colt 3yrs & Under 2 Presented

Junior Filly 3yrs & Under 0 Presented

Champion – Sexy Beast Reserve Champion – Kimaley Toyboy

Junior Gelding 3yrs & Under 1 Presented

Champion – Dare To Be Different

SUPREME JUNIOR EXHIBIT: SEXY BEAST

Senior Stallion 4yrs & Over 2 Presented

Champion – Admiral's Christmas Reserve Champion – Ima Rocket Star

Senior Mare 4yrs & Over 8 Presented

Champion – Angostura Reserve Champion – Adina Park Phedora Finalist – Dynamite Trunkey, Pain For Gain

Senior Gelding 4yrs & Over 15 Presented

Champion – Colonial Salute Reserve Champion – Adina Park Phedora Finalist – Satinka Park Ashtaar, Presidents Excuse, Lights Of Wembley, Ohoka Sonny, Mustang Fighter

SUPREME SENIOR EXHIBIT: ADMIRAL'S CHRISTMAS GRAND CHAMPION LED EXHIBIT: ADMIRAL'S CHRISTMAS

Junior Handler 5 Presented

Champion Jnr Handler – L Barron Reserve Champion – C Abbott Finalist – J O'Meagher

Senior Handler 9 Presented

Champion Snr Handler – K Morrone Reserve Champion – Kristy Padberg Finalist – T Tillman, C Macey R Campbell

RIDDEN CLASSES

GRAND CHAMPION P/BRED RIDDEN – B AN ARISTOCRAT

Smartest On Parade (7)

Ridden Male (6)

Winner – Adina Park Phedora

R/Up – Satinka Park Ashtaar

Champion – Colonial Salute

Finalist – Presidents Excuse

Ridden Partbred Male (2)

Champion – B An Aristocrat

Reserve Champion – Devils Choice

Junior Rider (3)

Champion Jnr Rider – J O'Meagher Reserve Champion – C Stevenson Finalist – Presidents Excuse, Lights Of Wembley Finalist – L Barron

Ridden Mare (4) Reserve Champion – Satinka Park Ashtaar

Hack over 15.1hh (4) Champion – Colonial Salute Reserve Champion – Lights of Wembley Lightweight Hack (2) Champion – Adina Park Phedora Reserve Champion – Presidents Excuse Reserve – Lights Of Wembley

Champion – E Parker Reserve Champion – V Robinson Finalist – M Redfearn

Senior Rider (5)

Hack up to & incl. 15.1hh (2) Champion – Satinka Park Ashtaar Reserve – Presidents Excuse

Heavyweight Hack (4) Champion – Colonial Salute

GRAND CHAMPION RIDDEN – ADINA PARK PHEDORA

Champion – Adina Park Phedora *Reserve Champion – Not awarded*

Ridden Partbred Mare

No Entries





Champion Led Junior Gelding: DARE TO BE DIFFERENT



Champion Led Senior Stallion: ADMIRAL'S CHRISTMAS (Kristie Morrone)



Reserve Champion Led Senior Stallion: IMA ROCKET STAR



Champion Led Senior Mare: ANGOSTURA (Dave Turnbull / Cindy Turnbull)



Reserve Champion Led Senior Mare: ADINA PARK PHEDORA (Kristie Morrone)





Reserve Champion Led Senior Gelding: ADINA PARK DARCY WOODS (Kristie Morrone)



SUPREME LED SENIOR & GRAND CHAMPION LED: ADMIRAL'S CHRISTMAS (Kristie Morrone)



SUPREME LED SENIOR & GRAND CHAMPION LED: ADMIRAL'S CHRISTMAS with Judge Melanie McGuire







Champion Ridden Gelding \ Heavyweight Hack \ Champion Hack Over 15.1hh COLONIAL SALUTE (Jess O'Meager)

Reserve Champion Ridden Partbred: DEVILS CHOICE



Champion Ridden Mare \ Champion Lightweight Hack: ADINA PARK PHEDORA (Kristie Morrone)



Champion Hack Under 15.1hh: Satinka Park Ashtaar (Jackie Searies)



GRAND CHAMPION RIDDEN: ADINA PARK PHEDORA (Kristie Morrone)