



Forty-one entries were received for the 2008 State Championships held at the Perth Horse & pony Club grounds in beautiful mild conditions. Saturday was the judging of the Best Presented, Led and Handler classes followed on Sunday with the Harness and Ridden.

Judge Debbie Taylor- Thies from New South Wales was well credentialed being a breeder of many fine horses that are well known throughout Australia. Debbie being a fully qualified judge on the Arabian judging panel is also an accredited harness judge and as an added bonus gained a familiarity of the Standardbred through her father's involvement in breeding and racing Standardbreds. The committee enjoyed an evening with Debbie on Sunday after the weekend's competition where she offered some worthy advice for our association and presented the following comments from the weekend.

"Firstly, I would like to thank the SPPHAWA committee for inviting me over to judge the Standardbred State Championships. It is a credit to your committee and members on the professionalism and general good sportsmanship that was displayed throughout the entire competition. The Best Presented class was an absolute beauty with horses' coats and presentation top class. The Champion Best Presented Exhibit (Admiral's Christmas) and his handler caught my eye on the circle and on closer inspection did not disappoint. The initial top five in this class were all beautifully presented.

The junior classes were a little disappointing in numbers but I was overly impressed with the Champion Filly (Adina Park Phedora). This filly is well bodied and has a beautiful front on her with lovely soft ground covering flowing movement. Her movement is very balanced for a young horse. I had the pleasure of judging this young filly in harness on the Sunday and she did a wonderful job considering her age and inexperience. I will predict this filly with maturity will develop into something special under saddle with her elegance and movement. Her Supreme over the Junior Champion Gelding (Liberte Park Noir) was very deserving.

The stallion class was clear cut with the top two picking themselves. The champion (Admiral's Christmas) always was my choice for champion, with another workout called for purely to prove to the spectators he could track up correctly and duly did in the second workout. The Reserve Stallion (Alistair Bromac) was well shown but lacked the balance through the body and movement of the winner.

The Champion Mare (Dynamite Trunkey) drew me in with her movement as I was truly besotted with the black mare (Our First Million) who was awarded reserve. This mare is beyond doubt what I would breed from and would not hesitate to take her home. Unfortunately, for her handler she was out shown by the winner in this class and did not have as clean a leg as the winner.

I must say the gelding line up was very impressive with a tight contest between the champion (Ifonlytheynu) and the reserve (Admiral Abernethy) who was easily the most impressive mover of the day. The decision was made purely on the winner having more top line. Most shows you come away satisfied with your decisions but I must say after judging the harness on Sunday and again witnessing the movement of this little gelding I still am tossing the coin.

The Senior Supreme line up was an impressive sight but unfortunately the stallion (Admiral's Christmas) oozed class. The Supreme Junior (Adina Park Phedora) and Senior Supreme (Admiral's Christmas) at the end of the day represented the best on show for the day. In my opinion the filly is top quality material and would have been my choice against the older mares but again the stallion is pure quality and would certainly be in the top echelon of any Breed Show line up. Congratulations to his connections on what I believe is his fifth State Title win.

The Harness on the Sunday was very pleasant to judge and I certainly enjoyed the experience. All four horses qualified for the final. The young filly (Adina Park Phedora) I have mentioned previously in my opinion is more built for hacking then harness whereas the stallion (Admiral's Christmas) would be snapped up for open harness with his imposing statue. The Supreme Champion Harness horse (Admiral Abernethy) was an absolute delight to watch in harness with a faultless workout every time. At times he took my breath away with his movement and his extensions were poetry in motion. It was a credit to his driver on her skills in executing picture perfect workouts. The combination looked as if they were enjoying every moment.

The ridden classes were well patronized with most horses having an acceptable level of education. I urge those of you who didn't place to take up the opportunities your association offers you by attending Standardbred shows and training days to aid your horse's education.

My Champion Junior Rider (Lisa Carson) is a very confident rider and teams well with her horse. The Senior Champion Rider (Kristy Padberg & My Smilin Assassin) I recognized as riding a relatively green horse and took this into consideration. I feel this rider/horse combination would excel in the field of dressage as he lacks the overall top line for hacking. He has lovely big paces that would be more apt for dressage. The Reserve Champion Rider (Heather Woodley & Mr Buckley) were a neat combination and qualified for the final workout but I felt you were rushing your horse far too much. At times coming into the downward transitions he lost all rhythm and became choppy in his action.

The other horse to qualify for the final was the mare (Dynamite Trunkey). Now where do I start with this horse? On potential alone this horse could reach the highest levels in hacking or dressage. I know you were very despondent on the performance of the mare but horses like this do not come along every day. This mare was the only horse that would have seriously challenged the Supreme winner (Glyding Moments) on the day. I would have forgiven slight hiccups in any workout as long as it was corrected immediately and the workout flowed. My advice is to ride this mare deep encouraging her to use her back end and promote more forward movement. Eventually it will all come together. As for the winner (Glyding Moments) and his young rider (Lisa Carson) I commend you on a wonderful performance. The combination was flawless along with very solid workouts in every class. I congratulate you on this success of a State Title.

In conclusion I would like to thank members of the committee for a lovely evening on Sunday night and please do not hesitate to contact me in regards to future judges for your shows.

Regards, Debbie Taylor-Thies.

RESULTS

LED CLASSES – SATURDAY

Best Presented 23 Presented

Champion Best Presented – Admirals Christmas

Reserve Champion Best Presented – Ifonlytheynu

Finalist – Adina Park Phedora, Blue Reign, Liberte Park Noir, Prince Pumbaa, Our First Million, Pain for Gain, USA Legacy, My Smilin Assassin

Junior Filly 1 Presented

Champion Junior Filly – Adina Park Phedora

Junior Gelding 2 Presented

Champion Junior Gelding – Liberte Park Noir

Reserve Champion Junior Gelding – Mr Cool

Supreme Junior Exhibit – Adina Park Phedora

Senior Stallion 4 Presented

Champion Senior Stallion – Admiral's Christmas

Reserve Champion Stallion – Alistair Bromac

Senior Mare 7 Presented

Champion Senior Mare – Dynamite Trunkey

Reserve Champion Mare – Our First Million

Finalist – Pain For Gain & USA Legacy

Senior Gelding 11 Presented

Champion Senior Gelding – Ifonlytheynu

Reserve Champion Senior Gelding – Admiral Abernethy

Finalist – Presidents Excuse, Hamptonn Georgia, Blue Reign & Prince Pumbaa

**Supreme Senior Exhibit – Admiral’s Christmas
GRAND CHAMPION LED EXHIBIT - ADMIRAL’S CHRISTMAS**

Partbred Male Any Age 1 Presented
Champion Male – Devils Choice

Partbred Female Any Age 1 Presented
Champion Female – Sadeek Scottish Lass

Supreme Led Partbred – Devils Choice

Junior Handler 2 Presented
Champion Junior Handler- Alex Markowski

Senior Handler 11 Presented
Champion Senior Handler – Kristy Padberg
Reserve Champion Handler – Catherine Macey
Finalist – Kristie Morrone, Jackie Searies, Rebecca Campbell

HARNESS & RIDDEN CLASSES - SUNDAY

Harness Turnout 3 Presented
Champion Turnout – Admiral Abernethy
Reserve Champion Turnout – Admiral’s Christmas

Harness Male 2 Presented
Champion Male – Admiral Abernethy
Reserve Champion Male – Admiral’s Christmas

Harness Female 2 Presented
Champion Female – Adina Park Phedora
Reserve Champion Female – Holmwood Chip

Harness Horse up to 5 including 15hh 1 Presented
Champion – Admiral Abernethy

Harness Horse over 15hh 3 Presented
Champion – Admiral’s Christmas
Reserve Champion – Adina Park Phedora

Lightweight Harness Horse 2 Presented
Champion Lightweight – Admiral Abernethy
Reserve Champion Lightweight – Adina Park Phedora

Heavyweight Harness Horse 1 Presented
Champion Heavyweight – Holmwood Chip

GRAND CHAMPION HARNESS HORSE - ADMIRAL ABERNETHY

RIDDEN CLASSES - SUNDAY

Smartest On Parade 9 Presented
Champion Smartest On Parade – Glyding Moments
Reserve Champion Smartest On Parade – Mr Buckley
Finalist – Caesar, Dynamite Trunkey & USA Legacy

Junior Rider 3 Presented
Champion Junior Rider – Lisa Carson
Reserve Champion Junior Rider – Alex Markowski

Senior Rider 6 Presented
Champion Senior Rider – Kristy Padberg
Reserve Champion Senior Rider – Heather Woodley
Finalist – Amber Kittson

Ridden Male 7 Presented
Champion Male – Glyding Moments
Reserve Champion Male – Mr Buckley
Finalist – My Smilin Assassin

Ridden Mare 2 Presented
Champion Ridden Mare – Dynamite Trunkey
Reserve Champion Mare – USA Legacy

Hack up to and including 15hh 3 Presented
Champion Hack – Glyding Moments
Reserve Champion Hack – Presidents Excuse

Hack over 15hh 7 Presented
Champion Hack over 15hh – Mr Buckley
Reserve Champion Hack over 15hh – My Smilin Assassin
Finalist – Dynamite Trunkey

Lightweight Hack 3 Presented
Champion Lightweight Hack – Glyding Moments
Reserve Champion Lightweight Hack – Presidents Excuse

Heavyweight Hack 6 Presented
Champion Heavyweight Hack – Mr Buckley
Reserve Champion Hack – My Smilin Assassin
Finalist – Dynamite Trunkey

GRAND CHAMPION RIDDEN EXHIBIT – GLYDING MOMENTS

Dressage – Prelim 1.2 (4 Presented)
Champion – Emal Park Stella
Reserve Champion – Lights Of Wemble

2008 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – PHOTO GALLERY



**Champion Led Junior Filly & SUPREME JUNIOR:
ADINA PARK PHEDORA (Kristie Morrone)**



**Champion Led Junior Gelding:
LIBERTY PARK NOIR (Dee Sampson)**



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



**Reserve Champion Led Senior Stallion:
ALISTAIR BROMAC**



**Champion Led Senior Mare:
DYNAMITE TRUNKEY (Jackie Searies)**

NO IMAGE SUPPLIED

**Reserve Champion Led Senior Mare:
OUR FIRST MILLION (Laurie Kennedy)**



**Champion Led Senior Gelding:
IFONLYTHEYNU (Kristy Padberg)**



**Reserve Champion Led Senior Gelding:
ADMIRAL ABERNETHY (Kristie Morrone)**



**SUPREME LED SENIOR EXHIBIT:
ADMIRAL'S CHRISTMAS (Kristie Morrone)**



**GRAND CHAMPION LED PUREBRED EXHIBIT:
ADMIRAL'S CHRISTMAS (Kristie Morrone)**



**Champion Led Partbred Mare:
SADEEK SCOTTISH LASS**



**Champion Led Male & SUPRRME PARTBRED:
DEVILS CHOICE (Carly Spillman)**



Champion Harness Turnout \ Male \ Lightweight \ Under 15.1hh & SUPREME HANESS: ADMIRAL ABERNETHY (Kristie Morrone)



Champion Harness Mare: ADINA PARK PHEDORA (Alesha Giles)



Champion Harness Horse Over 15.1hh: ADMIRAL'S CHRISTMAS (Sarah Suvaljko)



Champion Heavyweight Harness: HOLMWOOD CHIP (Carol Fawcett)



Champion Ridden Male \ Hack Under 15hh \ Lightweight Hack: GLYDING MOMENTS (Lisa Carson)



Champion Ridden Hack Over 15hh \ Heavyweight Hack: MR BUCKLEY (Heather Woodley)



**Champion Ridden Mare:
DYNAMITE TRUNKEY (Jackie Searies)**



**GRAND CHAMPION RIDDEN EXHIBIT:
GLYDING MOMENTS (Lisa Carson) with Judge Debbie Taylor-Thiess**