

Twenty horses competed in various events over the new format of two days for this years HOTY Show. The committee decided at the last minute due to the difficulties in securing local judges to commission sisters Carolyn and Josie Potts from South Australia to co judge with local Debra Brown for the weekend. Although not a profitable move the judging was well received by most particularly the ridden events. The new Show Horse, Hunter and Ultimate classes on Sunday were a hit and will be included at this show next year.

On the Saturday the Best Presented kicked off the proceedings. As usual all judges were overly impressed with the overall standard with the stallion Admiral's Christmas taking the champion honors with the gelding Ifonlytheynu defeating the mare winner Adina Park Phedora for Reserve. The Junior numbers were low but the quality was good with Adina Park Phedora winning Champion Junior Exhibit and also going on to be sashed Reserve Champion Mare/Filly later on. The Reserve Champion Junior Exhibit was awarded after some confusion to the very true to type debutante Liberty Park Noir.

Dynamite Trunkey scored with all three judges in the older mare class and also carried the support of two of the judges when awarded Champion Mare/Filly over Adina Park Phedora.

The stallions have the judges in total confusion with each judge picking a different horse as their first preference. With four stallions in the ring, Admiral's Christmas was a clear winner and awarded Champion due to scoring the highest points with a first and two seconds. Ben Royal and My Smilin Assassin were locked on the same points with Ben Royal securing Reserve due to attaining the next overall higher placing.

The gelding class had Admiral Abernethy whitewashing the smaller height group and eventually taking Reserve Champion. The standout in the opinion of all three judges was the mammoth Hampton Georgia scoring high with all three judges. The judges even engaged another handler in the Champion gelding and Supreme workout as they felt the gelding was being held back in the movement department by his handler. The handlers in the supreme ring were instructed to run hard and show their horses movements to the maximum. The mare and stallion both naturally big movers had their handlers flat strap. The gelding was obviously all three judges choice regardless, as although he didn't display the movement of the others, he had the unanimous votes on the score sheet to be awarded Supreme Led Exhibit.

With only one Partbred in attendance Sadeek Scottish Lass was awarded Supreme Partbred for Jemma France.

The harness classes were conducted after the led with four contestants. The stablemates Admiral's Christmas (Stallion), Adina Park Phedora (Mares) and the gelding winner Admirals Abernethy were all clear cut winners in their respective sex classes. Once again it was the part time harness horse Admirals Christmas who scored with all three judges and was awarded Grand Champion Harness exhibit with his daughter the three year old filly Adina Park Phedora winning Runner Up.

Beautiful weather conditions prevailed on the Sunday Morning for the days ridden events.

Smartest on Parade was the first class on offer and it would be apparent by the judging in this class that the sister combination in judges Carolyn and Josie Potts would require a high standard for the remaining events. The immaculate Dahlyn Dwyer and Admirals Joylyn were awarded the Smartest on Parade title with Runner Up being awarded to Alayna Bishop and Beefiftyoo.

The Champion rider classes were awarded to Lisa Carson (Junior) and Kristy Padberg (Senior).

My Smilin Assassin scored tops with both judges to win Champion Ridden Stallion, likewise the mare Admiral Joylyn and gelding Glyding Moments scored unanimously to win champion of their sexes. The Grand Champion workout required an extended canter that all horses halfheartedly displayed, but Glyding Moments scored with both judges to be awarded Grand Champion ridden. Heather Woodley and Mr Buckley were called in as the second place getter to the winner for a workout for Runner Up. Heather went for broke and Mr Buckley nailed the workout giving an awesome extended canter with poise and control to take the Runner Up award.

Competitors by now were realising that the judges would not tolerate any errors and judged each class on the way each horse worked. This was never more evident than in the Show Horse classes with Admirals Joylyn turning the tables on Glyding Moments in the 15hh and under class. Likewise Dynamite Trunkey worked better then Mr Buckley to take the over 15hh class. Champion Show Horse was awarded to Admirals Joylyn with Glyding Moments reentering the ring to take Reserve.

The Show Hunter class provided a spectacle with some solid workouts required. Beefiftytoo worked strong in the workout to win the 15hh and under class. But it was to be a wonderful result for the aged mare Oakridge Elegance when winning the over 15hh class and then being sashed Champion Show Hunter. My Smilin Assassin re-entered the ring and worked more controlled then Beefiftytoo to win Reserve.

The Ultimate Standardbred class had eight entrants who had a set workout to complete and then go on and be judged on an in-hand workout and conformation. The conformation was judged differently from the previous day with the judges scoring points on a different break-up of the horse. The results were quite astounding with a tie between the top two horses that the judges finally decided by scrutinizing conformation of each horse. The eventual winner was Glyding Moments over Admirals Joylyn. Beefiftytoo and My Smilin Assasin completed the finalist placings.

All in all it was a wonderful day and weekend, but I must say the two judges were very none committal when asked for their views and comments of the weekend, which I found a disappointment.

PUREBRED LED STANDARDBRED

Best Presented Stallion/Colt (4)

1st: Admiral's Christmas (K. Morrone) 2nd: My Smilin Assassin (K. Padberg) 3rd: Ben Royal (C. Macey) 4th: Doo Dah Day (D. Sampson)

Best Presented Gelding (8)

1st: Ifonlytheynu (K. Padberg) 2nd: Hampton Georgia (J. Bear) 3rd: Admiral Abernethy (A. Giles) =4th: Lights Of Wembley =4th: Satinka Park Ashtaar (J. Searies) Champion Best Presented Exhibit: Admiral's Christmas (K. Morrone) Reserve Best Presented Exhibit: Ifonlytheynu (K. Padberg)

Colt 3yrs & Under No Entries

Filly 3yrs & Under (1) 1st: Adina Park Phedora

Champion Junior Exhibit: Adina Park Phedora Reserve Junior Exhibit: Liberte Park Noir

Stallion 4yrs & Over (4)

1st: Admiral's Christmas 2nd: Ben Royal 3rd: My Smilin Assassin 4th: Doo Dah Day Champion: Admiral's Christmas Reserve: Ben Royal

Mare 4yrs & Over (2)

1st: Dynamite Trunkey 2nd: Pain For Gain Champion: Dynamite Trunkey Reserve: Adina Park Phedora

Gelding 4yrs & Over, 15hh & Under (2) 1st: Admiral Abernethy 2nd: Beefiftytoo

Gelding 4yrs & Over, Over 15hh (5)

1st: Hampton Georgia 2nd: Ifonlytheynu 3rd: Lights Of Wembley 4th: Golden Jake

Champion: Hampton Georgia **Reserve: Admiral Abernethy**

SUPREME CHAMPION: HAMPTON GEORGIA

Handler 18-26yrs (2) 1st: Padberg, Kristie 2nd: Giles, Alesha

Champion: Padberg, Kristy Reserve: Morrone, Kristie

Best Presented Partbred Exhibit (1) 1st: Sadeek Scottish Lass

Handler 27yrs & Over (5)

1st: Morrone, Kristie 2nd: Searies, Jackie 3rd: Macey, Catherine 4th: Bear, Jennifer

PARTBRED LED STANDARDBRED

Partbred Female Any Age 1st: Sadeek Scottish Lass

Gelding 3yrs & Under (2) 1st: Liberte Park Noir 2nd: Satinka Park Ashtaar

Partbred Male Any Age No Entries

Best Presented Mare/Filly (3)

1st: Adina Park Phedora (L. Morrone) 2nd: Dynamite Trunkey (J. Searies) 3rd: Pain For Gain (T. Hansen)

RESULTS

SUPREME PARTBRED: SADEEK SCOTTISH LASS

HARNESS CLASSES

Turnout Harness (3)

1st: Adina Park Phedora (K. Morrone) 2nd: Admiral Abernethy (A. Giles) 3rd: My Smilin Assassin (K. Padberg)

Harness Stallion (2) Champion: Admiral's Christmas Reserve: My Smilin Assassin

Harness Mare (1) Champion: Adina Park Phedora <u>Harness Gelding (2)</u> Champion: Admiral Abernethy Reserve: Beefiftytoo

GRAND CHAMPION HARNESS EXHIBIT OTY: ADMIRAL'S CHRISTMAS Runner Up: Adina Park Phedora

<u>Driver (2)</u> Champion: Morrone, Kristie Reserve: Giles, Alesha

on (1)

<u>Smartest On Parade - Stallion (1)</u> 1st: My Smilin Assassin (K. Padberg)

RIDDEN CLASSES

<u>Smartest On Parade – Mare (3)</u> 1st: Admirals Joylyn (D. Dwyer) 2nd: Dynamite Trunkey (J. Searies) 3rd: Oakridge Elegance (S. Cechner)

Smartest On Parade – Gelding (4)

1st: Beefiftytoo (A. Bishop)
2nd: Mr Buckley (H. Woodley)
3rd: Glyding Moments (L. Carson)
4th: Lights Of Wembley (C. Macey)
Smartest On Parade: Admirals Joylyn (D. Dwyer)
Runner Up: Beefiftytoo (A. Bishop)

Junior Rider 17yrs & Under (2) Champion: Carson, Lisa Reserve: Dwyer, Dahlyn

<u>Ridden Stallion (2)</u> Champion: My Smilin Assassin Reserve: Doo Dah Day

<u>Ridden Mare Over 15hh (3)</u> Champion: Admirals Joylyn Reserve: Dynamite Trunkey 3rd: Oakridge Elegance

Ridden Gelding 15hh & Under (2)

1st: Glyding Moments 2nd: Beefiftytoo *Champion Ridden Gelding: Glyding Moments Reserve Ridden Gelding: Mr Buckley*

Ridden Gelding Over 15hh (2)

Senior Rider 18yrs & Over (6)

Champion: Padberg, Kristy

Reserve: Bishop, Alayna

3rd: Woodley, Heather 4th: Cechner, Sam

1st: Mr Buckley 2nd: Lights Of Wembley

GRAND CHAMPION RIDDEN HOTY: GLYDING MOMENTS Runner Up: Mr Buckley

Show Horse 15hh & Under (2) 1st: Admirals Joylyn

2nd: Glyding Moments Champion Show Horse: Admirals Joylyn Reserve Show Horse: Glyding Moments

Show Hunter 15hh & Under (1) 1st: Beefiftytoo

Champion Show Hunter: Oakridge Elegance Reserve Show Hunter: My Smilin Assassin

Show Horse Over 15hh (2) 1st: Dynamite Trunkey

2nd: Mr Buckley

Show Hunter Over 15hh (3)

1st: Oakridge Elegance 2nd: My Smilin Assassin 3rd: Lights Of Wembley

<u>Ultimate Standardbred (8)</u> *Ultimate: Glyding Moments (306) Runner Up: Admirals Joylyn (306)* 1st Finalist: Beefiftytoo (298) 2nd Finalist: My Smilin Assassin (293)

2007 HORSE OF THE YEAR – PHOTO GALLERY



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



LIBERTE PARK NOIR (Dee Sampson)



ADMIRALS CHRISTMAS (Kristie Morrone)



Reserve Champion Led Stallion: BEN ROYAL (Catherine Macey)



Champion Led Senior Mare: DYNAMITE TRUNKEY (Jackie Searies)



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



Champion Led Senior Gelding & SUPREME LED: HAMPTON GEORGIA



Champion Harness Gelding: ADMIRALS ABERNETHY (Alesha Giles)



Champion Harness Stallion & SUPREME Harness: **ADMIRALS CHRISTMAS (Kristie Morrone)**



Champion Ridden Mare: ADMIRALS JOYLYN (Dahlyn Dwyer)



Reserve Champion Ridden Mare: DYNAMITE TRUNKEY (Jackie Searies)



Champion Ridden Stallion: MY SMILIN ASSASSIN (Kristy Padberg)



Reserve Champion Ridden Stallion: DOO DAH DAY (Dee Sampson)



Champion & Reserve Show Horse: ADMIRALS JOYLYN & GLYDING MOMENTS



Champion & Reserve Show Hunter: OAKRIDGE ELEGANCE & MY SMILIN ASSASSIN



Champion Ridden Gelding & SUPREME RIDDEN EXHIBIT: GLYDING MOMENTS (Lisa Carson) with judge Caroline & Josie Potts (SA)



Reserve Champion Ridden Gelding & RUNNER UP RIDDEN: MR BUCKLEY (Heather Woodley)