

## **Report: Spring Saddle Horse Show (10 September 2000)**

The King River Pony Club has just hosted its second annual Spring Saddle Horse Day which could only be described as tremendous success.

There were over 65 entries for the day, which clearly demonstrates the popularity of this event as a lead up to the show season. Jennifer Lucas and Helen Chapman judged the Official rings, which are so important as they enable local competitors to gain qualifications for major State level shows, such as the Perth Royal Show, WA Horse of the Year, WA Newcomers and Champion of Champions.

This year also saw the introduction of a Pony Club ring which is open to all Pony Club riding members under the age of 21-years and whose main purpose is to serve as an introduction to saddle horse competition. This ring was judged by local judge, Stephanie Herbet, and is proving very successful among pony clubbers.

Galaxy, ridden by Rachael McGonnell was crowned Champion Large Pony with Kim Porter and Champagne Magnum being Reserve Champion Large Pony. The ever consistent combination of Waranora Warriar and Emma Panizza took out the Champion Small Pony title, with Lucy Boon and Drumclyer Quail receiving the Reserve Champion Small Pony award.

Liz Dimaoro and Royal Prestige were awarded the Champion Hack title, and Karen Mayfield and Mosel Danika beoming the Reserve Champion Hack. In the Galloway classes, Amy Mills and Lynbrook Gideon were judged as the Champion Galloway, with Jessica Hart and Kylande Maid of Lyte being awarded the Reserve Champion Galloway.

The winners of each of the Champion classes were presented with magnificent rugs sponsored by Wesfarmers Albany, Albany Car Repairs and the Great Southern Regional College Equine Management Division, and the Club is indebted to these sponsors for their support of this event.

In addition there were two Champion rider classes, with Amy Mills making it a clean sweep of Champion titles by taking out the Champion Junior Rider title from Emma Panizza (Reserve Champion Junior Rider), and Maja Waschk being crowned Champion Senior Rider from Karen Mayfield who became the Reserve Champion Senior Rider.

Awards were evenly spread in the Pony Club ring and all the riders have to be congratulated on the efforts they put in on their presentation.



*Helen Chapman presents the Champion Galloway rug to Amy Mills & Lynbrook Gideon. Amy was also crowned the Champion Junior Rider on the day.*