

Autumn Saddle Horse Show 2001

Good competition, excellent classes, well-respected judges, and fantastic weather are all the ingredients that make for a successful Saddle Horse Show. Such was the recipe for success at the recent King River Autumn Horse Show where competitors arrived in their droves to compete in Official Pony, Galloway & Hack classes as well as the ever popular Pony Club ring events.

The Saddle Horse events catered for all levels from Novice to Open classes; Lightweight, Medium and Heavy weight events; Pleasure classes; Ladies and Gents classes; combination and pairs events; and, rider classes for all age groups.

In addition to this, there were Champion and Reserve Champion in both the horse/pony classes, and in the rider events.

The first classes of the day were the small pony events of 12.2hh and under. Fresh from competing in the National Championships last year, Emma Panizza riding Warranora Warrior showed all their experience in being awarded the Champion Small Pony sash, with Claire Beech and Sandhill Special Guest from Mt Barker being sashed as Reserve Champion Small Pony.

Emma Panizza, this time riding Globbrook Legend, carried her good form into the Large Pony Class with the combination again taking out the Champion sash, this time from Breanna Wright and Y.P. Wintermoon.

The Galloway classes were very evenly shared among all the riders, but it was no real surprise when Janlyn Jubilee, ridden by Lucy Boon, was selected as the Champion Galloway from the ever consistent Lynbrook Gideon and Amy Mills who was sashed as the Reserve Champion Galloway.

Competition was just as close in the Hack Classes (15hh and over), and Steel Justice, ridden by Rennae Wills, which has won both horse trials and dressage events, showed its versatility by being awarded Champion Hack, with Mosel Denika (Karen Mayfield) being sashed Reserve Champion Hack.

The rider classes provided a fair degree of excitement with Liz Dimario being crowned Champion Senior rider from Rennae Wills, and Jessica Hart being the Champion Junior rider from Amy Mills. In the Junior rider class, however, it was a bit like musical chairs with both riders riding the same horse – Lynbrook Gideon.

The Pony Club ring again proved very popular with prizes being shared amongst all the riders.

A Show Breed programme had also been included for the day with prizes for Champion Miniature Pony (Woodridge Angus) and Reserve Champion Miniature Pony (Aroona Mia Marley); Champion Miniature Horse (Woodridge Virgo) and Reserve Champion Miniature Horse (Wimia Denika); and, Champion Shetland (Gold Park Gizmo) and Reserve Champion Shetland (Sunny Ray Rufflette).

All competitors thoroughly enjoyed the day, and have vowed to return for the Spring Saddle Horse Show next September.