



The running of the ninth Standardbred State Championships was held in extreme conditions on the Saturday but fortunately the conditions were cooler for the ridden on Sunday. Numbers were some what disappointing this year but that did not detract from the quality of horse flesh presented for judging. Judge Judi Tainsh from Victoria has forwarded the following comments and pointers from the weekend of competition.

“Firstly I would like to thank the committee of SPPHAWA for giving me the opportunity to judge at your Championship show. I was impressed with the quality and the presentation of the horses on display and I congratulate your members on such a fine exhibition of both horses and sportsmanship. I have been invited to comment on my judging experience and it gives me great pleasure to do so. I hope my comments will give exhibitors an insight into how my placings came about.

Saturday

Best Presented – These classes are always difficult to judge because everybody who enters these classes puts a tremendous amount of effort into their preparation and all deserve congratulations on such a wonderful display. In order to separate such a quality lineup it eventually comes down to the finer points of presentation and I would like to make the following comments that may be useful for the future.

- When thinking about entering a Best Presented Class handlers should critique their horses with a view to highlighting their good points and drawing attention away from their weaker points.
- Colour co-ordinate your outfit, and your horse’s gear to show off your horse. Bright colours, can take the judge’s eye away from the horse, and after all, that’s what we are there to look at.
- If you have brass buckles or other fitting, make sure they are spotlessly clean. Nothing looks worse than dull brass.
- Make sure your bridle suits your horse. Browbands and nosebands need to be fitted correctly and suit the horse. Some horses look better in flat nosebands. Others raised, some chunky, some fine.
- Sometimes “less is best”. Some horses look great with lots of “bling” others look better with a more “subtle” look.
- If you aren’t sure, ask someone else – who you trust to be honest with you.

My Champion (SP Tobias) and Reserve (Adina Park Phedora) were picture perfect. My top 10 could have been a Top 15. My Grand Champion Partbred (B An Aristocrat) is a quality horse that would hold his own in any competition.

The Supreme Junior Exhibit (Adina Park Rufus) was a lovely colt, not overdone for his age. A colt I would certainly like to see again in the future when he has matured.

Supreme Senior and Grand Champion (Admiral’s Christmas). What a lovely animal in all areas and I suggest would be very hard to beat in any company. An absolute pleasure to judge.

The Junior Handler(Megan Price) did a great job – well done. Champion Senior Handler was another tough class. I was looking for a handler that not only knew the basics but also thought about the workout and how to make the most out of what I asked for to show their horse of to their best. Champion (Kristie Morrone) and Reserve (Kristy Padberg) both did just that.

The Harness classes were a pleasure to judge. Although small in number there were plenty of quality and any of the top horses could have won on another day. The qualities I was looking for were a good calm, forward moving horse that showed lots of rhythm and balance with definition between paces and smooth transitions. The Grand Champion (Prince Pumbaa) performed consistently throughout the afternoon and deserved the win over some very tough competition that did perform not quite so consistently today.

Sunday

Smartest on Parade was another tough class in which I had to resort to the “nit picking” for my final placings.

Congratulations to the winner B An Aristocrat (Julie Howe) and everyone else on such a fine display.

Congratulations to the Junior Rider (Lisa Carson) for a great effort. It was a shame that there wasn’t a lot of competition because you would have still performed well in a large class. The Champion Senior Rider (Kristy Padberg) was a very close and it was the sitting trot which was the final decider.

The overall quality of the Ridden Horses was exceptional with the winners of each section up to any open hack class. The Grand Champion Ridden Exhibit (Adina Park Phedora) executed the workout to perfection with an explosive but controlled gallop before coming back with beautiful soft transitions to complete the workout. I am predicting a bright future for this mare out in the hack ring. It is a credit to your members that they have reached the standard that they have. The Dressage was fun to judge and again, the top dressage horses could compete in open competition with success. It is wonderful to see these lovely horses being utilized and promoted outside their genre and I only wish I had a few more of them to judge over in the East.

Congratulations to everyone who competed this weekend. To those who are already at the top, keep up the good work. To those who are on the journey, don’t give up. There are some lovely young/green horses in the making. Keep persevering and I am sure it won’t be long before you, too, are leaving the ring with a championship sash.

RESULTS

LED CLASSES - SATURDAY

Best Presented 21 Presented

Champion Best Presented – SP Tobias

Reserve Champion Best Presented – Adina Park Phedora

Finalist – B An Aristocrat, Go Alice, Prince Pumbaa, Ifonlytheynu, Devils Choice, Lights Of Wembley, Phoenix Modena, Percy Button.

Junior Partbred 3yrs and under 1 Presented

Champion Junior Partbred – Special Edition

Senior Partbred 4yrs and over 3 Presented

Champion Senior Partbred – B An Aristocrat

Reserve Champion senior Partbred – Devils Choice

GRAND CHAMPION LED PARTBRED - B AN ARISTOCRAT

Junior Colt 3yrs and under 1 Presented

Champion Junior Colt – Adina Park Rufus

Junior Filly 3yrs and under 2 Presented

Champion Junior Filly – Satinka Park Elina

Reserve Champion Junior Filly – Summertime Lily

Supreme Junior Exhibit – Adina Park Rufus

Senior Stallion 4yrs and over 1 Presented

Champion Senior Stallion – Admiral’s Christmas

Senior Mare 4yrs and over 8 Presented

Champion Senior Mare – Go Alice

Reserve Champion Senior Mare – Adina Park Phedora

Finalist – USA Legacy, Banyan View

Senior Gelding 4yrs and over 12 Presented
Champion Senior Gelding – Prince Pumbaa
Reserve Champion Senior Gelding – Adina Park Darcy Woods
Finalist – SP Tobias, lights Of Wembley, Ifonlytheynu, Beefiftytoo

Supreme Senior Exhibit – Admiral’s Christmas

GRAND CHAMPION LED EXHIBIT - ADMIRAL’S CHRISTMAS

Junior Handler 1 Presented
Champion Junior Handler – Megan Price

Senior Handler 12 Presented
Champion Senior Handler – Kristie Morrone
Reserve Champion Senior Handler – Kristy Padberg
Finalist – Tracy Tillman, Catherine Macey, Alex Markowski, Rebecca Campbell, Katherine Smith

HARNESS CLASSES

Harness Turnout 4 Presented
Champion Turnout – Adina Park Phedora
R/Up Turnout – Prince Pumbaa

Harness Male 2 Presented
Champion Male – Prince Pumbaa
Reserve Champion Male – Adina Park Darcy Woods

Harness Female 3 Presented
Champion Female – Adina Park Phedora
Reserve Champion Female – Satinka Park Elina

Harness horse upto 7 Incl.15.1hh 2 Presented
Champion – Prince Pumbaa
Reserve Champion – Satinka Park Elina

Harness Horse over 15.1hh 3 Presented
Champion – Adina Park Phedora
Reserve Champion – Adina Park Darcy Woods

Lightweight Harness Horse 2 Presented
Champion Lightweight – Adina Park Phedora
Reserve Champion Lightweight – Adina Park Darcy Woods

Heavyweight Harness Horse 2 Presented
Champion Heavyweight – Prince Pumbaa
Reserve Champion Heavyweight – Archean Ochre

GRAND CHAMPION HARNESS HORSE - PRINCE PUMBAA

RIDDEN CLASSES - SUNDAY

Smartest On Parade 10 Presented
Champion Smartest On Parade – B An Aristocrat
R/Up Smartest On Parade – Glyding Moments
Finalist – Adina Park Phedora, Percy Button, My Smilin Assassin

Junior Rider 17yrs and under 1 Presented
Champion Junior Rider – Lisa Carson

Senior Rider 18yrs and over 7 Presented
Champion Senior Rider – Kristy Padberg
Reserve Senior Rider – Julie Howe
Finalist – Emma Criniti, Katherine Smith

Ridden Partbred Male 2 Presented
Champion Ridden Male Partbred – B An Aristocrat
Reserve Champion Male Partbred – Devils Choice

Ridden Partbred Female 0 Presented

GRAND CHAMPION RIDDEN PARTBRED - B AN ARISTOCRAT

Ridden Male 5 Presented
Champion Ridden Male – My Smilin Assassin
Reserve champion Ridden Male – Glyding Moments

Ridden Female 3 Presented
Champion Ridden Female – Adina Park Phedora
Reserve Champion Ridden Female – Emal Park Stella

Hack up to & incl. 15.1hh 4 Presented
Champion Hack – Glyding Moments
Reserve Champion Hack – Presidents Excuse

Hack over 15.1hh 4 Presented
Champion Hack over 15.1hh – My Smilin Assassin
Reserve Champion Hack over 15.1hh – Lights of Wembley
Finalist – Percy Button

Lightweight Hack 4 Presented
Champion Lightweight – Glyding Moments
Reserve Champion Lightweight – Presidents Excuse
Finalist – Lights Of Wembley

Heavyweight Hack 4 Presented
Champion Heavyweight – My Smilin Assassin
Reserve Champion Heavyweight – Emal Park Stella

GRAND CHAMPION RIDDEN EXHIBIT - ADINA PARK PHEDORA

Dressage – Prep 2 (4 Presented)
Champion – Emal Park Stella
Reserve Champion – Lights Of Wembley
Finalist – Fully Bombed

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

2009 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – PHOTO GALLERY



**Champion Best Presented Exhibit:
SP TOBIAS (Jackie Searies)**



**Champion Junior Filly:
SP ELINA (Jackie Searies)**

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



**Champion Led Junior Colt & SUPREME JUNIOR:
ADINA PARK RUFUS (Kristie Morrone)**



**Champion Led Senior Mare:
GO ALICE**



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



**Champion Led Senior Gelding:
PRINCE PUMBAA (Sarah Suvaljko)**



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



**SUPREME LED PUREBRED EXHIBIT:
ADMIRAL'S CHRISTMAS (Kristie Morrone) with judge Judie Tainsh**



**Reserve Champion Led Senior Partbred:
DEVILS CHOICE (Carly Hockridge)**



**Champion Led Senior & SUPREME PARTBRED:
B AN ARISTOCRAT (Julie Howe)**



**Champion Led Junior Partbred:
SPECIAL EDITION (Heidi Kemp)**



Champion Harness Mare:
ADINA PARK PHEDORA (Kristie Morrone)



Champion Harness Male \ CHAMPION HARNESS EXHIBIT:
PRINCE PUMBAA (Sarah Suvaljko)



Champion Ridden Partbred:
B AN ARISTOCRAT (Julie Howe)



Reserve Champion Ridden Partbred:
DEVILS CHOICE (Carly Spillman)



Champion Ridden Mare:
ADINA PARK PHEDORA (Richard Rice \ Kristie Morrone)



Champion Ridden Male \ Hack Over 15.1hh \ Heavyweight Hack:
MY SMILIN ASSASSIN (Kristy Padberg)



**Champion Hack Under 15.1hh \ Lightweight Hack:
GLYDING MOMENTS (Lisa Carson)**



**GRAND CHAMPION RIDDEN:
ADINA PARK PHEDORA (Richard Rice \ Kristie Morrone)**