



This years Standardbred State championships had the committee a little nervous not knowing if quite a few changes from previous year would be fruitful or not. They need not have worried, as Serpentine Pony Club Grounds were an ideal alternative providing plenty of room for the ridden and harness events. Holding this event later in the year and on a Saturday certainly did not seem to have a bearing as the numbers were with Eastern States Judge Alan Preston’s vast experience in this area of judging saw the day run very smoothly and efficiently.

It was very clear from the first event what the judge was looking for with the bold striding Admiral Christmas taking out champion stallion and the equally big striding Ben Royal for Catherine Macey firmly securing reserve.

The two junior fillies entered the ring for judging and once again movement came to with the fifteen week old weaning filly Jeda placing those long fine legs in all the right places to take champion junior filly over the two year old Melee for reserve. Fourteen mares entered the ring for judging next with Holmwood Chip making an impressive return to showing after a twelve month layoff powering her way to take champion over the up and coming new talent Dynamite Trunkey for Jackie Searies who was sashed reserve champion. The judge commenting that the champion mare moved stronger through the shoulder.

The junior geldings had two contestants where the impressive Svengali Gold continued his dominance for Kristy Padberg claiming champion over Main Strike for Karen Harris. The senior gelding class was a monster with some twenty four geldings presented for judging. Due to the size of the class the judge changed the workout slightly for this class and it was up to each handler to show off their horses to catch the judges eye. Finally a top four were called forward and once again these horses were required to do another workout. Lights of Wembley and Catherine Macey gave it their all with a powerful workout. Alesha Giles and Beefiftytoo glided along with beautiful elevation. Cheryl Ullrich and the mammoth Hampton Georgia made his opposition look like dwarfs but did not quite match it in the movement department against his opposition. Last but not least were Kristie Morrone and Admirals Abemethy who gave an awesome display of powerhouse but balanced movement. Who would take out the coveted gelding award? The judge was absolutely smitten with the presence and overall condition and body structure of Hampton Georgia but was once again looking for that power through the shoulder. Lights of Wembley and Admirals Abemethy were brought alongside one another and after examining the feet of the Lights of Wembley the little black gelding Admirals Abernethy was sashed the champion gelding and Lights of Wembley reserve. It was encouraging to hear the applause from the crowd ringside, as this was undoubtably the closest and most entertaining class all day.

The baby filly Jeda and champion junior gelding came together for supreme junior with the more mature gelding Svengali Gold taking the honours of Supreme Junior for 2005. Champion mare, gelding and stallion completed their workouts without much hesitation the stallion Admiral’s Christmas was sashed Supreme Senior. Workouts were not required for Grand Champion Exhibit with the judge calling forward the stallion Admiral’s Christmas and Kristie Morrone to be sashed Heiniger State Champion Halter Exhibit 2005.

Champion best presented was taken out by the immaculate Admirals Christmas and Kristie Morrone from stable mate Admirals Abernethy superbly handled by Alesha Giles. The expert skills of Cheryl Ullrich were rewarded in being sashed champion senior handler alongside Fiona Attard for reserve. Junior handler went to Jemma France and Emma Brandroth taking reserve.

Smartest on parade went to the stunning combination of Kristy Padberg and Pazam followed closely by Samantha Cechner and Oakridge Elegance for reserve with the final decision coming down to buckles and straps. Champion junior rider Lisa Carson took out this year's title with new member Dahlyn Dwyer securing reserve. Senior rider was taken out by the experienced campaigner of Samantha Cechner (Hams) over Amber Kittson for reserve.

The ridden classes were predominantly dominated by the eventual Supreme winner in Maximus and Amber Kittson winning all their classes, whilst the remaining classes were evenly spread throughout. The judge made a special mention of Glyding Moments commenting that this horse would win in open company anywhere, but unfortunately he was traveling under the bit to often for him to be placed any higher than his reserves throughout the classes. Pazam and Kristy Padberg were ecstatic with a champion in the height class as this horse is only in his early stages of education. Oakridge Elegance performed nicely in the mare's class to secure her spot in the supreme ring and likewise young competitor Tarn Newman and Good Knight worked well in the heavy weight class to secure their ticket to the supreme ring. After all the horses worked out for supreme the most consistent performer all day in Maximus and Amber Kittson were sashed and rugged State Champion Ridden 2005.

The harness class had to contend with slight showers throughout but that did not stop judge Anne Potter from giving extensive workouts throughout. The turnout class was very close indeed with Alesha Giles and Beefiftytoo taking the honours over Sarah Sulvajko and Pee Gee. Similar to the ridden, one horse in Admirals Abernethy dominated his classes throughout with the remaining classes being evenly shared.

The new comers in Jackie Series and Dynamite Trunkey gained confidence and improved with every class seeing them gain a champion in the last class securing a place in the supreme ring at their first outing in harness. Holmwood Chip worked well in the mare class to earn her ticket for a supreme workout but unfortunately after twelve months absence from showing the mare left her worst workout till last and lacked her usual exuberance in the supreme workout. Pee Pee Gee only had a brief lead up to these championships and was undoubtably underdone but still performed well. Dynamite Trunkey is an impressive sight in harness and with more experience and balance will be right at the top in future events. Admirals Abernethy and driver Kristie Morrone worked well all day with strong but even flowing workouts with very neat figure of eights and extensions to take out the Greenfield's Supreme State Champion Harness for 2005.

Special mention must be made of Beefiftytoo and Alesha Giles and new member in Louise Crosbie and her two horses Cool Chief and Remember the Fire for their efforts as these horses were not far off the mark as well.

Admirals Abernethy earned the Honour of State Champion All-rounder title by means of winning champion senior gelding, reserve champion best presented, champion harness horse up to 15h, champion male harness horse, champion lightweight harness horse and supreme harness horse.

Story compiled by Jackie Searies with special comments from judges Ms Anne Potter and Mr Alan Preston. Further comments from the judges have been expressed in articles submitted to Hoofbeats and Racing Ahead.

RESULTS

LED CLASSES

Senior Stallion 4yrs & Over

Champion: Admirals Christmas

Reserve: Ben Royal

Top 3: Chokin Lorado

Junior Colt 3yrs & Under

No Entries

Senior Mare 4yrs & Over

Champion: Holmwood Chip

Reserve: Dynamite Trunkey

Top 7: Admirals Joylyn

Little Miss Gorgia

Oakridge Elegance

My Double Star

Demi Brooke

Junior Filly 3yrs & Under

Champion: Jeda

Reserve: Meelee

Senior Gelding 4yrs & Over

Champion: Admiral Abernethy

Reserve: Lights Of Wembley

Top 10: Hampton Georgia

Beefiftytoo

Lombo Selatan

Lombo Ilyushin

Thatzit

Maximus

Pee Pee Gee

Valiant Steel

Junior Gelding 3yrs & Under

Champion: Svengali Gold

Reserve: Main Strike

Best Presented Exhibit

Champion: Admiral's Christmas (K. Morrone)

Reserve: Admiral Abernethy (A. Giles)

Top 10: Pee Pee Gee (S. Suvaljko)

Pazam (K. Padberg)

Chokin Lorado (K. Whitfield)

Little Miss Gorgia J. Archibald)

Dynamite Trunkey J. Searies)

Maximus (A. Kitson)

Supermart (F. Attard)

Holmwood Chip (C. Fawcett)

Supreme Junior Exhibit - Svengali Gold
Supreme Senior Exhibit - Admiral's Christmas

GRAND CHAMPION EXHIBIT - ADMIRAL'S CHRISTMAS

Junior Handler

Champion: J.France

Reserve: E.Brandreth

Top 4: L Crosbie

C. Fawcett

Senior Handler

Champion: C.Ullrich

Reserve: F. Attard

Top 6: K. Morrone

S. Cechner

A. Giles

M. Camisa

Smartest On Parade

Winner: Pazam (K. Padberg)

Runner Up: Oakridge Elegance (S. Cechner)

Top 8: Admirals Joylyn (D. Dwyer)

Secret Serviceman (E. Brandreth)

Good Knight (T. Newman)

Cool Chief Rocker (L. Crosbie)

Maximus (A. Kitson)

Holmwood Chip (C. Fawcett)

Senior Rider

Champion: S. Cechner

Reserve: A. Kitson

Top 4: K. Padberg

J. Baldwin

Junior Rider

Champion: L. Carson

Reserve D. Dwyer

Top 4: L. Crosbie

C. Fawcett

Ridden Male

Champion: Maximus

Reserve: Glyding Moments

Top 7: Pazam

Walk Like A Man

Good Knight

Cool Chief Rocker

Ridden Female

Champion: Oakridge Elegance

Reserve: Holmwood Chip

Top 5: Admirals Joylyn

My Double Star

Striking Storm

Hack up to & Incl.15hh

Champion: Maximus

Reserve : Glyding Moments

Top 5: Admirals Joylyn

Good Knight

My Double Star

Hack Over 15hh

Champion: Pazam

Reserve: Holmwood Chip

Top 5: Oakridge Elegance

Secret Serviceman

Lana

Lightweight Hack

Champion: Maximus

Reserve: Glyding Moments

Top 6: Oakridge Elegance

Lana

My Double Star

Holmwood Chip

Heavyweight Hack

Champion: Good Knight

Reserve: Pazam

Top 4: Admirals Joylyn

Cool Chief Rocker

SUPREME RIDDEN EXHIBIT - MAXIMUS AND AMBER KITSON

Turnout Harness Exhibit

Winner: Beefiftytoo (A. Giles)

Runner Up: Pee Pee Gee (S. Suvalko)

Top 3: Holmwood Chip (C. Fawcett)

Harness Male

Champion: Admiral Abernethy

Reserve: Pee Pee Gee

Harness Female

Champion: Holmwood Chip

Reserve: Dynamite Trunkey

Harness Horse up to & Incl. 15hh

Champion: Admiral Abernethy

Reserve: Beefiftytoo

Harness Horse Over 15hh

Champion: Pee Pee Gee

Reserve: Dynamite Trunkey

Lightweight Harness Horse

Champion: Admiral Abernethy

Reserve: Beefiftytoo

Heavyweight Harness Horse

Champion: Dynamite Trunkey

Reserve: Pee Pee Gee

SUPREME HARNESS EXHIBIT - ADMIRAL ABERNETHY AND KRISTIE MORRONE

2005 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS – PHOTO GALLERY



**Champion Led Junior Gelding & SUPREME LED JUNIOR:
SVENGALI GOLD (Kristy Padberg)**



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



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

NO IMAGE SUPPLIED

**Reserve Champion Led Senior Stallion:
BEN ROYAL**



**Champion Led Senior Mare:
HOLMWOOD CHIP (Carol Fawcett)**

NO IMAGE SUPPLIED

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



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

NO IMAGE SUPPLIED

**Reserve Champion Led Senior Gelding:
LIGHTS OF WEMBLEY**



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



**Champion Harness Mare \ Over 15hh \Heavyweight:
DYNAMITE TRUNKEY (Jackie Searies)**



**Champion Harness Turnout:
BEEFIFTYTWO (Alesha Giles)**



**GRAND CHAMPION HARNESS EXHIBIT:
ADMIRAL ABERNETHY (Kristie Morrone)**



**Champion Medium\Heavyweight Hack:
GOOD KNIGHT (Taryn Newman)**



**Champion Ridden Mare:
OAKRIDGE ELEGANCE (Sam Cechner)**



**Champion Hack Over 15hh:
PAZAM (Kristy Padberg)**



**GRAND CHAMPION RIDDEN EXHIBIT:
MAXIMUS (Amber Kittson)**