

CCSHA 2011 Show Wrap Up

Thanks to all who came and participated in our Annual Show. We again held it at Werribbee this year, and were very thankful with the arena change to the Indoor, as it pored during all of our led classes, first thing in the morning. We again had huge Led Classes with all of our 32 entries for the day competing. We also had our largest contingent of stallions on the day, with one coming to participate, and one stuck in a truck that broke down and wasn't able to make it. All of the stallions were wonderfully behaved, and everyone was happy to accommodate their presence.

As always, it was wonderful to see the differences of presentation for the led classes all competing together. Everyone presented their horses beautifully, and in the turnout that suited their horse best. We had the traditional English presentations with plaiting and not a whisker out of place, or the unplaited, free flowing, with feathers proudly on parade. We had our entries in leather bridles, a western bridle and a traditional Clydesdale rope halter. And then there were the horses..... which averaged from approx 14.2hh to 17.2hh. We had lots of bays with white socks and a blaze, paints, buckskins, a couple of chestnuts, and a greg, heavier builds and the refined types. It was also a first for us with a Stallion and Mare taking out the Led Championship's.



After introducing Long Reining last year, it was an even largest success this year with ½ of our entries for the day participating. It also proved to be a class that the that did well in the Overall Hi-Point award for the day, with the top two reining combinations coming in the top 3 of the Hi-Points awarded for the day. All combinations that won the championship's on the day, were rewarded with sashes and cheques.

Everyone was encouraged to ride in the ridden mount, and it was lovely to see the seasoned competitors encouraging combinations that had never showed before to join in. In total we had 24 entries competing in the Ridden Mount classes. They were again very competitive at the top with some beautiful horses on display.



The last two classes for the day being the Pleasure Mount and Hunter Classes were again well attended, and showed the excellent temperament of the bred and their willingness to please their owners. In the Pleasure Mount class combinations were asked to pick up a pink blanket of a fence, travel around and place it back. Led and mount off some bales of hay (a few ponies had a munch as they were very relaxed, and another pawed it's foot at it, very amusing). Jump a small jump and the bale of hay, walk between some poles, etc... Everyones horses listened to their owners and gave it a go.



The hunter classes were for the experienced combinations with classes at 60cm or 80cm. These horses were wonderfully behaved, enjoyed their hand gallop, did some beautiful show jumping, and then were very agreeable to come to a stop.

We wish to congratulate Sarah Booth and Call me Crock for taking out the High Point award for the day (by just 1 point), and Sophie Ricca and Mr Flash for coming runners up. The smile on Sarah's face when she won the rug and sash with her awesome mare was lovely. The competitors points that they earned on the day will go towards the Overall Championship Award for the best Clydie-Cross combination in 2011. This event (to be confirmed) will be held later in the year.



Overall we again believe that the day was a Outstanding success. We wish to thank Luana Brown and Terry Campbell for being our judges on the day, and everyone was very happy with their choices. Thanks also go to all of our volunteers who helped on the day, we couldn't run it without you. A special thanks to our helper photographer (I've forgotten his name again), who is posting me all of the hours of photo's that he took, which will be free to our competitors. Also special thanks to Sybil who took a lot of video footage on the day, which we hope to load up onto our web-site. We also think that all of our spectators enjoyed the show, not to mention the free tea, coffee and biscuits on offer. The amount of thanks and compliments that the Committee have received for running a friendly and welcoming show, always makes all the effort extremely rewarding.

Robbie Auhl, CCSHA Registrar & Treasurer.