



Pryde's EasiFeed 2012 Hunter Polo Challenge

On October 27th and 28th 2012, Wirragulla Polo Club in Dungog, New South Wales held their annual Prydes EasiFeed Hunter Polo Challenge. The tournament was well supported, with teams and players coming from far and wide to play for the prestigious club trophies in the Mackay Cup (A Grade), Alison Cup (B Grade) and Skene Cup (C Grade).

An impressive line-up of Australian Stock Horses took to the field in all three Grades, and Chairman, Joy Poole OAM had the tough but enjoyable task of judging the award for Best Performing Australian Stock Horse. Peter Haydon of Blandford, New South Wales was delighted to take home the prize on four year brown mare HAYDON EVE (MURRABONG VICTORY/HAYDON EVETTE). Peter is full of praise for his homebred mare, and is pleased that she is turning out a complete and balanced mare to play. 'She is very easy to play on a loose rein but has good handle and run,' said Peter.

Progeny of MURRABONG VICTORY are playing overseas in Argentina and England, with many in Australia performing at top level in both polo and polocrosse. Peter played for the Bloomfield Team in the Alison Cup B Grade, also winning Best Team with HAYDON EVE and HAYDON FINCH.

Special mention also goes to Marty Leacy in the Wirragulla A team, who played Susan Lock's mare DYNAMIC ROULETTE (STAR BRIGADOON - HSH/CHALLABAR JALENE) in the fourth chukka of the Mackay Cup A Grade final.

Bar Nine Dot Sporting Horses of Quirindi, New South Wales had six Australian Stock Horses playing in the Mackay Cup A Grade final, including BARNINEDOT BLITZ, BARNINEDOT SIZZEL, BARNINEDOT SOPHIA and BARNINEDOT SERENE, all by the stud's resident sire NABINABAH ROCKAFELLA - HSH. Sophia and Serene are full sisters, and their full brother BARNINEDOT SAVVY has been exported to Indonesia to play polo.

All were played by Dick Doolin and James Hockey of the Quirindi team, who lost to Wirragulla A in the final by only half a goal. After coming back from being four and a half goals down, it was an amazing effort. Chairman, Joy Poole OAM was full of praise for the quality and performance of the Bar Nine Dot horses.

1. Chairman, Joy Poole OAM (middle) with Best Performing Australian Stock Horse, HAYDON EVE, and owner/rider, Peter Haydon (left).

2. Peter Haydon in action on HAYDON EVE

3. Peter Haydon on HAYDON EVE

4. A strong crowd turned up to enjoy the weekend tournament.

5. (l-r) BARNINEDOT BLITZ, BARNINEDOT SIZZEL (ridden by James Hockey), BARNINEDOT SOPHIA and BARNINEDOT SERENE.

6. Marty Leacy on DYANAMIC ROULETTE (left) with Dick Doolin on BARNINEDOT SERENE (right) in pursuit.

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