

The 20th Annual Victorian Arabian Championships

AUSTRALIA

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The Victorian Championships were held in unseasonal hot conditions on October 31st, indoors, at the Tatura Events complex. This A class show has cemented itself on the Victorian Arabian Calendar as one of the 'must do' events and rightly so, as it is expertly run by Katherine McMahon. As with all A Class shows in Australia at the moment, the number of exhibits continues to decline, however the quality of the winners is as good as one would expect at this caliber event.

The judge of the halter, both purebred and derivative was Renata Schibler of Switzerland and the judge of the ridden section was Victorian, Jeanette Crutchfield.

In Australia an A class program requires not only classes for purebred Arabians in age classes, but also separate classes for all our derivative breeds in age classes, in both halter and ridden and so this makes for quite a large program. The derivative section includes classes for Anglo Arabian, Arabian Warmblood, Arabian Pony, Arabian Riding Pony, Partbred Arabian, Quarab & Arabian Stockhorse.

Renata's line up for her Supreme Champions was excellent in all divisions, in the purebreds for Supreme Champion Gelding she chose the typey and good moving chestnut 2yo, Mah-jongg the Warlock (Mulahn x Salah Kokomo). Supreme Champion Female was the exquisitely feminine yearling, Princess of Passion (Crave FF x Fames Passion) and Supreme Entire was the charismatic and very Arabian stallion, Fox Fire BHF imp USA (Falcon BHF x Tevkah). In the derivatives her Supreme Gelding was the well performed Arabian Pony Jayay Khasino who is sired by the Fairview Klassique son, Kharbine. Supreme Female was the very typey partbred, Abu's Reflection, sired by Abu Shaklan. Supreme Entire was the legendary Arabian



Supreme Champion Purebred Entire Foxfire BHF (imp USA)

shown by Doyle Dertell
owned by Burren-dah Stud



Supreme Champion Purebred Female Princess of Passion

Shown by Doyle Dertell
pictured with judge, Renata Schibler
owned & bred by Future Farms

Pony stallion Trincada Strike (Pinelodge Pride (Ralvon Pilgrim) x Simeon Classic), Strike never fails to impress our international judges with his incredible type and charisma in such tiny package.

The saddle classes attracted some of (if not all) the most well performed horses in the state and Jeanette's line up for Supreme Champion saddle horse was super impressive. This sees the 3 champion purebred (one from each sex) go against the champion from each derivative breed. Five of the horses she had to choose from were past Australian National Champions, some of them mul-

Supreme Champion Ridden Exhibit

owned & ridden by
Elizabeth Krog, Burren-dah
Rosies Choice



Supreme Champion Purebred Gelding Mah-jongg The Warlock

shown by Jayne Bellchambers
owned & bred by V. McEwan

tipl. The eventual winner was the Anglo gelding, Burren-dah Rosie's Choice, ridden by his young owner, Elizabeth Krog. This was the first Arabian show for this new partnership, a fantastic start and a preview of what is to come for them. Rosie's Choice has been away from the show scene for quite a few years and it is great to see him back.

Congratulations to Katherine and her committee for another well run event. □



Supreme Champion Derivative Female Partbred mare Abu's Reflection

pictured with owner/handler, Naomi Syliva & Renata Schibler



Supreme Champion Derivative Gelding Arabian Pony Jayay Khasino

owned by Lisa Tomlinson
pictured with handler Scott Henshaw
& Renata Schibler



Supreme Champion Derivative Entire Arabian Pony Stallion Trincada Strike

owned, bred & shown by Sue Williams