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Condor Smart Play and Shaun Saunders
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Message from the ARBC CEO

First of all I would like to thank my wife Gita for taking on the role of the event organiser and for all her hard work behind the scenes.

I would also like to thank Rachel, our ARBC office secretary, and our event secretary, Lynda Gray, for all of their hard work to make this show happen.

Also thanks to our event Sponsor Coordinator, Kyley Norman, for organising all our sponsor and stallion logos for the event, and to Greg Campbell for his design of the ARBC logo and his help with the show format. Not to forget our fantastic arena crew, gate stewards, judges and scribes, thank you very much.

To all our stallion owners and sponsors, a big thank you, your contributions were outstanding. This show would not have been possible without your commitment and support. This was a dream come true for me to be able to get all of these stallion owners involved in this great program.

We are already planning next year. Stallion and sponsor renewals will be due on the 1st July and we already have some new stallions and the existing stallions are renewing for ARBC 2016 event. Our stallion list will also now include stallions from the challenge and campdraft industries. We will see a lot of our stallions cross over into both disciplines. Next year, the plan is to have our \$20,000 plus added ARBC Derby and a \$20,000 plus added ARBC Stockman's Challenge Open and Classic.

So please mark off your calendars for ARBC 2016, 23rd March to 27th March 2016.

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2015 AUSTRALIAN REINING BREEDERS CUP AND REINING AUSTRALIA NATIONAL DERBY

From the Dalby Desk

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The Australian Reining Breeders Cup is both an event and industry breeding incentive program with an underlying mission to promote the breeding of reining horses in Australia through the provision of a lucrative and prestigious event specifically designed for the Derby year progeny (4, 5 and 6 year old horses) of the best Australian and International reining stallions.

The ARBC National Derby Show is scheduled each year in Dalby Queensland over the Easter weekend. The first ARBC show, held this year, certainly lived up to all expectations, with resounding positive feedback for a truly successful new event on the reining calendar.

The 2015 ARBC National Derby Show attracted riders from across the country, competing in 3 days of NRHA-approved reining classes. The inclusion of the ARBC Open Stockman's Challenge, a new initiative at our reining show, attracted 21 of Australia's top horse and rider combinations.

The prestigious feature event of the show was the 2015 Australian Reining Breeders Cup and Reining Australia National Derby held on Saturday evening after an entertaining show from Australia's renowned Rooftop Express Team. The stands were almost filled to capacity with well over 800 spectators coming along to watch a featured mix of larrikin Aussie humour and spectacular reining. Its like had not been seen before here in Dalby when the National Derby competitors took to the arena.

Congratulations to all competitors for a spectacular show and to Errol and Gita Thomas for organising and running such a prestigious and well-organised event. The atmosphere was fantastic and there was a friendly camaraderie shown over the 3 days by all competitors and spectators.

The 2015 ARBC National Derby Show attracted over 230 runs, held over 3 action-packed days at Easter at the Dalby Equestrian Centre in Queensland.

This event attracted some of Australia's leading horses, trainers and non-pro riders. The feature event was the 2015 Australian Reining Breeders Cup and Reining Australia National Derby, showcasing leading sires and their progeny in our great sport of reining. There were 20 horses nominated in the Open Derby Class competing for a Total Prize Purse of \$26,650, with prize money being paid down to 10th Place.

Six divisions were strongly contested in this feature Derby:

OPEN, Intermediate OPEN and Limited OPEN

NON PRO, Intermediate NON PRO and Limited NON PRO

Condor Smart Play, owned by Susan Donald and trained and ridden by Shaun Saunders, confidently ran a 218.5 to become the first ever winner of the ARBC, claiming the prestigious 2015 ARBC and RA National Derby Open Championship.



Pam Spokes (judge), Condor Smart Play, Shaun Saunders, Gita Thomas and Rick Meredith at the presentation to the winner of the 2015 ARBC and Reining Australia National Derby Open Championship.

AUSTRALIAN REINING BREEDERS CUP OPEN

Horse	Rider	Owner	Nominated Stallion
1. Condor Smart Play	Shaun Saunders	Susan Donald	-
2. Ruf It Down Under	John Wicks	Julie Read	-
3. Einstein Flashy Jac	Noel Watson	Jessica Watson	Einsteins Revolution USA Silver Spurs Equine USA
4. QXH Docs Stylish Oak	Shaun Saunders	Xtreme Quarter Horses	Peptos Stylish Oak Morning Sun Ranch
5. Big River Urban Legend	Guy Laurie NP	Guy & Bec Laurie	Custom Legend US Simon Reining Horses USA
6. Wimpys Playgirl	Yves Cousinard	Pacific Performance Horses	Wimpys Little Step USA Xtra Quarter Horses USA
7. Hustlers First Flame	Katrina Beale NP	Katrina Beale	-
PV Treyson	Paul Sharp NP	Paul Sharp	-
9. Voila Petit Pas	Yves Cousinard	Pacific Performance Horses	Wimpys Little Step USA Xtra Quarter Horses USA
10. Determinated	Mel Lindsay NP	Melanie Lindsay	Terminator Whiz Kevin Perrin



Gita Thomas, Pam Spokes (judge), Big River Urban Legend, Guy Laurie, Bec Laurie, Rick Meredith and Shane Watts (judge) at the presentation to the winner of the 2015 ARBC and Reining Australia National Derby Intermediate Open division. Guy and Big River Urban Legend also won the Limited Open and the Non Pro divisions.

Left: Guy Laurie and Shaun Saunders celebrate sharing the 4-year-old Incentive Award.

2015 AUSTRALIAN REINING BREEDERS CUP AND REINING AUSTRALIA NATIONAL DERBY

The winning connections of Condor Smart Play not only took home some healthy prize money, but also received an ARBC Trophy Cup and the honour of being the first horse and rider combination to be engraved on the ARBC Perpetual Trophy Cup. The Championship prizes also included an ARBC trophy buckle and ARBC show bridle handcrafted by Rick Meredith, a garland from Bec Laurie and a beautiful embroidered Smarty Rug.

Shaun Saunders had this to say after winning: *“I’m thrilled to win this event, this is the highest money earning Derby the country has ever seen, I think it is an event Australia has needed for some years and it gives our owners more reason to keep Open horses in work longer. What a great concept and my hat off to Errol and Gita and everyone that has put this event together.”*

Prize money was paid down to 10th Place in all divisions with trophy buckles for the winners, but the prizes didn’t end there.

Right: ARBC Judges and scribes (left to right) Karen Lowe, Darren Simpson, Kerry Hoffmann, Pam Spokes, Shane Watts and Leonie Beckhouse.

Below: The trophy spreads.



Prizes in each OPEN division included:

2nd place: A set of handcrafted wooden stirrups supplied by Ian Saunders

3rd place: ARBC handcrafted Ian Saunders leather spur straps

4th place ARBC chaps bag donated by Horseman’s Trading Post

Nominated Sire owners also received 5% of the placed horse’s earnings as part of the ARBC Stallion Nomination Register.

Congratulations to all competitors, horse owners and Nominated Stallion owners.

A special thank you to Mr Rick Meredith for being a part of the ARBC, making the stunning silver-detailed show bridles for each division winner, along with designing the beautiful ARBC trophy buckles.

A special thank you also to Mr Ian Saunders who made the ARBC spur straps and supplied the handcrafted ARBC wooden stirrups.



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Big River Urban Legend, owned and ridden by Guy Laurie, was the winner of the Intermediate and Limited divisions of the Open Derby.

The 2015 ARBC and RA Non Pro Derby also attracted quite the competition with Big River Urban Legend and Guy Laurie adding to their laurels by taking out the Non Pro Derby Championship. This winning connection took home some healthy prize money and received an ARBC Trophy Cup with the honour of being the first Non Pro horse and rider combination to be engraved on the ARBC Perpetual Trophy Cup.

The Non Pro Derby Champion prizes also included an ARBC trophy buckle, an ARBC show bridle by Rick Meredith and a garland. This really was a very successful show for Guy Laurie and Big River Urban Legend. Congratulations to all connections.

Guy Laurie had this to say after winning: *“Winning any major event like this is the best feeling you will ever have. It makes all those hours in the saddle worth every minute. I have had some great support to get me to this point and I cannot thank my wife Bec and John and Lorraine Wylie enough. We just want to thank the ARBC committee for getting this concept off the ground and I appreciate all the hard work and effort put in the run such a fantastic event.”*

Prizes in each NON PRO division included:

2nd place: A set of handcrafted wooden stirrups from Ian Saunders

3rd place: ARBC handcrafted Ian Saunders leather spur straps

4th place: ARBC chaps bag donated by Horseman’s Trading Post



Top left: Noel Watson and Einstein Flashy Jac, 3rd placegetters in the 2015 ARBC and Reining Australia National Derby Open Championship.

Top right: Pam Spokes (judge), PV Treyson, Paul Sharp, Gita Thomas, Hustlers First Flame, Katrina Beale, Rick Meredith and Shane Watts (judge) at the presentation to the dual winners of the Limited Non Pro and Intermediate Non Pro divisions of the 2015 ARBC and Reining Australia National Derby.

Left: Errol Thomas and Sheron Sheza Little Fancy, placegetters in the Non Pro division of the 2015 ARBC and Reining Australia National Derby.

2015 AUSTRALIAN REINING BREEDERS CUP AND REINING AUSTRALIA NATIONAL DERBY

Errol and Gita Thomas also incorporated a 4-year-old Incentive Program into the ARBC. The Incentive Program awards \$1000 to the highest scoring 4-year-old ridden by an Open rider/trainer and \$500 to the highest scoring 4-year-old ridden by a Non Pro. Shaun Saunders on Susan Donald's Condor Smart Play won the Open incentive. Big River Urban Legend won \$500 for Bec and Guy Laurie. These awards were presented on the Saturday evening after the main National Derby presentation. Congratulations to Shaun and Guy and to all connections of these great 4-year-old horses.

The ARBC National Derby Show welcomed the Open Stockman's Challenge competitors. There were 21 of Australia's top challenge horse and rider combinations competing for 100% added prize money along with an ARBC trophy saddle donated by Shaun and Ian Saunders and a handcrafted Rick Meredith ARBC trophy buckle. It was great to see the two disciplines coming together and embracing the skills both bring to the pen. Errol has been a strong supporter of challenge and reining for many years and it was his initiative to bring together these two similar disciplines to compete at the ARBC show.



Frank Green and Otford Valley Annie, fourth placegetters in the Open Stockman's Challenge.

Right: Shaun and Ian Saunders present the trophy saddle to Rob Leach on Pep N Coda Lena, winners of the Open Stockman's Challenge.

Many of the challenge competitors arrived the night before the event and it was a great atmosphere with both reiners and challenge competitors riding in open pen and supporting each other. A very big thank you to Shaun and Ian Saunders for sponsoring the beautiful trophy saddle and for supporting the first Stockman's Challenge held in 2015 at the ARBC.

The 2015 ARBC Open Stockman's Challenge results:

- 1st place: Rob Leach and Pep N Coda Lena
- 2nd place: Rob Leach and Terminator Whiz
- 3rd place: Felicity Burton and JR Elsola Rey

Rob Leach had this to say after winning *"It's great to come to an event like this and to ride with some of Australia's best reiners. It's really helped me raise the bar and standard on what I do with my horses in the challenge competitions. It's helped me add polish to my riding and given me more confidence. To win a trophy saddle and buckle is pretty special in challenge competition. Thank you to Errol for putting this event on."*

We welcome Challenge riders to these reining events and extend an invitation for even more of you guys to come along to our 2016 ARBC Open Stockman's Challenge.



2015 AUSTRALIAN REINING BREEDERS CUP AND REINING AUSTRALIA NATIONAL DERBY

The 2015 ARBC National Derby Show was run in conjunction with the Reining Australia National Derby event. The support from everyone was overwhelming, so a special thank you must go out to all involved with setting up and keeping the show running smoothly: our gate stewards (Tim Hoffman, Alan Kingdon and Devin Lowe), the Godley family, our two judges (Pamela Spokes from Victoria and Shane Watts from NSW), and the lovely Leonie Beckhouse, Kerry Hoffmann and Karen Lowe for scribing and assisting throughout the show. Our third judge for the 2015 ARBC and RA National Derby showcase event, Darren Simpson from Queensland, came in to make up our 3-judge team for the main Derby Event held on the Saturday evening.

Lynda Gray worked tirelessly in the office as our show secretary, ensuring all competitors' runs and scores were double-checked for accuracy. Lynda also joined Susan Camfferman as a bit judge for us throughout the show. And as you are all aware, a show just isn't the same without a great announcer, so a special thank you goes out to Peter McCauley for doing an outstanding job announcing for the entire show.

We have set the date for our 2016 ARBC National Derby Show, so put it in your calendar of must-attend events:

Thursday 24th March through till Sunday 27th March, 2016.

See you all there.



The band and the ARBC Saloon



Gita Thomas, Shaun Saunders and Errol Thomas relaxing in the ARBC Saloon after the show.



Women and their ARBC buckles: Tania Huff, Gita Thomas, Katrina Beale and Erin Neylon.

Ed Smith

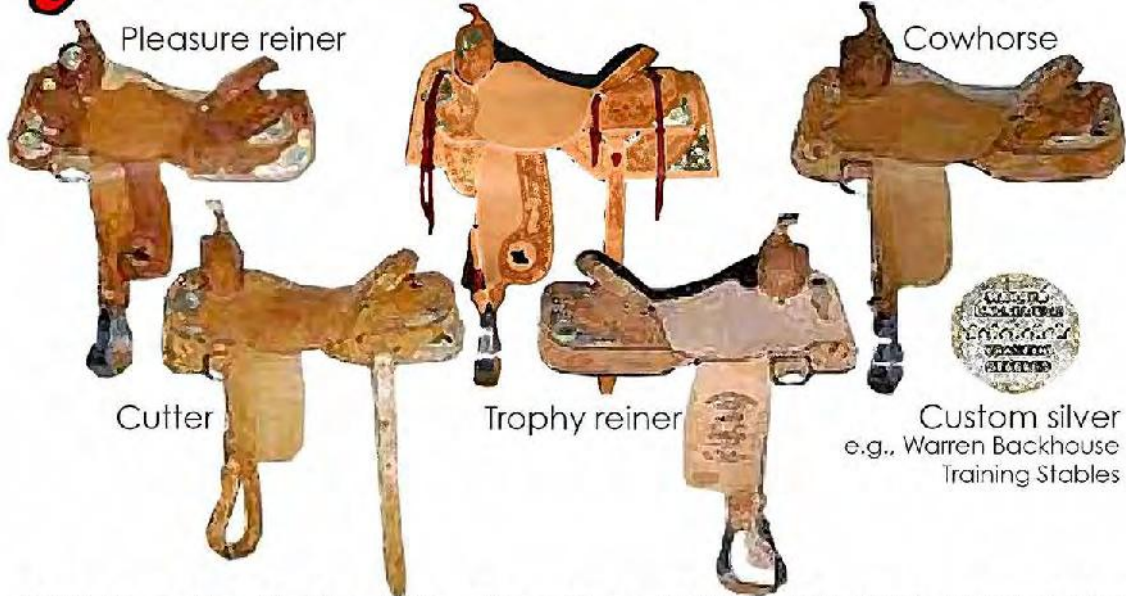


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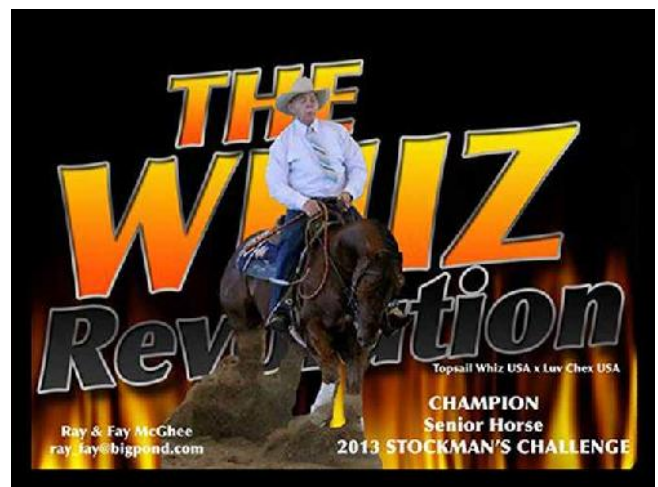
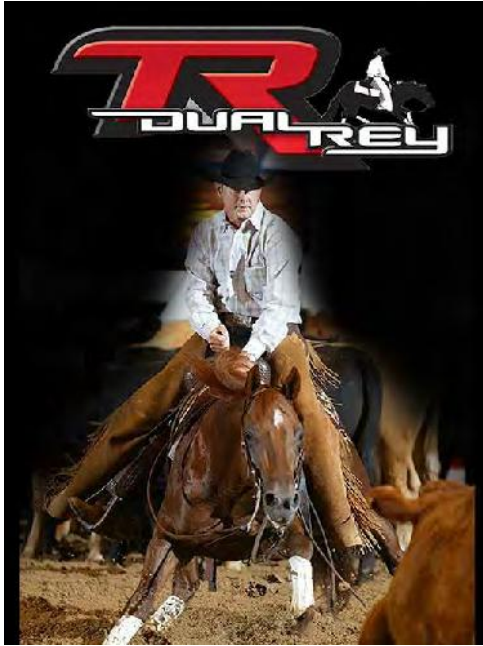
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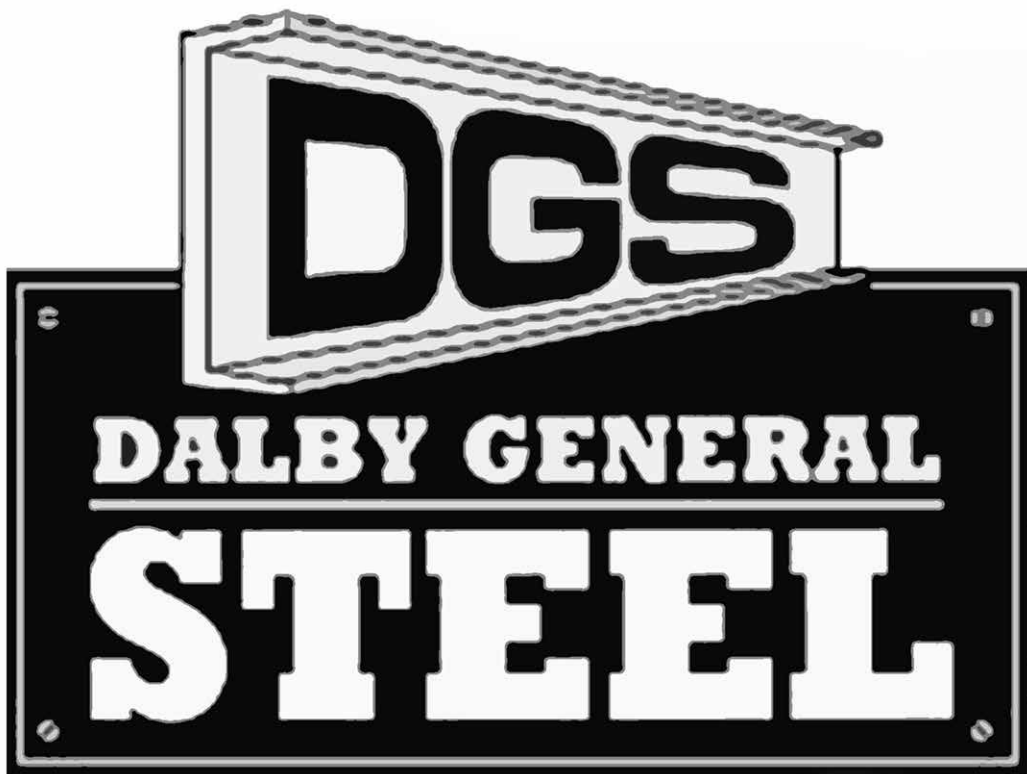




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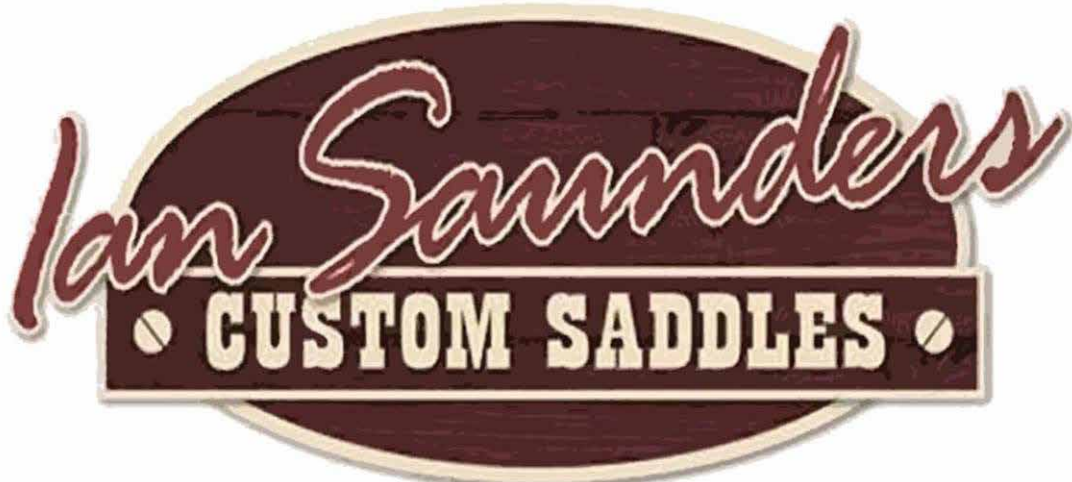
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2015 ARBC NATIONAL DERBY SHOW

Kathleen Murphy, RA Board

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It's exciting to be at the start of something big.

The Australian Reining Breeders Cup began this year in the prosperous Queensland country town of Dalby. The district's great agricultural tradition is gradually being fortified by a steady industrial expansion but it's still a country-style community. Its members generously supported a local initiative through sponsorships and a willingness to come along and enjoy the fun.

The breeders showed their faith in the future of the sport of reining by joining the ARBC program. They want their stallions' babies to be running in the ARBC next year, and the year after, and in 5 years and 10 years time. Owners and competitors could show no less faith by breeding your mare to an ARBC-nominated stallion, or buying one of their foals, and being a part of this prestigious event.

This year, owners came from near and far, as far as New Caledonia, but Queenslanders made up the majority of competitors. In spite of this, somehow, someone from somewhere else managed to make off with half of the prizes. Congratulations to Guy Laurie on his wonderful successes and thank you to Bec and Guy for making the trip.

Please tell your friends and neighbours how good it was and bring them with you when you come back to defend your titles in 2016.

The architect of ARBC, Errol Thomas, is a master at grooming arenas so the Dalby indoor surface was slick and fast. The walkways and judges' stand were softened with a beautiful array of potted palms and plants. The extra attention to detail applied across all aspects of the event added that touch of class appropriate to a major highlight in the reining calendar. The show's announcer, Peter McCauley, and RA Secretary, Lynda Gray, enjoyed air-conditioned comfort and a panoramic view of the action. The sound system was awesome.

A qualifier show ran on Thursday and Friday with warm up events, beginner and Green Rider classes, and a full NRHA schedule. Stunning ARBC buckles were awarded to the winners of the sanctioned classes. Saturday was devoted to two events: an Open Stockman's Challenge during the day and the 2015 ARBC and Reining Australia National Derby as the evening feature. The competitors in the challenge, which featured dry work only this year, were pleased with the way it ran. They promised to return in 2016 when the plan is for a full program including cattle.



Gita Thomas and Docs Fancy Roy, winners of the Limited Non Pro, with Errol Thomas and Tobin Smart.



John Wicks and Tronas Favourite Colour, equal first in the Novice Horse Open L1 and L2, with Philippe Joubert.

2015 ARBC NATIONAL DERBY SHOW



Avril Storey and Migs A Who Is That, winners of the Novice Horse Non Pro L1 and L2, with Warren Backhouse.



Erin Neylon and Lilmissnoitall, winners of the Non Pro.



Stephen Kelly and Eden Vale Wagon Whiz., winners of the Intermediate Non Pro.



Tamika Reid and Brewen A Little Stormy, winners of the Rookie L1

As darkness fell and the Rooftop Express Show entertained the crowd, the backstage bustle ramped up to the familiar high adrenalin level of a big reining show. Strappers worked their magic on horses and riders, combing manes and tails, buckling skid boots, brushing hats, zipping up chaps. The warm-up areas hummed. The weather had threatened showers but behaved beautifully when it really counted.

Pattern 11 set its usual brisk pace and, one-by-one, the Derby dreams were given 5 minutes to soar. The audience voiced their encouragement and appreciation. The music raised the mood and kept it high. And then it was over until next year for the elated winners and philosophical losers.

.....and a very good party rounded off the night.



Members of Single Action Shooting Australia, in town for a competition, add to the party atmosphere in their colourful Western costumes.

2015 AUSTRALIAN REINING BREEDERS CUP AND REINING AUSTRALIA NATIONAL DERBY

RESULTS

ARBC and Reining Australia National Derby - OPEN

- 1st place: Shaun Saunders and CONDOR SMART PLAY, score of 218.5
2nd place: John Wicks and RUF IT DOWNUNDER, score of 213.5
3rd place: Noel Watson and EINSTEIN FLASHY JAC, score of 213
4th place: Shaun Saunders and QXH DOCS STYLISH OAK, score of 209.5
5th place: Guy Laurie and BIG RIVER URBAN LEGEND, score of 203

ARBC and Reining Australia National Derby - INTERMEDIATE OPEN

- 1st place: Guy Laurie and BIG RIVER URBAN LEGEND, score of 203
2nd place: Yves Cousinard and WIMPYS PLAYGIRL, score of 202.5
3rd/4th place: Paul Sharp and PV TREYSON, Katrina Beale and HUSTLERS FIRST FLAME,
with a tied score of 201
5th place: Yves Cousinard and VOILA PETIT PAS, score 200.5

ARBC and Reining Australia National Derby- LIMITED OPEN

- 1st place: Guy Laurie and BIG RIVER URBAN LEGEND, score of 203
2nd/3rd place: Paul Sharp and PV TREYSON, Katrina Beale and HUSTLERS FIRST FLAME,
with a tied score of 201
4th place: Melanie Lindsay and DETERMINATED, score 198.5
5th place: Kathleen Murphy and CHECKOUT HOLLYWOOD, score of 193

ARBC and Reining Australia National Derby - NON PRO

- 1st place: Guy Laurie and BIG RIVER URBAN LEGEND, score of 203
2nd/3rd place: Paul Sharp and PV TREYSON, Katrina Beale and HUSTLERS FIRST FLAME,
with a tied score of 201
4th place: Melanie Lindsay and DETERMINATED, score of 198.5

ARBC and Reining Australia National Derby - INTERMEDIATE NON PRO

- 1st/2nd place: Paul Sharp and PV TREYSON, Katrina Beale and HUSTLERS FIRST FLAME,
with a tied score of 201
3rd/4th place: Susan Camfferman and SHINEY EVER AFTER, Tony Bryers and A CUSTOM PHOENIX,
with a tied score of 196.5

ARBC and Reining Australia National Derby - LIMITED NON PRO

- 1st/2nd place: Paul Sharp and PV TREYSON, Katrina Beale and HUSTLERS FIRST FLAME,
with a tied score of 201
3rd place: Tony Bryers and A CUSTOM PHOENIX, score of 196.5
4th place: Kathleen Murphy and CHECKOUT HOLLYWOOD, score of 193



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2015 ARBC NATIONAL DERBY SHOW



Kathleen Murphy (RA Board member), Lynda Gray (RA Secretary), Susan Camfferman (RA President) and Karen Lowe (RA Vice-President) at the 2015 ARBC National Derby Show. The RA Board members are wearing their new blue "uniform" shirts sponsored by Jolene King and Hold Your Horses.



Freestyle pirates: Winner Grace Christoffel and Lethal Katie, with swabs Jorja Ellis and Tania Huff.



Shaun Saunders and Hasta La Vista, winners of the Open, with Hayley Saunders. Hayley showed Hasta La Vista into second place in the Intermediate Open.



Tania Huff and Onya Wotshername, winners of the Intermediate Open.

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