

QLD Rocks the National Working Equitation Championships!

The fab 4 came home with some ribbons much to everybody's surprise and delight from the recent National Championships.

ANWEL National Working Equitation Championships 2018 were held at ALEC Tamworth, **ANWEL (Australian National Working Equitation Limited) is the Official Accredited Agent of WAW (World Association for Working Equitation) in Australia.**

ANWE QLD – is the state body for QLD, there are 3 Affiliated clubs currently in QLD, Noosa District Working Equitation Inc – (NDWEQ Inc), Samford Equestrian Group (SEG), Logan River Redlands Horse Trail Riders Club Inc (LRR)

QLD had representatives from all 3 clubs even though SEG & LRR have only been running for 3 months!

After travelling for 2 days the Noosa Crew arrived at ALEC, Janet McCormack, the only member who had previously been in a Working Equitation competition and was instrumental in setting up and being a member of one of the WEQ clubs in NSW till the last 18 months before moving to Noosa. Janet was joined by Sue “top gun” Lock Croser, Marianne Bell (strapper) & Deb Taylor (Team Manager) and we arrived on Wednesday with a nice 25 deg.

Thursday saw Luisa Cox (SEG) & Lyndie Panitz (LLC) arrive safely

and we all sat down to a lovely cooked turkey for dinner and watched as the temperature was starting to drop knowing that during the next few competition days everything would change!! Friday arrived and the crew were able to spend time reviewing the Indoor arena and helping setup the courses for the weekend and then walking them to insure they knew them, the temperature had dropped drastically and snow had been forecast plus the wind had picked up.



Saturday morning and the wind was howling and sleeting, the girls were warming up by 7am in the awful weather with Lyndie 1st off in the Dressage at 8am! Everybody managed to somehow complete their dressage so that was 4 riders and 6 horses though to the next round, the crew were joined by supporters from Maleny - Julie Kemp (photographer) Peter Pike, Denise Thatcher, Barbara Clarke, and Arianna & Scott Tomlinson from the Hunter, all of them did an amazing job helping throughout the weekend. Big thank you to all of them.

Saturday afternoon and everybody did their Ease of Handling round - Janet, Sue & Lyndie remained on the outside arenas where some sunshine had managed to sneak though the blackened clouds, while Luisa braved the new indoor arena. All completed their round with mixed results - Lyndie and her mare Lady (Greenacres First Lady) were now in equal 2nd place for Consegradados (2nd highest level) and 5th spot in Debutante W with her Stallion Tipper (Glenormiston Tipper O’Toole). Janet & Sue hadn’t had great dressage rounds but had moved up in Deb W to 9th, 10th & 11th. Jed, Waffle (Jaylin Downs Waffle) & Verdict (Jaylin Downs Verdict) had arisen from the ashes of the dressage to record high scores, Luisa riding Yondella Aria Rein did well in the Dressage but was unfortunately eliminated in the EOH section but plenty more to go.

After a quick dinner snack and new courses setup in the indoor, the specialty events kicked off with a wonderful display of Pairs Ease of Handling by the Mudgee club, then Jackpot speed over a numbered course to be completed as quick as possible in order to the sound of big bold rock songs over the PA with everybody cheering. Sue went off 1st with Waffle giving everyone a time to beat, this was followed by about 6 riders later with Lyndie on Tipper, and then Verdict completed the round of 18 riders flying to the tune of “The Danger Zone” needless to say she was a winner! Finally, we

had something to cheer about! This was followed by take your own line same course however you could complete in any order, Lyndie finished 4th with Greenacres First Lady (Lady).

Sunday morning started even earlier and was just as cold but no sleet thank goodness!

Every had to complete their Speed round, these were indoors for those who had braved the day outside on Saturday and outside for Luisa. After that our exhausted Fab 4 composed themselves, tired, cold and exhausted they were the 1st of the State teams off in the cattle round. Sue "Top Gun" guiding everyone around so they could pen their cows as fast as possible, Verdict, Jed, Lady & Aria - who hadn't seen a cow before Monday - were amazing! However, the crack experienced teams from Victoria and NSW showed their style and experience leaving the girls in 3rd place for the State teams however they had watched and learnt!



This was followed by the club teams event (15 teams) where Noosa went off second. Waffle, Jed, Tipper and Aria - well the top gun was fired up and she nailed a cow in 23sec's, which speared the others on so everybody penned their cow! As it turned out Noosa was one of the few teams to pen 4 cows, we waited and watched all the other teams over the next 4 hours, trying to stay warm.

Presentations were held at 4pm, Lyndie was ready on her lovely ponies and received her ribbons & rugs – Lady won overall National Champion at Consegrados 2 level and Tipper won overall National Reserve Champion at Debutante W level. Congratulations to Lyndie for a wonderful debut into Working Equitation (this was her first competition in WEQ ever!!). Sue won the Jackpot Speed, and also the fastest penner – 23 secs (this was Sue's first WEQ competition). Then they announced that Noosa had won the cattle handling, the crowds and Noosa Team went off we were surprised and delighted!



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