

National Junior Simmental Show 2007

A Simmental Spectacular



Another highly successful National Junior Simmental Show was held at Toogoolawah in January. Aably organised by the Queensland Junior Simmental Committee, the event attracted over 40 junior participants aged 8 - 25.

Many Simmental Association members and parents offered significant assistance, while Dougal McDougal of Warwick TAFE offered his customary professional educational inputs.

Simmental stud members provided over 40 Simmental and Simbrah cattle, ensuring each participant had at least one Simmental animal to work with during the event.

The cattle judge was Mr Jamie Gadsby who was impressed with both the Simmental and Simbrah cattle on display and with the abilities of the handlers.

He selected an excellent young Simmental Cow with calf at foot, Yarrayne Zilla as Champion Futurity Female, Grand Champion Female and Supreme Exhibit. The female was bred by Robbie Shaw, Yarrayne Simmentals, Esk and paraded by Tiffany Kamp.

Junior Champion Simmental female, was awarded to Clay Gully Almond, bred by the Laycock family's Clayview Simmentals, Esk and paraded by Reneae Kelly.

Grand Champion Bull was awarded to Clay Gully Agrow, bred by the Laycock family and paraded by Shannon Lyons.

Judging the Handlers was Karla Shaw, 2006 RNA State Young Handlers Champion and recently elected Secretary of QLD Junior Simmental Committee.

Karla selected William Skene as Champion Novice Handler and Gareth Laycock as Reserve Champion. In the Intermediate Section, Katheryn Greenough was awarded Champion Handler and Luke Jensen as Reserve Champion. In the Senior Section, Jodie Pauli was awarded Champion Senior Handler and Brendan Mansbridge as Reserve Senior Champion.

Champion Herdsman Awards were made on a points system during the entire event and for a wide range of criteria, from achievements in competitions, care of animals, help to others during the camp, etc.

Champion Junior Herdsman was awarded to BJ Schwerin, Champion Intermediate Herdsman to Tiffany Kamp and Champion Senior Herdsman to Jodie Pauli.



A highlight was the selection of the 2007 Queensland Junior Simmental Ambassador Award, presented to an outstanding young Junior Member participating in this Junior Simmental Show. The winner had the option of choosing one of two valuable awards.

The award was presented to Jodie Pauli who will undertake an Artificial Breeding Training Course.

The Runner Up award was presented to Shannon Lyons who will participate in the 2007 South Australian Junior Competition.

Pictured:

Qld Junior Simmental Group President, William Dumesny presents the Qld Junior Ambassador Award to Jodie Pauli

Valuable educational sessions were presented during the event.

An interesting Butchery demonstration was presented by Qld Junior Committee member, David Thallon. This gave participants a better understanding of the location of different beef cuts and their relative value.



David Thallon demonstrating Carcase Breakdown



Maurie Dingle gave some pointers on Steer Assessment



Dougal McDougal presented many educational segments.



Jamie Gadsby provided advice on cattle judging.

A demonstration on steer judging was presented by Maurie Dingle and Dougal McDougal.

Finally, a demonstration on NLIS scanning was presented by a Qld DPI officer.

Major Awards

| Award | Juniors | Intermediates | Seniors |
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| Stud Beef Young Judges | (1) BJ Schwerin (2) Rebecca Skene & Gareth Laycock (3) Brooke Dingle | (1) Matthew Wiedman (2) Cayb Dee Schwerin (3) Andrew Woodlock | (1) Jodie Pauli (2) Shannon Lyons (3) Brendan Mansbridge |
| Paraders Competition | (1) William Skene (2) Gareth Laycock | (1) Katheryn Greenough (2) Luke Jensen | (1) Jodie Pauli (2) Brendan Mansbridge |
| Champion Herdsman | BJ Schwerin | Tiffany Kamp | Jodie Pauli |

Encouragement Award

Jessie Dingle

Most Improved Award

Cayb Dee Schwerin

Sportsmanship Award

Chris Sheehan

Queensland Junior Ambassador Award

Jodie Pauli

Runner Up Award

Shannon Lyons

The event featured plenty of entertainment activity, with mixed aged teams competing in fancy dress competitions, sports and social fun and games.

Fancy Dress Awards (Cartoon Characters) (1) **Yellow Team (Shrek)**
(2) **Purple Team (Shrek)**
(3) **GreenTeam (Cow & Chicken)**

Overall Group (Team) Awards (1) **Yellow Team**
(2) **Red Team**
(3) **Orange Team**
(4) **Purple Team**
(5) **Blue Team**
(6) **GreenTeam**

An auction was held, with junior participants taking turns as auctioneers. Russell Keast as an experienced auctioneer and previous Junior Simmental member provided guidance to participants on auctioneering techniques and conducted the auction.

Revenues raised help in funding the Junior Group activities. Major sponsor, Ollsons Stockfeeds donated stock blocks and many others kindly supported the event with valuable sponsorship and donations.

The Queensland Junior Simmental Group conducted their Annual General Meeting. Results of the election of Office Bearers and Committee members were:

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| President: | Martin Rowlands |
| Vice President: | Jodie Pauli |
| Secretary: | Karla Shaw |
| Treasurer: | John Welke |
| Sponsorship SubCommittee: | Shannon Lyons (Coordinator), Luke Jensen, Jodie Teske, Rebecca Skene |
| Senior Member Representative: | Elisabeth Skene |
| Committee: | Brendan Mansbridge, Luke Jensen |



2007 Committee:

Jodie Pauli, John Welke, Karla Shaw, Martin Rowlands, Brendan Mansbridge, Luke Jensen, Shannon Lyons. Absent: Jodie Teske, Rebecca Skene, Elisabeth Skene