

HANNAFORD/THE GUMS *Campdraft*



Open Draft Placegetters.

22 - 24 April 2022 saw the 2022 Hannaford/The Gums Campdraft get down to business.

Taking the lead on Friday morning was the Open Draft, judged by Stephen Wells, which was won by Damien Curr riding Marnies North. Kerry-Ann Wonka and Annie put one up the front to win the Cut Out. Cattle for the Open were generously supplied by the Clarke Family at The Gums.

Following on from the Open saw the Kate Lawton Memorial Maiden A get underway. Judging the event was Robert Plant, and cattle were kindly donated by the Wells Family at Hannaford. After a run off with himself & Oklahoma, it was Ben Weller and Claxton that nabbed the win. The Cut Out went to Sam Phelps riding Gecko.

After the completion of the Maiden A, with everything running to plan and plenty of daylight remaining, an impromptu one round sweepstake was well supported with places filling up very quickly. Capping the nominations at forty entrants, there was a huge amount of interest and we were required to run a waitlist. It was the very talented local lady, Jaimee Clarke riding Ridiculous that bagged the kitty with a cracking 92. Thank you to Ben Weller for judging the event and to the Hubbard Family for the cattle. Adding to her successes, Jaimee was also awarded the highest scoring local lady rider and highest scoring local rider for the weekend. Outstanding drafting Jaimee!

Saturday morning kicked off with the second split of the Kate Lawton Memorial – the Maiden B. We watched Dennis Jones riding Imogen to take first place and the same combination also scoring the highest cut out on a 22. Once again, it was Ben Weller cracking the whip and cattle were donated by the wonderful local Hubbard Family.

Plodding along in the background on Saturday morning there was also a four event mini gymkhana which was well complimented and well enjoyed by our keen campdraft kids.

Next, we tailed out the youth events with Paul Christensen volunteering for the hot seat across all three youth events. Thank you Paul for your support. Beginning with the Juvenile, which saw another local Clarke lady at the top of the leaderboard. Marnie Clarke riding Tia Maria not only took out the win, but also second place riding Mojo.

Congratulations to Curtis Gray and Moore Kit Kats for their Junior win on a whooping 92!

The biggest smiles of the weekend come from the littlest competitors and there is nothing more enjoyable than watching them try their little hearts out. Adelyn McLean riding Elsa took out the top spot in the Mini Challenge. The exceptional line of cattle for these events was donated by the Trebbin Family and they ran beautifully.



Maiden 4 Maiden Winner, Abby Franz.

The Maiden 4 Maiden Final followed along with Abby Franz riding Teepee Arrow taking home the Bill Webb Whip. Mekayla Maher won the Cut Out, and once again we thank Robert Plant for judging. Cattle generously donated by the Dales Family and the Trebbin Family.

Saturday night under lights there was a cut out competition. Nominations on the day filled thirty spots. It was a two judge event and we kindly thank Ben Weller & Robert Plant again for volunteering their time. John Bowen and Betty were the winners.

A hearty camp oven roast was enjoyed for Saturday night dinner while the kids events were presented. There was also a raffle with some great prizes thanks to our generous sponsors.

Sunday morning continued on with the Novices. If you were clever enough to gate a painted beast there were prizes awarded kindly donated by Tara Rural Supplies.

Cattle donated by the Dales Family and the Phelps Family led Dennis Jones riding Hollywood Oceans to the win in the Novice A. Highest cut out went to local rider, Wade Clarke and Helen. Thank you to Mark Wonka for judging.

On the tail end of what was a great weekend, the Novice B was judged by Bryan Lyons, and run & won by Cameron Lee riding Smith Family Trixie. Highest cut out for the second time over the weekend was the Kerry-Ann Wonka and Annie duo.

The weather was perfect, the atmosphere was bright and light hearted, and we were reminded of just how encouraging & supportive the widespread campdrafting community is. To everyone involved in any way big or small, thank you for making the weekend the enjoyable success that it was.

 *Cara Hay.*

 *Sonia Taylor.*



Maiden A & B Winners, Ben Weller and Dennis Jones.

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Novice B Placegetters.

Jaimee Clarke .