

HAMILTON *Campdraft*



Victorian Championship Buffalo Gus Open Draft Line Up.

25 - 27 February 2022 saw the running of the fifth annual Hamilton Campdraft. Due to large entry numbers, the event commenced on Friday to accommodate all runs. The committee welcomed local and interstate competitors, many traveling great distances to ensure exciting & quality campdrafting.



Photo of grounds.



Winner of the Victorian Championship Buffalo Gus Open Draft Second Round, Tom Ford.

The Nutrien Ag Solutions Warrnambool arena was in great condition to commence the Monk & Sons Maiden Friday afternoon. This event was concluded Saturday morning, under the watchful eye of Judge, Harry Steiger. Michael Hiscock riding Dolly took out the win.

Kieran Johnstone & Elly Charlton, from Nutrien Ag Solutions Warrnambool, were kept busy most of Saturday helping on the front gates and driving cattle for the event. Saturday saw the First Round and the Second Round of the Buffalo Gus Victorian Championship Open. The fresian cattle allowed for great drafting and high scores coming back into the Final. The Levi Pascoe Memorial Ladies First Round was completed under the control of Judge, Evan Hiscock. The fresian and crossbred cattle provided great drafting. The Junior event followed and was won by Harry Mercer riding Gilert. The kids' novelty events rounded out the daytime drafting and were hotly contested.

A break from drafting allowed for dinner, provided by 3M catering. At the conclusion of dinner, the lights were turned on and spectators ventured back out to the R & T Livestock Contracting viewing platform to watch the finals of the Levi Pascoe Memorial Ladies and Buffalo Gus Victorian Championship Open. Handpicked fresian steers for the Open Final provided great drafting, with many competitors finding their way around the C.M Pastoral Second Peg and through the 4Ctye Gate. It was the last competitor in the draw, Bailey O'Dell riding Count Duckula, who took out the win.

The Levi Pascoe Memorial Ladies Draft is a significant draft for the Jewell and Lawrence families. The line of Wilkah Hereford Cattle provided great drafting. In the end, it was previous judge of the event, Lauren Jackson riding Dapplemary, taking out the win. The Cut Out from the First Round of the Open was decided after a five way run off, with Mat Holz and Nonda Last Frontier taking this prize. Concluding the events Saturday night was the Addybull Dachshund Dash, with winner, Ken Boulton, taking home the voucher for the Addybull Dachshund – we are sure Ken has happy grandkids with that win!

Sunday commenced with the Hamilton Produce Novice, judged by Harry Steiger. A big line of fresian steers were kindly donated for this event. Toby White riding Mystic took home first place, after a run off with Ken Boulton. The Ducktallic Open 4 Open Shoot Out followed on, again chasing friesian steers. Another run off was needed to decide the winner, with Peter Boulton and Reflex claiming top prize. The Juvenile was hotly contested, under Judge, Luke Jackson, with Harry Miller riding Gundjack taking out first place. Rounding out the program was the Kinnealy Ag Contracting Encouragement, with John Hardie judging. The winner was Kaylee Olsen riding D Bar Cattin Mouse.

Over the weekend, multiple Bruce O'Dell Equine Education Cash Cows were won – including Dennis Heywood, taking a neat \$500 cash home when he successfully put the marked cow around the course.

A huge thanks goes to our Cattle Donors, Midfield, Austrex, Wilkah Herefords, Jewell Family, Roache Family, Pete Crow and Stephen Jewell & Lyn Satchell. The quality cattle allowed for great, competitive drafting. The Club are grateful for the partnership with Boyles Livestock Transport. As in previous years, Boyle Livestock Transport, based out of Mepunga, carted 1000 head of cattle seamlessly and safely over the weekend.

A special mention must go to Harry Steiger, traveling down to judge most events over the weekend.

The Hamilton Campdraft Club sincerely thank Sponsors, Competitors, Judges, Cattle Donors and generous Volunteers of the 2022 Draft. We wish everyone a safe drafting season for the rest of 2022 and look forward to seeing you in 2023.

 *Nikky McMahon.*

 *Sarah Moroney.*



Round One Buffalo Gus Victorian Championship Open placegetters with Sponsor, Kieran Johnstone (Nutrien Warrnambool) and Judge, Harry Steiger.



Levi Pascoe Memorial Ladies winner and placegetters with Judge, Evan Hiscock and Sponsor, Andrew Lyons from Wilkah Herefords.