

Over 250 entries were received for the 2008 Sprint Auto Parts Murray Bridge Showjumping events at the Murray Bridge Show, resulting in a busy, but ultimately successful program of jumping over the weekend.

Senior Events were dominated by the Afford family from Waikerie in the Riverland, who, with their team of horses took home first place in the Fault and Out, 110cm, 115cm, 120cm, 130cm and A&B Grade Circuit classes along with many minor placings.

In the Junior classes Sam Bezzina of Mildura, Victoria, and his team took out the 105cm classes on Saturday and Sunday plus the 110cm and had placings in many events including a second and third in the Open 6 bar held under lights on Saturday evening.

The Sprints Pony and Riding Club, Knock Out Stakes was a huge success. Held under lights on Saturday night the event drew a large and very vocal crowd to cheer on the four teams invited to compete. Competition was hot right from the start with some competitors very unlucky to be knocked out in the first round despite fast times being recorded. The final round between Jade Kluske of Murray Bridge and Jamie Kah of Mt Pleasant was fast as both riders battled for the win but unfortunately a rail down at the second last by Jade gave the win to Jamie. The Prydes Easifeeds Teams win went to Mt Pleasant, lead by Jamies first placing, while Jades second helped the Murray Bridge team into second by a small margin from Mountain in third and Tintinara in fourth.

The Sprint Auto Murray Bridge, 6 Bar started at approximately 115cm but by the fourth round had reached 1.50m and with only two junior riders remaining certainly had eventual winner Isabel O'Lachlan more than a little nervous as she decided to attempt the course. Some encouragement by commentator Greg Willoughby from Keith was all she needed and her horse Saddle Up Valentine who is more at home on the cross country of a 3 day event positively flew over the last fence for a clear round to take out the event from Sam Bezzina and Blackjack.

Other placings were as follows:

Junior 105cm 1st Ringleader, S. Bezzina
2nd SB Frootloops, S. Bezzina
3rd Harry Morant, N. Schanko
4th SB Balckjack, S. Bezzina

Senior 105cm 1st Crockadoo, F.Guthrie
2nd Deux Mille, K. Mosey
3rd Anton, J. Bloomfield
4th Party's Over, S Roberts

Senior 120cm 1st Myall Mo, K. Afford
2nd PC Centerfold, M. Afford
3rd Woollarbilla Tyler, M. Afford
4th SR Bonanza, K. Afford

Junior 110cm 1st Ringleader, S. Bezzina
2nd SB Frootloops, S. Bezzina
3rd Mad About You, B Temby

Senior 110cm 1st Woolerbilla Tyler, M. Afford
2nd Fragon, R Atkinson
3rd Da Mille, K. Mosey

Senior 130cm 1st Kaluna Thunderstruck, M. Afford

- 2nd Tosh, J. Patterson
- 3rd Just Gus, S. Verco
- 4th Rado, J. Patterson

Pony and Riding Club Invitational Knock Out Stakes

- 1st Billy, J. Kah
- 2nd Lakota, J. Kluske
- 3rd Sir Kings Ransom, M. Andrew
- 4th Smokey Flash Back, K. Charles

Teams Result

- 1st Mt Pleasant
- 2nd Murray Bridge
- 3rd Mountain
- 4th Tintinara

Open 6 Bar

- 1st Saddle Up Valentine, I. O'Lachlan
- 2nd Blackjack, S. Bezzina
- Equal 3rd Lakota, J. Kluske Ringleader, S Bezzina
- Equal 5th Harry Marrant, N. Schanko JB Phoenix, C. Hannaford

115cm One Round Stakes

- 1st Stretch Limo, M.Afford
- 2nd Myall Mo, K. Afford
- 3rd SB Blackjack, S. Bezzina
- 4th SR Bonanza, K. Afford

- Junior 105cm 1st Ringleader, S. Bezzina
- 2nd Black Velvet, K. Charles
- 3rd SB Blackjack, S. Bezzina
- 4th Mad About You, B. Temby

- Senior 105cm 1st Satanic, E. Cooke
- 2nd Kaluna Tangles, K. Afford
- 3rd GH Stars and Stripes, C Cerchi
- 4th Ned Kelley, C. Schanko

- A&B Circuit 1st Kaluna Thunderstruck, M. Afford
- 2nd Finke, R. Atkinson
- 3rd Tosh, J. Patterson
- 4th Princely Guy, M. McClean
- 5th Rado, J. Patterson

- Novice Circuit 1st Just Gus, S. Verco
- 2nd Mr Brightside, M. McClean
- 3rd Stretch Limo, M. Afford
- 4th PC Centrefold, M. Afford
- 5th Kaluna Charlie, K. Afford
- 6th Deux Mille, K. Mosey
- 7th Blackjack, S. Bezzina
- 8th Kaluna Tangles, K. Afford

110cm Fault and Out

- 1st Woollerbilla Tyler, M. Afford
- 2nd Ringleader, S Bezzina

3rd GH Stars and Stripes, C Cerchi