

FINALS RESULTS!

Congratulations to all the winners of the National Finals 2022.

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Chatting with The Tablelands Tin Spinners to see how it's done!

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NATIONAL FINALS 2022!

With a three year hiatus due to Covid border restrictions the Australian Barrel Horse 2022 were back with a cauldron of new and well received concepts that have been hatched in the layover. These finals certainly delivered to those in waiting for the return of the sport to the AELEC in Tamworth in 2022.

The new Stallion Incentive initiative resulted in some pumped pay cheques for competitors and new bonus' for the breeders. The business of breeding specifically for our sport has come of age with the advancement of reproduction techniques and having the access to semen from across the seas, the gene pool seems limitless at the moment. At the return of National Finals this year in Tamworth, one could observe that there has been an emergence of new stars as a direct result of some pairings with bankable proven Australian sprint and performance blood lines with resident imported sires.

Friday nights top 50 open divisional runs and the first round of the 2D Katie B Futurity made for an exceptional night of "raise the roof" entertainment with competitors embracing the atmosphere and not holding back with some great performances. Those fans that couldn't make it this year could enjoy the evenings live stream from their lounge chairs. Newly appointed president of the Australian Barrel Horse Association, Matt Burns teamed with Joe Burch, himself a rodeo competitor from Tamworth, along with the entertaining Jill Lyons delivered the action and their excitement throughout proved contagious.

KATIE B FUTURITY

The new 2D format for the Katie B Futurity opened up the field giving more scope for the "not quite ready", "we're on fire", "trust our training" runs and let's see where our young horses clock? In round one Sally Moore blazed

in, aboard Bad Azz Morn and stole the win from Brittany McVicar and Seductive Acres. Interestingly Brittany had sold Bad Azz Morn to Sally in early 2022, with Britt herself jockeying up on the Pat and Lyn Collins owned Seductive Acres. The Uptop Quarter Horses family member Emma Schotelius made the trek from their home on the Beef Road, Dingo Qld along with the multiple Queensland Futurity winning mare Roc N Like Celine for third spot. The second round win belonged to Brittany and Seductive Acres, who stamped the consistency badge to then claim the average from Emma Schotelius and third in the average to Wagga cowgirl, Sally Moore. The American competitor Shawn Chape running her rangey big Streak of Fling gelding, Streaking Pistol Pete got it together in round two taking out second spot after winning the 2D in round one. Sarah Williams riding Nibbles took out first place in the Futurity 2D Average followed by the big home bred MP Jet to the Sun palamino stud horse of Cheyanne Becker-Stevens and third with Sue Coggan riding Shez Gotta Have Faith, the Heez A Rare Man and Dundees Jillaroo bred by Cathy Henderson.

maturity and just when you thought, “how amazing was that”?, Gangsta went on to run the fastest time of the whole event. Matriarch competitor Adele Edwards riding The Seductive Fame sired mare, out of the acclaimed barrel racing producer Jessica Morn, the big eye catching mare known as, Sedectress made a solid run in the winners circle to take a hold of third money.

Five of the ten horses in the top ten results of the Maturity were by Seconds To Fame.



SEVEN SADDLE MATURITY

The Seven Saddle 2022 Maturity was a newly incorporated finals event which saw a star studded field come to the fore. One round determined the winner and once again produced an “on the edge of your seat” performance show down. Ultimately the win went to Adanni Walker who had an appointment with the buckskin Selgimen Spin bred gelding, The Doctor, who secured the one round overall Maturity Champion. This combination were on their way back home from a stellar northern run of high paying APRA rodeos. Seasoned competitor and her grey bomb shell of a stallion Filthy Rich and Famous put forward a flawless run in the

JOHNSON'S NATURAL FORMULA JUNIOR 4D

In the Johnson's Formula Junior Divisional 4D, Skyla Wicks aboard Ziggy threw down the gauntlet to win Round One and set the benchmark for the junior divisional placings, followed closely in the win by Echuca junior, Tess Loyd and Pretty Smokin Mojo mare who were all class. Pheobe Usher another young competitor returning from a successful northern rodeo campaign, riding Morns Posh Roc for the number three position in the round. Round two saw a slight changing of the guard with Phoebe and Morns Posh Roc taking the win, followed by Bithramere NSW junior cowgirl Ellie JO Tuckey on Bonanza putting together an awesome run, consistently followed by the combo of Tess and Pretty Smokin Mojo for third. Placing high in the two rounds paid off for Tess and gutsy, Pretty Smokin Mojo, affectionately known as Missy who were ultimately crowned the Johnsons Natural Formula 1D Junior Average winners. Pheobe and Morns Posh Roc were the runner up 1D Junior champs of the finals followed by Coolah New South Wales, Skyla Wicks and Ziggy to take out third. Two good runs by the little pocket rocket, Dekota Caban and Currill Peps Flynn cemented the 2D Junior average and proving she is a “chip off the old block”, daughter of APRA Australian

Champion Wendy Caban. Second place in the 2D average went to Sienna Watson who travelled all the way from Jones Hill, Queensland to take out the win on CEE Ulena. Paisley Swadling jockeying Attitude stamped third position in the average. Champion 3D Junior was presented to the cowgirl Montana Dunn and Balala Cooler Acres for this big win for this partnership. Jorja Leeming and Alkatraz, parked in for second sport, followed close by Nea Weick and Tica securing number three spot to take back to Biloela, Queensland. Truffles and Grace Moloney were victorious as the Junior 4D Average winners with Jessica Kakoschke all the way from Townsville, North Queensland riding good old Tuff, and so happy to be in the winners circle at the finals. Addison Draper and RC Scamp, got their piece of the 4D purse with a third place in this division.



DIAMOND WOOL PAD AND BR GOLDEN LEADER OPEN DIVISIONAL

The first round of the Diamond Wool Pad and BR Golden Leader Open Divisional echoed the same three horses who featured in the Maturity. The three dominated the round with Brittany MCVicar and Full Throttle to Fame first and in the blink of an eye on the clock was Filthy Rich and Famous digging in with number two position and Sedectress with a brilliant run for third. It was the first time since time the finals began that round money was paid. In round one of the second division decorated cowgirl, Wendy Caban and Nitro Ta Fame fell that half second out from the leaders, with Charleville competitor Natasha Purvis and her dependable gelding Playboy Cowboy nailing their run down to one second from the fastest cowgirls of the round to then win the round, third division. Hometown Tamworth cowgirl, Donna Tickle on

Hollywood won the 4d round one piece of the pie and a very happy South Australian and winning sporting horse contender Jacqui Burns on the Blade Runner holding the winning spot in the 5D. Winning professional jockey Mikayla Weir having taken the time out from the race track and turned in a nice run to win the 6th division on Dash Ta Win and Sandra Lamont cashing in for the winning 7D run on Meeka. Recapping on the atmosphere at AELEC Friday were the top fifty fastest the power house combination of Katina Mathews and Filthy Rich and Famous dug deep in one of those "edge of your butt cheek runs" and consequently pulled out the fastest run of the weekend to clinch the fastest round two time in the open competition.



One of the winningest Australian barrel racing cowgirls of all time, Adele Edwards, won the 2D on First Down Morn. Sarah Gale and Treasured I like It Hot from Dunedoo NSW won the third division. Sarah Williams who also won the Futurity 2D average pulled a round cheque also in the 4th division. Tammy Cooper and the chesnut gelding, Wellsdale Acres OfSmart chimed in with a nice run to lock in winning first in the 5D. Yallaroo Smokin Aces came up trumps to ace the winning round money in the 6th Division. The 7D round winner was awarded to the Charleville nurse, Ashton- Jade Peterson and her boy, Cleo. Mirror, mirror on the wall the fastest average cowgirl of them all to take out the Diamond Wool Pads Co. Australia & BR Golden Leader 1D went down to the wire and had us all doing our maths to anticipate whether Katina or Brittany would be our average 1D winner. It was Katina Mathews and her polarising stud that took out the biggest win of the week with a mighty challenge from the very talented Brittany MCVicar and Full Throttle Ta Fame, with the aptly stable name of Epic.

The cowgirl who won The Maturity from a very talented contenders, came through on her back up horse Jojo to win the 2D, followed by acclaimed cowgirl Leslie Moore on One Heckova Deck, the mighty Grub to be in with the 2nd place cash drawer with Adele Edwards riding First Down Morn with consistency shining through to take third prize. The Gympie cowgirl, Ellie Granger and Pekaras Smart Little Buckaroo turned in two good runs to find her a second behind the pace and being our champion 3D, with Jessica Hone and TAO in for the average 2nd spot in the 2D and Micky Monroe jockeying Whisper for third. Smart Little Ombre and Haylie Jackson came out on top for the 4th division. Haylie made the trip from Bundaberg Qld. Karen Harris, A Little Bid O Go proved he earned his keep with a sweet second spot, followed closely by Beaudesert competitor Montana Harth and Flash that Fame seizing third position. Casey Tribe a winner himself of ABHA Futurities and quite a master in the barrel racing game won the 5D on Viper. The smiling cowgirl Kerrie Anderson on Blazing Sunfire, secured 2nd place and Deana Woods and Hectares N Acres flew the flag for third spot. The colourful paint Hot Topic etched the winning average time of the 6D, 2nd place went to Kelso NSW competitor Charlene Vaupotic and Yallaroo Smokin Aces did really well to slot into second place, followed by Courtney Webeck and Electrified for third. Natalie Taylor worked some magic on Merlin and won the 7D, with Warwick breeder and trainer Shellie Miller not far behind on one of her up and coming babies, Glenview Deltas Roc N in 2nd place, followed closely by Sam Ferrari on Bob Cat being in the finals average winners circle with third.

LITTLE DRUM RUNNERS

Our littlest stars, the Little Drum Runners first place was won by Ella Kilmartin and Ima Cool Tex, Arla Dines and Jack were pretty pumped with their second spot and Imogen Watters riding Diva in third position. It was great to see the smiles on these pint size little drummers and that of the spectators, they all did a great job and had some big fun.



POLE BENDING

Pole bending made it into the 2022 Finals program and Kylee Paull on her horse Whiskey Business taking out the open, with the Bar Hat Junior being won by Charleville cowgirl Summa Purvis.

For the full results on what was a finals that delivered on every front please follow the link: <https://abha.com.au/national-finals>



GET READY FOR 2023!

When goal setting in 2023 – think ABHA National Finals 2023. Qualifying Criteria has been confirmed:

- Open – 3 ABHA Open Divisional Events
- Junior – 3 ABHA Junior Divisional Events
- Futurity – 1 ABHA Futurity Event

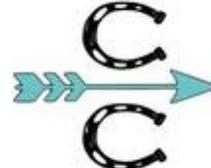
NATIONAL FINALS MERCH!

Too busy? Too much to outlay at once? Wished you would have? It's not to late!

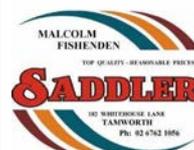
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The Australian Barrel Horse Association Inc. would like to acknowledge, in forthcoming editions of the Newsletter, some of the hard working organisations, clubs and individuals who manage and stage divisional barrel racing events around the country. We would like to shine the spotlight on one of our affiliates in each edition of the newsletter to ask the volunteers a few questions about their club. On this occasion we have invited The Tablelands Tin Spinners Barrel Racing Club Inc. to tell us a little about the operation of their club and to share a few tips.

The Tablelands Tin Spinners are an incorporated club who are based in Goulburn which is a regional city in the Southern Tablelands of New South Wales. Being based in Goulburn the club draws competitors from north to Sydney, west to Dubbo and south to Gundagai.

We have connected with Tablelands Tin Spinners promoter Naomi Bennett to ask her a few questions about the club.

How often do you run a club day? We try and run one a month in the warmer months, Goulburn is a cold place in winter and it is hard to keep horses in work.

Do you have a set number of arenas you use in your area? At this stage we just use the arena at Goulburn Rodeo grounds, who knows what 2023 will bring.

Do you have an end of year series with trophies & awards? Yes, we have buckles and rugs for each of the 4 open divisions, 2 junior age groups and then buckles for our led and unled kids. There are lots more things to be won, sportsmanship, rookies, fast time awards and lots and lots of prizes.

Any feature or special events throughout the competition year? Classic for example, often referred to as a Futurity etc? We are just a small club, get on average 35-45 Open Divisional per event, planning for 2023 is underway so watch this space, be great to run a bigger weekend with a futurity, maturity and other feature events.

Tips you would give others in running and organising club days and events that you believe are important –

1. Our income is sponsorship, entries, membership and our honesty canteen.

2. Be active on social media, share everything and encourage engagement – this assists when looking for sponsorship.

3. Our membership is a nominal amount – we do not want to “make” money from competitors – we are not a business, everything goes back to the club.

4. Give back to the community, this shows how you make a difference – as simple as bring a can of food for a local group that does xmas hampers for those less fortunate.

5. Work with your competitors, we try and accommodate all requests, make life as easy as possible for competitors to enjoy the sport.

6. Don't be greedy! Our sponsors only pay what the buckles and rugs cost us, we are not looking to make money from our sponsors.

7. Give back to your competitors, we are not looking to make a fortune from our events, cover our costs and a little bit for end of year prizes. We pay back 80% of the entry fee.

8. Get creative – we have an honesty canteen, set up and walk away.. simply do not have the manpower to run a canteen, however Naomi needs coffee.. LOL – It makes extra funds for end of year.

9. Be grateful – time is precious for us all, we are just a small committee of 3 supported by lots of our members on the day who are hopefully appreciative of the volunteer hours to stage our shows.



Pictured left to right – Smallest apprentice Macey Robson and her mum Chloe Ryan (President), Brett Robson (Vice President) and Naomi Bennett (Treasurer/Secretary)

ABHA RULE UPDATES FOR AFFILIATES AND MEMBERS

Amended Rule 13th October 2022

2. If an Affiliate has specific ground & event rules for their venue, these rules are required to be submitted to the ABHA Board for approval before the event application is approved.

Affiliates can apply to the ABHA board to run a standalone Feature event i.e. *standalone futurity, open barrel race* along with the guidelines/rules and definition criteria.

Amended Rule 15th September 2022

Current Rule - Divisional Barrel races are not to be restricted in any manner and must be open to any rider and any horse. Divisions are determined by a ONE SECOND time bracket.

Amended to - Divisional Barrel races are not to be restricted in any manner and must be open to any rider and any horse. Divisions are determined by the affiliate of either a one second or half second time bracket for the duration of that event.

ie. Half second Splits

- 1st Division – Fastest Time
- 2nd Division – Fastest Time + .5 seconds
- 3rd Division – Fastest Time + 1 seconds
- 4th Division – Fastest Time + 1.5 seconds
- 5th Division – Fastest Time + 2 seconds

ie. One Second Splits

- 1st Division – Fastest Time
- 2nd Division – Fastest Time + 1 seconds
- 3rd Division – Fastest Time + 2 seconds
- 4th Division – Fastest Time + 3 seconds
- 5th Division – Fastest Time + 4 seconds

Current Rule - In the divisional barrel race, the purse is split evenly between the divisions.

Amended to - In the divisional barrel race, the purse is split *between the divisions choosing either option 1 or option 2.*

OPTION 1:

DIVISIONAL SPLITS					
	1st DIVISION	2nd DIVISION	3rd DIVISION	4th DIVISION	5th DIVISION
1D	100%	50%	33%	25%	20%
2D		50%	33%	25%	20%
3D			33%	25%	20%
4D				25%	20%
5D					20%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

OPTION 2:

DIVISIONAL SPLITS					
	1st DIVISION	2nd DIVISION	3rd DIVISION	4th DIVISION	5th DIVISION
1D	100%	60%	50%	35%	30%
2D		40%	30%	30%	25%
3D			20%	20%	20%
4D				15%	15%
5D					10%
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

GREAT NEWS!

Day Memberships have now been decreased to \$22 per day!