



# The Australian Reining Breeders Cup and Stockman's Challenge 2016

*THE Australian Reining Breeders Cup and Stockman's Challenge event has continued to grow on the foundations laid at last year's ARBC Derby Show and Stockman's Challenge with over 140 horses and 110 riders competing at this prestigious event, with many high profile horse and rider combinations competing for the coveted title of ARBC Grinders OPEN Derby, ARBC NON Pro Derby winner along with the ARBC Stockman's Challenge Open and Dalby Rural Supplies Classic winners.*

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Derby prizes and buckles

**T**his equated to a 4 day show with over 300 runs being put together in the competition arena. We once again welcomed the Challenge Competitors which has almost doubled on last year's tally, in part due to the fact we had both dry work and cattle work also as part of our ARBC Stockman's Challenge this year.

The support from both reining and challenge stallion owners meant 35 stallions were nominated in this lucrative and prestigious event specifically designed for the Derby year progeny (4, 5 and 6 year old horses in the reining arena) as well as the Classic year progeny in the Challenge Competition, representing both Australian and International Reining and Challenge stallions.

"The ARBC paid out a total of \$64,705 in cash and \$18,577 in trophy buckles and prizes, this event is really gathering momentum and is a must attend show on the reining and challenge calendar."

The level of support from all our great sponsors was second to none and we want to thank them all for their continued support.

The feature event being the 2016 Australian Reining Breeders Cup Grinders Derby Event was held on Saturday morning, showcasing leading sires and their progeny in our sport of reining. There were 27 horses nominated in the Open Derby Class competing for a Total Prize Purse of \$23,823, with prize money being paid down to 10th Place. There were 6 divisions being strongly contested in this feature event.

Lil Nu It All owned by Neylon Performance Horses and ridden by Warren Backhouse delivered their signature talent running a huge score of 152 to take out the honours of winner to claim this prestigious 2016 ARBC Derby Open Championship. This winning combination needed no introduction with this horse the current title holder of the highest score ever run in Australian reining, and he never faltered in his run for this prestigious title. Lil Nu It All is a nominated stallion and is owned by Erin and Dennis Neylon from Neylon Performance Horses.



Warren Backhouse ARBC Grinders Open Derby Champions

Warren Backhouse had this to say after winning "To me the ARBC has become one of the pinnacle events of reining; an event like this has been needed in Australia for a long time. It is the highest prize money for an Open Derby in this country. The dedication and hard work Errol and Gita Thomas have put into this event has made it what it is today; a totally prestigious event. The whole show was so well run and having the VIP dinner on a non-event night was so good, we actually got to relax and enjoy a great meal, something that is very rare at big shows. Winning the ARBC was to Carol and I was a total buzz and the highlight of our training program. We need also to congratulate Dennis and Erin Neylon on breeding such a great stud in "Lil Nu It All " great show, great people, great horses and a dedicated team , I'll be back."

Lil Nu It All connections not only took home some healthy Prize Money, yet also received an ARBC Trophy Cup, ARBC Trophy Buckle and ARBC Show Bridle hand crafted

by Rick Meredith, Garland by Bec Laurie and a beautiful embroidered Smarty Rug. Nominated Sire owners also received 5% of the placed

Australian Reining Breeders Cup Grinders OPEN DERBY				
	Horse	Rider	Owner	ARBC Nominated Stallion
1.	Lil Nu It All	Warren Backhouse	Neylon Performance Horses	Lil Nu It All Neylon Performance Horses
2.	Condor Smart Play	Shaun Saunders	Jason Melling	Deceased Stallion
3.	Hustlin for Chicks	John Wicks	John Wicks	Deceased Stallion
4.	Me Lil Beamer	Lisa Tietz	Ed Smith	Me Lil Beamer Lisa Tietz
5.	QXH Docs Stylish Oak	Shaun Saunders	Xtreme Quarter Horses	QXH Docs Stylish Oak Xtreme Quarter Horses
6.	My Dads a Wimp	Mick Taylor	Mick Taylor	Non Nominated Stallion
7.	Wimpys Red Chili	Guy Laurie	Bec Laurie	Wimpys Little Step USA Xtra Quarter Horses USA
8.	Flirt N Hug	Jason Russell	Jason Russell	Hug Me Doc P & L Bastable
9.	Ruf It Down Under	John Wicks	Julie Read	Ruf It Down Under Julie Read
10.	Shiney Nu Addition	Errol Thomas	Errol Thomas	Shiney and Nu Pidgeon Waters QH Ranch

horse's earnings as part of the ARBC Stallion Nomination Register. Congratulations to all Competitors, Horse Owners and Nominated Stallion Owners.

The Intermediate and Limited Open Division winner was Me Lil Beamer owned by Lisa Tietz and ridden by Ed Smith, receiving 2 ARBC Trophy Buckles and ARBC Show Bridles hand crafted by Rick Meredith and a Garland by Bec Laurie.



Ed Smith Intermediate Open Derby and Limited Open Derby Champion

Australian Reining Breeders Cup INTERMEDIATE OPEN DERBY			
	Horse	Rider	Owner
1.	Me Lil Beamer	Lisa Tietz	Ed Smith
2.	My Dads a Wimp	Mick Taylor	Mick Taylor
3.	Wimpys Red Chili	Guy Laurie	Bec Laurie
5.	Flirt N Hug	Jason Russell	Jason Russell
6.	Shiney Nu Addition	Errol Thomas	Errol Thomas
7.	Determined	Melanie Lindsay NP	Melanie Lindsay
8.	Shiney Lil Jack	Errol Thomas	Errol Thomas
9.	Viola Petit Pas	Yves Cousinard	Yves Cousinard Christine Bayer
10.	Do Me A Favour	Neville Connelly	Neville & Bridget Connelly

Australian Reining Breeders Cup LIMITED OPEN DERBY		
Horse	Rider	Owner
Me Lil Beamer	Lisa Tietz	Ed Smith
Flirt N Hug	Jason Russell	Jason Russell
Checkout Hollywood	Kathleen Murphy	Kathleen Murphy

The Non Pro Derby was an exciting section of the ARBC Derby Event with Mick Taylor winning this Non Pro Title on his lovely gelding, My Dad's a Wimp. Mick and Sonya travelled all the way up to Dalby from Tatura in Victoria to compete at the ARBC Derby Show, with a fantastic result. Mick had this to say after winning "The ARBC in its only second year is an amazing concept put together by some special friends of our industry, Errol & Gita Thomas. So to win the Non Pro section of the ARBC with 'Barney' as we call him; is so surreal to us and we're looking forward to next year's event."



Mick Taylor riding My Dad's a Wimp  
ARBC Non Pro Derby Champion

The Non Pro Derby Champion prizes also included an ARBC Trophy Cup, ARBC Trophy Buckle and ARBC Show Bridle hand crafted by Rick Meredith, Garland by Bec Laurie and a beautiful embroidered Smarty Rug. This was a very successful show for Mick Taylor and My Dad's a Wimp, so congratulations go out to all connections.

With 3 divisions being strongly contested we saw some cracking runs from the Non Pro competitors. Greg Campbell convincingly won both the Intermediate and Limited Divisions of the ARBC Non Pro Derby, congratulations goes out to Greg Campbell and A Hollywood Whizz on a fantastic result.



Greg Campbell riding A Hollywood Whizz  
- Int and Ltd Non Pro Derby and Prime Time Non Pro Champion

**PRIZES IN EACH NON PRO DIVISION INCLUDED:**

- 2nd Place ARBC hand crafted wooden stirrups
- 3rd Place ARBC hand crafted Leather Spur Straps.
- 4th Place ARBC Chap Bag

**Australian Reining Breeders Cup NON PRO DERBY**

Horse	Rider	Owner
1. My Dads a Wimp	Mick Taylor	Mick Taylor
2. Wimpys Red Chili	Guy Laurie	Bec Laurie
3. Shiney Nu Addition	Errol Thomas	Errol Thomas

**Australian Reining Breeders Cup NON PRO INTERMEDIATE DIVISION DERBY**

Horse	Rider	Owner
1. A Hollywood Whizz	Greg Campbell	Greg Campbell
2. Checkout Hollywood	Kathleen Murphy	Kathleen Murphy
3. Wee Dunnit	Harold Savill	Harold Savill

**Australian Reining Breeders Cup NON PRO INTERMEDIATE DIVISION DERBY**

Horse	Rider	Owner
1. A Hollywood Whizz	Greg Campbell	Greg Campbell
2. Wee Dunnit	Harold Savill	Harold Savill
3. Migs Who Whiz That	Avril Storey	Avril Storey

Errol and Gita Thomas also incorporated a 4 year old Incentive Program into this prestigious ARBC Derby event. This 4 year old Incentive Program included \$1000 going to the highest scoring 4 year old ridden by an Open Rider/Trainer and this was won by Ed Smith riding Me Lil Beamer, owned by Lisa Tietz. The highest scoring 4 year old ridden by a Non Pro won \$500 and this was won by Mick Taylor riding My Dads a Wimp, owned by Mick Taylor.

These awards were presented by way of a big Cheque on the Saturday evening at the ARBC VIP dinner. Congratulations to you both and to all connections to these great 4 year olds.

The ARBC National Derby Show held in Dalby over the Easter Weekend welcomed the Classic and Open Stockman's Challenge competitors with 41 of Australia's top Challenge horse and rider combinations competing for 100% Added Prize money along with a hand crafted Rick Meredith ARBC Trophy Buckle and Garland. After last year's Stockman's Challenge Errol Thomas took on board suggestions to open up the field to compete in both dry work and cattle work event. Errol has been huge supporter in the Challenge and Reining world for many years, so it made sense to open the ARBC event up to more horse and rider combinations. This year saw many challenge competitors arrive earlier and stay longer to soak up the atmosphere of the ARBC Derby Show, watching reining riders compete in non-sanctioned classes which allows for two handed competition.

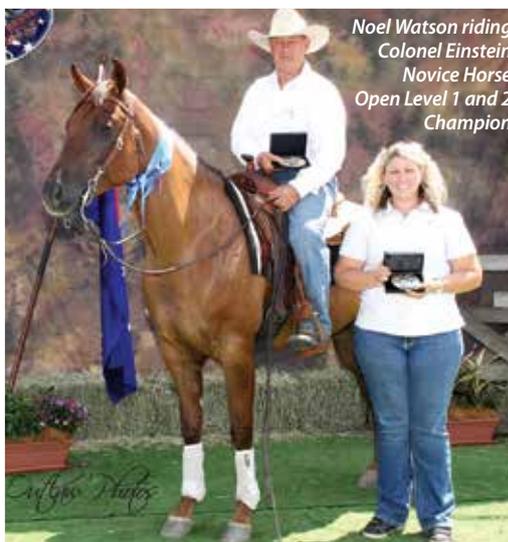
The winner of the ARBC OPEN Stockman's Challenge event was Ken May riding One Moore Bar Doc with Leah Read riding Captains Tiger Lilly taking out the ARBC Dalby Rural Supplies Classic Stockman's Challenge event title.

The surface for the arena was well received by all challenge competitors, enjoying a well prepared surface to showcase their highly trained horses.

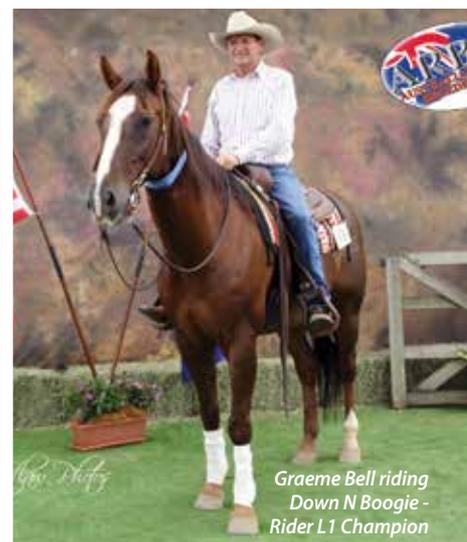
Prize money was paid down to 15th place for the ARBC Open Stockman's Challenge winners.



Natasha Brumby  
Youth 14 to 18  
Novice Horse NP  
Level 1 Champion



Noel Watson riding  
Colonel Einstein  
Novice Horse  
Open Level 1 and 2  
Champion



Graeme Bell riding  
Down N Boogie -  
Rider L1 Champion



Noel Watson riding  
Colonel Einstein - Open  
Novice Horse Champion



Neridah Leishmann riding  
Crown K Bronzed Hank  
- Green Rider Level 2  
Champion



Hayley Leddington  
Hill riding Princess  
- Short Stirrup  
Champion

**The top 15 horse and rider combinations in the ARBC Dalby Rural Supplies OPEN Challenge clean slate final included.**

PLACING	HORSE	RIDER
1	Captains Tiger Lily	Leah Read
2	PV Treyson	Ed Smith
3	Terminator Whizz	Robert Leach
4	Eden Vale Wagon Whiz	Stephen Kelly
5	Beniah	Nathan Wilson
6	Reys Dual Oak	Joshua Smith
6	Tiree Fancy Tassa	Nathan Wilson
8	Westlands Stylish Cat	Anita Martin
9	Elsola Rey	Felicity Burton
10	Double Image	Dan Steers
11	Playin It Lucky	Joshua Smith
12	Smart Lil Remichic	Dan Steers
13	Brooksipep	Craig Cowley
14	Rocs Hootchy Kootchy	Stephen Kelly
15	Homecreek Remilena	Craig Cowley

The ARBC Dalby Rural Supplies Classic Challenge winner Ken May riding One Moore Bar Doc thrilled the crowd as he too had a dynamic run in this final. Prizes Ken picked up included an ARBC Trophy Cup, ARBC Rick Meredith hand crafted Buckle and hand crafted bridle embroidered Smarty Rug and Garland by Bec Laurie as well as a BIG cheque.

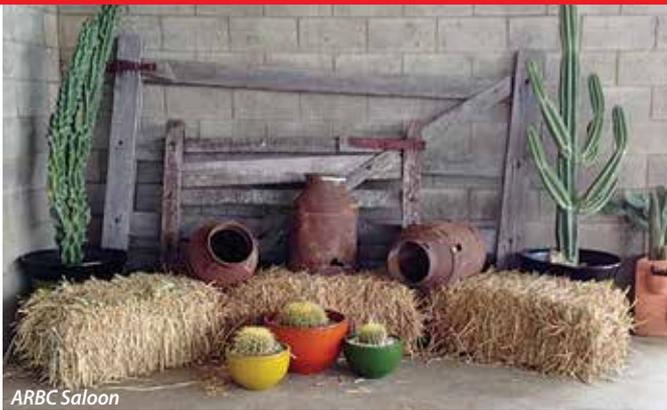
Second Place went to Charlie Barker riding Docs Chisum taking home hand crafted wooden stirrups. Third Place went to Leah Read riding Master Lucky, taking home hand crafted leather spur straps.

Nominated Sire owners also received 5% of the placed horse's earnings as part of the ARBC Stallion Nomination Register, with the winning nominated sire receiving a \$1,000 cheque.

**The top 14 horse and rider combinations in the ARBC CLASSIC Challenge clean slate final included:**

PLACING	HORSE	RIDER
1	One Moore Bar Doc	Ken May
2	Docs Chisum	Charlie Baker
3	Master Lucky	Leah Read
4	Moranjee Lethal Reward	David Manchon
5	Pink	Felicity Burton
5	Tassas Bootscoot	Rohan McLean
7	Tassas Sherbert Oak	Nathan Wilson
7	Tassa Lethal Spin	Nathan Wilson
9	Sugars Playgirl	Mick Connelly
10	QXH Spicy Chisum	David Smith
11	Peptocat	Leah Read
12	Boontown Jayette	Joshua Smith
13	Style N Blues	Andrew Stallmann
14	Rathcool Angie	Andrew Stallmann

Congratulations to all involved it was a great turnout of competitors and yet again this year the comradery was commendable between reiners and challenge competitors alike. It may have been in part due to the \$2 corona evenings at the ARBC saloon which offered a happy hour for everyone to come together over the competition evenings.



ARBC Saloon

Thursday evening saw the first ever ARBC Horse Sale with 8 horses listed for sale, with Mr Rick Meredith as our auctioneer. We had many bids come in for these quality horses and we endeavour to build on this horse sale for next year's event.

We wrapped up the very successful ARBC Derby Show with a sit down VIP dinner to celebrate all competitors and winners at the ARBC, with over 120 attending this superb finish to a great 4 days of fun and competition. It was at the VIP dinner that the big cheques were presented to the winners in front of their peers. Many attending were thrilled to be able to sit down with fellow competitors and friends at the end of a satisfying show. It didn't stop there, after the dinner everyone headed downstairs for some drinks at the ARBC Saloon with some light entertainment that all enjoyed until the wee hours.



VIP Dinner

We are already planning for the 2017 ARBC Derby Show and Stockman's Challenge, it will be held on the Wednesday 12th until Saturday 15th April 2017 at the Dalby Equestrian Center and we look forward to welcoming you all along. 🐾



Reining kids



Leah Read riding Captains Tiger Lily - Stockmans Challenge Classic Champion



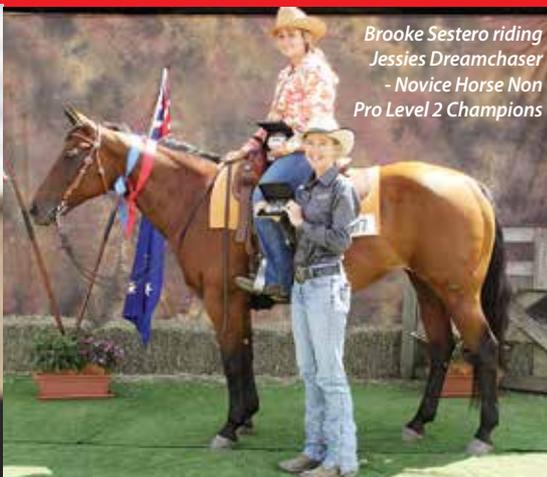
Ben Ditzel riding Onya Wotshername Rookie Level 1 Limited Open Intermediate Non Pro Champion



Ken May riding One Moore Bar Doc - Stockmans Challenge Open Champion  
Leah Read riding Captains Tiger Lily - Stockmans Challenge Classic Champion



Errol Thomas



Brooke Sestero riding  
Jessies Dreamchaser  
- Novice Horse Non  
Pro Level 2 Champions



Paul Sharp riding Bamba Lamb  
- Intermediate Open Champions



Gita Thomas



Winner of Freestyle Reining  
- Alice Baker riding Iron Chef



Grace Christophel riding  
Lethal Katie - Limited NP  
and Youth 13 and  
under Champion



Ed Smith riding Me Lil Beamer  
- Intermediate Open Division and  
Limited Open Division Champions



Neridah Leishmann  
enjoying the show

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