

## **NZGCA Awards 2016/2017**

### **NZGCA Hi Points Awards:**

#### **Inhand**

*Champion Purebred Adult (4 yrs & over) - CHATTO CREEK SIRROCO*

*Champion Purebred Youngstock (3 yrs & under)- SWANHAVEN BOOTS N ALL*

*Winner of the Sunriver Gypsy Ponies Trophy*

*Champion Partbred Adult ( 4 yrs & over) - WESTFIELD TRUFFLE*

*Champion Partbred Youngstock (3 yrs & under) - WILLOWLEE'S MASQUERADE*

*Overall Champion - Gallifray's Bella Rosa Memorial Trophy for Highest Scoring Inland Horse/Pony - CHATTO CREEK SIRROCO*

#### **Ridden**

*Champion Ridden Purebred - WESTFIELD SAPPHIRE*

*Champion Ridden Partbred - ROYAL DYNASTY*

#### **Versatility Awards**

*North Island Versatility Gypsy Cob: GYPSY ELITE PRIDE'S FREEDOM*

*South Island Versatility Gypsy Cob: WESTFIELD JET*

#### **Overall Versatility Gypsy Cob**

*Westfield Stud Trophy: GYPSY ELITE PRIDE'S FREEDOM*

Judges Comment: "I have to confess it has been so very difficult to choose from these amazing cobs. I have a gypsy cob myself that does just about everything (apart from driving), and can be ridden by all ages, so I really do appreciate and understand what makes a super cob that does everything and for anyone.

After a huge amount of consideration, I have come to the following results:

For the South Island Westfield Jet was a strong entry as he really does everything as well as being very handsome.

For the North Island, it has to be GE Pride's Freedom as the winner and if you can have a reserve, then Westfield Belle. There is hardly anything to separate them, and I went for Freedom as the pictures of all the activities he does, really stood out in showing him off. That said, I would love to take home either one with me.

If you have a part bred section, then the super Royal Dynasty would be my choice. I also as well as my cob, have a Clydesdale and this mare shows the best of my two favourite breeds."

***Theresa Fryer, TGCA Events Secretary, UK***

## **Pleasure Awards**

*North Island Pleasure Cob:* CLONONEEN ANNABELLE

*South Island Pleasure Cob:* WESTFIELD JET

### **Overall Pleasure Gypsy Cob**

*Bellecara Equestrian Trophy:* CLONONEEN ANNABELLE

Judges Comment: "I have decided on my winners – what a hard job it was though! I would love any of these horses in my paddock, they all very much seem to be "part of the family" and versatile all rounders. The Supreme Award and North Island Award I would like to give to Clononeen Annabelle. This pony in my eyes is the epitome of a pleasure horse – able to be ridden / handled by anyone and totally trustworthy. This story touched my heart as I see my horses as my stress release and healers as well.

My runner up, and South Island winner is Westfield Jet. What a career he has in front of him! For such a young horse he seems so laid back and chilled and is a wee star.

Each one of the horses entered in this competition would do well in the pleasure ring, and I hope to see some of them out and about this season. Thanks for asking me to do this for you, I have enjoyed reading the stories and have nothing but admiration for the owners who manage to turn these horses out to perfection."

**Tamara Savage. Sponsor of Pleasure Horse Class at HOY 2017, Chairperson of NZ Equestrian Pleasure Horse Society**

## **Harness Award**

*Harness Gypsy Cob of the Year:* Swanhaven Boots 'N All

Judges Comment: "I was pleased to be asked to assess this horse for its suitability for an award for an outstanding carriage horse from its activities in the past season. I understand that he is a young carriage horse and this is his first season out.

He has been competing at a wide variety of events - still initially in long reins at Equidays, and then at A & P shows and local club events. He is still too young for full two- and three-day events, but there has been a huge variety of skills called for where he has been competing and I find his poise as shown in his photographic CV most impressive.

I am delighted to say I have no hesitation in stating that this horse shows all the attributes one looks for in a harness horse. He is calm, willing and confident and gives every impression of obedience and cooperation. He is beautifully presented and in excellent condition. He shows natural balance and talent, is clearly most willing to go forward but also stands calmly and obediently when required, and he shows a "look at me" quality that would be the envy of a horse of any breed in those situations. He must be creating a brilliant picture of the versatility of the breed and I look forward to seeing the distance he will go as he grows and matures."

**Jackie Bryant. Chairperson of NZ Equestrian Pleasure Horse Society**

## **Youth Award**

*Swanhaven Stud Trophy:* ALANA RENWICK

Judges Comment: "Here is my choice for the youth award.... Alana Renwick.

There were wonderful entries for this category and it was difficult to choose a winner.

Alana talks about having respect for horses and about how they are not just for riding. I feel Alana has a real connection with her horses and she made me remember how special horses can be to us. It made me think how sometimes we should just spend time with our horses and just enjoy their presence. It's easy to forget those moments of our youth when horses can be our best friends. Thank you Alana for reminding me of those old friends.

The others obviously have a strong bond with their lovely gypsy cobs. The hard work and dedication which have gone into producing their horses is clear to see and they make great partnerships.

Emily and Cosmo, I feel you are both having the best of fun. I'm glad you let your Mum have some time with Cosmo as he looks too special not to share.

Thank you to all riders for sharing your cobs and your special moments.”

**Sarah Elcomb, of The Riding Workshop, instructor and North Canterbury Head Coach for Pony Club. From the UK so she knows cobs :)**

### **Performance**

*Purebred*

*Twin Springs Gypsy Cobs Trophy - GE PRIDES FREEDOM*

*Partbred*

*Westfied Stud Trophy - WINDSOR PARKS GYPSY KING*

### **John Brodie Service Award**

***CAROL & KELLY CHALMERS***

Judges Comment: “My selection for Winner is Carol and Kelly Chalmers.

With a group of nominations reflecting the commitment of a group of people determined to get the Gypsy Cob Association established in New Zealand it was inspiring to see the recognition from peers being for both behind the scenes, administration and governance as well as out at the shows promotion and support through involvement.

The winners of the John Brodie Service Award embody a passion and commitment for growing both the sport and the breed of the NZGCA. Their willingness to actively support the growth of the association through ensuring a presence at events and a positive promotion of the breed's versatility even when it might not be convenient for them to do so. This really captures what the volunteer service spirit is all about in New Zealand.

I would also like to acknowledge the effort of those that nominated others for this service award, and to the nominator of the winners, Bridget Alison, a thank you for being willing to recognise the effort and contribution of others to an association that you are obviously passionate about and committed to.”

Justine Kidd, ONZM, Has represented New Zealand in equestrian sports internationally, and has been an Eventing NZ Board Member. She received her Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) award this year for services to Agriculture.

