

2017 Stockman's Challenge Report and Results.

A 500-kilometre round-trip has paid dividends for horsewoman Katie Stock, taking out the two highest equestrian titles at this year's Edenhope P&A Show.

Katie and her horse, Lawson, who hail from Meningie, South Australia, is champion of both the Cloven Hills Open Stockman's Challenge and the inaugural West Wimmera Rural Services Double-Up Stockman's Challenge Series, co-hosted by the Edenhope P&A and Harrow Progress and Development Group.

"Katie is a regular supporter of equestrian events in south-west Victoria and south-east South Australia and we were delighted to present her with the blue ribbons," challenge convenor, Kristy McDonald said.

"Congratulations also to Lynda Field and Binyindi Major, who took out the Clipex Intermediate Challenge and Lily Egger and Faye, who were not only champions in the MEH Junior, but took out two firsts and two seconds, in the four disciplines of their section."

More than 50 riders registered for Saturday's challenges, over three sections and the competition was tight, with just half a point or half a second dividing the placings in several events.

The challenges were the only equestrian events at this year's show, with the committee unable to find or provide the manpower or the skills to hold the traditional showjumping, hacking and dressage events.

Despite the reduced equestrian program, Ms McDonald said she was delighted with the day.

"We had enormous support from riders not only from our local area, but right across Victoria and South Australia," she said.

"Working with Harrow to host the second stage of the WWRS Double-Up Series was an absolute delight – they are a great bunch of people who run an amazing event – and certainly proved an attraction for riders."

She also thanked the huge number of volunteers and sponsors who made the event a reality.

"Without the sponsors, we don't have a challenge, or even a show," she said.

"We have an incredible business and general community in Edenhope and the West Wimmera, who keeps putting its hand in its pocket, to support events like this," she said.

"It also takes a great amount of manpower; being short a penciller, a timekeeper or even just someone to run papers around, can really throw a spanner in the works and we were fortunate to have plenty of people put their hand up when asked to help out on Saturday, for which we are truly grateful."

It is anticipated that the challenges and associated series will be a regular feature, at future P&A Shows.

McCLURE EARTHWORKS HARROW JUNIOR STOCKMAN'S CHALLENGE

Obstacles

1 Natalie Featherston - Flicka, 2 Lily Egger - Faye, 3 Sophie McLellan – Polly, 4 Iris Sudholz – Bullseye.

Targets

1 Lily Egger – Faye, 2 – Byron Field – Pablo, 3 – Andy Wilksch – Freddy, Equal 4 Claire Foster – Indy, Georgia McLellan – Sunny, Sophie McLellan – Polly, Jasmine Young – Dolly.

Pattern

1 Lily Egger – Faye, 2 Natalie Featherston – Flicka, 3 Georgia McLellan - Sunny, 4 Andy Wilksch.

Time Trial

1 Claire Foster – Indy, 2 Lily Egger – Faye, 3 Byron Field – Pablo, 4 Natalie Featherston – Flicka.

OVERALL RESULTS

1 Lily Egger – Faye, 2 Natalie Featherston – Flicka, 3 Claire Foster – Cougar, 4 Byron Field – Pablo.

CLIPLEX INTERMEDIATE STOCKMAN'S CHALLENGE

Obstacles

1 Darren Holmberg – Rosie, Equal 2 Karren McCombe – Kellie, Greg Featherston – Brisco, 3 Lynda Field – Binyindi Major, 4 Paul Dakis – Tequila.

Targets

1 Jodie Jolly – Blue, 2 Angela Lyons – Airlee Stan, 3 Michelle Wilksch – Molly, 4 Kristen Brant – Cinders.

Pattern

1 Lynda Field – Binyindi Major, 2 Darren Holmberg – Rosie, 3 Karen Grigg – Bentley, 4 Grace Chantler – Nitro.

Time Trial

1 Cass Young – Jesse, 2 Lynda Field – Binyindi Major, 3 Jodie Jolly – Ginger, 4 Karren McCombe – Kellie.

OVERALL RESULTS

1 Lynda Field – Binyindi Major, 2 Jodie Jolly – Blue, 3 Cass Young – Jesse, 4 Darren Holmberg – Rosie.

CLOVEN HILLS OPEN STOCKMAN'S CHALLENGE

Obstacles

1 Katie Stock – Lawson, 2 Meg Ross – Nicky Two Socks, 3 Lauren Foster – Buckley, 4 Mollie Garton – Realta Tribute.

Targets

1 Katie Stock – Lawson, 2 Jim Moore – Mooruew Spice, 3 Wayne Field – Glenfield Rushette, 4 Lauren Foster – Buckley.

Pattern

1 Meg Ross – Nicky Two Socks, 2 Wayne Field – Glenfield Rushette, equal 3 Karen Carter – Ophir Abou, Jim Moore – Mooruew Spice, 4 Lauren Foster – Remi.

Time Trial

1 Katie Stock – Lawson, 2 Jim Moore, Mooruew Spice, 3 Karen Carter – Ophie Abou, 4 Lauren Foster – Buckley.

OVERALL RESULTS

1 Katie Stock – Lawson, 2 Wayne Field – Glenfield Rushette, 3 Jim Moore – Mooruew Spice, 4 Karen Carter – Ophir Abou.

2017 WWRS Stockman's Challenge Double-Up Series

Katie Stock

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Cloven Hills principal and open challenge sponsor, Chris Dorahy, congratulates Katie Stock and Lawson on their two champion placings at the Edenhope P&A Society Show's 2017 Stockman's Challenges. Photo: RON PENROSE