

The Square Meaters judging took place on a sunny Canberra Saturday with all the cattle brought forward of a high standard. Numbers were down on previous years with a total of 25 head of cattle vying for top honors at this prestigious show with two exhibitors coming all the way from Queensland. There was a strong showing of junior cattle with smaller numbers in the senior classes. The judge was Jack Woodburn from Forbes, an Angus breeder and highly experienced Judge, and associate judge Lisa Glasson who has been heavily involved with Square Meaters . It was refreshing to have a judge that has had experience with Square Meaters and both the judges gave a very informative display.

Judging commenced with the Junior Bull classes. Gumnut Valley Cena (AI) (ET) by Mandalong Rambo out of Glen Logan Coco P13, shown by Tara and Graeme Green took the first class of the day for bulls 9 and not over 12 months. Vesco Booby Dazzler by Darlea Wizard out of Domvale Treasure, was first in bull 12 and not over 15 months. He was exhibited by Jo van Elten from the Vesco Stud in South-east Queensland. Gumnut Valley Billie Joe took the 15 and not over 18 months class. In a strong lineup, Vesco Bobby Dazzler was awarded the Champion Junior Bull rewarding Jo for making the 21 hour trip south, with Gumnut Valley Cena taking reserve.

The Senior Bull classes followed with Elendee Yancee by Rainbow Yankee Doodle out of Cluskers Ellen, taking the 20 and not over 24 months class for John Hodgson and Fiona Neumann of Elendee Stud. Woolaringa AL1 by Woolaringa Excellent out of Woolaringa Leanne S18, took out bull 24 and not over 30 months for Ernie Stephenson and Fiona Battiste of Woolaringa Stud Goulbourn. Brinsley Anzac by Mandalong Son out of Baldry Isabelle, won the bull over 30 months for Tony and Deb Cotter of Brinsley Pastoral. Again the lineup for Champion bull made the judges look long and hard before settling on Woolaringa AL1 getting the broad ribbon over Brinsley Anzac. Woolaringa AL1 went on to become the grand champion bull rewarding Woolaringa for many years of breeding quality cattle.

The Female classes kicked off with heifer 9 and not over 12 months blue ribbon going to with Tara and Graeme Green's Gumnut Valley Coco (AI) (ET). By Mandalong Rambo out of Glen Logan Coco P13 she is a full sister to their under 12 months bull class winner. The heifer 12 and not over 15 months was won by Earles Chips by Darlea Wizard out of Two Moons Genie, The blue ribbon was just reward for Earle Powell from Earle's stud bringing the heifer all the way from the Sunshine State. David and Julie Thompson from Thurloo Park Cootamundra won the heifer 18 and not over 20 months class with Thurloo Park Bonnie by Thurloo Park Mars out of Thurloo Park Zodiac. Bonnie went on to take the Champion Heifer from Gumnut Valley Coco, capping off a good show for the Greens.

The Senior cow classes were dominated by Thurloo Park with Thurloo Park Brook by Thurloo Park Villan out of Dunrossil Florence, winning the 20 and not over 24 months class. Thurloo Park Zoe by Falling Waters Rupert out of Thurloo Park Ursula, continued her amazing show form by winning the cow over 30 months class. She was paraded with a lovely bull calf at foot and went on to take out Champion cow and Grand Champion female. Thurloo Park Brook took out reserve champion cow.

The Supreme Champion of the breed was a great lineup with two excellent Square Meaters competing for the award . It couldn't have been an easy choice for the judges, but Thurloo Park Zoe once again asserted herself as a force to be reckoned by winning out over Woolaringa AL1.

The breeders group and The Sires progeny group were both won by Elendee with great consistency in type of cattle they displayed.

It was great to see so many Square Meaters breeders at the show to support their fellow breeders and exhibitors, despite trying conditions in some areas. The presentation of the animals

was a credit to the exhibitors. It was pleasing to see new exhibition at the show as well. Hope to see everyone there next year.

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