

AUSTRALIAN CATTLE DOG TRIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2009.

OPEN:

1. Isaac Hotz ,JJ ; 2. Chris Stapleton, Capree Syd (K) 3. Don Rea Minnie 4. David Bennett Hank (K) 5. .Ben Crowe, Char; (K) 6. Ben Crowe, Kenny (K).

NOVICE:

1 Chris Stapleton, Orjagarden's Chance (K) 2. Isaac Hotz, Toby;
3 Chris Stapleton, Capree Ben(K)
4. Chris Bagnall, Turbo; 5. Chris Stapleton, Capree Katie (K)

MAIDEN:

1 Chris Stapleton, Orjagarden's Chance (K) ; 2. Chris Stapleton, Capree Katie (K) 3 Isaac Hotz, Toby;
4. Heath Eslick, Cooper ; 5. Chris Stapleton, Capree Ben. (K)

“Australian Cattle Dog Championships held at Timor near Murrurundi on 11 to 13 September were a great success. Nominations were at capacity, with 80 dogs in the Open, 90 dogs in the Novice, and 103 dogs in the Maiden.

Clearly the increase in entry fees did not adversely affect entries. In fact 7 additional dogs were rejected, being received after the closing date.

We started the trial at 8.30 am on the Friday, which enabled us to wind the Open Final up at about 3pm on the Sunday, giving competitors the opportunity to get on their way at a reasonable hour. Some of the Queensland competitors had travelled more than 2000 kms to attend.

The standard of trialling was very high, which sadly made it harder for our locals to succeed. Financially it was a huge success, with entry fees of over \$7500 being received, and prize money of \$5510 being distributed. We were also able to pay honorariums to the three judges timekeeper announcer etc of \$950 in toto.

The cattle were very good, almost 800 head had been supplied from local properties. Most of these were walked to the ground. Ben and Peter Crowe did most of the droving and did an outstanding job. Every competitor had fresh cattle.

Kelpies were well represented, and as you can see from the results performed very creditably.

Another pleasing aspect of the Trial was the increased number of younger competitors, and one can detect a new vibrancy and interest which augers well for the future of cattle dog trialling in this district”.