

Bowen Show June 2008

Only one day between Proserpine and Bowen Show, arrived home from Proserpine Saturday evening, unloaded the cattle, fed and watered them and started to unpack the truck to wash out for tomorrow's repacking, ready to leave Monday for Bowen. I didn't get to leave the time I hoped for Monday and arrived at Bowen around 3pm instead of 12pm. Once the team was unloaded I endeavoured to wash the truck out again at the wash bays and to my disgust, there was no water, well just a trickle, a young fellow could produce more pressure. It was ridiculous, it took me 1hr to wash out and then left me not much daylight to wash the cattle, 6.30 roughly I finish washing, dried and rugged, yes rugged, as the cattle are not 100% dry that time of evening, I rug them to keep them warm and clean before Judging day.

Tuesday morning, judgement day. I'm feeding the cattle when Lee the chief cattle steward came and asked whether I could lend a couple of the cattle to the students of Bowen High, they only bought 2 head and there is five. I couldn't see a problem, so I accepted. Half hour later the kids walked over and asked to help, brush, clean, put the show halters on, this was good and I was always called Miss. We took the team out for a walk and a bit of hands on training before judging at 10am. Oh this was fun, having these students listen to every word that you tell them. It was time, bought the cattle back and prepared for judging. The teacher had left the students in my capable hands and went and sat down across from the show ring, well as I thought 3 students were to borrow cattle but they all grabbed one each and took them out in their classes. All the students presented the Nadudanas well even thou 2, which will remain unnamed, did a bit of a dance, instead of standing there proud.

Our results for the day:

Jawahar Prospect	1 st	Bull Junior 12mths and under 18mths
Gundare The Lawman	1 st	Bull Senior 36mths and over
		Grand Champion Bull Senior
Darjeeling Rogue	3 rd	Female Calf 6mths and under 9mths
Damyanti Tuppents	2 nd	Female Junior 12mths and under 18mths
Frostie's Tetrece	2 nd	Female Senior 36mths and over

This time poor Baridbaran Quest missed out on a placing.

The students did use the Nadudanas for their Junior Parading and all students were placed. The Judge that originally was supposed to judge this morning didn't turn up, under the weak excuse of (as he had already judged the same 3 stud breeders cattle at Proserpine, he couldn't bring himself to give the same results as then and have us breeders walk into the ring with the wrong attitude). We would of rather him come and judge again and see if he picks the same animals again, but we'll never know. At the end of the day we have a fill in and there really wasn't anything said about any of the winners, only a thankyou for coming at Presentation. The students of Bowen High helped settle the cattle for the rest of the day, thanked me for the use of the cattle, I did give the students the ribbons they won with the Nadudanas, I kept the champion ribbon, prize money and trophy. The day was long, dusty and windy but we all had a good time. That was Bowen and in 2 days, off to Townsville.