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One of the many races enjoyed by the crowd of about 1,200 people at the DeBolt Sports.

DeBolt Sports draws good crowd

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DeBOLT — The DeBolt Sports Day celebrated its 10th anniversary yesterday and about 1,200 people came out in the sun to take in the action.

Despite a soft track due to the recent rain, the events were popular with both the competitors and observers. The day's success can largely be attributed to the weather which also managed to keep the concession booths busy.

The day began with a free pancake breakfast and a

parade through the village to the grandstand. An estimated 300 people were fed at the pancake breakfast.

Country Club President Al Perkins said the activities were just about cancelled due to the rain "but things cleared up nicely."

During a wind-up dance last night, Holly Gunby representing Ridgevalley Students Union was chosen Miss DeBolt Country Club. Runner-up was Darlene Airth, representing the 4-H Beef Club.

Preston Matlock of Crooked Creek won a barbecue in the

queen's draw. Gerry Birnie-Brown of Grande Prairie won a raffle on a set of golf clubs.

Here are the results:

Men's barrels - 1. Benny Lightfoot, 2. Glen Unger, 3. Lee Stone; Ladies barrels - 1. Joan Holinaty, 2. Laura Morrison, 3. Darlene Sorken; Shetland barrel (12 and under) - 1. Russell Danielson, 2. Rosalie Massey, 3. Tracey Ringle.

Open stake - 1. Jay Hokensin, 2. Wade McLeod, 3. Darrel Walden; Chariot - 1. Lee Groves, 2. Gordon Newman; Pony chariot - 1. Linda Ogden, 2. Benny

Lightfoot, 3. Brian Fredland; Pop race - 1. Pat Stark, 2. Jean McNally, 3. Denise Eslinger.

Ladies 1/2 Mile - 1. Laura Morrison, 2. Joyce Cormack, 3. Melaney Massey; Sack - 1. Pat Stark, 2. Danny Lawrence, 3. Reid Falsen;

Pole bending - 1. Jay Hokensin, 2. Darryl Wolgen, 3. Pat Stark; Cowhide - 1. Lawrence Klassen, 2. Ray Ogden, 3. Wade McLeod.

1/2 mile open - 1. Joyce Cormack, 2. Kevin Massey, 3. Kenny Pealo; DeBolt derby - 1. Kevin Massey, 2. Norman Love.



Judge Gordon Smith of Edmonton rates the open road hack competition

Staff Photo by David Olinger

Horse show rated success

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Entries in the South Peace Horse Show Association annual event on the weekend were on par with other years, both in terms of numbers and quality.

Association vice-president Cathy Hartley said a total of 112 horses were shown in the two-day event, which attracted steady attendance Saturday and yesterday.

There were 65 classes and 347 total entries, made up of 92 halter entries, 114 junior rider entries and 141 senior and open entries.

This was the 11th annual show.

Mrs. Hartley said the crowd was appreciative of the show put on by the riders, who enjoyed participating.

Arabian horses took the majority of grand

champion classes.

In the foal category, Pride's Image owned by Andy Saastad of Valhalla Centre was judged the top horse.

The grand champion mare, also an Arabian, was BB Silvara owned by Gerald Birnie Brown of Grande Prairie.

Magnuss, owned by Pete Wright of the city, was the grand champion stallion.

The grand champion yearling was a quarter horse named Cee Bar's Magic Man, owned by Irene Stojan of Sexsmith.

Kid's Adventure, also a quarterhorse, was the grand champion in the gelding category. Owner was Lori Watters of Berwyn.

Two \$250 purse special events were also held with Grande Prairie-owned horses taking both.

In the English pleasure event, the winner was Lasso Traveller, owned by Kay Griffiths while in the working cowhorse event, Sally

Scotland owned by Robert Gourlay took top spot.

In the 17 open class performance events, riders vied for cash while winners in the halter and junior classes received trophies and ribbons. The grand champion in each class received a blanket.

Mrs. Hartley said the majority of riders were from Grande Prairie but others came from as far as Wonowon, B.C. Riders also came from High Prairie, Peace River, Dawson Creek and Fort St. John.

Upcoming shows in Grande Prairie are the Arabian horse show in mid-June and the quarter horse show on the July long weekend. There will be another horse show as part of the county fair.

Complete results of the weekend event will be published later.