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## **GULARGAMBONE GOLD CUP 21 August 2010**

It would seem the weather Gods smiled upon the Gulargambone Jockey Club committee for last Saturday's Gold Cup race day. An advanced weather prediction of looming rain for Saturday was adjusted as late as Thursday evening, and a 10.00am Friday stewards meeting regarding track conditions as dead, gave the committee a huge sigh of relief.

A late hour cancellation of entertainment tested nerves which were settled once Ryan Sampson – a top 30 selection from 2009 Australian Idol - was confirmed Friday late. Like all big events, there were more than just a couple situations which continued to rattle nerves but problems are only a solution waiting to happen and the crowd were blissfully unaware of any dramas.

Once again a crowd of 600 braced the sneaky breeze and dressed to impress for the sponsored luncheon which commenced at noon. A full compliment of bookies marshalled for the first race at 1.35pm - completely unaware that the day was going to belong to them and the horses. By the third race it became apparent the punting was going to be almost an exacting science.

The Bill Lambell Memorial Gold Cup, the fourth of a six race program was a fierce contest between Gold Sultan who won by ½ head over The Bargain with 2 lengths to last year's winner Local Bred. Not too many saw that one coming.

The Fashions in the Field judging provided just as fierce competition. The best Dressed Lady proved to be a difficult decision with Sydney visitor Kate Wallace taking the honours with some welcoming colour amongst a stunning selection of "Derby Day" black, white and cream. The best Young Glamour nominations were very colourful and another tough decision going the way of Sara Feran. Best Gentleman was a stand out choice for Nick Mulvihill who looked very snappy. Best Child went to Sophie Winterton looking very sweet in her pink fairy dress. While Most Hilarious was a landslide decision for local Casey Wykes' Twister outfit.

The highlight of the day was certainly the drawing of the Everyday Living leather recliner valued at \$899 which went to Andrew Appleby of Dubbo. The Good Guys and Inland Petroleum sponsored Toshiba 32" LCD went to Coonamble patron Bev Ault.

The sweepstakes; winning/losing betting vouchers; and lucky gate entry competitions brought pure relief to bet weary punters who'd all had a challenging day picking winners. Robbie Harrison convincingly took the most successful trainer prize with two wins and a third placing for the day.

The committee would like to thank all of their sponsors and donors for helping them achieve perhaps the best race day yet. There is no doubt that Gulargambone loves its annual race day and even a date delivered in the wintery months did not dampen the crowds enthusiasm.

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