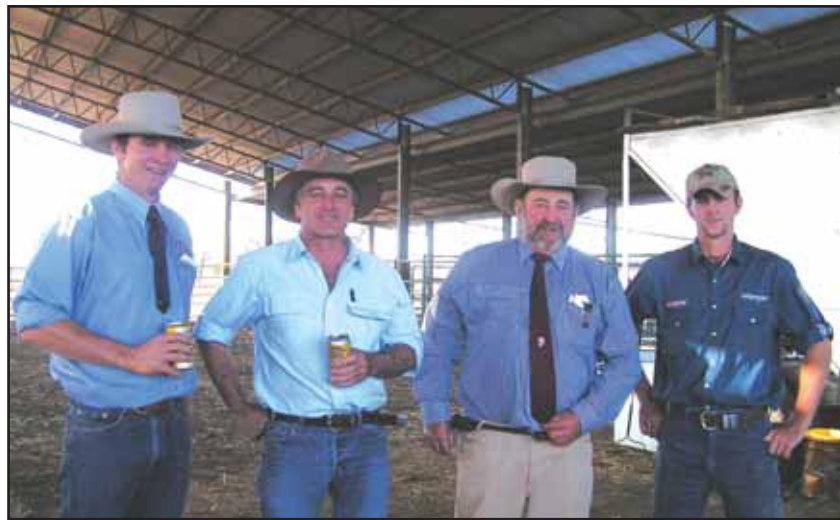


Bundy proved popular at Ascot

by Tracey Galloway

In unusual fashion, when the hammer fell on Lot 1 at the Ascot-Neimen Braford Sale the buyer received a large bottle of Bundaberg Rum amid noisy accolades from the 120 strong crowd.



There was much to celebrate, because it was a record price for the Galloway's. Rudi Palinkas of Uplands Braford Stud, Boggabri NSW bought 'Ascot Bundy', sired by 'Ascot Rum', for \$27,000.

Not only did he attract a record price, but 'Ascot Bundy' boasts a record of wins in the show ring over the last two years, including Grand Champion at Beef 2006 and recently at the Ekka. The Galloway family believed this to be one of the best bulls they have offered for sale and were pleased with the result. Losing bidder was Jim Chad, 'Donrinda' Dubbo NSW.

Eight registered bulls averaged \$8,875, while the whole sale draft of 40 bulls sold for an average of \$4,338, which was up \$500 on last year. The sale's buyers and bidders were 95% repeat customers, and came from as far south as Dubbo and north to Hughenden.

The bulk buyer of the sale was Charles Green from Moorabinda, Taroom who purchased six bulls to average \$3,583, including Lot 2 'Ascot Umunga' for \$5,500.

Cargara Cattle Co owned by the Meek family from Augathella purchased the two show bulls, Neimen Uno for \$7,000 and the more popular Neimen Hoddy for \$12,000. Other strong supporters were the Acton family from Blackwater and the Burnett's from Clermont. The Tilley Group from Beaudesert, who have been attending the Ascot-Neimen bull sales for five years, bought a draft of five bulls.

The Watson's from Broadford Pastoral Co, Hughenden are second time buyers and bought two polled bulls to average \$4,750. The Loader family from Monto also took home two good bulls to average \$5,125. First time buyer, Owen Kenny bought the highest priced herd bull for \$6,500. Lance and Jenny Muller from Rolleston selected four herd bulls.

There was family support from the Galloway's at Monto and also Blackwater. Other repeat buyers were the Wells family from Springsure, Whiteman family from Rolleston, two Schottelius families from Dingo and Middlemount.

Local repeat buyers were R & J Cooke from Moura, the Wyatte family from Monto and J & D Graving from Biloela. Support from Braford enthusiasts from around Central Queensland made it a good day out.