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Bowfest prize winners



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This year's Bowfest was made special by the many participants that went out of their way to make Bowen an Island Paradise. For parade entries, Seniors Keeping Young won the prize for best community, the Bowen Pet Shop for best commercial, Paul Hoosen for best individual, Union Steamship Company for best theme and the Boy Scouts for best other. Best overall went to Belterra. Tim Hausch won the Cricket Spitting contest and Johnny Bacon the Frozen T-shirt contest.

The Bowfest Country Fair and Slug Races are two of the longest running, favourite Bowfest traditions. This year, the Country Fair contests were hosted by the Bowen Agriculture Alliance and special Country Fair and Slug Race ribbons were awarded for each of the categories. The two panels of judges had a hard time deciding on the winners with over 40 Country Fair entries. The names of the entrants were kept a secret until after the judging. Congratulations to the 16 youth slug racers and the two adult slug racers. The man who came dressed as a slug-racing jockey looking for a slug to saddle-up and ride didn't leave a name at the booth but can still claim a participation ribbon.

The prize for the biggest zucchini or squash in the youth category went to the BICS student garden and in the adult category to Scott Stevenson. In the youth category, Michaela Schaly won first place for the strangest looking root vegetable. For adults, Rose Wall came in first in the same contest.

Prizes for best Lego garden/farm theme went to Jack Hammond and Elizabeth Nagy for her lego slug, which also won an honorary slug-race participation ribbon.

The awards for the tallest sunflower or hollyhock went to Tyler Matzen (youth) for over 7'. Sarah Haxby claimed the adult's first place for a 11' 3" plant.

The prizes for best photo of a bee or slug went to Emmett Sparling (youth) and Patti Ivankovic (adult). Sabrina Glave and Titania Michniewicz claimed prizes for best farm animals. The best jam came from Kelly Smith, best pickle from Danusia Zwierciadlowski and best baked good from Patti Ivankovic. Slug race winners were Raiden and his racing slug Falcon. All racing slugs were humanely returned to the forest and swiftly retired after the excitement of participating in the Slug Races.

The team of Bob Robertson, Bob Clark and Brian Biddlecomb took home the prize for the Bowen historical trivia contest. Congratulations to all.

Bowfest's musical lineup included the Shari Ulrich Trio, Brittni and Georgia Dominelli, Earl Jenkins, Thinking in Shapes, Ron Van Dyke and Brenda Reid, Bluewater Blues Band, Walk on Dead, Deer in the Headlights, Nelson Lepine and Teun Schut, John Stiver and Jerome Godboo and the Adam Woodall Band.

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