# **\*SHOWING HORSES - NEWS & VIEWS\***

SHOW HORSE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALASIA INC.

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## Trivett Land Rover GRAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

held at S.I.E.C. on 12<sup>th</sup>/13<sup>th</sup> March 2005 were hailed a great success; the quality, standard & presentation of the Entries impressed our U.K. Judge Mrs Angela Lance & the many spectators. Congratulations to not just the Winners but to all who qualified & made the trek to compete. The committee hopes to see you all back up again on 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> April next year.

The support of our Sponsors was tremendous & special thanks is extended to TRIVETT Land Rover, Hamilton Island Resort, Headley Park Riding Ponies, Godfrey's Carpet Choice, Nature Vet, White Prince Mushrooms, Reed Thoroughbred Stud, Camelot Horse Rugs, Kolbeach Stud, C.B.C. Constructions, Claron Property Group, Wakefield Centre Dural & Show Jackets Australia. In addition the Riding Pony Stud Book Society (N.S.W. Branch) & The Welsh Pony & Cob Society supported their members winning Entries.

OPEN WINNERS were:					
The Godfrey's Carpet Choice - Small Pony n/e 12.hh.					
Winner	Manorvale Opening Night	M Karutz	S.A.		
The Headley Park Riding Pony Stud - Large Pony 12.2 n/e 14.HH					
Winner	Falconhurst Classic	Lyndale Stable	es & L Warburton S.A.		
<u>The Hamiltor</u> Winner	<u>ı Island - Small Galloway over 14 n/e</u> Janevelyn Jazzman	<u>14.2.hh.</u> K White	S.A.		
The Hamilton Island – Large Galloway over 14.2 n/e 15.hh.					
Winner	Paint The Stars Of Astral	Redlands Stab	oles & G Cooke N.S.W.		
<u>The Trivett Land Rover – Small Hack over 15 n/e 16.hh</u> WinnerCrownB.BaldwinQld.					
The Trivett Land Rover - Large Hack over 16.hh.WinnerW L EnvyS WatkinsN.S.W.					

Full Results are located on www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au.

The Friday BBQ was well supported & gave everyone a chance to relax prior to competition. While the array of Grand National Tops & Caps marketed by Hawkesbury & Hills District Hack Association were quickly snapped up as a souvenir of a great weekend. The many Trade Stands provided the opportunity to see & buy a wide range of quality horse related products. A new attraction was an Auction of Kolbeach Stud's Young Stock held during the Saturday Dinner Break, five new owners left with emptier pockets but high hopes for their new pony purchases, a commission from these sales will assist the Council in its expenses for the Event.

Special mention must be made of our large group of helpers, some of whom were on deck from Thursday to Sunday night looking after the many aspects associated with running this Event, Many Thanks - you did a great job!



Confusion seems to exist in the minds of some members as to the cover provided under Councils Policy & the recently required use of Waivers. This is a brief explanation provided 31/3/2005 by our Broker Aon:

"The Policy held by the Show Horse Council includes cover for its directors, employees, coaching staff, members and voluntary workers. If a financial member is found liable in a court of law for causing bodily injury or property damage at an event and/or any other authorised or sanctioned activity the policy would provide cover to them.

If a financial member again is found liable in a court of law for causing bodily injury or property to another member and/or participant the policy would provide cover to them. Cover would also be provided if the Council was found negligent for causing bodily injury to a member.

As regards to waivers, they are principally used to ensure the person participating in horse riding activities is aware that it is a dangerous activity, therefore protecting the Council that they have duly notified it's members of such activities. If a waiver is not obtained leaves the Council and/or affiliated club in a position where they could be accepting any liability of any incidents which occur.

Due to recent Tort Reform Legislations the introduction of waivers has been included as a means of stopping fraudulent claims being made and the courts time being wasted. The legislations have also placed limits on amounts people can claim, however these differ in each state.

At the end of the day if the Council and/or it's members are truly negligent then the injured party is still able to claim. However there has not been a court case yet to prove or disprove what impact waivers will truly have going forward."

#### S.H.C. Of Australasia Inc. MEMBERSHIP FEES 2005/2006

Have been determined as: "Joining Fee remains at \$10 with Annual Member Fees increased to \$55 per single or first Family Member, Subsequent Family Member be increased to \$45, these to be reviewed in 12 months". The rise was necessary to cover expected Insurance & members' costs & allow a buffer on which the Affiliate (Club) can operate. Waivers to be completed & lodged with Membership Form & Fees.

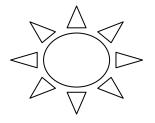
By way of explanation as to reason for increase: current costs to be paid by Clubs on behalf of their members are:

Public Liability \$30.25 per member plus SHC member Fee \$2.75

Club Policies component based on 50 members - \$7

(for Officers & Directors, Personal Accident – Voluntary Workers)

These amounts add up to total of \$40 per member so you can appreciate most of a member's Subscription Fee is directed to cover that cost. It should be pointed out that SHC membership is great value as it is recognised at any Official SHC Event.



### INVITATION

#### You are invited to visit the redesigned SHC Website www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au

Please visit the Site to access information regarding the Council & its operations. Viewing or downloading a wide range of documentation is fast & simple, Links to several Interstate Constituent Affiliate Sites are in place, while all N.S.W. Affiliates (Clubs) are easily sourced via a page containing their contact information, Member & Waiver Forms etc.

The Directory includes Upcoming Events where Programs, Entry Forms etc. can be sourced, also Results, Judges Scheme & updated Judges List, Measuring, N.S.H. Register, Competition Rules, Newsletter & Documents including Drug Testing Guidelines & S.H.C. Risk Management Policy etc. Feedback is welcome, please email <u>romastone2@idx.com.au</u>

#### **REMINDER TO JUDGES ON S.H.C JUDGES LIST.**

Judges are required to attend at least one Judges Workshop in period from 1/1/03 to 31/12/05 when the current Three year period for Accreditation expires. Workshops planned are:

Leisure Coast & Tablelands Associations 15<sup>th</sup> May at Campbelltown Catholic Club. Contact 4268 1463, 4657 1131

Central Coast Lower Hunter Hack Association 24<sup>th</sup> July at Gosford Showground Restaurant. Contact 9999 1540

Please contact Judges Coordinator Alena Farmer if wishing to apply to go onto List or Upgrade to Royal/National status, criteria & cut off dates applies.

Ph/Fax 02 6231 0269 or alena@homemail.com.au

Well the **ROYALS** have come & gone, with Council again supporting Canberra, Sydney & Bathurst by way of Sponsorship. Canberra now proudly boasts the largest horse numbers at a Royal while Sydney numbers appear to be dwindling. There are Exhibitors (including RAS Members) feeling much stress over reoccurring problems associated with showing at Sydney. We can only hope the powers that be take on board this concern as we don't want to see Sydney lose prestige in the minds of Exhibitors who have long seen it as a must attend Royal.

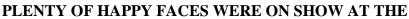
#### "SHC COMPETITION RULES" FEBRUARY 2005 EDITION NOW APPLIES

As there have been some changes, competitors are advised to obtain an up-to-date edition, this document can be downloaded from

www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au

#### DRUG TESTING

The Council is pleased to advise samples taken at the 2005 Grand National Championships all returned a Negative result, sincere appreciation is expressed to the Exhibitors concerned for their co-operation.







A very good turn up on another hot summer's day at SIEC, with 27 children representing their clubs. Riding instructors/judges were Gary Weir (QLD), Lyn Skeen & Francene Treneman, with Lyn also scoring Presentation. These scores were marked from a possible 20 points each, making riding & presentation worth 80% of the possible marks. Sandra Jorgensen gave an equine massage lecture/demonstration & there was also a theory section, with both sections worth a possible 10 points.

The day ran close to time (thank you judges) & I was impressed with the standard of riders and their attitudes, as every rider seemed very interested in what each instructor had to say. Of the three final days I have attended, I would say that this one had the highest overall standard with no obvious 'tail end'. Several of the instructors commented favourably on the quality of riders & horses.

I think this format of 6 sessions broken in to 5 activities & 1 rest session worked well, as well as the presentation being made on the day. I can't thank my helpers enough, particularly Helen Kirton, who ensured every one had food & drinks & Roma Stonestreet, who ensured when I had other distractions that the polo shirts & sashes were ordered!

Winners were:				
Under 12 years:	$1^{st}$	Seryn Adams (Sydney Regional)		
·	$2^{nd}$	Ryan Johnson-McNeil (Dubbo)		
12 – 17 years:	$1^{st}$	Eliza Michaeljohn (Central Tablelands)		
·	$2^{nd}$	Kate Marfleet (Central Coast Lower Hunter)		
17 – 21 years	$1^{st}$	Andrew Stone (A.C.T. & S.H.)		
·	$2^{nd}$	Hayley Preston (South West)		