



# SHOW HORSE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALASIA INC.

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## NEWSLETTER

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### 2007 Triple Crown Horsewear Grand National



Triple Crown Horsewear

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The Show Horse Council of Australasia is pleased to announce that Triple Crown Horsewear has come on board as our major sponsor for the upcoming Grand National Saddle Horse and Riding Championship to be staged next year on the 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> March and 1<sup>st</sup> April 2007 at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre Horsley Park. Triple Crown Horsewear, operated by Carol D'Silva, is situated on the Central Coast and is the supplier of exclusive apparel for you and your horse. We sincerely thank Carol and look forward to a long and successful partnership.

SHC Secretary Roma Stonestreet reports that she expects to have all invitations to the 2007 Triple Crown Horsewear Grand National posted out by early December. If you have qualified and have not received your invitation by the middle of December please contact Roma on 02 4324 1006 or email her at [romastone1@idx.com.au](mailto:romastone1@idx.com.au) Closing date for return acceptances is the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2006.

As was the case last year there will be two international Judges officiating, these names will be released shortly and put up on the SHC's website [www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au](http://www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au)

### 2007 Triple Crown Horsewear Grand National Championship Featuring

**Championship for**  
Open Small Pony Hacks  
Open Large Pony Hacks  
Open Small Galloway Hacks  
Open Large Galloway Hacks  
Open Small Saddle Hacks  
Open Large Saddle Hacks

**Championships for**  
Small Show Hunter Pony Hacks  
Large Show Hunter Pony Hacks  
Show Hunter Galloway Hacks  
Show Hunter Hacks

**Championship for**  
Juniors Riders  
Senior Rider  
Adult Riders

*A must for all*

Friday Night – BBQ for Competitors

Saturday Night – Wine and Dine while you watch the inaugural Trade Fashion Parade followed by the judging of the prestigious Small Saddle Hack Championship.

Dinner Bookings are essential. For reservations please contact Edwina Cullen 0418 115 463.

You will also be treated to a vast array of Trade Stalls of high quality equestrian goods and services for sale and on display.

*Free Gate Entry Each Day Of The Show.*

## 2006 Horse of the Year Show

Report by Show Secretary Roma Stonesteet

The 2006 Event was very well supported with 361 Horse Entries & 143 Rider Entries being accepted. The weather conditions were sometimes unpleasant with winds adding to the dry conditions however overall this did not cause disruption. The return to Hawkesbury Showground was appreciated with proximity to the Arena particularly for organisers & convenience for viewing, parking & stabling being much more user friendly. Trade Stands added to the occasion as did the attendance of Mr Bob Adby, Director General of N.S.W. Government Dep't of Art, Recreation & Racing who kindly spoke on behalf of the Department.

The Council is most appreciative of the tremendous support received from our Sponsors, particularly in the present economic climate. Without this backing it would not be possible to provide to our competitors the quality of presentation, Awards & Prize money enjoyed. The Sponsors were "Triple Crown Horsewear" Carol D'Silva, "Dunmore Equestrian Centre" & Kosseris Family, "C.B.C. Constructions Pty Ltd" & E. & C. Morelli, Headley Park Riding Ponies & Mr G. Colvin, "Premium Air Conditioning & Refrigeration" & Patchett Family, "Skyview Trailers" & the Latter Family, "Emma's Show Horse News & Accessories", "The Cutting Edge & Mr Michael Smith, Mrs D. Catanzariti, Mrs M. Reed & "Reed Thoroughbred Stud", Michelle Johnston, "Roxi J Accessories" & Mrs Kim Rutter, "Produce Direct & Pet Centre" & Dave Vella, Gallery Equine & D. Taff, Mrs Beverley Hall, Daisy Patch Pony Stud, M. & J. De Rooy, "Saradale", Melanie Watkins Diamonte Brow Bands, Mr G. Jamieson & "Horse Scene", Winning Edge Canes & Mr G. Robson, The Estate of the Late Mary Willsallen & Mr Michael Willsallen, The McHugh Family, The Kim Durante Riding Academy, Mr George Falkiner & Family & HACK ASSOCIATIONS: Central Coast & Lower Hunter, Dubbo & District, Hawkesbury & Hills District, Leisure Coast.

To run an Event of this magnitude requires an enormous amount of assistance both prior to, during & after the Show. In particular the contribution by Bruce Flood & Joe Charnock with the assistance of Paul Movsessian was huge; they spent several days at the grounds setting up the Presentation & Ring area, looking after Stables & Straw then returning to pull down & CLEAN Up the rubbish left laying around on the Monday as Bins were not made use of. Please be more considerate at our upcoming Show. While there was some complaint at the cost of stabling, it should be understood that the Council assisted with these costs, keeping them down for the benefit of country based competitors.

The rest of the team was Ringmaster Edwina Cullen who did a great job & was assisted by our Sub Committee Chairman Joe Charnock; Announcer Neil Austin who is always efficient & easy to listen to, while Marshalling Stewards John Kosseris & Peter Ryan kept things rolling also. A major shortfall was experienced with Ring Stewards; Bob Hoyer was kind enough to fill in on both days at short notice with Felicity King, Jenny Geisler & Jody Winning being our other appointed Stewards. This still left a shortage on Saturday & two fill-ins were kind enough to assist on the Saturday, this is not good enough! With over 700 members surely the Clubs can provide Stewards for our Major Show? Judy Chapman was Hostess & Award Steward, Helen Kirton Drug Testing, Rose King, Leonie Roberts, Katrina Williams, Sue Adams, Sandra James, Ashley Roberts, Melinda & Judy De Rooy, Jenny Morriss assisted where able.

The Measuring Team of Chief Measurer Robin Bland with Helen Kirton & Joe Charnock & their Stewards were sorely tested with 168 requiring to be measured at the Show. Exhibitors seem to be unaware or uninterested that horses being shown & holding NSH Registration are required to **HOLD** Current Measuring Certificates. This aspect was disappointing as plenty of opportunity was given to obtain Certificates prior to the Show & a lot of officials were tied up when they could have been assisting elsewhere.

First Aid was provided by St John's & I'm pleased to report only minor incidents required this service over the weekend. Special mention of Toni Nettle who does Art work, set up & collating of our terrific Show Catalogue, this keeps cost of Printing down considerably, thank you Toni.

The Catering carried out by Bruce Flood was excellent, both for exhibitors, our VIP's & Officials, thank you Bruce. This is one aspect that makes or breaks a Show for everyone. Helen Kirton kindly did up Results & Garry Robson has done a written Report; both are now up on the SHC Website [www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au](http://www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au).

Having not been closely associated as Show Secretary for some time, among the problems I am now aware of is that more care is needed in completing Entry Forms. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to provide correct details, besides the usual missing or incorrect paperwork were Entries in wrong Classes e.g. geldings in mare class & visa versa, people entering Open instead of Show Hunter & visa versa, Heavyweight to Lightweight, not advising of any Class change when a horse's height has changed after Close Of Entries. Some problems, when only being brought to our attention at the Show & often in the Marshalling Area, can & should be avoided.

I believe there is an anomaly in the Definition. Of "Amateur". There were Entries in Amateur Classes that included a Non-Amateur as Co Exhibitor; this does not reflect the spirit of that Competition but the current Definition is to only relate the Owner & the Rider therefore I would like to suggest that "Exhibitor" also be included in the Definition.

Another bone of contention was the misinterpretation by some that Clause 9 did not apply to include EFA HOTA Shows. Should this Clause be further clarified or is it covered sufficiently as is?

*"If ANY Horse has competed in another State's Horse Of The Year Show held in the 2006 calendar year, it is ineligible to compete in EITHER the OPEN HORSE Section or the OPEN SHOW HUNTER Section of the 2006 Show Horse Council of Australasia Inc. NSW Horse of The Year Show".*

As to the Programming: Saturday ran well to time while Sunday morning went overtime, largely due to extra numbers particularly in the Pony Ring. This placed strain on all concerned, particularly as Flights dictated the finish time. A suggestion is to move Smartest on Parade Classes to Lunchtime Saturday but still using the Interstate Judges, this would allow additional time on Sunday. All in all, the feedback has been very positive & I was happy to play my part. Congratulations to those who competed in such a well-behaved & sportsman like manner, this along with the quality & presentation of your exhibits really made this Show one to remember.

## *Hygain Announced Regional Export Award Winner*



Located in Victoria's eastern equine belt and established since 1983, HYGAIN has been leading the way in equine science and nutrition for all forms of horses from thoroughbreds to showjumping, to performance and hobby pursuits. As experts in equine nutrition, HYGAIN produces customised mixes, premixes and complete feeds for all types of horses, backed by extensive research and analysis. The company has positioned itself at the leading edge of equine nutrition and operates a state of the art manufacturing plant and supports its products within nutrition research projects for both potential new products and feed processing developments.

HYGAIN's corporate mission is to produce quality products for the horse industry and that industry alone with a commitment to excellence, quality and service to its customers. Extensive consultation is provided to the equine industry to answer nutritional questions with practical recommendations. Only the finest raw material ingredients are used with high quality production control measures that have led to the company earning a standing reputation for the highest quality feeds and nutritional supplements for horses.

HYGAIN's feed products are sold in more than fifteen countries including Australasia and the United Emirates and Europe with their recognition and demand growing in accord with Australian's competing successfully in international level events.

The Show Horse Council of Australasia is proud of their association with Hygain and congratulates them of this wonderful achievement.

## *Show Horse Council Judges*

Report by Judges Coordinator Leonie Roberts

Hello to all our SHC Judges, I hope you have had a good year and enjoyed your judging appointments.

I have completed the most recent update of the S.H.C. Judges list; this is now available on the SHC website.

[www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au](http://www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au) . If any changes occur in your contact details please email these to me at [iconinteriordesign@hotmail.com](mailto:iconinteriordesign@hotmail.com) . Laminated cards have been issued to those current on SHC Judges List.

Sandra Button from SHC W.A. has kindly set up a Data Base for a National Judges List, this includes N.S.W., W.A. & Qld. & is now also up on the Website.

Sydney Regional held a very successful workshop at Penrith in June; the next scheduled Workshop will be at Dubbo early in 2007. This will provide a good opportunity for country people to attend in the current Accreditation period 2006 – 2008.

A Reference Handbook produced by the S.H.C., "Guide to Showing" will be available early in the New Year; this is the long awaited update of the SHC Manual. The Handbook will be an important tool for those wishing to become accredited as an S.H.C. Official Judge.

In response to complaints received, the SHC has also introduced a Rule to the Competition Rules (& Judges Scheme) which is

11.12 SHC Official List Judges officiating as a Judge at ANY Show are not permitted to use mobile phones or smoke whilst they are in the Ring.

It is important that Judges are good role models & both practices have been considered as out of place in the Ring.

## Measuring Scheme

Report by Chief Measurer Robin Bland

The SHC is endeavoring to Nationalise the SHC Measuring scheme, discussion between the SHC & the affiliate State bodies is underway, to establish reciprocal recognition of each State's Height Certificates & to establish agreement on Measuring Rules, Procedures & Records. A National agreement will allow the exchange of relevant measuring information between the States when the need arises. This has become an issue, due to the increased number of Grand National Qualifying shows, where entry is open to competitors from any State.

In NSW alone there are well over 1,000 horses with a current SHC Height Certificate, this will increase in the New Year as the 2007 show season gets under way. During the past 12 months, we have held a number of measuring days at the smaller shows or when convenient, this has decreased the number of horses requiring measurement at the major shows (i.e. HOTY etc.).

All horses entering the major SHC Shows are now required to be SHC (NSH) Registered, every horse's identity is thoroughly checked when it is measured, doing away with the old system, where the Measurer verified all horses, including those that held a current Height Certificate. With our up to date records, this is no longer required, if a horse has a current Height Certificate, the measurement details are recorded on the horse's breast plate number prior to the show & its measurement requirements are complete for that show. Many competitors ensure that their horses have a current Height Certificate prior to attending the major shows. We no longer have long queues of horses, waiting in line for hours, to be either measured or identified prior to competing.

The recent NSW HOTY is an example, over 360 horses were entered, thankfully 220 had a current Height Certificate, the exhibitors of the 220 horses were smart, no standing in line to get measured. However, the 140 who didn't have a current Height Certificate, is another story, in the measuring queue, this takes considerable time for all, the Exhibitor, the Measurers, the Measuring Steward & also the horse, and all could have been doing something better I am sure. Measuring days are listed on the SHC website; **we ask that all members try to have their horses measured prior to the major shows.** If measuring is not available in your area, raise the issue with your local Hack group, hopefully we can hold more measuring days & accommodate most areas.

## Up Coming Events

Sydney Regional Hack Exhibitors Association would like to advise that we will be holding a 2-Day Training Camp @ SIEC Horsley Park, Friday & Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> of January 2007. Lessons will be available from two of our leading Hack Competitors & sought after Instructors, Gina Beck & Francine Treneman. The indoor & an outside arena's have been booked for lessons & the trail riding facility @ Horsley Park will also be available to those attending the Camp. All Sydney Regional Members are welcome to participate & a limited number of vacancies will be available to members of other SHC affiliated Clubs who would like to attend. Accommodation @ SIEC for Horse & Rider will be available; all who attend should have a fun two days. Bookings are essential & close before Xmas.

For information & bookings contact Jackie Ryan – Ph. 02 45797684. A booking to the camp would be an ideal Xmas gift for any keen show rider & as a bonus for Sydney Regional members, Merry Xmas - the lessons are free. Our Annual Summer Show will be on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2007, @ Shane Park. Cnr. Whites & South Creek Rd's, Shane Park – with a full Hack program & a Beginner Ring.

## Season Greeting

*John Kosseris and the Executives of the SHC wish Season Greeting to all Affiliates and their members, May you all have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*

## Final Say

As we quickly approach another Festive Season and the curtains draw on 2006 it is an appropriate time for reflecting on the past year. It would be hard to argue against 2006 going down as our most successful year. The Grand National was our best ever; one wonders what greater heights this extraordinary showcase of Australasia's finest Show Horses and Riders can climb to as exhibitors Australia wide spend thousands of dollars seeking qualification. Our HOTY Show also an outstanding success as was Pacific Coast Championships. Congratulations to President John Kosseris, Executives of the SHC and Affiliates who contributed to a memorable year. And to quote Robin Bland our Chief Measurer, *Let's hope that Santa will need a raincoat'*