



# SHOW HORSE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALASIA INC.

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## NEWSLETTER

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### *Claron Property Group 2009 Grand National Championships*



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The Show Horse Council of Australasia is pleased to announce that Claron Property Group have again come on board as our major sponsor for the upcoming Grand National Saddle Horse and Riding Championship to be staged this year on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre Horsley Park. Claron Property Group has over a number of years sponsored minor sections of the Grand National. Last year Claron Property Group took on the major sponsorship with naming rights of the Grand National, but as we all know due to EI restrictions the 2008 Grand National was cancelled. We sincerely thank Jodie Winning and the Winning Family for their continued support and look forward to a long and successful partnership with them and their extremely successful company.

Again we have received record entries in all sections of the Championship. This year we are pleased to announce that we have two highly credentialed UK judges to adjudicate over the three days of the Grand National. Below is their judge's profile:

**Kirstine Douglas** is located in North Wallacetown, Scotland & has been producing Show Horses and Ponies for 18yrs with a very high success rate. She breaks, schools and produces for her clients and very rarely has a horse/pony in the yard that has been previously shown under saddle.

Kirstine produces In-Hand. - All types; rides and competes in Ladies Classes & believes in turning her horses out to perfection. Prior to starting producing on her own she spent almost 5yrs training with Robert Oliver, gaining a tremendous amount of knowledge from him. Kirstine travels to all major shows throughout Great Britain and Ireland and has a very high success rate including wins at Royal International Horse Show and Horse of the Year Show.

Kirstine will be judging in New Zealand immediately prior to her Appointment at the Grand Nationals.

Kirstine is currently on the judging panels: Sport Horse Breeding ( G.B.)—Ride and Conformation ( R.I.H.S. and H.O.Y.S Panels ) British Show Hack, Cob and Riding Horse Association – Ride and Confirmation (R.I.H.S AND H.O.Y.S ) PANELS, N.P.S. – Show Hunter Ponies Breeding, CHAPS –Ridden and Confirmation P.U.K/ - Ridden Hunters, and Show Hunter Ponies.

**Mrs Anna Levy** is located in Kent, SE England and is married with 1 child, Oliver who is 3 years old. Anna was Employed for 4 years as Head Girl to top UK Show Horse producer Robert Oliver. She has been a producer for 12 of Hunters, Hacks, Riding Horses and Side Saddle. Anna has won at all major Country Shows and qualified for HOTY for the past 10 years.

Her Judging Panel credentials include: Sports Horse Breeding, Show Hacks and Cobs, Ridden Arabs, Side Saddle Association. Anna has judged at all major shows in the UK including The Royal Show, Royal International and HOTY Show. Anna has also judged internationally in Ireland and South Africa. For the past 3 years Anna has been freelance instructing and riding, following the birth of her son Oliver.

## ***IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL AFFILIATES & MEMBERS***

It was determined at the SHC meeting of 3/3/09 that at all future SHC Grand National Qualifier Shows a new Rule will apply; please ensure your members are provided with notice of this change and that the relevant Show Program's Conditions of Entry clearly state this requirement.

**“All horses being entered in Hack, Show Hunter, Led & Rider Competition at this SHC Affiliate Grand National Qualifying Show, are required to be registered with The National Saddle Horse Register no less than Two (2) Calendar months prior to the Closing Date of the Show. (Only exception is Breed Classes).**

This Rule will not apply to any current Event where Rules are already circulated and time frame is insufficient.

***This is an important change, please don't leave it to the last moment to NSH register your horses. There will be no more 'Pending' nominations received after the cut off period.***

## ***2009 CTSHA Young Rider Show***

The weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup> 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> January saw the running of the 5th CTSHA Young Rider Show and Training Day Weekend held at Orange Showground, and what a weekend it was, considering on the Friday beforehand we thought we would have to cancel the whole event due to a mini tornado devastating half of the very few stables Orange Showground has to offer on the Thursday night.

All day Friday the committee and Orange City Council worked very hard to ensure accommodation was available for the 60+ ponies and horses we had coming that afternoon! A hectic day indeed! Luckily enough everything ran smoothly for the rest of the weekend, being blessed with glorious weather both Saturday and Sunday. A big thank-you goes out to our five instructors, Chris Stevenson, Brooke Stevenson, Pete Richardson, Vicki Anderson and Brian Skipworth who all did a great job with the 60 kids participating in the Training Day. Also a big thank-you to all our helpers, judges (Emma MacDonald, Cameron Wood and Heidi Glass) and stewards, with nearly 100 young riders competing on Sunday at the show. This year also saw the introduction of a Beginners Ring, which proved to be very popular.

Another big thank-you to sponsors - Georgie Mason, Boorowa, John East Racing Stables, Orange, Prestige Racehorse Transport, Clarendon, Warrawillah B&B, Millthorpe, G&C Manufacturing, Orange, Cross Family, Bathurst, Diny Bushell, Cowra, McCarron Cullinane, Orange, John Konke Products, International Animal Health & HorseLand Orange.

Looking forward to next year's weekend which will be bigger and better than ever!



## *2009 Pitcher Partners Pacific Coast Hack Championships*

The Grand National Qualifying 2009 Pitcher Partners Pacific Coast Hack Championships will this year be held on the 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> April 2009 at the Castle Hill Showgrounds. Judges for the Championship are Dale Plumb from Victoria, Briony Paine from Victoria and Leanda Phelps from NSW. It is important to note that this year there will be no heats in the Grand National Qualifying Classes. The judging of all Grand National Qualifying Classes will be judged by the system that has been used at the Northern NSW Hack Championships, where all horses or rider complete a short workout, they are scored by the 3 judges independently with the worst score dropping off.

**Entries close on the 20<sup>th</sup> March** with the newly appointed SHC of A Show Secretary Jennifer Swaine, all enquires should be directed to Jennifer on 0438 952830 or email: [jswaine@bigpond.com](mailto:jswaine@bigpond.com)



**'GRAND NATIONAL' QUALIFYING SHOW**  
**For members of the SHC of A and it's Constituent Affiliates**  
**And for Horses Registered in the SHC of A National Saddle Horse Register**  
**CHAMPION AND RESERVES**  
**IN OPEN HACKS, SHOW HUNTERS & RIDER SECTIONS**  
**CHAMPIONS & RESERVES WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR INVITAION TO THE 2010 GRAND NATIONAL**



*Plus Newcomers, Preliminary and Amateur Classes.*

## *2009 Horseland Northern NSW Hack Championships*

The Grand National Qualifying 2009 Horseland Northern NSW Hack Championships will be this year held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May at the Northcoast National Showgrounds in Lismore NSW. Grand National Qualifying section Judges will be Samantha Kennedy from SA, Charlene Nossister from NSW and Joanne Prestwidge also from NSW. They will be joined by Jade Pollard from Wauchope in NSW who will judge some of the Non Qualifying sections.

Important changes this year are all led classes, including the Riding Pony Feature Show led classes and the Northern NSW Super Hack Spectacular Challenge will be judged on Friday morning, following the leds will be the First Season Ridden, Ridden phase of the Hack Challenge and the Grand National Qualifying Show Hunters Ridden. Saturday will start with the Grand National Qualifying Riding Classes, Ridden section of the Riding Ponies, Preliminary and Amateurs. Sunday will start with the Grand National Leading Rein and continue on with all the Grand National Open Hack sections.

And as in the past we will have a free sausage sizzle on the Friday night, and Saturday night entertainment will be spectacular to say the least.

**Entries close on the 9<sup>th</sup> April 2009.** Enquires can be directed to Show Secretary Dianne McMahon on 02 66290 269/ 0413 474 074 or email; [diannemcmahon@optusnet.com.au](mailto:diannemcmahon@optusnet.com.au) or Garry Robson 02 66832252/0432 854098 email: [garry.robson@bigpond.com.au](mailto:garry.robson@bigpond.com.au)

*'Come and try you luck on Nutcracker the Mechanical Bull'*

## *SHC Judges*

Show Council Judges are advised that we have just completed (31/12/08) the last three year accreditation period. If you have not attended a Judges Workshop during the past three year period your name may be removed from the Official SCH Judges List. The next three year accreditation period runs from 1/1/09 to 31/12/11, all SHC Judges must attend a Judges Workshop during this period to stay on the Official SHC Judges List.

SHC Judges on the list are asked if they have any changes to their contact detail to contact the SHC Judges Co-ordinator Melinda de Rooy by emailing in the changes to [shcjudgescoordinator@hotmail.com](mailto:shcjudgescoordinator@hotmail.com).

## *Victorian Bushfires*

On behalf of Bruce Flood President of the Show Horse Council of Australasia, the Executives, Delegates and indeed all members of the SHC of A may I extend our heart felt sympathy to all our constitute members affected by the horrific bushfires that have recently ravished Victoria. The devastation, lost of person life and the many horses lost has torn at the heart string of us all.

The way that the Australian public has responded so quickly to our greatest natural disaster makes us all proud to be 'Aussies'. Many people in the horse industry have given so generously to the bushfire affected in so many different ways, monetary, produce, horse gear and the list goes on. Special mention must go to Michelle Johnston who promptly organised for a load of produce to be delivered to the affected and then went about seeking financial sponsorship to help cover the cost. The SHC of A is pleased to announce that they will contribute to this sponsorship. If any of our Affiliates or members would also like to contribute they can contact Michelle on 0419 682 322. Please help out if you haven't already done so, it is a very worthy cause.

## *SHC of A Show Secretary*

The SHC of Australasia is pleased to announce that they have contracted the services of Jennifer Swaine as Show Secretary for events run by the SHC of A.

Events that Jennifer will cover will include the Grand National, Pacific Coast Hack Championships and our HOTY Show. The popularity and increase in numbers of these events comes with the added burden of huge amounts of checking and paperwork. That added to the growth that the SHC of A has experienced over the past couple of years has seen it necessary to lighten the workload of our Secretary and other voluntary helpers.

The first event that Jennifer will work on will be the 2009 Pitcher Partners Pacific Coast Hack Championships. All enquires for this years Grand National should still be directed to SHC of A Secretary Roma Stonestreet.

### *Portfolio of Jennifer Swaine*

Jenny is self-employed, and runs her own successful interior design business, working with clients from the planning stages through to the building process and then with the decoration of their home or business. Jenny primarily specialises in high-end waterfront homes but has also recently fitted out a gym, dance studio, surf club and other professional suites.

Prior to this, Jenny spent nearly 20 years in the financial services sector in various sales, marketing and communication roles and has organised many Australia-wide events and product launches. Jenny was instrumental in the rebranding of National Mutual across to AXA Australia where she was the Marketing and Communications Manager directly responsible for relaunching the brand to all the financial planners and advisers. She has also worked as Individual Risk Manager for Australian Casualty & Life, Marketing Manager for Intech Investment Consultants, Marketing Manager for Australian Casualty & Life, Insurance Manager at Davey Financial Services and a number of other roles in the industry.

Jenny has extensive experience in organising product launches, preparing media releases and writing all forms of communications. In her role as Individual Risk manager at Australian Casualty & Life Jenny regularly wrote articles on risk insurance that were published in adviser newsletters and magazines.

Jenny is married and has two children Samantha (11) and Jarrod (8).