



SHOW HORSE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALASIA INC.

NEWS & VIEWS

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Show Horse Council Annual Meeting

South Coast businessman John Kosseris was recently return unopposed for his third consecutive term as President of the Show Horse Council of Australasia at its Annual Meeting held at Richmond, west of Sydney on the 16th August. This meeting was well supported by affiliate delegates who where joined by SA constituent affiliate delegates, Geraldine Crocker and Helen Degenhardt.

In fact the election of executives held no surprises as one would expect considering the success of the past year. Hard working, long-time Secretary Roma Stonestreet was also returned unopposed as was Treasurer Katrina Williams for her third consecutive term. President John Kosseris thanked all concerned who helped contribute to our most successful year.

Both the Grand National qualifiers run by the Council, namely the 2004 Nature Vet HOTA and the 2004 Hygain Pacific Coast Championships posted record entries with substantial financial returns. The 2005 Trivett Land Rover Grand National again held at the magnificent complex of SIEC at Horsley Park just keeps on growing in stature and is without a doubt our most prestigious event, with Australasia's most elite show horses competing this year before the astute eye of respected international judge, Angela Lance from the UK. Mr Kosseris also paid tribute to outgoing judges coordinator Mrs Alena Farmer, who did not seek re election, this position has been filled by Mrs Leonie Roberts who I am sure will continue on with the good work put in place by Mrs Farmer.

For a full update on the current SHC executives visit our web site www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au

Judges Scheme

Our judge's scheme is currently in the process of being reviewed and updated by the Judges Sub Committee. Some of the area's being looked at includes,

- The criteria needed to up grading to the Royal Show List.
- The formation of a National Judges List. Currently the states of NSW, QLD and WA are the only ones with a Judges List. Robyn Bland has been appointed as the Chairperson of the National Sub Committee to help facilitate this process.

Current Show Horse Council judges are reminded that the end of 2005 brings with it the cut off of the current 3 year period. If you have not attended a judge's workshop in the last 3 years your name will be taken off the SHC Official Judges List. If you attend a workshop during the next 3 year period your name will automatically be placed back on the list without sitting the exam, after that period you **will** have to re sit the exam.

A recommendation has come from the Judges Sub Committee that affiliates holding workshops need to ensure that lecturers place a lot more emphases on the education of potential candidates sitting the Judges Exam in the area of Conformation & Soundness.

The SHC Manual, introduced in 1997 has been a valuable Reference point for competitors, Judges & Applicants to the Judges List. In conjunction with the Judges Scheme, the Manual is also being updated & should be in place early in 2006.

2006 Trivett Land Rover Grand National Saddle Horse & Riding Championship

Due to the popularity and the ever increasing number of competitors that this prestigious event draws and the time frame needed to judge such large numbers the SHC has decided to extend the gala event to 3 days. Another important change to the format of the forthcoming Grand National will be the use of two U.K Judges. They will judge alternate classes over the three days with the assignment of classes not publicised until the day of the event. As we are all aware the Grand National is an invitation event, SHC Secretary Roma Stonestreet expects to have the invitations posted out by the beginning of December. If you have qualified and have not received your invitation by early December please contact Roma on 02 43582662 or email, romastone2@idx.com.au. A highlight again this year will be the young stock auction of the Kolbeach ponies at around 5.30pm on Saturday and don't forget the popular BBQ on the Friday night. The 2006 Grand National is set down for the 31st March, 1st April and the 2nd April at the magnificent complex of SIEC at Horsley Park. **Nominations close on the 31st December 2005.**



Friday 31st March 2006

- 12 noon. Show Hunter Galloway
- 2pm. Rider 12 years & under 15 years
- 4pm. Rider 15 years & under 17 years
- 6pm. BBQ



Saturday 1st April 2006

- 9am. Small Saddle Pony Hack
- 10.30am. Large Saddle Pony Hack
- 12.30pm. Small Saddle Galloway Hack
- 2pm. Large Saddle Galloway Hack
- 3.45pm. Show Hunter Hack
- 5.30pm. Young Stock Auction
- 6pm. Dinner
- 6.30pm. Small Saddle Hack
- 8pm. Large Saddle Hack

Sunday 2nd April 2006

- 8.30am. Rider under 12 years
- 9.30am. Rider 17 years & under 21 years
- 11am. Rider 21 years & over
- 12.30pm. Lunch
- 1pm. Small Show Hunter Pony Hack
- 2.30pm. Large Show Hunter Pony Hack

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Net Perceptions & Webmaster Joanne, have to be congratulated on the extremely successful upgrading and maintaining of the Show Horse Council website. The whole site is now user and printer friendly, easily negotiable, a complete novice will have no trouble finding and downloading relative information. You can now access and download a host of information including, Upcoming Events and Programs, Results, Competition Rules, Newsletters, Affiliate Club Information, Interstate Constituent Affiliates, NSH Registration, Judges Scheme and a current Judges List, SHC Risk Management Policy, Drug Testing Guidelines and Treatment Sheet. Gauging on the number of hits that our website has received of late indicates that it is being very well received by our members and others who wish to source information about the SHC. Recently released statistics show that our website received 44 hits a day for the month of August, September received 43 hits a day. The total visits for August and September returning 2,496 visits. The total number of overall pages visited in that period totaled an amazing 6,680. The continued success of this very informative site is wholly dependant upon Affiliate Secretaries supplying up to date information, all documentation submitted should be in Word format. For all enquires regarding this website, please contact our Secretary Roma Stonestreet, email Roma @ romastone2@idx.com.au

Country Athletes Scheme

This scheme is designed to assist talented young athletes from the country areas of NSW to gain access to training, coaching and competitions similar to those enjoyed by athletes from the city.

Who Can Apply?

To be eligible to apply athletes must meet each of these criteria; be 17 years of age or under as at 31st December, be competing at state age level in their sport, be permanent resident of NSW, reside more than 80km from the old Sydney GPO and be registered, affiliated or have reciprocal rights with the recognised state body for the sport in NSW.

How much funding is available to me?

The maximum amount of the grant depends on how far in radial kilometres you live from Sydney.

When can I apply?

Applications open September 30th and close December 31st each year.

How can I apply?

If you would like to apply under this program you'll need a copy of the guidance notes and application form. You can download this document as a PDF file at www.dsr.nsw.gov.au

2006 Show Horse Council of Australasia Conference

We are pleased to announce that the Show Horse Council of QLD (Inc) will host our 2006 bi-annual conference on the 8th and 9th July 2006 at the Hyatt Regency, Sanctuary Cove. This conference has been organised as a social event to give Country, City and Interstate Horse Competitors, Judges and enthusiasts the opportunity to hear from experts in their fields on matters of importance in areas of showing and the horse industry in general. There will be plenty of time for Questions and Answers as well as an Open Forum. A buffet Dinner Party for Members and Guests will be held at the end of Saturdays Seminar. I am sure that Queensland President Sally George and her committee will make us all feel welcome and they most certainly will host a very enjoyable, professionally run conference. Your attendance is highly recommended. For all enquires please contact Sally George – 0419 783070 – Gail Iskra – 07 38002149 or Greg Smith – 0413 152972.

Judges Seminar

The South West Hack Association Inc. will host a Judges Workshop at the Wagga Wagga Showgrounds on the 13th November 2005, this will be the last workshop of the current 3 year period. Guest Speakers include John Kohnke: Conformation & Soundness & Latest Research; John Paget: Showing & Judging; Susan Low: SHC Rules & Procedures. The itinerary for this workshop can be downloaded from Upcoming Events on SHC website www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au or alternatively you can contact the South West Hack Association Secretary Susan Low on 02 69755119 or email Susan at rtsbtjam@simplex.net.au New Applicants to the Judges List must submit their Application & criteria at least 7 days prior to the Workshop to the Judges Coordinator, Mrs Leonie Roberts. (Forms can be downloaded from Judges Scheme on SHC Website)

Upcoming Events

The **Hawkesbury & Hills District Hack Association Annual Show** will be held on the 29th October at the Hawkesbury Showground. There will be a 2 Ring Circus for Ponies, Galloways and Hacks, plus a complete Show Hunter Ring, ASPA, ARP and ANSA. Contact number is 02 45728897

ACT & Southern Highlands Show Horse Association will stage their Annual Show at the Canberra Riding Club, Lyneham on the 30th October. Please contact Secretary Alena Farmer on 02 62310269

The **Central Tablelands Show Horse Association** will host the Young Rider Show and Training Day on the 14th and 15th January 2006 at the Bathurst Showground. Preceding this show on Friday the 13th Sharon Molloy will coordinate the SHC Youth Training Day. Instructors will be Eileen Gibson, Francine Treneman, Peter Richardson and Maxine Cahill. Nominated affiliate representatives will receive a cap and a T shirt. For more information please phone 02 6365 0645 or 02 6362 5324. or email rachelmolloy99@yahoo.com.au

Sydney Regional Hack Exhibitors Association will be conducting a Show at Shane Park on 15th January 2006

Hunter Regional Show Horse Association will be conducting their Annual Show at Morisset Showground on Sunday 29th January 2006. Big Program with Prizes etc.

You will find a comprehensive listing of upcoming events and programs on www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au

Our Newsletter

Newsletters are an effective way of communicating with our members on matters of importance and interest. The success of this depends on receiving relative information from affiliates and members. If you have anything of interest or ideas of what you, as members would like to see included in future newsletters please contact the SHC Publicity Officer Garry Robson. Email Garry.Robson@bigpond.com Phone 02 66832252, 0432 854098 or Fax 02 66832252

BUYERS DISCOUNT AVAILABLE TO S.H.C. MEMBERS

Element Lifestyle Furniture, operated by Mr John Kossieris, is offering the substantial discount of 20% off normal floor price to S.H.C. members. This is a great opportunity to enjoy savings on high quality Furniture, Bedding, Manchester, Outdoors Furniture & Decorator items from Stores located in Penrith, Campbelltown & Warrawong.

Show Horse Council of Australasia Horse of the Year

The Show Horse Council is committed to the continued success of all events run under the SHC banner. With this in mind and while the HOTY Show is fresh in our minds the Council wishes to conduct a survey of our members to ascertain their constructive views on a number of issues regarding the running of this event. We ask that you take the time and answer the following questionnaire as it is in your best interest to participate. Please give your views, you can return by either mailing to the Show Horse Council P.O. Box 6134 Lake Munmorah 2259, fax to Roma Stonestreet on 02 43582662 or email romastone2@idx.com.au before the 3rd November 2005

- ❖ Is SIEC / Hawkesbury/ Canberra your preferred venue? Please circle.
- ❖ If so, why?
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- ❖ If not, where is your preferred venue?
- ❖ Why?
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- ❖ Do you agree with the present format for judging Opens i.e. Section combined into One Class followed by Finals? Please circle YES/NO
- ❖ Why?
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- ❖ Or previous format with separate Height Classes followed by Semis & Finals Please circle YES/NO
- ❖ Why?
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- ❖ If neither, what format would you like to see introduced?
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- ❖ Your views on the costing?
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- ❖ Any other comments pertaining to this event?
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