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NEWSLETTER

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Life after Equine Influenza

It's great to see that after nearly 7 months of quarantine restrictions and the bitter disappointment experienced by us all with the cancellation of major horse events within Australia the lives of the horse fraternity are returning to some form of normality. Recent announcements by the DPI in both NSW and QLD that all zones within both states are now either White or Green Zones has given us some hope that the dread experiences of EI may be a thing of the past and has allowed us to regain our lives showing. It is now extremely important that we all stay diligent and follow all DPI Regulations when attending events.

It is paramount that we all fully understand what is expected of us as responsible exhibitors, we still need to go online and fill out the Travelling Horse Statement Form (THS) before we go to any event. This form must be carried with you and presented to the designated Official at the event you attend. It is important not to leave registering you THS until the last minute as there is now a new option that is available to organising committee's for recording the THS numbers on the Event Attendance Form that fully relies on you registering early.

To report which horses attended their event, event organisers need to fill in a horse event attendance form and fax this back to the State Disease Control HQ at NSW DPI within 24 hours of the end of the event.

Organisers have been using a version of the form where they need to write in the numbers from each THS as the participants arrive, or as they register at the desk. This is still a good way to report event attendance, but, for events with many participants, requires the event organisers to do a good deal of writing.

A new service is now available so that event organisers can obtain a horse event attendance checklist with the numbers of all the THS registered for their event already filled in. (Organisers are also welcome to call the EI hotline to obtain a version of this checklist which lists the names of the horse owner/manager beside their THS number. This version of the checklist is not available from the website because of the need to protect the participant's privacy.)

To generate a checklist that is pre-filled with the THS numbers registered at their event, event organisers can use the horse event attendance web form. This form is the first option under Horse event attendance on the events page: <http://www.dpi.nsw.gov/equine-influenza/events>

Many participants do obtain their THS close to the start time of the event, so organisers may still have to add some numbers by hand, depending on when they can generate this page. Remember, if you need to make a correction or change to your event; ask the EI hotline for help. Whatever zone you are in, if you suspect your horse is infected with EI, you must legally notify NSW DPI on the EI hotline 1800 675 888 as soon as possible.

2008 Autumn Hack & Riding Championships

The Grand National Qualifying 2008 Autumn Hack & Riding Championships was this year held on the 15th March at the spacious Hawkesbury Showground which was in absolutely superb condition. Entries for this event were taken on the day, and the numbers and quality of exhibits was exceptional to say the least. The Judges were Maryanne McMahon-Bullpit from Lismore NSW, Cherie Jennings from Wollongbar NSW and Eileen Gibson from Dubbo NSW.

Champion Small Pony went to the Morelli Family with Balena Sails with Runner up going to Elvonara Park Georgie Porgy for the Dalley Family, both these ponies coming out of the over 12h & n/e 12.2h class. The Large Pony Championship was an impressive class with both the Champion and the Runner up coming out of the over

13h & n/e 13.2h class – Champion awarded to Harrington Park Class for K Kelly & Sally Barnes-Nobrega and it was to be Christie Hall's very consistent Rathowen Vizier the Runner up.

The Small Galloway Championship saw the all conquering Beaufort Heiress again rein supreme for Sue Peters and Beaufort Nutrition Pty Ltd. The Runner up went to the very nice moving, well chromed mare Geisha Girl ridden a treat by her regular rider Gina Beck for herself and the Wells Family. In the Large Galloway Championship both the Champion and the Runner up were to come out of the Heavyweight over 14.2h & n/e 15h class, with Anthony Mountney's Willowcroft Cruise Control awarded the Championship over Oaklyn Kynton for Melinda McClintock who was on this occasion ridden by Mark Tarrant.

Master horseman Roy Davis took a strangle hold on the Small and Large Saddle Hack Championship when he took out the quinella with Gillespie (Small Hack Champion) and Oakridge Edition (Large Hack Championship) both these outstanding horse's were ridden to perfection by Gina Beck. Runner up to Gillespie was R Dunn's Extremist and Runner up in the Large Hack Championship was awarded to Irreplaceable for T Heathcote.

It's great to see that the Show Hunters continue to grow in popularity and become truer to type while retaining their quality. The Small Show Hunter Championship was to go to winner of the under 12h class, Glen Lynton Winter Lilly for T Bradley with the Runner up going to the very consistent tradesman Elkin Ruffian for the McEvoy Family who also came out of the same class as the Champion. Both the Champion and the Runner up in the Large Show Hunter Pony Championship was to come out of the over 13.2h & n/e 14h class, Champion going the way of the prolific winner Helden Park Etching for L Panella with the Runner up awarded to K Sviderskas Joemoor Arizona.

The Show Hunter Galloway Championship was awarded to Judy and Melinda de Rooy's nice moving Saradale Crusades who was ridden superbly by Melinda. Liz Bower's Clifford Park Classic Rose, also ridden a treat by Mark Tarrant was awarded the Runner up for 2008.

The Show Hunter Hack Championship was a little disappointing number wise, but was made up in quality. A Jakins Aloha Valintino took out the over 16.2h class and followed through with the Championship over the winner of the over 16h & n/e 16.2h class winner Oakridge Centennial for the Treneman Family.

Hawkesbury & Hills District Horse Show

What a success - the first Show for NSW in almost 7 months with a fantastic attendance of nearly 200 floats on the grounds. There were no hassles or problems, everyone presented the correct paperwork when entering the grounds, and if you had been on another planet for the past 7 months - you would not have even known there had been no events. Horses coped well and most competitors were understanding to those perhaps having a little 'first time out difficulty' with their horses.

There were also a number of well known showing identities from VIC and QLD in attendance for the day both as spectators and competitors. Apart from the very humid conditions, the show was extremely well run and a very big congratulation must go to Bruce Flood, Karen Townsend, John Walker, Edwina Cullen, Judy Chapman & the entire SHC Hawkesbury & Hills District Show Committee for their efforts in getting everyone back in the saddle.

Judges: - **Hacks;** Wayne Kennedy, **Galloways;** Sheryl Ackerley, **Ponies;** Leonie Roberts,
Show Hunters; John Paget

Champion Small Pony - E.P Georgie Boy, Dalley Family

Reserve Champion - Taragon Park Miss Gabrielle

Champion Large Pony - Falconhurst World Class, Joanne Prestwidge for Morelli Family

Reserve Champion - Rathowen Saxony, Martine Duncan.

Champion Small Galloway - Headley Park Gold Mink, Sarah Corrigan for Graham Colvin.

Champion Large Galloway - Realism, Kate Treneman

Reserve Champion - Janevelyn Moment of Truth, Carlene Nossiter.

Champion Small Hack- KT She's a Celebrity, E Corrigan for Karen Townsend.

Reserve Champion - Daisy Patch Orthello

Champion Large Hack - Oakridge Edition, Bruce Flood, ridden by Gina Beck.

Reserve Champion - York, Holly Riddell

Hunter Regional 'In the Purple' Hack Show

The Gates were open at 6am in the dark and the floats came from as far as Tamworth for what was the 2nd show in the Sydney area since the outbreak of Equine Influenza. Thru the grey mist horse were just outlines in the dark preparing for what became a huge day. Overall 300 horses attended this show. All classes were very strong in numbers. **Judges:- Ponies** - Danielle Slade, **Galloways** - Michael Baker, **Hacks** - Michael Smith,
Riding Ponies - Dalveen Gregory, **Led Pony Breeds** - Joe Charnock

The Muratore Family donated the Royal Command Perpetual trophy, which was, won by Headley Park Fancy Me – K Stansfield

Lisa Mc Donald donated the Lisa Mc Donald Perpetual Hack Trophy won by Out of Pocket- M Kenzig/ J Warren The Aird Family donated The Style Perpetual Galloway Trophy, it was won by Beaufort Heiress, Beaufort Nutrition and Sue Peters and went on to win the Allan Corney Memorial Trophy, donated by the Corney family who were on hand to present the Award, and a Cash prize \$150 donated by Pam and Peter Bush –Kerribee Park Brandy Hill.

Champion Small Pony -Mondiso Park Watch Me- Rebekah Bennett

Reserve Small Pony - Elvonara Park Georgie Porgie- Britt Dalley

Champion Small Galloway Hack - Beaufort Heiress

Reserve Champion Small Galloway - Roseagle Spring Surprise, Sara & Colleen Robb

Champion Large Galloway - Janevelyn Moment of Truth, Carlene Nossiter

Reserve Champion - Nottingham Fine Print, Pam Bush.

Champion Large Hack & Supreme Hack over 15hh – Out of Pocket, Mark Kenzig

SHC Hack & Riding Spectacular Grand National Qualifier for 2009

The SHC are pleased to announce that they will be holding a GN Qualifier on the 31st May and the 1st June at S.I.E.C Horsley Park. **Council has been negotiating to obtain Judges & can now confirm Mrs Lucy Killingbeck, U.K. and Ms Brigit Ensten have accepted to judge.** Closing date of entries, Schedule and Timetable now available from the SHC webpage www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au or by contacting the SHC Secretary Roma Stonestreet ph/fax 02 4324 1006 or romastone@idx.com.au



Judges Workshops

The **ACT & Southern Highlands Show Horse Association Inc.** will be holding a Judges Workshop on Sunday the 15th June 2008 at the Yowani Country Club Lyneham ACT. Timetable and Presenter's details will be available shortly on the Council's webpage www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au. For more information please contact Alena Farmer 02 62310269 Email; alena@homemail.com.au

The **Tablelands Show Horse & Pony Association Inc.** and **Leisure Coast Hack Association Inc.** will join forces to present a joint Judges Workshop. Venue, Date, Timetable and Presenter's details will be available shortly on the Council's webpage www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au. For more information please contact Bev Hall 02 4271 4474 – Kerry Patchett 02 4268 1464 or Helen Kirton 02 4657 1131/0407 002 450 Email;

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SHC Judges attention is drawn to the following SHC Judges Scheme Rules & Regulations:

- 1.8 A General Judge shall attend one (1) 'Judges Workshop' or equivalent, conducted by the SHC or by an Affiliate, and approved by the SHC, in a specified THREE (3) year period. The Judge shall sign the Workshop Attendance Book and provide his/her latest personal details on the Workshop Attendance Form. The Judges may attend the Workshop as a Presenter or as a Participant.
- 1.9 A Royal/State/National Judge shall attend one (1) Judges Workshop' or equivalent, conducted by the SHC or by an Affiliate, and approved by the SHC, within two (2) consecutive specified THREE (3) year periods. The Judges may attend the Workshop as a Presenter or as a Participant.
- 3.1 A name may be removed from the General Judges List where the person concerned has failed to attend one (1) 'Judges Workshop' or equivalent conducted by the SHC, or by an Affiliate and approved by the SHC per specified three (3) year period.
- 4.1 A name may be removed from the Royal/National/State Judges List where the person concerned has failed to attend one (1) 'Judges Workshop' or equivalent conducted by the SHC, or by an Affiliate and approved by the SHC per specified two (2) year consecutive THREE (3) year periods.

If anyone is interested in applying to be considered to go on the Trainee's, General or upgrade to the Royal/National/State List you need to go online to the SHC webpage www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au and

download the relevant forms and forward to the Judges Coordinator Melinda de Rooy before the closing date of applications.

Up Coming Event

The 2008 Horseland Northern NSW Hack Championships
22nd – 23rd & 24th August 2008
LISMORE NSW.

Huge program of horse events - nights full of entertainment.

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A Riding Pony Approved Feature Twilight Show with a full program for Show Ponies and Show Hunters
First Season & Open Led for both Show Horses and Show Hunters
Preliminary and Amateur Hack Classes for both Show Horses and Show Hunters
Grand National Qualifying Lead Rein – Riders – Show Hunters and Show Horses.

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Presidents Message

The affect of EI has undoubtedly been the most devastating experience the Australian Horse Industry has encountered. The recent declaration that EI has been eradicated has been the most welcome news & all involved with horses can now hopefully resume our horse interests with some normality. Since September 07, the SHC has been actively involved with the bodies appointed by the Government to deal with the consequences of EI. Our Secretary, Roma Stonestreet has been busy providing details for processing of CHAP's payments made to many of our Members who sought assistance.

To enable horse events to recommence post EI, the SHC organized the 1st. EI surveillance Clinics at SIEC & Gosford last December. Hawkesbury & Hills District Hack Association conducted the 1st horse show to be held after the EI incursion. This show had a huge attendance, I am sure those who attended, both SHC members & non members join me in congratulating the committee for their efforts to start the ball rolling in running this show. Unfortunately many of our major SHC events were initially postponed & then cancelled, the 2007 NSW HOTY, the "Pitcher Partners" Pacific Coast Championships, the ACT & Southern Highlands 2007 Championships, the 2007 Country Hack Championships & the 2008 Grand National.

The SHC has endeavoured to compensate for the loss of these events, by staging 2 additional GN qualifiers (for this year only). The SHC 2008 Autumn Hack & Riding Championships, was held 15th March & was a great success, the next show will be the SHC Hack & Riding Spectacular 29th May/1st June 08 at SIEC. This show will give all SHC Members, the chance to compete at a show comparable to the Grand National without having to qualify; it will have the same classes as the GN & will be conducted similarly. All class entrants will be allowed an individual workout, placings will come to a Top 5 with an eventual Winner & Runner up. Announcing : **Mrs Lucy Killingbeck and Ms Brigit Ensten U.K. have been confirmed to judge at this Show.**

The SHC continues to be a voice in all things that may impact on our members; we have sent our concerns by way of letters to the various heads of Government etc., in respect to the proposed introduction of a levy to horse registrations. Since our letters were sent, the matter has been put on hold, to be considered following the result of the Callinan enquiry into the EI outbreak. The SHC is mindful that decisions that impact on the horse industry flow on, not only to commercial horse owners but to those who have horse/s for pleasure as well. The Show Horse plays an integral part in the Australian Horse Industry & the SHC is committed to work for the benefit of its members. Organising for our 2008 HOTY, Pacific Coast & 2009 Grand National are well in hand. I hope to see many of you at the Spectacular in May & we can at last, get back to shows as normal in the very near future.

Robin Bland.

Editors Comment: Show Horse Council President Robin Bland and her fellow Executives have during the Lockdown been extremely active in lengthy negotiations with the DPI, relevant Horse Bodies and Government Officials. They have all devoted extremely valuable personal time looking after and fast tracking the best interest of ALL SHC Members in this extremely difficult time. I am sure that all members join me in extending our sincere thanks to Robin and her team for the time and effort that they have afforded this devastating chain of events. Now as we return to normality it is important that we, as exhibitors and organisers follow all recommended procedures put in place by the DPI and our event organisers. Anyone wishing to sign a petition regarding the proposed Levy can go online to register their objection, by going to the following website.

<http://www.gopetition.com.au/online/17263.html>