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BREEDERS' AND MEMBERS'

BULLETIN

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Since my last report the Arabian breed has achieved some outstanding success in open competition. Our advertisements in Horse Deals and this issue of AHN illustrate some of these horses. The Arabian Riding Pony Nottingham Fine Print was Reserve Champion Galloway and the Crane Trophy winner at Sydney Royal earlier this year, Purebred gelding Barnoolut Rimini won the Novice Show Hunter over 14.2h and not exceeding 15h at Melbourne Royal, Arabian Riding Ponies Rathowen Saxony and Manorvale Diamond Diva were Champion and Reserve Champion Large Pony Hacks respectively at Melbourne, Gleneagles Giorgio was 4th in the coveted Garryowen and the highly decorated Arabian Riding Pony mare Rathowen Scarlet Ribbons was Champion Pony Hack in Brisbane for the third year. Congratulations to the breeders, owners and connections of these horses. They are wonderful ambassadors for our breed. Please don't hesitate to contact the Secretary or myself if you have any news of horses competing in open competition with such results. We shall gladly welcome the information for further promotion.

It was a great thrill to learn that Alexandra Toft was recently presented with the Young Rider of the Year Award at Queensland's Equestrian Australia presentation dinner. This is a tremendous honour and not only does it reward Alexandra for her dedication and ability but also gives great recognition to the sport of Endurance and the Arabian breed. It is exciting to think that we have youth competitors within the breed of this calibre who can attain such results amongst elite competitors in other disciplines of open competition. Well done Alexandra.

I might add that there were some outstanding applicants in the Youth Ambassador Scholarships awarded at the end of August. It is imperative that we continue to encourage and give every assistance to these kids so that they can continue to progress - after all; they are the future of our breed. On that note I should remind applicants for the Youth Ambassador Scholarships to submit your applications by the 20th January. Jessica Krog, our inaugural winner of the Youth Exchange to New Zealand shall depart for her trip in February. NZ has put together a tremendous itinerary for Jess taking in the NZAHBS National Arabian Championships as well as staying at Rhodium and Rayjan Arabians. Jessica Macgill, the winner from NZ, shall accompany our Jess. It is then intended that Jessica Macgill will arrive in Australia in time for the Aussie Championships and will be hosted by families in Victoria during her stay. Youth Exchange nominations must be received in the office by the 31st January.

Judges seminars have recently been held in Victoria, Tasmania,

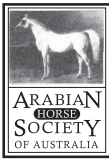
Queensland and Western Australia. They were well attended and were found to be very beneficial. It was pleasing to note a number of interested prospective judge candidates in attendance. My thanks to those people responsible for hosting, organizing and conducting these seminars.

The AHSA organized trade stands at the Hawkesbury Small Farms Expo in NSW and at the Quilty and Bendigo Equine Expo in VIC. This was Bendigo's inaugural Expo and pending the success of this year's event it is envisaged that it will be conducted biannually in alternate years to Equitana. The Goulburn Valley Arabian Horse affiliate also participated by staging an impressive display in an outdoor site as well as providing a practical demonstration of the breeds versatility. Whilst this event was a much smaller version of Equitana both Director Jill Bromley and I felt it had the potential to grow and was worthwhile promotion for the breed.

During the past few months it has been brought to our attention that there is a belief that some endurance horses are campaigning under substituted names as opposed to their registered name. I would urge all breeders to read Coralie Gordon's article on this subject in this magazine. It is of great concern to the AHSA and breeders that this is occurring and we have had discussions with AERA with regard to this. We propose to have a meeting with them to discuss the matter further. It would appear that both sides are aware of the problem and I would remind breeders of the importance of branding horses properly.

Organisation for the Aussie Championships at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre from the 17th - 21st March are well underway. Several new rules have been implemented for the next show. Any person entering a horse in the Championships must be a current financial member of the AHSA. It shall also be a requirement for every person handling a horse in any way throughout the show to complete the "Condition of Entry Declaration Form". Those people who are not financial members of the AHSA and who are in any way handling a horse must complete the "Registered Participant Form".

Following the success of this year's dinner at the Championships we are pleased to announce that Kate Cook, 2009 Australian Idol finalist, shall perform live. This year's dinner has been generously sponsored by the Log Cabin Hotel at Penrith and will be held on Friday 19th March. It shall once again incorporate our annual award presentation and auction, which is conducted to raise money for our Youth Development program. Please ensure you mark this date on your calendar. We enjoyed a great night at the dinner this year and eagerly look forward to the next.



The Log Cabin staff are extending an invitation to all horse enthusiasts to attend "Horse 'N' Around" on Sunday 14th March. Drinks, dinner and a live band would seem a fitting way to mark the conclusion of the East Coast Championships and the beginning of the Aussies. Please see details elsewhere in the magazine for booking tickets.

At our December Board meeting it was decided to introduce the minimum 12.5% Arabian blood across all Derivative registries, effective immediately. While at the same time, Derivative breeders can continue to register lower percentage horses that comply with the present regulations, all Derivative foals born after 1/08/2012 must comply with the new Regulations in order to be registered.

The response to the survey was overwhelmingly in support of an increased percentage. Owing to the number of votes received it was obviously a topic of great importance and I thank all those who responded for providing us the feedback. It is a topic that has been discussed for many years by previous Boards of Directors and due to the strong indication from our members this time, a change will now occur. This change will also bring us into line with other breed societies who have a minimum requirement of 12.5% to be eligible for registration. This will not affect horses of a lower percentage already registered however any future breeding of those horses will need to be in line with the new Regulations. The Board is mindful of the adjustments some Derivative breeders may need to make to their breeding programs to comply, hence the time period given.

We are currently revising our Regulations and quite some time was devoted to this at the December meeting.

As was expected E.I. has had a significant impact on our registry figures. Registrations and Stallion Nominations are the areas of most concern.

I would like to conclude by thanking the office staff and Directors for their support during this year and on behalf of both, may I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kate Luckock
Chairman



REMINDERS

DIRECTORS ELECTIONS FOR 2010/2011

All the necessary material will be posted with your membership renewal notices. The candidates 500 words and photos are in the December Edition of AHN. Voting closes promptly at 4pm EDST on January 29th 2010. Please read and follow the voting instructions carefully, particularly regard the envelopes to be used for the ballot paper and sending the ballot paper envelope to the returning officer. **PLEASE NO CHEQUES PAPERWORK ETC IN THE RETURNING OFFICERS ENVELOPE.**

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS

As mentioned above these will be mailed out in December. Membership can be paid online:
www.ahsadata.com/secure/membership/member_login.php
Remember that membership now must be paid by no later than 28th February 2010 or you membership will lapse and all benefits of membership will cease – including insurance cover.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MARCH 17TH 2010 AT SIEC

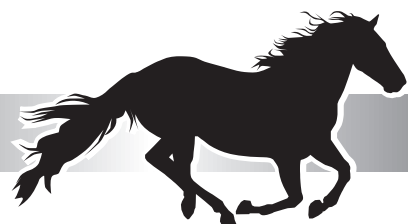
Notice of the AGM and Proxy Form will also be enclosed with the membership renewal notices.

OFFICE HOURS CHRISTMAS 2009

The office will be closed from midday Thursday December 24th 2009 and reopen Monday 4th 2010
We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous and healthy New Year

Board Meetings 2010 Board meetings for 2010 will be held on

February 24th and 25th with subcommittees meeting on 23rd
May 12th and 12th with subcommittees meeting on 10th
August 24th and 25th with subcommittees meeting on 23rd
November 23rd and 24th with subcommittees on 22nd





WAHO AWARD

The AHSA will choose one living Arabian horse each year, bred and still domiciled in Australia and registered in our WAHO approved stud book, which in the opinion of the Board deserves to be presented with this award for a particular achievement. Ideally, the Board will look for an Arabian horse which has itself in some way been an excellent “ambassador” for the breed or, in the case of older horses, has achieved the same through its immediate progeny. WAHO has stressed that this award should ideally not be connected with any one particular show or event, as they do not wish to be in conflict with any other awards already in existence, especially at the major shows and competitions. Nor should it necessarily be awarded each year for the same athletic discipline in which Arabians take part. Nor should it be similar to, or in competition with, any award that may already be in place. This WAHOTrophy can be awarded for a different reason or category each year. The Board will give this careful consideration, and use broad parameters when making their choice. Beyond the above, and the fact that winning horses must have been born in Australia and be registered in their our stud book, WAHO does not lay down any special rules for the way in which annual award winners are chosen, as they recognise there are many cultural and historical differences from Member country to Member country for the different activities available to Arabian horses, their owners and breeders. Written Nominations supported by a short summary will be accepted by the Board to be considered at the February 2010 Board meeting.

Derivative Registries

Change of Minimum Percentages

After consideration of the Derivative Survey Results at the December Board meeting it was decided That we introduce the Minimum 12.5% Arabian blood across our Derivative Registries immediately while at the same time Derivative Breeders can continue to register lower percentage horses that comply with the present Regulations. All Derivatives registered after 1st August 2012 must comply with the new Regulations in order to be registered

News Flash

The AHSA Youth Exchange Nominations

Close 31st January 2010

Application forms on the Website

<http://www.ahsa.asn.au/awards.html>

or in the September Edition of the Arabian Horse News

The AHSA Youth Ambassador Scholarship

Close 20th January 2010

Application forms on the Website

<http://www.ahsa.asn.au/awards.html>

or in the September Edition of the Arabian Horse News

Society Membership Fees

Effective 1st January 2010

Full Membership

Full year 1st January to 31st December \$130.00

Part Year Applications received after
1st July New Members only \$85.00

Pensioners – full year \$80.00

Junior Membership

Full year 1st January to 31st December \$56.00

Part Year Applications received after
1st July New Members only \$35.00

Proprietary Limited Companies

Full year 1st January to 31st December \$130.00

Part Year Applications received after
1st July New Members only \$85.00

Overseas Membership

Full year 1st January to 31st December \$117.00

Part Year Applications received after
1st July New Members only \$77.00

Amateur owners

New Member Applications \$20.00

Renewing members –
when paid with full membership \$10.00

Renewing members –
when not paid with full membership \$20.00

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE NOMINATIONS

The Directors are calling for nominations, from Affiliates or individuals, for the Distinguished Service Medallions which will be awarded in 2010.

Nomination Forms are available from the office or on the Website: www.ahsa.asn.au/downloads.html

Nominations for 2010 should be received at the Society's Office by January 31st 2009.

PERSONS NOT IN GOOD STANDING:

It was decided that we will now list “Persons not in good standing” with the AHSA in the Arabian Horse News. This will include persons who have received Yellow or Red Cards or have been officially reprimanded at any event. The final details of disciplinary action are being worked out with our legal team but will include set periods of time for enforcement where said person will be unable to attend any AHSA Affiliated event.

NOTES FROM THE BOARD TABLE. . .

CHAMPIONSHIPS:

Rules & Conditions

Please ensure you read the Rules & Conditions for the 2010 Aussie's as there have been a few adjustments and all exhibitors are required to familiarize themselves with the CURRENT rules.

Dressage

As you have probably noticed, we are offering Preliminary tests for the very first time! With the changes to the official tests, we thought this would please most competitors.

Entry Forms

The official entry forms for the 2010 Aussie's are now available in the December AHN and on the AHSA website. If you are unsure of anything, please contact Laura for clarification. PLEASE NOTE that it is now a requirement for all exhibitors to be financial members of the AHSA. The only exception to this Rule is competitors who are competing solely in the Dressage and are current EA members.

New Form Requirements

You will notice that there are two new forms in your Entry Form pages. The first one, the Condition of Entry Declaration Form is for ANY PERSON handling, riding, driving or preparing a horse to complete. Any person in control of any horse must be wearing their wrist band which will be available at the show office. The second form is the Registered Participation Application which needs to be completed by any person in control of a horse who is not a financial member of the AHSA.

Stables

As usual, stables are in short supply for the Championships, especially with East Coast running back to back with us! We have again secured a number of portable, secure stables for use at the event. As we are expecting a large number of competitors to compete at both shows, it is in your best interests to get your requests in early to secure your position.

Breed Ambassadors

If any owner or breeder has a wonderful Arabian ambassador who you think should receive some recognition at the Australian Championships, we would love to hear from you. All requests will be considered before a final format is decided upon.

Security

For the 2010 Aussies, we will again have security and video surveillance in place to ensure the safety of horses, tack & possessions and to hopefully put an end to the kind of treatment some horses receive which results in so many letters of complaint and disgust.

Scoring System

At the 2009 show, we trialed a new scoring system. Although we are doing things a little differently this year, we felt that the system on the whole worked quite well. This system will be in place for the Purebred halter section only and will see horses "scored" in the first instance to obtain the top ten horses; these horses will then return to the ring (on another day) to be judged comparatively to obtain Champion, Reserve Champion and Top Ten exhibits.

Agricultural Qualifications

We are aware that some people, especially those from more remote areas, have had some trouble with gaining an Agricultural qualification as desired for your Aussie entries. If you are one of these people, please contact Laura to discuss which shows you have attended and we will assess each qualification on a case by case basis.

EQUITANA:

The AHSA again booked a large site for Equitana Asia Pacific in November next year. We will occupy a booth in the main hall and have booked space in the Breeders Village. If you would like to volunteer to help "man" the stand or have a registered horse you would like to exhibit in the Breeders Village, please contact Laura at the Office to make arrangements. We are also happy to exhibit any photo's or DVD's you would care to send as this was a huge hit last time.

REGISTRY

We know we have said these things before but we're not sure if you're hearing us!!! These are the major problems we have with the paperwork you send in:

If you are applying for a gelding registration and you are applying for Hair Storage, you need to send in the Declarations at the time of registration application. Please don't forget to include your Service Certificate and remember to SIGN THE APPLICATION!

For foals being fully adult registered as Stallions in the first instance, please remember to send in your Vet Testicle Report with your registration application.

When your vet is completing the Testicle Report, please ensure he includes all brands and markings. If for some reason, your Certificate of Registration does not match the Vet's Report, please return the Certificate attached to the Vet Report, along with photographs supporting any discrepancies.

When completing Transfers and Leases, PLEASE FILL IN ALL THE BLANKS! The majority of sendbacks are a result of the forms not being fully completed and/or signed.

Please complete your horse's markings and brands in PEN, not pencil, texta or crayon! Also note that whatever you fill in is scanned into our database so don't write little notes to us on the markings page, they will appear on your Certificate of Registration!

If there is a blank space, FILL IT IN for legal reasons, we ask specific questions and if they are not answered or the forms are not signed, we are unable to complete them. It is in your best interests to get it right.

If you know you have an event coming up, please send in your requests early – again, it is in YOUR best interests to do so and if your paperwork needs rushing, there is a Rush Fee which will be imposed.

Your Office staff try to do the very best to ensure your paperwork is returned in a timely fashion and we really need you to help us by getting it right in the first place. Our crystal ball doesn't tell us the colour or date of birth of your horse and it very often doesn't know who the sire is – you need to tell us!!!

If you're not sure of something, send an email to the relevant staff member or a quick phone call will answer most questions.