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# BREEDERS' AND MEMBERS'

# BULLETIN

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Board of Directors met on the 23rd, 24th and 25th August, with all sub committees conducting meetings on the first day. I welcome Gudrun Martini to the JEC sub committee as the elected judges representative. I also extend a very sincere thank you to Gail Iskra for the tremendous contribution she made to the JEC over the past years. Gail has devoted a great deal of time to improving our judging system in her capacity as a judge, examiner and mentor of judge candidates. Due to there being a considerable number of Directors who are current National Panel Judges and already serving on the JEC committee, it was decided to reduce the number of judge representative positions available, in an effort to reduce operating expenses.

The JEC are currently investigating a mentor system to expand judging experience opportunities for Level 1 Judges. It is proposed to conduct these at some of our more major shows with a National Panel Judge. It was decided that all judges on the suspended list must not accept any further judging appointments until they have brought themselves up to date with all requirements. We urge those people on that list to comply by the 1st November 2010 if they don't wish to be removed permanently.

Quite some time was devoted to looking at alterations to both the Rule and Judges Books. We propose to reprint both these books once alterations have been finalised. In the meantime some changes have been made, which are effective immediately.

1. It was decided that AA Graded shows and major capital city Royals must be judged by National Panel Judges in the future.
2. Youth competitors handling a horse in any halter (open or youth) and handler classes must stand at 45 degrees to the near side shoulder of the stationary horse. This rule has been changed to make the rulings consistent and hopefully eliminate any further confusion on behalf of youth competitors, judges and parents.
3. A more detailed Code of Conduct is currently being investigated for the Rule Book and Australian Championships Conditions of Entry.

4. As of 1/1/11 the owners/lessees of Purebred Mares, Purebred Stallions and Arabian Derivative Stallions shall be required to be current financial members of the AHSA in order to compete in Arabian and Arabian Derivative classes.

Please check the website for other rules that have been amended as this provides the most up to date version of our Rule Book until a reprinting takes place.

Earlier this year, all Affiliate groups were sent a list of requirements for holding "Graded" shows and employing the services of international or non Arabian Panel Judges. If any Affiliate needs further clarification on the new rulings, please contact the office to discuss your queries.

The Board of Directors of AHSA Ltd feels that it has a duty of care to its members to assist them in making informed breeding decisions. There are a number of genetic defects which occur in Arabian horses, as there are in all species of animal. Most of these are recessive which means that both parents must be carriers in order for an affected foal to result. Some of these 'problems' are very extensively found within the breed. They occur originally as a result of a genetic mutation and if a popular sire with desired traits happens to be a carrier then the defective gene spreads quickly throughout the population.

Carrier animals should not be regarded as inferior or undesirable, the purpose of testing is to allow breeders to be able to avoid breeding two carriers together as an affected foal will then result 25% of the time. Many of these carriers are outstanding individuals and they have desired traits that should be maintained but without the risk of producing an affected foal. Breeding a non carrier to a carrier will not result in an affected foal and only 50% of the foals born will have carrier status. Many breed societies have used genetic testing in order to eliminate genetic defects in a variety of animals by slowly reducing the frequency the gene appears in the populations and by avoiding the production of an affected animal.

Several new Regulations were made:

1. No stallion, colt, mare or filly imported into Australia on or after 1st January 2011 will be registered in the Stud Book or Register of the Arabian Horse Society of Australia Ltd until the Society is in receipt of DNA results stating carrier status for Severe Combine Immunodeficiency (SCID), Cerebellar Abiotrophy (CA) and Lavender Foal Syndrome (LFS). As DNA carrier tests become commercially available for Gutteral Pouch Tympany (GPA), Occipitoatlantoaxial Malformation (OAAM) and Juvenile Idiopathic Epilepsy (JIE) / Juvenile Epilepsy Syndrome (JES) these will, in addition be required.

2. Likewise, semen which has been imported into Australia on or after 1st January 2011 will not be authorised for use to breed an Arabian or Arabian Derivative until the Society is in receipt of DNA tests stating carrier status for SCID, CA and LFS.

Both the above Regulations have been adopted to aid members in making informed breeding decisions. The Board is also actively investigating the testing of ALL nominated stallions for SCID, CA, LFS and GPA (as tests become available) with the intention of publishing the results on the online Stud Book. We will secure the best possible price available for the tests and it is our intention to hopefully have them all done together with DNA.

It was especially pleasing to note that 40% of our members did their Stud Returns online. This considerably reduces the amount



of paper work coming into the office during a busy period of the year. It is intended that the Stallion Returns will be implemented online at the end of the year in readiness for next year.

Amy Curran continues to work on our website. The Stud Directory is now updated and on the website, we hope members will take advantage of this service. The Awards page has been recently completed. We continue to appeal to our members for non advertising photos to keep our website looking fresh and plead to our Affiliates to provide a calendar of events.

The disbanded Arabian Saddle Horse Council kindly left the balance of their money to the AHSA and requested it be used to promote Purebred Arabians under saddle aged between 4 and 10 years. The Board is currently proposing to form Purebred Arabian Saddle Horse Development Squads in each state, with the idea of providing selected squad members tuition at two training weekends per year to aid in the development of each combination of horse and rider. These combinations would then be encouraged to compete at their state Arabian Championships and the Australian Championships. It is intended that appointments to the squad would be for a period of one year; however eligible combinations may re apply annually for selection. This proposal is still in the early stages of development and we shall provide more details once finalised.

Plans continue toward the Aussies in Tamworth next year. We have revisited the classes being offered and those previously not being well supported have been combined. Our judges have all accepted their appointments with Mr Eduardo Moreira from Brazil, Mrs Leonie Williamson, Mrs Mieke Bigg, Ms Josie Potts, Mr Stephen McMorro, Mr Paul Morath and Mrs Carol Heuchan officiating. A new ruling has been added to allow any one handler/rider to present up to two horses in their individual workouts in the ring, provided that there is a capable, suitably attired handler/rider for each horse when group judging is occurring and during awards presentation. With a reduction in classes we now feel we can run the show within one ring inside the indoor arena. This will avoid the clashing of classes and will hopefully provide our judges with more regular breaks. Tamworth and Districts Endurance Club have been enthusiastic at the prospect of holding an Endurance Ride in conjunction with the show. It is proposed that a 40km and 80km ride is held, beginning on Saturday afternoon/evening.

Our AGM will be held in Windsor, NSW at the AHSA office on Saturday 30th April 2011. A guest speaker will be invited prior to the meeting.

I will be travelling to SA for a meeting on the 17th September with the aim of hopefully forming a South Australian Arabian Youth Group. Whilst there I shall also inspect the showgrounds with fellow Director Carolyn Potts with a view to holding a future Aussie Championships there. A judges exam is being held in SA for judge candidates on the 25th September.

Equitana is once again looming before us. This will be held at the Melbourne Showgrounds between the 18th and 21st of November. The Society shall have a trade stand as well as a stable in the Breeders Village. We thank Victorian Youth Group members Syenna Vasilopoulos, Catriona McCallum and Elouise

Lando for making available the Arabian Pony B'Anembo Touch of Class and Purebred geldings Cosmic Sparkling Starlight and Show No Mercy to represent the breed. We also thank Michelle Young and Purebred gelding Kathmar Park Maverick and Narelle Cribb and Anglo gelding Issy Miaki. These geldings have all been fabulous ambassadors for the breed and demonstrate a wonderful temperament. There were several comments made during the last Equitana to suggest that we should have had breeding stock and not geldings representing the breed. This was a deliberate decision made by the Directors. Past experience has shown that stallions and mares generally don't handle the patting and poking of thousands of children each day in the same way that geldings do. We were the only breed to have geldings and the increased traffic flow of children and parents into our stable area was noticeably evident. We are currently replenishing our stock of merchandise and organising promotional material for show bags. The Quambi Book is very close to completion and we are endeavouring to have the book printed in time to launch at Equitana. This has been an exciting project for the AHSA and we have indeed been privileged to have been given the undertaking to publish this piece of very valuable Arabian history within Australia. Special thanks must go to Coralie Gordon for compiling the book and typing it, to Brother Peter McIntosh for his proof reading and to Joan Flynn for her assistance with the photographs and cover. We are also excited that AHSA member, breeder and author Carmel Rowley also intends to launch her new novel during Equitana. I believe Carmel's first novel, Tails Carried High, has been received extremely well with terrific sales overseas as well as within Australia.

The Board was extremely disappointed to receive information informing us of a horse returning a positive swab at a major show. Acting in accordance with our rules, the exhibit and owners have forfeited all awards won at that show and have received twelve months disqualification from being exhibited, exhibiting, or having exhibited any horse which is registered with the AHSA in their name, or in partnership with any other Society member at any function/show. In addition, the horse has been disqualified from entry to the Australian Championships for a period of two years. We remind members that swabbing does take place and penalties will be enforced should a positive swab be returned.

The National Campdraft Council of Australia Inc and Pony Club Australia Inc convened a meeting at the Sydney Showgrounds on the 9th June to discuss the recreational horse community's position with regard to EADRA. The EADRA process is now well underway and updates on its progress can be found at the Animal Health Australia website [www.animalhealth.com.au](http://www.animalhealth.com.au) PCA and NCCA have discussed the idea of a formation of a national body to represent the recreational horse community's interests with government, as there seemed to be a level of dissatisfaction with the representation provided by the Australian Horse Industry Council. Resulting from this PCA and NCCA are forming ALPHA (the Australian Leisure and Performance Horse Association) and have invited all national recreational horse organisations to join. ALPHA's only purpose will be to represent the interests of the recreational horse community to the Federal Government and its

related agencies. ALPHA would aim to be a signatory to EADRA and/or a member of Animal Health Australia and will represent the whole recreational horse community in the event of an exotic disease outbreak and in any review of the Ausvetplan. We have expressed the AHSA's interest in joining ALPHA and have decided not to renew our membership with the AHIC, as we do not see a benefit to our Society or members. The Society is instead meeting and consulting with other major horse breeds and performance groups on an EADRA response and levy process.

We release our Raja's Kids Club in this AHN and trust the kids will enjoy Raja's quizzes. We hope kids will answer the questions in the guest interview and submit them for Raja's selection in the next AHN. A prize shall be awarded to the selected person. We look forward to receiving a photo and paragraph from the kids telling us what they are doing with their pony, when they join Raja's Kids Club. It is our aim to print a National Newsletter for kids.

In concluding I congratulate Penny Toft and the Standardbred gelding Don, Dr Norbert Radny and the Purebred stallion West Coast Acheron and Matthew Sample and Anglo Arabian gelding Tarrangower Crescendo on their selection for the Endurance Team competing at the World Equestrian Games in Lexington, Kentucky USA. On behalf of all our members, the Directors and office staff I wish the team the very best of luck and feel sure you will wear our sponsored rugs well and represent us proudly.

Kate Luckock  
Chairman



## News Flash

### The AHSA Young Adult Exchange Nominations

Close 31st January 2011

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/Young Adult Ambassador Scholarship

Close 21st January 2011

Application forms on the Website

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

or in the September Edition of the Arabian Horse News

## Directors Nominations for 2011/2012

The necessary form to nominate for a Director of The AHSA can be found on our website [www.ahsa.asn.au](http://www.ahsa.asn.au) under Membership/Forms <http://www.ahsa.asn.au/downloads.html>

or in the Contact Us section <http://www.ahsa.asn.au/contact.html>  
Nominations for the Board will be required from the following States: New South Wales (1), Queensland (1), Victoria (1), Western Australia (1) and Tasmania (1)

The following Directors whose term of office expires early in 2011, have indicated their

intention to seek re-election:- Mrs L Currie (QLD),

Mr A Preston (NSW), Mrs J Marsh (W.A).

The following Directors whose term of office expires early in 2011, have indicated their intention to not seek re-election:-

Miss K Luckock (VIC) and Ms Ahel (TAS).

There is also a requirement for the election of another Director in NSW due to the resignation of Mr R Smith in early 2011. The Person elected to this position will be required to stand for re-election in 2012/2013.

## Next Board Meeting

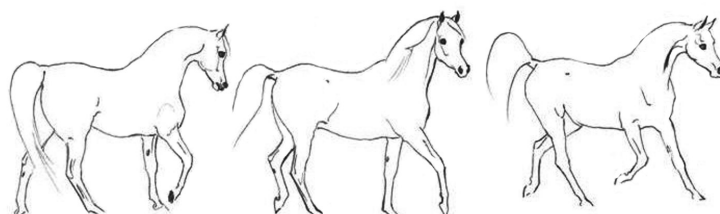
The next Board meeting for 2010 will be held on November 9th and 10th with subcommittees meeting on 8th

## DISTINGUISHED SERVICE NOMINATIONS

The Directors are calling for nominations, from Affiliates or individuals, for the Distinguished Service Medallions which will be awarded in 2011

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

Nominations for 2011 should be received at the Society's Office by January 31st 2011.



# **REGISTRY**

## **SCALE OF FEES & SERVICE CERTIFICATES**

### **AS FROM 1st AUGUST 2010**

For applications for registration received by the Society as from 1st August 2010 no service certificate is required if the owner/lessee of the stallion at the time of service = owner/lessee of the mare at the time of foaling  
In all other cases service certificates, signed by the owner/lessee of the stallion at the time of service, are still required.

There is a new scale of fees operating as from that date, registration fees have not altered for a number of years, transfer fees remain unaltered.

Stallion owners who have a large number of service certificates in stock that will no longer be required are welcome to return these to the Society, providing they have not been written on, and the money paid will be credited into their account for use on future transactions.



## **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 WAHO Trophy 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

## **AHSA MEMBERSHIP FOR SHOWING**

Please be aware that from 1/1/11 ALL owners/lessees of Purebred Mares, Purebred Stallions & Derivative Stallions are required to be current financial members of the AHSA in order to compete in any Arabian and Arabian Derivative classes.

## **EQUITANA**

Don't forget to stop by the AHSA stand for a cuppa & a chat while visiting Equitana Asia Pacific.  
We will be located at stand number 380.