

WINTER 2017 NEWS & VIEWS



NEW FINANCIAL YEAR

MEMBERS are reminded that SHC Financial Year commences 1st July 2017. Good news is Member Fees have been kept at same rate for upcoming year.

Aon has been again been retained as our Insurance Broker for upcoming year, an important aspect is: **Personal Liability Insurance – Active Members**

*This policy covers you in respect of Personal Liability twenty-four (24) hours a day, seven (7) days a week whilst involved in recreational non income - earning equestrian activities *It covers you should you be held liable for causing bodily injury or property damage to a third party, including whilst attending or participating in Show Horse sanctioned and/or authorised Show Horse activities involving Show Horse disciplines."

In addition for **Active Members the 24/7 PA** element of the SHC Policy is for recreational purposes & identifies cover for: "Riding Members : – At all times 24 hours a day, 7 days a week whilst involved in non-income earning equestrian activities including:

- o Participating in rides, displays, exhibitions, performances organised by SHCA
- o Participating in training or practice sessions or official functions arranged by SHCA
- o Engaged in organised social or administrative activities arranged by the SHCA
- Temporary overseas visits □ Declared "

As a non for profit recreational organisation, the Council Membership enjoys many benefits including: all levels of competition, training, opportunities for Juniors & National presence & structure that allows a voice at club & Council levels.

Should an Active (Adult) Member be engaged in Income - earning equestrian activities then additional products are available from Aon that protect them against injury (P/A) &/or Income Protection. If providing tuition then Professional Indemnity Insurance is also available, the risk in being uninsured is great.

Risk management & the well-being & protection of our members& their horses is of our utmost priority. The past year has seen a reduction in claims, that is a great result but all need to continue to be vigilant in this regard.

THE "GALLERY EQUINE" SILVER ANNIVERSARY GRAND NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS

held on 5^{th/8th} April 2017 at S.I.E.C. well & truly lived up to its hype. Four big days of competition brought together the best Show Horses & Riders in Australia & New Zealand under UK judges Mrs Kirstine Douglas, Mrs Shelley Perham & Ms Anna Levy.

A great Competitors BBQ on Tuesday night started off the proceedings, Live Streaming was broadcast throughout by Australian Equine Network, there was great shopping at the wide variety of Trade stands & huge spectator numbers gave their support for each & every event. All on the arena ran like clockwork under direction of Ringmaster Bruce Flood, officials & the announcing team, this was a major effort as time did run over due to large numbers.

Saturday evening saw 240 Sponsors, members & guests enjoying their formal dining experience on the concourse with front row viewing of The COUNTY SADDLES Night Of Stars. This was spectacular with Five Grand Champions classes, & Mini Champion Pony included on Saturday night Final program and WOW did the horses and riders deliver for us!. Everyone was on such a high, huge congratulations go to all competitors who won through and put on such a show for the crowd that filled the stands at SIEC. Andrea Merry from SA was the winner of draw for a new COUNTY SADDLE, very generously supplied by Mel Waller QLD, and the Parade Of Champions

The winners of the Grand Champions –The Douglas Family "Imperial Bonus" (Show Hunter), Sarah Ryan "Holly's Galaxy" (Saddle Horse), Tyler Kelly (Grand Champion Rider), Claire Schaefer "Picturesque Prince" (Champion Ridden Mini Pony), Ava Halloran" Gem Park Socialite" (Grand Champion Childs Ridden Show Hunter) & Tayla Berry "Calvin Park Dark Knight" (Grand Champion Childs Saddle Horse); all competitors delivering a polished workout to be awarded their Titles.



THE FINALE!

All Winners & Runners Up lined up in their respective Sections ready for the Luck Draw for a new HONDA JAZZ CAR, supplied by SUTTONS HOMEBUSH HONDA

Congratulations to the Fricker Family from SA being the lucky winners to drive home a new Honda Jazz.

Special acknowledgement was given to all our great current & past Sponsors, Officials & Exhibitors who have contributed over the years to the success of this now iconic event.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT DRUG TESTING AT SHC EVENTS!

In August 2016 after much consultation with the States, Veterinarians & referencing existing FEI Prohibited Substances Lists & Drug Testing Rules, the SHC unanimously adopted the now current SHC Drug Testing Rules & importantly, penalties that apply to breach of these Rules under the SHC Competition Rules 7.00 – DRUG TESTING/ DRUG AND TREATMENT RULES.

The principal elements of SHC Drug Testing & Treatment Rules are

7.1 The welfare of the horse and .2 The level playing field.

Rule 7.1 states "It is the intention of these Rules that at any Official Show and/or SHC event, all horses shall perform, at the time of competition, without any Prohibited or Banned substance/s within their system."

PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES are categorised as follows:

'Banned Substances' are substances identified as such under the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List, they have no legitimate use in the competition horse and/or have a high potential for abuse. They are not permitted for use in the competition horse at any time.

'Controlled Medications' are substances identified as such on the FEI Equine Prohibited Substances List and are recognised to have therapeutic value and/or be commonly used in equine medicine. Controlled Medication have the potential to affect performance and/or be a welfare risk to the horse.

'Foreign substances' are those which are generally accepted to have no performance modifying effect but **may** be detectable. Examples: omeprazole, ranitidine, pentosane, hyaluronic acid, bromhexine, vitamins and essential trace nutrients.

"Exhibitors and their support teams are strongly encouraged to work closely with their veterinarian when administering any treatment &/or substances to horses".

It has become apparent that some substances are being picked up in samples taken in what was previously thought to be outside the withholding period. A Treatment Sheet is to be lodged in any instance "where a horse has been administered *any Treatment, Foreign Substance, Medication, Drug, Prohibited or Banned Substance, within* **30** *days prior to and/or on the day of competition.*"

Failure to lodge that information will render the exhibtor in breach of the Rule & Penalty will apply.

7.8 SET PENALTIES FOR DRUG OFFENCES. (Refer to Competition Rules)

- a) **LEVEL 1:** Detection of a Prohibited Controlled Substance Further Level 1 Offence: Proceed to Level 2, 2nd Offence.
- **b) LEVEL 2:** Detection of a Prohibited Banned Substance

For full details on Penalties consult your Competition Rules.

All GN Qualifiers carry out extensive Drug Testing; please familiarise yourself with the Rules applying to avoid any misunderstandings or repercussions as these Rules are constructed as Absolute Liability.



The Arena at S.I.E.C. provided a spectacular setting for the 25^{TH} Anniversary "Gallery Equine Grand National Championships.





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NSH REGISTRAR'S REPORT

I hope everyone is well and looking forward to winter as much as I am! There are just a few "housekeeping" issues that I would like Members to keep in mind:

1. I cannot process any National Saddle Horse Register transaction until the member records of all owners/part-owners of the horse have been updated and noted as financial in the SHCA database by the Secretary of the Affiliate/Constituent Affiliate.

2. Micro chip numbers for new registrations have been compulsory since 1 July 2014 – I cannot process an application for a new registration without a micro chip number being provided.

3. The on-line show entry system does not allow pending registrations to be entered, so please keep this in mind when planning your show entries.

4. The SHCA database takes information directly from the member record for all transactions – eg Certificates of Registration, Show Entries/Catalogues - so it is very important that members keep their Secretaries up to date when details such as addresses or email addresses need to be changed. It is the ideal time of year to do this as membership renewals for 2017/18 are almost due.

5. If a transfer of ownership needs to be processed I need the ORIGINAL Certificate of Registration signed on the reverse of the Certificate by the previous owner/s & the new owner/s, with the date of purchase clearly noted. If you have purchased a horse and the current owner has lost or misplaced the original Certificate please contact me so I can let you know what documentation I need to process a transfer without the Certificate.

The SHCA Inc will be increasing fees related to National Saddle Horse Register transactions effective from 1 July 2017 as follows (all fees are inclusive of GST):

Application for New Registration:	\$120
Transfer of Ownership:	\$85
Late Transfer:	\$99
Lease Fee:	\$85
Replacement Certificate:	\$85
Change of Name of Horse:	\$99
Correction Fee	\$60

The paperwork at the Office is under control – so if you have sent anything to me and have yet to hear, please contact me. If there are any outstanding issues (missing micro chip numbers and pending memberships are the most common) I should have already advised what is needed.

As always, I am in the Office Monday to Friday 9.30am to 3.30pm. If anyone has any questions or needs to check availability of names for horses etc. please give me a call. Regards to all Roseanne Bowerman 30/05/2017

SHC Delegates: Please keep the date!



Saturday 19th August 2017

VENUE: Mecure Airport Hotel, Levey St, Wolli Creek

- 8.30am National Sub Committee
- 2.00pm ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING SHC General Meeting to follow
- 6.30pm Dinner

ACCOMMODATION: FOR SPECIAL CONFERENCE RATE PLEASE BOOK DIRECT PRIOR TO 19TH JULY

Ph 02 9518 2020 or email h5603-re1@accor.com

The Disputes/Discipline Committee has advised the outcome of a matter arising from Drug Testing at 2016 All States Showdown was that Ms Hayley Sheehan & the horse "Optimal" each received six months Suspension from SHC Competition from 27th February 2017 plus payment of Fine & Testing costs payable within sixty days.

COMING EVENTS

GRAND NATIONAL QUALIFIER SHOWS

24th - 25 th June	Northern Qld Hack Championships, Mackay
8th - 10th September	Mac Bank ACT & Southern NSW Hack Championships, Canberra
13 th - 15th October	"WADE EQUINE COACHES" NSW HOTY Show
17th-19th November	Country NSW Hack Championships, Tamworth

All entries om line via SC data base http://www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au/shc-data-base



Contact Danni NcCusker Mob 0429 162 678

Latest news from Judges Ccordinator Chris Chapple: Judges Lists have been upgraded. All Judges Lists and contact information have now been upgraded according to the Members Data Base. If you have a change of address, phone or email, or marry and change your name, could you please contact the Secretary of your local affiliate and also email judgescoordinator@bigpond.com at your earliest convenience. Please note that your Membership must remain current & financial in order to retain your Judging Qualification. A reminder that memberships are due with your local Affiliate on 1st July 2017.

New online system for Judges Exams

The Judges Exam system has now been streamlined and the Application Form & Exam papers can be downloaded from the SHCA website. (Rules & Schemes/ Judges List & Schemes). All information pertaining to the exams is available in the "Guide to Showing" Handbook and the "Judges Rules & Regulations" also available on this section of the website. We would like to encourage all interested members to check out the information and submit your Application/Exams either online or by post. Link http://www.showhorsecouncilaust.com.au/rules-schemes/judges-list-scheme

Workshops

Please note that to retain your Judges Qualifications you must attend a workshop within designated 3 year period.

Workshops that are currently scheduled:

Judges badges

Judges badges are available from the Richmond NSW office. Cost is \$15 each including postage. To order please email <u>judgescoordinator@bigpond.com</u>

