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# BREEDERS' AND MEMBERS'

# BULLETIN

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## CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

On the 8th, 9th & 10th of November the Board met to conduct its final meeting for the year.

Following twelve months communicating with Judges trying to finalise unfulfilled requirements, we are now able to update the website and post the current status of our Judges. We thank our Judges for their cooperation and assistance in completing this procedure. Affiliates should check the website for the most recent information as both the Rule and Judges books are no longer current.

The JEC was appreciative of the positive feedback received from several Judge Candidates throughout the States commending the extensive training being given by our National Panel Judges conducting the training programmes. We sincerely thank those people responsible for their dedication and determination to successfully prepare future Candidates for the judge's exam. We invite anyone interested in becoming a prospective judge to contact our judge coordinators in their respective State (Gail Iskra – Qld, Narelle Kinnear – NSW, Gudrun Martini – Vic, Selina Ahel – Tas, Carolyn Potts – SA and Karen Fletcher Grieves – WA) or Laura at the AHSA office. Queensland will hold a judge's exam on the 11th December.

Affiliates are reminded that requests for non Australian Arabian panel judges should be submitted well in advance of their events and prior to a Board meeting. Late requests will only be considered in extenuating circumstances.

Those Affiliates charging a fee for the service of swabbing are reminded that the procedure must be carried out in compliance to Rule 10 of the Rule Book.

It is recommended that Affiliates apply to the office for different coloured wristbands to enable Judges and Stewards to identify Youth competitors in open classes.

Several Affiliates have allowed the rule enabling 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. Several instances have been reported of unsuitable attire entering the ring. The Board reminds Affiliates and competitors that standards must be maintained within the ring. This newly implemented rule is not yet set in concrete and is still being trialled.

During September I visited SA to meet with members of the SA ARABS Affiliate and interested youth with the aim of forming a South Australian Arabian Youth Group. The purpose of the meeting was to explain the aim of our Youth Groups and the guidelines under which they operate. At the conclusion of the meeting the SA Youth Group was formed with Sarah-Jane

Jameson being elected as Chairman. Anyone between the age of 5 & 25 years interested in joining this Group may contact Sarah-Jane (0423 309 721) or myself.

Volume VII of the Arabian Horse in Australia and New Zealand is nearing completion with the final proof reading before going to print presently taking place. It is endeavoured that this book shall be released at the Aussie Championships in Tamworth. I extend a special thank you to Coralie Gordon, Sharon Meyers, Sue Wilson and Michael Vink for the enormous amount of time spent compiling this book. Both Coralie and Sharon have spent many months researching facts and figures to provide a reflection of the breed during the past four years. I have just returned from Equitana and it was not surprising to witness how keenly sought past volumes of this book still are. They are regarded as collectors items and rightfully so given the tremendously detailed content within them.

**NEW REGULATIONS:** The Board has become increasingly concerned at the number of Lavender Foal (LFS) and Cerebellar Abiotrophy (CA) Arabians. Apart from the considerable expense to members who lose these foals, there is the emotional heartache as well. DNA testing is now available in order to determine the carrier status of horses. This testing can assist members in making informed decisions when breeding, in order to avoid breeding two carrier animals together. These conditions and SCID are recessive conditions which means that horses carrying one gene are not affected. Mating two carrier animals together can result in 25% affected foals, 50% carriers and 25% clear (non carrier) offspring. The Board feels it is important for members to utilise the availability of these tests in order to avoid producing affected foals. Although testing will cost money, it is a small amount in comparison with the cost of a dead foal. Carrier animals will not be discriminated against in any way. There is nothing wrong with them and providing other carriers are not mated to them no affected foals will be born. Many members have already commenced testing their herds. Some have requested that the results be available online for other members to view and this service will soon be available.

Foals conceived from two parents which are tested clear (non carrier) for LFS will be assumed to be clear by the Society and will not require testing for LFS, providing the Society is in receipt of the LFS test results for the parents. The same will apply if both parents are clear for SCID or CA.

All test results submitted to the Society will be treated confidentially unless the owner of the horse at the time of testing authorises the results to be published on the online studbook.

**SCID Testing:** At the moment this can only be done in the USA or Holland ([www.vhgenetics.com](http://www.vhgenetics.com)) but the Board are again examining the patent preventing the test being performed in Australia.



**LFS Testing:** This is being done at many laboratories around the world including Holland, Elizabeth Macarthur (Sydney) (brendon.o'rourke@industry.nsw.gov.au) and as from the end of November the University of Queensland (organised through the Society in the same way as normal DNA typing).

**CA Testing:** This is done at many laboratories around the world including Holland and as from early next year the University of Queensland. To date, this test has been indirect but a better test has been developed which will be commercially available early in 2011 and this will be utilised by the University of Qld.

**Testing Arabians in Australia:** In an attempt to encourage members to test horses at the time of registration, there will be a discount offered on DNA if LFS &/or CA testing is done at the same time as the DNA for registration. The fee for LFS is \$60 & CA \$60 at the Uni of Qld, with the normal DNA fee being \$70, but this will be reduced to \$60 if LFS &/or CA is performed at the same time. As from the 1st Aug. 2011:

1. All Purebred Arabian mares to be used in Embryo Transfer or Ovum Transfer programmes must have their SCID, LFS & CA test results on file with the Society before they will be approved for use in such a program. Carrier mares will still be issued with an ET permit.
2. All Purebred Arabian foals born using frozen semen (Australian or Overseas) will require testing for SCID, LFS & CA prior to registration with results submitted to the Society. Carrier animals will still be registered.
3. All Purebred Arabian Stallions/Colts to be nominated for use at stud for the first time in Australia will require testing for SCID, LFS & CA with results submitted to the Society, prior to approval of nomination. Carrier animals will still be approved for use at stud.
4. Any Stallion/Colt whose owner authorises publication of the SCID, CA & LFS results on the online studbook will receive free nomination to stand at stud that year.

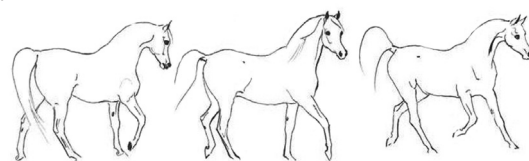
Equitana has just been and gone for another two years. This exhibition is a huge undertaking for the organisers and those trade stall holders present. I am sure most trade stall holders would agree that every second year is sufficiently frequent enough! With the volume of people passing through during the four days duration of the event it provides a huge opportunity to promote the Arabian breed. I firstly must thank Michelle & Elouise Lando, Anne & Catriona McCallum, Lea & Syenna Vasilopoulos and Michelle Young for providing their geldings to represent us in the Breeders Village and once again they did a sterling job. Owing to spectator demand during one of the breed displays one of our representatives was requested by the event organisers to remain on the arena after all the other breeds had left to gallop a solo lap in costume, such was the crowd's appreciation. To Katherine McMahon, Sarah Dyson, Anya Harley, Gudrun Martini, Bridie White, Jaimi Cartledge, Tracey Patterson, Carolyn Potts and Jill Bromley I say thank you for the thousands of show bags you packed and for your help selling merchandise. Special thanks goes to Greg Farrell & Tom McMahon for all their help & assistance. Lastly I extend special thanks to Harold Williamson, Laura Smith

& Deanne Azzopardi who bore the brunt of the organisation – our stand was not only well situated, but displayed well. It was a credit to you. We thoroughly enjoyed having Arabian breeder and author Carmel Rowley present at our stand on one of the days to launch her latest novel "Voices In The Wind". Carmel kept us amused and her novel was a drawcard in bringing people to our stand. Thank you Carmel for giving us the opportunity and privilege of launching your book and I wish you all the best with subsequent sales.

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

Kate Luckock

Chairman



## Registry

### Buffy Coat conversion to DNA

In 1993/94 the laboratory ceased bloodtyping and moved to DNA. At that time they kept part of some of the blood samples, those with bloodtype numbers above 226849, and these samples were called buffy coats. The laboratory has been converting these buffy coats to DNA for a reduced fee but due to the age of the samples they are now having problems extracting a good DNA profile.

In future the owner of any horse with a bloodtype number greater than 226849 will be sent a DNA kit when DNA is required. The fee will remain unchanged at the moment.

**The Society would strongly recommend that owners check the bloodtype numbers of their old horses which may require DNA in future and ensure that a DNA kit is applied for. Please remember that no Arabian born after 1/8/2005 will be registered as a Purebred unless the DNA of both sire and dam are on file with the Society.**

#### Re-importation of a horse

Where a horse which was previously registered in Australia is exported and re-imported it will not require re-DNA typing upon reimportation providing

- It previously was DNA typed in Australia
- It was microchipped and the Society advised of that microchip number
- The Society is in receipt of a report from a Vet or other person authorized by the Society, completed after re-importation, which identifies the horse by microchip, brands & markings

## REGULATION CHANGES (November 2010)

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**All the screening tests are DNA tests, done using hair samples.**

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## 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: [www.ahsa.asn.au/downloads](http://www.ahsa.asn.au/downloads)

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

### News Flash

#### The AHSA Young Adult Exchange Nominations

Close 31st January 2011

Application forms on the Website

[www.ahsa.asn.au/awards](http://www.ahsa.asn.au/awards)

or in the December Edition of the Arabian Horse News

#### The AHSA Youth/Young Adult Ambassador Scholarship

Close 21st January 2011

Application forms on the Website

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or in the December Edition of the Arabian Horse News

## **REMINDERS DIRECTORS ELECTIONS FOR 2011/2012**

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 31st 2011. 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 these will be mailed out in December. Your 2011 membership again includes your Personal Liability insurance cover. Any changes to the insurance cover can be viewed on our website: [www.ahas.asn.au](http://www.ahas.asn.au) Membership can be paid online: [www.ahsadata.com/secure/membership/member\\_login.php](http://www.ahsadata.com/secure/membership/member_login.php) Remember that membership now must be paid by no later than 28th February 2011 or you membership will lapse and all benefits of membership will cease – including insurance cover,

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING APRIL 30TH 2011 at the SOCIETY'S OFFICES**

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



### **OFFICE HOURS CHRISTMAS 2010**

The office will be closed from midday Friday December 24th 2010 and reopen Tuesday 4th 2011  
We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous and healthy New Year

### **Board Meetings 2011**

Board meetings for 2011 will be held on

February 22nd and 23rd with subcommittees meeting on 21st

May 2nd and 3rd subcommittees meeting on 1st



## **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