Junior Development Report – 2022 Annual General Meeting

It has been a difficult year in all areas of development and promotion by our junior development sub-committee. Covid conditions set down by relevant authorities severely restricted many young members from taking part in equestrian activities.

I am positive that 2022 will see major improvements giving freedom for activities to take place including the special youth day to be held at the 2022 Australian Arabian National Championships.

Once again Kerry Hill has encouraged youth through articles and stories in AHN and we thank Kerry for the support.

The Arabian Horse Association of Queensland (AHAQ) are hoping to sponsor youth competitors from New Zealand to compete at this years Challenge show held in April. Their plan is then to reciprocate with Australian youth to compete in at the New Zealand Nationals in 2023.

Unfortunately the newly introduced Pony club award advertised in Pony Club Magazines failed to attract nominations, probably due to restrictions on pony club activities. The recipients for this prestigious award will receive an Award Certificate, complimentary 12 month Membership renewal, an embroidered rug sponsored by Kaferthal Arabians and recognition in the Arabian horse News Magazine. Details are on the AHSA Website under Award Nominations Form. We are fairly confident that this incentive for youth will attract nominations for 2022 awards.

Doug Rutherford.