

# The Arabian Horse Judges & Officials Guild of Australia Pty Ltd ABN 80 626 200 520

## “Congress Impressions”

### July 2019

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#### Congress 2019

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Over the weekend of 6 & 7 July, 2019 The Arabian Judges and Officials Guild held their 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Congress at the Ibis Styles Hotel in Brisbane, with 45 attendees. Those attending were judges, potential judges and Arabian enthusiasts of all ages coming from as far away as Western Australia and New Zealand.

The Congress rotates all three eastern states, is always held on this weekend in July and has become a “must attend” for a lot of judges, some of whom were attending again this year as their 3<sup>rd</sup> congress in a row. Our ever-popular



facilitator Cindy Reich, from the USA, was very capably supported by several of the Guild Councillors and some of the Working Delegates, as well as Lea Bierman, an Equestrian Australia Coach of Coaches for Dressage and Scott Benjamin, who needs no introduction.

On arrival, the attendees were given a USB of a selection of the powerpoint presentations to ensure that the information from the weekend was available to them far into the future. Also downloaded to the USB was most of the PDF’s needed as a Judge, including but not limited to the current Rule book, judges return,

accreditation forms and judges upgrade forms.

The sessions were well received with some being interactive to keep everyone interested and motivated. One of the sessions delivered by Cindy and Scott Benjamin discussed the US National Champ Mares from 1957 – 2018 noting the differences, good and not so good, over time.

Saturday evening saw a group of 26 attendees descend upon the Kookaburra Queen for a dinner cruise while the remaining group either took to their rooms to recover from information overload or were looked after by one of the working delegates. The inner-city location afforded the group ample chance to discover Brisbane’s delights on Friday and Saturday evening.

Sunday was again several sessions of information and concluded with an Affiliates Meeting while another group assessed new judge candidates.

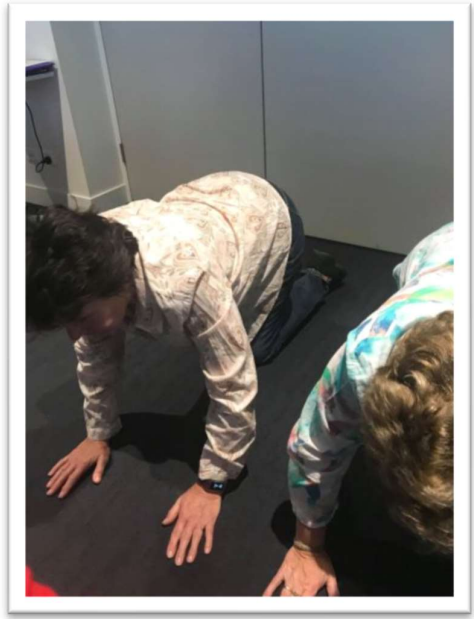


Interesting, educational, social, inspiring. I learn something new every time I attend a Congress. Congratulations to all the volunteers who put their hands up and pull these events together.

Tessa Level 2 Judge

Lastly but not least, in the late afternoon, a Purebred Breeding Seminar was facilitated by both Scott Benjamin and Cindy Reich.

Congratulations to the attendees this year for being a great group, and we look forward to seeing you all and more in Sydney in July 2020.



It's only day one and am leaving inspired, educated and excited. Good Job!

Mark

Thank you for a great congress. You can always learn more. Cheers

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*Licence Fees*

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All Arabian judges must hold a current judge's licence with the Guild to remain active on the AHSA list of panel judges. Once licensed, the Guild Council notify the AHSA Board with the recommendation that the qualified Judge (s) be appointed to the AHSA judges' list.

Licensing fee Schedule due and payable 1 July 2019

Level Judge	Fee Payable	Time Cycle
Level One	\$10.00	Annually
Level Two	\$20.00	Biennially
National Panel	\$30.00	Once every three Year
International B	\$45.00	Once every three years
International A	\$60.00	Once every three years

[http://s3.amazonaws.com/static.ahsa.asn.au/files/attached\\_files/592/Judges\\_Return\\_Re-Accreditation\\_and\\_Payment\\_2019.pdf](http://s3.amazonaws.com/static.ahsa.asn.au/files/attached_files/592/Judges_Return_Re-Accreditation_and_Payment_2019.pdf)

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## *Election of the Guild Working Committee/Delegates*

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As per the Election procedure for Working Delegates, the position of Queensland delegate was voted on. Kathy Saggars was elected as the Queensland Working Delegate.

My compliments to the guild for presenting this Congress in Brisbane, very informative on all levels. Thanks to all guest speakers presenting a range of informative topics.

Gail National Panel

Thank you for capturing the Congress information on the USB along with so many other useful documents/resources.

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## *Words for Judges: An Exercise from the Congress*

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## *Annual Judges Return*

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A new updated return form is available on the website under the Judges Guild tab and dropdown list of Judges Information and Forms. If you have not attended to this form, please do so immediately.

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## Dates

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28<sup>th</sup> July Sth Australia Judging Introduction day at Fullerton Park Community Centre Contact Karen Fletcher-Grieve

28<sup>th</sup> July EA Show Horse Western Australia WA State Equestrian Centre RSVP  
[vmayger@pigpond.net.au](mailto:vmayger@pigpond.net.au)

3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> August 2019 Sidesaddle clinic with Cathy Padgen NSW Cathy 0407280164  
[cathy.padgen@bigpond.com](mailto:cathy.padgen@bigpond.com)

23 August 2019 7 pm The Haus, Hahndorf: Gait Quality: Recognising soundness, recognising lameness with Dr Helen Davies (Uni Melbourne).

31<sup>st</sup> August NSW AHA at Vines Pony Club Hall including The Scorecard with Scott Benjamin contact [secretary@nswarabian.org.au](mailto:secretary@nswarabian.org.au) or 0408232162

20<sup>th</sup> January, QLD EA Show Horse/Show Horse Council and Riding Pony will be conducting a Judge's clinic. Contact Gail Iskra 0407748763 [gailiskra@bigpond.com](mailto:gailiskra@bigpond.com)

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> July Sydney The Arabian Judges & Officials Guild of Australia Pty Ltd Congress

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## Social Media

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Anything you say or post on social media can have consequences for you as a judge, fellow judges and for The Guild, whether you are at home or on a judging assignment, via your personal hardware.

- Don't join or remain a member of a group, forum, site or discussion which includes offensive comments, material, or promotes exploitative behaviour, objectifying or derogatory
- Ensure your comments and behaviour are respectful
- Consider how your posts may compromise your personal or professional reputation and that of your colleagues and family members.

*Always strive to conduct yourself in a manner that upholds your good name, your fellow judges and The Guild.*

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Such an inspiring and positive weekend  
Sharyn

Very informative weekend all round.  
Thank you everyone involved.

Kim