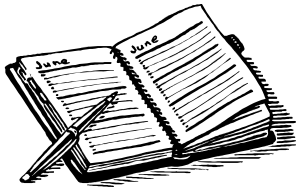


# Tasmanian Arabian Riders and Breeders Newsletter

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## Calendar of Events

### August

**Saturday 16th**

Committee meeting  
Mel's place Bishopsbourne  
From 5.30 pm for  
tea/meeting at 6.00pm

### September

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup>**

TADS Instruction day  
57 Lodder Road Don  
Contact Jane.

### October

**Sunday 5th**

Burnie Ag Show  
Running "B" level Arabian  
Classes

### November

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup>**

Tas Arabs "A" class show

**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup>**

Tas Arabs All Breeds Show  
both at  
Westbury Showgrounds

### 2009

**January**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup>**

Tas Arabs "A"  
Class Show  
Westbury Showgrounds

This is **YOUR** Member Newsletter

If you would like anything added to future

Newsletters please email Susan at,

[wprewer@bigpond.com](mailto:wprewer@bigpond.com) or phone 6391 8442

### Tas Arabs Membership

Tas Arabs membership is now overdue

If you do not have a renewal form please contact  
Leonie Kirkhope and she will post/email you one.

We hope you will continue to support  
Tas Arabs as, with all clubs, our activities  
depend on our members'  
continued support.

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## President's column

Welcome to the "mid winter" edition of the Tas Arabs newsletter. I trust you and your steeds are weathering the cold. It is an exciting time of year, foaling is starting – those long ago laid plans for crossing this bloodline with that is about to bear fruit! Will it be a filly or colt, what colour? While we can get fussy about conformation we should be thankful for every live foal that is born and every easy birth. Regardless of colour, sex or conformation, every happy healthy foal is a delight and watching them frolic in the paddock is a great way to unwind and enjoy spring!

Susan Prewer has stepped up to the helm to deliver this newsletter to you. Unfortunately our previous newsletter editor, Ruth Tanner has had to resign from Tas Arabs for personal reasons. We thank Ruth for her efforts with the club, for working on the newsletter and for rounding up so many great sponsors for the recent shows. I would also like to thank Susan for volunteering to fill the gap. If anyone out there is itching to have a go at the club newsletter – give me a ring!!

One of the hardest things for the newsletter editor is getting articles to fill the pages – so please, if you have some horsey news – maybe a new foal or you've just purchased a new horse – let us know.

I'm also interested in finding out more about what you want from Tas Arabs – I have spoken to some of you, but if you have something you really want from the club drop me a line or give me a call.

Cheers

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## From The Editor

Welcome to the August newsletter and yet another change in editor as we have had to sadly farewell Ruth for a time for personal reasons but we also thank her very much for her great effort with the last newsletter.

I have taken this on for this issue and apologise for the long gap but it is rather hard to put out an information sheet for members when very little information is forthcoming to put into it!

Anyone who is interested in doing the newsletter please contact Jane as I really don't have a lot of time for this at present. Alternatively some more contributions would make the job easier.

The winter months are always a little slower but I'm sure you will all have plenty of stud news and maybe new foals for the next edition by the end of September.

*Susan Prewer.*



## Futurity News

Just a reminder that all Yearling Futurity entries should have been in by the end of July.

So far, a few members have paid up their second instalments for the 2009 Futurities and we also have a few new entries for the 2010 classes.

It's great to see our members supporting our club with these show classes. Keep them coming people.

See you at the shows

Mary.

# EXCITING NEWS

Standing at Public Stud for 2008 Season only

At

*Hideaway Farm*

*Arabians*

## Maraj El Dakar, imp U.S.A.

A son of U.S. National Champion Stallion and World Cup Champion Stallion, “[Dakar El Jamaal](#)”, from the exquisite Ali Jamaal daughter, “[Majalis](#)”.



**Maraj El Dakar**

(Photo credit Melbourn)



**Mazkerade (full brother)**

(Photo credit Ahel)

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# Tasmanian Arabian Dressage Squad Lesson No 1

The first training day for the squad was held at Violet Banks indoor arena on Sunday 15 June and what a great day we had! The morning was crisp (-4°C when I unloaded around 8.15am, seriously crunchy grass) but the day was sunny and clear.

Seven riders participated plus a few people strapping and others who came just to watch. Some of us were a bit nervous to start with: what would the instructor be like; would our horses behave, would we be able to do what we were asked? For many people this “dressage” was very new and there were also a number of baby horses whose ridden careers were just starting.

Susan Haywood very quickly put everyone’s fears at bay, including the horses.

The first thing each rider had to do was “show their horse the arena with both eyes”. Susan was looking for relaxation and rhythm, a horse that held a tempo without slowing or rushing, basically a calm horse and rider combination! Cool heads are needed for learning to happen. So we all spent a bit of time working on our nerves and very quickly the picture started to change...calm horses starting to get a bit of swing in their backs, riders smiling and breathing!

Without naming names here are some of the key messages that riders were given during the day (for those that rode – you’ll work out which ones are “yours”):

## RELAXATION

- Select the right rhythm and you will get relaxation (a personal favourite of mine!)

## STRAIGHTNESS

- Be particular about the horse’s line - keep the outside shoulder around corners (don’t let horse just drift out with shoulder) or choose its “circle”
- Set the ground rules about not going “through” your leg, even when warming up and if the horse shies
- Steer the horse with its shoulders
- Straighten the horse with your legs not your hands
- Ride square corners with horse’s shoulders around first – this helps with relaxation, getting the horse to listen and freeing up the front end
- Inside leg to keep horse out on circle

## HANDS

- Have tactful, conversational hands rather than blocking
- Don’t use reins to force horse into a frame. Ride into the frame
- Have soft hands – “pump iron”
- Carry your hands - Keep them up and still, don’t use them to hold yourself up
- If horse gets strong in the mouth it’s because something else is wrong!

## POSITION

- Stretch down in the stirrups and have toe in slightly, heels out
- Thigh and bum off!

## TRANSITIONS

- Ask for bigger trot with lower leg not thigh, keep core strong rather than raising hands
- Canter transition through a big trot, raise inside hip and melt into the canter
- Start playing with different tempos in the trot once have established rhythm – go when I ask, slow when I ask

## GENERAL

- Watch diagonals (what is a diagonal? All was revealed!!)
- If horse wants to dive down with head, resist this and encourage it up and forward

If that sounds intense, it wasn’t overwhelming. Each rider left their lesson smiling and with three main things they were going to work on before the next lesson

**Spectators and supporters welcome!!**

## Pictures from TADS Day 1



Sarah riding *joie* (lower case j is correct)



Diane riding *Wizard* (4yo)



Michelle on *Richi* listening to instructor Susan Hayward

## TADS Update

The Tasmanian Arabian Dressage Squad is really up and going now! We have had two very successful clinics and the third is planned for Saturday 6 September, 57 Lodder Road Don. Spectators are welcome – bring a chair!! Susan Haywood will again be the instructor.

There are only a few spots available. Prices are as follows:

- Tas Arabs member, individual lesson \$30
- Tas Arabs member, group lesson (2 horses) \$15 each
- Non Tas Arabs member, individual lesson \$40
- Non Tas Arabs member, group lesson (2 horses) \$20 each

With the competition season starting to get going we hope to have some outings for TADS members soon and will probably have some of our own Test and Tell days (where you ride a test and get verbal feedback from the judge and hints on how to improve).

If you'd like to be part of TADS please let me know! I will send you out an email as dates for future clinics are determined so you get first shot at riding with us.

Jane Lovell

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## Sunhaven Arabians News

Shane and Mary Hodge are pleased to announce the sale of Sunhaven Bree to Dianne and Jamie Hayward of Cressy. Dianne hopes to start in Endurance by the end of the year and she may front up to a couple of shows.

We still have three youngsters for sale: Sunhaven Demi, Sunhaven Bartel (full brother to Bree) and to a special home only, Sunhaven Denney. All are by our stallion Arundel House Bey Rashan and have his great temperament.

Feel free to contact us at anytime.

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## For Sale: Purebred Mares

***Cara Mia Celeste***, Classic grey mare, 14.3hh 22yrs  
(*Scimitar Desert Prince x Motalga 11*), in foal to *Moondarra Limelight*, due September.  
She is a very fertile female line tracing to *Sekh* on both sides of her pedigree, granddaughter of *Royal Domino*, fantastic endurance bloodlines. Producer of stunning, very correct stock.  
I am retaining *Najya*, her *Barabas* (imp) daughter.  
\$3500 neg. Ph: Kristine 6239 6859

***Monte Cillo Firedance***, Bostocks style chestnut mare, 15hh, 20yrs, (*Lord Bahram x Hespera*)  
she is in foal to *Moondarra Limelight*, due January.  
This is the last *Hespera* foal, a *Silver Magic* granddaughter.  
*Lord Bahram* is a full brother to *Farhan*, *Crystal Count* and *Miraya*  
She is very athletic with big movement and style, huge eyes and very much a lady.  
Has produced 3 foals to date, the oldest *Toothdale Dancer*, a warmblood x, has started endurance in ACT/NSW, achieving first to third in heavyweight 40km/80km distances from a handful of rides.  
Asking \$4500 or will negotiate to retain foal due. Ph: Kristine 6239 6859

Both mares are very sadly for sale to the best of homes, as relocating to WA.



## Hay for Sale

400 bales of hay for sale at \$5.00 a square bale. It has been kept in the shed so dry and good.  
Prefer to sell in bulk lots of at least 50-100 bales  
If you are interested please ring Ruth AH 64912210 0417 699 308