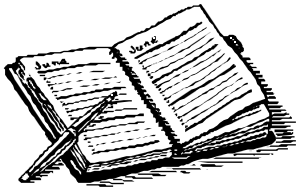


Tasmanian Arabian Riders and Breeders Newsletter

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Challenge

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Committee meeting

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"Tas Arabs Allbreeds
Spectacular" Show

January 2010

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Tas ARAB's "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 or phone 6391 8442



Jane Lovell riding *Robali Darjeeling* at the recent Australian Arabian Championships at Werribee - see story page 3

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President's Report

(AGM 28th March 2009)

Over the past twelve months we have had seven committee meetings, in various pubs and houses across the north of the state. The power house behind Tas ARABs is the committee and I would personally like to thank;

- Yvonne Muir, Vice President
- Leonie Kirkhope, Secretary
- Sherry Fenton, Treasurer
- Mel Reid, Show Co-ordinator
- Mary Hodge, Futurity Co-ordinator
- Committee members, Lyn Wrigley, Susan Prewer, Jacqui Reid, Maya Jaehne and Ruth Tanner

Over the course of the year the roles of minutes secretary and newsletter editor were shared by a number of people, including Maya, Susan, Ruth, Yvonne and Mel. My thanks to them for stepping in to assist, often at short notice.

Last year, Mary, Yvonne and I travelled up to the AGM just to support the club. I recall us vowing in the car that we would not become office bearers. I was interested in starting the Tasmanian Arabian Dressage Squad but more than that I felt was not manageable. We left the meeting with us all on the committee. So, if any of you are sitting out there thinking you don't have time or wouldn't have the skills or experience to be on the committee, don't worry – there is plenty of experience around to help you and I know the club would benefit from more helping hands.

There has been much for me to learn about the club, its history and the intricacies of running events and I also thank the current and past committee members for helping in my education.

At the recent AGM of the Arabian Horse Society of Australia, it was apparent that many clubs are facing the same challenges. Memberships are declining, show numbers are low, there are fewer and fewer people to help with the work. As I witnessed at the Australian Nationals, the Arabian is a truly versatile breed, it can be "dressed up" to look just like a regular galloway, and can perform with manners and movement that make other breeds envious. But there is more to Arabs than shows and I would hope that the range of activities offered by Tas ARABs can also expand to engage more people. After all not everyone sees scrubbing a horse for a day, two hours plaiting a long mane, hassling with hoof black that has ended up on a white sock and then going into a ring to be judged as a great weekend!

As President, I encourage each and every one of you to think how you can help promote our wonderful horses. Shows are one way, but we are often preaching to the converted. Maybe we can have more events with other groups and clubs, like trail rides or have a breed games or dressage competition or training days. Maybe we can participate in endurance rides, with some assistance in preparing horses for those that have never done this before.

Together let's generate more enthusiasm for the breed and all its wonderful derivatives.

Jane Lovell



From The Editor

Hello to you all and welcome to the autumn winter newsletter. Rather a lot to go out in this one. Firstly thanks to all who attended the club's AGM in March and to those who have volunteered to go on the committee. Then congratulations to all those who represented the state at the recent shows in Victoria. Just getting there is an achievement and it is wonderful that you all made the effort. Also congratulations to Laurie Nicolle, immediate past Board member, who was awarded Life Membership of the AHSA and to two of our members, Penny Jenkins and Sherry Fenton, who were granted Distinguished Service Awards from the AHSA for their tireless efforts in promoting the club and the Arabian horse in Tasmania: Well Done!

In this issue are a few innovations to encourage us to do a bit more with our wonderful horses – there is a Dressage Group Incentive, Information on an upcoming series dealing with how to present and show and there is a push to interest more people in becoming Judges. Speaking from experience it is valuable to get the pack and learn a bit more about this even if you are not quite ready to become a fully fledged judge.

Also a reminder to all those wishing to enter the yearling futurity for 2011 that your entries are due now – contact Mary

Susan Prewer.

From the Board: New and Existing Judges

I have recently returned from my first board meeting with the Arabian Horse Society. We are trying to encourage anyone who might be interested in becoming a judge to attend and sit the judges exam. We are going to hold a judges meeting in Tasmania for all our AHSA judges to come to. It is a requirement for all judges to attend one meeting every two years to maintain their name being kept on the current judging list.

At the same time we will hold a seminar for anyone interested in becoming a judge. If you are interested could you please contact me so that I can send you a new judges pack, keep you informed and give you any help that you may require in becoming a judge.

Selina Ahel

Phone 6253 6080 (before 7.30pm) Email: sahel1@bigpond.com

Competition Membership

Club competition membership is available from 28 March 2009 and enables attendance at Tas ARABs events for those needing Temporary Day Membership for the year who are not full members of the AHSA, Tas ARABS, or the EFA but wish to attend more than one show or club events such as trail rides.

A Competition member cannot be a committee member, vote at Tas ARABs meetings and will not receive newsletters or discounts at Tas ARABs shows or events.

Local National Champions

A small contingent of Tasmanian horses recently successfully competed at the Australian National Arabian Championships. The Championships, which were held at the Werribee National Equestrian Centre, ran for five days and were open to Arabian and Arabian bred horses that had won at state and regional shows.

Karen King's *Eldonbrook Anakin* (Bundy), owned by Karen and Steve King of Larissa Park Arabians at Sheffield won the Australian National Champion Partbred Arabian 3 years and under shown by an amateur owner. *Bundy* was also awarded Reserve Champion in the 2 year old partbred gelding class. *Bundy's* breeder, Tracey Bennett of Eldonbrook stud also presented two other Tasmanian bred horses, *Snowdon Vale Ahfeni* and *Wynton Stilletto* who did well in strong competition.

Robali Dargeeling (DJ), owned, handled and ridden by Jane Lovell of Don won the Australian National Arabian Stallion Ridden by an amateur owner. *DJ* also came Reserve Champion Stallion handled by an amateur owner, and received Top 10 awards for elementary and novice dressage as well as Show Hunter classes.

"It was our first time competing at a National Championships and it was a big eye opener," Jane Lovell said. "The quality of horses was fantastic, there were horses from every state in Australia competing. My overall impression is that the Arabian horse can absolutely compete in open ridden classes and do well. I was so proud of *DJ*, successfully competing in ridden, led and dressage events at the Nationals."

The Orabanda Arabian stud from Melton Mowbray exhibited a number of horses, with Annika White winning four Australian Championships, one Reserve Championship and three Top 10 placings with her horse *Ensenada Prince Harry*. The Tasmanian horses also did well at the Victorian Arabian Classic which was held just before the Nationals. Karen King summed up the Tasmanian experience, "It was a big adventure for all of us. We had a wonderful and successful time at Werribee competing at the two big shows!".

For more information and photos contact Jane Lovell, 0419 554 047 or jane.lovell@tqainc.com.au.

Dressage Update

TADS is well and truly up and running again with lessons held on 4th April and 9th May with Bert Gibson and 25th April with Susan Haywood. Another day is planned for 6th June with Bert. We have lots of new riders, which is great!

Tasmanian Arabian Dressage Squad Incentive Programme!!

The committee has also approved an incentive to participate in TADS and to have a bash at a dressage competition. A dressage browband will be awarded to every rider who:

- Has 10 private TADS lessons or 20 group lessons AND

- Competes in a dressage competition (for example at one of our shows or with Dressage Association of Tasmania or equivalent)

There is no time limit on when the lessons are taken, so if it takes you three years that's fine. And you don't have to do all this on one horse – you can ride different horses and the lessons still count.

And proving that Arabians can do dressage, two purebreds successfully competed at the recent NW Dressage Association Associate Championships. Yvonne Downes won Reserve Champion Preparatory Horse riding *Ennovyar Golden Phoenix* and Jane Lovell won Champion Preliminary Horse riding *Thaedon Sepia*. Both these horses also competed and placed at the Wynyard dressage competition the weekend before and Yvonne's lovely *Velvet Sky* also won the Preliminary 1.4 (in the pouring rain!). There were also Arabian derivatives competing and placing – so our lovely horses can mix it with the Warmbloods and Thoroughbreds!



Upcoming Events:

June

Saturday 6 June our next Tasmanian Arabian Dressage Squad (TADS) day is with Bernadette Gibson again, at Westbury, Leonie has kindly agreed to organise this one as I will be away for a fortnight.

So, if you want to ride (and at this stage it is outdoors – can't secure the indoor), please complete the attached form and return to Leonie with payment by 29 May.

If you have completed a waiver for TADS this calendar year there is no need to complete another one!

Look forward to seeing you there and look in this newsletter for our "TADS reward" – a little prize for those who participate and ride a test out somewhere!

Sunday 21 June Tas Arabs Trail Ride from Bronc and Sherry Fenton's property

318 Hop Valley Road Blackwood Creek

10am start

Cost is \$5 for Tas Arabs members \$20 for others includes Temporary Day Membership

BBQ lunch & Drinks will be available to purchase.

RSVP Essential Please for catering numbers by Thursday 18th June to Sherry Fenton 6397 8472

Also, any club members who would like to stay the night are more than welcome, BYO bedding.

July

July 18/19 TADS with Susan Haywood Details later



Sunday July 26 Tas Arabs Fun Day (Leonie is organising this) AND Inaugural Tas Arabs Pinto Challenge

So who wants to play Cowboys and Indians?

We...ll maybe not quite that, but what about Arabians and Indians?

For a bit of friendly competition we are launching the Inaugural Tas Arabs Pinto Challenge, open to purebreds and pintos! The challenge will be held as part of our forthcoming Fun Day and will involve a number of activities. While the details are still being worked out, some of the competition ideas include:

- *Fancy dress dressage* (as a Cowboy, Arab or Indian), points awarded for having the courage to participate, fancy dress, being able to walk, trot and canter in an "arena" and not falling off
- *Sack race* – got nothing to do with being an Arab or an Indian but should be a good laugh
- *Run away!* – not a gallop but will involve a hasty retreat of some sort
- *Team Ambush* – the Pintos try and steal an Arabian artefact and the Arabs try and steal an Indian implement

To register your interest in being part of the Arabian team, contact Jane Lovell and to be part of the Pinto team contact Diane Johnston Ph: 63831639 Email rm.dm.johnston@optusnet.com.au

August

Saturday August 8 Show Me How series kicks off – plaiting, pulling tails, showing etiquette
Topics: to include Presentation, including rosettes, tail presentation, in hand showing, judges' requirements etc basically all you need to know to start showing those beautiful arabians.

Details: 8th August 10am start

Venue: 3001 Railton Road Latrobe

Cost: \$10 members, \$20 non members includes Temporary Day Membership, morning tea and light lunch.

Limited numbers **RSVP essential by 1st August to Mary** Ph: 03 6426 1617 or email hodgems@bigpond.com

Flyer will be sent via email once presenters have confirmed, will distribute to saddleries

Friday September 4 Committee meeting, Deloraine

Sunday November 29 - "A" Class Show –

Sunday January 17 – Tas ARABs Inc "A" Class show



SHARON MEYERS PHOTO SHOOT

Well-known professional photographer, Sharon Meyers is coming to Tassie the first week in January 2010.

Sharon is well known in the Arabian horse world but her photography is not limited to horses – she will photograph ANYTHING, dogs, cats, children, gardens etc.

A 50% non refundable deposit is required to secure your booking. It is advisable to book early as her time here is limited.

Costs are as follows: -

Studs

\$290.00 per stud photo shoot. The stud will receive a DVD of the images in jpeg. Format that they are able to use anywhere – websites, magazine advertising etc. They will also receive a brag book with a selection of 6x4 prints.

One Horse Photo Shoot

The cost for anyone who has only one horse is \$120.00. If they have a second horse they would like photographed at the same time it is \$65.00. They will also receive a DVD and a brag book.

To book or any questions you can contact Amanda on 6261 4632 or Penny on 6394 7048.

Tasmanian Crabbet Arabian Group members receive a 10% discount.



Stud News

Bashira Lodge

Although we have been fairly quiet over the last year, due to study and work commitments we are hoping to change that this coming show and breeding season.

We have had both good and bad news in the last few months. We were very sad to lose our old friend *Rissi*, although a purebred Arabian she was never registered. She was a wonderful and integral part of our family. Nadja and Annie can partially thank *Rissi* for their confidence in horses and riding today, *Rissi* being the first horse they both started out on.

Rissi was laid to rest in April due to ongoing Arthritic problems.

We welcome to our little band of mares *Desert Fox Topaz* (*Simeon Solomon x Spanish Fantasia*). *Topaz* is a 14 year old grey mare (hmmm when do we have any other colours!). *Topaz* has taken very kindly to everything we have asked her do, she has the wonderful temperament we all know and love in the Arabian horse. We plan to start *Topaz* under saddle over the coming months and hopefully bring her out to one or two shows. We thank Tania Biancon for allowing us to purchase this lovely mare.



Desert Fox Topaz (*Simeon Solomon x Spanish Fantasia*).

Both *Desert Fox Topaz* and *Dowling Nefertari* will be making a little visit to Valley Springs Arabians in September to visit the lovely *Valley Springs Tamaan*.

In other news Nadja and *Rosecliffe Savannah* are going great guns and will definitely be seen out and about under saddle this year. Annie is going well with *Valley Springs Tamaanah* and they will also be out under saddle.

We look forward to hearing how everyone else is going and what their plans are and hope to see you all again this year. I will be the one going grey and stressed like a headless chook chasing after all horses and kids!

Cheers Maya, Nadja and Annie



Nadja and Savannah



Annie and Tam

Wanted

Cable halters: yearling and full size.

Phone 6394 7048



For Sale

Grey Part Bred Arabian Gelding

Registered AHS A - rising 3 years
Mouthed and backed, quiet, Rugged
Ready to make your own - \$2000

Phone 6239 6742 or Mob 0414 721 509



Fillies:

Bay Arab /clydesdale filly - 3 years old very quiet and easy to catch. Unbroken but willing and likes people. Lovely accentuated movement and would make a very attractive carriage horse. Thrown more to the arab form than the clydesdale.

Presently at Gawler. For owner's details please contact Yvonne Masters for info 63834279 or 0409251272 POA



Chestnut Arab /clydesdale filly - 4 months - full little sister to above filly.

Very smart with beautiful action and even markings.

Presently has had little handling but likes people and is currently being well handled and trained to halter.

Please contact Yvonne Masters 63834279 or 0409251272 POA



Clydesdale mare *Lucy* with chestnut 4 mth old arab x filly



Tasmanian Arabians Dressage Squad Registration Form



Event	Training Day
Venue	Bernadette Gibson's 1 Dexter St, Westbury
Date	Saturday 6 th June
Rider's name	
AHSA membership number	
Current member of Tas A.R.A.B Inc Membership number	Yes / No
Horse's name	
Horse's age	
Horse's sex	G / M / S
Level of dressage education of this horse / rider combination (circle highest level attained)	<input type="checkbox"/> Never done dressage <input type="checkbox"/> Done a bit at home / with instruction <input type="checkbox"/> Competed in Preliminary tests <input type="checkbox"/> Competed in Novice tests <input type="checkbox"/> Competed in Elementary tests <input type="checkbox"/> Competed above Elementary
Private lesson? (circle)	\$50 (Tas ARAB members) \$65 (others)
Group lesson?	\$25 (Tas ARAB members) \$40 (others)
For group lesson, please include name of anyone you particularly want to ride with.	

To secure your place at this Training Day, please include payment and a signed copy of the Member Release and Waiver Liability (only one needed each calendar year as it covers all TADS events).

Registrations and payment must be received by 29 May 2009 so we can secure the venue.

Post to;
Leonie Kirkhope
"Nigella Lodge"
470 Upper Blessington Road
Upper Blessington 7212

Enquires to: Ph: 6390 6119

Member Release and Waiver of Liability

The Equestrian Federation of Australia
ACN 077 455 755 ABN 19 077 455 755



Full Name of participant (and guardian if under 18 years).....

Address.....

State Post Code Date of birth.....

Name of Club/Organisation Arabian Horse Society of Australia/Tas ARABS

Membership No.

Address of Event / Activity All Tas ARAB Inc Dressage squad training days to 30 December 2009

In consideration for being permitted to participate in any way in horse sport activities, I, the undersigned, understand, acknowledge and accept that:

Horse sports are a dangerous recreational activity and horses can act in a sudden and unpredictable (changeable) way, especially if frightened or hurt.

There is a significant risk that serious **INJURY** or **DEATH** may result from horse sport activities.

I knowingly and freely assume all such risks, both known and unknown, and I **voluntarily PARTICIPATE** at my **OWN RISK** and assume sole responsibility for any injury, death or property damage I may suffer that arises from my participation in horse sport activities.

I understand and acknowledge the dangers associated with the consumption of alcohol or any mind altering drugs before and during the activities and I take full responsibility for any injury, loss or damage associated with their consumption. I agree not to drink alcohol or take drugs prohibited by law before or during any horse sports activities.

I agree to follow the directions of any event organiser or official and that any misconduct or refusal by me to follow any direction of any organiser or official can result in the **CANCELLATION** of my participation in the activities and my immediate removal from my horse **NO MATTER** where that may occur. I understand that any such non-compliance may result in injury, death and/or permanent disability as a result of my failure to comply.

I agree to wear a helmet at all times whilst riding where this is required under the relevant EFA and FEI rules and regulations and agree that I am solely responsible for ensuring that whilst riding I wear a suitable helmet at all times where required under the relevant EFA and FEI rules and regulations and take sole responsibility for my actions.

I have had sufficient opportunity to read this assumption of risk agreement, fully understand its terms and sign it freely and voluntarily.

Dated: ___/___/___ Signature of rider/guardian_____

For Participants of Minority Age (Under Age 18)

This is to certify that I, as a parent/guardian with legal responsibility for this participant, acknowledge, understand and accept ALL OF THE ABOVE and consent and agree to my minor child's involvement or participation in horse sport activities.

Dated: ___/___/___ Signature of rider/guardian_____