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Michael Met a Duck

By J Dupuy

Michael met a white duck
Walking on the green.
"How are you?" said Michael.
"How fine the weather's been!
Blue sky and sunshine,
All throughout the day:
Not a single raindrop
Came to spoil our play."
But the sad white duck said,
"I myself want rain.
I'd like to see the brooklets
And the streams fill up again.
Now I can't go swimming,
It really makes me cry
To see the little duck ponds
Look so very dry."
But behold, next morning,
The clouds are looking black:
Down the rain came pouncing,
Said the duck, "Quack, quack.
Ponds are full of water,
Ducks are full of joy."
But someone else is not
pleased,
And that's the little boy.

Tony met a duck . . .

That little boy should be Tony, not Michael. My thoughts of the downpour on the Saturday of the 2011 SHCV Masters HOTY is beautifully detailed in a poem I recall from my childhood by J Dupuy. The white duck may have been happy with the ponds full of water, but I was not. Who could possibly have thought that our HOTY would experience brooklets and streams (*torrents and rivers*) two years in a row? It beggars belief!

The people we really felt for were the competitors, all of whom should be congratulated. It's disappointing when you know how much effort everyone goes to prepare for major events to then have the weather ruin it. What amazed the committee was the willingness of competitors to endure the conditions and turn up to compete in each of the classes. Considering the abominable conditions on Saturday, not many scratched from classes. Although the weather was much kinder on Sunday, the damage had been done to the grounds and the competitors were exposed to grounds that were not ideal. However, over 90% of competitors turned up to compete in their classes.

Some of the judges were astounded that competitors even turned up at all; it would appear that some states have fair-weather riders!! Not us—we're tough. Or mad. Not sure which.

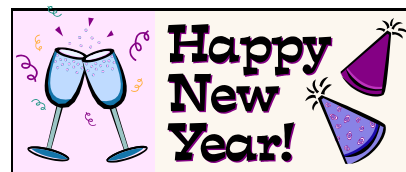
On behalf of the SHCV Executive I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our sponsors, competitors, supporters, helpers and judges for making the 2011 SHCV Masters HOTY a successful and 'memorable' event. Considering the deplorable conditions, it was a great weekend.

We now look forward to seeing you all again at the 2012 SHCV Classic to be held at WPNEC on Sunday 4 March 2012.

I hope each and everyone one of you had a very merry Christmas and I wish you a happy new year. Thank you for your support in 2011.

Regards,

Tony Norris, PRESIDENT



LOST: A thick rose coloured bracelet was lost by a steward assisting at the SHCV Masters HOTY. If you find this bracelet, or have any information as to its whereabouts, please contact Tony Norris M: 0417 037 647



INFORMATION FOR JUDGES:

Royal/State/National Judges List – All persons currently on the SHCV List of Judges are on the General Judges List. Upon completion of 12 months, those on the General List that want to officiate at Grand National qualifiers and SHC HOTY events MUST be on the Royal/State/ National Judges List.

The criteria for this Royal/State/National List is EXTREMELY strict, and there are no exceptions!! Please note that years of Judging experience (no matter where) is not a criterion. Providing you meet the strict criteria, you MUST pass an exam to be accepted onto the Royal/State/National List.

The first exams for this List will be held at the mid-year Judges Workshop for those nearing 12 months on the General List.

Special Motion – A motion was passed by the SHCA to allow suitably qualified members on the SHCV List of Judges to be allowed to officiate at GN qualifiers and SHC HOTY events until 12 months on the General List has expired. Once 12 months

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2011 SHCV Masters HOTY facts—

Horses entered: 329

Riders entered: 239

Classes entered: 774

Show Hunter Horses: 89

Debutante Horses: 106

Intermediate Horses: 122

Open Saddle Horses: 156

Intermediate Rider Classes: 34

Open Rider Classes: 75

Child's Classes: 98

2011 SHCV Masters HOTY feedback—

A SHC HOTY event in each State is only open to members in that State, hence it is essential that ALL horses competing at the SHCV Masters HOTY be registered to SHCV members only.

NOTE: It is not the responsibility of the SHCV Committee to get your registration papers in order; it is your responsibility. The number of telephone calls and emails made by the committee to ensure that registration papers, transfers, and leases were correct was significant and cannot continue.

Registration papers **MUST** be correct at the time of entry, and the registration papers of new horses **MUST** be lodged by the closing date of entries of any SHC event. If you have misplaced your papers, please seek a replacement from the Registrar. We also recommend that you not leave these types of matters to the last minute.

Drug Testing—16 Horses were swabbed at the HOTY and all 16 horses returned clean results. **NOTE:** Drug testing of horses takes place at every SHCV GN Qualifying event.

Important information . . .

New qualifying event in Victoria—

The 2012 Melbourne Summer Royal has been approved as a Grand National qualifying event for the 2013 Grand National Championships.

2012 Grand National Championships -

The 2012 Grand National Championships are to be held at the Sydney International Equestrian Centre, Horsely Park, on 30/31 March and 1 April 2012. Entries close on 27 January 2012. All horses competing must be SHC registered, and all competitors must be SHC members.

2012 SHCV Classic—the 2012 SHCV Classic will be held at WPNEC on Sunday 4 March 2012. Entries close on Friday 17 February 2012. All horses competing must be SHC registered by the closing date, and all competitors must be a member of the SHCV or a SHCA Affiliate. This is a 2013 Grand National qualifying event.

SUGGESTIONS: in 2012 we will celebrate the 10th SHCV Masters HOTY and we are looking for suggestions from our members as to how you want to celebrate this event. Please email your suggestions to shcv@equus.com.au



WE HOPE YOU HAD A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND WE WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR