

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Winter Training Weekend, Werribee NEC: 27 & 28 June 2009
- Winter Training Weekend Tatura: 23 May 2009
- AGM Dinner Dance: July 2009 (pending)
- 2009 SHCV HOTY: 28 & 29 November 2009 (pending)
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SHCV Summary

The 2008 SHCV Hygain Masters Horse of the Year was a huge success: our largest show to date. It must be remembered that this event is coordinated by a committee of 6 dedicated volunteers who do not own competing horses. Unfortunately, this level of commitment cannot be sustained for an extended period of time.

VOLUNTEERS: We are very keen to fill the current vacancies on the Committee, and to create sub-committees that can assist in coordinating sponsorship, training days, the AGM/dinner dance, volunteers, Victorian Judges Panel (to be initiated), and the HOTY. **Most importantly** - Involvement in sub-committees will in no way impact upon your ability to compete at our events. If you are interested in joining a sub-committee, please email the

Show Horse Council at: shcv@eques.com.au Your involvement, no matter how small, will assist a dedicated team in bringing bigger and better events for its members.

SPONSORSHIP: The SHCV is very grateful to all sponsors that have supported us over the years. In particular, we would like to thank Hygain who have been with us since we commenced in 2002. We encourage you to support our sponsors wherever possible as, without their involvement, we would not be able to host a HOTY event.

The Committee would like to provide more classes to their HOTY competitors in 2009; however, we are unable to do so without increased sponsorship. Our aim each year is not to make money out of our HOTY, but to cover costs (something

we monitor very closely). Our cost for the 2008 HOTY was in excess of \$50,000, up from \$36,000 in 2006. It appears that we should cover all costs for 2008. It must be remembered that over \$6000 was paid the NEC in 2008 as a foot levy which had not been a cost previously, and further costs can be associated with the HRCV ring which was self sufficient.

If you, your business, and/or friends would like to become a sponsor, please email the Committee or call anyone of us. We have packages and options available that can be tailored to your needs. Sponsorship can be fun and it is a way in which to say "Thank you" to a sport we all love.

Tony Norris
PRESIDENT

2009 SHCV HOTY NEWS: (Please note new national rule regarding horse registration)

HORSE REGISTRATION: Horses competing at any SHC event **MUST** be registered with our governing body, the SHCA. This registration is for life and therefore completed once only. Horse Registrations are handled by the SHCA and should not be forwarded to the SHCV. A Transfer is required every time a registered horse has a new owner or leasor. The name(s) on the SHCA Registration Paper is/are the name(s) that **must** appear on the SHCV HOTY entry form as the owner.

URGENT ATTENTION:
Effective 03.03.09—all horses

being entered in Hack, Show Hunter, Led and Rider Competition at a SHC Affiliated Grand National Qualifying Show, are required to be registered with The National Saddle Horse Register no less than two (2) calendar months prior to the closing date of the show.

VERIFYING HORSES:

Horses to be registered with the SHC must be verified by a person appointed by the SHCV. The person verifying your horse **MUST** be on the Verifiers List detailed on the SHCV website.

A verifier cannot verify a horse in which he or she has an interest.

ENTRY FORMS: We are working hard at reviewing our entry forms to make them as simple as possible. More than 80% of entry forms for 2008 were either incorrectly filled out, contained incorrect information, or the payment was incorrect. The poor Show Secretary becomes frantic when so many people have to be contacted. We need to work hard to keep the Show Secretary happy as it's a massive role with huge responsibilities.



SHOW HORSE COUNCIL OF AUSTRALASIA INC.

Current SHCV Membership: 286

SHC Horses at 2008 HOTY: 293

HRCV Competitors at 2008 HOTY: 61

Hygain, major sponsor and supporter of the SHCV since 2002



The SHCA is very keen for Victoria to create a Judges List from which qualified Judges can be selected to Judge at SHC Shows and HOTY events throughout Australia. It was the intention of the Committee to commence the creation of this panel in early 2009; however, at a SHCV meeting in January 2009, the committee unanimously decided not to pursue the creation of this panel. Put simply, the Com-

mittee of 6 felt that its resources were already stretched, and due to the level of commitment required to support this Panel, we were not in a position to provide the necessary level of commitment. The Committee's position will be reviewed should there be an increase in committee members and those willing to volunteer their time. The SHCA has been advised of our decision.

If you, and or your friends, are interested in volunteering to form a Judges List Subcommittee, please email the SHCV Committee at shcv@equus.com.au

BUSHFIRE SUPPORT

The SHCV has initiated support of horses affected by the destructive bushfires on Saturday 7 February 2009. On behalf of our members, we have made an initial donation of \$1000 to Project Hope Horse Welfare Victoria. (www.phhvw.org.au) Whilst Project Hope usually works with neglected horses, they have created a specific bushfire relief fund to provide care and assistance for horses and

horse owners affected by this tragedy. Our donation will be greatly appreciated as Project Hope works closely with local residents, government departments, veterinarians, and volunteers offering assistance. The Committee realises that the road to recovery will be long and complex, and we will continue to monitor the support required by Project Hope and other organisations and individuals in need.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2009/2010

Just a reminder that your current membership expires on 30 June 2009. A reminder will be forwarded with the next Newsletter. We recommend that you renew your membership when to minimise your financial outlay at the time of our HOTY event. Renewing your membership will also reduce the pressure on our Secretary in the lead-up to the HOTY.



Joanne Orchard Memorial Winner 2008
Samantha Rennie

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