



Show Horse News

Winter Edition



Pictured above: Karma Park English, 2015 Small Hack of the Year, ridden by Lydia Jackson, owned by Cristy Fader, together with judges (L to R) Jenny Daffy, Michael Baker and Marjorie Radford. (Photo: Melissa Lee Stone Photography www.melissaleestonephotography.com)

Welcome to the Winter Edition of Show Horse News, the newsletter prepared by Show Horse Tasmania to share the Tasmanian show horse community's news, activities, celebrations and events.

By now your horses are probably rugged up and having a nice break over winter (and possibly snowed in this week!) but it won't be long before the show season kicks off again so it's time to take a look at what's coming up....

Be sure to like our Facebook page 'Etas Show Horse' which contains a list of ETAS affiliated shows, measuring days, news and other Show Horse specific information. And feel free to drop us a line or send us some photos for the newsletter ShowHorseTasmania@gmail.com

TAS Horse of the Year 2015

Thank-you to all our competitors, volunteers, judges and supporters for a successful State Show Horse and Riding Championship, held in January.

We had over 100 horses entered and more than 70 riders. The InterSchools classes were popular and it was terrific seeing the fun and camaraderie shared by the Interschool riders.

As always, there are things that we can do better. We have listened to members' feedback and plan to make changes to the running of next year's show. Please let us know if you have any suggestions.

Coverage including photos can still be found at <http://www.horsedeals.com.au/index.php?p=viewGalleryEvent&restrict=&keyword=&sort=state&archive=1&archiveYear=2015&showID=27316>

TAS Horse of the Year 2016

We are currently looking for sponsors and volunteers for next year's show. Please contact a member of the Committee if you can help us in any way!

The National Show Horse Committee recently approved the inclusion of children's ridden mount classes to the Australasian Championships. Therefore, Tasmania will be adding these classes to our 2016 HOTY show. What another great opportunity for our juniors to qualify for the Nationals!

Thank you to Emma's Show Horses www.emmaswebsite.com.au who have recently signed on as a new sponsor in addition to our loyal, major sponsors, Horseland Launceston and Hygain.

HOTY will be held on the **Australia Day weekend (23 – 24 January 2016)** at a venue to be confirmed. Schedules will be out by **1 October 2015** and entries will close at **5pm on 28 December 2015**.

The Nationals 2015

Congratulations to all who qualified for the Nationals. We hope to see as many of you as possible at this prestigious competition.

We are also grateful to have received nominations for State Team Manager and the successful candidate will be announced at our upcoming AGM.

Please be sure to support the Show Horse Tasmania Nationals Team Fundraiser Show on **27 September 2015**. Le Fevre Equine is the major sponsor. Show Horse Tasmania together with the ePro,

Supreme Products and Le Rider is also sponsoring the show.

A copy of the schedule can be downloaded from our Facebook page.

Show Horse Judges' Seminar

We are very excited to have Helen and Peter Heagney join us for this year's Show Horse Judges' Seminar. An agenda has been sent to our registered judges. If you would like to attend as a spectator, or you are a judge and have not received an invitation, please contact us by email to register. Show Horse Tasmania is subsidising some of the costs and the seminar will be held on/at:

Saturday 5 September 2015, 10.30am to 3.30pm

Josef Chromy Winery, 370 Relbia Rd, Relbia

Lunch is included

Cost \$25pp – RSVP essential please by 2 September 2015

Upcoming Clinics

Les Friend will be conducting a 3-day clinic at 12 Oaks Thoroughbred Stud, Campania, from **Thurs 24 to Sat 26 September 2015**. Lessons are \$130 each (45 minutes). The clinic is currently full but please contact us via email if you would like to be added to a wait-list. as spots often arise.

Thank you to Jody Rybarczyk and Nicky Le Fevre for organising this clinic. Show Horse Tasmania is subsidising part of the clinic cost.

2015 Important Dates

28 Aug	ETAS Special Meeting and Annual General Meeting
5 Sep	Show Horse Judges' Seminar
24-26 Sept	Les Friend Clinic
27 Sep	Nationals Team Fundraiser Show
1 Oct	HOTY schedule out
28 Dec	HOTY entries close

Social Media Policy

Social Media is something nearly all of us rely upon and is a great way to connect and stay informed. But as we know, the equestrian world has been subject to cyber bullying as well as public attacks aimed at individuals and sporting groups. ETAS want members and officials to feel safe, protected and supported, without the fear of being publicly victimised on social media. As a result ETAS is drafting a state-based social media policy which will be aimed at protecting and encouraging socially responsible social media activities.

While it is a rare occurrence in our state, we are compelled to remind members that bullying (particularly via social media) is unacceptable and will not be tolerated.

Our sport is for everyone to enjoy and we are proud as Tasmanians to maintain a good reputation as being fair and supportive of each other in sport.

Officials Needed!

Our volunteer officials are very important because without them we could not run the shows that we love so much.

All members are encouraged to consider taking on a role such as EA Medication Control Officer, Measurer, Coach or Judge. Training and support is provided and we are always in need of new officials. If you are interested, please contact us by email or contact Judi at the branch office.



Above: Jodie Baker and Cambridge Park Hugo Boss
(Photo credit: Melissa Lee Stone)



Above: Óæ |Á inter snow at Dalebrook Lodge

What else is the committee doing?

We are committed to developing and nurturing our junior members - without them there is no future for our sport. We also see a need to share knowledge and skills with new entrants to Show Horse and develop our existing competitors. As such, the Committee is looking into new initiatives in these areas including a junior squad, ringcraft seminars etc. We also welcome ideas from members.

We have contributed to a new ETAS flyer promoting equestrian sports and it highlights some of the famous Olympians who made their start in showing. This will be published by the branch.

We would love to hear from you!

Please send your results, pictures and news to ShowHorseTasmania@gmail.com for inclusion in the next edition.

We are also committed to making continuous improvements so if you have a questions, suggestions or feedback please contact us.

Best wishes

Show Horse Tasmania

(a sub-committee of Equestrian Tasmania)