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Dear Members,

Well time sure flies by and here it is Membership Renewal time again and time for a reminder about some important things that need your attention at this time of year.

Membership Renewal letters and Membership Renewal Forms were all sent at the end of last month, so if you haven't received yours, please contact the National Secretary or email admin@mhaa.com.au.

Following the success of the Membership Renewal Incentive which we ran last year, we are again offering Members the opportunity of being involved. Therefore, if you renew your MHAA Membership on or before the 1st August, 2014, your Membership number will go into a draw to receive your 2015/2016 membership at half price. Four Youth and four Full Members will receive a voucher entitling them to a half price membership for 2015/2016.

Those Members who were fortunate to win the draw last year were notified and will be sent reminders regarding payment of their Memberships.

It is also timely to remind Members that in order to maintain continuity of their Membership, they must renew by the 1st August, 2014. If you have not renewed by that date, ALL Membership privileges will cease, i.e. you will not be able to Register Foals, Upgrade Horses, enter Shows, vote at State or National level, or lodge any relevant paperwork with the office. In addition to that you will not be able to nominate for, or hold a position on a State or National Committee, even if you currently hold that position.

DNA -Sending your Stallion's DNA information to the office for noting on the MHAA® database:

We have been contacted by quite a few Members who are concerned about getting the DNA done for their Stallion and advising the MHAA® office before they send their Stallion Breeding Report (Stallion Return) into the office. There is no need for concern; there is no requirement to have your DNA lodged with the office until you want to register Foals that are born this season.

You can send in your Stallion Returns as normal, to be received in the office, on or before 1 August, 2014 and if you have the DNA information for your Stallion, you can send it in at the same time. Otherwise as soon as you have the DNA information to send to the office, do so; that way when you want register your Foals you can do so without delay.

It is also timely to remind Members that Stallion Breeding Reports (Stallion Returns) MUST be printed in landscape format, NOT portrait format. When printing from the website, DO NOT ADJUST ANY PROPERTIES OR SETTINGS, SIMPLY PRESS "PRINT". Stallion Breeding Reports (Stallion Returns) submitted in portrait format will not be accepted and will be returned.

With regard to your **Stallion Breeding Reports (Stallion Returns)**: always remember to include all outside Mares, as well as every Mare served, even if they are not registered MHAA® and remember to keep a copy for your records. Remember that a Tax Invoice/Receipt is always sent from the office on receipt of your Stallion Return. If you do not receive one within 21 days of posting your Return, contact the National Secretary or email the admin@mhaa.com.au, to make sure it has been received.

If you still have concerns, or any questions regarding DNA, or the printing format of Stallion Breeding Reports (Stallion Returns) please contact the National Secretary or email admin@mhaa.com.au.

Mare Nominations for Foal Futurity entries: If you have never nominated your Mare, this is the year you should consider doing so. If your Mare has been nominated, then you should consider entering her progeny in the Foal Futurity Classes at the 2015 National Show; as they have been revitalized and we have also introduced additional accolades to vie for! So, get those Mare Nominations in ... remember the closing date for Mare Nominations is 1 August, 2014.

If you have never nominated a Mare because you don't understand how to go about it, or how it works, we have an interesting and comprehensive fact sheet explaining the process. If you would like a copy, please contact the National Secretary or email admin@mhaa.com.au and we can email you a copy.

Foal Registrations: Members are reminded when registering Foals that they need to make sure that they are registering their Foals in the correct age category, i.e. you need to check the date of birth of the Foal and make sure you are paying the correct fee for the correct age category. If you select the wrong age category, this can not only incur an extra fee, but also cause a delay in registering the Foal.

It is recommended that ALL mail should be sent to the Registry Office by Express Mail and also make sure that when you post mail that you allow for time delays, which seem to be more frequent with the mail these days.

Members are also reminded that ALL Registrations and Membership Renewals are to be sent to the Registry Office, PO Box 454, Drouin, Victoria 3818, which is also noted on all Forms.

Changes of address or email: Please remember if you change your postal or email address, you need to notify the office by using the change of address form, which is on the website.

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