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proudly moving ahead into our 28th year of servicing the needs of Members around Australia and beyond !**

Dear Members,

2017 National Show: There is excitement in the air, as Members are busily planning which Horses to take to the Nationals and making sure all their Registrations are up to date.

Entries close Friday 17 March, 2017 and your entries must be postmarked on or before that date; entries received after this date will be considered late entries and additional fees will apply. All Entries must be paid for by that date, but Members do not have to pay for Stables or Accommodation, until Friday 31 March, 2017; giving them more time and to spread their payments. However, please do not leave it that late to advise us of your requirements with regards Stables, Campsites or Cabins; these should be booked asap, especially if you want particular Stables or Campsites. Please contact Margaret or Colin Lawson on highlandmiststud@optusnet.com.au to confirm your requirements, as we have lots of bookings already.

Just to confirm the dates for the National Show are: Bump-in after **5pm** Monday 10 April, 2017; you may arrive from 3pm but you will be directed to the Northern Car Park where you can exercise your horses if you wish; there are also toilet facilities up there. Show dates Wednesday 12 April, to Sunday 16 April, 2017 inclusive, with Bump-out by **8am** Monday 17 April, 2017.

National Show Schedule & Entry Forms: By now everyone should have received or been able to access the 2017 National Show Schedule and also the Entry Forms which are on the MHAA® website. However if anyone is experiencing difficulties downloading the Show Schedule or Entry Forms, please contact Barb Voysey to have a copy or copies emailed to you.

We are very pleased that we have been able to keep the prices down and have no increases to Entry Fees to any section of the National Show, as all the Entry Fees have been the same since 2013. With the Sunday Show, the National Tri-Fecta, the price has only increased by \$1 a Class since the 2014 Triple Show. Members may remember that we had a single Show on Sunday last year, however due to Member feedback we have included the National Tri-Fecta Show on the Sunday; which is a three judged Show. Following Member feedback, we have also included some changes to the Show Schedule and we hope Members will support those changes.

We have also included the Classic Performance Challenge, which is a combination of Trail / Hunter / Lungeline and also show jumping for the Senior Horses. Therefore, as this is a "Classic" Class, 50% of the entry fees will be paid back to the Members who place first, second and third. There will be a specific workout for these Classes, which will be posted as with all other Performance Patterns. If you have any queries with regards to this Class, please don't hesitate to ask.

Stables & Gear Stables: One area that Members will be able to make a saving at the National Show is Stables. As we have been able to negotiate that Members can either bring their own bedding for their Stables, or buy it at the venue and there is NO stipulation as to the number of bales you have in your Stables; this will be up to each individual Member. Members can use Bedding Straw or Wood Shavings and the only exception is that Members are NOT permitted to use PROTEQ as bedding in the Stables. Members can book the Stable/s for whatever days they want them for \$25 per day. 15/16kg Bales of Shavings are available at a very reasonable price from the venue of \$12 per bale and I am told by some Members that they pay \$16 and over for the same bales from other fodder stores. Also if you find at the National Show that you need another bale or two, you can just buy whatever extra bales you need. There is also no restriction as to the number of Horses per stable; this will be up to Member discretion; however this will be monitored daily. Gear stables can also be booked for whatever day/days they are required at \$15 per day.

National Show Programme: If you wish to advertise in the National Show Programme, you need to book your advert asap and have your advert (print ready) to Barb Voysey by Friday 17 March, 2017. Please check the National Show Programme Workorder on the website for prices and more details.

Sponsorship: We are seeking sponsorship for National Show Trophies and or product prizes for Member lucky draws or Judge choice prizes. If you, or you know of any business that would be willing to sponsor either cash sponsorship towards Trophies, or product sponsorship, please contact Barb asap. We are very appreciative of sponsorship of any description. Those who sponsor Trophies will have their, or their business name engraved on Trophies. A Trophy Sponsorship Form is on the MHAA® website.

Official Photographer: We are very pleased to advise Members that Kerry Frame, from "Framed by Frame" has agreed to be our official Photographer for the National Show and wish to advise Members that as we have signed a contract with Kerry to be our exclusive event Photographer *NO OTHER PHOTOGRAPHERS* are permitted to photograph on the grounds for the duration of the Show and under new regulations, if anyone does photograph on the grounds, they will be asked to leave the premises by the SIEC Security Staff.

Trans-Tasman Challenge: As you would be aware this year we are hosting the Trans-Tasman Challenge at our 2017 National Show and the New Zealand Miniature Horse Association Inc's Youth Team will be our guests and are bringing a Team of five Youth to try to retain the Trophy that they won when they were here in 2015.

Congratulations to the following Youth Members who will be the MHAA® Youth Team:-

MHAA® Youth Team:

Will Richards
Brielle Le Compte
Rachele Coates
Reanna McDowell
Jessica Tome'

We hope that Members will consider lending Horses to the Youth for the Trans-Tasman Youth Challenge and also consider allowing the NZ Youth to take their Horse into either the Youth Classes, or any Class the Member may have their Horse entered into. If you have a Horse that is trained in Performance and are willing to lend the Horse for use by the Youth, or in the Challenge, or if you are unsure what is involved and would like to discuss the likelihood of you lending a Horse, please contact Barb Voysey to discuss.

When our Youth Team has travelled to NZ, the Members of the NZMHA brought Horses to the Show specifically to lend Youth for the Challenge, they did not enter the Horse in any Classes, they just wanted to support the Youth by bringing extra Horses and in some cases drove three and four hours just to bring the Horses to lend the Youth. It would be absolutely fantastic if we could do the same.

Please consider helping the Youth in this regard and also please make our NZ guests welcome, so they feel part of our Show.

All enquiries with regards to the National Show should be directed to Barb Voysey, National Show Co-ordinator, either by email: tygerbar@internode.on.net or mobile 0418 821100 (after 6.30pm or weekends)..

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