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Dear Members,

Well time sure flies by and here it is nearly Membership Renewal time again and time for reminders about some important things that need your attention at this time of year. We will be forwarding an email during the next week with some very important information about Membership renewals, however in the meantime we thought it timely for some of the following reminders.

Stallion 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, 2016 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.

Mare DNA: Although these don't have to be lodged with the Association until the breeding season 2020/2021, many Members are already having their Mares DNA done. If you have already had yours done, then you can send to the office anytime to have this put on the MHAA® database and if you send it in with other work, there will be no charge. Don't forget if you want to have it noted on your Mare's Registration Certificate that her DNA is on file, you need to send the original Registration Certificate to the office at the same time.

It is also timely to remind Members that Stallion Breeding Reports (Stallion Returns) MUST be printed in LANDSCAPE format, NOT portrait format. Stallion Breeding Reports (Stallion Returns) submitted in portrait format will not be accepted and will be returned. If you are unsure about this, please do not hesitate to contact the National Secretary or email admin@mhaa.com.au

For your convenience we have attached with this Newsletter a Stallion Breeding Report(Stallion Return).and for the benefit of our new Members, a copy of the Instruction Sheet. Kindly note the Report attached cannot be filed in on line, but can be printed of in LANDSCAPE and completed by hand, or you can go on to the website and complete the form there.

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.

Stallion Returns maybe sent to the office at anytime and we recommend that as soon as you have finished mating your Mares, send the Stallion Breeding Report (Stallion Return) to the office.

Mare Nominations for Foal Futurity entries: If you have never nominated your Mare, 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 2017 National Show. So, get those Mare Nominations in ... remember the closing date for Mare Nominations is 1 August, 2016. For your convenience we have attached a Mare Nomination Form.

For those who do not understand the purpose of nominating your Mare or entering the Futurities, these are explained hereunder. Mare nomination fees of \$11 received each year, are divided by 5 and that money is allocated to each year the foal is eligible to show i.e. Foal, Yearling, 2 year old, 3 year old, 4 year old. Those funds, along with the entry fees for all Horses entered in the relevant Foal Futurity Class are added up and from that money, Trophies and Ribbons costs, together with a percentage of the expenses of the particular Show are deducted and the balance is paid out to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd winners. Once a horse is over four years old, it is no longer eligible for futurity classes. It is the Member's responsibility to make sure that your horse is eligible for the Futurity Class you enter, as there are no refunds on entry fees as all monies are paid to the winners. Members should also keep a copy of all Mare Nomination Forms that they send to the office, so they can check to make sure that the Mare has in fact been nominated, before they enter their Horse in the Foal Futurity Class. To assist Members in this regard, ALL Mares nominated (listed in the years they were nominated) are now on the MHAA® website, under the National Show section.

National Mare Nominations and Foal Futurity Classes are not run in connection with State Mare Nominations and Foal Futurity Classes, so Members are reminded that they need to enter their own relevant State Mare Nomination / Foal Futurities separately.

If you wish to have the Mare Nominations / Foal Futurities explained further please contact the National Secretary. .

Members are also reminded that it is recommended that they send mail to the Registry Office by Express Mail and also make sure that when they post mail that they allow for time delays, which seem to be more frequent with the mail these days.

DON'T FORGET 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. Change of Address/Email Form also attached for your convenience.

Members are reminded of the following amnesties, which are now in place:-

- 1) Re-joining Members Amnesty: if re-joining now, pay half price Membership Fee until 31 July, 2016.
- 2) Re-joining Member Amnesty: no re-join fee if re-joining anytime up until 31 July, 2016.

Revoked Fee Amnesty: no revoked fee when upgrading Horses over 4 years 6 months to Adult status, between now and 31 July.

Fine Lines: Members are advised that our Fine Lines Editor has resigned her position, due to family, stud and study commitments. Therefore anyone who is interested in taking on this position should contact the National Secretary asap. This would be an interim position until October, 2016. In the meantime your National Committee are working together to put out an edition of Fine Lines as soon as we can and if any Member has expertise in this area, or would like to assist in this regard please let us know. Also if any Member has any article, Stud News, Foal Brag photos or anything they would like to have included in Fine Lines, please let us know asap.

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

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