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... .. now leading the way as the FIRST and ONLY exclusive Miniature /Small Horse Registry, proudly moving into our 29th year servicing the needs of Members around Australia and beyond !

Dear Members,

By now all Members should have received your Notice of AGM, together with National Committee Nomination Form and Qld Members should also have received their Notice of Qld AGM and Nomination Form for Qld State Promotional Committee positions. Also enclosed was a Member letter, the contents of which I am enclosing with this E-News.

As noted on the Notice of AGM, following the National AGM, we will be having a Victorian Member Meeting. This is due to the number of MHAA® Victorian Members who have requested a Meeting to discuss the coming show season.

If you have not received yours, please let me know and I can resend you a copy via email; they will also be on the MHAA® National website.

National Committee would like to advise Members of the following information:-

Amnesties: National Committee have approved the following Amnesties:

On Re-Joining Members until 31 December, 2017: which means that anyone who re-joins their Membership and would normally be liable to pay the re-joining fee of \$33-00, can re-join and only has to pay the relevant Membership Fee.

On Revoked Horses until 31 December, 2017; which means that any Horse, who is more than 6 months overdue for permanent adult upgrade, can be brought out of revoked status, without paying the current fee of \$33-00.

2018 National Show: Our 2018 National Show will be held from Wednesday 28 March, 2018 to Sunday 1 April, 2018 inclusive; with bump in being Monday 26 March, 2018 and bump out being Monday 2 April, 2018.

Next year's National Show is shaping up to be a special one, with some excellent prizes and opportunities for Members to be involved in another great Show.

We will be having a very special Harness section at the National Show and there will be the opportunity for Harness competitors to win a Dobbin & Co Sulky and a Zilco Miniature Harness, as well as some other great prizes.

So if you compete in the Harness Classes, or are thinking of competing in the Harness Classes, now will be the time to get practicing on your Harness skills, so that you can enter the 2018 National Show and take advantage of the opportunity to win yourself a new Dobbin & Co Sulky or a Zilco Miniature Harness ! Remember ... you have to be in it ... to win it !!!

ALL Members will also have the opportunity to take part in a FREE Member draw to win a voucher for \$500 towards the purchase of a Dobbin & Co Sulky. This opportunity will be made available to ALL Members and not confined to Members who will be at the National Show.

These great opportunities for Members are being finalized and Members will be advised as soon as all details are confirmed.

Following the success of this year's National Show and the popularity of the Performance Challenge, this will definitely be included in the Show Schedule again and I know there were a lot of Members who wished they entered it, once they saw what a great event it was. Especially with the inclusion of the fantastic new Performance gear and the interesting obstacles that we had built for us, like the spider jump (kindly made by Colin & Margaret Lawson) and all the other new gear made for us by Raelene & Malcolm Stewart, with the assistance of some other friends, which saw the humble jump and walk through turned into something very special !

If you have any ideas or suggestions with regards to the 2018 National Show, don't hesitate to forward them, as all Member input is appreciated and always taken into consideration. Let's work together to make the 2018 National Show one to remember and with all the extra and special events planned, it is sure to be just that !

NZMHA 2018 National Show – Trans-Tasman Youth Challenge: We have been invited to be a part of the 2018 Trans-Tasman Youth Challenge as part of the NZMHA National Show and send a Youth Team to compete in NZ. The date of the NZMHA 2018 National Show is 22 to 25 March, 2018 inclusive and the Show is being held in Christchurch, NZ. At this time they haven't finalized their Show Schedule and so we don't know what actual date the Trans-Tasman Youth Challenge will take place, however in the past this has not been on the Sunday, which would be 25 March, 2018. As you will notice, this is the day before we bump-in to our National Show. Any Youth Member, between 15 and 17 years old, or if have just turned 18 years, but are still a Youth Member who competes in MHAA® Youth Classes, are eligible to nominate if they are interested in being in the Youth Team and compete in NZ. Youth Members must fund raise to pay for their travel and all expenses involved in attending the Show. If you are interested in being involved in the 2018 Youth Team and/or would like more information, please contact myself by 30 September, 2017 to register your interest.

Membership Renewals: It is also timely to remind Members that in order to maintain continuity of their Membership, they should have renewed by the 1st August, 2017. If you have not renewed, ALL Membership privileges have now ceased, 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, as you will have to stand down from the position and will not be able to nominate for a Committee position until after the next AGM.

Members are also reminded that if your Membership is not paid by the 1st of November, 2017, you will automatically be dropped from the Membership of the Association.

Therefore to maintain your financial Membership status, it is in your own best interest to renew your Membership asap.

If you have any queries with regards paying your Membership Renewal on line, or direct depositing the funds into the MHAA® Bank Account, please contact Brian Neal email: brian.neal.au@gmail.com or mobile: 0417 518695 or Barb Voysey email: tygerbar@internode.on.net or mobile: 0418 821100.

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.

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.

Please note that when you send in your Membership Renewal Form and your details have changed from those in the data base; these will automatically be updated.

As always, if you have any queries, please contact the National Secretary, Barb Voysey.

National Committee of Management
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