



Welcome to the e-Newsletter  
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Hi Members;

*MHAA® strong and getting stronger*

**2013 NATIONAL SHOW:**

**ON SITE CABIN BOOKINGS:**

As advised in previous E-News we are absolutely delighted by the response from Members to our 2013 National Show and such is the demand for on-site Cabins that we will be asking for a deposit for the Cabins.

For some weeks now, ALL Cabins have been booked and we also have some Members on the waiting list, so in fairness to everyone we believe that those who have pre-booked Cabins will need to pay a \$100 deposit per Cabin.

This will avoid the position we have found ourselves in the past where someone has pre-booked a Cabin, only a week before the Show, decide they do not want it. Therefore all Members who have booked a Cabin will receive a Cabin Deposit Form and will be requested to send the Form, along with the \$100 deposit for each Cabin, to the office by

1 December, 2012. When Members send their Entries and confirmation of Stable, Cabin and/or Campsite bookings, they can simply deduct the deposit paid from the amount owing; so in effect Members are paying for part of the Cabin hire in advance

If a Member pays a deposit on a Cabin and is then for some reason unable to attend, if we can rehire that Cabin to another Member, the deposit will be refunded. However if we are unable to rehire the Cabin, the Member will lose the deposit.

If anyone has not paid their deposit by 1 December, 2012, or made contact by that date, the next person on the waiting list will be given the opportunity of paying a deposit on the Cabin/s.

In view of the high demand for Cabins, we believe this is the fairest system to follow.

If anyone has any queries with regards this deposit system, please contact Barb Voysey.

**TRANS-TASMAN YOUTH CHALLENGE:**

We are delighted to announce that the NZMHA will be sending a Youth Team to compete at the 2013 National Show and as a result of this, we need to form an MHAA ® Youth Team to represent us and compete against the NZ Team.

The National Committee is pleased to advise that Michelle Francis (SA Member) has agreed to act as the National Youth Co-Ordinator and lead our Youth Team to victory ! To make this possible we are seeking Youth Members who would like to be involved to send an expression of interest, stating how long they have been competing at performance events and their achievements thus far. The only criteria that we are stipulating is that the Youth are able to attend the 2013 National Show, but of course preference will be given to Youth Members who have competed in performance events and have an understanding of the rules. Ideally we would like to have a representative from each State, but this will be governed by the Youth Members who nominate for the Team. As the Youth Challenge will be held in Australia, there are no age restrictions either. So if you are a Youth Member and would like to be involved and are able to attend the National Show, you have nothing to lose by sending in an expression of interest.

In the first instance all enquiries and expressions of interest should be forwarded to the National Secretary,  
Barb Voysey Email: tygerbar@internode.on.net or phone: 08 8384 6446 (after 7-30pm) or mobile: 0418 821100.

**OFFICE CLOSURE FOR CHRISTMAS:**

Members are advised that the Office will be closed for the annual Christmas closedown period, which this year will be from close of business on Friday 21st December, 2012 and will re-open on Wednesday 2nd January, 2013.

Members are reminded that the price increases will take effect from Monday 14 January, 2013 and ALL transactions received on or after that date, will be processed at the new rates. Therefore Members who have upgrades to be processed should get them in prior to this date, so that they can be processed at the current rates. Members are also reminded that all revoked fees are being waived until Monday 14 January, 2013 so that if there are Horses that you wish to bring back into the registry, now is the time to get these done.

If you have any queries with regards the price increases or waiving of revoked fees, please contact Barb Voysey, National Secretary or Brian Neal, National Treasurer.

#### **WEBSITE AND FINE LINES ADVERTISING:**

We have been updating the Website and Fine Lines advertising pricing and have put a new price list on the Website. If you would like to avail yourself of these, we remind Members that Fine Lines is now available on line and in future, as soon as each edition has been posted to Members, it will be put on line. This has been a great step forward for the Association and the Members and also means that any advertisement, photo or article that is printed in Fine Lines is now published to the world !

#### **MAJOR RAFFLE:**

Members are reminded of the fantastic Raffle that we are holding and we are also quietly excited to report to Members that we have had enquiries from overseas and have actually sold some tickets to UK – how fantastic is that !!?

For those of you who have not heard details of the raffle are listed as under:

MHAA Raffle - drawn at 2013 National Show, Sydney, NSW - \$20 per ticket (500 only avail)

To be Drawn: 30th March 2013 at 10pm at the Saturday night function

1st Prize: Return airfares for 2 Adults to Fort Worth, Texas, USA to attend the 2013 AMHA World Show. Accommodation for 2 adults for 10 nights, based on twin share including all flight taxes and fees. To the value of \$5000. Passports, upgrades and extra accommodation to be at the winners own expense. First Prize is not redeemable for cash, but may be transferred to another destination or to another person.

2nd Prize: \$250 Cash

3rd Prize: \$100 Cash

(conducted by the MHAA Inc under the NSW Office of Liquor, Gaming and Racing Regulations)

#### **REGISTRY REMINDERS:**

Remember to include on your Stallion Breeding Report ALL Mares that are served by your Stallion, irrespective if they are MHAA ® Registered and/or owned by you. Also make sure that you give ALL owners of outside Mares a Service Certificate, or if you are taking your Mare to another Member's Stallion, make sure that the mating has been recorded on the relevant Stallion's Breeding Report. Also remember to make sure that the Stallion has had his DNA done and that it has been sent to MHAA ® Office for recording on the relevant Stallion's Registration Certificate and our data base.

If you are purchasing a Horse and you are told that it is MHAA ® registered, ALWAYS ask to see a copy (front and back) of the Papers. ALWAYS ensure that the person you are dealing with is the last registered owner of the Horse and if they are not, MAKE SURE that you check all the paperwork to ensure that the Horse in question can be transferred to your name.

The turnaround for paperwork to the MHAA ® office is extremely prompt, so if you are told by someone that "that papers have been sent to the office and have not been received back yet" and this extends beyond a reasonable expected time of about 10 days maximum, taking into consideration weekends, then it would be wise to follow up on the paperwork.

When getting a Horse measured for upgrade or registration, ALWAYS ensure that the person who measures the Horse is a current financial Member. Do not be embarrassed to ask to see their current Membership Card, so that you can satisfy yourself that this is the case. As a reminder, neither a member of your own Family nor the breeder of the Horse is allowed to measure the Horse. However if the buyer and the seller wish to measure the Horse on Transfer, as a record that they both agreed to the height, this is permissible. If you are unable to get a Member to measure the Horse, then you can get a Vet to do this, but they must note on the form in the measurer's section, quite clearly that they are a Vet.

It should be noted that if you do get a Vet to measure the Horse that you ensure that the Horse is measured in the correct spot, ie at the last hair of the base of the mane and that the measurement is recorded in inches.

**EQUITANA** .... Last chance to be involved .... Equitana starts in less than a week... if you want to showcase your stud, advertise your Stallion ... or announce your fantastic foal drop, or you have Horses for sale, this is your last chance to be part of this fantastic promotional event .... Contact Barb Voysey asap for a very special price to have as many leaflets as you want to supply handed out to the already equine captivated audience ....

#### **National Committee of Management**

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