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**... .. now leading the way as the FIRST and ONLY exclusive Miniature /Small Horse Registry,  
proudly moving ahead into our 26<sup>th</sup> year of servicing the needs of Members around Australia and beyond ! ... ..**

Dear Members,

**2015 National Show:** There is excitement in the air, as Members are busily prepping Horses they are taking to the Nationals and getting last minute things together that they need to take and this time next week, we will be nearly half way through the Show ... how time flies !

**Stables, Cabins, Campsites:**

By now Members should have paid for their stables and accommodation requirements, if you have not, you need to do so immediately as anyone who has not fully paid for their show entries, stables and/or accommodation, will not be permitted to show. If you have any queries in this regard, please contact Barb Voysey or Brian Neal.

If you have any last minute changes to your stables or accommodation, please contact Margaret Lawson on [highlandmiststud@optusnet.com.au](mailto:highlandmiststud@optusnet.com.au) to advise of these changes asap. Stable allocation is in the process of being finalized and will be passed on to SIEC and Members who have ordered extra bales will have these put in their stables. Stables will not be unlocked prior to your arrival and stable numbers will be posted in various locations around the stables so that Members can easily find their stables on arrival. Reminder that due to there being another event at the venue during the week before our Show, we are not permitted to arrive on site before 12 noon and if you arrive between 12 noon and 3pm you need to go to the North Truck park, where you can exercise your Horses etc until you can go into the stables, which we estimate to be about 3pm. If there is any chance we can get in the stables earlier, Members will be advised.

**Stables / Clipping Stables :** There will be specific Stables set up for clipping and we have tried to spread these throughout the Stables, so that if required you have a clipping stable not too far from you. Members please note that there **will NOT be any Stables set up for colour enhancing**. This is due to the fact that so much mess and damage has been done in the past to stables and wash bay areas, that SIEC Management have decided **NOT TO ALLOW** areas to be set up for this and this decision is final.

**Measuring:** This will be done on Tuesday, commencing at 9am with the National Committee Horses being done first, so that they can then assist with the rest of the measuring. We will be measuring all day Tuesday and every Horse on grounds must be measured on Tuesday, only Horses not on site will be measured by appointment only. **If you are arriving on grounds after Tuesday you need to contact Barb Voysey Mobile 0418 821100 asap.**

**Vet attendance:** Kirby Drogmuller will be the resident Vet and will be in attendance 24 hours a day for the duration of the Show. Kirby can be contacted via **Mobile: 0400 293752**. Her mobile number will be posted at the Mess Hall, in the Stable area and also outside the Show Office. We know that Members will be pleased that we have a vet on the grounds for the duration of the Show.

**Saturday night function:** Our Saturday night function will include some very special entertainment ... an exciting first for our National Show and something you won't want to miss. We have already had a lot of bookings and seats will be limited, so don't leave it to the last minute to get a ticket. Prices are on the National Show Work Order on the website. **You can book via email to Barb Voysey [tygerbar@internode.on.net](mailto:tygerbar@internode.on.net)** and pay at the Show. Don't forget if you have any special dietary requirements to let us know.

**Catering:** Due to the popularity of the sausage sizzles and bbq's , these will again be held. We will have a basic sausage sizzle in the Mess Hall from about 6pm on the Monday night. On the Wednesday and Friday night the bbq will be served in the main arena to coincide with the judging of the Futurities and Supreme's, respectively. Friday night, being Good Friday, will have alternative to meat for those who prefer. To assist with catering and ensure we have sufficient food, we are requesting that Members advise us if they are attending the bbq's. We are also requesting that Members make a contribution toward the cost by way of a donation.

**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 PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS** are permitted to photograph on the grounds for the duration of the Show and under new regulations, if any professional photographer does attempt to start taking photographs on the grounds, they will be asked to leave the premises by the SIEC Security Staff. **Members are asked to be mindful of this and remember that our official photographer for the National Show is Kerry Frame and that if they engage the services of any other professional photographer they are in breach of the conditions of show.**

**LiveStream:** Following the success of last year's LiveStream, we have again contracted Kristy Canti of the Local Horse Magazine and her fantastic team to do the LiveStream of the National Show. There will be advertising opportunities for Members who may wish to avail themselves of this service with the fees being \$180-00 per day for still adverts and \$250-00 per day for video advertisements ..... remembering that this is telecast across the world ... where else would you get an advertisement at that price to a captivated Miniature Horse audience around the world ! There are limited advertising opportunities so Members who are interested should contact Barb asap.

**Trans Tasman Challenge:** As you are aware this year we are hosting the TransTasman Challenge at our 2015 National Show and the New Zealand Miniature Horse Association Inc's Youth Team will be our guests and are bringing a Team of 5 Youth to try to win back the Trophy, that we were successful in winning in NZ last year.

The Youth Teams are::

Sarah Wallace	Qld
Kyle Maher	NSW
Montana Owens	Qld
Alicia Le Compte	Qld
Brielle Le Compte	Qld

**NZ:**

Emma Courtney Barnett
Georgina Garton
Taylah Sowry
Rebecca Brosnan
Jenny Slater

The team of 5 Australian Youths and 5 NZ Youths compete against each other in Showmanship, Trail and Hunter. Each Youth will use a Horse they have never had contact with, having their Horse selected by random pick. If anyone picks out a Horse they have handled before, the name must be put back in the draw.

Members are urged, if they have not already, to lend one of their Horses for the Youth to handle; without the generosity of our Members lending Horses, this challenge will not be able to take place ... We need 10 Horses, so please please let one be yours ! If you are willing to lend a Horse for the Challenge, please contact Kelsie Wolfenden, Priscilla Maher, Gwen Le Compte or Barb Voysey, or come to the Show Office

The NZ Youth who are attending our Show would love to show in some Halter or other Classes, so we also ask that Members consider letting one of the NZ Youth take a Horse into one of these Classes. If the Horse is not entered it can be entered as a late entry; see Barb or Brian in the Show Office if you have any queries re this, or you can also speak to Kelsie Wolfenden, Priscilla Maher, Gwen Le Compte.

When our Youth Team went to NZ, some Members drove up to 5 hours to bring Horses for the Youth, the NZMHA Members were not even entered in the Show, but wanted to support the Youth Teams by bringing Horses for them. It would be wonderful if we could repay this magnificent gesture in some way.

**I also ask that you please make our NZ visitors welcome and assist them whenever and wherever you can.**

**Bullying:** National Committee will take a zero tolerance to any instances of bullying, aggressive behavior, intimidation and general unacceptable behavior **by ANYONE toward ANYONE**. Members are reminded of rules that are in place in the Constitution and General Rules & Regulations, which cover this sort of behavior and if you feel that you, or have seen anyone who has exhibited any signs of bullying or unacceptable behavior, you should advise a National Committee Member immediately. Please remember if this type of behavior is not reported, it will continue and in the interests of a safe and happy environment for everyone at our 2015 National Show, or any Show or event, this type of behavior is unacceptable and **will NOT be tolerated**. It is important to note that National Committee will respect your privacy if you have any fear of reprisal. However, if we are not advised, we cannot do anything about it.

We want everyone to enjoy their 2015 National Show experience and to this end we all need to work together in every way we possibly can.

**All enquiries with regards to the National Show should be directed to Barb Voysey, National Show Co-ordinator, Mobile 0418 821100**

**Look forward to catching up with Members at the National Show !**

**Barb Voysey**

**2015 National Show Co-Ordinator**

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