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**MHAA® Strong and getting stronger ... ..**

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

Dear Members,

Well time sure flies by and here it is Membership Renewal time again and time for a reminder about some important things that need your attention at this time of year.

Membership Renewal letters and Membership Renewal Forms were all sent at the end of last month, so if you haven't received yours, please contact the National Secretary or email [admin@mhaa.com.au](mailto:admin@mhaa.com.au) asap.

Following the success of the Membership Renewal Incentive which we ran last year, we are again offering Members the opportunity of being involved. Therefore, if you renew your MHAA Membership on or before the 1st August, 2015, your Membership number will go into a draw to receive your 2016/2017 membership at half price. Four Youth and four Full Members will receive a voucher entitling them to a half price membership for 2016/2017.

Those Members who were fortunate to win the draw last year were notified and will be sent reminders regarding payment of their Memberships.

It is also timely to remind Members that in order to maintain continuity of their Membership, they must renew by the 1st August, 2015. If you have not renewed by that date, ALL Membership privileges will cease, 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.

**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, 2015 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.

**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](mailto:admin@mhaa.com.au)**

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](mailto:admin@mhaa.com.au) , to make sure it has been received.

If you still 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](mailto:admin@mhaa.com.au).

**Mare Nominations for Foal Futurity entries:** If you have never nominated your Mare, this is the year 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 2016 National Show; as they have been revitalized and we have also introduced additional accolades to vie for! So, get those Mare Nominations in ... remember the closing date for Mare Nominations is 1 August, 2015.

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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place 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 their horse is eligible for the Futurity Class they 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.

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.**

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