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Bickers Court Cavalier – Supreme Champion Shire at Sydney Royal Easter Show 2013
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SHSA **NEWS...**

No SHSA seminar in January 2014

The committee made the difficult decision to postpone our January seminar and clinics, after changes to our insurance policy through Equestrian Australia (EA).

EA have significantly changed the requirements under the policy they offer, including mandatory Hendra vaccinations for every horse attending an event overnight, which would significantly impact on the ability of our members to attend with their horses and the use of horses for demonstrations sessions.

Our queries as to why only events of more than one day had this stipulation were not fully answered. The reality is that many of our normal participants would not have their horses vaccinated and a one day event doesn't work for us and our costs.

The committee was very disappointed to have had to make this decision, however we are exploring other insurance options and are planning on holding an event later in the year once these issues are resolved.

International Shire Stud Book

SHSA is very pleased to announce that there is now a complete International Shire Stud Book, which includes all Shire Horses registered in the US, UK, Canadian and Australian Stud Books, listed in it.

Our Australian Shire Horse Stud Book was recently merged into the database, and now the stud book is complete. The International Shire Horse Stud Book is online at www.shirestudbook.com.

At present there is a fee to access the studbook, but we are also very excited to announce that as of next year, your SHSA membership will include access to the international stud book free of charge! This will be another wonderful service provided to our members. More details to come with membership renewals.

SHSA wins non-branding rights for WA Shires

SHSA has successfully negotiated an exception for Shire Horses in WA registered in the Australian Shire Horse Stud Book, who will now NOT have to be branded with a registered stock brand, as is mandatory for all other horses in that State!

WA is the only State in Australia to have this branding requirement in law. The government of Western Australia has approved The SHSA Australian Shire Horse Stud Book, as an Approved Identification System under their Biosecurity and Agriculture Management Regulations.

The WA government now recognises the SHSA identification processes, which includes vet sketching, parentage verification with DNA, and microchipping, with the chip number being recorded with the Australian Animal Registry (AAR).

SHSA has been lobbying on this issue on behalf of our members. SHSA President, Helene Scarf, is delighted and commented, "We thank the WA Registrar of Stock and Apiaries for his thorough investigation of our Stud Book and our ID processes, and for his subsequent official approval. This was an important issue to our members. None of them want to see their beautiful Shires branded."

Horse owners in WA must still be registered with the Government and have a property ID.

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SHSA **NEWS**...

Sydney Royal entries open

<u>Entries have opened for Australia's largest and</u> most prestigious Shire show.

SHSA has successfully negotiated a 'Best Gelding' class (to be decided between the junior and senior winning geldings) and has donated a Perpetual Trophy for the winner.

SHSA also worked hard to secure an extra 11 riding, driving and junior classes to be held in the Schmidt Arena the day following the Shire judging. These classes are open to all heavy horses.

Entries close Thursday 14 November 2013. Shires p40 of the schedule New Heavy Horse classes p71 of the schedule

<u>Sydney Royal will NOT be requiring Hendra vaccinations for the 2014 Sydney Royal.</u>

SHSA AGM update

Our AGM was held in June, and for the first time this year we were able to have members participate via teleconference, as per the changes to our constitution made last year.

It was very encouraging to have members in Tasmania, Queensland and Coffs Harbour on the line and participating in the meeting.

President, Helene Scarf gave a very impressive report on the Society's activities over the past year, and she particularly thanked all of the committee, who worked together so well as a team. Daryn Post stood down from the committee this year, and Helene thanked him for contribution to the Society. In his place we welcomed Emma Thomas who had already been helping out on a volunteer basis.

SHSA Registrar, Deb Buckland, reported continual progress with our stud book, which now registers around two thirds of all Shires in Australia.

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SHSA Christmas Cards



We're excited to introduce the newest product in our line of fabulous Shire horse merchandise – Christmas cards!

We've produced a premium folded card on glossy stock, featuring Shire horses pulling a sleigh.

These high quality cards will be a delight to anyone who receives them. Wish your family and friends a joyous holiday season with a beautiful image of a fairytale white Christmas, complete with Santa's noble steeds!

The stunning image featured in our cards this year was donated by Foggy Meadows Farm in the USA.

\$5 ea or \$40 for a pack of ten (plus postage)

Shire Saddle Cloths



High quality, Australian made woolen saddle cloths, with the SHSA logo and SHIRE written underneath on both sides. Great value at \$75.

Seminar DVDs

DVDs from past seminar weekends are in stock and available for only \$10/session. Topics include: breeding strategy; harness; showing; foal handling; and many more!
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<u>secretary@shirehorsesociety.com.au</u> for ordering details.

SHSA 2014 Wall Calendar



These 12 stunning photographs capture the beauty, spirit, versatility, and unique character of the Shire Horse. All of these incredibly high quality images were donated by our members and supporters from around the world.

The A4, ring bound wall calendar features large daily grids includes key holidays and shows featuring Shires.

Click here to order online



SHSA polo shirts and caps

We also have the very popular and comfortable SHSA *Coolmax* polo shirts (\$30) and stylish caps (\$15).



SHSA Horses for Courses

To date there have been four 'Horses for Courses', a SHSA sponsored social gathering! Thanks to Clare Gorwyn, Deb Buckland, Kate Williams and Cai & Em Thomas for organising these events!

The Sydney/Southern Highlands dinner will be held on Saturday 9 November. Contact shires@ingleside.com.au for more details

Queensland

Fifteen Shire owners and supporters gathered for a lovely Sunday lunch and a long chat about Shires on 29 September. We all really enjoyed the afternoon – great food, good company and an awesome topic of conversation. We're all looking forward to doing it again sometime. Thank you to the SHSA for the great idea and supplying the wine ©

Clare Gorwyn

Canberra/ACT

Cai and I decided we'd prefer to host our dinner at home, since we love entertaining. Although several people couldn't attend on the nominated date, everyone we contacted expressed their desire to come and appreciation for the idea and invite. We had 12 people all up, including several Shire owners, some new faces from the Clydesdale community, a local vet and a representative from Heavy Horse Heaven.

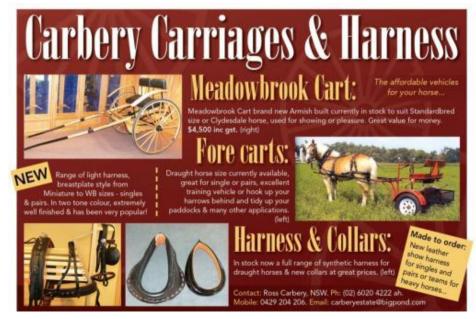
We started the night with bubbly, beer and mini sweet onion, feta and thyme puffs. Main course was crispy pork belly with caramelized mushrooms and roasted capsicum and paprika aioli. We finished with a Limoncello and blueberry trifle, red velvet cupcakes, port and a few martinis. It was a fantastic night and we look forward to doing it again next year.

Emma Thomas

Tasmania



We had a lovely time at the Tasmanian SHSA Horses for Courses, with 13 attendees some who travelled hours to get there.



The meal was lovely and the conversation terrific. We held a 'can you name the horses' competition with black and white photos of Shires owned by the attendees. The biggest laugh of the night was that one couple didn't pick their own gelding out of the lineup! All in all we had a great night with a lot of good fun.

Deb Buckland

North coast NSW

We had a great luncheon in Grafton with some heavy horse enthusiasts from around the north coast. We are going to make an effort to get together more often and also have some informal days out with our horses.

Kate Williams



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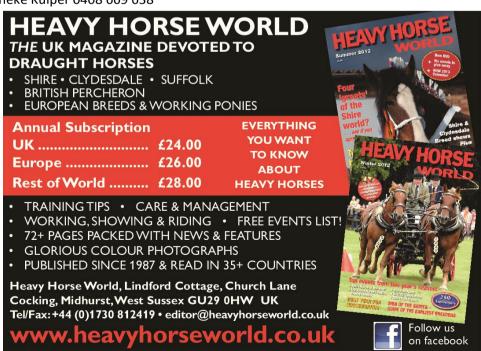
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Sydney Royal Easter Show report

This year's Easter Show, Australia's premiere Shire show, saw the highest number of Shires ever, with 38 entries in the breed classes and 12 in the ridden class. Not only that, there were some outstanding results by Shires in the heavy harness classes, particularly Ingleside Enterprise, of Sugarloaf Shires, who won Reserve Champion Delivery Horse out of all the Delivery Horse Classes.

We were very fortunate to have Mr Tony Wass, from UK, judge the breed classes. Tony is a very well respected judge in the UK and is a member of the Shire Horse Society UK Executive. Tony came down to the stables after the judging and met with many of the exhibitors. "I really enjoyed coming to

Australia and judging the Shires at Sydney Royal," Tony said, "and the standard of horses was very high."

It was wonderful to see so many new Shire exhibitors at Sydney this year and we anticipate this growth continuing, especially with even more classes for Shire owners to participate in next year. Also, members Chris and Cindy Perdikaris did an awesome job of decorating their aisle, and put on a lovely supper for all heavy horse exhibitors on the night before the breed class judging. This was a great opportunity for exhibitors to meet up and unwind before the serious business of the next day.

Results

Shire Colt, under 2yrs.

- 1 K & H KUIPER & B BIFFIN & I KUIPER THIRLMERE NSW 2572 ESCRICK EXTREME
- 2 C & E THOMAS GUNDAROO NSW 2620 DARKMOOR DA VINCI

Shire Colt, 2yrs & under 4yrs.

1 C PERDIKARIS & FAMILY SPIT JUNCTION NSW 2088
BICKERS COURT CAVALIER

Shire Stallion, 4yrs & over

1 MR ANTHONY MAY ORANGEVILLE NSW 2570 BEANDEMA SAMSON

CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION SHIRE STALLION OR COLT

Champion C PERDIKARIS & FAMILY SPIT JUNCTION NSW 2088
BICKERS COURT CAVALIER

Reserve K & H KUIPER & B BIFFIN & I KUIPER THIRLMERE NSW 2572 **Champion** ESCRICK EXTREME

Shire Filly, under 2yrs.

- 1 K & H KUIPER & B BIFFIN & I KUIPER THIRLMERE NSW 2572 INGLESIDE MADELINE
- 2 K & H KUIPER & B BIFFIN & I KUIPER THIRLMERE NSW 2572 INGLESIDE OLYMPIA
- 3 MRS ANNETTE ROBINSON MT VINCENT NSW 2323 VIEWFIELD SAPPHIRE FLASH

Shire Filly, 2yrs & under 4yrs.

- 1 C PERDIKARIS & FAMILY SPIT JUNCTION NSW 2088 INGLESIDE FLEUR DE LYS
- 2 MRS HELENE SCARF BARRENGARRY NSW 2577 CEDARS WINIFRED

Shire Mare, 4yrs & over.

1 C PERDIKARIS & FAMILY SPIT JUNCTION NSW 2088

_	INCLECIDE ANACTACIA
	INGLESIDE ANASTASIA
3	MRS HELENE SCARF BARRENGARRY NSW 2577
	CEDARS LADY ASPEN
4	MRS ANNETTE ROBINSON MT VINCENT NSW 2323
	TURNARA LODGE NALLA
5	PETER & MARYLOU MC KEON DARNUM VIC 3822
	SOUTHERN CROSS DELTA
CHAMPIC	ON AND RESERVE CHAMPION SHIRE MARE OR FILLY
Champio	n C PERDIKARIS & FAMILY SPIT JUNCTION NSW 2088
	INGLESIDE ELSA
Reserve	K & H KUIPER & B BIFFIN & I KUIPER THIRLMERE NSW 2572
	n INGLESIDE MADELINE
Champio	THOLESIDE WINDLEINE
SLIPREME	E CHAMPION SHIRE & winner of The Shire Horse Society Australia
	I Trophy in memory of Kathryn McKay and Greg Hosa, for the Supreme
Champio	
Winner	
vviiiiici	BICKERS COURT CAVALIER
	DICKERO COOM CATALLER
· Shire Gel	ding, 3yrs & under.
1	MR MAURICE IRVINE MERRIWA NSW 2329
_	TULLYMORE SIR WILLIAM
2	C PERDIKARIS & FAMILY SPIT JUNCTION NSW 2088
	INGLESIDE COMET
3	MS SARAH DOOLEY OAKDALE NSW 2570
	INGLESIDE LUCKY CHANCE
Shire Gelding, 4yrs & over.	
1	C PERDIKARIS & FAMILY SPIT JUNCTION NSW 2088
	INGLESIDE FLASH DANCE
2	LEADER PASTORAL COMPANY P/L NOWRA NSW 2541
	TULLYMORE SIR LANCEALOT
3	MR IAN SCARBOROUGH BLAXLAND NSW 2774
	MUWARRA DIGGER
4	PETER & MARYLOU MC KEON DARNUM VIC 3822
	SOUTHERN CROSS NICKOLAS
5	LOUISE & NOEL BROWN HALTON NSW 2311
-	TULLYMORE SIR EDWARD
Ridden Shire Stallion, Mare or Gelding, any age.	
1	K & H KUIPER & B BIFFIN & I KUIPER THIRLMERE NSW 2572
1	INGLESIDE ANASTASIA
	INOLESIDE ANASTASIA

K & H KUIPER & B BIFFIN & I KUIPER THIRLMERE NSW 2572

INGLESIDE ELSA

2

3 MR IAN SCARBOROUGH BLAXLAND NSW 2774

TULLYMORE SIR EDWARD

LOUISE & NOEL BROWN HALTON NSW 2311

MUWARRA DIGGER

2

4 MRS REBECCA FERGUSON WILTON NSW 2571 SOUTHERN CROSS MAJOR

5 LOUISE & NOEL BROWN HALTON NSW 2311 TULLYMORE SIR ANTHONY

Sydney Royal Easter Show Photo Gallery

Photos thanks to Karen Inverarity

For the full gallery, go to the Shire Horse Society Australia facebook page





Darkmoor Jester – 2nd place Shire colt under 2 yrs



Escrick Extreme – 1st place Shire colt under 2yrs and Reserve Champion male



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Bickers Court Cavalier – 1st place Shire colt 2 & under 4 andChampion male and Supreme Champion Shire



Beandema Samson – 1st place Shire Stallion over 4yrs



Bickers Court Cavalier – 1st place Shire colt 2 & under 4 andChampion male and Supreme Champion Shire



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Turnara Lodge Nalla – 4th place Shire Mare



Ingleside Fluer-de-lys – 1st place filly 2 and under 4 yrs



Turnara Lodge Nalla – 4th place Shire Mare



Southern Cross Delta – 5th place mare 4yrs and over



Ingleside Elsa – 1st place Shire mare 4yrs and over & **Champion Female**



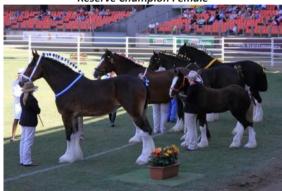
Southern Cross Delta – 5th place Shire mare over 4yrs



Ingleside Madeline – 1^{st} place Shire filly under 2 yers and Reserve Champion Female



Ingleside Madeline – 1st place Shire filly under 2yrs and Reserve Champion Female



Senior mare lineup





Ingleside Anastasia – 2nd place Shire mare 4 years and over



Southern Cross Morning Star'



Cedars Lady Aspen -3^{rd} Shire mare 4yrs and over



Ingleside Olympia – 2nd place Shire filly under 2yrs



Cedars Winifred – 3rd Shire filly 2 and under 4yrs



Cedars Lady Aspen – 3rd Shire mare 4 and over



Ingleside Elsa – 1st place mare 4yrs and over & Champion Female



Viewfield Sapphire Flash -3^{rd} Shire filly under 2yrs



Cedars Winifred – 3rd Shire filly 2 and under 4yrs



Tullymore Sir Anthony



Ingleside Snap Shot



Ingleside Flash Dance – 1st Gelding over 4yrs



Tullymore Sir Lancelot -2^{nd} Gelding over 4yrs



Southern Cross Wesley -



Tullymore Sir Edward – 5th Gelding over 4yrs



Southern Cross Nikolas – 4th gelding over 4yrs



Muwarra Digger – 3rd gelding over 4yrs



Sugarloaf Maximillion – 4th gelding under 4



Ingleside Comet – 2nd gelding under 4yrs





Ingleside Lucky Chance – 3rd gelding under 4yrs



Senior gelding lineup



Senior gelding lineup



Junior gelding lineup



Southern Cross Major – 4th Ridden Shire



Tullymore Sir Edward – 2nd Ridden Shire



Muwarra Digger – 4th Ridden Shire



Turnara Lodge Nalla



Cedars Winifred



Tullymore Sir Anthony – 5th Ridden Shire



Turnara Lodge Nalla



Muwarra Digger – 3rd Ridden Shire



Ingleside Anastasia – 1st Ridden Shire



Tullymore Sir Anthony – 5th Ridden Shire



Southern Cross Wesley



Turnara Lodge Nalla



Tullymore Sir Edward – 2nd Ridden Shire Tullymore Sir Anthony



Southern Cross Major – 4th Ridden Shire



Tullymore Sir Edward – 2nd Ridden Shire



Southern Cross Major – 4th Ridden Shire



Ingleside Anastasia – 1st Ridden Shire



Tullymore Sir Anthony – 5th Ridden Shire



Cedars Winifred



Muwarra Digger – 3rd Ridden Shire



Southern Cross Wesley



Ingleside Anastasia – 1st Ridden Shire



Ridden Shire final lineup

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Shires for sale

(click the name to go to the ad)

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Reproductive problems in the draft horse

Draft mares usually make excellent mothers, providing a large amount of milk and rarely rejecting a foal. Because of these traits, draft mares make good nurse mares; some mares can even support and feed two foals. Also, the tendency for multiple ovulations makes draft mares good candidates for embryo transfer. However, draft horses have some reproductive traits--lower fertility rates, twinning, retained placentas, and other foaling difficulties--that lead to problems.

Getting a foal on the ground in the first place can be a challenge in the draft breeds. One reason is that, overall, both stallions and mares tend to have lower fertility rates than their light horse counterparts. Since draft stallions mature slower, many two-year-olds have poor semen quality and, therefore, low conception rates. Also, the testicles of a draft stallion are small in relation to their body size compared to light horses. Typically, the draft stallion tends to have a low sperm concentration, high semen volume, and a large amount of gel in the ejaculate. Because of these factors, the semen often must centrifuged to maintain concentration and sperm quantity for optimum reproductive efficiency in artificial insemination. These factors make successfully transporting cooled and frozen semen from heavy horses more difficult and time consuming.

Twinning is most common in Thoroughbreds and draft horses. Twins result when a mare ovulates and conceives on two follicles during a heat cycle. Up to 25% of draft mares will double ovulate or ovulate two follicles. Drafts have even been known to ovulate with three follicles and conceive triplets. Due to their large uteri, they are more likely to carry twins to late gestation or even foaling. This makes it very important to have draft mares [ultrasounded] by a veterinarian 14-15 days after ovulation to detect unwanted twins. As with light mares, one embryo may be crushed during this early phase of pregnancy, allowing the other to mature. Unfortunately, the higher tendency for the development of multiple follicles does make

By By Lisa Hale, DVM(Courtesy of TheHorse.com)
Lightly edited by Ineke Kuiper for Australian relevance
predicting ovulation more difficult in draft
mares. This becomes a factor when breeding a
mare with cooled, transported semen.

The large foals desired by draft horse breeders may create additional reproductive dilemmas such as dystocia (difficult birth), difficulty rebreeding, and retained placentas. Although draft mares do not have a higher incidence of dystocia than the light mares, when they do have problems during foaling, the foal's large size complicates delivery further. For example, even if the foal is in the proper position, given the size of the foal, many mares need assistance to deliver due to inadequate uterine muscle tone and contractions.

The stress of delivering large foals makes rebreeding difficult. Because draft mares have poor uterine muscle tone, the uterus of a draft mare after foaling is slow to contract, retaining a large amount of fetal fluids. This fact, coupled with the large amount of semen volume introduced into the uterus from a natural breeding, makes it difficult to get these mares back in foal. It is beneficial to [ultrasound] draft mares during heat to detect fluid accumulation and aid in its removal. Artificial insemination is a useful technique to decrease the volume of seminal fluid used during breeding.

Finally, retained placentas are seen more commonly in draft mares than in light mares. A placenta that is still attached after two hours should be considered retained. Aggressive veterinary treatment is warranted for this condition to prevent uterine infection (metritis), systemic infection (septicemia), and laminitis. "Foal founder" in any type of mare is a very serious condition, but it is compounded in the draft mare due to her size.

Reproductive problems common in draft mares, coupled with the fact that newborn draft foals are less hardy and take longer to stand and nurse, make it very important that all births are attended. It is strongly recommended that a reliable foal monitoring system be used

Gatton Heavy Horse Field Days

Shire numbers at the Gatton Heavy Horse Field Days are slowly increasing again so after a couple of scratchings, eight Shires from five different exhibitors paraded before SHSA panel judge, Colin Brown.

It was great to welcome new Shire owner and exhibitor, Nicole Carloss and her gelding, Cedars Ernest. Unfortunately there were no youngsters this year.

Congratulations to Dale & Katrina Deacon for taking out the top award with their mare, Arcadian Duchess.

Thank you to Debbie Ormond and her sister, Sue Lewis, for once again providing and running the Shire Horse breed display over the weekend.

Clare Gorwyn

Results

Shire Gelding three years and Over

1st K & P Smith Ingleside Bright Spark
2nd Nicole Carloss Cedars Ernest

Champion & Reserve Shire Gelding

Chp K & P Smith Ingleside Bright Spark
Rese Nicole Carloss Cedars Ernest

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1st K & P Smith Ingleside Bright Spark

Shire Stallion 3 years

1st D & K Deacon Deacons Gate Salazar

Shire Stallion 4 Years and Over

1st D Thurston Ormond Southern Cross Spitfire

Champion & Reserve Shire Stallion

Chp D & K Deacon Deacons Gate Salazar
Res D Thurston Ormond Southern
Cross Spitfire

Shire Mare 3 Years

1st Gorwyn & Lowry Glengallan Silhouette

Shire Broodmare 4 Years and Over

1st D & K Deacon Arcadian Dutchess

Shire Dry Mare 4 Years and over

1st D Thurston Ormond Beandema Daisy Bow 2nd D & K Deacon Southern Cross Celestial Pearl

Champion & Reserve Shire Mare

Chp D & K Deacon Arcardian Dutchess Res D Thurston Ormond Beandeama Daisy Bow

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1st D & K Deacon Arcadian Dutchess



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