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**WINTER 2007**  
OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER



***Ingleside Symphony***  
***Best Shire Exhibit, Sydney Royal Easter Show 2007***

***Judge Brit McLin & SHSA Patron & RAS President Rob Vickery presenting the Kathryn McKay & Greg Hosa Memorial Trophy donated by SHSA***

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### President's Report

The Sydney Royal Easter Show was a huge success for Shires once again this year. The numbers are increasing and the quality of horses was exceptional.

Brit McLin travelled from USA to judge all the heavy horse breeds at the show comprising of Shires, Clydesdales and Percherons in both the led and harness classes. We'd like to thank Brit for the great job he did. Brit and his wife Sharon attended our social gathering after judging and got to meet several of our Australian Shire judges and a number of people breeding Shires, Percherons and Clydesdales.

Our newly acquired Memorial Trophy was presented by our Patron & RAS President Rob Vickery to Ineke Kuiper for Best Shire Exhibit for her filly Ingleside Symphony. It was interesting to see that all of the horses in the Best Exhibit class were bred in Australia, with Cedars Majestic as best stallion bred in Kangaroo Valley and best mare was Luscombe Joy bred in Queensland.

Helen Kuiper and I went to visit the Clydesdale and Heavy Horse Field Days at Gatton in Queensland and were very impressed with the number of Shires

being exhibited. It was absolutely record breaking for such a rare breed. Thirteen horses in all were exhibited. The Champion over all the four heavy breeds was a Shire mare Wyee Bonnie Lass sired by Ladbrook Edward and bred in Kangaroo Valley.

We enjoyed rekindling old acquaintances and made new friends and look forward to going back again next year.

Our Society is having a fund raising stall at Mount Kembla Festival held at the end of July. If you'd like to come along and help on the stall we would be most grateful. Refreshments are provided all day long and it's a great family day. There is more info later in this newsletter.

Looking forward to see some of you there.

*Helene Scarf*

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# SHSA Members **NEWS**

## Mt Kembla Festival

**Sat 28 & Sun 29 July**

### **Mt Kembla**

This year's festival will be bigger and better than ever. In 2006 this was a great fundraiser for the SHSA, and we hope that this year will even better! With a Shire Horse on display over the weekend, it is great promotion for the breed. There will be a parade on Saturday featuring some of our member's horses and carts, and there is lots to do for all the family. There will be the novelty coal shovelling and roof bolting events and loads of market stalls. The parade also features the famous 'Postie Bike Precision Driving Team' which has to be seen to be believed! So come along and join in the fun... we hope to see you there!

For more information, visit [www.mtkembla.org.au](http://www.mtkembla.org.au)

## Free Members Listing on SHSA Website

Also coming shortly will be a new section for the SHSA website giving all members free listings for their stud without the cost of taking a full webpage. The listing will include one photo and your contact details, as well as the option to include your 'stud statement' (what your interests & aims are).

If you are interested in taking a listing, or in taking a full webpage, contact the Secretary – [hkuiper@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hkuiper@bigpond.net.au) or 02 4683 1664.

## SHSA Online Photo Show

Shortly we will be launching our first Online Photo Show. There will be 3 categories:

- ☞ Best Show Photo
- ☞ Best Paddock Shot
- ☞ Horses & People

With international judges, and \$50 prize money for each category, the finalists & winning photos will be published on the SHSA website for all the world to see.

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# Sydney Royal Easter Show Report & Results

It was a lovely sunny day for the Shire Classes at this year's Sydney Royal Easter Show and the classes were held in the afternoon before a good crowd. The Show opening ceremony followed the Shire classes and then all Shire exhibits took part in the famous Sydney Grand Parade. It was a great show for SHSA members who competed successfully in every class.

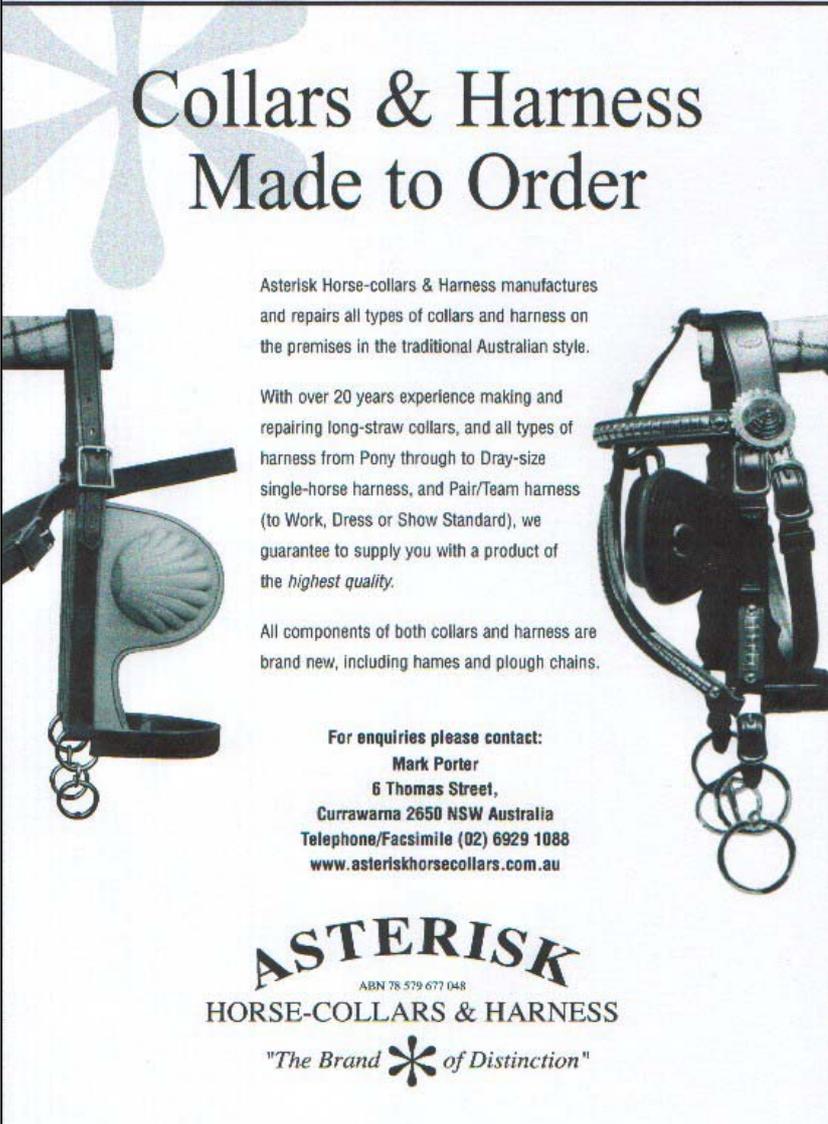
The judge, Brit McLin from the USA, said that he thoroughly enjoyed the privilege of judging all the heavy horse breeds and the harness classes at the Sydney Royal. He was given the microphone after the Champion Shire award and spoke very highly of the Best Shire Exhibit, the yearling filly, Ingleside Symphony. For him, she was the type of horse that we should be aiming for in the breed, he said. He also commended the overall standard of the Shires in Australia.

Yearling filly Ingleside Symphony, owned and bred by the Kuiper family, won the 2 year & under filly class, and went on to take out Best Shire Exhibit. In 2006 she also won the same class as a foal under the Judge Jim Yates from the UK.

Our president, Helene Scarf, from the Cedars

Stud at Kangaroo Valley, owned the winners of the other two classes with the mature stallion Cedars Majestic, and mare Luscombe Joy.

The Shire Horse Society Australia Memorial Trophy for Kathryn McKay and Greg Hosa was awarded for the Best Shire Exhibit for the first time this year. It was presented by the President of the Royal Agricultural Society NSW, Mr Rob Vickery. President of the Shire Horse Society Australia, Mrs Helene Scarf, said that it was a very moving moment. 'Our members can



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feel proud of the beautiful trophy which they contributed to. There was so much interest in the trophy that the presentation was shown on television,' she said.

After the Grand Parade, we held a General Meeting with judge Brit McLin as a guest speaker. It was a great opportunity for SHSA members to meet Brit and his wife Sharon and hear what they had to say about Australian Shires. They then joined us for the 'Post Show Aisle Party' which was a huge

success with members partying on until the early hours.

As always, Sydney Royal provides us with a chance to get together with other heavy horse enthusiasts. Our aisle party brought together a wide variety of people, from all over Australia & the world to share their love & knowledge of the breed. We are glad that every one who came had a great time, and hope that if you couldn't make it this time, you will join us next year!

## Results

### Shire Filly, 2years and under

- 1 Ingleside Symphony  
*K H & I Kuiper*
- 2 Cedars Lady Aspen  
*H Scarf*
- 3 Dothan Stewardess  
*P & M McKeon*
- 4 Ingleside Sophie  
*K H & I Kuiper*
- 5 Speciosissima Ellora  
*R & N Ferguson*

### Class: Shire Mare, 4years & over.

- 1 Luscombe Joy  
*H Scarf*
- 2 Cedars Blossum..  
*H Scarf*
- 3 Hillmoor Diamond Queen  
*P & M McKeon*
- 4 Cedars Dutchess  
*H Scarf*
- 5 Ballafayle Sonata  
*P & M McKeon.*
- 6 Binnaway Whiskers  
*Miss H A Collis*

### Shire Stallion and Colt any Age

- 1 Cedars Majestic  
*H Scarf*
- 2 Oakridge Speculator  
*K H & I Kuiper*

### Shire Gelding any Age

- 1 Ingleside Flash Dance  
*C & C Perdikaris*
- 2 Ingleside Bright Spark  
*K H & I Kuiper*
- 3 Binnaway Bentley  
*G K Collis*
- 4 Southern Cross Terrance  
*R & N Ferguson*
- 5 Cedars Archibold  
*H & G Scarf*

### Ridden Shire Horse

- 1 Oakridge Speculator  
*K H & I Kuiper*
- 2 Southern Cross Terrance  
*R & N Ferguson*

*Best Shire Exhibit:*  
*Ingleside Symphony*  
*K H & I Kuiper*

# SHSA Members Clean Up at Sydney...



*Shire Filly 2yr & Under Class*



*Above - Helene Scarf happy with winning mare Luscombe Joy  
Top Left - Cedars Blossum & Amanda Taylor  
Left - Cedars Dutchess & Flick Mulligan*



***Above – Cedars Majestic***

***Right – Ingleside Sophie***

***Below – Lineup in the Mare  
4yrs & Over Class***

***Above Right – the intricate  
Shire mane plait & flights***





**Left – Oakridge  
Speculator with Ineke  
Kuiper riding**

**Right – Cedars Blossum  
with Amanda Taylor**



**Below – Binnaway  
Whiskers with foal at foot.  
Gary & Haylee Collis  
handlina**





*Above - The spectacle of the Grand Parade*

*Below – the Heavy Horses in the Parade*



## Confused about Stallion Inspections?

**Understandable.** Over the past couple of years there has been much talk, and many suggestions, about the process for registering stallions in the UK Shire Stud Book. After requests from SHSA, the Shire Horse Society (SHS) Council in England has met to discuss the issue, and have now formalised their requirements for stallion registration in Australia. They are:

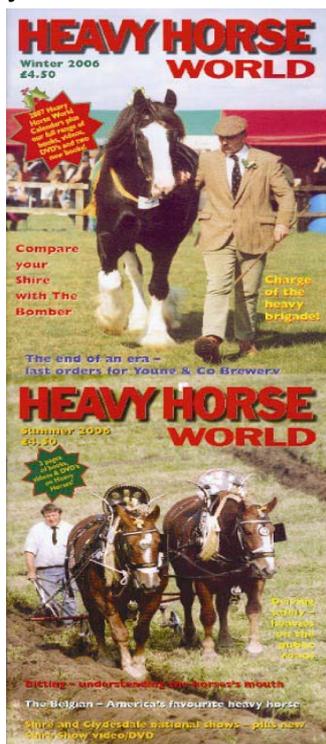
- ❖ Stallion inspections by judges are **NOT** required.
- ❖ Your stallion must pass a veterinary inspection at 2 years and 6 years
- ❖ You must submit photos of both sides, front and back of the stallion
- ❖ You must submit a DNA sample – either at the time of the inspection or at colt notification

The SHSA Secretary is able to forward to members the veterinary forms and information for stallion inspections for both 2year and 6 year old stallions. The SHS

England requires your vet to examine the horse, complete and sign the form, and, if there is no evidence of any of the conditions listed, sign the appropriate section of the stallion's passport as well. All paperwork is then sent to England for processing.

The SHS England does not require that judges physically inspect your horse for your stallion to be approved. The photos and vet report will be forwarded to the Stallion Inspection Team in England for assessment. This will allow Australian horses to be assessed on equal footing to English horses, as well as minimising costs to Australian owners. Your vet can carry out the inspection privately, on your own property.

For further information or copies of the relevant forms and SHS instructions, contact the Secretary or 02 4831 664 or [hkuiper@bigpond.net.au](mailto:hkuiper@bigpond.net.au)



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# Importing Frozen Semen into Australia

*By Steve & Alyssia Turner, Turnara Lodge, Tasmania*

Since deciding to become part of the fascinating world of the Shire horse 2 years ago, Steve and I have spent many hours discussing exactly where we wanted to go with our Shire breeding program. Finally we decided that if we are going to breed Shire horses, then we must aim at breeding the best.

With the limited gene pool provided in Australia, our isolation, the expense of getting to mainland stallions, we decided to investigate importing semen into Tasmania. After discussions with several experienced breeders we decided to take a chance on an unknown 3 year old, Arclid Minshull Monty, owned by Tony and Sandra Bull. What followed were just two phone calls to Monty's owners, many emails (as this was an easier option of correspondence due to the time difference), exchange of photos, and lots of talk about bloodlines and genetics'.

Our first phone call to Tony was on 2nd October 2006. We confirmed the price and payment with a simple bank transfer was made.

The collection was managed by West Kington Stud (contact Tessa Clarke – Stud Manager,). The semen was then shipped by Gene Movers (contact Stephanie Osicka - International Coordinator) who then arranged delivery of our semen to Tasmania with Western Herd Management.

Our semen arrived in Tasmania on the 15<sup>th</sup> Dec 2006. The whole process took a little over 2 months, which is a little longer than normal as we were the first people to

collect from Monty to Australia so extra quarantine tests needed to be done. The importing of the semen was an extremely painless process thanks to modern technology.

Tony and Sandra were very helpful in every way and we would not hesitate to use their stud in the future. We now encourage more breeders to consider this an option in their breeding program; it really isn't such a drama when you undertake the task itself.

In March, we received the very exciting news that Arclid Minsull Monty won Champion Stallion at the 2007 National Shire Horse Show at Peterborough. We are very proud to own semen from Monty and look forward to having some of his offspring on the ground in 2008.

We will also be expecting a Shire foal this year, conceived via chilled semen (by Luscombe Whats Wanted) and was an easy process. Sue and Chris Bailey at The Shires of Luscombe were happy to help us and we wouldn't hesitate to use their services again.

This would not be viable with out the skill of my equine vet Chris Cornes (Longford Vet Clinic) who has successfully inseminated Longcopy Charlotte with 2 lots of chilled semen and will embark with us on our journey with frozen semen.

If you would like to have a chat about the process involved feel free to contact us.

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## Gatton Heavy Horse Field Days

A record number of Shires turned out at the Gatton Heavy Horse Field Days may 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 2007. Most of them were new faces and the regular competitors were there as well.

There were 14 Shires entered and 13 turned up! Unfortunately Donna and Victor Hammett were unable to bring horses this year as they are suffering dreadfully in the drought and are carting water to their horses.

One of the highlights of the show was when Debbie and Andrew Ormond's mare Wyee Bonnie Lass (Sire Ladbrook Edward, Dam Aldreth Becky) won the ALL BREEDS SUPREME CHAMPION LED EXHIBIT. This was only the 4<sup>th</sup> time in 18 years that a Shire has won this very prestigious award. To win this trophy, Bonnie Lass competed in the led classes and went up against the Champions of the other breeds present (Clydesdale, Draught Horse and Percheron). She was judged best of all of them, which meant she won above the 130 other heavy horses

at Gatton.

The first shire to win it was Ladbrook Edward, followed by Luscombe Whats Wanted twice, and now Wyee Bonnie Lass, all shown by women!

On the Saturday night there was a gathering of shire owners and exhibitors as well as judge Martin Flower and his partner Lesley. There were many funny stories told about both England and Australia.

All the shire owners taking part in this years field days need to be congratulated – especially Wayne & Toni Johnson who turned out 7 horses over the weekend.

I would really like to personally thank those that did show their horses and those that made the trip to Gatton either as Judges or Spectators, for taking the time to celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Field Days. After all this was the first Australian show to have registered Shire classes back in the 1980's.

Hope to see you all back again next year

*Sue Bailey*



**Past winners of the All Breeds Champion at Gatton – Debbie Ormond, Helene Scarf & Sue Bailey**

# Gatton Heavy Horse Field Days

## Shire Results

### Colt Under 2yrs

- 1 Luscombe Magnus  
*C & S Bailey*
- 2 Luscombe Grey Spark  
*C & S Bailey*

### Colt 2yrs & Under 3yrs

- 1 Wincanton Lord Bentley  
*W & T Johnson*

### Jnr Champion Colt

Wincanton Lord Bentley  
*W & T Johnson*

### Rsv Champion Colt

Luscombe Magnus  
*C & S Bailey*

### Filly Under 2yrs

- 1 Wincanton Jemima  
*W & T Johnson*
- 2 Rosebeth Loleatta  
Jarra-Mani Clydes & Shires

### Filly Over 2yrs & Under 3yrs

- 1 Wincanton Adorabella  
*W & T Johnson*
- 2 Wincanton Wilhemina  
*W & T Johnson*
- 3 Wye Selene  
K Todd

### Jnr Champion Filly

1 Wincanton Adorabella  
*W & T Johnson*

### Rsv Jnr Champion Filly

2 Wincanton Wilhemina  
*W & T Johnson*

### Supreme Junior Champion

Wincanton Adorabella  
*W & T Johnson*

### Stallion 3yrs & Under 4yrs

- 1 Southern Cross Spitfire  
*A & D Ormond*

### Stallion 4yrs & Older

- 1 Wye King Solomon  
*W & T Johnson*

### Champion Stallion

Wye King Solomon  
*W & T Johnson*

### Rsv Champion Stallion

Southern Cross Spitfire  
*A & D Ormond*

### Mare 3yrs & Under 4yrs

- 1 Wincanton Miss Macy  
*W & T Johnson*

### Mare 4yrs & Over

- 1 Wye Bonnie Lass  
*A & D Ormond*

### Champion Mare

Wye Bonnie Lass  
*A & D Ormond*

### Rsv Champion Mare

Wincanton Miss Macy  
*W & T Johnson*

### Gelding any age

- 1 Wincanton Prince Menelik  
*W & T Johnson*

### Champion Gelding

- 1 Wincanton Prince Menelik  
*W & T Johnson*

### Supreme Champion Shire

Wye Bonnie Lass  
*A & D Ormond*

## Supreme All Breeds Led Exhibit

Wye Bonnie Lass

*A & D Ormond*



***Wyee Bonnie Lass  
Supreme Champion Shire  
Winner of the Supreme All Breeds Led Exhibit***

***2 year old Wyee  
Selene & her owner  
Kathryn Todd.***



***Wyee Bonnie Lass looking at her fathers  
poster. Ladbrook Edward (her sire)  
was Australia's first Shire import in 1981  
& was Australia's Foundation Stallion***



## Society Services

*Ed: Here are some useful bits of information for you. The SHSA (with some help from the SHS in England) are providing the following services to help out members*

### Registrations

Shire Horse Society Australia is now able to provide DNA bags, identification forms & stallion inspection forms for the registration of foals with the Shire Horse Society in England. This saves members having to contact England for these items. If you require any of these, contact Secretary, Helen Kuiper. (See committee contact list.)

### Breeding Information

Did you know that the Shire Horse Society in England offers a service to members where you can request the pedigree of registered Shires and also a progeny list for registered Shire stallions? They will print it out and post it to you. For more information contact the Shire Horse Society, England.

*For your interest...*

## Conference – Horses & the Law

### **SPEAKER – MICHAEL MACKINNON**

Michael has practised law for 20 years & now runs an Australia wide legal practice dealing with commercial transactions and dispute resolution in the performance horse industry. He has been a regular columnist on legal affairs in Horse Deals since 2003.

#### **Topics include:**

- Differences between private and business sales of horses
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- What to do in the event of a dispute or litigation
- Liability for riding accidents
- The role of risk warnings and waivers in risk management
- Right to sell someone's horse to recover money owing

#### **WHEN AND WHERE**

**Melbourne** – Friday 29 June 2007, Tullamarine Airport Motor Inn, 265 Mickleham

Rd, Tullamarine

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## Sad Loss for the Heavy Horse Community

It is with great sadness that I report the death of Dr Pat Stevens - Clydesdale breeder, exhibitor & judge, and founding member of the SHSA Judges Panel. Dr Pat died unexpectedly of a heart attack in his home in Taree, just before Easter. His knowledge of horses, his judging skill, but mostly his wonderful personality & friendship will be missed by us all, and our thoughts and sympathies are with his family.

I have known Dr Pat for over 15 years, and throughout that time I have found him to be unstintingly generous with his time and knowledge. He was always willing to give help and advice, and although he came from a background breeding Clydesdales, I always found him to be a fair judge of our Shire horses.

He will be greatly missed by all who knew him, and it is a real loss for the world of Heavy Horses in Australia.

*Ineke Kuiper*

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All SHSA judges are internationally qualified with experience and interest in Shire Horses. They are helping to develop an Australian Shire Judging Accreditation Scheme, and are happy to share their knowledge of Shires at your local show. Please pass these contact details on to your show societies to help them find experienced judges.

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- Approx 17 hh. About 8-10 years old now.
- Black with one white rear leg, and a body splash of white on her off side belly.
- Indistinctly branded - possibly the letters AE over a small heart or circle.

Steve purchased Lou Lou 2 years prior from a lady at Peachester QLD, who showed her at the Caboolture Ag Show. Steve saw a photo of Lou Lou winning at this show that was proudly displayed on the wall at Peachester when he bought her. We know nothing of her before her home at Peachester.

We offer a reward for details leading to successfully identifying this mare – whether she turns out to be a true Shire or not. Hope you can help!!!! Photos taken in April 06 – she is now well rounded and well fed.



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