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SHIRE HORSE SOCIETY AUSTRALIA Reg. # 20071

This is to certify that the Shire Stallion
**** CEDARS MAJESTIC ****

Description: Black/Brown Elongated star. Snip between nostrils. White lower lip. Whorl just above eye level centre. Whorl behind ear both sides. White 4 legs to upper 1/3 cannon. White on belly.

Foaled: October 20, 1993 *Microchip Number:*

Breeder: Helene Scarf

Owner: Helene Scarf

Sire: LADBROOK ARISTOCRAT 45702
Sire: LADBROOK EDWARD 45987
Dam: LADBROOK POPPETT 139802
Sire: TREM-Y-WYDDFA DYLAN 45735
Dam: SNELSON LOUISE 142178
Dam: SNELSON ELIZABETH 140852

Has been accepted for registry with the Shire Horse Society Australia Inc.

Registrar
Registered: April 3, 2008

EST. 1978

**Australian Shire Horse Stud Book registration certificate
Designed by Graham West, founding member of the SHSA**

PATRON:

Mr Rob Vickery President Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales

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Unveiling of the registration certificate for the Australian Shire Horse Stud Book

We are pleased to announce that we have finalised the innovative registration certificate for the Australian Shire Horse Stud Book, which is to be open for registrations on 1 August, 2008 for the upcoming breeding season.

SHSA President, Helene Scarf, said, "We wanted a unique design that reflected the heritage of the Shire Horse as well as its place in Australia.

"The committee decided to ask Graham West, accomplished artist, graphic designer and founder of the SHSA in 1978, to take on the job.

"Graham designed the original SHSA logo, as well as updated it for our re-launch in 2004. He was very pleased to be asked to design our registration certificate almost 30 years after he first started the Society."

The design features key elements of Australia - kangaroos, golden beaches, the ocean and the sunny blue sky.

"We were thrilled with Graham's concept for the certificate. We feel that it represents what the SHSA is all about, promoting this historical breed in a modern society.

"The design has colour and movement and also incorporates the Shire's English heritage with Henry VIII riding the Great Horse – ancestor of the modern Shire," Helene said.

The Stud Book will be administrated using a computer program created by Craig Huizenga in the USA.

Deb Buckland, SHSA member and newly appointed Registrar for the Australian Shire Horse Stud Book, said "Craig's software is now used by most

heavy horse breeds in North America, including the American and Canadian Shire Horse Associations. It is easy to use and has great functionality.

"We want to thank both Graham West and Craig Huizenga for all the work they put into getting the certificate and the program just right. We are sure it will be popular with our members as we open it for registrations this year.

"The first horse issued with a certificate was Cedars Majestic, son of Ladbrook Edward (Imp UK). Ladbrook Edward was the foundation sire for the reintroduced Shire breed in Australia in the early 1980's," Deb said.

SAVE THIS DATE!

Saturday 27 September, 2008

For the
SHSA 2008 Fundraising Dinner
at
Romeo's Restaurant,
Port Kembla

We are excited to announce that this year we will be holding a SHSA fundraising dinner, dance and auction at Romeo's, owned by our own Lizzie Williams, Port Kembla.

The food is excellent, the company will be fantastic and we will be holding a fundraising auction. Items already donated include a weekend getaway Kangaroo Valley, with accommodation, meals and activities, as well as a ski trip to PerisherBlue!

HUGE thanks to Lizzie for offering us so much help and such a great venue.

SHSA Members **NEWS**

Noddy Continues to do us Proud

Jane Greenman continues to do her wonderful job of promoting our Shire breed with the amazingly tall Noddy (Luscombe Nodram). Noddy was the star attraction at the Royal Melbourne Horse Show a couple of weeks ago and he also appeared on numerous television shows and in the press.

At 20.1 hands Noddy is unofficially the tallest horse in the world now. "We have to use a ladder to get on top of him", Jane said. "My friends once had a competition to see if anyone could get on him from the ground unassisted-----no-one could do it!"

You can catch Noddy on National TV, on Channel 9's "Talk to the Animals" at the end of May or early June. He is also appearing on Channel 7's "Dr Harry" on 1st August. His next public appearance will be at Equitana in November where he will be on display from 21st to 23rd at Melbourne Show Grounds.

Expression of Sympathy

by Helene Scarf

I'd like to express my deepest sympathy to Trudi Moore over the recent loss of dear Lofty.

I first met Lofty whilst taking Ladbrook Edward to Laidley in Queensland in the late eighties.



Lofty and his Shire pair Cedars Albert & Cedars Charlie

Lofty was a remarkable horseman with way too many achievements to list here. He was also a character who loved hard work and did things his way.

Lofty loved his first Shire horse Cedars Albert with a passion and when Albert died it broke Lofty's heart. Lofty will always be remembered in the horse industry, working, showing and driving. He will be dearly missed by all of his friends.



Lofty & Trudy Moore with Helene Scarf

New Shire imports

Marty Hayward has capped off his recent trip to the UK with the exciting news that he has purchased, and is importing a Shire mare with a colt foal at foot to Australia.

Marty said that while in the UK, he found the Shire people that they met to be very helpful and kind, and that the Shires they saw were amazing and hard to fault.

The mare he is importing is Cowerslane Juliette and her foal is Cowerslane Carlos. They are due to arrive in Sydney on 6th September and after their 21 days quarantine will travel up to their new home in Rockhampton.

Marty and his family were devastated earlier this year by the sudden loss of their two Shire mares.

The SHSA wishes them every success with their new horses.

SHSA Seminar and Social Weekend report

By Jane Greenman

850 km and still driving from Melbourne...

I was invited to the Shire Horse seminar at Kangaroo Valley, NSW... time to meet new and 'old' Shire enthusiasts after some years absence.

Well, I certainly wasn't disappointed. Arriving into Kangaroo Valley you can see why it is described as "The most beautiful valley in Australia." It is bursting with spectacular rock escarpments, lush rainforests and unique wildlife.

Then, to be greeted with such warmth by hosts, Helene and Greg Scarf (not forgetting the friendly atmosphere all the guests brought with them too). Some had travelled as far as Rockhampton, QLD and Tasmania.

This seminar was fully catered - I say that because, it was fully catered for a battalion - and all for only \$30! The weekend was one feast after another.

Saturday had workshop sessions, with Dr Rob Pashen (vet) presented 'Breeding Technology' based on his many years in the UK and USA specialising in equine (and bovine) artificial breeding research and practice. It was obvious he was extremely knowledgeable in this subject.

Max Marriott presented 'Selecting Your Shire.' I can tell you that Max has a distinguished reputation in Victoria for his lifetime with Clydesdales. He has judged for many a year and also won 28 Melbourne Royals in succession. A legend! We also had the pleasure of Dr Kristen Marriott (Vet) assisting during her husband's presentation.

"Shoeing Shires" presented by Mark Peel (Farrier). Mark had brought along a comprehensive display of heavy horse shoes from the UK and Australia. He covered past and present shoeing and explained techniques in what was an extremely well researched presentation. Just wish he worked in Victoria!

Col Brown and Tim Peel (master camp-fire chef) presented "Ringcraft - showing your horse to its best advantage." With many years showing and judging they freely gave their expertise to all.

The evening was another feast. Tim and Mark Peel cooked camp-fire food for the 50 guests. It was a beautiful evening, with delicious food, good company and the ambiance of the Valley. To finish a fantastic day, later in the evening the sky put on its own 'fireworks' to rival any other. Lightening displays entertained us as we sat content to talk and laugh the night away.

Kristen Marriott fiddled a few tunes on her violin by the campfire and Mark Peel recited some bush poetry. Unfortunately, it got a bit drizzly, and we had to retire to some undercover areas.

Sunday started with another banquet for breakfast with thanks to Bob who always volunteered BBQ duty throughout the weekend. The Annual General Meeting was held outside the Homestead and all proceedings concluded near midday to allow travellers to return home. Not me, I stayed another day (along with Rob and Jane) to visit the historic town for dinner and sightseeing.

Thank you to all and the Society for a wonderful Shire weekend. I wish you all a happy year with your horses.

Jane Greenman, Victoria.

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Images from SHSA Seminar 2008



The first presentation of the day...



Mark's extensive collection of shoes



...Mark Peel presenting on heavy horse shoeing



The three wise monkeys – Korrie Kuiper, Col Brown and Tim Peel



Rob Pashen giving his talk on artificial breeding



Kel Taylor making an early start on his farriery career!



SHSA members Kay & Tony May enjoying their first seminar



Our gracious host – Gregory Scarf – and the youngest attendee Abbey Coull



Tim Peel and his fabulous camp oven dinner preparations



The final session of the day...



Kristen Marriott demonstrating a horses skeletal form – on the outside



Col Brown and Tim Peel giving us tips on ringcraft and showing your horse to its best advantage

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President's Report

We had a very successful SHSA seminar in January. With 45 attendees everyone I spoke to said they loved it, learned a lot and met heaps of new people who they could network with in the future and would all come back again next year. Thank you all for coming and also the 34 people who stayed back on Sunday morning and attended our AGM.

On behalf of the SHSA I'd like to thank the following speakers: Rob Pashen for his talk on Applied Reproductive Technologies and embryo transfers; Max Marriott for teaching us how to select a Shire; Tim Peel and Col Brown for talking to us about showing horses to their best advantage and ringcraft and Kristen Marriott for teaching us about the horses anatomy. Kristen drew with a white marker the skeleton of a horse onto Dutchess and gave us an anatomy lesson.

Mark Peel, Master Farrier and heavy horse expert displayed at least 40 different kinds of horse shoes, explaining their purposes and taught us more about shoeing Shires. Byron Biffin spoke about treating the horses who had Equine Influenza at the university where he works and told us what symptoms to watch out for.

Next year's seminar will be held on the 10th and 11th January and the main topic by popular request will be focused on harness. Luckily, I bumped into Terry Goodear at the President's Luncheon at the Sydney Royal Easter Show this year (at the invitation of Rob Vickery, RAS President and Patron of our Society) and ear tagged Terry to be the key speaker at the seminar. He

is one of Australia's greatest heavy horse harness drivers. Terry has worked, showed and managed the Carlton Clydesdale Team and drove them all over Australia for many years.

Another good news item is the launching of the Australian Shire Horse Stud Book Registration Certificate. Special thanks go to Helen Kuiper for working tirelessly with the American program designer Craig, trying to fit in all of the material. Also Ineke Kuiper for formulating the Rules of Registration and liaising with the RAS and other breed societies, closing loopholes to make sure that all of the (UK) breed standards are vehemently upheld. It's of utmost importance to adhere precisely to the breed standards to preserve the breed.

Lastly, a big thank you to Grahame West who designed the registration certificate. Little did Grahame know that when he registered Shire Horse Society of Australia back in 1978, that 30 years later we would be getting the Australian Shire Horse Stud Book up and Running. Grahame has done a marvellous job of incorporating our English Shire horse into the Australian landscape in his wonderful design.

A combination of all this hard work is laying the foundation to further the Shire breed in Australia and it's a real privilege being part of an organisation that is so enthusiastic and committed to our marvellous horses.

Helene Scarf

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Shire Horses 'face extinction in 10 years'

Extract: The Daily Telegraph UK

“It has been a symbol of Britishness for centuries, serving man in war and work, but experts have warned that the British shire horse is facing extinction within 10 years. Numbers have dwindled to just 3500 from 6000 just 10 years ago, and unless a proper breeding programme is introduced the breed could die out. Up to 300 female shires of breeding age are usually needed yearly to replace those too old to breed, but the UK is breeding only 200. Ken Young from the Shire Horse Society said, “The extinction of the British shire horses is a distinct possibility – we have to do something now rather than wait until it is too late, which could be within ten years.

Shire Horses were brought to Britain in 1066 by William the Conqueror and were used in medieval warfare as living armoured tanks until new weapons made them obsolete. During the industrial revolution they were relied upon to transport goods to the railways. Since then they have been used in farm work, pulling carts and for deliveries and rubbish collection.

Mr Young added, “Another breed of horse, the Suffolk Punch, suffers from the same problem. It is all but extinct and if we don't do something about the Shire horse, that is where we are going. People are even discussing the possibility of a frozen sperm bank for Shire Horse to try to keep the breed going.”

The Shire Horse Society claimed French shire horses are starting to overtake the British variety thanks to French government-funded breeding programmes.”

Ed: The mission of the SHSA Studbook is to represent the interests of Australian breeders and encourage further breeding and registrations of the expanding Shire Horse breed in Australia.

The National Show in the UK has just had the most entries since World War II. Perhaps the SHS initiative of financial support to exhibit a horse at the Show has encouraged exhibitors.

The downside of owning Shires

By Helen Kuiper

A goal of the SHSA is to encourage networking with other Shire Horse owners and this is happening all the time. This last season I have been struck by the number of us who have shared our very sad losses or struggles with illness. Members have lost loved horses and newborn foals this season in very distressing numbers. Some of the losses have been related to the equine flu but others were not.

When most of us only own small numbers of horses, we develop a special relationship with them, and their suffering and loss causes much distress. I have personally found the network of other horse owners from all over the country, to be absolutely wonderful in difficult times. The help with ideas and shared experiences is so encouraging when you are totally involved in, and overwhelmed with, trying to save a horse's life 24/7.

Kristin Marriott deserves a special mention because I know that she made herself available to talk to owners of horses with EI, and otherwise sick horses, even though she was not in a flu infected area herself. On behalf of the SHSA, thank you Kristin.

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

Website Advertising

The Shire Horse Society Australia offers stud advertising for members only on our very successful website at a generous price. For just \$200 per year you can have a full page promoting your stud on the website with up to 5 photos on the page. We already experience many hits on the web site and get numerous enquiries. Please visit the website at www.shirehorsesociety.com.au to see for yourself. If you are interested in participating, contact our President, Helene Scarf for more information. (See committee contact list.)

Registrations

Shire Horse Society Australia is

now able to provide the DNA bags and the identification 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 our 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.

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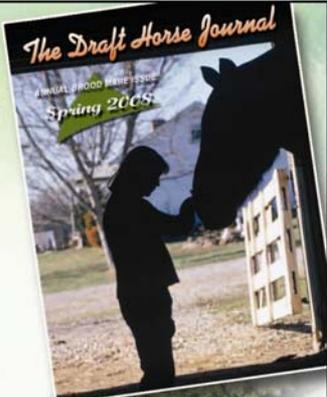
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Old World Horses – A new realm

By Michelle Miles

We bought our first Shire horse mid year in 2007. A mare in foal named Southern Cross Merabella Rose. She traveled over to our property in the south west region of Western Australia all the way from Victoria.

Eagerly anticipating the birth of her foal, late in September Rose presented us with a beautiful filly. The filly is from imported stallion Acle Duke, and was his first offspring on the ground for the season. We have named her Old World Duchess Amber Rose.



Rose & Amber

We are so proud of our girls, and are looking forward to spending time enjoying them in the future. Our experiences with these horses have proven their temperaments are second to none being the most pleasurable horses to be around.

Rose deserved a well earned break from carrying a foal in 2008. Using natural horsemanship methods she will commence saddle and harness training. Amber will be started on basic ground work and also left to mature and just be a horse.

One of our aims as Shire horse owners is to actively help promote

these magnificent horses in any way possible.

Pat McNamara (my fiancé) will be using Rose for Rodeo & Campdraft promotions. A unique way of exposing Shires to the public!

I am planning to possibly attend some local agriculture shows with our girls and start learning the art of harness & driving, especially log snigging which I'm hoping to practice by clearing fallen trees and logs out of our river on our property.

Attention all Stallion Owners

A New Year upon us it's time to think of new ways to promote our beautiful Shire horses to the world.

I have compiled an exciting new Stallions at Stud directory.

The directory is open to all registered Shire Stallions, who are available to public stud/ outside mares. And it's a free to advertise!

If you would like a copy, or are interested in including your stallion in the next directory, please do not hesitate to contact me, and the relevant paper work will be forwarded to you.

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Classifieds

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Vanity - is reg B register Shire mare
Black, 3 white legs, big white face
Sire – Ingleside Might "n" Power
Dam – Wildmoor Blue Ingrid (Clyde)
Born 08/11/04, approx 16hh+ \$8000.
vacc, chipped, very friendly not broken.

Vadar - reg NB Colt
Black 2.5 white legs. Already almost
the height of his sister
Sire – Ingleside Might 'n' Power
Dam – Wildmoor Blue Ingrid (Clyde)
Born 27/09/06, not yet gelded.
Friendly, not broken, vacc, chipped,
\$3000.

Marrakai - to be reg B register Shire
filly, black 2.5 white legs, blaze.
Sire - Oakridge Speculator (Imp UK)
Dam – Wildmoor Blue Ingrid (Clyde)
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Our Shires have always been a versatile breed!

George Culley, writing in 1794 said about the Shire Horses:

“All mares are served, the male produce supplying the army London, the south and south west. The largest go to the capital for dray horses, the next supply farmers for their wagons, ploughs etc., and the rest mount our cavalry, or are trained for carriages, while a few of the choicest are very properly preserved for stallions.”

From the Golden Guinea book of Heavy Horses, Past and Present: Edward Hart.

The Great Clydesdale Migration - a great double DVD

A review by Helen Kuiper

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to ride a great Shire or a Clydesdale over the moors of Scotland and England? To stop overnight in picturesque village pubs, with your horses grazing peacefully in nearby paddocks?

Most of us can only dream of doing such a trip but you can come delightfully close to it by watching the 2 DVD's called 'The Great Clydesdale Migration.'

This film was made on the trip made by heavy horse lovers in 2006, riding a Shire and a number of Clydesdales, from their Isle of Skye in the north of Scotland to their new home in the Lakes District, England. The distance covered was 772 kms and the trip took over 5 weeks.

During the trip they climbed to the top of mountains, enjoying magnificent scenery, and descended into beautiful

green valleys. They followed ancient tracks and paths which the heavy horses managed surprisingly well. The production is professional and I found the music quite moving in parts.

I really enjoyed the film and. I would recommend it to anyone who loves our wonderful horses. The DVD's can be purchased from:

Borderway Productions
1 Crummock Place
Abbeytown, Nr Wigton
Cumbria CA7 4TD, UK

The cost is £24 for Australian orders (bank cheque required)

For more information contact Gillian at gillian_f@hotmail.com. Gillian herself rode the entire journey.

American Shire Horse Association Videos Available

The heavy horse judge at the Sydney Royal this year, Mr Brit McLin from the USA, was kind enough to leave the Shire Horse Society Australia some DVD's of the US National Shire Shows. There are 3 sets covering the 2004, 2005 and 2006 National Shire Shows. Copies of all 3 sets are available to members for \$45 including postage. If you are interested contact the Secretary.

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Ed: Membership. SHSA welcomes new members for both full and associate membership. Please go to www.shirehorsesociety.com.au to download a membership form if you know anyone who wants to join.

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