

Breeding Blue Bloods

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Again, hello to all our members. Now that the hectic Sales time is over, we hope those of you who sold or bought at the yearling sales, did so successfully, and for purchasers that your new acquisitions turn out to be super racehorses and for filly buyers excel in the breeding barn. For vendors, we hope you got the price you were hoping for.

Well, another Inter Dominion has passed and what a sensational display of courage and pure brilliance was displayed by Blacks A Fake. Congratulations to all connections, he will certainly go down as one of the all time greats of the Standardbred breed, not only in this country but no doubt throughout the world.

Important Information To Members

We recently had a meeting with Sam Nati, CEO, HRNSW to present a stimulus package, that we, at the NSW SBS believed was necessary to enhance the breeding industry in NSW. We presented a number of initiatives we believed were critical for the encouragement of breeding in NSW.

Our ideas were well received, with Sam then going off to cost and document the proposed enhancements, prior to presenting them to the board. Items that were discussed included the introduction of a Breeders Bonus, changes to Statebred Bonus scheme, Registration Fees, Mares racing & Breeders Challenge series changes.

Prior to the presentation to the board, Sam asked if we could organise a Breeding Stimulus Presentation, with a cross section of the breeding industry in NSW to be invited including stallion & mare owners & semen stations, commercial non-commercial breeders. The meeting was attended with approximately 30 or so parties. Sam then went and presented the enhancements as refined by HRNSW and opened the floor for each and every person in attendance to have their say on each suggested enhancement.

I would have to say that this was undoubtedly one of the most well received, and positive forums I have ever attended, in any field, with each attending party walking away with a positive train of thought and looking forward to the future, certainly believing that we all want to work in the same direction and boost the breeding in NSW. This was certainly regarded by all in attendance as of great benefit to the industry, all again all in attendance were very thankful for the opportunity to have their say on various breeding matters.

Sam was to then meet with the HRNSW Board with recommendations from the forum for their consideration.

As soon as receive any notification from HRNSW in regards to what has been accepted by the Board, we will advise our members accordingly, so "watch this space".

Be sure to check out our website at www.nswsbs.org.au

The Inside Info on Your Committee:

We thought it might be useful for our members to get to know our committee members. So each month we will be including profiles of our committee persons. Of course there is nothing like putting a face to a name, so next time you see these guys out and about be sure to introduce yourself.

Mal Moody – General Committee

Mal has been involved with the NSW SBS for about 9 years which included holding the position of Secretary for about 3 or 4 years. Mal's occupation as a Math's school teacher saw him relocated to the Riverina in January 1976. This was where his introduction to Harness racing began. Mal started visiting Melbourne showgrounds and then Moonee Valley every week with his next door neighbour. Mal had never been to a harness racing meeting prior to this. And the rest you may say is history. Mal purchased his first broodmare within about 5 months and about 18 months later applied for his trainer and drivers licence, which he has now held for about 20 years, mainly for use with his own horses over the years as an interest.

Mal is still actively involved in breeding and is heavily involved with Brooklyn Lodge. Mal's puts his best moments in sport down to winning premierships in both Rugby league & Rugby Union, but undoubtedly his best moments in Breeding can be attributed to breeding successful horses like the Sires Stakes Winner Sir Guinness & Fakes Folly & ultimately, the Breeders Crown Champion in Magic Operative (watching him win in 1.51.2 on Inter Dominion Final day was also a great thrill). Mal is also the proud Dad of 3 children and Grandad to 6 Grand children, none of which have a real interest in Harness Racing.

Mal's final comment is "Breeding A winner, no matter where they win or how fast they go, is always very satisfying."

Joanne Andersen – Secretary

Well it always hard giving a run down of yourself, but lets see how we go. I have only been on the committee for the past couple of years, becoming involved after some persuasion from Dr Andrew Daniels, Calderwood Farm (currently our Vice President). I have been involved in the harness industry for many years and currently also hold the position of NSW Representative for Alabar Farms as well as Secretary for the NSW SBS. I commenced many years ago with stable hand & track work duties for trainers such as the late Lou Cini, Brian Forrester & Eddie Sims (wow these are all a blast from the past). When my circumstances changed I left the industry for a number of years and became involved again when my then boss, John Starr, offered me a share in a horse which ended up being Big Bad Holmes. Of course this got my interest started again, and after some success like the Inter City Pace and Harold Park Winter Championship the bug that had been dormant for a few years, again became active and as they say "the rest is history". I got my first broodmare, Joyces Mistake from Reg Turner – the famous Dominator Syndicate, and have never looked back! Since my association with Big Bad Holmes, I have rekindled many friendships including that of our then trainer Dennis Wilson. It was this association with Dennis that saw me secure a fabulous riding horse by the name of "Atitagain". Frank as he is affectionately known, has become a part of our family and is still a fabulous riding horse (although sometimes a very fast one). My husband, Brett & myself, currently reside at East Kurrajong in north western Sydney, on a small acreage property, and own or part own a number of both racing and breeding stock. So far our breeding endeavours have shown some success with these horses including Jilliby DeeJay, Celtic Crusader & Laughing DeeJay . We currently have four mares in foal, some in partnership with Andrew Daniels. I must admit breeding is a bit of a disease in that you are always on the lookout for your next mare that may just breed that champion. We currently own a number of racehorses in work with up and coming young trainer Trevor Munday and also with Andy Yates at Wilberforce. Outside of Harness racing I have always liked a challenge, being the first female President of a Junior Rugby League Club in the Parramatta District, a Grand Final coach of Rugby League, a representative Indoor Cricket player, touch football player & hockey player. This industry is certainly a passion that never goes away. I am an immense passion for the standardbred as an animal and hence am involved in the re-homing of standardbreds once their racing career is over and sometimes before it has even begun. The people and the animals are what make this industry simply as good as it is. I also truly believe that the hierarchy and people in place at the moment in NSW Harness racing have the passion and desire that will see this state reinstated as the Harness Racing Capital of Australia.



AGM – HAROLD PARK FRIDAY 11TH JUNE 2010

Our AGM has been booked for Friday 11th June 2010 at Harold Park. This is Sires Stakes Finals night. This year we have booked a function room rather than a private suite which will allow us to cater for more attendees. Our guest speaker this year is Dr John Kohnke BVSc RDA– an expert on equine nutrition, particularly broodmares, foals and growing youngsters.. Hopefully we will have a couple of stallion services for auction on the evening. Remember each member is entitled to one meal ticket with beverages at your own cost.

Partners and friends are welcome to attend at their own cost. Ticket prices will be \$75 per person (non members) This includes a seafood buffet, dessert, tea & coffee with beverages at your own cost.

PLEASE RSVP BY NO LATER THAN 21ST MAY 2010

To Joanne on 0414 936 663 or superjo22@hotmail.com with numbers (remember friends, family welcome at their own cost)

**If you have not already renewed – NOW IS THE TIME!!
Your annual subscription fee is now due.**

Those who joined late in the year (since September) benefit from 3 months free membership for 2009 with 2010 also included. Your membership is not due until 1st January 2011.

Due to increased costs and the extra benefits we now provide we needed to have a minimal increase of our yearly membership fee to \$50 p.a.

If you have not renewed you will not be eligible for a Free AGM ticket!!

We are considering a name change for the Association!!

As no doubt many of you will agree, the name NSW Standardbred Breeders & Studmasters Association, whilst steeped in history and tradition, is cumbersome and not totally suited to today's snappy, and for the most part short marketing styles.

The Vic Breeders recently changed their name to Harness Breeders (VIC). We are therefore seeking suggestions from our members for a new name!! Any suggestions can be emailed to Joanne on superjo22@hotmail.com or phoned through to 0414 936 663.