

ATBC Newsletter

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This publication is the official Newsletter of the

Australian Thoroughbred Breeders Club Limited

The Club, which currently has over 200 members, was formed to assist thoroughbred breeders through the presentation of talks, seminars, stud visits and social activities as well as providing incentive schemes and a Stallion Tender Scheme. New members are always welcome and the membership can be arranged by contacting the Club Secretary. Annual membership fees are \$ 50 for a single member or \$ 70 for a joint membership, which includes families, partnerships or corporate bodies

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Annual General Meeting

21st October 2011 @ 7.00pm

Turnstile Building Hawkesbury Race Club

NOTICE OF MEETING

Notice is hereby given to all financial members of the **Australian Thoroughbred Breeders Club Limited** that the **Twenty-fifth Annual General Meeting** will be held at the **Hawkesbury Race Club Turnstile Building** on **Friday October 21st at 7.00pm.**

Business:

1. To put the following **Special Resolution**:

That the Constitution of the Company be amended by deleting from clause 18 Accounts a) the following words:

"... and shall distribute annually copies of every profit and loss account and balance sheet (including every document required by law to be attached hereto) accompanied by a copy of the Auditor's report thereon as required by the Act.

2. To put the following **Special Resolution**:

That the Constitution of the Company be amended by deleting:
Clause 19 Audit

Production Deadline: Please note that advertisements and articles must be received by the third Tuesday of Each month to guarantee their appearance in that month's Newsletter

3. To confirm the minutes of the 24th Annual General Meeting held on 22nd October 2010.
4. To receive and consider the Company's Accounts and report of the Board and Auditor.
5. To elect the three Officers (President, Vice President and Treasurer).
6. To elect a maximum of 8 other members to serve as Directors on the Board for the ensuing year.
7. To call for member expressions of choice for the honorary positions of **Secretary and Assistant Secretary**.
8. To set the membership fees for the 2012/2013 year
9. To transact any other business which under the Company's Constitution ought to be transacted.

By Order of the Board of Directors

As the Club provides refreshments for this meeting it would be very much appreciated if Members could notify the Club of their intention to attend by ringing the Club.

Appointment of Proxies

Any Member who is entitled to attend and cast a vote may do so in person, by proxy or by an attorney.

The appointment of a proxy must be signed by the Member and contain :

- The name and address of the Member
- The name of the Company
- The name of the proxy or the name of the office held by the proxy; and
- The meeting of Members at which the proxy may be used

Full details of the rules relating to Proxies and Attorneys can be found in Clause 10.5 of the constitution. For convenience, a suitable form is as follows:

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I/we (Your name).....

Of (Your address).....

Being a member of Australian Thoroughbred Breeders Club Limited and entitled to vote, hereby appoint (The full name of the individual or body corporate or name of office held by the proxy you are appointing as your proxy here).....

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At the twenty-fifth Annual General Meeting of Australian Thoroughbred Breeders Club Limited on 21st October 2011

Signed (sign here).....Dated...../...../2011

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It should be noted that this is not the only form of proxy that will be acceptable and a proxy in any other form that complies with the Club's Constitution and Corporation Act 2001 (Commonwealth) will be equally acceptable

John Messara to address Members at the AGM

We are pleased to confirm that John Messara will speak at the AGM about the breeding industry with particular focus on how private breeders can survive and succeed in the current environment. He will then be happy to take questions and expand on any industry topic of special interest to our Members.

It is an honour for the Club that such a leading light of the industry has agreed to give up his valuable time to spend the evening with us and share with us his thoughts and visions for small breeders. We trust that there will be an exceptional turn out of Members.

The Club always caters for this event and it is, therefore, essential all Members intending to attend should contact the Club. We'd hate to run out of champagne or gourmet sandwiches!

Explanation of the Special Resolutions to be put to the meeting

There has been a change to the law with effect from 28th June 2010 whereby small companies limited by guarantee became exempt from a number of obligations under the Corporations Act. The Australian Thoroughbred Breeders Club Limited (ATBC Limited) falls within newly stated definition of a small company limited by guarantee.

As a result of these legislative changes ATBC Limited, unless directed by a member or ASIC, does not have to prepare a financial report or have it audited, prepare a directors' report, or notify members of annual reports.

Audit fees cost ATBC Limited more than \$ 3,000 per annum and outside of the cost of incentive and bonus awards our most significant net expenditure item. Before the changes to the legislation there was no option other than to grin and bear the cost. The changes to the legislation has lifted this burden from the Club.

Of course ATBC Limited will continue to keep proper accounting and other records. Details will be made available to Members on request and at no cost to themselves.

In addition we shall report in these pages details of the Financial performance of ATBC Limited.

Financial Performance for the Year Ending 30th June 2011

These Accounts are being finalised and copies will be available at the AGM.

There are few surprises. With reduced Memberships and falling revenue from the Stallion Tender Scheme we have again produced a loss that this year will increase to over \$21,000

We basically face the same challenges as all community based organisations, exacerbated by the financial conditions that are punishing small breeding operations.

Every effort has been made to reduce costs, however, the Board believes that we should not abandon those very matters that are the raison d'être of the Club. We have for example decided to continue our support of equine research by maintaining our donation to the RIRDC horse program and keeping the Incentive Awards scheme at previous levels.

We are more fortunate than most in that we have built up a significant surplus over the years,

which will provide a significant buffer in these difficult times.

Nominations for the Board of ATBC Limited

We would like to call for nominations for the positions of executive office bearers and Board Members for the new Board. Under the Club's rules **ALL** board positions become vacant annually.

A nomination form for the Board of the Club was included in the last Newsletter. Under the Club's Constitution, written and signed nominations **MUST** be lodged with the **Secretary** at least 21 days before the **AGM** at which the election is to take place. By my calculations that is on or before Friday the 30th September.

New Members

This month we welcome Helen Want of Lawrence, NSW and Linda May Barton of Maraylya

Stallion Parades in the Hunter Valley- by Kaye Goodwin

A group of 20 keen club "viewers" arrived at Arrowfield Stud bright and early on Saturday morning to find the staff had turned on a great breakfast feast. We were treated to a lovely choice of hot and cold drinks, fruits, yoghurts, pastries - you name it. It was most welcome too, as most of us had driven from home, and left early to arrive by 10.30 a.m. We were welcomed by John Messara, who introduced us to Mr George Souris and his wife Vassy. Mr Messara spoke of his stallions, but also reminded us of the ongoing battle to protect Hunter Valley horse lands from the ever encroaching mines. He also told us it never rains on his parade and, even though the sky looked very threatening, it didn't.

Susan Archer then introduced us to the stallions, beginning with new boy Beneteau, followed by Not A Single Doubt, Snitzel, All American, Manhattan Rain, Starcraft, Flying Spur, and last but by no means least, Redoute's Choice, who looked every inch the great horse he is. All the horses looked wonderful as is normal at Arrowfield and Starcraft entertained us with his usual showmanship. It was interesting to see All American, who I thought a bit different type, and very nice. Charge Forward prefers his own company, and so remained in his paddock and those who wished to



No Comment



Flying Spur

see him were taken to visit by Louis Le Metayer, who will be remembered by the West Oz coach trippers, (especially the ladies) as the chap who showed us around Lindsay Park. It was a most enjoyable morning, relaxing around the parade ring, socialising and catching up with friends, seeing great horses, and just enjoying being at Arrowfield.

We then headed off for Darley, which is 10 mins away as the crow flies, but I think most of us managed to get lost. That didn't matter as a leisurely drive through the Segenhoe Valley is never time wasted.

At Darley we (John and I) were amazed at the size of the place, and the precision planning to deal with the guests. We were transferred from our car to the venue in a buggy similar to those used at Randwick. Our invitations were scanned to gain entry, we received a gift bag, and then had the choice of a cup of hot soup or a glass of wine. We were lucky to

squeeze into the front row next to club members Ann and Wal Lanham, which worked well for me as Ann shared her broly with me and Wal gave me his poncho when the showers Mr Messara jinxed us with arrived !

We were welcomed by Alastair Pulford, who re-enforced the message of mines in the valley, and the protection of horse country, and then the parade began, led out by the great Lonhro, Champion Australian Sire 2010/2011, on earnings. He looked his usual stunning self and is of course my favourite horse and has been for his entire career. He was followed by his son Denman and it was interesting to see how much he resembled his sire. Denman was handled by the man who broke him in, Scott Eales.

Next came Ad Valorem, the showman of the pack, followed by Commands, Authorized, Time Thief, Exceed and Excel, Henny Hughes, Shaft, Street Sense, Nadeem, Bernadini, Canny Lad, Street Cry, Teofilo, and Medaglia d'Oro.

All very handsome horses, but one boy who grabbed my eye was Authorized, who just oozed charm and charisma and had the movie star looks to go with it. It was also nice to see Canny Lad at 24 years of age , still looking a million dollars and out there mixing it with the best.

Thankfully the rain didn't last long, and after the parade we were treated to some beautiful food and drinks which went down well, it being awhile since our Arrowfield breakfast. We caught up with more friends while enjoying a couple of glasses of wine and the lovely late afternoon sunshine in a glorious spot.

Some of us then whizzed off to Scone for a visit to the Inglis Equine Art Exhibition, and we weren't sorry we did so, as the works were well worth the look. Such talent. Then it was back to the motel in Muswellbrook for dinner, where our group was joined by club members Mr and Mrs Parker from Port Macquarie, (breeders of the great mare, Hot Danish), Virginia Harvey, and Don and Catherine Scott of the Hawkesbury district. A very sociable evening was had by all.

After breakfast Sunday morning, (no visible hangovers either), most of the convoy headed off



All American

to the amazing Widden Valley. As we passed club member Mary Hallett's River Ridge Stud we noticed she had a very new foal in the paddock between the road and the house, so we guessed she had been kept busy Saturday night. Later in the day on discussing the sighting of said foal, Wal Lanham promptly claimed it as his. Hope he was right.

Everyone was keen to get to that wonderful, historic stud of Widden, and we were the first to arrive, early. That in itself was a bit of an achievement for us. We were able to roam around at leisure and take in the atmosphere of this grand valley. We were treated to a lavish morning tea of plates piled high with home made delicacies and coffee, seated in the sunshine, watching the horses in their boxes around us, and taking in the view of the famous Cats Ears Of Widden. Bliss. There is a wonderful family feeling about this place, and Antony Thompson welcomed us and began the parade, which was led out by Strada. Then came Snippetson, and Dreamscape followed by a tiny filly foal of his that was most attractive and well put together !

Next was Nicconi followed by a 9 day old filly of his, who everyone instantly fell in love with due to her big floppy ears !

Northern Meteor came next followed by two well put together weanlings of his. Then came Stratum, who is doing very well for himself, having already a Golden Slipper winner to his credit. Then came Sebring of the rock star looks and presence, followed by a weanling filly who was a chip off the old block, and a colt with most unusual face colouring, which I was informed is called "ermine". Tickets was next and then Star Witness, who had only arrived 3 days before after his epic journey to royal Ascot. His manners were impeccable. My favourite was Snippetson, however, I may be biased as I have always had a soft spot for Snippets, and it would be great to see Snippetson follow in his sire's horseshoes, but he has big shoes to fill !

I think all of us could have lingered longer at Widden but as soon as the parade ended we had to make a mad dash for Coolmore. We all went like 'bats out of hell, to be there for the 2pm start, hoping they may start late . But they didn't. After a tricky little route in to the stallion area, due to work going on, some of us were there in time, however John and I arrived at the parade ring just as James Bester was introducing Oratorio. We missed a few horses which I think were Aussie Rules, Excellent Art, Tale Of The Cat, and Henrythenavigator. After Oratorio came Duke Of Marmalade, with that sky channel add running thru my head. Then Choisir, followed by his rather glamorous son, Starspangledbanner, then Haradasun, High Chaparral, Looking At Lucky, Dylan Thomas, Fastnet Rock, and the wonderful Encosta De Lago.

Choisir, being a Newcastle boy, is another favourite of mine, and he looked wonderful, and if Starspangledbanner lives up to his looks he will be doing very well, too. It was nice to see High Chaparral on this side of the world, and of course E.D.L. was looking like the champ he is.

After the parade a few more glasses of wine were taken and some more socialising took place. As always, Coolmore looked a treat with the flowering fruit trees and plants adding colour to the occasion, and their hospitality is unquestioned. Time to admire E.D.L's statue and then we had to leave.

After viewing over 50 world class stallions its impossible to single out one over the rest. At each stud they were all presented in immaculate condition and style. Their manners were impeccable. The hard work behind the scenes by staff at the studs could not be bettered anywhere in the world, I don't believe. The welcome we received at each place and the food and drinks provided for us were outstanding. The people working on these studs were all friendly

and helpful, which made it a truly memorable weekend for us all I think.

And so we left Coolmore Sunday afternoon to travel home to "the real world" of baked beans on toast for tea !

Thanks to all the staff and horses at Arrowfield, Darley, Widden and Coolmore.

And thanks, Dianne, for organising it.

Bandaging Tendons the Correct Way

The following is taken from the Racing Edition of John Kohnke's Newsletter which contains a number of useful hints. There is also a Breeding Edition. You can subscribe to this service by contacting newsletters@kohnkesown.com

If you decide to use bandages to protect the lower limbs against brushing and interference during exercise, then it is important that they are wrapped in a way that will not alter their ability to carry exercise loading when galloping. It is essential that you instruct new stable staff in the art of wrapping a polo bandage or an elastic protective wrap. All bandages must be wrapped to ensure that the tendons are pulled to the inside of the limb as this is the normal alignment necessary to bear high loading forces with minimal risk of exceeding the elastic and stretch limit. The near side limbs should be wrapped in **anticlockwise layers** and the offside limbs in a **clockwise direction** to ensure that the tendons are pulled into the alignment of loading. There is a tendency for a right-handed person to wrap the near side in the correct anticlockwise direction, as it is easier to do so with a roll of bandage in the right hand, but to wrap the off side leg in an anticlockwise direction as the roll is held in the right hand. Obviously, a lefthanded person will find it easier to wrap the off side leg in the correct clockwise direction as the bandage is fed off the roll, but then wrap the near side the wrong way which tends to pull the tendon alignment to the outside of the limb. It is wise to demonstrate the correct way to new staff to ensure that the tendons are not compromised by excess loading if they are wrapped out of alignment. Also ensure that an average sized finger can be comfortably pushed down the tendon 'groove' on the inside of the wrapped bandage to test that the bandage is not wrapped too tightly

Hendra Virus

ABC Rural have put together an excellent 'everything that you wanted to know about Hendra' piece which can be found at <http://www.abc.net.au/rural/content/2011/s3316627.htm>

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