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*Cedars Majestic, grazing in his paddock at the SHSA Seminar  
Photo by John Edwards.*

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# SHSA Members **NEWS**

Congratulations to member **Terry Gardner** who won the Yearling Colt class at the National Shire Horse Show in England. Great to see our overseas members doing so well!

Member **Amanda Taylor** recently spent a day at Camden Show as a Probationary Judge with Tim Peel. Good work Amanda. Hopefully you learnt a lot from Tim.

Thanks to **Darren Somerville** who has taken on the role of Treasurer

for SHSA. We appreciate you volunteering your time and effort.

The SHSA sends it sympathy to member **Wayne Biffin** of the NSW Mounted Police on the loss of 2 of your key horses from the mounted police horse squad.

Shire Horses were recently featured on the ABC show **Creature Feature**. Thanks to Helene Scarf for organising this great promotion for the Shire Horse.

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# President's Report

I am proud to announce the formation of the Shire Horse Society Australian Inc. Official Judges Panel.

Our Society is very grateful to our nine well respected and extremely experienced judges who accepted nomination to form our inaugural Judges Panel. Knowledge and long term experience were the main criteria and the nine judges on our panel bring these qualities and more with their new appointment. They also serve on the Commonwealth Clydesdale Panel of Judges. If you would like to know more about our judges and the formation of the judge's panel there is an article later in this newsletter.

We had a very successful Shire Horse Seminar which was held in Kangaroo Valley in January. Approximately forty people attended and our guest speakers were excellent. Even experienced horse owners were heard saying they learnt something new. To top it off our Society signed up our 'one hundredth' member. Thank you to all who came along.

The Sydney Royal Easter Show is on the doorstep and a lot of Shire horse owners and breeders are getting horses ready for what our Society considers to be Australia's

Premiere Shire Horse Show. On past average there has been about twenty horses exhibited each year. This year however we have a record number of entries. With thirty four horses entered over six classes. Horses have travelled from as far away as Queensland and Victoria to participate in what is considered to be the largest show in the Southern Hemisphere and the most prestigious show in Australia.

All members are invited to attend our General Meeting and Social Function to be held at the Cattleman's Café on the Mezzanine level at the rear of the Munro Pavilion at 4'0 clock 12<sup>th</sup> April. Same time and same place as last year.

We have invited English Shire Judge Jim Yates and Australian Shire Judge Max Marriott to speak at the meeting and our Patron Rob Vickery, who is President of the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales, will also say a few words.

Cocktails and light refreshments will be served.

Thank you to those of you showing at the Sydney Royal and thank you to those coming along to be grooms and spectators. Your support is much needed and most welcomed.

*Helene Scarf*

# You're Invited!

SHSA 2<sup>nd</sup> General Meeting

Come and meet the Sydney Royal Shire Judge  
Jim Yates from England & our Guest Speaker  
Max Marriot

When? 4pm SHIRE SHOW DAY  
Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April

Where? The Cattleman's Café  
Mezzanine Level, Munroe Pavilion  
(at the rear of the cattle pavilion next to Grace,  
where the Shire Horses are stabled)

Followed by

# Post Show Party

Join us for  
Free Nibbles & Champagne Cocktails  
to celebrate another Sydney Show!

## Inaugural SHSA Official Panel of Judges

Your SHSA committee decided it was time to start a process whereby we could have our own Australian Shire Horse Official Panel of Judges, and eventually to set up a process to train other interested members to be Shire Judges. A sub-committee was set up comprising the President Helene Scarf, experienced heavy horse judge Tim Peel, and well-respected and very experienced English Shire Horse Judge, Terry Gardner.

Terry travelled widely while he was here in 2005 to judge at Sydney Royal. He visited a number of Australian heavy horse judges and breeders and/or watched them exhibit and judge at various heavy horse events, from Victoria to Queensland.

The sub-committee deliberated and came up with a list of 9 judges, who have all passed the very rigorous assessment

required to be appointed to the internationally recognised Commonwealth Clydesdale Horse Society Official Panel of Judges. They are extremely experienced, and well-respected, with a wealth of knowledge, and come from a wide geographical area. As well, they are familiar with the English Shire Horse Society Standard of Points for a Shire and most have judged Shires Horses in the past or been to England previously.

The SHSA committee was very honoured and grateful that every one of the judges who was nominated by the sub-committee, accepted the position. So the first Shire Horse Society Australia Inc Official Panel of Judges is listed below. Members may put these judges names forward for any shows that may be seeking Shire Horse Judges or heavy horse judges.

### **Shire Horse Society Australia Inc Official Panel of Judges**

**Louise Beer** RSD 170 Kirkton drive, Melton Vic 3429 03 97441720  
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## SHSA Seminar in Review

*By Viki Winton*

A milestone was reached in Australian Shire Horse history in January 2006 when a perfect day dawned over the first ever Shire Horse Society forum held at the very same farm that was responsible for kick-starting the breed in Oz again in the 1980's - Helene and Greg Scarf's 'The Cedars' in the lush and lovely Kangaroo Valley about 2 hours south of Sydney.

Despite the humidity and flies the weekend was faultless as 40 plus people were able to take on a mass of information ably doled out firstly by Tim Peel and his son Mark, who gave a no holds barred demonstration of the thoroughly complex yet absolutely essential arts of Farriery and/or Blacksmithing.

Massive Archibald patiently swished flies as his feet were examined in preparation for the fitting of a huge shoe handmade on the spot by Mark, as father Tim answered our many questions and supplied more interesting facts about feet than one could have thought possible.

Great info, informally supplied, making us all even more aware of the old adage 'No foot no Horse'.

A country cordon lunch was speedily munched after which we adjourned with our coffees to welcome shady trees, for horse

sense and sensibility from Greg Hogan, head teacher at Sydney University's Horse Unit. He covered all aspects of horsepersonship and it was agreed later that his attitude, which embraced total simplicity after many years of personal experience was extremely practical and available to us all. He perhaps instilled in us more confidence to tackle injuries etc ourselves before spending the required fortune on a vet.! He reminded us of the importance of our farriers, often the person to turn to first when lameness is evident.

Afternoon tea and a short break before Tim Peel and The Cedars Majestic showed us what constitutes the perfect Shire Horse and exactly what the judges will be looking for at Sydney Show. Tim has had a whole life with heavy horses - it was his family that used to deliver milk with their trusty Clydies in the Eastern Suburbs of Sydney when we were growing up and he has been hugely successful with his own team of Clydesdales -for many years a familiar sight at the Royal Shows.

Dinner was buffet style with all 40 present seated at one extensive table on the verandah of the stylish old homestead. There were many reasons for toasts and



celebrations, not the least of which was host Gregory Scarf's birthday.

Sunday started, not too early, with an SHSA meeting, breakfast and then a thorough demonstration and talk by Ineke Kuiper, recently returned from the Old Dart where she had researched and practised the art of exactly positioning those flights and just how to keep that plait lying down. The Clive King built wooden horse with super long mane made it easy for us to follow the process, after which the keenest trudged up the hill to

Majestic's heavenly positioned shelter and meadow, close by the huge rock marking the grave of the grand man of the Cedars Shires - Ladbrook Edward or Jock, for the reality of the plaiting and titivating needed for show appearances.

Many, many questions were answered, connections made, information passed around, photos shown and everyone was united in their love for the Shire Horse, which had brought us all together for this exceptional weekend.

*Ed - Thanks to Viki for writing this article for us. It is always great to get members feedback on events!*

*Dear Editor,*

*I write to express my appreciation to the organisers of the weekend Seminar that addressed preparing Shires for shows. As new members of the Society, and having only very recently acquired five Shire mares, the weekend taught us many things that months of research and enquiry could not have revealed. The opportunity to network with other and more experienced Shire owners and breeders was invaluable. In particular, we were delighted by the preparedness of other members of the Society to share their experience and knowledge without reservation and in a totally altruistic spirit. Special thanks are due to Helene and Greg Scarf for providing such an idyllic venue.*

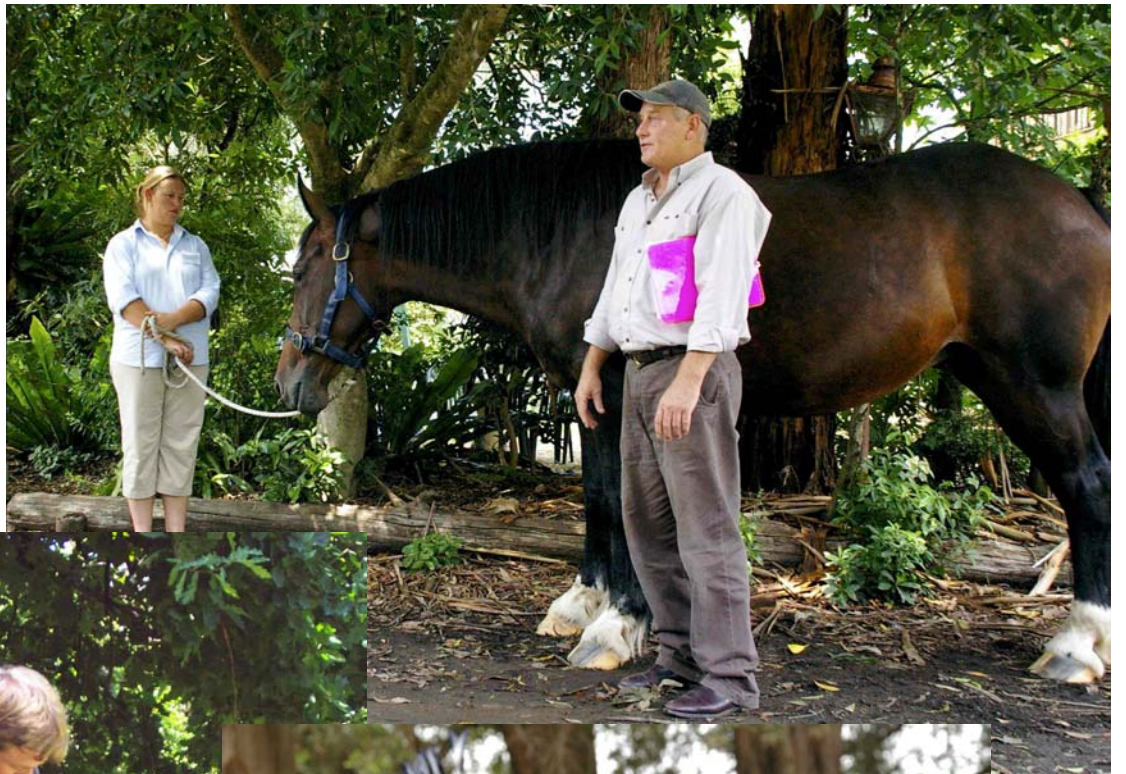
*Regards,*

*H. Terese (Terry) Parks & John Edwards*

*Images from  
SHSA Members Seminar*













## **Kathryn McKay and Greg Hosa Memorial Trophy**

In memory of Kathryn and Greg, the SHSA is planning to donate to the Royal Agricultural Society of NSW a Perpetual Memorial Trophy to be presented in their honour for the Best Shire Exhibit at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. The trophy will also be on display to the general public in their Trophy Room for the duration of each Sydney Show in perpetuity.

The RAS of NSW has very high standards for the quality of perpetual trophies and there is considerable cost involved in both commissioning the trophy and providing funds towards its maintenance in the future.



***Silver Shire Sculpture –  
Trotting Out Proud – that we  
hope to have on the Memorial  
Trophy***

We are currently seeking donations towards the cost of this project. We hope to be able to raise the funds before November, to enable the first presentation to be made in 2007.



***Kath and Greg's son Damon & his aunt on  
his 11<sup>th</sup> Birthday last month***

Our fundraising target is \$4,000. As we are a small Not-For-Profit organisation we will need to work hard to raise the funds. If you have any fundraising ideas or experience, we would love to hear from you. Please contact a member of the committee if you think you can help in any way.

# National Shire Horse Show Peterborough

Each year in March, Shire horse owners and breeders from across the UK make the trip to the SHS National Spring Show at Peterborough – the most prestigious Shire Horse show in the world. Winners of the Champion Mare and Stallion both gain automatic qualification for the Horse of the Year Show in September. Of course, March is not exactly known for its great weather in England (being a few months short of summer) and this year, the show was generally considered to be the coldest show EVER.

The results are listed below, but our particular congratulations go to:

**2005 Sydney Show Shire and Clydesdale Judge and SHSA Members**

Terry and Val Gardiner – WINNERS of the Shire Yearling Colt class

2000 Sydney Show Shire and Clydesdale Judge

Tony and Sandra Bull – 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Stallion 3 years old

2006 Sydney Show Shire Judge

Jim and Sue Yates – 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Filly 3 years old

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Gelding 2 years old

## Results

### MALES

#### COLTS, ONE YEAR OLD

**(11 entries)**

1<sup>st</sup> Gardner, Mr and Mrs T and  
V M-Bay,

HILL LODGE COMMANDER  
C1116

2<sup>nd</sup> Messrs P & W Bedford  
TOC HILL SIR SAMUEL C1061,

3<sup>rd</sup> Jones W T  
CAERBERLLAN REAL  
ENTERPRISE C1211,

#### STALLIONS, TWO YEARS OLD)

**10 entries**

1<sup>st</sup> King, Messrs W A and M G  
COTEBROOK BEN MACDHUI  
C1004,

2<sup>nd</sup> Woof Mr and Mrs P and J-  
Bay, MARIETH MAJOR C996,

3<sup>rd</sup> Borseley Mr R,

TREE HOUSE BENGIE C1000,

#### STALLIONS, THREE YEARS OLD

**10 entries**

1<sup>st</sup> King, Messrs W A and M G  
DDRYDWY COTEBROOK KING  
47083,

2<sup>nd</sup> Bedford, Mr R  
BOOTHAY RICHARD 47097,

3<sup>rd</sup> Bull Mr A,  
ARCLID MINSHULL MONTY  
47082,

#### STALLIONS, FOUR YEARS OLD

**9 entries**

1<sup>st</sup> Phillips and Blakey, Messrs,  
GROVEMERE JOSEPH 47039,

2<sup>nd</sup> Clayton Mr P M,  
ARCLID FRANK BULL 47032,



3<sup>rd</sup> Dodd, Mr and Miss J and G,  
DEIGHTON TUDOR 47064

**STALLIONS, FIVE YEARS OLD  
AND UPWARDS**

**10 entries**

1<sup>st</sup> Williams, Mr E R  
MOORFIELD TED 47016

2<sup>nd</sup> Harrison Mr L N

TREM-Y-WYDDFA MASCOT  
46972

3<sup>rd</sup> Robinson Mr G  
METHERINGHAM UPTON  
BARON 46935

**JUNIOR CHAMPION STALLION.**

King, Messrs W A and M G  
DDRYDWY COTEBROOK KING

**CHAMPION STALLION & HORSE OF THE YEAR QULAIFIER**

King, Messrs WA and MG

***DDRYDWY COTEBROOK KING***

**RESERVE CHAMPION STALLION**

Bedford, Mr R,

***BOOTHAY RICHARD***

**GELDINGS**

**GELDINGS, FOUR YEARS OLD  
AND UPWARDS**

**10 entries**

1<sup>st</sup> Messrs P & W Bedford  
DEIGHTON ACE

2<sup>nd</sup> Phillips and Blakey, Messrs,  
STYAL TROOPER C449

3<sup>rd</sup> Daniel Thwaites PLC  
SHADLAC WILLIAM NB559,

**GELDINGS, TWO YEARS OLD**

**6 entries**

1<sup>st</sup> Messrs P & W Bedford  
DEIGHTON NERO

2<sup>nd</sup> Yates, Mr T J,  
LEVERTON TOP NOTCH C880

3<sup>rd</sup> Dodd, Mr and Miss J and G

BURLINGTON PARK PALADIN  
C863

**GELDINGS, THREE YEARS  
OLD**

**5 entries**

1<sup>st</sup> Richardson F M  
FARHOLME PRINCE WILLIAM  
C826

2<sup>nd</sup> Roberts Mr A  
TOP MEADOW EDWARD NB364

3<sup>rd</sup> Prior, Mrs M,  
BOWER HEATH BENJAMIN  
C734

**JUNIOR CHAMPION GELDING**

Richardson F M-Black,  
FARHOLME PRINCE WILLIAM  
C826

**CHAMPION GELDING**

Messrs P & W Bedford

***DEIGHTON ACE***

**RESERVE CHAMPION GELDING**

Richardson F M,

***FARHOLME PRINCE WILLIAM***

## FEMALES

### FILLIES, ONE YEAR OLD

#### 10 entries

- 1<sup>st</sup> Harrison Mr L N  
CUMERAGH HOUSE CAMEO  
148145  
2<sup>nd</sup> Kitching Mr G W,  
MOORES GAY ANNE MARIE  
148189  
3<sup>rd</sup> Yates, Mr T J  
COWERSLANE SUNRISE 148141

### FILLIES, TWO YEARS OLD

#### 6 entries

- 1<sup>st</sup> Worthington D,  
WALTON BLACK BEAUTY THE  
SECOND 147978  
2<sup>nd</sup> Messrs P & W Bedford  
DEIGHTON CROSSBURN ANN  
148034  
3<sup>rd</sup> Pickles, Mr and Mrs F and J  
PROVIDENCE LADY JASMINE  
148023

### FILLIES, THREE YEARS OLD

#### 7 entries

CHAMPION MARE & HORSE OF THE YEAR QUALIFIER  
Messrs P & W Bedford

**BROWNROYD MIDNIGHT SENSATION**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Ward Mr G T,  
DECOY PRINCESS DAWN 147755  
2<sup>nd</sup> Messrs P & W Bedford  
JUST GEORGIA 147700  
3<sup>rd</sup> Bedford, Mr R,  
STYXLANDS MAY BLOSSOM  
147806

### MARES, FOUR YEARS OLD AND UPWARDS

#### 10 entries

- 1<sup>st</sup> Messrs P & W Bedford  
BROWNROYD MIDNIGHT  
SENSATION 147547  
2<sup>nd</sup> Robinson Mr G  
METHERINGHAM UPTON  
ISABELLA 147442  
3<sup>rd</sup> Richardson, Mr J R  
TOC HILL LADY EMILY 147351

### JUNIOR CHAMPION FEMALE.

Ward Mr G T-Black,  
DECOY PRINCESS DAWN

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# Vaccination

*By Karim Kooros (B Vet Med)*

Vaccination is a process by which we stimulate the immune system to produce a defence mechanism against selected diseases. In Australia the main diseases we vaccinate against are Tetanus and Strangles.

## **Tetanus**

This is an important disease as horses are very susceptible and if untreated death can be very painful. It is very difficult and expensive to treat and therefore prevention is essential. Vaccines are very effective against the disease and the only animals I have ever had to treat were unvaccinated.

Tetanus is caused by a toxin that is produced by bacteria that contaminate wounds; often these can be pin pricks and can easily be missed by owners. Vaccination gives you your piece of mind.

## **Strangles**

This is a much less significant disease as it rarely causes death and can be readily treated with antibiotics. However, it is highly infectious and mainly effects young animals.

In my opinion, vaccination is not essential, but can be useful on properties that have had outbreaks. Unlike the tetanus vaccine, strangles vaccinations produce varied immunity and do not prevent the disease totally. Nevertheless, they do reduce the severity of the symptoms and slow the transmitting to other horses.

## **Vaccination Program**

### **TETANUS**

The foal will need an initial course of two vaccinations to build up their immune system.

First Vaccination at 12 weeks of age, followed by a second vaccination four to six weeks there after.

After these vaccinations it should only be necessary to vaccinate four to five years. However, a booster may be needed if an injury occurs only if the horse has not been vaccinated in the last 12 months.

Unvaccinated adult horses should be given an initial course of two vaccination four to six weeks apart.

### **STRANGLES**

Initial vaccination at 12 weeks, then 14 weeks, and 16 weeks of age.

Yearly boosters are then recommended.

### **SPECIAL CONSIDERATION FOR FOALING MARES:**

I recommend that pregnant mares be vaccinated 4-6 weeks prior to foaling. This allows the mare to produce antibodies that can be passed into the colostrum, hence passing on to the new born foal. This provides an immunity for the first few weeks of its life until its immune system is mature enough to respond to vaccines.

## 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](http://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.)

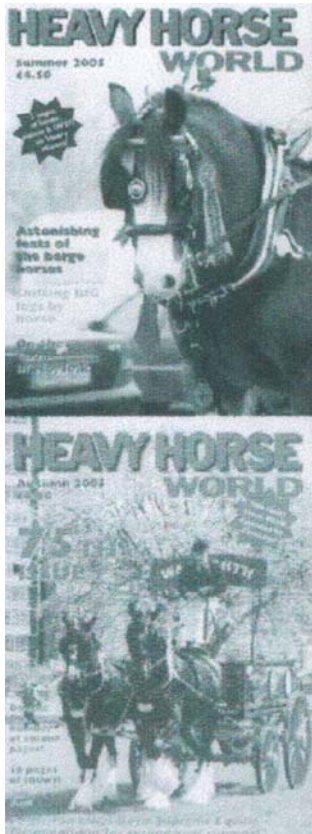
### Registrations

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 Vice President, 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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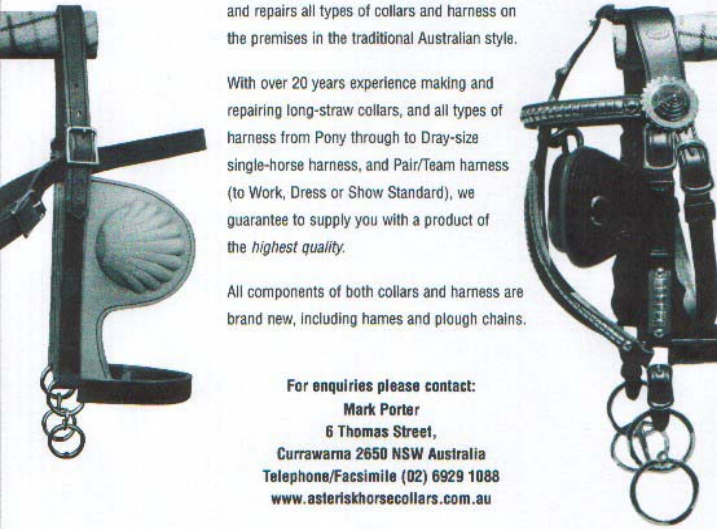
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