

FROM THE ABHA BOARD...

Welcome to your July newsletter. What a successful month ABHA have had, with the launch of our Stallion auction and the saddle raffle. As we speak we have around \$25,000 worth of official bids on our stallion Auction and over \$5000 worth of ticket sales for our saddle raffle. All this money goes towards a bigger and better National Finals for each and every one of our members Australia wide to have an opportunity to compete at.

We as a board are very proud that we can afford these extra funds to give back to our members, many whom have endured hard times and limited competition during the past couple of years due to the dreaded covid. As advertised we have also scrapped the qualifying criteria, and all members are now eligible to compete at the finals – we welcome you all with open arms. What a way to welcome back the National Finals into our calendar – with a money punching BAM!

The Finals order of events and program has now been released and entries will open on 1st August, read more details below about this.

Our prizes pool is really taking shape!. The Seven Saddle Maturity trophy saddle up for grabs is Divine!



We also will be giving away custom made 100X Circle L hats to our champions — of course with thanks to our major sponsor in Circle L Australia. We have trophy Saddle Pads from Diamond Wool Pad Co., we have trophy rugs, trophy jackets, trophy saddles, Bob Berg Buckles, thousands of dollars in product from our valuable sponsors and much more.

Camping and stabling at AELEC will open for booking on the 17th of August at 7pm via www.nominate.com.au . All enquiries with regard to camping and stabling must be directed to AELEC on 02 6767 5658 .

We can advise that there will be four warm up arenas available to all competitors. Two undercover arenas either side of the main arena, the top arena on Gunagoonoo Roadside, and the rodeo arena at the back of the campdraft arena.

Don't forget that limited edition National Finals merchandise is available for purchase via the link on our website: www.hunters1866.com.au/collections/abha-australian-barell-horse-assoication

FINALS ENTRIES

Entries for national finals will open Monday 1st August. We will be using "Nominate" as our online entries system. You must be a full financial member to enter and Nominate will not accept your entries without

an Active membership number. A link direct to online entries will be placed on our ABHA website. This link will appear on our Website from Monday morning and we will promote it on our Facebook page as well.





EXHIBITIONS RUNS AT THE FINALS

Exhibitions will run Monday the 12th September 1pm to 9pm and Tuesday 13th September 7am to 5pm. Exhibitions will consist of ten competitors in 15 minute blocks with a format as follows:

- Exhibitions will consist of blocks of 10 competitors who will have 5 minutes to ride in the arena together (no work around the barrels is permitted in this time).
- A buzzer will sound at 4 mins 30 seconds, please make your way into the starting yards in the next 30 seconds to begin the single exhibition runs.
- Single exhibitions are timed at 1 minute and are once through the pattern. You may circle

barrels more than once if time permits. You will be notified at 30 seconds time elapsed.

• Fines apply for not following officials directions to leave the arena in a timely manner when asked to.

LITTLE DRUM RUNNERS AGES

The following are the rules for qualification for Little Drum Runners:

- Competitors must be between the ages of 5 10 years old.
- Competitors must ride unassisted.
- Competitors can't be entered in any other event at ABHA Finals.
- Competitors must be a member.

ABHA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The ABHA will hold its Annual General Meeting during the National Finals week on Tuesday night at AELEC in the Veterinary room. This is a great opportunity for you to understand the background information behind ABHA operations and decisions and provide feedback. We encourage all members to attend. Directors positions are

up for election, including the President and Vice Presidents positions (must have served on the board for a period of 2 years to be eligible for President and Vice Presidents positions). We welcome any submissions and nominations, which must be submitted to the ABHA secretary by close of business 5th August 2022.

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT!

A quick overview on one of the ABHA's long term sponsors in Diamond Wool Pad Co. and their Australian importers in Diane & Victor Vickers.

Diamond Wool Pad Co. are a small family owned business which operates out of Cumberland, Rhode Island in the U.S.A. They are manufacturers of the wool felt used in the pads and also run the small factory which produces the finished products. They make a huge range of pads to suit everything from Dressage, Endurance riding through western disciplines like Rodeo, Cutting and Campdrafting.

Whilst Di & Victor are mainly into Cutters and Drafters these day they are both former Rodeo time-event competitors who really understand the difference that a well fitting saddle and pad can make.

During a trip to the Fort Worth Cutting Futurity in 2006 they noticed that a huge number of the Cutters were using Diamond Wool Pads and decided to bring some home to try on their own horses.

In Victor's words: "We noticed an immediate improvement in saddle fit and how the horses were working, so we started importing a few more and selling them on to other competitors. Within a short time, we realised that there was a real gap for quality saddle pads across the board so we approached Jim Faye at Diamond Wool to become an importer and distributor"

Since then we have been sponsoring and supporting many events, associations and competitors throughout Australia and the brand has become really well known and respected for delivering a range of quality products that will suit



most functional needs and budgets.

As always when you have a great offer, someone will try and copy or steal your ideas. But you can't fake the performance of Diamond Wool Pads and we are very proud to have a strong and loyal base of consumers and it is growing all the time!

We are, and always have been horse people first, and have competed in a range of disciplines over the years. We currently still have 10 horses in work at home ranging from 2 year old's to 14 year old's so we really understand what is important in getting the right pad for each situation. Please feel free to call, email or PM us and we can help find the best option for your needs."

Please support the businesses that support your sport. Contact Di or Victor at Diamond Wool Pad Co. Australia at: www.facebook.com/DiamondWool PadsCoAustralia/ or www.dwpcoaus.com/ or di.vickers@hotmail.com

MOONBI MAAGIC BARREL RACING EVENT

On Sunday 17th July Moonbi Magic Barrel Racing Inc braved the cold and the wind to host a Jackpot event that was well attended and a great day out for all.

The Moonbi Magic Committee would like to thank all the volunteers that helped on the day with a special thanks to Robyn Ritchie and Fiona Young, along with CF Moto for the use of their buggies at every event during the year, and the long list of sponsors for 2022.

Congratulations to the following place getters.



Open 1D

Ellie Jo Tuckey on Bonanza 16.438 Brianna Learmonth on Peptos smoking Morn 16.473 Brianna Learmonth on Molly Rocs Ta Fame 16.527 Rebecca Luxfor on Blazin ta Fame 16.592

Open 3D

Katrina Christoff on Destiny 18.472 Paisley Swadling on Attitude 18.496 Lucy Goodsell on Hurricane 18.521 Kerri Badior on Jay 18.57

Junior 1D

Ellie Jo Tuckey on Bonanza 16.357 Ellie Jo Tuckey on Diamond 16.762 Alena Duncan Secretheart Bootscootin 17.139 Molly McKinley on Rusty 17.161

Junior 3D

Se annah Meredith on Pippy 18.629 Mia Anastasi on Plan b Dadies Shot Gun Taysha Wadlind on snoopy 23.477 Maddison Edwards on Iggy 19.033

Tiny Tots

Charlotte Woomer on Lukey 33.371 Lilly Moran on Mouse 48.752 Kobe Gill on Dime a Deck 58.94

Jnr Up and Coming

Se annah Meredith on Omo 17.402 Brooke Doublas on Scotch N Coke Breanna Smith on Spin N Tappy 17.531

Open 2D

Melissa Peel on Yogi 17.463 Aleysha Farley on Miss 17.487 Jess Martin on Devine Impact 17.524 Bek Robbins on Beau 17.642

Open 4D

Maddison Edwards on Iggy 19.442 Jacki Learmonth on Instant roc 19.451 Kerri Badior on Colours 19.467 Kerri Badior on Banjo 19.615

Junior 2D

Dustyn swaddling on ZZ 17.4 Se annah Meredith on Omo 17.654 Zali Duncan on Sinders Skitties 17.741 Mia Pryor on Pattini 17.775

Junior 4D

Mia smith on Boss 19.394 Gemma Armstrong on honey 19.496 Ellie Jo Tuckey on Frame 19.705 Matilda Feildind on rissy 20.079

Under 11s

Paisley Swadling on Attitude 17.241 Dustyn Swadling on ZZ 17.275 Maddison Edwars on Iggy 18.43

Golden Oldies

Rochelle Karapatsakis on Royal Prerogative 16.841 Peta Christie on Wally 17.069 Susan Coggan on Shez gotta have Faith 17.358

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to our National Finals Futurity sponsor, competitor and allround top chick!— Kate Benedict (now Kate Reid) on her recent nuptials. Kate and husband Will are huge supporters of the sport of barrel racing, and we look forward to seeing Kate, Will and the team from Katie B at the National Finals in their pop-up shop!



FINALS PHOTOGRAPHERS

Please be sure to support these lovely ladies when the time comes to purchase your awesome pictures after the finals.



jodieadamsphotography.com



