



## SHOW HORSE COUNCIL SA Inc



# 2008 Equine Nutrition Australia - Grand National Qualifier



The committee of the Show Horse Council SA Inc would like to extend it's thanks to all competitor's, sponsor's, judge's, spectator's, and helper's who made the 2008 Equine Nutrition Australia Grand National Qualifier - SA Horse of the Year a great weekend. This year we were very excited to have a new sponsor onboard - Equine Nutrition Australia, distributors of "Weightlifter" and "Happy Hooves". Rob was unfortunately not able to make the trip over to SA for the weekend, but provided generous sponsorship towards the Grand National Qualifying Classes at the show - by way of bags of the famous "Weightlifter Calm". We hope to continue this partnership with Equine Nutrition Australia and thank them for their involvement in this prestigious show.

This show was held on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> October 2008 at Mallala Equestrian Centre, with the 3 SHC National Judges - Cheryl Dunstan (QLD), Debbie Etheridge (NSW) & Cecile Maddams (WA).



This year there were a total of 129 horses entered over the weekend – an increase on the 2006 Horse of the Year Show, and the total numbers for riders entered for 2008 was 44. The 2 days of competition were jam packed with events and there was a huge amount of support offered via sponsorship towards the event that we are very grateful for, as well as the fantastic rugs and garlands (Rags for Nags & Shiranna Garlands) for class winners.

There was fantastic catering over the weekend provided by “Fair & Sweet Catering” and Jim Hillman from “In Motion Photography” was in attendance to cover the show. Competitors were able to view their photos on the computers ring side at the show and proved to be very popular.



We want to extend our thanks to all the fabulous sponsors over the weekend - EQUINE NUTRITION AUSTRALIA, NATURE VET, ALARM LOGIC, EQUINADE, INTERNATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH PRODUCTS, HORSE DEALS MAGAZINE, BRAEFOOT PARK RIDING PONIES, RAGS FOR NAGS, PEGASUS BROWBANDS, BROWNS ANIMAL HERBS, IN MOTION PHOTOGRAPHY, BONNETTS SADDLERY, HORSELAND AUSTRALIA, CHAMPION TAILS, REALITIES, HORSE RYDER, CHYNNA GROVE RIDING PONIES, WHISTLEJACKETS STUD, HUNGRY HORSE, SANDERS BROS FEED - GAWLER, CORUMBENE STUD, ANGEL FACE BEAUTY, HOPKINS SADDLERY, KILDAIRE SHOW ACCESSORIES .

There were also 3 classes which had sponsorship from Perpetual Trophies. These sponsors were: **PERPETUAL TROPHY SPONSORS** - PARAGON PARK, ROZ & EBONY ADAMS, & HELEN & STEVE PEDIC. We thank all of our sponsors for their generosity in supporting this event as without them we would not be able to offer this calibre of shows!! Please support our sponsors where possible!!

The weekend was very successful, despite the hot, dry and windy conditions on Saturday. Unfortunately there are some things that are out of our control and the weather was certainly one of them! However, the indoor arena did provide a retreat from the breezy weather outside!

There were spectacular performances on the both the Saturday and Sunday. However, the Saturday events did run quite late with the inclusion of the 2007 Newcomer Classes, there were 22 entries in the 2007 Newcomer classes and 37 starters in the 2008 newcomer classes. This SHC-SA committee made this decision to run 2007 classes for those competitors who missed out on the opportunity to show as Newcomers at our 2007 HOTY show due to EI.



We were very impressed with the outstanding quality of SA show horses and hope that all those qualified take the opportunity to compete at the 2009 Grand Nationals in Sydney. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2009 for this show, and wish you all good luck at the coming qualifying events.

**Many Thanks**

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