



# Nicker News

Newsletter of the Australian Quarter Pony Association

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## From the President

Welcome to all our new members and thanks to all the existing members for their continued support.

Spring and the foaling season is upon us. I can feel the warmth in the air and all the ponies are losing their winter coats. I hope your babies are all you have planned for them to be!

I encourage all members to support their Association and volunteer. Every little bit helps!!!

I hope to see some of you in Melbourne at the AGM and Equitana.

Sharyn Dowdy, President AQPA

## NEW LOGO



**The new logo is finally here!!  
We will begin to replace the old logo  
on all forms, website etc.  
Please download the updated forms  
off the website  
A HUGE thank you to Jess Coady of  
Coady Graphics for creating the new  
design. [www.coadygraphics.com](http://www.coadygraphics.com)**

## SPECIALS October to December 2008

REGISTRATION SPECIAL  
\$5 off any registration

Note: OTHER CONDITIONS MAY APPLY - Please see the voucher/s for more information. All documentation including photos, must be received before 31 December 2008 for discount to apply. Please print voucher/s from website [www.australianquarterponyassociation.com](http://www.australianquarterponyassociation.com) and send with your application to receive a discount

## EQUITANA 2008

20 - 23 November



We have booked a site in the "Breeders Village". The Breeders Village is a new concept this year, offering a unique opportunity for Breeders and Breed Associations promote the breed.

The anticipated exposure of 60,000 people over 4 days!!!! This is an excellent opportunity to expose the Quarter Pony breed to a lot of horse people in a short amount of time.

The exhibition area is 2 stalls. One for a display area and one set up as a stable for a pony.

**COME AND SEE US THERE!!!!**

We need volunteers who are prepared to man the display to answer questions.

We are putting together a visual display and need photos and video footage of QUARTER PONIES.

If you are able to assist please contact [president@australianquarterponyassociation.com](mailto:president@australianquarterponyassociation.com)

## MEETINGS

The Executive Committee Meeting has changed to the THIRD TUESDAY of the month. Future dates are; 21 October, 18 November, 16 December 2008.

Any Items to be discussed must be with a committee member or secretary at least a week before the scheduled meeting date.

## NEWSLETTER

All ads are FREE. Feel free to send any News items or Articles to Donna Boddie for inclusion in the Newsletter!!!

All items for the newsletter should be forwarded to [newsletter@australianquarterponyassociation.com](mailto:newsletter@australianquarterponyassociation.com)

# 2008 AGM

**8:30pm on 22 November**  
**8 Royal Court, Altona Meadows**  
**(Melbourne)**  
**to coincide with Equitana**

Positions up for election are

## **PRESIDENT**

The President is the senior office-bearer of the Association. The President is the public spokesperson of the Association and bears the primary responsibility for the coordination of rules, regulations, policy and other activities. The President is also responsible for ensuring that the decisions of members and the Executive Committee are implemented.

*Roles are; Manage/Chair Committee/General meetings & AGM's, Represent AQPA, Act as facilitator for AQPA, Ensure planning and budgets are carried out in accordance with wishes of members, Public Officer (if located within Victoria)*

## **VICE PRESIDENT**

The Vice-President acts as President in the absence of the President. In order to do this, the Vice-President must maintain an ongoing knowledge of the affairs of the Association. The Vice-President supports the president and undertakes all official duties of the President in the absence of the President.

*Roles; Support President, Manage/Chair meeting in Presidents absence, Represent AQPA*

## **SECRETARY**

The Secretary is the secretary, financial officer and oversees most matters concerning the Association's governance, finances, grants and sponsorships.

*Roles; Agendas & Minutes, Correspondence (in/out), Co-ordinate all mail outs to members*

## **TRESURER**

The Treasurer is responsible for ensuring that proper financial and legal records are kept by the Association. The Treasurer shall ensure that correct accounts and books are kept, showing the financial affairs of the Association with full details of all receipts and expenditure connected with the activities of the Association.

*Roles; Accounts (Receipts/Invoices), Financial Statements/reports (Income/Expenditure/Balances), Budget/s*

## **OTHER POSITIONS**

### **PROMOTIONS OFFICER**

The Promotions Officer coordinates and oversees all publications, including electronic publications, of the Association.

*Roles; Promotions, Website, Co-ordinate Newsletter production (and distribution?)*

### **REGISTRAR**

The Registrar is responsible for ensuring that proper membership and pony records are kept by the Association. The Registrar shall ensure that ponies are inspected in accordance with regulations. The registrar also issues membership card and certificates for rego and prefix.

*Roles; List of members and ponies, Details of ponies and inspection, Issue documents (regos, membership etc)*

### **INSPECTOR/S**

Inspect potential ponies

### **NEWSLETTER EDITOR**

Compile and produce Newsletter

Members are invited to nominate for a position. You should complete the Nomination Form and submit a (max 150 word) biography. **Nominations close 5pm 7 November 2008.**

Members are encouraged to attend and vote at the annual general meeting. You may appoint another member to attend and vote on your behalf as a proxy

A notification and all forms have been sent by post.

## **AQPA SHOP**

We now have promotional items available to promote our fantastic little breed.

**\*\*PRE ORDER\*\***

*Before 10 October 2008*

**T Shirts \$15**

**Caps \$10**

**IN STOCK**

Stickers (small to large) from \$0.50

Pens \$2.00

To order please email

[treasurer@australianquarterponyassociation.com](mailto:treasurer@australianquarterponyassociation.com)

## TRAINING TIPS

Jess Hollows

The advantages of training your own pony are enormous. One of the biggest is that you will form a partnership with your pony and no matter what level you wish to advance to, or which discipline interests you (even if you just want to enjoy riding) a good partnership is hard to beat.

The first thing I like to teach a pony is that when it is with me it doesn't need to defend itself. If a pony's survival instincts are at lowest level, most behavioural problems and resistance will disappear.

A young pony that hasn't had a bad experience is of course easier to train. However no matter your Pony's age or past you can always improve it.

Every time you handle your pony you are teaching it something – good or bad. Because they are small people often handle a pony carelessly. Avoid this. Always treat them with respect. Be consistent, patient and kind. Make the right thing easy and the wrong thing difficult.

Always be sure your head collar, saddle, bridle and other gear fit comfortable, paying special attention to the girth and bit. Don't feed your pony a diet that encourages it to be "jumpy". Grass and a little good quality hay should be enough.

A young pony has only a ten minute attention span. Use the time wisely, then go for a ride. Before beginning training walk your pony for ten minutes, train for ten minutes, then ride quietly for another ten minutes, train for ten minutes and so on. This will keep the pony's mind calm. A pony that is agitated and stressed cannot think. A relaxed pony can.

Don't fix a time frame to teach a certain move to achieve a certain goal. Its better to take longer and finish up with a correct move.

Begin with the basics. The basics are just anything – they are everything.

*Jess Hollows is from Victoria and has many years of experience in both training and showing reigning and cutting horses. She also used to breed Quarter Horses.*



# PHOTO COMPETITION

## WIN A YEARS FREE MEMBERSHIP!!

Free entry. AQPA registered stock only.  
Ribbons to third place

### CLASSES

1. Ponies in Action
2. Ponies and People
3. Pin Up Pony (Professional shots)
4. Photo with Caption
5. Open (for photos that don't fit into one of the above categories)

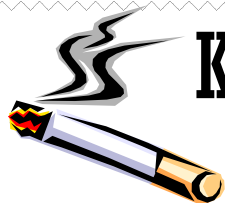
### Conditions of Entry

1. The AQPA reserves the right to add, delete, combine or otherwise alter any part of the program without notice.
2. The judges decision is final.
3. There are no refunds or protests.
4. Pony must be registered with the AQPA. Registration details must be provided.
5. Pending registrations will be accepted unless otherwise specified.
6. Entrants found to provide false or misleading information will be disqualified.
7. Entrants for all classes must be residents of Australia or New Zealand.
8. Horse and owner names will not be displayed until judging is completed.
9. ONE HORSE PER ENTRY FORM. Please follow instructions on entry form very carefully.  
Ensure all photographs are named with the class number and horse or pony's full name.

### Photos, DVD or other footage

1. Photos submitted in digital format must be min 300 DPI.
2. Photos submitted in hard copy must be min 6 x 4. They must be clear and not printed on paper. If reprinted the must be on photo quality paper.
3. Photos will not be returned unless a stamped, self addressed envelope is provided.
4. You must have written permission of the photographer to use any professional photos. The name of photographer must be submitted with any photo/s or otherwise at time of entry.
5. The same photo may be submitted for multiple classes or a separate photo for each class entered. You must nominate, on your entry form which photo is submitted for each class.
6. AQPA may use photos or images at their discretion without the permission of the owner. Unless the owner specifically stipulates that the photos are not to be used.

Entry form available off the website or  
[registrar@australianquarterponyassociation.com](mailto:registrar@australianquarterponyassociation.com)



# Kill For A Smoak

'PJ' IS A LOVELY QUIET STALLION WHO IS A PLEASURE TO DO ANYTHING WITH.

HE HAS OUTSTANDING BREEDING BEING BY CROP OUT QH STALLION 'DOCS SMOKIN OAK' AND FROM THE EXCELLENTLY PERFORMED PAINT MARE 'DRESSED TO KILL'.

HE HAS EXCELLENT CONFIRMATION AND STANDS AT 14.1HH. HE HAS 3 WHITE STOCKINGS AND ONE SOCK, WHITE FACE AND A LARGE BELLY SPLASH. HE HAS A QH BUILD WITH A LOVELY AMOUNT OF BONE.

KILL FOR A SMOAK WILL BE STANDING FOR THE 08/09 SEASON AT

## CANDLEA PARK

PH 03 5439 7203

## Salt Springs Jack Daniels

AQPA/AQHA/ASHS/UPWBDA

Buckskin stallion  
By Jessies Koolibah  
Out of Cattle Camp/Anns Hollywood mare

Breeds excellent temperament  
With loads of agility and cow.

Stud Fee \$700 or \$750 AI

Standing his last season in Australia  
At Palabuckchestnut stud  
With Julie 0741686223

Owned by Donna Boddie (NZ)

### SYLVIA SPRINGS STUD

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[www.freewebs.com/saltspringsjackdaniels](http://www.freewebs.com/saltspringsjackdaniels)

### STANDING FOR THE FIRST TIME IN NSW

#### "SMART LITTLE POCOLENA"

Perlino Quarter Horse Stallion 14.1hh  
Breed for colour and temperament. Guaranteed palomino or buckskin foals from non grey mares  
Introductory service fee  
AQPA/AQHA/PHAA/AAA mares \$500.00  
All others \$250.00.

#### "MONTEGO SNOW TWIST JNR"

Few Spot Leopard 14.1HH Solid Quarter Horse type. Breed for 100% colour and temperament. Registered Appaloosa and Spotted Pony Society  
Will breed gorgeous coloured Quarter Ponies.  
Introductory service fee \$300.00 to all mares.

Both standing to a limited number of mares. LFG.  
Deductible non refundable booking fee \$100.00.

#### "NEWSTEAD PARK"

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