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## Welcome to our first Amateur Owner newsletter

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The new Amateur Owner Program committee have decided that our amateur owners need to be informed of what we have in store for this year.

This will enable people who cannot attend amateur owner meetings what is going on and who to contact if they have any questions or concerns.

We hope to continue this form of communication throughout the year to keep us all up to date on what is happening with the Amateur Owner program. If you would like to receive future AO Updates via email please contact me on [tillydude@gmail.com](mailto:tillydude@gmail.com)

There will also be regular Face Book posts and news items added to the PHAA Website in the Amateur Owner pages.

See you in the show pen!

Kerry Derksen  
Secretary & Publicity Officer

## Introducing our Amateur Owner Program Committee

### PHAA Director / Treasurer:



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### Northern Territory, Tasmania, Western Australia & South Australia Representatives:

Positions Vacant

### NSW Representative:

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Phone numbers, email addresses, photos & some background information about our committee members will soon be provided on the PHAA Website. Simply refer to the Amateur Owner section.

Feel free to contact any of us with your questions, queries, problems and suggestions.

## News from Shirley Sommer (Director/AO Portfolio Holder/Treasurer)

- \* Sally McPhee (Director & Website Administrator) has offered to freshen up the AO pages on the PHAA website. Keep an eye on these pages to keep up with the latest news.
  - \* The PHAA has a new "official" Facebook page, simply follow the link from the website. AO information will also be posted on Facebook, a quick and easy communication tool.
  - \* The AO committee are holding meetings at the NSW state show in May as well as at the Qld state show on Friday 22nd July, 6.30pm (under the cattle shed). We hope to see as many AO members there as possible.
  - \* In response to interest at the most recent AO meeting the Board has supported the splitting of AO classes. At the 2012 National Championships the AO Hunter Under Saddle & Western Pleasure will be divided into AO Junior Horse & AO Senior Horse classes. This will be a trial. With support from AOs splits may occur in other events at future National Shows.
  - \* The Trainer Services Auction, Fashion Showcase & an AO "Masters" category has been approved by the Board.
  - \* Discussions have already started amongst the Board about AO incentives at 2012 Nationals.
  - \* The Amateur Rule is currently under review. This will be finalized at the June Board of Directors meeting.
  - \* There is going to be a Youth/AO Camp in Wauchope during Easter. For further info please contact Craig Dengate on craigden-gate@bigpond.com
  - \* Discussions are ongoing regarding AO Program exposure in the PHAA Journal. I will still submit a Portfolio report for each journal, but I am hoping to see the return of AO Profiles and other information.
  - \* The Board is considering revamping membership information packs. In the packs we'll be provided opportunity to welcome new AOs.
  - \* The new Board are very enthusiastic and already working very hard. Much has already been achieved in just a few short weeks, but there is a lot of work to keep us busy.
- Please contact me for further information or to discuss any of the above. Many of these issues will effect you as AO Competitors.**

## Fundraising Events are Ready to Roll!

Shirley has been working extremely hard to get our first round of fundraising efforts ready to go. We are hoping that our fund raising efforts will be used to help organize more AO camps & clinics, our High Point awards (hopefully saddle fingers crossed) and having some AO Shows.

**The Amateur Owner Raffle** - A prize pool of \$1000 has been split into vouchers from various retail stores (makes it easier to sell tickets to non-horsey people). 1<sup>st</sup> - \$500 Bunnings voucher, 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$300 Woolworths voucher, 3<sup>rd</sup> \$150 Coles/Myer voucher, 4<sup>th</sup> - \$50 Darrelea voucher. Tickets are included with this newsletter. If you require more please contact Shirley. We are hoping to sell as many as we can to help our Portfolio and our members.

**Trainer Services Auction** - Plans are underway to have a Trainer Services Auction. We would love to have trainers from different states offer their services to be auctioned off so that everyone gets a chance to bid on a trainer in their state. **WATCH THIS SPACE!!!**

**Fashion Showcase** - At the 2012 Nationals we are going to hold a Fashion Showcase where Western Pleasure Show Clothes designers/stores can present upcoming fashions/designs that cater for a range of budgets. I'm sure we could contact some of the stores in Tamworth and have some English Attire fashion as well! **\*News Flash\*** The Fashion Showcase now has support from the Board :)

**If you have any ideas or suggestions please contact one of us, we would love to hear from you!**

## Please find below Minutes of the AO Meeting held at the National Championships, Tuesday 6th March 2011

*Meeting opened 4:05pm*

Attendance: Shirley Sommer, Jeni Dennis, Adam Dennis, Jan Biddle, Kerry Derksen, Debbie Lindeberg, Shane Pigram, Leanne Prime, Lee Ann Hall, Megan Savill, Lisa Day, Nicole Broom, Jeffrey Hall, Suzie Bone, Rowena Wilcox, Helen Pigram, Kristy Trigg, Jo Ralston, Kim Lilly, Belinda Richardson, Kevin Mills, Grahme Savill, Bettina Gutschelhofer

1. Shirley Sommer opened the meeting as new AO Portfolio director and welcomed all present.
2. Shirley advised that the portfolio needs to raise around \$3000 to service amateur needs.
3. No minutes from last meeting were available but Megan Savill confirmed there were minutes presented to the office.
4. Megan then advised at the last AO meeting in 2010 an operation plan, raffle (holiday), trainers service auction and select AO classes were discussed.
5. Discussion was raised re: Sponsorship and split junior and senior AO classes.
6. Zone representatives were raised. At present there are no known Zone reps- Kevin Mills and Shirley believe reps are needed for better communication.
7. Jeff Hall mentioned the \$3k needed for portfolio and asked that it be explained what this is needed for. Shirley then explained that, High Point awards, buckles at state shows, clinics & Amateur camps were some expenses.
8. Discussion that funds may need to be increased.
9. Jan Biddle - raffle was suppose to be going ahead and was to be drawn at Qld State Show, approx cost \$1200. Raffle was put through BOD meeting (possibly mid 2010), not sure if it needs to be rescinded so that new raffle can be put through. It was discussed and decided that this raffle may not be viable given the time frame. Members agreed. Shirley to look into cancellation.
10. Members requested A/O account balance - Jeff left meeting and came back with \$3282.
11. An Email list was put together for communication.
12. Shirley suggested that an Amateur committee similar to AQHA would be a good idea. A show of hands indicated that all present agreed. Positions were put to the vote - Director/Treasurer: Shirley Sommer, President/ Megan Savill, Secretary/Publicity: Kerry Derksen, NSW rep: Kristy Trigg, QLD rep: Lisa Day, VIC rep: Leanne Prime.
13. Expression of interest for WA/SA/NT representative to be sought.
14. Shirley to find out up to date NSW gaming/racing rules, what items/funds are available for new raffle.
15. Ideas for show year August 2011 - 2012
  - \* Trainer auction - free training open auction, insurance, trainers across Australia, to be approved by BOD, Megan and Lee Ann Hall to put together a plan to be presented to the BOD.
  - \* Raffle - total prize pool of \$1000 in vouchers, tickets to be sold at \$2 each, quote to be obtained on printed tickets approx 200 books @ 20 tickets each (based on quote prices) to be drawn at Qld State Show 2011, mailed out to members ASAP. Bun-nings \$500, Woolies \$300 (Belinda Richardson works there and can get discount), Coles/Myers \$150, Darrelea Chocolates \$50
16. Profit from fund raising to be spent of AO camps, High Point awards, Nationals etc.
17. Lee Ann Hall - why don't we have a formal AO association (based on AQHA)? This to be discussed at a later date.
18. AO camps to be promoted in each state, approach clubs with \$300 ? given to affiliated clubs if OK by Board when funds available.
19. Shirley's vision for the portfolio is to see camps , clinics, Amateur feature shows in each State.
20. High Point ideas for 2012 awards - PHAA merchandise embroidered, trophy spurs, bridle bags.
21. Select AO 237 (H) rule change to be brought back to over 50 to be consistent. Everyone on in favour to change this age. Make end of year awards/honor roll? Lots of mixed responses to this, to be discussed again. Expressions of interest to be sought when renewals go out.
22. Junior and Senior AO classes - split classes for next year's nationals. Suggestions for next year, regular registry only.
23. National show 2012 - Fashion Showcase, invite traders to bring down their clothing lines (one free day of trading at AELEC), have a fashion show with entry fee, nibbles, glass of bubbly etc, ask traders to donate a shirt/item to be auctioned off to raise money. Fashion parade & competition were discussed.
24. Plan for this year:
  - \* Raffle to commence asap & drawn at QLD State show
  - \* trainers auction to proceed asap.
  - \* AO camps/ clinics
  - \* High Point Awards
  - \* Fashion Showcase scheduled for 2012 National Show.
25. Shirley & Jeff Hall notified the meeting that on the 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2011 the AAA, AQHA and PHAA are coming together to discuss Amateur owner rules.
26. Agreed to meet again at NSW state show and QLD state show.

*Meeting closed 6.15pm*

## Name the Newsletter Competition

As you can see our AO newsletter is without a name. The committee's creativity ran dry so we are asking you to lend us a hand. Put your thinking caps on and email your suggested newsletter name to Megan at [gmsavill@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gmsavill@optusnet.com.au)

In a couple of weeks time all suggestions will be considered by the Committee and a name chosen. The creator of the name will be presented a \$50 voucher.

So come on everyone - get your creative juices flowing! Surely a name can be found amongst the hundreds of PHAA AOs?!

**DATE CLAIMER!**  
**AO Meeting Dates**

**NSW State Show**

To be confirmed

**Qld State Show**

Friday, 22nd July

6.30pm

Under the cattle shed



Amateur Owner Program  
**AMATEUR OWNER UPDATE**

Well I hope you have enjoyed your first edition of the Amateur Owner Update. Keep an eye on your email "inbox" or the PHAA Website for future installments.

If you would like to share some news with other AOs, how about dropping a line & attaching a photo to me at [tillydude@gmail.com](mailto:tillydude@gmail.com)

Don't forget to contact Kerry at [tillydude@gmail.com](mailto:tillydude@gmail.com) to receive your Updates via email!

### CALL FOR HELP!

If there are any AO members that wish to represent WA, NT, SA or Tasmania can you please contact a committee member?

Thank you

### PHAA 2009-2010 Honour Roll Audit

as posted on the PHAA Website, 4 April 2011

Due to the motion that was voted in by the PHAA Members at the 2011 AGM

"The PHAA annual high point awards and Honor Roll awards for the show year 2009/2010 be suspended and withheld until such time as an audit has been conducted and any errors that are found have been corrected", the PHAA will be conducting an audit of the Honor Roll.

PHAA members who competed in the 2009-2010 Honor Roll year who believe their points are incorrect are invited to submit within 30 days queries or concerns so their individual points can be looked at for assessment. Closing date 4th May 2011.

Please forward any correspondence to Craig Dengate, PO Box 6103, Port Macquarie, NSW, 2444 or email [craigadengate@bigpond.com](mailto:craigadengate@bigpond.com)