ROSETTE SPRING 2021

Victorian Riding Pony Committee

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Welcome

To the Spring Edition of Rosette the E-Newsletter that's all about Riding Ponies with our focus on our Victorian Membership base.

Its been another crazy couple of months of unpredictable and unprecedented times. Shows have been planned and cancelled, events big and small run and postponed. It certainly isn't the 2021 we were expecting. This edition we look towards the next breeding season by showcasing our stallions at stud. We also celebrate our ponies and their celebrity connection to the ultimate prize in the Olympic games.

Yours Diane Jose Vice Chair & Editor.

Committee members hard at work:

L-R Chair Paul Dunstan, Tara Kirk and Federal Rep Greg Gerry

Message from the Chair

Dear Victorian Members,

I'm sure we were all expecting 2021 to be a better year than 2020, however this has not proven to be the case. Unfortunately the shows that are usually run at the end of the year, at this stage, will not bee able to proceed.

The foal show at Tatura in June was lucky to fall between lockdowns and the day was a wonderful social event for many. The committee had a sausage sizzle and kept everyone well fed.

The uncertainty that goes with COVID lockdowns and border closures forced us to cancel the Junior Clinic at the last minute. Tara Kirk had put in a lot of hard work to organise this event, however we are hoping to revisit this at a future date.

On a brighter note, we are now looking forward to 2022, and are planning to run Riding Pony rings at the Summer Horse Festival in January and rings at Barastoc in February 2022. Information will be circulated closer to these events.

I look forward to catching up with members at the next show.

Sincerely

Paul Dunstan.

Chairperson. Victorian RP Committee

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In the Beginning ……..

Ardenhall Royal Secret and Olympic Gold Medallist Charlotte Dujardin

In October 1991 at the Horse the Year Show at Wembley, Jane Dujardin said to me, “We will win that trophy for you.” The Dujardin Family had just seen their new purchase Ardenhall Royal Secret, affectionately know as Millie stand second and Reserve Champion on her debut there.

Little did I know I was to receive one of the most prestigious trophies awarded, twice, the beautiful bronze Bwlch Valentino trophy awarded to the breeder of the champion pony.

Breeding ponies was never planned. I had shown ponies with my father for years and he always felt you could buy a nice foal cheaper than breeding one! On his death I decided to try and find a bay filly to breed from. In 1985 I secured the three year old Woodview Karelia. She had been sold as a youngster to a well known stud but was offered back as they felt she may go overheight. To my good fortune she remained 12.2 and always bred to height.
I sent her to Joanne Amsels stud at Radway as she was standing the lovely Gunnerby Hallmark. A complete novice at breeding I hoped with the wealth of knowledge from my father and watching ponies over the years I may get a foal he “would have thought good enough to buy.”

The first foal was Ardenhall Miss Dior who was everything I could have hoped for, she herself leaving a most wonderful legacy, dam and grand dam of numerous champions. Karelia with foal at foot went in foal to Fairley Rembrandt. The resulting foal was a filly with a Wow Factor. Millie. Unfortunately Karelia was terribly ill with colic all that year and resulted in major surgery and Millie having to be weaned as a very young foal.

I produced her for a couple of foal shows. She was Supreme of show under Elizabeth Mansfield at the Cheshire Foal Show and went on to the West Midlands Foal Show at Stoneleigh to be RP champion.

I sold Millie to Joyce Newbery and she was sent to Ron and Debbie Thomas to be produced under saddle. In 1991 she was sold to the Dujardins and was still to be produced by Ron, Debbie and Cath. She stood either first or second from 1991 - 1997 at The Horse of The Year Show. She was Reserve twice and Champion twice in 1994 and 1997.

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Previously ridden by her sister Emma-Jayne, Charlotte Dujardin took over the reins and went on to win nearly every major championship and stand Champion in 1997 when Millie was retired from the show ring.

Producer Debbie reflects, " Charlotte was always a very determined, focused and competitive jockey with a great feel for riding. Millie was equally a fantastic performer with great presence, and always rose to the occasion. Together they were a magical team."

Show Judge Amanda Gomersall - "I first judged the combination of Charlotte Dujardin and Royal Secret at the New Forest County show in July 1996. They owned the ring as soon as they entered and didn't disappoint throughout the class. They delivered an excellent show, delivering 4 correct paces, showing cadence, presence and self-carriage. For the strip, Secret was one of few ponies you could just look at and not find a weakness, she was so correct and beautifully presented by her young jockey. It is the championship I remember best. Conditions were perfect, the going on a grass ring on a nice summers day. Charlotte really went for it, it took your breath away, they just floated around the ring. Charlotte had so much confidence in her partner and rode Secret to the limit. They were outstanding champions that day.

The next time I judged this combination was the following October at the Horse of the Year show. A very different venue, in the small tent on the Wembley carpark. I judged the performance section and set one of the first set shows. This involved a 7 – 10 strides of walk when changing rein in between the 2 canters. I was looking for correct schooling, a great walk, soft transitions and a rider / pony combination with a good rapport. As Charlotte now rides she learnt to ride for every mark. In the main arena for the championship Charlotte and Secret had the space to really show their beautiful paces. My co judge, Mrs A Barton, OBE., and I were unanimous in awarding them the championship and the 1997 Pony of the Year title. They were absolute credit to all the team who were in involved in their training and to Jane May for breeding such a beautiful pony".

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Charlotte reflects - Millie was an amazing mare having taken my sister Emma Jayne to go Champion at Wembley.

It was a great time taking over the reins and also taking the Champion Pony of the Year title with her too.

It gave me an insight to be able to show a horse off in an electric arena. Ultimately this gave me an understanding of ringcraft for my ongoing years in dressage.

Charlotte Dujardin and Ardenhall Royal Secret certainly made their mark and are affectionately remembered as pony and rider of the 90's. Charlotte talks of Millie with huge affection and the wonderful success she gave her.

Visiting Newmarket when Millie was put in quarantine was one of the hardest "goodbyes". She was sold to Australia. What a tremendous legacy she has left over there, and what a truly amazing partnership Charlotte and Millie had here.

Breeding continues in a very limited way now. I am hoping my three year old Ardenhall Miss Secret may go someway and emulate her relations' success. Produced by Cath and Jon Hughes Jones she too on her debut, was overall Champion In Hand…… I wonder what's ahead under saddle? Compiled by Jane May, Ardenhall Stud, UK.

SHOW RESULTS

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Riding Pony Foal Show June 2021

Ascot Jazz Party with Melanie McGuire-Muller and Judge Christine Chaffer

SUPREME RIDING PONY FOAL

Merivale Park Casanova BreederJudy Ivory Owner Debbie Dykes and Sue-Ellen Latham Handler Mitch Fox

SURPREME OTHER BREEDS

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Burnewang Diamonds and Roses Breeder/Owner Rosemary & Katrina Metherall Handler Mitch Fox Champion Show Pony Filly

Cantik Park All that Jazz Breeder/Owner Sandi Pearce Handler Nicole Touzel Champion Show Hunter Foal

STALLION FEATURE

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Beckworth Rising Command

SRA21083/04

Sire: Rendene Rising Sun (imp)

Dam: Royal Charm of Beckworth

13.1hh $1600 +GST Available via Natural

Owner: Prue Riddell- Beckworth Stud Ballan, Vic

Contact: Darren Telford 0405 201 232
whitmerestud@yahoo.com.au

STALLION FEATURE

Victorian Riding Pony Committee

Whitmere Secret Agent

SRA28770/10

Sire: Colbeach Spleandour (imp)

Dam: LJS Keeping Secret

13.1hh $1575.00 Available via Natural, Chilled and frozen

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Ballan, Vic

STALLION FEATURE

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Kolbeach Holly's Gold

SRA30076/13

Sire: Fernleigh Fine Print

Dam: Holly Of Springtime (imp)

14.1hh $1575.00 LFG Available via Natural, Chilled and frozen

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Sire Dresden Ace of Spades

Dam Shadows of Rathowen

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Alpine Park Royal Glance

SRA32746/13

Sire: Willowcroft First Glance

Dam: Willowcroft Royal Ballet

13.3hh $600 +GST Available via Natural

Owner: Diane Proctor

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Llanarth Topcat (IMP)

SRA32740/13

Photo Credit Julie Wilson.

Sire: Cusop Dimension (UK)

Dam: Carolinas Pussycat (dec) (UK)

13.2hh $1650 which includes non-refundable booking fee of $440. Available via Natural Cover and restricted to mares up to 14.2hh.

Owners: Kerry & Paul Dunstan Tynong North, Victoria

Contact: Kerry Dunstan 0408107565

He is a brilliant mover and has an incredible nature.

Limited bookings available

Pic of Malibu Park Tip Top ridden by Tahlia Young taken by Angie Rickard

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Pendley Gold Cup (imp)

SRA17122/99

Sire: Camargue Tribute

Dam: Pendley Loving Cup

Service Fee: $1,300

12.2hh

Ballan, Vic

Owner: Terry & Leonie Walsh

Contact: Darren Telford

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