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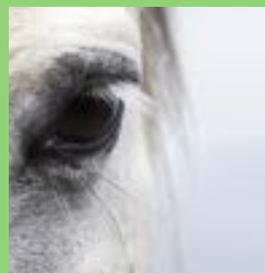
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Welcome to the 9th issue of the Percheron Horse Breeders Association of Australia newsletter.

It's been an exciting start to 2016 with the PHBAA sponsoring a number of shows and record numbers of quality Percherons attending these shows in led, working, saddle and harness events. Congratulations to all on the high standard of presentation and showmanship exhibited with many commenting on the friendly atmosphere and camaraderie of shows. (Results of recent shows and images starting Pg 6)

Mr Kelvin Quinn of Boonara View Percherons is an avid supporter of the Percheron breed. Kelvin has recently stepped down as a committee member of the PHBAA and we would like to thank him for his contribution to the committee and ongoing support of the association over the years.

The PHBAA will once again hold a breed stand in the Horse Breeds Expo at this year's Royal Queensland Show. Any members who can spare some time to help setup and man the stand or assist with breed demonstrations please contact Kirsty at registrar@percheron.com.au

Thanks to those who have submitted content for the newsletter, If you have any content for our next newsletter please feel free to submit it!

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Cover Pic: Sydney Royal Easter Show 2016 'Best Percheron Exhibit' -

Ballara Donatella (Daniki Diamond x Ballara Le Roi)

Exhibited by Peter Devenish and Polly Devine .

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NEWSTEAD SOUTH PASTORAL COMPANY



Newstead Percheron 18 horse team delving bore drains at "Jens Lagoon" Bellata NSW circa 1960.

As a young man in the late 50's I was indentured as an apprentice at the Naval Dockyard Garden Island in Sydney Harbour. One of my peer group, whom I palled up with, was a country lad whose father managed a very substantial sheep station at Goulburn NSW called "Tirana". Originally 8k+ acres with it's own racecourse, rail siding, three substantial residences, one being Belong House and a cemetary, but by then down to 3k acres. The property had been settled by, and is still owned by the Gibson family.

I spent a lot of time there at weekends and vacation times. I was seriously into riding at the time and had two TB hacks transported from Sydney to Tirana. Also assisting in farming and working the sheep and cattle.

The owners of "Tirana" were in residence and operating another property in the New England District. On Wednesday 17Mar16, the week after the Percheron judging, we went back to the Sydney Royal Easter Show, Margaret to work in the CWA Tea Rooms and me to fill in time, as I had a hospital appointment at Sydney the following day. In the Arts pavilion, set up was a display of silver and silverplate trophies dating back to the inaugural show. A lady in attendance asked if I was enjoying the show. During our conversation it came up that she had lived at Tirana and before that at "Newstead". My response was, Newstead Pastoral Company to which she, Ms. Jane Gibson, confirmed that that was correct.

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Mrs. Elwyn Park and other members of the Percheron fraternity attended the dispersal sale at "Newstead South" in 1975 at which most of it's stock of Percherons were sold off. In the Stud Book, Vol.1 and 3, Elwyn details some history of the acquisition of Percherons by Newstead.

"First recorded purchase by J.S. Anderson, Newstead South Pastoral Company, Inverell NSW, was Kadlunga Trump No.96 in 1937, although it is understood that Newstead had Percherons prior to this. Then followed purchases from "Foxlow", with the imported mare Monarchs Beauty, Foxlow Lady Elvina (R.29), F. Lady Doll (R.34), F. Bluebelle No. 63, F. Cloud No. 68, F. Storm No. 67, F. Hail No. 01 and F. Dusty No. 02 (both unbranded foals), F. Lady Pearl (R.14), F. Lady Unity (R.3), F. Lady Blake (R.4), F. Lady Kesako (R.7), and F. Lady Larue (R. 8), (Note: 1. BPHS Reg. 2. Foxlow - F.B.S. Falkiner Stud at Bungendore).

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On 13th May, 1952 the complete acquisition of the NSW Dept. of Agriculture Percheron Stud at Wagga Wagga NSW further expanded "Newstead's" breeding strength. This purchase included the imported stallion Kilham Commando (B.012) foaled 21.4.1942 by Birdsell Gracchus (B.699) from the French mare (b.1511) Impenne, together with the imported mare, (B.2197) Kilham Jou Jou, bred by Sir Alfred L. Goodson, Bart, England with her colt foal by Kilham Commando, State Viking (R.47) and the imported mare, (B.23561) Histon Madeline 3rd together with State Naomi No. 102, S. Yvonne No. 103, S. Ruth No. 104, and S. Zenith No. 105."

As some members will know the Newstead sale was the genesis of the Association which then brought together a small group of enthusiasts to be a national association that has provided horses for agriculture, commercial operations, police service, sporting activities including an Olympic Gold winner at two Olympic Games and leisure activities.

Jane Gibson kindly provided the photos shown below of a Newstead Percheron 18 horse team and outriders also riding Percherons, delving bore drains at "Jens Lagoon" Bellata NSW circa 1960. I am sure you will join me in thanking Jane Gibson for filling another piece of history of the breed and those who made the history. Bellata is on the Newell Highway south of Moree.

Charles Watson ~ 27th April, 2016



Warwick Show 2016 - Queensland



GRAND CHAMPION PERCHERON- Cobigan Elodie

WARWICK SHOW RESULTS 19-20TH MARCH 2016

Percheron Filly – 2 Years & Under

1st: Boonara View Emilia - Genevieve Freer

Percheron Mare – 3 Years & Over

1st: Cobigan Elodie - Cobigan Draught Horses

2nd: Olney Park Gloria - Highnoon Heavy Horses

3rd: Aabaron's Accordance -Katie Snelson

Percheron Gelding – any age

1st: Highnoon Midnight Rambler - Highnoon Heavy Horses

**GRAND CHAMPION PERCHERON-
Cobigan Elodie - Cobigan Draught Horses**

RESERVE CHAMPION PERCHERON -
Olney Park Gloria- Highnoon Heavy Horses



**RESERVE CHAMPION
PERCHERON
Olney Park Gloria**



Boonara View Charlotte



Helen Perry driving Cobigan Juliette



Above - Katie Nelson riding Aabaron's Accordance



Boonara View Alla

At Right - Genevieve Freer working Kamilaroi Zircon



Photos courtesy of Kirsty McKenna



Gatton Clydesdale and Heavy Horse Festival 2016



Photo Credit; TJ McCoombes Photography

Supreme Champion Percheron - Aabaron's Accordance exhibited by Katie Snelson

RESULTS 30th April - 1st May 2016

EVENT 7 – Led Percherons

Special Award – Best Presented Percheron & Handler

1. 5 – Aabaron's Accordance
2. 147 – Aabaron's Tapestry
3. 25 – Boonara View Degas
4. 20 – Cobigan Jester

Class 4 – Appendix registered Male

(having 50% or more Percheron blood)

1. 20 – Cobigan Jester

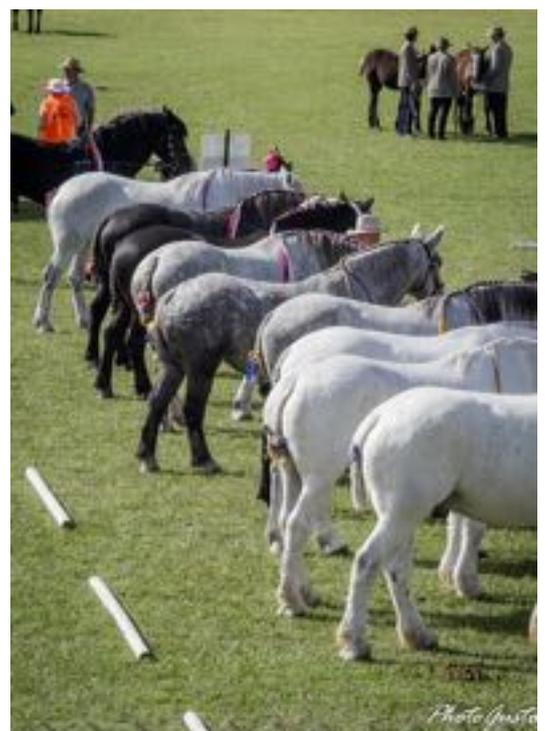
Class 5 – Appendix Registered Female

(having 50% or more Percheron blood)

1. 107 – Boonara View Emma
2. 21 – Boonara View Abby

Class 6 – Champion and Reserve Champion Appendix registered Percheron.

CHAMPION 107 Boonara View Emma
RESERVE CHAMPION 20 – Cobigan Jester



Best Presented Percheron Class

Photo Credit; Photogusto

Class 7 – Stallion over 3 under 4 years

1. 154 – Rosehill Park Starboy Bell

Class 8 – Stallion 4 years and over

1. 176 – Rosehill Park Captain Starbell

Class 9 – Champion and reserve Champion Stallion

CHAMPION 176 – Rosehill Park Captain Starbell

Class 10 – Mare over 3 and under 4 years.

1. 55 – Cobigan Destinee
2. 22- Boonara View Charlotte
3. 103 – Cobigan Elodie

Class 12 – Dry Mare 4 years and over

1. 5 – Aabaron’s Accordance
2. 109 – Kamilaroi Zircon
3. 69 – Cobigan Juliette
4. 24 – Boonara View Alla

Class 13 – Champion and Reserve Champion Mare

CHAMPION 5 – Aabaron’s Accordance

RESERVE CHAMPION 109 – Kamilaroi Zircon

Class 14 – Colt under 1 year

1. 71 – Cobigan Gerard

Class 16 -Colt over 2 and under 3 years

1. 25 – Boonara View Degas

Class 17 – Junior Champion and Reserve Champion Colt

CHAMPION 25 – Boonara View Degas

RESERVE CHAMPION 71 – Cobigan Gerard

Class 18–Filly under 1 year

1. 75 – Cobigan Cleopatra

Class 19 – Filly over 1 and under 2 years

1. (2nd) 110 – Boonara View Emelia

Class 21 – Junior Champion and Reserve Champion Filly

CHAMPION 75 – Cobigan Cleopatra

RESERVE CHAMPION Reserve Not Awarded

Class 22 – Supreme Champion Percheron

SUPREME CHAMPION – 5 – Aabaron’s Accordance



Dry Mare 4yrs and Over - 1st and 2nd
Photo Credit; Kirsty McKenna



Boonara View Alla
Photo Credit;TJ McCoombes Photography



Rosehill Park Captain Starbell &
Boonara View Degas
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Boonara View Degas
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Best Presented Percheron Class - Photo Credit;TJ McCoombes Photography



Boonara View Abby
Photo Credit;TJ McCoombes Photography



Boonara View Emma
Photo Credit;Kirsty McKenna



Aabaron's Tapestry in Fancy Dress Class
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Draught Horse Derby Photo Credit;TJ McCoombes Photography



Cobigan Jester
Photo Credit;BMA Photo Imaging



Aabaron's Accordance showjumping
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Cobigan Antoinette in harness
Photo Credit;TJ McCoombes Photography



Cobigan Draught Horses competing in ploughing arena
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Special Thanks to our Generous Photographers for the use of these images!

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WA Heavy Horse Spectacular 2016

Despite the rain, the inaugural WA Heavy Horse Spectacular was a great success. The event was held at the Kojonup Showgrounds on 26-28th March.

The PHBAA sponsored classes in this event with Champion Percheron being awarded to Boonara View Dora - exhibited by Jimblebar Percherons.

Congratulations to Liz, Lindsay and crew on their lovely presentation and a successful weekend.



Boonara View Dora

Photo Credit: Liz Benwell



Purchasing a Percheron

Dr Helen Perry & Dr Christine Perry, Veterinarians
Cobigan Draught Horses

In the past year or so a number of situations have been presented to the Registrar, where new owners of Percheron horses have purchased a horse in good faith only to find that the animal is not as they had expected. It maybe that a “registered” horse was not purebred. It also has occurred more than once that a colt registration had not been upgraded to stallion registration. This requires DNA to be obtained from both parents which may not be possible as well as a soundness certificate which includes a minimum height.

The same applies to mare owners using a Percheron stallion. If you wish to breed a purebred then the stallion must be registered as such. To be registered with the PHBAA then a purebred stallion must be DNA parentage verified as well as have a veterinary soundness certificate.



Registration is simply a recording of pedigree. This is confirmed in the case of many horses by DNA typing. The association has also had DNA tests not confirm the parentage on the registration application which is why it is important to ensure that the horse you are purchasing is fully registered prior to purchase.

Now, let's face it, if the horse you buy is the horse you want then it doesn't really matter about the paperwork it comes with, but it does affect what you may be able to do with it. If you buy a horse with an intention to breed to a specific standard or enter a particular type of class then the registration is very important.

The things to look for when buying a Percheron should start with suitability of purpose. If you want a trail riding horse then an 18hh purebred stallion is unlikely to be the horse for you, for a multitude of reasons. If you want a stud foundation then pedigree and registration papers are of primary importance and the above mentioned stallion maybe perfect.

Then comes soundness and lack of serious conformation faults. There is no perfect horse and for trail riding, an older partbred with a little joint swelling may be the perfect horse but you wouldn't choose him for eventing. Some things, like being pigeon toed, will not affect soundness but in a purebred would probably be more serious than in a part-bred gelding.

Colour seems to be the first criteria for a lot of horse buyers at the moment as can be seen by the number of coloured part-bred heavy horses being offered for sale on various sites. This means that things like temperament, soundness, hereditary conditions etc are possibly being considered on a secondary basis. A good horse is never a bad colour and vice versa and many people have a colour preference but if it's your first consideration you may end up with a horse that doesn't or can't do what you purchased it for.

Budget is another important consideration. Breeding purebred horses with good

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Purchasing a Percheron ... cont'd from pg 12

...pedigrees (ie parents with good performance records give depth of breeding) costs more in original investment and commitment from the breeder than just breeding your own stallion over your own mares for generations. When looking to buy a horse you may occasionally get a bargain but most often price is determined by market and people who do their research will soon come to understand that buying a well bred horse from a reputable breeder is more likely to give you the horse you expect than a bargain from the auctions.

The main thing is to get information. Talk to many people including the breed association. A horse seller is going to always accentuate the positives. Don't buy on impulse and do your research. Go to the shows, talk to people you know who have horses from the breeder and if possible view other horses of theirs and ideally your horses relatives. We have been to places where the show horses are fat and shiny and the poor breeding stock are neglected (and I don't mean just a bit of itch or a little thin after weaning a foal). This is not acceptable and probably means the people involved are not particularly ethical.

Percheron horses are wonderful animals but there are good and bad in any breed and there are horses that will suit one person and not another. Do your research but get your information from as many sources as possible. We strongly recommend a full vet check on all purchases and/or take as many experienced friends or trainers as you can to see the horse. If you cannot view the horse yourself, only accept continuous video of the horse being caught, floated, tied up, ridden, harnessed etc as there is no point in having the best show horse in the world if you can't travel it or catch it...

Membership applications, transfer applications and bill of sale forms are available for download from our website;

www.percheron.com.au

Feel free to contact us if you have any queries about a horse or it's registration

PHBAA Merchandise For Sale

	<p>A. Baseball Caps S-M, L-XL \$15.00 B. Polo Shirts Sizes S – 2XL \$15.00 C. Lapel or Hat Badge 2 styles \$ 7.00 D. Silver or Brass Bookmarks \$12.00 E. Brass Brooches \$12.00 F. Silver Brooches \$15.00 G. Gunmetal Pendants \$25.00</p>		
A.	<p>To order simply email your order to registrar@percheron.com.au</p>	B.	D.
		C.	E/F

PERCHERONS ABROAD:

The Stadler Company Austria

The Stadler Company was founded by former jockey and World Cup weightlifting Champion, Oswald Stadler after retiring from competition.

Oswald has always been interested in the forestry industry and fascinated by the strength and grace of the Percheron, he combined both to start a logging business in Austria. He is contracted to remove timber from steep slopes and heavy ground where machinery may not necessarily gain access.

Being a family business Oswald works alongside his son, Benedikt to train and work their stallions Antonof and Cesy both in the forest and pulling wagons for parades and festivals. The horses work in open bridles and predominantly by voice, rarely using reins.

“Most of the time life in the mountains is hard, but The Stadler Company is harder... much harder!”

Oswald Stadler

visit www.the-stadler-company.com





ROYAL QUEENSLAND SHOW 2016

5th - 14th August

Percheron Led, Ridden and Working Classes

Sunday

7th August



The PHBAA will once again be exhibiting in the Horse Breeds Expo
It would be greatly appreciated if any members could spare some time to assist
in manning the stand and helping promote our wonderful breed!

Please contact Kirsty with your availability - registrar@percheron.com.au