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The Christmas Edition



Pictured David Shaw, President - Charles Watson & Registrar - Elwyn Park at the 2011 Brisbane Ekka

Welcome to the Xmas 2011 edition of the newsletter.

With the year rapidly coming to a close, it is time to look back at 2011 as it has been an eventful year. Our AGM saw the election of some new faces on the Committee, and the new Committee is trying its best to be proactive and progressive to provide the very best for our members.

The stand at the Brisbane Ekka this year was a great success and I would like to thank Margaret Watson, Elwyn Park, Peter Cahill, Dr Anna Cameron, Alix Blundell, Fiona Sheehy, Michael Boughey, Gary & Shirley Appleby, Karen Foran and the Kamilaroi Equestrian Team for helping to make the Horse Breeds Expo such a success.

Semen from three outstanding French stallions has been successfully imported to Australia and two other stallions have been kindly offered to Australian breeders. I would also like to thank Fiona Sheehy of *Jötunheim Percherons*, Edward Dorman and David Shaw of *Ballara Farm Percherons* for all their hard work in getting the semen to Australia.

This is a very significant event in that three new bloodlines have been added to the Australian gene pool with the possibility of further additions in the near future.

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On behalf of the Committee I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our members and readers a peaceful, festive season and a prosperous New Year.

Charles Watson
PHBAA PRESIDENT



Where does one begin; to describe the trip of a lifetime? The Château in which we stayed in rural France; the hospitality and generosity of the owners of the horses that were made available for the Kamilaroi Team to use, to display upon during the Congress, the continued assistance of the organisers of the event; the wonderful food, the beautiful countryside; I could just go on and on!

Karen, Wayne and Alice Foran, Priscilla Morley and I flew to France (via. a stopover in Kuala Lumpur). In Paris, we met up with Emily Foran (who had flown in from America) and Fiona Sheehy, who had flown in from the UK. Tess Ferguson and her mother Carol and Samantha and Rebecca Harbulot, with their mother Robyn, completed the Australian contingent. We stayed at the beautiful *Château de Couplehaut*.

For nine days before the event we travelled to Elevage du grand Prainville where Sylvie Martz Albert, "*Du Prainville*" and Eric Albert, "*d'Albe*" made available, a pair of beautiful part American mares that they principally use in harness for their tourist operations, in public, for tours throughout the estate, weddings, etc. and for racing (Yes! Percherons are raced in France). These two, the girls trained on, to produce the Pas de Deux etc. built into the performances.

Roy and Jane Cutts, (immigrants from the UK three years ago) "Lakes Percherons" supplied their Pure Bred Black Gelding, "Lakes Titan" and within the nine days of

training, even though he had never been out in public and minimally ridden, progressed, to carrying the team during the day and night performances under lights. Testimony to the temperament of the Percheron Breed when one considers the length of time usually taken to achieve the level that was required for the planned display.

During training there was constant media attention, with promotion almost daily in Local and National newspapers and TV. *M. Jean-Leo Dugast*, an exceptional photojournalist (of Percheron Horses in particular), also visited and filmed the activities. Blog:- <http://percheron-international.blogspot.com>

The theme for the Displays was Australian with us all wearing our "Kamilaroi" Shirts and or Oilskins, carrying the "Kamilaroi" Logo on the front pocket and the latter also having the Southern Cross and Australian Team on the cape. These alone, created a great deal of positive comment from delegates from other countries and the general public.

The Display, twice on Saturday and once on Sunday and always in the VIP Ring, commenced with Emily & Priscilla entering, carrying large Australian Flags, to the strains of *Waltzing Matilda* sung by Fiona, followed by the girl's Pas de Deux with the Vaulters, Tess, Sam and Bec; with Karen entering with Titan to start the Vaulting Display, followed by Emily and Priscilla (after a quick change) to complete the team. The girls' unitards were of Lycra in Gold,

Green, Cerise, Red and Aqua with each depicting an Australian Animal in Sequin outline on the front – Kangaroo, Green Frog, Platypus, Frilled Neck Lizard and Dolphin. Quite spectacular! The whole display took half an hour with backing of Australian Music and ended with the song, *We Are Australian*. Comments such as, "Come and look at this!" "These are the best" etc. could be heard around the ring as the crowd gathered and there was always, standing room only.

After the final night performance the girls distributed a number of small Australian Flags and Souvenir Koalas, to the delight of the crowd.

The SHPF presented Karen and Priscilla, the girls, Fiona and I with a plaque for the Association, commemorating the event, and quilted red saddle cloths with *PERCHERON* embroidered across one corner.

The hospitality of Eric, Sylvie, Roy, Jane and Virginia Kouyoumdjian (Consultant with SHPF, whom I had met and travelled with on my visit two years ago) was superlative. The magnificent meals, delightful dialogue; more fluent when Virginia was present to translate, but never the less enjoyable, with much laughter at our endeavours to understand each other. There were repeated visits to Sylvie's "friend", a French/English Dictionary when words became too difficult.

We could never duplicate such a wonderful experience.

To be continued...



Photo: Jean-Léo DUGAST



Pictured: Making an entrance, Emily Foran and Priscilla Morley



Photo: Virginia Kouyoumdjian



Photo: Virginia Kouyoumdjian



Photo: Sylvie Martz-Albert



Photo: Jean-Léo DUGAST

Above: SHPF Secretary, Catherine Manceau with some of the trophies on display



I couldn't resist the opportunity to tell you about France. As you will be aware from Elwyn's article a large group of us travelled over to France for *Mondial* this year.

Elwyn and I travelled at the invitation of the *Société Hippique Percheron de France (SHPF)* through the contacts I have made over the past three years (yes I have been nagging them for a long time now). None of this would have been possible without *Catherine Manceau* and *Virginia Kouyoumidjan* of the *SHPF* and the wonderful people from *Elevage du Grand Prainville* and *Lakes Percherons* with their invitation to ride some fantastic horses that they had bred and worked.

Living with nine alpha females, one Wayne and a fairy (Alice) was never going to be a quiet holiday but it certainly was an experience. But Elwyn has already told you all about the girls so I am here to tell you about some of the other wonderful, incredible, fun things Elwyn and I got to do as breeders.

Normandy was fantastic, the horses were beautiful, the country was amazing and the people have to be some of the nicest and most welcoming in the world. Everywhere we went we were welcomed into people's homes, to their tables and into their families. Even with less than perfect language it was

easy to see and understand their wry humor. I never knew what a great sense of humor the French have. As mentioned it is a quiet, subtle humor (well mostly - Men from le Perche do refer to themselves as Percherons and theoretically believe themselves as well endowed as any etalon I did not however put this to the test myself). The French were quiet, capable and hard working, scrupulously honest people who will not suffer a fool (the local Farrier had over 300 percherons to shoe in the week leading up to *Mondial*. He was met with awe and appreciation from the Australian contingent and wasn't hard on the eyes either).

The English imports we met were a treasure and a relief to find (they helped us immensely and I am sure we provided plenty of entertainment for them) but I will speak more about *Roy* and *Jane Cutts* and of course *Sylvie* and *Eric Albert* in other articles

On the Friday before *Mondial* there was an international conference of breeders that boasted representative Percheron breeders from all over the world: France, England, Ireland, Italy, Germany, South Africa, Japan, Brazil, America and Canada. This was a fantastic opportunity to hear ideas from all over the world and to meet people with a common inter-

est in the Percheron. In Europe horse drawn industries are very much seen as the ecologically sound way of the future they truly believe the peak oil is upon us and that we stand at the brink of change.

Part One – The Percheron Horse – An exceptional partner in sustainable Development

Dr Miles Frankel was the chairman of the conference and hales from the Emerald Isle (gorgeous man who is cursed with a smaller castle than his son J) Miles has been importing Percheron horses into Ireland since 1995. He uses his horses for work on his 60 hectare organic farm, *Kilbrack*. He is the ex-president of the *British Percheron Horse Society* and remains on the council. He is the chairman of the *Irish Working horse Association*. *Dr Frankel* spoke about peak oil and the use of biodiesel as an un-economical solution to fuel shortages where more energy is expended on the production process than can be realised with the use of this fuel. He spoke about the use of Percheron for Market gardening and his horses and the Irish team went on to win the ploughing competition at *Mondial 2011*.

Christine Salle was the second



Fiona riding the magnificent black stallion, *Guerci's J'Adore* owned by Italian Dressage Rider, Simonetta Ferrarin.

Speaker; Christine was the poster girl for Mondial and is one of the best female teamsters in France. She uses her Percherons in a successful logging business. The use of Heavy Horses in forest harvesting in Europe is becoming more popular and is considered much more beneficial to the environment where there is not wholesale destruction of undergrowth and heavy wastage as is seen when trucks and heavy machinery are used. Christine spoke about her work and about how what she does is only possible with many teams to work together to meet the deadlines. She also spoke about the satisfaction and camaraderie of her work and that she and the teams she works with are able to

compete with mechanized crews. Demand for horse logging continues to expand and now includes municipalities and groups of local authorities and the Office National des Forêts (the National Forests Office).

The third speaker was *Mr Oronce De Beler*, a wine maker and a user of Percheron horses. He also makes ploughs for use in vineyards under the brand EQUIVINUM. *Mr de Beler* was a very exciting speaker, he spoke about working in vineyards as the fastest growing area of demand for the Percheron horse. The Percheron is used as a remedy to soil compaction – in a process called decavaillonnage (ploughing between the vines and

hoeing what is missed by the plough).

Mr de Beler told us that in France it costs around 80 euros an hour to use a mechanised crew and about 70 euros an hour to use a horse crew. Very little difference in the cost of labor the benefits for the vineyard were realised in the lack of soil compaction from the use of horses and he spoke of an increase in yield of about 20% in the first year which led to a 2 million euro profit. He said that this was a small amount of money in American terms but that it was a significant amount in France – I could only agree with him there.

The fourth speaker *Jean-Louis Cannele* was a welcome last minute addition. He actually specializes in working the *Franc-Comtois*, and he was a passionate speaker. He reiterated the idea that peak oil was here and that it is imperative that we retain our heavy horse breeds because they are the way of the future. He emphasized that all heavy horse breeders should work together and the need for standardisation of everything related to the work horse. Alone we are like candle in the night but together we are like a mighty fire.

The second part of the conference was devoted to the Percheron horse of tomorrow and how to create a horse well suited to market demands.

Mr Robert Black from *Ryan Day Percherons* of Canada spoke about the Ontario Foal Futurity Program. In North America the foal futurity program is a mechanism in place to evaluate excellence in horses. Young horse are registered for foal futurity and then evaluated over several years. *Mr Black* also spoke about the financial side of the futurity project where half of the sale price of a

foal is surrendered up to the project which then allows for the huge prize money available for successful horses.

Elwyn Park of Kamilaroi Percherons in Australia then spoke about the history of the Percheron horse in Australia and a little about her own breeding practices. Elwyn was invited to speak at this conference which was a huge honor for her and one that she took on with due gravity and some reluctance. I hope all PHBAA members are proud of her because she certainly did a wonderful job. I could not think of a better representative with more knowledge and integrity and while I may be biased, she certainly was the star of the speakers. She spoke well and managed to convey the importance of the Percheron in Australian history, as well as some of its beauty and uniqueness in this country. She did this with lots of charm, Aussie country directness and no small amount of bravery.

The final speaker was *Marion Lhote* from the *SHPF* and spoke for the need for mutual recognition of Percheron stud books across the world based on an international uniform breed standard.

With a view to closer co-operation with the holders of the Percheron stud books, *The French National Stud* and the *SHPF* have started work on an agreement for the mutual recognition of stud books. *Marion Lhote* of the National Stud and *Jean-Jacques Leon* who is Registrar for the *SHPF* will present a model of this agreement and create a forum to discuss this matter.

Mondial was Percheron heaven and we as guest representatives were feted and celebrated and welcomed. We also went on a VIP bus tour out to French breeders.

Elwyn and I went to a number of cocktail parties, a wonderful dinner and a gallery opening.

We have met some amazing people who will be friends for life and had the fantastic opportunity to hear so many different stories from

many people from across the world who feel the same way about Percheron horses that we do.

French horses were not better than Australian Percherons but for a relatively new breeder like myself it was the opportunity to meet like minded people, to realise that we can help each other and that we need to become more of an international community. The English, the Americans and definitely the French all wish to forge closer ties with Australian breeders they want to know what is happening here see our pictures and

be told our stories. The future is wonderful and we have been invited to take part in a global Percheron family.

Next time I am going learn more French, visit more breeders, ride more horses (there is a certain black stallion waiting to be ridden in Italy), hire my own car and GPS and organise accommodation at the *Haras du Pin* for *Mondial* so I can take up that invitation to sing with the Irish.

Fiona Sheehy



“Stallion in a Box”

Semen Freezing For Breeding and Preservation

Article by Ann Egan, North Point Farm L.L.C.



Ann with “Windermere’s Wincredible”

Successful cryopreservation of semen (frozen semen) was first performed in the early 20th century with bull semen and is extensively and successfully used in the cattle industry today. The first pregnancy resulting from frozen stallion semen actually occurred in 1957 in the US, when spermatozoa were taken from a stallion's epididymis, frozen, thawed and inseminated into a mare. Interest has rapidly grown to transform equine semen cryopreservation throughout the world into a successful industry.

When we opened our equine semen lab in early 2011, many people contacted us to ask about the use of frozen semen and our experiences. We have been quick to tell anyone who asks that if we could breed all our mares using frozen semen, we would as, frozen semen is quite simply, easier for us for a number of reasons.

Almost everyone also asks about the success of frozen semen in getting mares pregnant. Here at North Point Farm, we understand that conception is king and if we, or a client has a mare who

does not become pregnant, valuable time and money has been wasted. Our own experiences here at the farm have been tremendously successful using frozen semen.

When we purchased our stallion “Wincredible” in early 2011, we were told that he could not be collected or shipped. Having heard this story one too many times about various stallions, we decided that as soon as he arrived from Canada, we would attempt to collect him. We felt confident that he could be collected and that we wouldn't have any issues with him. To hedge our bets, we also made arrangements for “Win” to stand live cover in Michigan for the 2011 breeding season. In order to send him to Michigan and still be able to use him on our own mares, which is one of the reasons that we purchased him, we decided that we would not only collect semen, we would freeze it for our own use later in the 2011 breeding season.

A week after “Win” arrived; we collected him with no issues at all and tested the semen. The

results on that first collection were excellent and a batch of semen was frozen from another collection a week later. Later in the breeding season, this frozen semen was used to impregnate mares here on our farm, with a 100% success rate getting those mares in foal. Which again brings us back to why frozen semen, and why it has become our favorite method of breeding our mares.

The greatest advantage to the use of frozen semen probably belongs to the stallion owner. However, both mare and stallion owners have reasons to benefit from its availability. Reasons for the use of frozen semen include: -

- Frozen semen is insurance against injury or death of the stallion.
- Frozen semen allows international shipment of semen, thereby enhancing the equine gene pool in all countries.
- Horses from different hemispheres can be bred even during the stallions "off" season. This may represent an additional source of income to the stallion owner.

- The stallion's show schedule need not be interrupted for semen collection
- Overuse of the stallion is minimized since most freezing is performed after the breeding season. Frozen semen can also be used to prevent a stallion from being overbooked on a particular day.
- The use of frozen semen prevents low fertility due to heat stress in the summer months since semen can be preserved at a different time of year.
- Frozen semen may allow a stallion with behavioral problems to be gelded.
- Frozen semen allows for stallion breeding without interruption due to lameness, illness or loss of breeding soundness.
- Frozen semen prevents loss of your breeding stallion, allowing you to continue his lineage for a limited / extended time.
- More precise timing of insemination becomes possible because semen may be shipped many days prior to ovulation and thus, be available for insemination at the optimal time. This eliminates emergency collections and ensuing anxiety that semen may not arrive in time to cover ovulation.
- Frozen semen allows you to sell the stallion but retain semen for your own use after the sale.
- Delays in Customs for international shipment or due to airline difficulties do not affect the viability of the frozen semen.
- With fresh cooled semen, collection and shipment fees can run as high as \$250 or greater/shipment and often more than one shipment may be requested for a single heat.

Finally, frozen semen offers the same advantages as fresh cooled transported semen in that it:

- Allows the ability to breed to

any stallion regardless of distance.

- Eliminates the transportation and board fees to the mare owner at the stud farm, an increasingly expensive proposition.
- Frozen semen reduces the possibility of injury to both mare and stallion.
- Frozen semen reduces management of the "difficult breeder", i.e. a mare that does not show heat or stand for a stallion.
- Frozen semen reduces the chance of intrauterine infection since gross contamination is removed at the time of collection and antibiotics are added to the semen freezing media.
- Frozen semen reduces the chance of infection to the stallion.

Of course, like anything else, there are disadvantages to the use of frozen semen and these include:-

- There is remarkable variability in the ability of stallion spermatozoa to withstand the freezing and thawing process.
- There is initial expense involved for the stallion owner which some consider a bit on the expensive side. However, frozen semen is actually quite cost effective when compared over a breeding season to other methods of breeding.
- The number of capable inseminators continues to grow; however, it can be a source of frustration to both mare and stallion owners in finding an individual who is both willing and trained to use frozen semen.

The single greatest factor affecting the fertility of frozen-thawed semen is the stallion. Thirty five percent of stallions are "good freezers"; forty-five percent are "moderate freezers" and; twenty percent are "unsatisfactory

freezers".

The age of the stallion does have an effect on sperm cell output as, the younger the horse, the fewer the number of sperm cells. Sperm cell production reaches its peak at between nine and sixteen years of age. When considering if you should freeze your stallion's semen, it is wise to consider if you will own the stallion when he reaches this age and his sperm cell production is at its peak. The best time to collect and freeze your stallion's sperm cells? Between ages five and fifteen years has been shown to be the best age to freeze. If a stallion is younger than three, there are generally not enough sperm cells to justify the cost of freezing the sperm cells.

Stallion semen freezing for domestic marketing; i.e., in the United States, can be frozen anytime of the year. Stallions will produce the greatest numbers of sperm cells, and therefore the largest number of straws per collection, during late spring and early summer, however most stallions' semen is frozen during the fall and winter due to their show and breeding schedules.

While farms all handle the freezing of semen in their own way, we have found a way that works well for us and that is the procedure that will be shared here.

Dead spermatozoa accumulate in the reproductive tract of the stallion when he is not bred or collected every few days. Therefore, these dead sperm must be "flushed out" during the week before freezing to ensure optimal quality of the semen to be frozen. Also at this time, several cultures of the reproductive tract are taken, and examined for potential pathogenic growth in order to determine appropriate antibiotics for the freezing media. Basic semen evaluations are performed during this preparatory

week in order to evaluate sperm number (concentration) and motility. In addition, this week allows stallions to become familiar with semen collection methods, thereby reducing the semen variability when collecting for a freeze.

Stallions must be tested for Equine Viral Arteritis (EVA) within a month of freezing or owners must furnish proof of vaccination following a negative titer. Here at our farm, vaccinations for other diseases (Influenza, Rhinopneumonitis, Tetanus) are required before a stallion begins his stay with us unless semen shipment to foreign countries precludes the use of these vaccines.

Semen is collected into an artificial vagina, the same way it is collected in utilizing chilled semen and is then rapidly processed for cryopreservation in liquid nitrogen vapor at -196C. The semen may be packaged in several different forms—at North Point Farm, we prefer straws (1/4 ml to 5ml), to packets or ampules. The 5 ml straws are generally considered more "user-friendly"; therefore, unless otherwise requested, semen is packaged and stored in these macro-tubes. A test straw from each frozen batch is thawed, cultured for potential pathogenic bacteria, and examined for motility and velocity.

During the thaw of this one test straw, we determine the post-thaw motility for that batch to confirm sperm viability. *IF* your stallion ships well cooled, then he should freeze with about the same post thaw motility, similar to his one day old shipped semen. Again, it is vitally important that a straw be thawed from each batch to be tested. The procedure by which semen is collected and processed has one of the biggest impacts on the viability of the semen once thawed, in our

opinion. Other factors certainly include the stallion's semen itself, the extenders used and the care of the semen while in the tank. If semen is processed without first undergoing "test freezing" or, if improper technique is used resulting in contaminated semen, the chances of a subsequent pregnancy using that semen will be compromised.

It is also helpful to know that on the same batch of semen, using four or five extenders, you may have a batch with a particular extender in which most of the semen dies or fails to have motility. That same semen, in a different extender can have excellent motility and vigor. The only way to know for sure which extenders are best for your stallion is to take the time to do the test freezing. Just because a stallion ships well when cooled in a particular extender does not mean he will freeze well in that same extender.

Once the semen is frozen, the frozen semen straws in goblets on canes are stored in a liquid nitrogen container and have an indefinite shelf life. These containers need to be "topped off" with liquid nitrogen at regular intervals or they run the risk of "running dry" and the sperm dying. Much attention must be given to the maintenance of these nitrogen tanks because semen that is exposed to more than eight seconds of ambient air or become warmed above the temperature in which they are frozen, run the risk of being killed. Storage of frozen semen is a service that we offer at North Point Farm to our clients or, the semen can be stored with the stallion owner if a tank is available at their farm or veterinarian.

Frozen semen is *very* easy to thaw and use. For any shipment of semen we send, explicit instructions for thawing and use

including, what the analysis of the semen was at the time of freezing. If you are going to use frozen semen, please make sure that the semen will be accompanied by this important information and, if possible, check or have your veterinarian check the semen motility once you thaw a batch of the semen before insemination. If there are any problems, immediately notify the stallion owner! Too many times, both chilled and frozen semen arrive at the mare owner's farm with no information about the quality of the semen and this is not viewed as good practice industry wide, nor is it helpful to the mare owner.

As far as what constitutes a "standard dose" of frozen semen for breeding purposes, no single industry standard has been set but in North America, it is commonly held that a breeding dose is 800 x 10⁽⁶⁾ or 800 million total sperm cells. In Europe the dose is commonly held at 300 x 10⁽⁶⁾ or 300 million progressively mobile sperm cells. The number of straws per dose has a wide variety of practice from as few as one straw to as many as sixteen straws per dose. At our farm, we typically use four straws per breeding dose.

Frozen semen, after rapid thawing, should be inseminated into a mare as close to ovulation as possible. Current research suggests that a mare should be inseminated within twelve hours (ideally within six hours) of ovulation for the best pregnancy rates. It is often recommended that insemination takes place on either side of ovulation. Therefore, precise timing of ovulation is critical to success and usually requires intensive efforts on the veterinarian's or mare owner's part.

The concept of freezing your stallion's semen for banking, translates into financial and



Above:- Trinity mare sired by Windermere's Wincredible

emotional security for the future. Folks who have unexpectedly lost a breeding stallion who generated not only an income for the farm, but outstanding genetic offspring will readily understand the importance of having sperm cells frozen. Having frozen semen on your stallion can not only be business life saver, it can also open the doors for new marketing of your stallion.

Several years ago a well-known draft stallion was shipped using frozen semen and the results were disappointing. Technology has evolved since then and, much success is now reported with frozen semen. Mare owners should not be afraid to use frozen semen because if the experience of one stallion several years ago.

Likewise, sperm cells frozen by knowledgeable technicians are beneficial to stallion owners and aligning yourself with programs that have demonstrated success will have long term pay offs.

We are very excited about the new reproduction programs including our international equine cryogenics program at North Point Farm L.L.C. and enjoy being on the cutting edge of new technology. Please feel free to contact us for stallions available in our stallion bank of frozen semen or to request your stallion's semen be frozen and stored for you.

Frozen semen is the way of the future. Don't miss it!

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Pictured above—Ann and Tim Egan with their son, Jack

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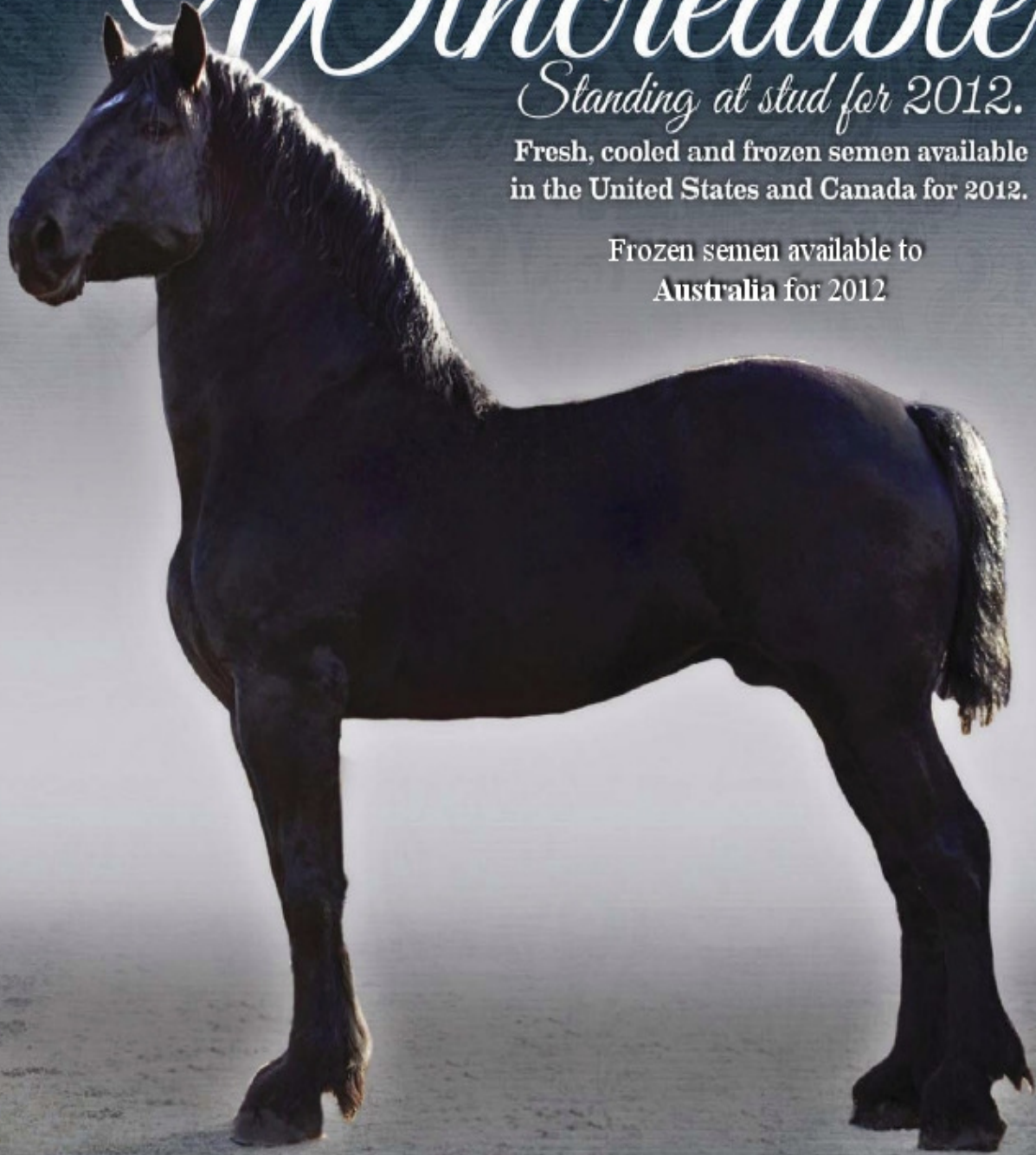
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Pictured: Ann Egan with Windermere's Wincredible

Ann and Tim Egan of North Point Farms are proud to offer our Australian Percheron Breeders the unique opportunity to purchase frozen semen from their Percheron Stallion, **Windermere's Wincredible**.

Win is a perfect example of a Percheron performance stallion. Standing at an impressive 18HH, he's handsome, dynamic, athletic, and like his sire, Windermere's Just Incredible, he can trot with the best of them!

Win is the 2002 Reserve All-American two-year-old stallion and his show record speaks for itself.

Win is a full sibling to Windermere's Eliminator and Windermere's Black Velvet.

At North Point Farm, emphasis is placed on chilled and frozen semen quality and our standard for frozen semen quality exceeds the industry average.

We realize conception is of the utmost importance to our customers and make it a priority to produce high-quality, viable chilled and frozen semen. We strive to offer our customers the best service and value on the market.

Breeding your mare shouldn't be likened to throwing the dice or spinning the roulette wheel and you shouldn't leave it to luck or chance! Our semen analysis is always available to you for review and, a report will be included on the semen you purchase when your semen

arrives. North Point Farm's goal with equine semen is to provide the customer with the highest quality product possible with the personal touch of a family-run business.

In the end, conception is king. We understand that if you produce high quality chilled and frozen semen, from genetically superior horses, your customers will keep coming back!

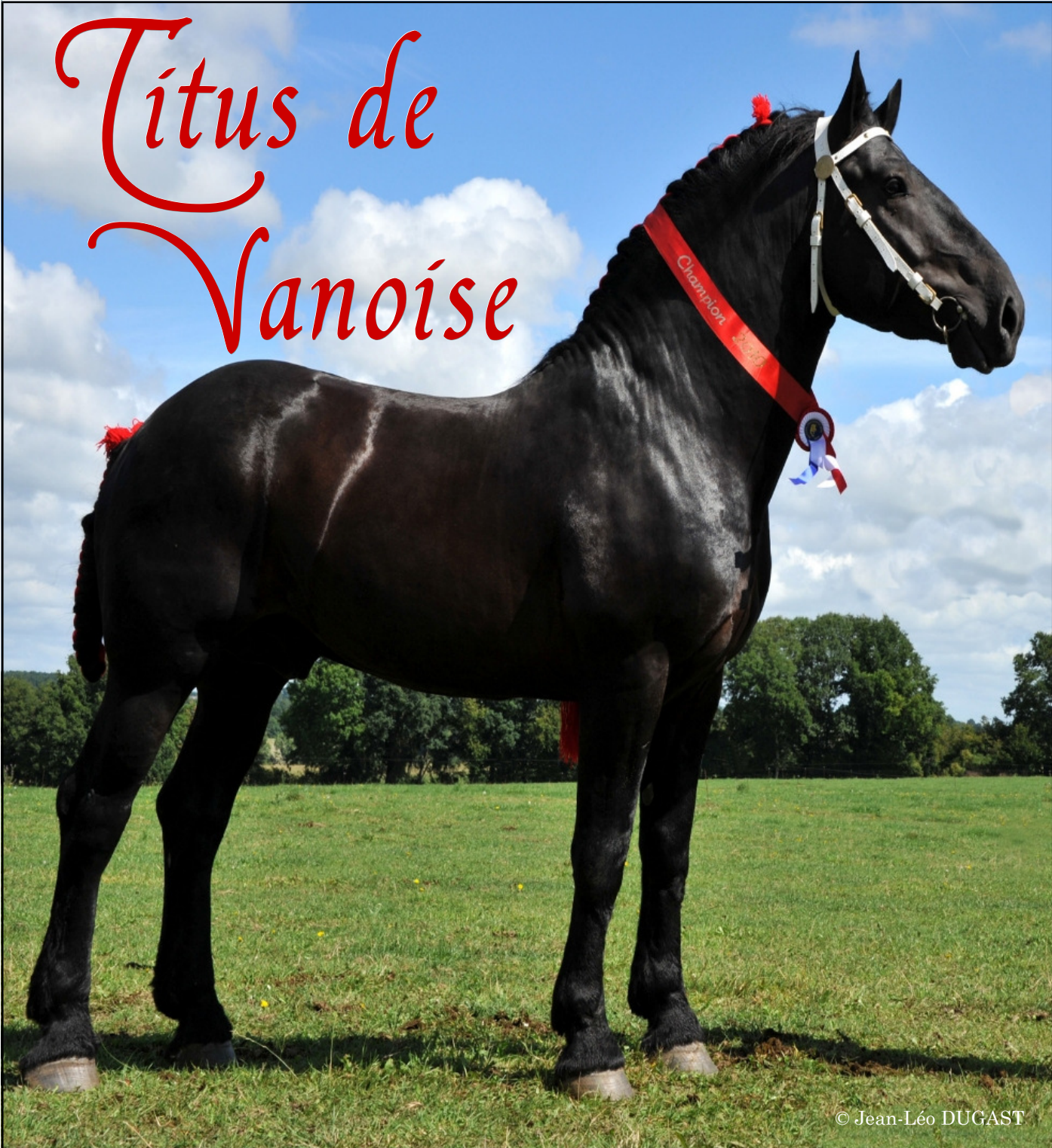
For Australian Breeders interested in purchasing frozen semen. Please contact the secretary for more information and a copy of Win's pedigree. Win's frozen semen is for sale at

US\$1500 per breeding dose and is tested to meet Australia's strict AQIS Guidelines.

Win is currently in quarantine so we expect to be placing an order early 2012 so be quick and don't miss out on this unique opportunity to breed from this incredible stallion.



Above: Tim Egan scanning one of their mares



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The

Societe Hippique Percheronne de France

are proud to present to Australian Breeders,

Titus de Vanoise

(Donamerr's Titan x Ixia)

This exquisite black stallion placed 1st in 2010 as a 3 year old and In 2011, he placed 1st at Salon de l'Agriculture in the light horse category.

For more information on Pricing & Import Costs, please contact the Secretary, Edward Dorman at edorman@ballarafarm.com.au





Titus' sire, *Donamerr's Titan*, was imported from Canada to Italy by Mr. Angelo Guerci and produced several foals there. In 2006, he was purchased by Mr. Guy Merel and was brought to France where he serviced about 20 local mares before his death.

His dam, *Ixia*, was born in 1996 and was a daughter of Silver Shadows Sheik, the first American stallion purchased in the United States by the French Percheron Horse Society in 1993.

Titus de Vanoise therefore has three quarters American origins, which makes him very appealing both in France and abroad.

For the time being, his progeny are still young. He serviced 22 mares in 2010 and 31 in 2011.

Among the first batch of foals, born in 2011, there is a good percentage of black foals, a color that is currently very sought after in the breed. His offspring do not have socks or blazes.

Being of the light Percheron type, Titus was given 35 points out of 50 when judged on July 25, 2011, including 8 points for head and neck, 7 points for top line, 6 points for legs in profile, 7 points for gait and leg conformation, and 8 points for overall impression.

In 2010, he placed first in 3-year old light Percherons, and breed champion for light Percherons.


In 2011, he placed first at the *Salon de l'Agriculture* in light Percherons and he also placed Reserve Champion of the 4 year old plus light Percheron category at the *Percheron World Congress*.

For Australian Breeders interested in purchasing frozen semen. Please contact the Secretary, Edward Dorman for more information and for shipping and import costs.





Pictured: Dr Susanne Brundell of Equivet Australia with Lasswade Pamela and David Shaw of Ballara Farm Percherons

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On the 23 October 2011, we sent our mare, Lasswade Pamela to Wilson's Equivet Australia to be inseminated with imported frozen semen from *Tom de Prainville*.

This wasn't the first time that we used Pamela for artificial insemination and the previous year, we successfully AI'd her to Ross Carbery's JP Commanders Starship and produced an incredible grey filly, *Ballara Elegante* which we hope to show in the 2012 show season.

We had watched Pamela's cycle carefully and she was almost ready to ovulate when we left her in our vet's capable hands. Her ovulation was pretty much textbook perfect so there was no need to use drugs to either slow down or speed up her ovulation. Our vet, Robyn Woodward was able to inseminate her pretty much straight away. A few days later we brought her home and eagerly waited until the 14 days was up for her first scan.

It can be a little worrying using untried and untested semen however the post thaw motility rate was good and we have one of Australia's top AI Specialists so we knew we had a pretty good chance of producing a foal on the first go.

When the day finally came to scan her, we were overjoyed to get the thumbs up from our vet, Susanne Brundell who is also one of the vets from Equivet Australia who carries out all our general veterinary work for us at Ballara Farm.

Pamela has already had her 28 day scan and is still pregnant. On the scanner, you could see the foetus, the heart beating, the umbilical cord and the legs starting to form. It really is quite magical to see a small life developing before your eyes.

Three other breeders, Fiona Sheehy of Jötunheim Percherons,

Mrs Elwyn Park of Kamilaroi and Julie Battaglone have also sent their mares away to be inseminated to the imported semen of *Tom de Prainville*, *Oscar 566* and *Terkasso du Vairais*.

With two new stallions on offer in this issue, I do hope that other breeders will follow suit and get involved with Artificial Insemination. It really is the way of the future for the breed and will greatly increase and diversify the gene pool in Australia.

For those interested in purchasing frozen semen from the PHBAA. Frozen semen for *Oscar 566* and *Terkasso du Varais* is available for \$770 per breeding dose. All semen is stored at Wilson's Equivet Australia in Toowoomba, Queensland.

Please email me at edorman@ballarafarm.com.au for more information.

Show Prep Clinic

Are you interested in learning how to correctly prepare your horse for the show ring?

Register now for this fun filled clinic

Expressions of interest are sought by The PHBAA Committee for Members and Non-members to take part in a Show Prep Clinic. We hope to cover the topics below:-

THEORY

General - Handlers appropriate dress and the schedule (theory)
 Attention to the surrounds (theory)
 The Judge (theory).
 Schooling or warming up your horse
 Show Ring Etiquette
 Rules of the show/Rules of the breed
 Horse Classifications (Purebred, 7/8, 15/16, 31/32 & Appendix ¾, ½, < 50%)
 Showing Weanlings, Yearlings, Stallions, Mares & Geldings
 Sportsmanship

DEMONSTRATION

The workout (demonstration & practice)
 Leading a horse (demonstration and practice)
 Use of stallion bar (demonstration and practice)
 Biting and stallion roller/bearing rein (demonstration)
 Anti rearing methods (demonstration)
 Standing the horse up. (demonstration)

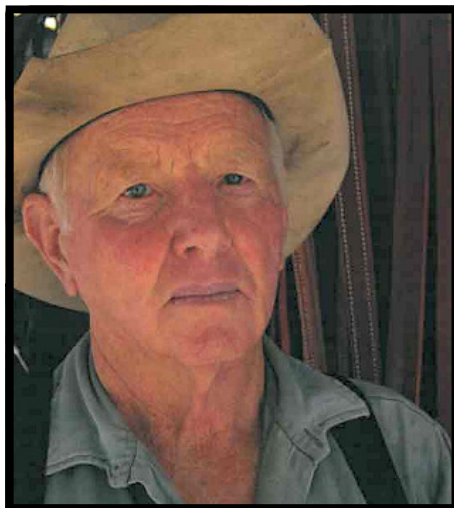
PREPARATION

Washing the horse
 Clipping
 Hoof presentation
 4 strand plait
 French 6 strand plait
 Braiding the tail
 Decorations

DATE/S, VENUE & COST

To be Advised

Please contact the secretary, Edward Dorman on (07) 4666 2226 or email edorman@ballarafarm.com.au to register your name for this clinic.



Remembering Lee Grover 1928 - 2011

“Born in Montana, he had lived in Australia for forty-five years and was well known throughout at least two states for his knowledge and interest in the cattle industry, domesticating wild buffalo, and operating a saddlery supply store in Mount Morgan with his late wife.

In his young years he rode a horse to school and helped his father on the farm, so he knew a lot about horses, saddles and harness. It was his “old man’s small retirement business” making bridles and harness for draft horses that kept him busy until only a few weeks before his death.

Several years ago I found a very old photo of Lee on a pony, in its original frame. It was so nice we had the entire thing re-framed for Melanie in California. Lee wrote his memories about the photo and we put it in a hand-made envelope with button and string fastener.

“This is a picture of me and my old Indian Pony ‘Lidley’ taken in 1934 in the front yard of my Grandfather Grover’s house in Joliet, Montana when I was six years old.”

“My Aunt Hazel, who was then in High School, came over from Grandpa Wolf’s place at Park City to stay with us and she decorated Lidley for the Fourth of July parade in Joliet. We won “Best Decorated Horse & Rider” and got to lead the parade carrying a big American flag, which had to be tied on to the saddle so I could handle it.”



Lee’s step-daughter, Carol Sullivan wrote, “This man was a kind, gentle, lovely human being who gave of himself and his considerable knowledge of things. I cannot imagine there is a soul he encountered that he did not enrich. I have so many childhood memories of him, of the things he taught me. I never remember hearing his voice in anger. He loved animals, and they seemed to love him in return.

That we all loved him, there is no doubt. While for now, we grieve at the loss, feeling the ache in

hearts, in time, the burden of his passing will lighten. Then we can celebrate with the knowledge that he is at peace and that we were blessed to have had his presence in our lives.”

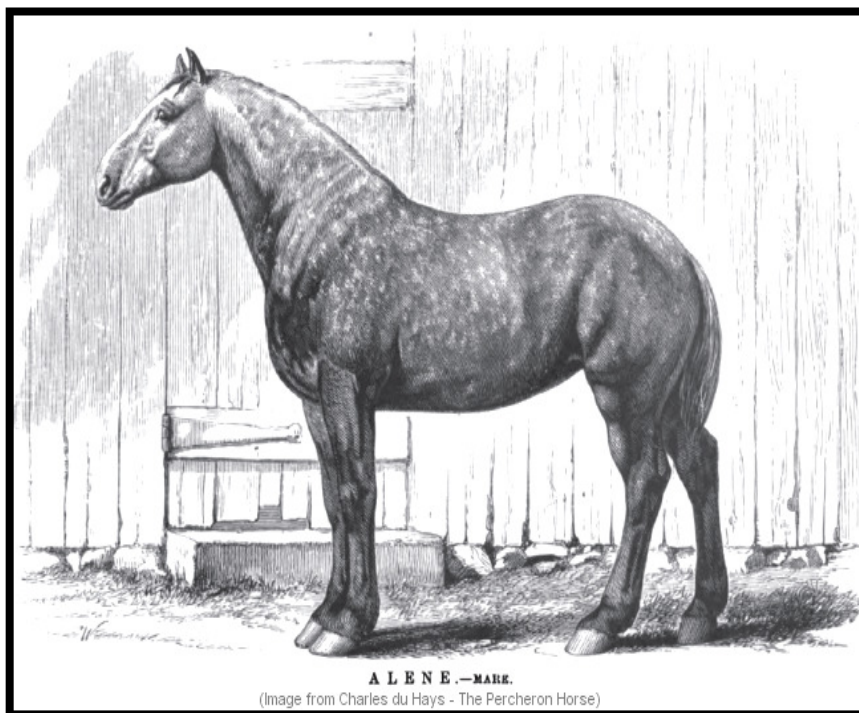
Lee was a long-time member of the PHBAA and many of our members will remember Lee from the Jondaryan Working Draught Horse Expo and Gatton Heavy Horse Field Days where each year, L for Leather had their stand and Lee would sell his leather goods.

The Gatton Heavy Horse Field Day Committee has very kindly set up the “Lee Grover Memorial Trophy” in Lee’s honour and donations can be made to the Committee by emailing heavyhorse@live.com All donations are greatly appreciated and will be acknowledged.

Lee passed away two days shy of his 83rd birthday and leaves behind a son, Leland Virgil Grover 3rd and a daughter, Melanie A Halstead, and 3 beautiful Grandchildren, Cameron, Evan and Lauren all of Fresno, California. Dearly loved Partner, friend and Soul mate of Sandra Hoffman.

A memorial service celebrating Lee’s life was held at Murgon on 12 November 2011. Lee farewelled his earthly journey with his coffin being carried away by a horse drawn wagon.





The Percheron Norman Horse

Illustrated Sydney News - Saturday 30 November 1878

For several hundred years there has existed in the interior of France, a race of horses famous for strength, action and endurance. These horses were called Percherons from the fact that they were mainly bred and reared in the ancient province of La Perche, a district situate south-west of Paris, and embracing a considerable portion of the territory included in the departments of Orne, Eure et Loir, Loir et Cher, and Sarthe. The precise date when this race of horses assumed the distinctive features, which entitled it to be classed as a fixed breed, is not known.

In ancient times the French people made systematic attempts at recording the lineage of any of their breeds. It is, however, a well-known historical fact that Norman war-horses, used by armour-clad knights during the Crusades were famed for stoutness and activity. In spite of the lack of paper pedigrees "selections of the best," and "survival of the fittest," had given to this part of France many centu-

ries ago, a breed of horse that was pre-eminently adapted to the wants of that country.

The little of history that can be found touching this breed definitely points to an Eastern origin. Some French authorities go as far back as the year 732, when France was invaded by the Saracens 300,000 strong under Abderrame. The utter defeat of this barbarian host by the French under Chas. Martel on the plains between Poitiers and Tours, left the Arab and Barbary horses upon which many of the invaders were mounted, in the hands of the victors, and these horses crossed upon the large, strong native mares of that region, if they did not form the starting point for the breed which since that time has become so famous, undoubtedly had much to do with creating the foundation upon which it was ultimately built."

"It was the acknowledged superiority of the Percheron horse in the diligences, post-coaches, and omnibuses of France that first

caused the attention of the out-side world to be directed to them.

It was not simply as draft or carriage horses that they were distinguished, on the contrary had they possessed an excellence beyond this, they would scarcely have attracted any attention, for other countries possessed horses that for the purpose of heavy draught alone, were certainly their equals, if not their superiors, but it was in that happy combination of size and form, which gave them activity, quickness of motion, strength, and endurance, that they were formed to excel the horses of all other countries.

This typical horse which gave name and fame to the Percheron blood fifty years ago, was fifteen to sixteen hands high, and weighed 1,200 to 1,400 pounds. In colour fully ninety per cent. of them were grey (many of them beautifully dappled, but growing white as they advanced in years), and the remainder were of various colours, the black preponderating.

They were noted for their kindness and docility, and the certainty with which they transmitted their own qualities, gave the Percheron horse a degree of uniformity in all of their most important characteristics, that has scarcely ever been equalled by any other breed.

Under these favourable circumstances they were bred and reared for successive generations, the Government of France constantly exercising a careful supervision over the breed in studs that were established in various parts of the district, occasionally trying some new class, but carefully adhering to the original type, and rigidly rejecting all excepting the very best specimens for use in the stud. But with the introduction of railroads the use of the post-coach and diligence was practically abandoned; and as this was the speciality for which the Percheron we have described had been bred, so with the new order of things came a demand for horses of a larger type, greater weight, heavier bone and more substance were required, and since that time the Percheron in this direction has especially engrossed the attention of the French breeder."



Percheron Results for Saturday 30 April 2011

Mare Over 4

- 1st Cobigan Juliette Cobigan Draught Horses (Champion)
- 2nd Rose Hill Park Rosie Bell G & S Appleby (Reserve Champion)
- 3rd Cobigan Antoinette Cobigan Draught Horses
- 4th Rose Hill Park Bonnie Bell G & S Appleby

Stallion Over 4

- 1st Armley Gerry A Quinn (Champion)
- 2nd Cobigan Commander W Barnett & L Kraat (Reserve Champion)
- 3rd Hidden Vale Lynx K Kennish & K Jeffry
- 4th Rose Hill Park Billie Bell G & S Appleby

**SUPREME CHAMPION
PERCHERON - ARMLEY GERRY
Anita Quinn**

Percheron Results for Sunday 1 May

Colt 1 – 2

- 1st High Noon's Trail Blazer Sherrilyn Walters (Champion Colt)

Colt 2 – 3

- 1st Cobigan Orlando Cobigan Draught Horses (Reserve Champion Colt)

Filly 2 – 3

- 1st Cobigan Angelique Cobigan Draught Horses (Champion Filly)

**SUPREME CHAMPION JUNIOR
PERCHERON - HIGH NOON'S
TRAIL BLAZER Sherrilyn
Walters**



Pictured: Anita Quinn with Armley Gerry

Artwork: Edward Dorman



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Amendment to the Rules -Branding and Microchipping



As some of our members may be aware, earlier this year in Victoria, the Code of Practice for the Welfare of Horses was revised and a draft document was presented to the Minister prior to being tabled in Parliament.

If approved, under the section on Identification, horses must not be branded using corrosive

chemicals or hot irons under the minimum standards to avoid cruelty to animals.

The PHBAA understands that everyone will have their own opinion on branding and not everyone will be able to afford microchipping, however we



have now amended the rules to allow members the choice of microchipping and/or branding their horses.

In some states, microchips must be inserted by a registered veterinary practitioner in accordance with the Domestic Animals Act 1994.

To save costs though, breeders can purchase their own ISO FDXB microchips with barcodes in bulk for as little as \$4.50 each for a pack of 10.

An RT100 ISO hand-held scanner which reads both the International Standard Microchips FDXB microchips and FDXA (FECAVA) retails for \$360.00 is also available from Oz MicroChips

www.ozmicrochips.com.au

Edward Dorman

PHBAA Secretary

Member's Letters

Sharon Clarke writes:-

To highlight the versatility of the Percheron I would like to share the fun we have with ours. On the recent show run on the Mid north coast of NSW we have competed our Percheron warmblood horses successfully in led classes, ridden breed, dressage, hacking and showjumping. We are able to compete our horses in all of these events on the same weekend of the show. It makes for a fun weekend. I note with interest at these shows other breeds which come to the show for one particular class only and then go home. We often bring our horses out of the hack ring just in time for their jump round and then back out into the hacking, they adapt beautifully. Our next goal is to also compete in the harness section as well. We always stand out with our line up of greys! People always come out from the crowd to come up and enquire about "the beautiful grey horses". I am so pleased that we discovered this lovely breed. (Pictures of Macleay Park Teddy Bear at Bellingen Agricultural Show).
Cheers Sharon



At the zone 9 Pony Club High and Mighty showjumping championships Trudi Clarke won Champion Senior equitation rider on Saturday riding Macleay Park Teddy Bear. And on the second day of competition she won the reserve champion senior points score in the C grade showjumping riding Macleay Park Landmark "Jack". We were so pleased to achieve these results on two Percheron Warmbloods which we had bred, broken in and trained.

**Above: Sharon Clarke riding Bear.
Right: Photo of Trudi on Jack and holding Bear**

For Sale / Wanted

Horse wanted for pleasure riding. Gelding over 15hh, 6-10yrs old. Colour/breed not important but would prefer something with a bit of bone. MUST be QUIET to catch/float/truck/saddle. Excellent home on cattle station guaranteed - will never be sold. Location: Marla.S.A Please email pictures and details. Contact: Gillian Fennell Ph: 08867010071 Email: gillianfennell@activ8.net.au

Little Rock Maximus, colt 16hh, grey. Stunning, beautiful dark grey colt, regretful sale going to waste sitting in paddock, he has so much potential to achieve, must only go to loving home. Price: \$6,000 no offers. Foaled 28/6/09, took Lead class show 1st place Dungog 2010, first and only show entered. Selling only due to owner's work injury. Contact: Natina Howard, Email: natinarobert@hotmail.com, Mobile: 0422353302 Location: Greta, NSW

Wanted - Percheron Mares for AI - Quite a number of members and non-members have been enquiring about quiet broodmares suitable for AI-ing. If anyone has any suitable mares for lease or for sale, please contact or email the secretary at edorman@ballarafarm.com.au to be included on the sale/wanted register so we can refer interested buyers to you.

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**Annual General Meeting
15th of August, 2011
RNA Exhibition Grounds, BRISBANE**

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

1:00 pm

OPENING

1. The President Mr. Charles Watson OAM opened the meeting at 1:10 pm and welcomed all those members present.

ATTENDANCE

2. The following members were present.
 - a) Officers of the Association
 - President: Charles Watson
 - Vice President: Gary Appleby
 - Secretary: Elwyn Park
 - Treasurer: Janet Perry
 - b) Ordinary Members of the Committee
 - Karen Foran
 - Fiona Sheehy
 - Anna Cameron
 - c) Ordinary members
 - Alex Blundell
 - Margaret Watson
 - David Shaw
 - Edward Dorman
 - Shirley Appleby

APOLOGIES

3. The following members had apologies offered on their behalf.
 - Peter Cahill
 - Brian Perry
 - Christine Perry
 - Helen Perry

MINUTES

4. Confirmation of previous minutes

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved: Janet Perry

Seconded: Anna Cameron

That the minutes of the 2010 AGM, as read, to be accepted as representing a fair account of the proceedings of that meeting.

Carried.

REPORTS

5. **President.** The President presented his report a copy of which is attached as Annex A

6. **Secretary.** The Secretary/Registrar presented her report, a copy of which is attached as Annex B

The Secretary also requested the registration form be changed as the line drawing of the horse is very small and it is difficult to interpret at time and to fill out/

7. **Treasurer.** The Treasurer presented her report, a copy of which is attached as Annex C

Treasurers Report

That the Treasurers report be accepted until an Audit can be performed

Moved: Elwyn Park

Seconded: Garry Appleby

Carried.

8. **Webmaster.** The President presented the webmasters report, a copy of which is attached as Annex D

BUSINESS ARAISING FROM THE MINUTES

ADVERTISING ON THE WEBSITE

9. The Assistant Secretary was asked to write to member inviting them to advertise on the website.

- Free advertising will continue for everyone.
- Unless advised advertisements will only remain on the website for a limited time
- The time period an advertisement will remain on the website is two months. The Advertiser will need to notify the webmaster if they wish the advertisement to continue.

10. Membership fees are overdue and though reminders have been sent but many members have still not paid their annual subscription. It was asked if non-members should be charged for advertising. The Secretary to send out snail mail reminders to people who have not responded to email reminders.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND ORDINARY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

The President formally disbanded all committee positions and an informal ballot was held with David Shaw as coordinator

2011- 2012 Officers of the Association

President – Charles Watson
Vice President – Gary Appleby
Secretary – Edward Dorman
Treasurer – Alix Blundell
Assistant Secretary – Fiona Sheehy

Committee Positions

That the number of committee positions be increased from five to six

Moved: Charles Watson

Seconded: Elwyn Park

Carried

2011- 2012 ordinary members of the committee

Peter Cahill
Tom Higgins
Karen Foran
Elizabeth Tetlow
Lindsay Newlands
Anna Cameron

Keeper of the Stud Book Registrar:

Elwyn Park

Change of Rule

11. The current rules of the association state that each horse must be branded with a registered brand given the current requirement of microchips of EFA competition and in general it is proposed that we include microchips as a valid means of identification of registration

Registered Brand

that rule 39 be changed from “registered brand” to “registered brand and or microchip inserted”

Moved: Elwyn Park

Seconded: Janet Perry

Carried.

This change to be provided to Max Wellstead

ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND ORDINARY MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

12. The Secretary stated that the only nominations held were for Officers of the Association, the Registrar and the Ordinary Members of the Committee were the current incumbents. The nominated persons were deemed to be elected.

CLOSE

17. There being no further business the President thanked all present for their attendance and participation and closed the meeting at 2:00pm

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Charles Watson', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Charles Watson OAM
President**

ANNEX:

**President's Report
Secretary's Report
Treasurer's report
Webmaster's Report**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AGM2011

Introduction

The reporting year 2010/11 has been relatively quiet. A result of harmonious management of the Association. Members have worked well together at shows/field days, despite obstacles placed before us in relation to the Horse Expo at both the 2009 and 2010 Ekka.

Stallion & Mare Returns

As previously advised the form is now on the website, thanks to the efforts of Elizabeth Tetlow and Elwyn Park. However, it is yet to gain acceptance as only a small number have been lodged. This needs to be addressed by all members who are breeding.

Promotional Material

We now have new promotion material available for sale which will be advertised on the website in the immediate future. This includes:

- Vehicle Stickers
- Polo shirts
- Metal lapel badge
- Metal Percheron horse (shortly)
- Sew on cloth badges

Quotes are being sought for the provision of baseball caps.

T-shirts are being considered by the Committee.

Stud Books

Volume 5 of the Stud Book is about to be placed on the website. The Registrar will have more to say on this matter.

Membership

As reported last year we have membership coverage of all States, NT and NZ. Of significant interest again is the increase in membership in both NSW and WA.

Web Site

The website has proven to be a much used resource. Margaret Watson will provide in her report, statistics that will, I'm sure surprise everyone. There is however, a limit on the number of photographs that can be displayed in the Newsletter page. This doesn't allow everything received to be included.

Relationship with RNA

Many members will know that Peter Cahill and I met, last September, with the CEO, a Director and the Co-ordinator of the Horse Breeds Expo. The meeting's objective was our initiative to sort out lines of communication and what we felt was inappropriate actions by a small number of RNA volunteers. The meeting was very successful but the outcome will be tested at this year's Ekka. Those members attending and assisting our efforts at the Ekka must observe closely the directions issued by Dr. Anna Cameron.

Appreciation

On behalf of the Members I wish to thank all members of the Committee and in particular the following members for their work during the year.

Elwyn as Secretary and Registrar

Fiona as Assistant Secretary

Janet as Treasurer

Margaret as Web Master

Peter as representative abroad

Linda and Wayne for their efforts in brochure production

Helen & Christine (and Cobigan generally) for their efforts in the conduct of our activities in the Horse Expo



**Charles Watson OAM
President, PHBAA Inc.**

8th August, 2011.

Annex B

SECRETARY/REGISTRAR'S REPORT – AUGUST 2011:

It has again been a busy and productive year for the Association with increased Membership, Registration and Transfers. There are constant e-mails concerning the breed; numbers of horses surfacing after being lost to the Association and a general increase in interest. Following are the details of Stud Book activities throughout the year and Volume 6 to Date.

Volume 4 is now available in hard copy and upon the web, while Volume 5 will soon be placed on the web to enable members to access and edit it prior to production in hard copy.

With the increased workload Fiona Sheehy's assistance with the "house keeping" side of the office has been gratefully welcomed and much appreciated. I am finding the volume of work beyond me, with my personal commitments and wish to relinquish the Secretarial duties in order to concentrate more fully on the Registrar's position. I am therefore not seeking re-election as Secretary.

My sincere thanks to our President and Members of the Committee for their help and support throughout the year.

Herewith are various items detailing Registrations, Transfers, DNA, Stallion & Mare Returns that I will not take up time recounting in detail, but table for perusal.



Elwyn D. Park,

Hon. Sec./Registrar

Stud Book Registrations
2004 - 2006 - Vol. 5

A Males 28
A Females 44

F Males 4
F Females 3

E Males 1
E Females 1

D Females 2

Total **83**

Stud Book Transfers
2004-2006 - Vol. 5

37
36

0
1

1
6

5

86

Appendix Registrations
2004 - 2006 - Vol. 5

D Males 0

C Males 5
C Females 1

B Males 25
B Females 18

R Males 13
R Females 16

Total **83**

Appendix Transfers
2004 - 2006 - Vol.5

0
11

3
15

13
15

57

Warmblood Registration

18
22

4
17

61

Stud Book Registrations
2007 - 2011- Vol. 6

Stud Book Transfers
2007-2011 - Vol. 6

A Males	38	37
A Females	30	22
E.Females		1
D. Females	3	5
<u>Total</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>65</u>

Appendix Registrations
2007 - 2011

Appendix Transfers
2007 - 2011

D Males	5	2	
C Males	3	1	
C Females	7	4	
			<u>Warmblood Registration</u>
B Males	29	16	21
B Females	46	13	27
R Males	11	10	5
R Females	1	12	6
<u>Total</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>59</u>

Annex C

P.H.B.A.A. Financial Year 2010/2011

Treasurers Report

This financial year saw a loss of \$854.00 .We bought new design t-shirts which were sold at our available sites at the Royal Queensland Show (Ekka) ,the Clydesdale and Heavy Horse Field Days at Gatton, the Jondaryan Heavy Horse Expo and on line.

Pamphlets were printed and distributed. More of the Schleich Percheron models were bought and many sold. We sponsored Percheron classes at the R.N.A. but cancelled our fine arts section sponsorship as it did not attract the entries we had hoped.Our web site costs \$27.50 per month

Our income consists of membership fees, registrations and transfer fees, sales of stud books and merchandise .

We have trouble with dishonoured cheques only one of which we have been able to rectify and that is \$160.00 (\$170 banked to cover costs (on 8/8/11)). Perhaps papers should not be sent out until the treasurer has informed the secretary that the amounts have been cleared.This procedure can be implemented immediately.

At the time of writing this (Wednesday 10/8/11) our balance is \$4828.15

But – I received the account for the last teleconference last night for \$ 762.52

I have not received the Secretarial expenses for the year

I have not received and account to pay Karen for the display boxes

I have not been able to insure the Bronze perpetual trophy because I have not enough information to enable a quote to be given.

Fiona accepted the merchandise keeper position so I am sure she will be able to give us amounts and value of stock held on 30.06.11.

The incorporation fee for this year is \$ 42.80

Balance on my departure for the Ekka is..... \$4908.15

The financial year 2010/2011 ended with a balance of \$3786.65

The financial year 2009/2010 started with a balance of \$2715.82

Ending with a balance of \$4640.74

But we gained the balance of funds of the Queensland branch .

The financial year 2008/2009 started with a balance of \$3568.40

Ending with \$ 2715.82

Janet Perry

Hon. treasurer



Annex D

WEB REPORT

AGM 2011

Movement on the website this past twelve months has been quite busy. The number of visits to the site since it began is 573,201 since 2009. Since the 4/8/2010 there have been 31,486 hits to the site.

The For Sale/Wanted is slow to move, once the ads. are placed, I don't hear from them again. I now put the date I enter the ad. and then delete it after two months, as directed by the Committee.

The Breeders Directory is dead. No one wants to be involved.

I have put a few more Links on the website.

There have been quite a few enquiries that come through the Guestbook.

Margaret Watson

8th August, 2011.