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Erin Furlonger, talented junior AHAA member on the road to professional photographer!



Photographic Montage courtesy of Rocos Photography

2 years ago my dad gave me his Nikon camera, from that point my passion for photography bloomed. My main subjects are my two beautiful Andalusians. I found what I loved about photography was the ability to tell a story without words. This led me to further explore animal photography and expand into the world of macro photography. Next year I look forward to competing in dressage with my Andalusians, being accepted into Murdoch University and taking my photography to the next level.
Erin Furlonger - Rocos Photography

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2016 PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Andalusian Horse Association of Aust. West Australian Branch

The AHAA National Show was held here in Perth on the 10th April. An excellent number of entries saw a busy two days, and the Judges Barrie Stratton and Ramon Guerrero did a great job; aided by our many helpers.

During the year, we have also held several Clinics which were open to our Members and friends. The Working Equitation clinics have proved to be popular, and the registration of Working Equitation WA will hopefully see this active sport established here.

There was an In Hand clinic earlier in the year which was well attended and turned out to be an informative and fun day for everyone.

This year's Royal Show was well supported by Andalusian Assoc. members and their horses and despite the dreadful weather everyone enjoyed themselves. It was a very pleasant to hear that Leah Bayfield's lovely mare was the Ring Master's choice in the Grand Parade – quite an achievement.

The WA Branch has sponsored a number of other shows throughout the year and we are pleased at the number of events that are now available for our members. This year has even seen show jumping added to the list.

I would like to thank the members of the 2016 Committee for their assistance during the year. The AHAA relies on volunteers and it is reassuring to know that there are enthusiastic, hardworking people who have been prepared to give a few hours regularly for the benefit of all members. Special thanks must go to Karen McLean who has made a huge effort; particularly with the National Show. Karen has tendered her resignation as Secretary, and we will miss her energy. Thanks to Karen's efforts we have had the use of the Walliston Pony Club grounds and this has made it much easier to arrange events for our members. Committee Members have travelled from Mandurah and Williams to meetings.

Nominations for the Committee have been disappointing. I would encourage everyone to think carefully about helping. Being on the Committee is not a difficult job and with enough people to share the load, it should not be too time consuming. It is always nice to have new people, who bring new ideas and enthusiasm. We generally meet once a month and the main event for 2017 will be the State Championship Show; however without sufficient help we may need to cancel.

On behalf of the 2016 Committee, I would like to wish all members a Safe and Happy Christmas and New Year.

Margaret Cala
AHAA WA Branch President.

The Secretary's Note

Christmas is on the doorstep and the weather is hotting up. With little or no shows to attend there is time to take your horses to the beach. Log onto our 'Andalusian Horses Western Australia' FB page and share your beach photos!

The AHAA-WA AGM was held 12th November 2016, at the Byford Tavern Bistro Bar. Very few members attended this meeting and as a result the committee is grossly under staffed. Again, I wish to point out that the AHAA-WA membership reached 74 in 2016. Western Australia holds the highest record for AHAA memberships in Australia. It is a shame that the AHAA-WA is so helper poor. We have money in the bank for shows and events and no one to organise them in 2017. If you wish the AHAA-WA to continue hosting clinics and shows, people will need to step up and help. It saddens me that my work over the last 3 years has come to this.

I wish to thank all fellow committee members for their friendship and dedication to help make all the events happen. I also wish to thank all those members that made the effort to support the clinics and shows that were hosted and those shows that the AHAA-WA sponsored. I will see many of you around the competition scene in 2017 and wish you good luck.

Merry Christmas and Happy Riding!

Karen McLean

Important Dates 2017

(A list of some events for the Andalusian Horse and owners)

Date TBA 2017!

Working with Cattle Clinic for Beginners

Open to all Breeds

The AHAA-WA in association with the Williams Camp Draft Association, are proud to present a working with cattle clinic in the small picturesque charming town of Williams. Committee member, Clare Johnson has been working hard organising this very difficult to coordinate clinic.



Come and spend a weekend learning to work with cattle. Experience, first-hand, how to read the bovine beast and work in as a team with your horse.

This will be an all weekend camping event. So brush off the billy, dig out your swag and come camping in Williams for fun filled rodeo style clinic. There are showers and toilets on the grounds but no yards, so portable yards are a must.

NOTE: This event is open to all horse breeds and all rider levels. Entries will be on a first come first serve basis. More details including the fees etc. will follow shortly.

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Carriage Driving

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Member Profile

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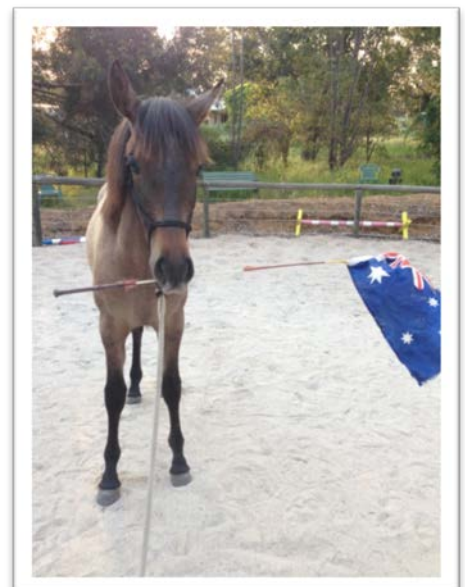
Carriage Driving in Western Australia is run under the Australian Carriage Driving Society and incorporates four clubs: Murray Districts Carriage Driving Club, Avon & Hills Carriage Driving Club, Albany Carriage Driving Club and the Western Australian Harness Driving Society. Events are held throughout the state and consist of Show Driving, Dressage, Cones, Combined Driving Events (CDE), Three Phases, Pleasure Drives, Fun Days and Clinics.



CDE consists of three events over a weekend, dressage, cones and a marathon section. Dressage ranges from Prelim to Advanced Open, Cones is a speed and precision event where drivers must drive within an allocated time through a set course, for every ball knocked and seconds over time penalties apply. The marathon section includes obstacles that are timed and usually marked from A-F where drivers can choose their own path but must drive concurrently and in the correct direction or elimination will apply. Horses are vetted between the cones and marathon day. A Three Phase event is an unofficial event based on CDE.

I was first introduced to Carriage Driving eleven years ago when my mum decided she no longer wanted to ride anymore. She decided to break our Shetland Pony Gold Park Golden Girl (Goldie) to harness as a single under the guidance of our qualified carriage driving coach. Mum continued to drive Goldie in competition for many years, however I didn't actually start driving until five years ago as I was previously Endurance Riding. During this time mum purchased an experienced school master from Sydney, Dusty, an 18 Year Old Welsh Cob, who was graded Open, a Tandem Leader and specialised in CDE. We downgraded Dusty to Novice to be able to compete and learn and worked back up the grades to Elementary and Open.

As Dusty got older and we all got more experienced, I decided I wanted to bring on a young horse specifically for Carriage Driving that could take over. I was after a horse that was bold, brave, versatile and able to do a dressage test one day and a marathon the next, a kind people friendly horse that my whole family would be happy to handle. I was not after a specific colour, breed or gender, I was after traits. Equus Lodge Stella caught my eye and I kept getting drawn back to her, she was exactly what I was looking for, and so the journey began with the Andalusian breed, with my little 7 month old Filly.





We put a lot of time in to training our horses and ponies, especially on the ground, and understand how important it is, prior to them being broken to either harness or saddle, and it continues throughout their life. Stella has had extensive ground work, including being trained at Liberty, desensitisation to a full harness set up with gear being added over time, dragging a tyre and getting use to dummy shafts, rope work, flagging, ground obstacles, extensive long reining, ground work clinics and in hand showing. Stella was broken to saddle last year and will be ridden and competed for the next year in ridden events and jumping, whilst I slowly finish off her harness breaking.

As Stella was growing, we decided to explore the possibility of Pairs Driving. We purchased another Shetland, Gold Park Gizmo (Gizmo) and put him together with Goldie. My most memorable moments with them would be the Mirror Imagine Challenge at the Royal Show the past two years, and winning Multiple of the Year in both 2015 & 2016. Next year we will be taking them over to South Australia for the CDE Nationals. After breaking and driving these two for the past few years, I decided I wanted to pursue horse multiples as a long term project, so was then after another young Andalusian that I could bring on as a single and potentially put together with Stella in years to come as Pairs and Tandem. Kimaio Park Khaleesi was purchased and bought over from Victoria, she is also a lovely filly who is very bold and confident. I have enjoyed starting her with her ground work and liberty work. I look forward to continuing working with her and Stella next year, I certainly have learnt a lot from them both and met some lovely people along the way, and so proud to have two beautiful Andalusians.

