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# *SAQ AGM and Annual Awards Night*

The SAQ once again held their AGM and Awards night on Sunday 29th October 2011, at Albion Park. This venue has proven to be a hit with members and has increased participation at the AGM tri-fold in the last couple of years.

The AGM kicked off with the updates required to bring the SAQ Constitution into line with current laws. We then went through the SAQ Reports for the year, some of which we will also publish in this month's newsletter for your perusal!

All of the Committee positions were up for renewal this year and closed on the 22nd October, there was only one nomination per position, so all were passed in favour of all those who have nominated. A full list of Committee positions are following this, however we would like to warmly welcome Kristy McCauley to the position of Public Relations Officer and Mary Doorley to the position of Safety Officer, we look forward to working with you in the future.

We then moved onto the SAQ Awards;

Firstly a belated congratulations to Katie Goodwin for her Top Exhibit, 3rd place at this year's State Championships. Katie had an amazing State Championships and all the Committee felt that they wished to wait until there was a big crowd to give her the round of applause that she deserved!

The SAQ would like to once again congratulate all of this year's recipients of their Awards. You have all certainly had some pretty incredible achievements throughout the year! This year the numbers of nominations for Awards were down on past years. Just a reminder to everyone that you must be in it to win it! We are currently revamping the whole of the SAQ Awards system, including a much more user friendly records system which we will send through to everyone once it is completed.

Everyone then moved on to enjoy a great feed and a fantastic night's entertainment. There were quite a few new owners that had actually never been to the trots to see the action before. They were all really wrapped to get a look into what their horses used to do for a living!! The highlight of the night for a lot of us was watching Adam and Mark Torrens both get a go in the back of the mobile. I know young Adam was so excited he couldn't stop telling everyone how great it was after he had finished and as always another lot of his beautiful smiles we all love to get!!

# SAQ Award Recipients



Katie Goodwin and Christom Paddy  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place Top Exhibit  
2011 State Championships



Felicity Reinke – Wattle Park Vision of Dubai  
2011 Show Horse of the Year, Ridden Horse of  
the Year and Dressage Horse of the Year



Lauren Daley Todhunter Presidents  
Encouragement Award



Mary Doorley – Attendance Award



Tannyth Shackell – Motu Armbro Scott – 2011 Open Competition Horse,  
Showjumping Horse Pleasure and Performance Horse of the Year



Lisa Bahr collecting award for Fran Bahr – Broken Halo  
2011 Led Show Horse and Presentation Horse of the Year  
and Henry – 2011 Newcomer Horse of the Year



Karen Burrows – Popular Baryn  
2011 Harness Horse of the Year



These Shots were taken by Tannyth after she showed Scotty his huge haul! They were so beautiful, we thought that all members would like to see how proud he was of himself!

## SAQ Annual Award - Winners



**SAQ Inc  
2010 - 2011  
Show Horse of the  
Year  
*Vision of Dubai***

**SAQ Inc  
2010 - 2011  
Ridden Show  
Horse of the Year  
*Wattle Park Vision of Dubai***

**SAQ Inc  
2010 - 2011  
Dressage  
Horse of the Year  
*Wattle Park Vision of Dubai***

**SAQ Inc  
2010 - 2011  
Pleasure & Performance  
Horse of the Year  
*Motu Armbro Scott***

**SAQ Inc  
2010 - 2011  
Open Competition  
Horse of the Year  
*Motu Armbro Scott***

**SAQ Inc  
2010 - 2011  
Showjumping  
Horse of the Year  
*Motu Armbro Scott***

**SAQ Inc  
2010 - 2011  
Presentation  
Horse of the Year  
*Broken Halo***

**SAQ Inc  
2010 - 2011  
Newcomer  
Horse of the Year  
*Henry***  
(SAQ apologises for the error, we failed to realise that Henry was eligible for this award)

**SAQ Inc  
2010 - 2011  
Led Show  
Horse of the Year  
*Broken Halo***

**SAQ Inc  
2010 - 2011  
Most Outstanding Achievement of  
the Year  
*Jenny Holloway*  
sponsored by the  
"standardbredforum.com"**

**SAQ Inc  
2010 - 2011  
Harness  
Horse of the Year  
*Popular Baryn***

**SAQ Inc  
2010 - 2011  
Adoption  
Horse's of the Year  
*Life Story NZ &  
Johnny Morocco***

**SAQ Inc  
2010 - 2011  
Presidents Encouragement  
Award  
*Lauren Daly-Todhunter***

**SAQ Inc  
2010 - 2011  
Attendance Award  
*Mary Doorley***

## 2010/2011 SAQ Adoption Horse of the Year “Johnny Morocco” & “Life Story NZ”



Johnny Morocco & Adam & Mark Torrens



Life Story NZ & Adam & Mark Torrens

The category of the SAQ Most Successful Adoption Horse of the Year, can be contested between horses that have been adopted through our Horse Placement Program from July 2010 through to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2011, of which we have adopted over 150 horses.

All these horses are champions in their own right, most of them easing into their new role effortlessly, and with little fuss, and becoming important and treasured members of their newly adopted family.

It was very hard for Mel to single out just one horse to receive this year's annual award as there have been so many incredible achievements throughout the year. However, this year two very special horses were chosen to award this title to.

Johnny Morocco raced his last race as a 6yo in July 2010 at the Gold Coast. Johnny's racing history was 43 starts for \$17,116 in prize money, racing predominantly in Bathurst, Penrith and Dubbo, and finishing his career at Albion Park and the Gold Coast.

Life Story NZ' racing career finished in Feb 2010 as a 7yo at Albion Park. Eljay had 57 starts earning \$55,031.00. He began his racing career predominantly in Newcastle and Harold Park, then came to Queensland and raced at Albion Park and the Gold Coast.

Both horses were kindly donated to our program by Christina Monte & Charlie Cini and Stephen and Gail Cini, and after they were assessed by Rhiannon and Mark from the RDA Samford and Gympie Districts, they passed with flying colours. Both Johnny and Eljay were then adopted by Mark and Nicole Torrens, the horses commenced their training for 12 months with the Torrens family, to get them accredited into the RDA's program.

The highlight for the year was seeing both Johnny and Eljay compete amongst 79 other Standardbred show horses at our recent State Championships in August of this year, at the Gatton Showgrounds, and seeing the smile on young Adams face as he was competing!

After competing at the State Championships, ownership was signed over to the Torrens family, and shortly after, Mark, Nicole and Adam donated both Johnny and Eljay to the RDA. Eljay now resides at Burpengary RDA, after being accredited to their carriage program. Johnny now resides at Samford RDA, and also works for the RDA's Mobile Unit as a Riding Horse. Both horses have completed several workshops through RDA. Both horses have proved to be very honest and sensible, and have taken their new role in their stride. They are truly great ambassadors for the SAQ Horse Placement Program and the Standardbred.

The SAQ is very proud of the progress that both Johnny and Eljay have made in such a short time, and would like to sincerely thank the Torrens Family for starting these horses in their new career! The Torrens family has since adopted another Standardbred through our adoption program – “Village Cudos” who at 17hh, is a gentle giant with loads of personality! Mark cannot talk highly enough about the suitability of the Standardbred, and believes they are often wrongly stereotyped.

The award of the 2010/2011 SAQ Most Successful Adoption Horse of the Year is presented to “Johnny Morocco” and “Life Story NZ” and to Mark, Nicole and Adam Torrens!



Mark and Adam Torrens with Melissa Lewin, Horse Placement Officer receiving their award

## 2010 - 2011 AGM REPORT – EVENT CALENDAR

*Compiled by JAMES LEWIN 2010-2011 SAQ Events Co-ordinator*

### **OCTOBER 2010** –

- Annual General Meeting - Albion Park Paceway

### **NOVEMBER 2010** –

- Karana Downs Pont Club grounds

### **DECEMBER 2010** –

- Toowoomba Display at the races - 8 horses
- Christmas party cancelled due to weather

### **JANUARY 2011** –

- January muster cancelled due to the floods
- The 2011 show prep clinic moved to February due to the floods

### **FEBRUARY 2011** –

- February riding muster at Minden 21 horses attended
- SAQ 2011 show preparation clinic at Marburg Showground - 47 people attended

### **MARCH 2011** –

- Rider clinic featuring Valerie Webb - cancelled due to weather

### **APRIL 2011** –

- 2011 SAQ Dressage Spectacular - PRARG Grounds - 27 nominations

### **MAY 2011** –

- SAQ Show Jumping & Cross Country clinic featuring Rebel Morrow & Clem Smith

### **JUNE 2011** –

- 2011 SAQ Showjumping Extravaganza - cancelled due to lack of nominations

### **JULY 2011** –

- State Show prep clinic - Walloon Indoor arena -18 horses

### **AUGUST 2011** –

- SAQ 2011 State Championships - 81 horses nominated

### **SEPTEMBER 2011** –

- Riding / get together muster - Walloon Indoor Arena - 9 horses attended

### **OCTOBER 2011** -

- Trail ride - Brisbane Valley Rail / Trail - 22 riders
- Annual General Meeting - Albion Park Paceway





## **Annual General Meeting – 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2011**

### **SAQ Horse Placement Program Report**

Once again I am happy to report that the SAQ Horse Placement Program has been very productive over the past 12 months. From September 2010 until the end of August 2011, over 150 horses were rehomed through our program. Our program reached a significant milestone earlier this year, when we reached 500 horses that have found loving homes through our program, since the program's inception in 2003.

The SAQ has continued to establish some great relationships with many owners and trainers within the harness racing industry throughout the year. We have continued to work with the MPA assisting with raffle selling on some of their race days, as well as continuing to promote our program, and look forward to continuing to work with the Marburg Pacing Association again next year. We have also recently been approached by HRA to assist in the implementation of a National Standardbred Rehoming Program. It is still early days in seeing this goal ferment, but we will continue to work with the HRA and other members of SHAA and hopefully see this project commence in the near future.

I would like to finish off my report by thanking everyone who once again helped make this year so successful.

I would firstly like to thank and acknowledge the efforts of our Horse Welfare Officer, Mandy Hutchinson for her assistance in ensuring that updates and health checks of adoption horses were monitored and followed up where necessary.

I would like to thank Leonie Cooke, Brian Meredith and Chris Girling who helped in accommodating many horses prior to their finding new homes.

Thank you to James Lewin and Graham Harriot who many a time assisted in picking up a horse to be rehomed from the race track.

I would also like to thank the many owners and trainers who have selflessly donated their retiring Standardbreds to our program and entrusted us to find them loving homes on retiring from their racing careers.

Lastly, I would like to thank the rest of the SAQ Committee for their continued support, assistance and encouragement throughout the year. Reg, Sarah, James, Sonya, Fiona and Karma, it has been a pleasure working with you all during our term holding our respective positions. Although we have had a few challenges at times, it certainly made it a lot easier to brainstorm and implement strategies to continually improve our program with the assistance of people like you.

My wish for the future of the SAQ Horse Adoption Program is for it to continue to prosper and grow and continue to uphold its respected name as the leading Standardbred Rehoming Program to be run in Australia!

*Melissa Lewin (SAQ Horse Placement Officer 2010/2011)*



The SAQ is in the process of revising the SAQ Awards and the scoring for the Awards. However as you are now out and competing, we wanted to provide you with the new easy to use System!

We will in the next couple of weeks be finalising the SAQ Awards and will then send the SAQ Awards criteria and scoring system.

The SAQ Awards are for all SAQ Members and we do encourage you to participate and have yourself and your Horse recognised for all of your achievements this coming year!

There is Awards available on offer even if you are not competing at all the Ag Shows!! Dressage, Showjumping, Harness and the Open Competition Horse Awards are for your participation in all competitions, not just Standardbred only classes or events run by the SAQ!! So if you are out there having a go with your Standardbred and competing at Pony Clubs, Dressage, Harness, Showjumping, Western, Endurance, RDA Events etc there could be a trophy waiting to have your efforts rewarded!!

**Please Note:**

1. All Score Cards must be received by last mail 3rd September 2012 – No Exceptions.
2. Only SAQ Score Cards will be accepted as proof of attendance – The Previous SAQ Score Card will be accepted from 3<sup>rd</sup> September to 7<sup>th</sup> November, after that all scores must be recorded on the new SAQ Score Card System, no other form of correspondence will be accepted.
3. Cards must be signed by a judge, ring steward, or a SAQ Committee member that is present at the event on the day only (cards will only be signed on the day of the Competition).
4. Unsigned Score Cards will not be accepted.
5. Only one horses to be completed per Score Card System.
6. Score Cards can be downloaded from our Web Site – [www.saq.com.au](http://www.saq.com.au) under forms
7. All Competitors must nominate which Awards they wish to be considered eligible for (if any changes or additions are made to the Award categories when the full announcement is made, a new page will be sent to replace the Awards entered (pg 2).
8. Example Score sheet below (one line per placing);

Date	Show/Event	Placing	No of Horses	Officials Signature
21/2/12	Toowoomba Royal	1 <sup>st</sup> led gelding	4	Mrs Judge
21/2/12	Toowoomba Royal	Champion Gelding	6	Mrs Judge

# SAQ Award - Score Cards

## 2011 / 2012 Show Season



Competitors Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Competitors Sign : \_\_\_\_\_

Horses Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Freeze Brand Numbers : \_\_\_\_\_

Freeze Brand Symbols : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Colt / Stallion / Filly / Mare / Gelding**  
 (Please Circle applicable above)

### Awards Entering :

Please Tick

SAQ Show Horse of the Year

SAQ Pleasure & Performance  
 Highest Point Scoring Horse of the Year

SAQ Led Show Horse of the Year

SAQ Ridden Show Horse of the Year

SAQ Presentation Horse of the Year

SAQ Dressage Horse of the Year

SAQ Showjumping Horse of the Year

SAQ Harness Horse of the Year

SAQ Newcomer Exhibitor of the Year

SAQ Newcomer Horse of the Year

SAQ Open Competition Horse of the Year

### SAQ Show Horse of the Year (HOTY)

The Standardbred with the highest points from the 2011/2012 Show Season  
Includes Led & Ridden Hack Classes for Standardbreds only  
Top 10 Scoring Shows will be used

Date	Show/Event	Placing	No of Horses	Officials Signature

### SAQ Pleasure & Performance - Highest Point Scoring - Horse of the Year

The Standardbred with the highest points from the 2011/2012 Show Season  
including State Champs, Ag Shows, Dressage, Showjumping, Sporting, ODE's  
Standardbreds only classes - no restrictions on the numbers of shows

Date	Show/Event	Placing	No of Horses	Officials Signature













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SAQ Contrast Polo Shirt		Black/Blue	\$33.00	\$
SAQ Peaked Cap	N/A	Black/Blue	\$16.00	\$
SAQ Long sleeved Polo		Black/Blue	\$36.00	\$
SAQ Browband		N/A	\$55.00	\$
SAQ Saddlecloth		Black/White	\$55.00	\$
SAQ Puffer Vest		Black Only	\$65.00	\$
SAQ Straight Vest		Black Only	\$55.00	\$
SAQ Sports Bag	N/A	Black/Blue	\$40.00	\$
SAQ Singlets		Black/White	\$24.00	\$
SAQ Business Shirt		Indigo only	\$45.00	\$
SAQ Tracksuit		Black/Blue	POA	\$
SAQ Float Sticker		Black/White	\$10.00	\$
		Two stickers	\$15.00	\$
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