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SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER 2009

PRESIDENTS REPORT: I would like to wish on behalf of the Board and Committee our members and friends a **Very Merry Christmas** and **Happy New Year**.

Our November show was a great success even with out our *Western Program*, unfortunately we had to **CANCEL** the Western due to lack of interest, it costs the club **OVER \$400.00** to run that ring with; judges fees, grading fees and judges accommodation, when we ask the AQHA and AAA for a conformed date and the "A" grade rating we have to give a closing date for entries, there is no point in charging and extra fee for day entries and take the chance that there will be enough entries to cover costs. The M.V.P.H.C. Inc has a policy that we do not have to make money from an event but we do have to cover all costs.



Hope to see you again in 2010. *Alan*

HENDRA VIRUS

A VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE TO THE MANNING VALLEY

HENDRA VIRUS IS A CONCERN, GIVEN THE NUMBER OF BATS IN THE LOCAL AREA, THE VARIABILITY OF PRESENTING SIGNS AND THE LACK OF RESEARCH INTO THIS NEW DISEASE, THERE IS AN INFORMATION NIGHT ON HENDRA VIRUS

AT; WINGHAM GOLF CLUB 7. P.M. MONDAY 23RD NOVEMBER 2009.

PAUL FREEMAN, THE REGIONAL VETERINARY OFFICER FROM WOOLONGBAR WILL ANSWER QUESTIONS TO THE BEST OF CURRENT KNOWLEGE ON IT'S SPREAD AND WHAT **YOU CAN DO.**

PLEASE **R.S.V.P** TO; L.H.P.A OFFICE PH; **65 534 233** BY WEDNESDAY **18TH NOVEMBER 2009.** LOCAL VETS IN THE AREA WILL ALSO HAVE A TRAINING SESSION ON THE SAME DAY "**TAREE VETERINARY CLINIC**" WILL SPREAD SOME OF THIS KNOWLEGE AROUND IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS



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MEMBERS NEWS

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MVPHC Christmas get-together
We are having a trail ride from TAREE EQUESTIAN CENTRE to SALT BUSH
AND BACK
8.30 AM START
PLEASE LET US KNOW if you would like to join us
\$10.00 for non financial members.

What *Is* That?

(This article has been reproduced from the December 2007 edition of America's Horse)

IF YOU HAVE EVER BEEN LOOKING AT A HORSE and seen a big black dot on its rump, turned to your friend and said, "What would you call that?" this article is for you. Horses can pop up with all sorts of odd-and-ends markings, with names that come in handy for equine trivia games.

Those black spots are called **BEND-OR** spots, named for a famous Thoroughbred stallion born in 1877 that carried them. **BEN-OR spots** are also called **smut** or **grease** spots. They show up most commonly on light-Coloured horses, such as palomino and sorrel. It is not known what causes them.

Like BEND-OR spots, **BIRDCATCHER** spots are also named for a Thoroughbred stallion that had them. These, however, are small white spots. There might be only one, or there might be a series of dime-sized spots clustered together. It is not known what causes these, either. Prominent racehorse and sire Man o' War (TB), who is in many American Quarter Horse bloodlines, traces to both **BEND-OR** and **BIRDCATCHER**.

In 2005, AQHA added **white** to its list of approved colours. To be considered white, a horse must have white hair, pink skin and dark eyes. The horse may have small black spots on the skin, but the spots are rarely accompanied by Coloured hair. The colour should not be confused with a white-gray (a gray horse that has turned white with age but has dark skin), Cremello or Perlino (cream dilutes that have blue eyes) or

classic Albino, which does not exist in horses.

The genetics that cause white are being researched. It appears in a number of breeds and can be caused by pinto patterns such as SABINO, OVERO and SPLASH WHITE. It can also be caused by a genetic mutation called DOMINANT WHITE. This is lethal in its homozygous form, and in its heterozygous form can cause white horses. Dominant white horses typically have one white parent, but in rare cases, can come from solid parents.

Common in cattle, the striping **BRINDLE** coloration is rare in horses. Its genetic make-up isn't really known, but noted equine colour geneticist Phillip Sponenberg thinks it may have to do with the gene that causes the "sooty" colour. ...

"I suspect that the BRINDLING gene reorganizes the sootiness into stripes," he says: BRINDLES can also be caused by CHIMERISM (ky-MARE-ism). This is when a horse is a mixture of two individual animals, formed when two non-identical fertilized eggs fuse into one very early in development. This causes the coat colour to be STRIPED like a BRINDLE. The horse is normal but carries the DNA for two different horses.



Shiners Quixote, owned by Carol Rose and Paris Wixon of Gainsville, Texas, sports a Bend-Or spot on his hip.

Visit www.aqha.com/magazines/americashorse/index.html for an online photo gallery of this month's featured colours.

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SECRETARYS REPORT:

I am very pleased to say our Spring Show was a great success even without our **Western Program**, I am very happy with our Hack's that we had quite a few **post entries**, that does make it easier on the day to just give an envelope with tickets and numbers it does save a lot of work and time for everyone concerned on the day.

The **M.V.P.H.C. Inc.** is going to run a Summer show **proposed date:** Sunday 7th or Sunday 14th February 2010, We will run a Full Hack Program an a Beginner/ Rookie Western, with Clinic Program go to our web site www.mvphc.com.au for further details.

*The M.V.P.H.C. Inc is going to have a get together for Christmas; we are going to have a Trail Ride from Taree Equestrian Centre, Old Bar Rd. to Salt Water and back, good wide, flat, easy trails. This will be a B.Y.O. food and drinks and 8.30 a.m. **SHARP** start due back about 1.00 p.m., **All Members and Friends of the M.V.P.H.C Inc., are very welcome**, This will be free to our financial members and \$10.00 for non members, please call Karen 65 538 086 to confirm so we know if we have to wait another 10 minuetts for sleepy heads.*

I am **HAPPY, HAPPY** to confirm that we sold a property for P.R.D. via our web site, which is great news for our sponsors that our site works.

The **M.V.P.H.C. Inc** has added a new page to our web site, this will be our **FOALS 2009- 2010 SEASON** as usual this is page **FREE** to **ALL** email; mvphc@msn.com we will resize photos, all we need is breeder/Owner, Sire and Dam., we would love to see your new foals and I am sure so would a lot of other people.

NEW ADDITIONS; to our web site: www.mvphc.com.au we have a few new; **Editorials, For Sale, What's on Out and About , Our Members and Our Shows.**

The club in the process of putting together some Working Cow Horse, Team Penning and Cutting clinics with Hi Profile Trainers so stay tuned to our web site.

I would like to wish all our members and friends a **VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS & A SAFE & VERY HAPY NEW YEAR TO ALL.** *Karen*

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WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3rd 7.30 PM SHARP

