



ROAN NEWSLETTER WINTER 2024

President's Report

Hello Roan Members

Welcome to Winter

Well, what erratic weather for the start of winter over all the states.

Wet, dry, cold, and then warm and windy.

No wonder our poor ponies and horses (and their coats) are so confused.

Maybe most of us can now sit back and relax after a solid few months of showing, ending with youngstock shows and foal shows for our babies. Hopefully, there were many little roan ones out there having fun.

As a society we are growing tremendously in popularity, but I would like to reiterate what Helen has said in her email last month...please continue to support the Roan Society by renewing your membership.

I cannot overemphasize the importance of doing this; so we once again ask for your ongoing support. Our rates are extremely reasonable and our volunteer committee has put long hours of their own time into gaining roan classes at shows all around Australia, for which we are happy to continue to supply sashes.

However, we also need your help.....our Roan members.

We thank you for your past support, we enjoy seeing you out having fun with your roans. Remember to put some photos on the Roan Society Facebook page for our members to enjoy too.

We wish you a warm and toasty winter.

Regards, Nancy Lewis.



Committee Member Profile:

Anne Stephenson, General Committee

As a horse-mad child growing up in Sydney, I finally got my first horse, a chestnut roan mare called Shandy. I later bred a couple of part Arabian foals from her including a chestnut roan filly, Canyon Cassandra. I started breeding Australian Ponies in 1978. I continued in a reduced way during our years farming in Goondiwindi and then after our move to Manilla. I became involved in the APSB North & Northwest Sub-Committee. With the purchase of the Welsh B stallion Bolagamy Thatcher, I started breeding Welsh ponies as well.

I am fortunate that my daughter Liz shares my interest and together we have expanded the stud and increased our success in the showing. We have bred a lovely chestnut roan filly, Canyon Wild Aster, who won Supreme Champion Welsh Pony at Sydney Royal this year. Her dam is the beautiful black roan mare, Keyi Wild Flower, who was also successfully shown as a filly. Wild Flower traces back to another black roan mare Eelah Wild Flower, who I was lucky to own in her last years. All our "Wild" ponies are bred from this bloodline. The roan numbers are slowly increasing!

I am lucky to be able to indulge my love of horses and enjoy being a part of the different Societies and groups, sharing a common interest and meeting many new friends.

Anne.



Canyon Wild Aster at Sydney Royal

Roan Profile:

Sonic Thunder aka Biggs

15.2hh Quarter Horse Gelding

Owner, Louise Slater

Bred by Glynn Brodie in North Queensland, from performance horse lines. Biggs was originally trained by Harvey Wakefield, a specialist in Camp-draft and Challenge horses.

He then went on to become a junior girl's barrel racing horse. Biggs did very well for his junior riders at this and at breakaway roping as well.



I knew his owners at the time. They offered him to me as he wasn't going to make a competitive open rodeo horse. I originally said no, as I had just bought a nice Stockhorse mare for myself, however I ended up taking him as a babysitter for my horse.

After some time, I got Biggs back under saddle and he became my main riding horse. I eventually sold my Stockhorse mare.

It was a smooth transition from the rodeo arena to the show ring for Biggs. This was due to his temperament and kind nature. He is very reliable and happy to work, it's in his breeding.

In our first year of showing, at a limited number of shows, we went from winning his novice class to winning Champion Ridden Hack and Supreme horse of the show.

In 2022, our second year of showing, Biggs qualified in the Child's Hunter and in my Rider over 30 class. This was at the North QLD Horse of the Year Show in Mackay, which is a Grand National qualifier show.

At the end of 2022 I moved from Queensland to Goulburn, in NSW. It was here that we competed in our first Royal.

At the 2023 Canberra Royal Show, we placed in the Novice and Open Lady Rider classes. Then at the Roan National Show Biggs won Supreme Led Roan and Supreme Ridden Roan. The NSW Country Hack Championships, a Grand National qualifier show, at Tamworth were next. Here Biggs was Runner Up Preliminary Show Hunter, top 5 in the Child's Show Hunter and he took a child rider and me to the top 10 riders in our rider classes.

Biggs goes just as well around the show ring with either a child or adult rider on him. He doesn't need hours of work before his classes, a 10-minute warm up is enough. Biggs is such an easy-going horse, and very low maintenance. He prefers his paddock to a stable. And he doesn't wear shoes.



Being roan Biggs stands out in the show ring. He has a following too. People are interested to hear his story, from rodeo horse to show horse.

Some other wins this season are:

3rd Novice Hunter 15-15.2hh at Canberra Royal

1st Novice Hunter 15-15.2hh at Bathurst Royal

Champion led roan & Champion ridden roan at Bathurst Royal

5 x Supreme Hunter Horse of Show at Agricultural shows and

Numerous Champion Rider awards.

Plus, an article published in Horse Deals.

Louise Slater.





Sonic Thunder





Pointscore Competition.....

Don't forget to email your entries/results for the 23-24 competition to Lian Deschamps at roanresults@gmail.com.

The competition ends on the 31st of this month (July).

Results for inclusion must be in by the 15th of August.

Forms were emailed to members recently, they can also be found on the website, www.roanhorsepony.com

Entry is free to members, and members can enter as many sections as they wish to compete in. Full results will be published.

So, get behind your society and let us all see what you have been doing with your roans. Winners will receive their awards at the Roan Nationals in October or have them mailed out after it.

From the Publicity Officer

Membership renewals were due a couple of weeks ago. It is great to see that our membership numbers are increasing. If you know someone with a roan or 2, that is not a member yet, please encourage them to join.

It is also great to see the number of roan horses and ponies being registered is increasing. The online Studbook is regularly updated by our Registrar Helen Dohan, thanks Helen.

I hope everyone stays warm over winter. It won't be long before spring is here and foals will be arriving. Fingers crossed for plenty of roan foals for anyone that is breeding.

Kind regards, Fran Langley



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