

# LAA



## Newsletter 06.14

Lipizzaner Association of Australasia (LAA)

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## Renewal Of Membership

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- **MEMBERS SUBSCRIPTIONS!** please note in your personal 'reminders' that all **memberships** are due for **renewal 30<sup>th</sup> June 2014.**
- See following link
- <http://www.lipizzaneraustralia.org>
- Go to the forms & information page...

## Accreditation 2015

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- The LAA are planning the next Accreditation in 2015.
- Lots of work is to be done before now and then and we ask for the members help.
- We are forming an Accreditation Committee and need volunteers from each state to help this big event come to fruition.
- Please contact Vice President Anna Melton if you would like to be a part of this  
amelton80@gmail.com or The Secretary : Travers Michele  
<Travelling3@bigpond.com>

# Important Dates...

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- **19-22<sup>nd</sup> Jan 2015**
- **SIEC Sydney NSW**
- Fees are shown on the forms available from Simone.
- No riding positions left but cancellations might occur
- Fence sitting spots still available. Be quick!
- Contact Simone  
[annwnpark@gmail.com](mailto:annwnpark@gmail.com)

Andreas Hausberger  
comes to NSW Australia

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# Lipica Judging Course

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- **Vice President, Anna Melton and Registrar, Georgina Beard** travelled to Slovenia to participate in a preliminary **Lipizzaner Judging Course**, held at the **Lipica Stud Farm**. [www.lipica.org](http://www.lipica.org)
- It was held at the end of March 2014 and started on the Friday with a Meeting of international private breeders , where there were discussions on standardising Stud Books and Accreditation processes, followed by an LIF Breeding Committee meeting.
- The following day was a full day of judging many horses under guidance and discussing the results with qualified judges.
- The aim was to ensure that judges and breeders are selecting the optimum characteristics to breed the ultimate Lipizzaner horse.
- Without educating the breeders as well as the judges we could well lose the quality of the Lipizzaner horse over a surprisingly short period.
- It's important for all judges, organisations, breeders to keep contact with others around the world and ensure we are all on the same page moving forward.
- The 'Why' to all the attendees being there was strongly addressed: all were there... all differences aside... sharing the passion for maintaining the extraordinary qualities of the Lipizzaner Horse.
- A big thank you to Anna & Georgina who attended this with their own funds and own time. It's people like this in the organisation that will keep the breeding of Lipizzaner horses in Australasia at the highest standards and ensure they are recognised on an International Level.

## Lipica Judging Course Cont...

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# The Importance of the LIF

*The story of the LIF began back in 1980 when top dressage trainer Hildegard Gekiere travelled from her respected dressage training centre in Brussels to the Lipizzaner State Stud of Lipica for the International Celebrations at the stud marking the 450th Anniversary of the birth of the Lipizzaner Horse .*

## LONG DISCUSSIONS

She met many of the State Stud Directors of the time including the head of the Yugoslavian Lipizzaner Breed, Professor Jurkovich. They shared long discussions about the importance of maintaining the purity and type of the Lipizzaner as bred by the Hapsburgs 450 years previously.

It was inevitable that this subject was at the forefront of their minds as they were all gathered for the very reason of celebrating the existence of the Lipizzaner that was produced on the soil they were standing on.

## GOAL

**Professor Jurkovic told Mrs Gekiere of his view that Lipizzaner breeders all over Europe and indeed the world should come together for the good of the breed and all should have a common breeding goal akin to that as laid down by the Hapsburgs in that small town so many years ago.**

## CONCERNS

Their concerns were very real as Lipizzaners were to be found all over Europe in small numbers and even the State Studs of the old original Hapsburg monarchy were in part going their separate ways and developing the Lipizzaner according to their own needs and requirements.

Each individual state stud had its own studbook but there was no common denominator. Breeding was dictated by the stud director of the time according to his individual tastes and according to the requirements of the period.

## PRIVATE BREEDERS

Some Lipizzaners fell into the hands of private breeders scattered all over Europe and beyond and their breeding plight was even worse than that as described above.

Individual breeders did not have any guidelines at all to refer to and the breeding that inevitably took place was by definition, indiscriminate.

# The Importance & History of the Lipizzaner International Federation (LIF)

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## **BEGINNINGS**

The year was 1980. Since the collapse of the Habsburg Dynasty in 1919 small pockets of Lipizzaner horses had been scattered and some were sold abroad. Again, after the end of World War II, many Lipizzaners remained in the hands of private people. Good, honest people for the most part but unguided and without the intricate knowledge necessary to sustain and maintain a breed with numbers so minimal that any case of incorrect breeding could have serious repercussions with so small a genetic base.

## **FATEFUL**

That meeting in Lipica and the discussions arising from it remained in the probing mind of Hildegarde Gekiere. She resumed her duties at the dressage centre but could not get the earnestness of Professor Jurkovic and his obvious love of the horse breed that was placed in his custody out of her mind. She too had a love of the Breed and thoughts that went around in her brain previous to that fateful meeting but were usually pushed aside in favour of more imminent day to day matters kept surfacing and taking up more and more of her thoughts

The Lipizzaner herd ceded to Austria after World War II was in situ at the Federal State Stud of Piber who had a full breeding programme and selection procedure in place. The best stallions went to the Spanish Riding School and on to the breeding programme and the others were sold.

Lipica was struggling to its feet after near bankruptcy some years earlier and was in no position to procure and produce the best.

The other State Studs had breeding programmes in place but these breeding programmes were as diverse as were the countries who maintained them.

The private breeders? What did they know? A mare, a stallion put them together and there was a little Lipizzaner foal. Or was it? That of course was the worst scenario but in truth it was what was happening because there was little choice available to breeders. They bred from what was available to them, whatever its genetic qualities were.

Hildegarde pondered the matter over and over in her mind. What could she do? One small voice.....

## **FATEFUL MEETING**

A year later Hildegard met an eminent lawyer by the name of John Ianuzzi who practised in New York City, USA.

She told him of the Lipizzaner in Europe and of her discussions a year earlier with Professor Jurkovic. She told him of this earnest Professor and his love of an ancient European breed in need of help and she told him of people all over Europe with an equal love of the breed in need of guidance.

# The Importance & History of the Lipizzaner International Federation (LIF) Cont.

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‘ Why don't you form an International Organisation' he said in his usual easy, confident manner.

Hildegard thought about it long and hard. John Ianuzzi was right. One simple but clear statement removed all other matters clouding the issue. Why don't you form an International Organisation?

Why not? Why not?? Her common sense told her a thousand reasons why not.

Hildegard made many enquiries and discussed the fledgling idea with Professor Jurkovic.

So, in 1984 a meeting was arranged in Brussels for all interested parties.

Representatives from several countries including Director Dr Jaromir Oulehla from Austria, Belgium, Yugoslavia, Holland, France, Germany and Hungary arrived.

The enthusiasm was strong and it was sincere. They asked Hildegard to form an International Organisation.

She agreed.

What a task she was taking on.

A large chunk of her life was about to be engulfed by the white beauty who had charmed so many people before her and since.

### **STATUTES**

She then set about the task of finding someone who could produce International Statutes in a fair, non discriminatory manner. She knew that there would be many disagreements in the years ahead, even from those first few enthusiasts. Disagreements founded on love of the breed but with natural human reluctance to lose autonomy and individual control as Lipizzaners were inevitably found not to conform to the strict guidelines that were to be drawn up for the protection of the breed.

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Her self imposed task led her to eminent EC lawyer Rudolf Leiner. A man of many talents and whose knowledge of EC legislative matters led him to devise a constitution for the LIF that has stood the test of time and those inevitable disagreements. Statutes that were so in unity with those later published by the European Commission for all European Union countries to work to, that they did not even need modification.

Hildegard had found the perfect custodian of the rules so necessary to maintain and sustain a budding International Organisation. He who also had a love of the Lipizzaner Horse and whose dedication over the years has sustained and controlled the ‘mechanics’ of handling a large International Federation with its many foibles.

So – 1984 is the official birth year of the Lipizzan International Federation, now so affectionately known as the LIF.

Through those formation years, there have been many important developments and equally many important people without whose help, advice and co-operation the LIF would never have survived to become the respected International Federation for the protection of the breed it is today.

This is the continuing the story of the development of the LIF and those people without whose enthusiasm, dedication and time the Lipizzaner Horse surely would have perished and been lost to future generations for ever.

# The Importance & History of the Lipizzaner International Federation (LIF) Cont.

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Vice President Anna Melton was fortunate enough to visit the Philip's Farm in South of France whilst in Europe Mar 14. The stud farm of Les Launes is owned by the Philip Brothers at La Roque d'Anthéron.

This is the place where her Stallion 274 Favory Pallavicina II (Timmy's) grandfather lives, and where Timmy's father came from - 226 Favory Naussica. Anna had the privilege of seeing many of (Timmy's) cousins – all incredible looking Lipizzaners (of course).

<http://www.elevagelipizzan.com>

- **Anna's story....**
- I caught a bullet train from Paris, only 2.5hrs to Avignon where I was picked up in a vintage Porsche, owned by Gérard Lieberherr, President of the French Lipizzaner Federation.
- We travelled 45 minutes through the most magic country side to reach his small village near the Philip's stud farm. He keeps his Lipizzaner gelding with the Philips and rides daily. I had the pleasure of riding his magnificent horse that is very well educated at the young age of 10years.
- The brothers then bought out many horses in the indoor arena for me to see and was treated like royalty! We then went a little down the road to visit all the mares and foals. They all have such an incredible connection with the 2 men and it's clear they spend a lot of time with them.
- I fell in love with a young colt, which was Timmy's cousin. He had pogo sticks as legs (as you can see in the above picture). I then saw a 6 year old do some incredible figures of eight in the cart at a fast canter, picking the right flying change every time. Following that, the men offered me to drive the carriage, which was an experience of a lifetime.
- Afterwards we spoke of the complications of importing semen to Australia. Neither of the Philip brothers speak English and I don't speak French so Gerald was kind enough to interpret. The homemade grappa offered around, and cheeky grin from them both was enough to make me know I was welcome!
- I thoroughly recommend any of you visiting the area to arrange a visit to this incredible place.

# A day in Sth of France...

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A day in Sth of France Cont...

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## STOP PRESS!!!

Great news for Lipizzaner breeders and owners in Australia and New Zealand

### **Maestoso Gratia 1-3 has arrived in Australia**

LAA member Elizabeth J Verissimo is thrilled to announce her purchase of a stallion Maestoso Gratia 1-3 from the Spanish Riding School of Vienna.

Maestoso Gratia was born in May 2009 at Piber Stud. He has been working in the Spanish Riding School for 14 months. M Gratia is already 16.2 hands.

He has beautiful limbs and straight, very elastic movement. He has a convex profile, with lovely eye and aristocratic expression. He has been enjoyed in the SRS for his laid back, unflappable temperament and easy going attitude. He has a soft and warm nature, and is clearly trainable.

Elizabeth's daughter Claire Readings of Coromandel Spelling & Agistment Centre of Menangle and Silverdale, NSW will be continuing the training of the stallion in order to compete him herself.

This is the first time a Maestoso family line stallion has been in Australasia. It is currently planned that the stallion will spend some years in Australia before going to live on a family property in New Zealand.

All inquiries may be made to Claire at [Claire@coromandelagistment.com.au](mailto:Claire@coromandelagistment.com.au)



# Maestoso Gratia HAS ARRIVED IN AUSTRALIA

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### **KL Generale 321 (Imp Germany)**

Already standing just shy of 15hh at 24 months of age with amazing bone substance, 'Jeannie' is developing into an extraordinary young lady.

Generale has recovered from her horrific freak injury last year which saw her in surgery 3 times in August & November. These photos are 10 months after the initial injury. Although her show & ridden career has ended before it began, as we simply cannot run the risk of over stressing to the nearside fetlock, which due to overcompensation with the other leg developed 2 bone chips that needed removing. A very baroque filly with an amazingly natural strong short coupled topline & frame, big well developed shoulder, super length of rein & stunning front. Like her Grand Father (the dark brown Spanish Riding School Capriole Performer Siglavy Perla 26 (dec) she enjoys executing well balanced airs above the ground.

*(photos S Kalanj)*



# Generale's general health – on the road to recovery



# Semen For Sale

# ROMIDA

Introducing 22 *Maestoso Romida 8 (dec)*

Fully Accredited Lipizzaner Stallion | 16.1hh | Bred by Piber Stud | sired by 396 Maestoso Stella (Maestoso X Capriola by 198 Maestoso IX Ancona) & from the Piber mare 52 Romida (Conversano Sagana).

Annwn Park has secured frozen semen from this highly regarded stallion. There will be very limited available does outside of our studs breeding program. 22 Maestoso Romida 8 was accredited in Sweden & Lipica, with the highest class for young stallions of AB (40/50 points) he was also the highest scoring stallion in his performance test which included a driven dressage test, a 15 km country road driven test & gait test.

22 Maestoso Romida 8 is masculine stallion of very good breed type. Displaying a beautiful head, well inserted neck, laid back shoulders, deep chest, well developed withers good legs, strong short coupled back & a long croup. His walk is relaxed energetic & balanced, a beautiful rhythmical trot with free shoulder & balanced correct canter. He is the sire of champion awarded foals including the highest filly & colt score at the 2012 Lipica Stud accreditation. If you are interested in breeding your mare to this fellow, please send all genuine enquiries to [annwnpark@gmail.com](mailto:annwnpark@gmail.com)

To view more photos of 22 Maestoso Romida 8, along with a full pedigree please visit his respective page at [www.annwnpark.com.au](http://www.annwnpark.com.au)



# For Sale

# 297 Sonata

**297 Sonata** Purebred Mare  
DOB; 28 November 2011  
Sire: 226 Favory Naussica Dam: 209 Sydney  
Mare Family Line: Stornella  
Price: \$8,000



Sonata is a tall young mare, rising 3. Her sire Maestro is the highest scoring accredited stallion and her dam is classified Elite status. Her full sister is the highest scoring accredited mare in Australia. Sonata went through a young horse assessment with Dr Yvonne Peeters 2013 and achieved an excellent score.

With lovely fluid movement Sonata has all the quality and finesse of a Lipizzaner. She is still at that gangly phase that makes Lipizzaner breeders smile, knowing the horse will grow into a magnificent animal. Should mature around 15 HH to 15.1 HH. Sonata has a friendly nature and happily seeks out human company. She is being sold very reluctantly and will only be sold to the very best of homes.



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## 257 Favory Pallavicina ‘Merlin’

Annwn Park will be standing the Elite Accredited Lipizzaner Stallion **257 Favory Pallavicina ‘Merlin’** at public stud for the first time in the 2014/15 breeding season. He stands 157cm (15.2hh) is sired by 226 Favory Naussica (imp Fr/Ex NZ) & out of Pluto XXIX-23 (Imp Neth Bred Szil).

Merlin is an Elite Status Accredited Lipizzaner stallion with the LAA gaining top marks under Dr Yvonne Peeters for; Breed Type, Overall Impression, Temperament, Masculinity, Trot, Impulsion/Elasticity, Head & Neck, Shoulder & Wither, back, Croup & Loin. A Multi Supreme Champion in Hand & under saddle scoring well into the mid 70% at his limited debut dressage competitions.

He displays a natural strength & calm trainable disposition for top level dressage. 3 wonderful gaits; big over-track in the walk, a trot that at his breed accreditation gained him top marks for accuracy with a brilliant light engaged uphill canter that shows the desired capability of the higher schooled collected canter together with smooth natural flying changes. With classy good looks, brilliant iridescent white colouring & masses of mane & tail Merlin is truly a magical young stallion.

### SHOW HISTORY & ACHIEVEMENTS:

LAA Working ROM

Multi Supreme & National Championships in Hand & Under Saddle (both breed & open classes) at AHAA shows, Royal Shows & AWHA Gala Show 70+% in limited open dressage competitions

Featured on the cover of ‘Horse & People’ magazine

Features on Wikipedia demonstrating the modern/baroque Lipizzaner type  
**Introductory Service fee for 2014/15: \$1,800** limited LFG (after \$2,000).

Limited places for mares at stud, in time frozen semen will be available in within Australia & Internationally.

**Contact** | [annwnpark@gmail.com](mailto:annwnpark@gmail.com) | Tel 048 670 020

# For Sale

## 314 Favory Lucca II

314 Favory Lucca II  
DOB: 24 December 2012  
Sire: 226 Favory Naussica  
Dam: 223 Lucca  
Price: \$4,000  
Location: Laguna, Hunter Valley NSW

314 Favory Lucca II known as Louie, is a beautifully proportioned young gelding. His neck and head setting are stunning. He friendly, responsive and has been well handled, rugged and trimmed.

Rising 2 yrs, Louie has loads of potential, he has lovely movement typical of a Lipizzaner. He is developing good strong bone and has a fabulous mane and tail. He will probably mature around 14.1 HH.

Contact: Julie Brown 02 4998 8359  
email: [juliebrownlipizzaners@gmail.com](mailto:juliebrownlipizzaners@gmail.com)





**A massive welcome to our latest members!!!!**

**8 members have joined the LAA in recent months from the following locations.**

- – Chillingham, NSW
- – Vaucluse NSW
- – Kunghur NSW
- – Menangle NSW
- – Auckland, NZ

**Welcome new LAA  
Members!!!!**

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