



The NSW Arabian Horse Association Inc. proudly presents

# **The Ruth Dalton**

## **Memorial Versatility Challenge**

To be held at Vines Pony Club  
Grounds, corner of Wolseley Road  
and Old Stock Route Roads,  
Oakville. Sunday 1st of July, 2018.

8 AM start

**Halter/Saddle/Hunter Equitation**

**Open to all registered Arabians, Anglo Arabians,  
Arabian Riding ponies, Arabian ponies, Part Bred  
Arabians, Quarabs, Arabian Warmbloods, Arabian  
Stockhorses and Half Arabians, 4 Years & Over**

**Please note all riders must be a member of either the  
New South Wales Arabian horse Association Inc. Or the  
Arabian horse Society Of Australia**

# **Prize money , sashes and garlands to be won**

ALL ENQUIRIES TO:

**Email: [secretary@nswarabian.org.au](mailto:secretary@nswarabian.org.au)**

**Web: [www.nswarabian.org.au](http://www.nswarabian.org.au)**

**Entries close midnight Friday 15th  
June, 2018 on**

**[www.nominate.com.au](http://www.nominate.com.au)**

# General Rules

1. To be judged by three (3) Australian AHSA Panel Judges, (1 judge per section).
2. Each horse must be registered (not indexed) with the AHSA, be four years old or over as at 1 August, 2017 and compete in all three sections, (A, B & C), of the Versatility Challenge with the same handler/rider. The same horse cannot compete with a different handler/rider in this event. One horse per handler/rider only.
3. Any horse that does not complete a class in each of the sections, (A, B & C), for whatever reason, will not receive any prize money or points for that section.
4. Prize money cheques will be handed out on the day.
5. Entries will be only accepted via [www.nominate.com.au](http://www.nominate.com.au)
6. Plaiting is optional in all classes and will neither be merited or demerited.
7. Number holders are to be used on exhibits.
8. Colts/stallions are not permitted in Junior or Youth Classes or to be led or ridden by any persons under the age of 18 years.
9. LED CLASSES – Horses to be shown WITHOUT whips or riding crops. Horses may be shown in Show Halters or Bridles.
10. SADDLE CLASSES – Weymouth or Snaffle Bridles may be worn. Hacking canes only to be carried (with or without flappers) – no riding crops or dressage whips. Spurs may be worn. To be judged on overall balance, quality, manners, paces and accuracy of work. Approved safety helmets are permitted to be worn in both the Saddle class and Hunter Hack class.
11. HUNTER HACK CLASSES – Horses to be shown in snaffle bits only, (EFA reg. – NO CURB CHAINS permitted), no martingales allowed, breast plates are permitted without rings, drop nosebands are permitted. Hacking canes only to be used (with or without flappers) – no riding crops or dressage whips. Spurs may be worn. ALL competitors in this section must wear Safety Approved Helmets. Hunter Hacks will be required to jump 8 jumps – four (4) clockwise and four (4) anti-clockwise. Each of the eight jumps is worth 10 points, when cleared without fault. Knocking rails/jumps down results in 5 points deducted. First refusal equals five points deducted, second refusal equals 10 points deducted and third refusal is elimination. If you are eliminated from the hunter hack section; you then become ineligible for any prizemoney or places awarded in this section, and you become ineligible for the overall supreme award for the Ruth Dalton versatility challenge. Points will also be awarded in the hunter hack section for:
  - \*PRESENTATION: points awarded out of 10. This is judged on the presentation of horse and rider and ring craft and the manner in which the jump round is conducted. Competitors should present to the judge after the completion of the jumps. A jumping or all-purpose saddle is highly recommended for this class but not necessary.
  - \*RIDER: points awarded out of 10. This is judged on the rider's ability over the jumps, seat and position and lines taken.
  - \*HORSE: Points awarded out of 10. This is judged on the suitability of the mount and jumping ability, paces and temperament. The highest score out of 110 is declared the winner. A practice jump will be set up in a suitable area prior to commencement of the Hunter Hack Classes. Otherwise judged according to AHSA Ltd Rule Book. Commercially sold jumping boots are permitted to be worn by horses during the Hunter Hack section only, no other types of boots will be permitted. This event will also be timed, so as to rectify the situation of any tied scores that may occur in this section.
12. Heights of jumps are as follows: Juniors under 14 years – 30cm, Youths 14 & under 18 years – 50cm, Seniors 18 years & over – 60 cm.
13. Dress code: for all Halter, Saddle and Hunter Hack Classes – Formal or Semi-Formal, Juniors and Youths may wear full Pony Club uniform if preferred. Youths and Juniors must wear short boots only, no top boots or gaiters. No Lead Reins allowed.
14. Points allocated in each class will decide championship winners. In the event of tied scores, the horse scoring the highest number of points in the Hunter Hack class will be awarded Champion.
15. A special High Point Sash will be awarded to the highest scoring Champion on the day. In the event of tied scores, the highest scoring Hunter Hack will be awarded the High Point Sash. In the event of a further tie, the time taken for the hunter hack section will come into consideration.
16. Condition of entry is that a "Registered Participant Application" form is completed and a \$10.00 levy (or participation fee) is paid prior to purchasing tickets if you are NOT a current financial member of the NSW Arabian Horse Association Inc, the Arabian Horse Society of Australia or a recognised affiliate of the Arabian Horse Society of Australia. An "AHSA Condition of Entry Declaration Form" must be completed by current financial members of the NSW Arabian Horse Association Inc, the Arabian Horse Society of Australia or a recognised affiliate of the Arabian Horse Society of Australia prior to purchasing tickets however no insurance levy is payable. Wristbands must be worn by all persons to enter anyring.
17. **ENTRY FEE: \$60 FOR MEMBERS OF NSW ARABIAN HORSE ASSOCIATION. Not a member? Then feel free to join The New South Wales Arabian horse Association Inc. Membership form attached. All riders must be a member of the NSW AHA or the AHSA.**
18. **Owners of all horses entered must currently be a financial member of the Arabian horse Society Australia**

**Prize money: 1st place, \$100. 2nd place,  
\$75. 3rd place, \$50. 4th place, \$25.  
5th place, \$25. 6th place \$25.  
Age Section Champions - \$100  
Supreme Champion and overall winner  
of the Ruth Dalton memorial versatility  
challenge: \$500**

## **ONE HORSE PER HANDLER/RIDER ONLY**

### **SECTION A – HALTER SECTION**

- \*Led Arabian or Derivative handled by a Junior under 14 years
- \*Led Arabian or Derivative handled by a Youth 14 & under 18 years
- \*Led Arabian or Derivative handled by a Senior 18 years & over

### **SECTION B – SADDLE SECTION**

- \*Arabian or Derivative ridden by a Junior under 14 years
- \*Arabian or Derivative ridden by a Youth 14 & under 18 years
- \*Arabian or Derivative ridden by a Senior 18 years & over

### **SECTION C – HUNTER HACK CLASSES**

- \*Arabian or Derivative Hunter Hack ridden by a Junior under 14 years
- \*Arabian or Derivative Hunter Hack ridden by a Youth 14 & under 18 years
- \*Arabian or Derivative Hunter Hack ridden by a Senior 18 years & over

#### Championships

- \* Versatile Arabian or Arabian Derivative exhibited by a Junior under 14 years
- \* Versatile Arabian or Arabian Derivative exhibited by a Youth 14 & under 18 years
- \* Versatile Arabian or Arabian Derivative exhibited by a Senior 18 years & over
  
- \* Sashes and prize money will be awarded in each of the nine classes down to 6th place
- \* Championship sashes plus prize money will be awarded to each of the 3 champions
- \* Special High Point Sash will be awarded to the horse with the highest points on the day (refer to rules) \*

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**WHEN ENTERING RUTH DALTON YOU ONLY NEED TO PUT ONE OF THE  
FOLLOWING CLASS CODES ON YOUR ENTRY FORM**

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| <b>RDjunior</b> | Halter, Show and Hunter Hack - Junior under 14 years     |
| <b>RDyouth</b>  | Halter, Show and Hunter Hack - Youth 14 & under 18 years |
| <b>RDsenior</b> | Halter, Show and Hunter Hack - Senior 18 years & over    |

**HOW IS THE RUTH DALTON VERSATILITY CHALLENGE SCORED?**

The NSW AHA Committee wishes to inform competitors on how the Ruth Dalton challenge overall winner is determined. Places will be awarded down to sixth place in each section, for each age group. The 1st place equals 6 points, 2nd place equals 5 points, 3rd place equals 4 points, 4th place equals 3 points, 5th place equals 2 points, and 6th is 1 point. In the event of tied points in an age group, the competitor with the highest place in the Hunter Hack section will become the champion in that age group. When determining the overall supreme Champion winner of the Ruth Dalton versatility challenge; this will be awarded to the champion from an age group that has the most points above the other age group champions. In the event of a tied score between these champions, the competitor with the highest place in the Hunter Hack section will be awarded the supreme Champion, in the event of tied Hunter Hack placings, the competitor with the best time in the hunter Hack section will be awarded the overall winner of the Ruth Dalton versatility challenge.

**Ruth Dalton (1914–1998)**

Ruth Dalton owned and operated Wimsey Arabians at Dripstone, near Wellington NSW until the mid to late 90's when failing health necessitated her residence in Fitzgerald Hostel, Windsor.

Ruth's Arabian Stud, founded on early imported bloodlines, was established at Rooty Hill NSW during the late 60's with the acquisition of the mare Petra (Anouk x Sadaka).

Until that time Ruth bred, owned and showed several Partbred Arabians and Arabian ponies bred along the then Hawkesbury Agricultural bloodlines of Sala (Imp UK), Razaz (Imp UK), combined with those of the renowned Australian Stud Book Pony, Lowlyn Silver Chief. As her stud's numbers increased, Ruth first moved to Portland NSW, then on to Mudgee NSW, and finally to Dripstone where she concentrated more on the breeding of pure arábians than derivatives.

The importation of Snow King (Imp UK) (General Grant x Bazza (USA to UK)) was a highlight of Ruth's life. Prior to this she had continued using successful and imported bloodlines and set up a worthy and sizeable band of mares to put to him. Snow King (Imp UK), proved an invaluable addition to Wimsey Arabians. His many lovely foals gave Ruth untold satisfaction and much joy.

Ruth was a primary school teacher who loved children and horses. She never married and instead, dedicated her life to teaching and to her horses, always determined to leave money for promotion of kind, versatile Arabians and their Derivatives to be shown by Juniors as well as Seniors.

Ruth could never understand how Arabians and Derivatives came to be shown all "tizzied up, stretched and with long whips" because she thought they were much more beautiful shown naturally representing their breed with their unmatched inherent beauty, soundness, presence, kindness and ground covering action.

The last show Ruth attended was the 1997 National Arabian Stud Horse Show where some may recall seeing her sitting (next to her walking frame) at the judging area, ring side ..... a little old lady intent on watching "her" beloved Arabians.