

DIAMOND ROAD ARABIANS

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*"Walk with me the diamond road
Tell me every story told
Don't miss the diamonds along the way
Every road has led us here today"*

Hello Everyone

It has been nearly nine months since our last update, so we thought it was high time we sent out a newsletter to let you know how everything is traveling along at Diamond Road Stud.



The most important news is of course that the stud has relocated to 50 gorgeous, drought-proof acres at Coopernook, on the mid-north coast of New South Wales between Taree and Port Macquarie. This move has given us the opportunity to breed a larger number of mares this season, while also helping out a couple of friends by taking their mares on agistment or lease during this prolonged drought. It is a dream come true for myself to be able spend weekends and holidays at the farm, and to walk outside the back door and wander down to the mare paddocks, just to be with them. Of course for Kathy, she spends each and every day with the horses she loves, including Amaki's Rebecca, pictured above at 20 years of age.

The new property also gives the colts the opportunity to live in spacious paddocks where they can be horses, and in the case of Amaki's Perlino On Ice to actually run with his mares. We have been so happy with Perlino On Ice this season, he has bred two of our mares and two visiting mares, and all have gone in foal. One of the visiting mares has not gone in foal for over ten years, despite prolonged and expensive 'holidays' at the vet, so her owner is over the moon. We look forward to seeing the resultant foals later this year.

We have had much success in the show ring with our colts Ray Of Light and Diamond Road Aureous since the last newsletter, and while it would have to be said that traditionally we have not enjoyed showing the horses as much as we probably should, the team who help us get the very best out of the horses make each show better than the last. Paul Hedges does a great job of showing them, while Jenni, Paul and the entire team at Eagleridge are equally wonderful with the conditioning, preparation and calming of nerves before every show. We cannot thank them enough for all of their help..



Show Results

Ray Of Light has had a very successful season, and from attending four shows he has won the following:

Mid-North Coast UPWBDA Championships:	Supreme Led Exhibit , Champion Double Registered, Champion White Horse, Champion Non-Palomino <i>Progeny</i>
Manning Valley Colour-Rama:	Supreme Led Exhibit , Champion White Horse
Manning Valley All Breeds Spring Show:	Champion Derivative Colt/Stallion, Champion White Horse
Australian National Arabian Championships:	Top Ten 2&3 Year Old Part Bred Colt/Filly/Gelding

We are over the moon with his results, and especially happy with his performance at the Australian National Championships last weekend. In a very tough class of approximately 15 horses of all sexes, he was the only colt to make it into the Top Ten.

Diamond Road Aureous was taken out to three shows for the following results:

East Coast Arabian Championships:	Reserve Champion Part Bred Yearling Colt
Manning Valley All Breeds Summer Show:	Supreme Led Exhibit , Champion Arabian Derivative
Australian National Arabian Championships:	Top Ten Yearling Part Bred Colt/Filly/Gelding

As with Ray of Light's class at the Australian Championships, the class was combined with all three sexes and was very tough. He was placed as Reserve by German judge Silvie Eberhardt...we like her style of horse! We were very excited to win two of the beautiful silver ribbons on offer at this show, its Silver Anniversary year and of course the beautiful blue ribbon from East Coast, pictured below.



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Foaling News

As most of you know, we did not breed any foals last year. This season however, and with many tears of frustration and joy we are proud to announce the following foals will due from September 6th, 2007.

Amaki's Rebecca

In foal to Afrikah ERA (Sanadik El Shaklan – Arabian Park Egyptian Echo) for a palomino or chestnut foal

Naasama

In foal to Afrikah ERA for our very first purebred foal

Badet

In foal to Amaki's Perlino On Ice for a buckskin or palomino foal, possible tobiano

Zilarah Park Nahbu

In foal to Amaki's Perlino On Ice for a palomino, buckskin, cremello or perlino foal, possible tobiano

Clifton Park Nefisa

In foal to Khamsin ERA (Sanadik El Shaklan – Bint Bint Faaris imp)

Nefisa left it to the last minute to fall pregnant...it was probably because I threatened to put her on the show team if she didn't!

Our Daughters of Naadya

We have been blessed this season to be able to lease two very special mares, both daughters of Naadya (exp/imp), one of the most beautiful daughters of Naadirah, her sire being El Shareef (The Shah – Shareefa imp).

Both are tall, elegant mares with big feet, straight legs and lovely movement. Naasama is a stunning white mare (pictured below at 19 years of age) with gorgeous eyes, and is sired by the legendary Amir EL Shaklan (El Shaklan – Sascha). The younger is the snorty flaxen chestnut Naalyta, sired by Montabi (Rasmoniet RSI – Ramses Errabi) who will be bred to Naadir (Nahda – Naafisa) next season.



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At Stud

Ray Of Light will be available to select mares owned by people on this newsletter list.

At this time there may be a possibility of Ray Of Light standing part of the season interstate to accommodate a large number of mares that are to be booked to him. If you are interested in a service, please do get in contact sooner rather than later so we can try to fit you in.

Stud Fee: \$1000 Non-dilute mares
\$1500 Single dilute mares
\$2000 Double dilute mares
AI Available. Discounts for multiple bookings.



Amaki's Perlino on Ice is a perlino tobiano Part Arabian and Pinto stallion of the highest quality, and will be at stud again this year.

A wonderful choice for a problem breeder, he has proven to be a fertile stallion who is gentle with his mares. He will hand or paddock serve, and is a 100% colour producer. Perlino On Ice will be campaigned at halter next season unless sold/leased.

Stud Fee: \$700 + GST All Mares – Discounts for multiple bookings.



Diamond Road Aureous is a buckskin Part Arabian colt who will mature at 16hh+

Sired by Khamsin ERA (Sanadil El Shaklan) and from our lovely Amaki's Impressionist daughter Heste Arabique Lillian, he is destined to be a great sire. At stud unless sold.

Stud Fee: \$700 + GST Available to only two outside mares



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For Lease

Selling a special horse is never easy, and that is why we could never part with Aureous. That said, the thought of having three young stallions on the one property just does not seem feasible at this time therefore the exciting and dynamic Diamond Road Aureous is offered on a long term lease or perhaps partnership to the discerning stud owner who appreciates quality, with the added bonus of colour.

Born late January, 2006, Aureous is already 14.2hh and is expected to mature at 16hh plus like his sire Khamsin ERA. His dam is our tallest mare at 15.2hh, and she is also one of our sweetest and a joy to be around.

Aureous already has an impressive show record as described earlier in this newsletter, and would suit somebody wanting a show horse that will do well in both Arabian and Open company. He offers the rider a wonderful opportunity to excel in any chosen field, then go on to be an important sire.

Please contact us at diamondroadstud@gmail.com for more details.



Sold

The beautiful purebred sisters **Kharmarah** and **Kirrong Mailsha** were both sold to Osamah Al Haram from the Kingdom of Bahrain. Both are destined to be show mares in their new home in the desert, and we wish them every success.

Ta'Hianna Dream Weaver has been sold to a lovely home in Coopernook and has begun dressage lesson's. Her new owner is very excited about her progress, and hopes to have her out under saddle later this year.

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Strike A Pose

We were lucky enough to have two of our hoses featured as posters in two mainstream children's magazines. The beautiful Clifton Park Nefisa (Nile x Nazelle) was featured as a pull out centrefold in the hugely popular Saddle Club Magazine, and her stunning face in this now classic portrait can now be found on the bedroom wall of thousands of young girls (and adults I have discovered).

In turn, Ray Of Light was featured in Disney Girl Magazine, prompting many young fans to write in to ask more about the beautiful white horse, or 'unicorn' as one of them described him.



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