

Congratulations to Victoria Welch (Qld) for being the winner of the 2008 Que Sera Hanoverian Young Rider Challenge.

As the winner of the 2008 Que Sera Hanoverian Young Rider Challenge, Victoria will receive a return economy airfare to Germany and four weeks educational training in conjunction with the Hanoverian Verband in Germany, including breeding, riding, show education and a Celle Stud tour.

The Hanoverian Horse Society of Australia wishes to thank our wonderful sponsors, Que Sera Farm, for their generous sponsorship of the inaugural Hanoverian Young Rider Challenge.

Jane from the HHSA committee interviewed Victoria just before she left for Germany.



Victoria riding EM Remi World Vision
Prix St George CDI-Y
Champion 2008 Victoria Victoria riding

Jane - How do you feel about winning the 2008 Que Sera Hanoverian Young Rider Challenge?

Victoria - It is very exciting. It is fantastic that Kay and Jim from Que Sera and the HHSA are sponsoring a young rider to travel to Germany like this to learn about breeding and training. After the Youth Olympics it's an amazing follow-on.

Jane - What can you tell us about your trip?

Victoria - I am leaving on Wednesday 18th March and return on Tuesday 21st April. I will be mainly training with Leonie Bramall and staying with Dr. Rump. I will have a lesson each day and also go to any Mare Shows that are on. I will look at studs and talk to breeders and look at the stallions. I will also be going to the Elite Hanoverian Auction near the end of my 4-week stay and there will be over 100 Hanoverians in one spot.

Jane - What are you most looking forward to?

Victoria - Everything! The whole trip's exciting. The breeding mainly. I am interested in seeing how they bring their foals up and looking at the results of the different crosses.

Jane - What do you see as the benefits you will get from the prize of the trip to Germany?

Victoria - The education—learning about the breeding, listening to what the other breeders have to say and the riding. Definitely the education.

I want to officially thank Kay and Jim Sutherland from Que Sera Farms and the Hanoverian Horse Society of Australia for giving me this wonderful opportunity.

Jane also interviewed Tor Van den Berge, Manager of Que Sera Farm.

Jane - Would you tell us a bit about Que Sera Farm, who are you, where are you and what do you do?

Tor - Que Sera Farm is owned by Jim and Kay Sutherland and it will have been operating for 2 years in April. It is 292 acres at Biddadaba in South-East Queensland. We have 80 head of cattle as well as horses. We have dressage horses ranging from young to FEI, plus foals and yearlings - other people's and our own. We can take them from just broken to Grand Prix dressage. Also my wife, Mel, trains eventing, so we can provide that service too.

Jane - How do you feel about sponsoring the Que Sera Hanoverian Young Rider Challenge?

Tor - I know that Jim and Kay are very happy to have had the farm's name on a junior competition like this and that they are very happy with the choice of Victoria, who they think is very deserving of the prize.

Jane - What do you see as the main benefits to the young winner?

Tor - Definitely to get the exposure she is going to get in Germany, and the education. I think the Hanoverian Society is fantastic. It is really great to have such a strong society in Australia with such strong links with Germany.



Jim & Kay Sutherland
Tor Van den Berge (Manager)