

# OPAL AWARD WINNER



Company chairman Barbara Arnold presents Yvette with her Opal Award trophy and sash for Emperors Gold



The beautiful and valuable Opal Award trophy consists of a Royal Doulton palomino figurine mounted on a plaque with a chunk of raw opal and is valued at several hundred dollars.

The Opal Award is the highest echelon of awards offered by Dilutes Australia. Points must be gained across led and ridden dilute classes and open classes but there is no limit on the time it takes to accumulate the required totals as this is a lifetime award.

In recent times the most successful recipient of the Opal Award is, without doubt, Yvette Vlies. In 2004 Yvette received the Opal Award for her palomino gelding Pallano Intrepid. In 2007 she was successful again, this time with Kejal Gold Lotto. In 2008 Lotto won the Spectrum Award,

the same category of award as the Opal but for ancillaries.

Last weekend Yvette was presented with the Opal Award, this time for the achievements she has had with her palomino stallion Emperors Gold.

I am sure you will agree that Yvette has shown incredible dedication and stamina to compete at this level over almost a decade



with three different horses. On behalf of the Board of Directors I extend hearty congratulations to Yvette for her achievements and wish her continued success for the future.

She tells me she has a brand new palomino filly foal in the paddock and we will be seeing her at the Youngstock Show next March. I look forward to it!

If you would like to have an Opal Award the nomination form is available on our website. The trophy consists of a beautiful piano finish timber and etched glass base with a collectible Beswick (Royal Doulton) figurine, an opal rock, a beautiful sash and a signed certificate - total value between \$450 and \$500.