

## **NOTES FROM THE NSW ACDS BRANCH MEETING HELD AT YOUNG ON NOVEMBER 22, 2008**

**Clubs represented were:** Riverina, Murrumbidgee, Camden, Hills, Bungendore, Ellmore, Goulburn, Southern Highlands, Canberra, Reedy Creek.

25 attendees.

### **Panel Reports**

#### **Show Driving**

- NSW Show Driving Championships a success at the Leeton Show
- Show Judges and Drivers School at Rossmore also a success with more than 30 attending. Three judge candidates did the practical exam. Seven current judges recommended for upgrade to General List as a result of attendance at the school.
- Knee Rug Raffle drawn at Rossmore School. Raised \$288 for Show Driving Schools fund.
- Bathurst Royal Show in March – harness classes and Obsthon need member support.

#### **PEH**

- Drivers reminded to use the PEH logbook printed in last Whip Around to record distances covered by individual horses at PEH type drives
- Official Recording Sheet to be in coming Whip Around, with instructions on use
- Distance awards will be presented at the NSW AGM, based on information on the submitted Official Recording Sheets
- Neil Munn from Gulgong Club has joined the PEH Panel, as the fifth member.

#### **Dressage**

- 2009 Dressage Championships to be hosted by Murrumbidgee Club
- Dressage Manual will be released as soon as approved by Federal Council
- Dressage Workshop at Bundanoon – extremely successful and well attended.
- Graded Dressage Days – clubs should follow requirements and guidelines printed in the manual.
- Driven dressage grading is not the same as CDE grading.

#### **CDE**

- Three well organized events have been held at Witwood, Bundanoon and Grenfell but entries a little disappointing
- New ACDS Rule Variations Booklet has been produced, designed to be read in conjunction with the international driving rules – does not alter any existing rules.
- Clubs running Level 2 and Level 3 CDEs are urged to measure all gates in the cones competition now that standardised vehicle widths have been adopted.

#### **Other Business**

- ACDS 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2011 National CDE Championships and Show Driving Championships to be run in NSW
- Crisis Management Protocol has been approved - should be kept handy for all club activities.
- One Activity Membership fee to remain the same at \$25 to Federal ACDS
- Each member advised to renew annual subscription by August 31 otherwise will no longer be a member and will not have insurance cover
- Additional Event Support Scheme – Any club organising an additional event in the coming months until May 1 2009 may apply for a grant from the Branch, to help cover cost of officials.
- Marie Kahrle School to be held at Bundanoon, January 24-26 2009, run by Southern Highlands Club. Applications to go to State Secretary.
- NSW Annual Awards – new proposal discussed. To go to clubs for discussion, and voted on at February Branch meeting.
- Grading points in CDEs – CDE Panel to put together proposal to go to Federal Council which addresses premature upgrading of horses/ponies

- Murrumbidgee Club March 21 2009 Driven Dressage Championships at Yanco
- Expressions of interest called for running of 2009 CDE Championships
- February meeting date changed to third Saturday as a 'one off' to avoid clash with Masters Games.
- TPR School to be run in conjunction with February meeting.
- **Next Branch Meeting February 21 to be held at Tocal, hosted by Hunter Club**