

NOTES FROM THE NSW ACDS BRANCH MEETING HELD AT YOUNG ON SEPTEMBER 24, 2007

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

Panel Reports:

Dressage

- Dressage judges' refresher scheduled for July was cancelled due to lack of interest. Another refresher is planned for November and reminder letters have been sent to judges who need to attend a refresher in the next few months.
- Advertisement asking for dressage judge candidates to be placed in Whip Around.
- Some changes have been made regarding dressage tests – some tests have been dropped, new tests introduced and others slightly altered. These changes will be noted in the Dressage Manual and CDE Guidelines.

Show Driving

- Preparations are complete for the National Show Driving Championships on September 23. Champions will receive \$50 prize money. Advertising in ACDS publications, on websites, in Horse Deals and The Land. Many programs sent out to known show competitors.
- Clubs urged to support their local shows such as by giving advice on program, suggesting a judge, running the ring, providing stewards or best of all, competing.
- Show Driving schools are being organized in the Sydney and Wagga Wagga areas for later in the year, with an emphasis on heavy harness judging.
- Show societies to be sent suggested programs and the show judges list
- Booklet of show workouts to be compiled.
- Submissions wanted from clubs to run the 2008 State Show. Panel will help with organization and promotion.

CDE

- CDE Officials School was very successful – 18 participants
- Many CDEs to look forward to this spring, including Ellmore's event at the new venue at Boorowa.
- Recommendations from CDE Forum at Wagga Wagga include – *guidelines regarding use of motorized transport for mobility impaired competitors inspecting MOs and the cones course; * three groupings of dressage tests to provide a more gradual and logical progression in degree of difficulty, and * removal of several obsolete dressage tests and introduction of ACDS Intermediate tests

PEH - no recent activity to report. Panel ideas to be presented at next meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

- Vehicle weights in CDEs – postponed indefinitely
- Marie Kahl returning in January 2008 – schools in NSW, Vic and WA
- Risk Assessment Check Lists must be done prior to all ACDS driving activities
- Concept of Show and Shine Competition put forward (displaying vehicles only)
- Safety helmets – proposal to be sent out to clubs for discussion that safety helmets to be worn in all ACDS driven activities
- 2008 NSW CDE Championships – hosts: Southern Highlands Club

- Affiliation document - Clubs requested to discuss latest version and send comments to Branch Secretary
- Service to Carriage Driving Award – decision made that Executive office bearers are not eligible to be nominated whilst holding office.
- 2008 Australian CDE Championships – hosts: Bungendore Club
- **Next Branch Meeting – November 24 2007 Bungendore Club to host. Venue to be confirmed.**