

NOTES FROM THE NSW ACDS BRANCH AGM AND GENERAL MEETING HELD AT AUSTRAL ON MAY 24, 2008

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

48 attendees.

Panel Reports

CDE

- Organisers of the Witwood and Marrar events thanked for putting on two excellent competitions
- TPR training course at Gulgong : 16 candidates recommended for accreditation, plus 10 existing stewards re accredited.
- MO 'diagram' style judging sheets should be used rather than the 'list' method
- Anyone interested in being the ACDS Grading Officer should contact the Federal Secretary.
- Ground Jurors reminded that their authority permits a range of responses to poor competitor behaviour including disqualification of the offender, and officials urged to report such incidents.

Show Driving

- National Show run by the Hills Club a great success – 54 horses
- Photo Show run by Murrumbidgee Club – very successful and on display on the NSW website
- Show Driving School with emphasis on heavy horse turnouts to be at Rossmore Nov 9
- Agric Societies are receiving judges lists, suggested programs and workouts.
- 2008 State Show on October 11 in conjunction with Leeton Show. Support by competing.
- Database of about 100 show drivers and addresses is now available.

PEH

- Fifield Enduro run by Central West Club again very successful
- Henry Lawson Pilgrimage Drive organized by the Gulgong Club – becoming increasingly popular
- Reedy Creek Club has organized a cloverleaf endurance event at Marrar from July 7 – 13.
- TPR School on June 28 - valuable information for all drivers as well as TPR stewards
- Awards for Long Distance Driving – guidelines being put together
- Mail Run Reunion and Pleasure Drive at Araluen in September – all welcome to attend.
- Reminder to support the Concours d'Elegance events at Cowra, Canberra and Pokolbin

Dressage

- Dressage refresher/workshop had 24 attendees and deemed a great success
- Candidate judges were able to do their practical assessment at the Level 3 CDE at Witwood. As a result - new NSW novice judge pending ratification & Qld member on way to becoming a judge.
- NSW Dressage Championships schedules are out – being run by the Bega Valley Club
- Clubs are urged to hold more graded dressage days in accordance with the guidelines. Graded dressage grading is not the same as CDE grading, and proves that dressage can be fun.

Other Business

- Liz Hammond the retiring Secretary, was thanked for her 5 years of service by the President accompanied by much acclamation by the meeting participants for a job very well done.

- TPR Draft Guidelines and Accreditation questions have been put together by Sharon Beattie
- Medical armbands as used in Victoria not favoured for NSW
- Discussion on Rules and Regulations including clarification needed on 'One Activity Membership'
- A proposed CDE Charter of Operations to be distributed for comment by clubs
- Expressions of interest are required for activities in 2011 for the ACDS 40th Anniversary
- 'Fashions on the Box Seat' session proposed for next Branch Meeting.
- NSW ACDS membership fees to remain the same for 2008/9
- **Next Branch Meeting August 23 hosted by Bungendore Club at Queanbeyan**

OFFICER BEARERS FOR 2008/9

President: Tony James

Vice President: Peter McIntyre

Vice President: Brendan Dwyer

Secretary: Judy Harris

Treasurer: Terry Kelly

Panels

CDE: Bruce Hammond, Peter McIntyre, Tim Dwyer, Doug Willcoxson

Dressage: Dot Willcoxson, Yvonne Wood, Anne Robertson, Sheryl Leibowitz, Sue Plath

Show Driving: Janet Muspratt, Linda Ongley, Christine Lodge, Trevor Brand, Ken Thomas.

PEH: Sharon Beattie, Amanda Kettlestring (three more vacancies)

Appointments

Newsletter Editor: Janet Muspratt

WebMaster: Amanda Kettlestring

AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE 2007

PEH: June Malmberg (Hills) June continues to be a very valuable ACDS member. She is Editor of the bi monthly Hills Club 'Spokesman', regularly drives at club activities and at the Fifield Enduro, hosts Hills events at her property, attends Hills social evenings, and always takes part in the Fagan Park Heritage Parade putting carriage driving before the public eye. June is a great believer in having her horses fit to complete endurance events, and enjoys spending many hours in the saddle and driving, with this end in mind.

Junior Driver: Kimberlee McGregor (Hills) Kimberlee has broken in an Arabian mare to saddle and harness over the last year and has shown her successfully at a number of shows. She was the Champion Junior Driver at the Interclub Challenge Day driving her Shetland pony and also competed with her Welsh pony at the Sydney Royal and NSW Show Driving Championships at Moss Vale. Kimberlee attended most Hills Club activities over the year, has given driving demonstrations to the local pony club and is currently teaching pony club members about carriage driving.

Show Driver: Gay Bostock (Hunter) Gay is a very keen show driver who regularly travels with her husband Ron to shows over a wide area, successfully exhibiting one or more of her 5 regular driving ponies. She won the Miniature Pony in Harness Class at the Sydney Royal in 2007, for the second year in a row, and has won many classes and Champion awards over the year at Agricultural and breed shows. Gay is also closely involved in Hunter and Hills Club activities attending many of their driving events and social activities, as well as representing the Hunter Club as a delegate at Branch Meetings.

Driver with a Disability: Linda Ongley (Hills) Linda has driven at a number of Hills and Macquarie Club activities over the year, and had several successful appearances at shows. She won the Lady Driver class and was Reserve Champion Driver at the Bathurst Royal Show. She is a Hills Club committee member, and amongst other things has helped organize social evenings and new dressage letters for the club. Linda is also a member of the NSW Show Driving Panel.

CDE Driver: Suzanne Ridley (Bungendore) Suzanne has been a keen singles and pairs driver for many years. In recent times her activities have been curtailed somewhat by ill health but

in the last year she has driven her pair very competitively at Marrar and the Level 3 CDE at Witwood. Suzanne has always been an active club member, including being a club delegate, an enthusiastic publicity officer, and a steward at events. She has also regularly supported harness classes at local shows.

Service to Carriage Driving Certificates: Alan Ongley (Hills) Alan has made an excellent contribution to the NSW ACDS through his expertise in photography and producing videos and CDs of carriage driving events

Janet Muspratt (Hills) – for sending regular emails to keep many ACDS members informed about the EI situation throughout the difficult period. “Without these emails many of us would have been struggling to keep up with what was happening”- Hunter Club.

Service to Carriage Driving Major Award: Doug and Dot Willcoxson (Bungendore) Doug and Dot have given wonderful support to the ACDS over a great many years. They have willingly taken on official roles at all levels – National, State and Club - and have done much traveling across the country to help run events, by being officials such as judges and TDs, as well as attending and contributing to meetings and conferences. There have also been considerable contributions to the dressage and CDE discipline panels and some years spent by Dot as the ACDS Journal Editor.

The Willcoxson property Witwood has been developed to become a wonderful CDE venue and the family continues to host events there year after year. Doug and Dot truly deserve recognition for their ‘Service to Carriage Driving’.

CDE Leader Board Winner: Kookie Engelsman