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Charlie Brown, Champion Non Hackney Horse, NSW Show Driving Championships driven by Jess Parramore with groom Wayne Moyes and judge Kathie Turner

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT 'WHIP AROUND' May 24 2010

**Next NSW ACDS Branch Meeting and AGM May 22 2010
venue TBC**

Registration from 9.30 am. Meeting to start at 10 am
Usual charge for morning tea and lunch payable on the day
Please notify Judy Harris on (02) 6942 6762 of intention to attend by May 14 2010

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2010

DATE	EVENT DETAILS	CONTACT
March		
20 - 21	Dressage to Music Practice at Rosemont Reedy Creek Club	Kath Cole 4837 3023
27 - 28	Joe Hawkins Cup CDE at Marrar Riverina Club	Mal Welsh 02 6922 6308
27-28	Weekend Drive at Laggan Goulburn Club	Robert Allport 02 4832 1860
28	Sporting and Fun Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
April		
1 - 14	SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW	
3	Sunrice Festival Parade Leeton	Bruce Hammond 02 6955 1205
3- 5	Australian CDE Championships at Peterborough SA	Shirley Crossley 08 8651 2351
4	Social Drive at Manilla Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
10 - 18	Fifield Enduro Central West Club	Gaye Lees 02 6864 5129
17-18	Weekend Drive at Wongarbon Gulgong Club	Lois O'Neill 02 6373 4929
17-18	Weekend Drive at Warrah Creek Liverpool Range Club	Bill Greer 02 6747 1773
17-18	Pleasure Driving Weekend at Temora Reedy Creek Club	Sharon Beattie 02 4868 3415
25 – 26	Anzac CDE at Bundanoon Southern Highlands Club	Tracey Greenacre 02 4883 7443
30 – May 2	King of the Ranges Stockmen's Challenge at Murrurundi	Bill Greer 02 6747 1773
May		
1	Dressage & Dressage to Music at Rosemont Reedy Creek Club	Kath Cole 02 4837 3023
2	Obstathon Competition at Rosemont Reedy Creek Club	John Moyes 02 4837 3023
2	Pleasure Drive at Castlereagh Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
2	Social Drive at Manilla Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
8-9	Weekend Drive at Wybong Gulgong Club	Lois O'Neill 02 6373 4929
8-9	Endurance/Pleasure Drive at Penrose Forest Reedy Creek Club	Sharon Beattie 02 4868 3415
15 - 16	Interclub Challenge Day venue TBC Ellmore Club	Zita Farrell 02 6382 4972
29	DVD Night at Leppington Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
29-30	Drive at Narrandera Murrumbidgee Club TBC	Bruce Hammond 02 6955 1205
30-Jun 12	Henry Lawson Pilgrimage Drive Gulgong Club	John Hetherington 02 63741410
June		
7	Rally Day at Attunga Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
19	TPR School at Rosemont Goulburn Reedy Creek Club	Sharon Beattie 02 4868 3415
20	Horse Health School at Rosemont Goulburn Reedy Creek Club	Sharon Beattie 02 4868 3415
19-20	Weekend Drive at Piallaway Liverpool Range Club	Bill Greer 02 6747 1773
27	Winter Gymkhana at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
July		
2-9	Endurance/Pleasure Drive at Marrar Reedy Creek Club	John Moyes 02 4837 3023
10-11	Pleasure Driving and Riding Weekend at Putty Hills Club	June Malmberg 0418 417 147
16 - 18	Federal ACDS AGM and Conference at Albury	Sue Waters 03 59836629
25	Hills Club AGM and Anniversary Lunch at Box Hill	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
August		
8	Interclub Challenge Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
September		
11-12	Endurance/Pleasure Drive at Penrose Forest Reedy Creek Club	Sharon Beattie 02 4868 3415
12	Dressage and Cones Day at Rossmore Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
12	Carnival Capers at Murrumbidgee Club	Bruce Hammond 02 6955 1205
18-19	Concours d'Elegance / Pleasure Drive Pokolbin Hunter Club TBC	Rosemary Laing 02 4994 5547
25	Social Night Dinner venue TBC Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
October		
2-3	CDE at Hinemoa Grenfell	Kookie Engelsman 02 63433292
10	Safety and New Horse Day at Londonderry Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
17	NSW Show Driving Championships at Tamworth Tamworth Club	Liz O'Brien 0427 766 726
November		
13	Trivia Night at Box Hill Hills Club	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085
December		
11	Hills Club Christmas Party at Box Hill	Janet Muspratt 02 9606 6085

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Chris Reinhardt with Angie on the Hills Club Twilight Drive

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor

First of all I want to tell you what a brilliant job you are doing with the Newsletter.

Also I wish to congratulate the Fifield Central West Team on the absolutely great job they have done running the 2009 annual Endurance run.

Barry and I missed everyone like mad, but knew you were in good hands with the new team of Gaye and Col Lees, Heather and Jason and Elizabeth Wythes, Wayne Teale and David Walker, who picked up the challenge and made everything bigger and better than ever.

Congratulations, Job well done.



Presenting the ribbons after a day's driving at Fifield 2009

A big 'Well Done' to the Fifield stalwarts Kath Smith and Carol Fitzpatrick, without whom nothing exciting would happen, let alone happen regularly. They keep the clock running and are on the job at all times. By all accounts, there was more fun to be had by all at the end of the day, and although Barry and I had a great holiday, we know we missed some of the funniest evenings ever to be had.

A big congratulations to the drivers, who upheld the standard of horsemanship to its normal high level, and we missed seeing you all in 2009. It is great to be able to step aside and know that an event that has been such a part of our life continues on without us.

Norma Garment

(Past Secretary/Treasurer Central West Club)

CLUB NEWS

MURRUMBIDGEE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

Murrumbidgee Club held its inaugural One Hour CDE at the Murrumbidgee Sportsground on Sunday February 21. The weekend started on Saturday with a driving clinic with Alison Graves with drivers taking the opportunity to hone their dressage skills for the following day.

The One Hour CDE was made up of four parts – the ACDS CC dressage test, the Southern Cross cones (fault competition), a 3 km marathon with three MOs, then the Southern Cross cones course driven again as a timed competition. The concept was well received and the day was a great success. The class winners were Pony: David Royle; Pairs: Hannah Harris and Horse: Robyn Schmetzer. The Best Dressage award went to Bruce McNally with a score of 37. His attendance at recent schools and graded dressage days in Victoria paid dividends. The Southern Cross Cones scores will go into the International Competition between Australia, New Zealand and South Africa.

CANBERRA CARRIAGE CLUB

Canberra Club members have just enjoyed their first meeting for the year, celebrated with pizzas and seafood, and a sharing of what they have all been up to over the holiday season - a new pony, a new buggy, visits from other drivers near and far, and plenty of plans for another great carriage driving year to come.

Several members are planning to travel to South Australia for the Australian CDE Championships at Easter – a big trip, but one that is sure to be well rewarded, with terrific competition, social conviviality and the chance to have a look at the magnificent Flinders Ranges and some wineries whilst there.

As well as hosting the Club's traditional Dressage and Cones event later in the year, an Inter Club Challenge is planned, as well as a Two Day Drive 'somewhere nice'. Members are also looking forward to joining with other clubs at their upcoming competitions.

Thank you Penny Jacobs for this report.

CAMDEN HARNESS CLUB

Camden Club members thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality of Mike and Louise Lyons in their 'outdoor dining room' for the Club's annual Christmas party. Those who attended included Greg and Allison McDonald, Sylvia Biffin, Betty and John Lyons, John and Jan Downes, Martyn and Jo Anne Minns, Noel and Pam Fisher, Nicky Price, Margaret and John Moore and Peter and Carol Fitzpatrick.



Camden Club Christmas Party 2009

The weekend of February 27/28 was a busy one for many members. The Saturday saw the wedding of Tara Wylie and Grant Biffin taking place at Merv and Sylvia Biffin's farm at Cawdor.



Carol Fitzpatrick driving the bride and her father to the wedding at the Biffins' farm

The bride and her father were driven to the ceremony by Carol Fitzpatrick with her pair Ned

and Louie in Sylvia and Merv's buggy, whilst the bridesmaids travelled in Jan Downe's buggy, with Maxine Saliba who drove her two mares Sonny and Titch. Next day Sylvia celebrated her 80th birthday at a party at Pheasants Nest, with many friends and family members.

SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS CARRIAGE CLUB

Southern Highlands Club ended the year with its annual President's Cup. A fun day was had by all. The dressage judges were Yvonne Wood and Sue Plath, whilst the cones were run by Trevor and Sheryl Leibowitz and Stuart Griffiths. Those drivers competing for the President's Cup needed to successfully complete two dressage tests and two cones courses.

Seven of the fourteen drivers were eligible for the Cup and the overall winner was Kim Leibowitz. The Kate Russell Memorial trophy for the best 'Driver with Style' was awarded to Kirsty Little and Club Supporter of the Year was Sue Plath for her ongoing contributions to the club. The best Combined Cones and Dressage scores for the day (included all drivers) were as follows: Little Pony : Amanda Kettlestring; Big Pony : Kirsty Little; and Horse: Ray Roach.

State Forests have upgraded the access into the Penrose Forest from the corner of Ferndale and Old Argyle Rds. It is now accessible to horses and carriages. The gate will be open during daylight hours and closed at dark.

The State CDE Panel held an Officials Workshop for TDs, Cones Judges and Course Designers at the Southern Highlands Grounds on February 14. Despite never ending rain, the workshop went ahead with 18 people in attendance, including a number of SHCC members. Members Tony James, Keri Izzard and Kookie Engelsman drove their horses in the rain to test the cones course and obstacles.

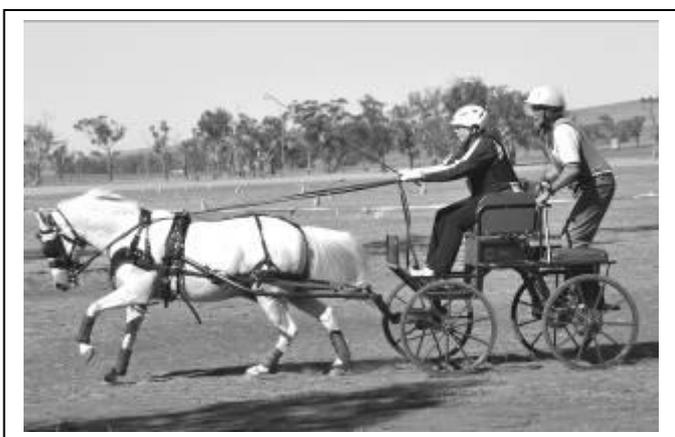
ELLMORE HARNESS CLUB

Ellmore Club will be well represented at events this autumn, with some members travelling to the Victorian CDE Championships at Longwood and others going to the Munro Cup at Witwood the same weekend. Later in the month several members will be at the ever popular Joe Hawkins Cup at Marrar. In April Fifield Enduro will be supported by a number of members, keen for a repeat of last year's very enjoyable experience. The Club is planning to again run an Inter Club Challenge day, together with an interstate cones competition on May 15/16. A new venue at Jugiong, just off the Hume Highway, is currently being looked at. This will be an easily assessable venue for neighbouring clubs. With peaceful riverside camping, a country pub and local wines, it may be a challenge to fit in any driving at all!

More information on this event will soon be circulated.

RIVERINA CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB

The annual Joe Hawkins Cup Level 3 CDE is soon to be staged by the Riverina Club at the Marrar Sports Ground. It is on March 27/28. This CDE has become a popular and much enjoyed event on the CDE calendar. Marrar is a village with a population of about 150, situated between Coolamon and Junee, north of Wagga Wagga. The Sportsground has camping sites, toilets and showers, town water, and 31 open yards. Electric fence yards are also permitted. It will be a good event for spectators especially on the second day with Sections D and E of the Marathon to be conducted entirely within the sports ground, including the five MOs.



Anne & Rob Robertson at the Joe Hawkins Cup at Marrar in 2009 (Wagga Wagga Photo Club)

BUNGENDORE CARRIAGE DRIVING SOCIETY

The Christmas Indoor Obsthon run by the Reedy Creek Club was popular with Bungendore members. Those who competed included Bronwen Pratt, Cathie Macarthur, Max Pearce, Rick Jones, Melissa Jones, Terry Kelly and Carolyn Blakeley



Carolyn Blakeley and her buggy and pair at the Canberra Royal

In late February, the Club was well represented at the Canberra Royal. Driving in the harness classes were Melissa Jones, Max Pearce and Carolyn

Blakeley whilst Richard Bensley, Cathy McCoy and Rick Jones were also out in the arena as holders and grooms.

Congratulations to Dot Willcoxson who has been appointed Chef d'Equipe for the Australian team for the 2010 World Singles CDE Championships to be held at Pratoni del Vivaro in Italy at the end of July. Australia will be represented by Michelle Jones and Elizabeth Lawrence, both from Victoria.

GULGONG HERITAGE HARNESS ASSOCIATION

Bill Ryan reports:

It was great to finish 2009 with all that wonderful rain we had, although two months down the track, the paddocks are in need of another good drink. Our club Christmas Party went off very well with everyone having a great time. An award was presented to John Hetherington and Chris Hills for being the only two club members who have completed the Henry Lawson Pilgrimage Drive every year since Trip 1 in 2000. This year will be their eleventh.

Our first event for the year was a brief display on Australia Day, held at the Gulgong Showground. Thanks to Chris and Carol Hills, Jim Gilbey and Donna Birchall for turning up. Chris had his Clydesdale Sterling with a sled, whilst Carol, Donna and Jim all drove Shetlands, a big hit with the children. The Shetlands all came from Jim's stud in Mudgee (phone 6372 1996 if you are after a Shetland at any stage).



Jim Gilby with Anna, Carol Hills with Jamie and Donna Birchall with McGregor at the Australia Day celebrations

January 30 was a fun day held at Chris and Carol Hills' place. We were joined by several heavy horse people, and new member Haley Faerstrom who had a great time riding and driving Drambuie owned by Chris. Jim Gilbey had his Shetland Abby there for her first drive with other horses, and she went very well.

We are very busy once again with arrangements for our Henry Lawson 2010 Drive. With our limit of seventy people on the trip it looks like this will fill very quickly. We seem to be getting more and more enquiries from members of other clubs wanting to participate in the trip. There is big

interest from the Liverpool Range Club – about twelve members I believe.

On that issue a good way to see and find out what the trip is all about is to do a year as a volunteer. Each year we are looking for escort drivers, cooks' assistants etc. This is a really good way of experiencing the day to day routine of the trip. Fortunately this year it looks like we have all the volunteers we need for these positions. However, things do change so if you might be interested, give John Hetherington a call on 6374 1410. Our next club drive is a day jog on March 13 around the outskirts of Gulgong town, leaving the showground at 9.30 am and returning about 3.30 pm.



John Hetherington and Chris Hills being presented with their Certificates by Bill Ryan and Lois O'Neill

HUNTER HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY

The Club Christmas Party cruise drew about 30 starters. The group was allocated the lower deck of the boat. The weather was pleasant and Bill the boat captain kept everyone entertained with his stories on the high seas (lake), whilst seeing a pod of dolphins skimming along beside the boat was a thrill for everyone.

The staff were very attentive and made sure nobody dehydrated as well as serving morning tea, lunch and an afternoon dessert. During the day, the group was divided into teams for a trivia competition, devised by Helen Huckerby. The winners were Charles Skelton and Jenny Fayth, ahead of a number of teams in second place – Denese Ward and Barbara Smith, Rosemary Laing and Doreen Sinclair, George Sinclair and Kevin Fayth and Cathy Browning and Graham Randall. There is plenty on the calendar for Hunter members in the next few months. Several members are competing in the harness classes at the Gresford Show and having lessons with Bob Edwards the next day, organized by Ryan Ward. Cathy Browning is hosting a drive at Wollombi later in March. April has the Sydney Royal, the Stroud Show and the Fifield Enduro, each always attended by Hunter members. The Tocal Field Days on April 30 / May 1 and 2 are also an important annual appointment for the Club, with its static display on carriage driving.

GOULBURN DISTRICT HORSE DRAWN VEHICLE SOCIETY

Goulburn Club has held regular outings over the summer. In December the Club Christmas party was a BBQ hosted by Trevor and Shirley Mills at their home in Goulburn. In January it was back to Rob and Margaret Murray's Bevandale Station on the Lachlan River for a weekend of driving. Drivers, grooms and friends camped comfortably near the station buildings and six vehicles were out on the road each day. The Lachlan River was flowing well after the late 2009 rain.

February's drive was based at Crookwell. A 40 km round trip was undertaken by four drivers on Saturday heading to the Laggan Hotel for lunch and back via a different route. There were five drivers for the Sunday drive which was around the perimeter of Crookwell – about 14km in total. In early March, Allan Smith drove a busload of fellow club members and friends to the Inter Dominion Pacing Final at the new Menangle Park Paceway, just south of Sydney. They enjoyed a great day of racing with the highlight being witnessing the historic win of Queensland superhorse Black's a Fake, winning his fourth Inter Dominion Pacing Final.

March 27/28 has been set aside as a solid hit out before the annual Fifield Enduro. The plan is to set up camp at Laggan Sportsground and drive about 40km on the Saturday, followed by a vet check. Sunday will then see a drive of about 20km. There will be three Goulburn entries at Fifield.

HILLS DISTRICT HARNESS CLUB

Hills members gave great support to the NSW Show Driving Championships at Bundanoon in December.



Darren Dorman driving Ashwoods Captivation, Supreme Champion Horse or Pony at the NSW Show Championships

Hills competitors included Noeline Cassettari, Belinda and Jessica Casper, Darren Dorman, Barbara Smith, John Prince and Pat Hughes, whilst others there from Hills included Andrea Casper, Joanne and Jessie Dorman, Janet Muspratt and

multiple member Ken Thomas. The Dorman's very elegant chestnut hackney horse Ashwoods Captivation was awarded Supreme Champion Horse or Pony, winning the perpetual President's Cup.

The Hills Club's first driving event of the year was the Twilight Drive, held at June Malmberg's property at Londonderry. Frequent rain over the last month in Sydney made it unwise to drive trucks into the property, but fortunately there is a good wide verge of hard ground just outside the gate, and everyone parked there. The arrival time was 4pm and by 4.30 the six drivers – Dennis and Andrea Casper, Chris Reinhardt, Karen Silvester, Belinda Casper and Ailsa Adams were harnessed up and ready to go with Nugget, Cassie, Angie, Wilbur, Houston and Larry. They were out for about an hour and a half, driving along the quiet roads in the attractive rural district. Later they enjoyed tea with a number of other Hills members and friends, including June, who arrived home from work just in time for tea.

12 members will be going on it this year. However before that takes place in late May, there are two camping/driving weekends on the Liverpool Range calendar.



Bill Greer at a previous King of the Ranges Weekend



Ailsa and Ross Adams with their new horse Larry at the Hills Club Twilight Drive

BEGA VALLEY HARNESS SOCIETY

Bega Club member Ben Rosetta was in action at the Reedy Creek Club Christmas Obsthon driving Ashley, whilst Sarah Keever won her class at the Southern Carriage Club CDE at Witwood in January.

LIVERPOOL RANGE HARNESS CLUB

Most members of the Liverpool Range Club were at the club Christmas Party hosted by Peter and Trish Honeyman in December and a great time was had by all. One of the highlights of the night was seeing the video taken by the Honeymans on the 2009 Henry Lawson Pilgrimage Drive. Doing the Henry Lawson Drive has been the ambition of a number of Liverpool Range members for some time, and it looks like at least

The first is at Bill and Trish Greer's at Warrah Creek on April 17/18 and the second is in conjunction with the annual King of the Ranges Stockmen's Challenge at Murrurundi in early May. This year the plan is for the group to travel down to Wingen and then drive their horses back to Murrurundi along the old highway route. They will then camp at Murrurundi for two days and watch the wonderful horsemanship of the competing stockmen, interspersed with drives around the town and driving displays in the arena. Gulgong Club members have hired a bus to come across to Murrurundi to see this famous event and support the Liverpool Range members.

The Fifield Enduro will not be forgotten, with three members going to this very popular event in April. Another weekend not to be missed is the camp/drive at Charlie Phillips' property at Pialloway on June 19/20. Charlie has a wonderful collection of farm machinery and farm vehicles which members always enjoy seeing, as well as having great drives in the district over the weekend.

TAMWORTH REGIONAL HORSE DRAWN CLUB

Liz O'Brien writes:

We had a fantastic start to the new year at Attunga on Sunday February 7. When the heavens opened up we thought we might have to cancel, but as luck would have it, the rain stopped early enough for the grounds to dry a little as the floats, trucks and goosenecks rolled in the gate.

There were approximately 30 people in attendance with several new families joining us for the first time. It is always pleasing to see new members with their horses and carriages arrive.

The day started with a jog around the grounds to warm up. Then everyone tackled the cones, bending and barrel courses, as well as negotiating the tree bending trail. Thanks to Karl Olsson and Ron Kennedy, we all enjoyed a great BBQ lunch.



Dorothy Wasson at the rally day at Attunga

The time went by quickly. After lunch the drivers went for a pleasant leisurely drive around Attunga. When they returned to the grounds, everyone packed up and, filled with excitement, discussed the next club day which will be a social drive at Quirindi, hosted by Robbie and Brian Duck.

CENTRAL WEST HORSE DRIVING SOCIETY

The Central West Club's annual Fifield Enduro will soon be on again, running from April 10 – 18. It is based at the very small village of Fifield north west of Parkes. The closing date for payment for entries is March 27. The event starts with vetting of horses and the first competitor briefing and welcome barbeque on Saturday April 10. Contact Gaye Lees on 02 6864 5129 for details.

REEDY CREEK EQUESTRIAN CLUB

Sharon Beattie writes:

Most of us went to the Show Driving Championships at Bundanoon in December. Young Jess Parramore who had been Wayne Moyes' groom since August, entered the horse classes with John Moyes' horse Charlie Brown. Jess had three hours driving experience behind him and this was his first event. He won his class and went on to win the Non Hackney Horse Champion ribbon. John watched from the sideline, shaking his head, muttering 'Well there goes entering him as a novice at the next show'.

Charlie knew he had done well, as he showed off his extended trot, flying his tail high in the air as he left the ring. Sadly, John had to put Charlie down only two months later, due to an injury.



Sharon Beattie with Bailey's Irish Cream at the NSW Show Driving Championships

The Club's December Twilight Christmas Obstathon at Rosemont was fantastic. People started arriving on the Friday afternoon, and setting up camp. Some then went for a little drive down the road. Saturday was busy. Everyone had a chance to drive in the indoor arena before the cones and obstacles were set up, to allow their horses to have a look around.

In the afternoon, the course was set up to walk. I looked at the three huge silver and gold decorations hanging from the ceiling above the first obstacle and wondered how my pony would take that, but when I went around I didn't notice them at all, and neither did my pony.

There were 18 competitors from Yass to Robertson, and Bungendore to Crookwell. Everyone was a winner, the prize being a grin from ear to ear. Some got around the course a bit quicker than others, whilst one pony planted his hooves firmly in the middle of an obstacle and refused to budge until he was ready.

It was a great opportunity for beginning drivers to have a go at this type of competition, in a firm based indoor arena. In the past I have only seen experienced drivers who had been invited to drive, doing an indoor Obstathon. We had a Christmas Party on the arena afterwards, with lots of delicious food for all.



John Moyes and Nagero Nicholas being presented with the Concours d'Elegance Trophy by Tony James at the Show Driving Championships

In February we had a CDE Training Weekend at Laggan. Drivers could do two dressage tests of their choice. Most did the AA because they were only beginning to drive, and had never done a CDE before. After lunch we had as many drives through the cones as we wanted. All the gates were set at 2 metres which was easy for the little ponies but the Clydesdale found it tight. People then each designed obstacles, and at 5pm we drove around the 3 km course and walked the four obstacles.

That night we sat outside the shearing shed with the keg fire going, listening to Country and Western tunes and learning line dancing steps, as the barbeque sizzled inside. The poets in our club shared their verse, each a tribute to a horse, driver or an ANZAC. We also had some jokes and funny songs. Sue Plath nearly fell off her seat with laughter.

Next morning we were harnessed and ready by 9.30 am and Kath Cole started us off. We all did the course within 16 to 20 minutes, then gave our horses a rest and did it again. We then unharnessed and hosed our horses. I did the heart rate for each of them before they were put away. After lunch we had another run through the cones before going home.

Our next drive will be a Dressage to Music day at Rosemont in March, followed by a pleasure driving weekend in April.

FROM THE REINSMAN.....

Hello to all.

This issue I have a poem to share with you.

THE NOVICE

They have put you in this competition son, just so you can have a try

Because the things you 'll learn out there, good money just can't buy;

Don't expect to win or even place, just go out there and have fun.

Well you did just that and even more, your first event you won.

We watched you from the sidelines and it made us all feel proud

And you even made us chuckle as you waved out to the crowd,

And Charlie Brown he had a strut, he knew that he did well

And we hoped you didn't get all cocky and your head it didn't swell.

You and Charlie Brown, you had a link that goes beyond the reins,

All could see that a link like this is something you can't train;

He behaved himself throughout the day, he didn't bolt or stamp

And much to John's eternal pride is now NSW Non Hackney Champ.

And now Charlie looks resplendent in his brand new shiny shoes

Because he is the champ and the old ones would never do.

Now he struts around his paddock with his head held high and proud

And on the day he laps it up and shows off to the crowd.

Kath and John and Wayne we thank

For giving Jess his time

He is not often in the limelight

Never had the chance to shine

But shine he has, it's wonderful to see how he has grown,

He's saving up so he can buy a pony of his own

And to those who say he can't, I think he has put them in their place

And best of all we all can see that beaming smile on his face.

But being Jess, you still remain firmly planted on the ground

And you still remain the person people love to have around

And to make sure that you don't start to get a swollen head

There are still the ferrets to muck out and the chickens to be fed.

By Marty Boyce (written after the 2009 NSW Show Driving Championships)

Until next time, The Reinsman.

OUR TRIP TO OZ by Betty Miles, with John McGough and John Flintoff (New Zealand)



Betty Miles, Keri Izzard, John Flintoff and John McGough

We three arrived in Sydney at 8.30 am on October 30 2009 to be greeted by Jan Muspratt holding a sign with GOUGHIE on it, and we knew we were in good hands. Jan drove us to Windsor Rd, where we were met by Keri Izzard, who took us over the picturesque Blue Mountains, a trip lasting several

hours, finally arriving at Jenny and Ron Guillot's Cowra property. Keri still had a further 45 minutes to travel to 'Hinemoa' but took it all in her stride – a wonderful driver and her new pony travelled well too.

Jenny and Ron showed us around their gardens and we viewed the horses before ending a long day with a meal fit for a king. We had no trouble sleeping that night.

Up early, fed and watered, we headed off with Jenny to the CDE at Hinemoa, Grenfell. Jenny was great pointing out many historical sights to us. We had the cameras clicking away.

John McG met Tony James for whom he was to groom, whilst John Flintoff had a bit of farriering to do on Trevor Brand's pony, who'd lost a shoe before start time. It was good to meet up with Belinda and Trevor, our hosts, whom we had hosted in NZ in 08. From then on they took us under their wings until we went home. John Flintoff went off with his hosts Judy and David Royle. We met up with them at several events later on.



John Flintoff driving Di Murray's pony Big Red during his visit to Australia

In the evening a lot of us met at the local pub where we three had been booked in by Trevor. What a cute place, complete with verandah around it just like in the movies. We just loved it and took more photos of course.

We got up in the morning with one mission in mind. We had to buy one each of those Ozzie hats complete with face veils. The person who invented them knew what they were doing. John spent the morning grooming for Tony. The afternoon was spent drinking water, finding shade and discarding excess clothing. It was 40 degrees. We had left a frost two days before. Sun block was our main make up ingredient.

Later we packed up, said farewells and headed south to Yenda, 4 hours away, to the Brands' home where we would be for the next 2 weeks. We arrived at 7.30 pm to be greeted by Fay a very excited goat, little dogs and many ponies galloping around their yards.

John met his horse Jack, loaned from Terry and Tina Kelly. They bonded instantly. I can honestly say Terry is lucky he got him back. John just adored him. Thanks very much Terry and Tina from John. Trevor wasted no time in getting John schooled up on his dressage tests and horse skills, taking him down to the local domain and around the vineyards and canals each day. There were several outings to various places to try these skills out 'til the main event at Longwood. John won at Longwood and was just overwhelmed with it all. It was just the happiest day of all for the 74 year old who is still carriage driving over here.

There are many people we have to thank for making this trip so memorable. The pick ups went like clockwork. Our hosts were fabulous. The couple who lent us their home at Longwood, Claire and Mark, were great. You are all friends we can never forget. Thanks. Betty Miles.

CDE OFFICIALS WORKSHOPS

by Bruce Hammond (NSW CDE Panel Convenor)
Following the last NSW Branch Meeting in Wagga Wagga, an information session and rules update was held for CDE officials seeking reaccreditation, and for those members who wanted to find out more about what is involved in becoming a CDE official.

Twenty people attended this information session and as a result, many asked for the examination papers for technical Delegate, Course Designer and Cones Judge. These exams are currently open book and do not have to be completed within a set time. This allows candidates time to peruse the rule book and think about the possible answers. The exam papers are returned to the State Convenor for marking.

Another CDE Officials Workshop was held at Bundanoon on Sunday February 14 with 18 people in attendance. This workshop concentrated on the roles, responsibilities and relationships of TDs, Course Designers and Cones Judges.

As part of this workshop, participants designed and constructed a cones course which was then driven by three drivers, whilst the designers 'judged' each competitor. This proved to be a very valuable exercise, as each driver made some intentional and unintentional mistakes on a very wet and slippery arena. Luckily the heavy rain held off for this competition, but not for the afternoon session.

The course participants were split into three groups and designed some marathon obstacles from drawings that had been supplied. One obstacle was then chosen for the 'real' test.

In the heavy rain, the obstacle was set up in three different ways and our three intrepid and very wet drivers drove it as the flooding started to take over. Once again this was a very valuable exercise as the drivers found many ways to drive the gates.

Thanks must go to Tony James, Keri Izzard and Kookie Engelsman who aided greatly in the 'practical' side of the workshop. A thank you also to their horses which didn't mind the rain at all and will now never be frightened by water again ! My thanks also go to Tracey Greenacre and Southern Highlands members for hosting this workshop. A number of participants have asked for the exams and these have now been sent out. There has been a request to hold another workshop for CDE officials who still require reaccreditation and for those who would like to learn more, either as a driver or official. A date and venue will be decided on shortly and advised to all clubs.

THE PORTABLE LOO v THE LONG DROP DUNNY by Kookie Engelsman

Long before the invention of the portable loo, the long drop reigned supreme. Out there in the bush all the farms had them, from the homestead to the shearers, the long drop was the place you went to conduct your 'private business'. However in town they had real flash dunnies. The outside dunny was a bit of a shed with a dunny pot built in under the seat. The shed was usually backed up to the fence so that the dunny man could empty the pot once a week. Well, that's how it was in those days. You just got on with it.

Then they invented the portable loo. This is a smart looking contraption made of plastic or fibreglass. Not a lot of space, but it has a hand basin and it does 'flush', after a fashion. However, when this new fangled contraption is full there is not much room between you and the last depositor's deposit. Now in the long drop, I have yet to have ever seen one full. It's a long way down in a long drop, as the name suggests.

There has been a lot of discussion re these two types of convenience, following the reintroduction of the long drop at the NSW Championships at Hinemoa. The reason for this was mainly to cut costs, both to the NSW Branch, and to the property owners. It was considered by Keith and Kookie that the expense of installing permanent environmentally friendly Bio Loos for just a few days use per year was not justified. Another factor was that in extreme weather, as was the case over the Championships, when the temps reached nearly 40', portable loos would have been unbearable, and the smell overpowering. So I feel our decision to go the long drop was a good one. I did get the buzz that someone was questioning 'health safety' re long drop. Really are we getting so paranoid that we are afraid of such things? Do we know if anyone got sick because of the dunnies ? I doubt it. Come on guys, let's stop finding things to complain about and be grateful that there are still people out there who are prepared to give up their driving to organize events for you to drive in. As a well known lady who drives said' It's the

ones who have never organized an event who criticize and whinge the most'. So, in other words, if you can do better, put up your hand and start organizing. With great respect for anyone who organizes events, may the sun shine on them and may they get all the rain they need. Please don't stop what you are doing. Most of us don't complain. Happy Driving.

ROAD WAS A BEAUTY An extract from an article in the Hornsby Advocate 2010 compiled by Tom Richmond, regarding Pennant Hills Road in 1914.

In November 1914, during the early stages of World War I, a group decided to test the road between Hornsby and Parramatta by hiring a 'four in hand' and making the journey.

A description found its way into the press.

"Having previously rung up for a vehicle, upon arrival at Hornsby we had a comfortable drag and team of four waiting. Very soon we were seated with our rugs and cushions, and in a minute were spanking over the bridges, through the streets and along the road that, through a forest of eucalyptus trees, leads through Beecroft, Pennant Hills etc to Parramatta.

There are many charming houses standing in their well-kept gardens, full of fruit trees and gay flowers, some extensive views on the left looking over Wahroonga, the Sanatorium standing out clearly with its dull, green surroundings and glimpses of many red roofs and many glades and valleys; but until we have passed Pennant Hills Hotel and sighted Thompsons Corner, the beauty of the scene does not lay hold of one.

There the long hill dips quite suddenly into cultivated orchards, orange groves and orchards. To the left are peeps of blue distances, and now extensive views of Sydney and the low lying lands thereby.

On the right the Blue Mountains keep guard, soft in outline, but clear against the sky as they were a hundred years ago when our fathers walked or drove along this same road and dreamed of what might be beyond them.

We have asked the driver to go slowly, so we can rest our eyes upon the view, its exquisite colouring, and the atmosphere so clear. Then the glimpses of golden wattle against those blue Blue Mountains are delightful.

At Carlingford the mountains seem to tower above the road, which drops some hundreds of feet. On the small rises below are many plantations of pine, which must be very old, judging from their height and size.

The Carlingford Railway Terminus is to our right, below the hill, and we rattle over a bridge that spans the railway cutting, and we see a little train as it disappears among the orange groves and

orchards on its way to that most central station, Clyde, where it joins the Sydney line.”

NOMINATIONS FOR OFFICE BEARERS FOR NSW BRANCH ACDS 2010/11

A Nomination Form is attached to this Whip Around. It may be used for nominating Executive Office Bearers, Discipline Panel Members, Newsletter Editor and Webmaster positions. NB The 5 discipline panels are Show Driving, CDE, Historical, Dressage and Pleasure and Endurance.

Members are urged to think seriously about this opportunity to give something back to the Society.

ANNUAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

It is time to nominate members for the Annual NSW ACDS Awards for Excellence, for the past year 2009 The categories are:

Show Driver
CDE Driver
PEH Member
Junior Driver
Dressage Driver (new award)
Service to Carriage Driving

The purpose of the **Driver /Member awards** is to recognize individuals who have contributed positively to their chosen driving activity consistently and comprehensively in the last year. **These members are not necessarily those who have excelled in performance alone. Service at club and perhaps a wider level is also important eg holding an executive position at club level, organization of events or supporting one's club through regular attendance at its events, or helping out when not competing.**

Service to Carriage Driving rewards outstanding individuals who have demonstrated a continued commitment to the sport of Carriage Driving. This could be someone who may not even drive but is a loyal and hard working club member; or perhaps someone who can be relied upon to successfully organize particular events, or someone who is always there to help set up and take down courses. Then again it might be someone who is or has been willing to contribute to the sport at a state or national level. These are only a few examples of how members give 'service' to carriage driving.

Get together with a seconder and nominate a member or members from your club, or from other clubs, using the form attached. Photocopy it as required. Nominate as many members as you like – there are many people out there giving great service to carriage driving.

NOTES FROM THE NSW ACDS BRANCH GENERAL MEETING HELD AT TOCAL ON FEBRUARY 26 2010

Clubs represented were: Hunter, Bungendore, Hills, Murrumbidgee, Reedy Creek, Southern Highlands, Tamworth.
22 attendees.

Panel Reports

Dressage

*Dressage workshops and discussions with A Graves and S Plath, and planned graded dressage day – all good for dressage

*Five NSW judges attended FEI Clinic in January with overseas judges / also had experience judging FEI No. 9 test with canter movements.

*Request from NSW Panel that ACDS Open No. 1 (2010) Test remain on the matrix.

*Some questions regarding dressage report in last Journal.

CDE

*CDE Officials Workshops – successful workshops held at Wagga Wagga and Bundanoon

*FEI rules – some changes since start of year which will need to be considered in the Australian context before any adoption is recommended.

*Murrumbidgee One Hour CDE – very successful. Recommended other clubs try it out.

*Large number of CDE Officials recredited at Wagga Wagga and Bundanoon Workshops

*New CDE Officials recommended for ratification: TD Candidate: D Skelton, S Beattie, Course designer: D Skelton, S Beattie.

Show Driving

*Successful NSW Show Driving Championships at Bundanoon in December

*Tamworth Club has applied to run 2010 Show Driving Championships

*2010 Show Judges and Drivers School – hopefully towards the north of the state

*2011 – State Championships to be at Bundanoon on April; National Show to be at Hawkesbury in November.

*Officials Ratification-Carol Fitzpatrick to be put forward as Show Driving Judge.

P & E

*Federal Council has accepted the Endurance course notes and test papers to be used across Australia.

*TPR School today in Parkes

*Next TPR School to be at Rosemont Equestrian Centre Goulburn on June 19.

*Upcoming pleasure and endurance events – Fifield Enduro April 10-17, Temora Pleasure Drive April 17-18, Penrose Forest Pleasure/Endurance May 8-9, Challenge Day and Drive at Cowra May 15-16; Henry Lawson Drive May 30 – June 12; Marrar Endurance July 1 -7.

*Federal Conference – virtual Endurance Drive

Webmaster's Report none

Other Business

*Tamworth RHDC awarded the 2010 NSW Show Driving Championships

*Bungendore Club assisted by Reedy Creek Club to host 2010 NSW CDE Championships at Witwood 20/21 Nov

*Insurance – does not cover medical insurance. Suggestion that members may wish to have their own private ambulance cover. Suggestion that a basic explanation of the ACDS insurance be included in Whiparound or Journal.

*Incident reports: reminder that reports need to be lodged with the Federal Secretary within 24 hrs. Notification can initially be made by phone call, then followed by a written report as soon as practicable after an event.

*ACDS/EA discussions – more feedback wanted; suggestion that forum on this be run at Federal Conference.

*State Development Fund – recommended that future State Development Fund monies from Federal be administered by the State.

*2010 National Show Driving Championships will be held in WA

*Clubs urged to hold Interstate and Southern Cones Competitions

*One Activity Membership – motion to include Family category being prepared for Federal AGM

*International instructors - Federal plans to bring out two instructors in 2011 – one in January and one mid year.

Next General Meeting and AGM May 22 2010 . venue to be advised.

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