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SECRETARY'S NOTICES

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL NOW DUE

Membership renewal is due by the end of February. Membership forms are included in this newsletter. As the Victorian Branch is merging with the MFA and will not be continuing as a Member Association (but will be an associated club/association) any members living in Victoria are able to join the AFBA as a full member of the Association, at the usual affiliation price of \$85. This is according to section 5.6 of the Constitution: A practising farrier/and or blacksmith residing within Australia who does not have access to membership with a member association, may apply to be a full member of the Association. This will entitle such members to a newsletter each month. Any VFBA members can call me on 07 54 645 771, or email secretary@afba.org.au to arrange membership .

2010 COMPETITION CALENDAR

Could Branch Secretaries please send me a list of competition dates so that they can be listed in the next newsletter and put up on the website. AFBAQ will be holding the following events this year:

- * World Cup Draught Horse Shoeing Championships, Gatton, 1-2 May 2010
- * Caboolture Competition - 13th June, 2010
- * Queensland Championships - RNA Brisbane, 11-13 August 2010. Judges: Peter Suszczynski, Vic - Shoeing & Forging and Alan Morris, Qld - Blacksmithing.

FARRIER WANTING WORK:

William Brooks DIPWCF. Fully experienced in all aspects of shoeing, very hard working looking for work anywhere in Australia from Jan 2010 onwards. Please contact via email - williambrooks2@sky.com

Brooke Graham, AFBA Secretary



QLD NEWS

World Cup Heavy Horse Shoeing Championships - Gatton

The Gatton Three Man Draught competition will be the World Cup this year, and is being held on 1st-2nd May. The programme is now up on the website and those interested can download it from there. If you do not have access to a computer then ring Brooke Graham, AFBA Secretary or Tricia Court AFBA Qld Secretary and one will be sent to you. Please note that entries close on 22nd March and as we have to work in with the Field Days Association we need all entries by that date. Any queries can be directed to Wade Graham 0413 189 755.

As this is the World Cup there will be a competition dinner on Saturday evening 1st May. This year we have to give final figures and pay 7 days before for the dinner, so if you intend to attend this function you will have to make your mind up about attending when entering the competition, or at the very latest 8 days before the actual competition. We will be unable to have people deciding to attend on the day.

Membership 2010

You are reminded that your Membership is due for renewal, you should have all got membership forms by now, but if you haven't got one you can download one off the AFBA website. Membership needs to be paid by the end of February for you to remain financial.

Coke

Tom Affleck is arranging for another load of coke early in 2010. If anyone is interested in getting some coke please contact Tom on 07 5497 0674 or 0427934420.

Calendar of Events

1 February, 2010	Special General Meeting commencing at 7.30 pm, to vote on a resolution to amalgamate The AFBA & QMFA. Meeting to be held at Brookfield Hall, Brookfield Road, Brookfield.
1 February, 2010	General Meeting , Brookfield Hall, Brookfield Road, Brookfield commencing at conclusion of Special General Meeting.
17 February, 2010	Possible Skills Clinic . Contact Terry Drennan on 0418 209 409 to advise if you are <u>unable to attend</u> . Casual attendees contact Terry to advise of attendance and Tricia regarding payment.
1 March, 2010	General Meeting , Brookfield Hall, Brookfield Road, Brookfield commencing at 7.30 pm
5 April, 2010	General Meeting , Brookfield Hall, Brookfield Road, Brookfield commencing at 7.30 pm
1-2 May, 2010	World Cup Heavy Horse Competition , Gatton Qld. Programme available on website. <u>Entries close 22nd March, 2010 – No late entries please.</u> Enquiries: Wade Graham 0413 189 755.
11 May, 2010	General Meeting , Brookfield Hall, Brookfield Road, Brookfield commencing at 7.30 pm



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NSW NEWS

Due to the fact that the RAS have not made a decision on whether they would like to hold a farriers competition this year we will have to work out another venue for the national competition. It will be up to the committee to decide, I have been trying to get some ideas and information so we can hold a NSW and National competition but need the committee to get involved.

The welcome rain has made a big difference to horses feet as well as the feed situation. We should all be over Christmas and the new year by now, looking forward to another year of clinics and competitions which gives us all a chance to catch up.

Great to see Queensland merging with the MFA and Victoria as well only I hope Victoria stay involved with the AFBA in some way.

It would be good if people read articles in their entirety not take little pieces out and make comment. I do hope Mr Smith soon learns to BALANCE HIS FOOT.
Thank You David Cookson.

