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PRESIDENTS REPORT

It was a very hectic month catching up after the EKKKA and then a trip down to Adelaide. Adelaide has always been a top competition with a lot of fun and this year proved to be the same. It was a full on competition with an extra freestyle blacksmithing event thrown in. Some of the work that came out of this was incredible.

There are only a small number of members in Adelaide and I take my hat off to them for the way that the competition ran. It was a busy schedule but it ran smoothly.

There was a small hiccup in the scoring. Dean Lewis was the eventual Open High point winner and Arnold Dobbe was the Intermediate High point winner. There were a number of individual winners for the different sections and the highpoint was closely contested. Well done to everyone. It also takes competitors to make a competition.

There are a number of events coming up in the next few months. There is a one day conference at Gatton College coming up on the 16th October. If there is anyone wanting to fly in and needs to be picked up at the Airport just let me know. Another conference that is being run by Mustad at Melbourne Northern Metropolitan Institute of TAFE is on the 18th-20th November. This will be a conference and a two day competition. The Apprentice Farrier of the Year competition will be held at the same time. It will be well worth attending. JC Milton will be holding clinics throughout Australia starting in Western Australia on the 27th October and finishing at Gatton College on the 10th November. To attend contact your local JC Milton supplier.

I hope you are all well. I'll talk to you soon.

Tom Affleck
18.9.09



Secretary's Notices:

MEMBER'S DETAILS

Please remember to fill out the 'Change of Address' form in the back of the newsletter if you are moving. There are a number of members who are currently missing out on their copy of Hammerin' Steel because they have not done this. Unfortunately quite a few of these people haven't provided any phone numbers so I am unable to contact them.



Congratulations to Dan and Renee Philip on the birth of their beautiful baby girl. Mia was born on Sunday 30/7/2009 at 7.30pm, weighing 3.8kg.

OVERSEAS FARRIER WANTING WORK

Name: Thomas Prinoth
 Age: 27
 Nationality: Italian
 Professions: Blacksmith (Italian exam) and Farrier (German exam)
 Experience: 3 years
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I am looking for a job as Farrier starting in October- November 2009

CLINICIANS LIST

At the AGM it was decided that a Clinicians List be developed and made available to all Branches so that organising clinics would be easier to do. If you are an experienced farrier and would like to share your knowledge could you please phone the National Secretary on 07 54 645 771 or email: secretary@afba.org.au Details to be provided include: name, phone number, area of expertise and availability.

Brooke Graham, AFBA Secretary



WA NEWS

On Sept 21 we had our farrier get together at my forge at Ascot Racecourse with Matt Smailes doing a wonderful job on the forge giving us a great insight into what he learnt in the UK. Matt, with his laid back style went through the shoes for our Competition on October 31 at Gidgegannup Show. It was just what we needed to get some enthusiasm rolling. Old and a few new faces, about 16 in total made the effort to learn something new, brush up on old skills, enjoy pizza and share a coldy or two. The guys even put their hands in their pockets as we successfully auctioned off Matt's horse shoes and covered all expenses for the day.

Next meeting Oct 13 at Ogdens.

Most Important: State Comps Gidgy Showgrounds October 31 starting at 8am
 Novice, Intermediate and Open levels available, bring a mate and be a part of the action.

Remember: Always keep your words in good taste, just in case you have to eat them.

Regards
 Drew Brierty



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NSW NEWS

We held a clinic with Jonathan Oehm at Scone Tafe which was a great success with 22 people attending to work on four horses. It was good to be able to see the foot fall and flight in slow motion. We started out by all assessing the horses, then they were videoed and we then saw what was really happening. The horses were then shod and reassessed and we could all see an improvement in the horses.

Lunch was kindly put on by the Scone Tafe, thank you to Mark Judge for cooking and all the hard work in helping organize the day.

After lunch we looked at two more horses with a few different problems to get a different view on things. With this great technology we were able to see things clearer and have a lot of discussion on a wide range of subjects. I think we will try and arrange a 2 day clinic to see the difference different shoes make as well. A big thank you to Jonathan for his expertise.

Adelaide show has just completed and as usual it was a great event with every one catching up and doing very nice work which is good to see.

Thank you,
David Cookson



QLD NEWS

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held on 7th September. The new Executive Committee is Wade Graham, President, Russel Roberts, Vice-President, P. Court, Secretary, and Steve Riggs, Jonathan Oehm, Wayne Nugent and Jeff Pagden are Committee members. Ian Appleton is Gear Steward, and ex-officio member is Keith Swan. It was resolved that the fees stay the same, and a discussion was held about holding an Extraordinary General Meeting to merge the Master Farriers Association and A.F.B.A. Qld.

Presidents Report

The last twelve months have flown past. They have been very busy with an extra couple of competitions on the calendar at Beaudesert and Toowoomba.

Another coke run was successful but it caused a number of headaches when it initially didn't turn up when expected. Many thanks to Russell Roberts. Without his help we certainly wouldn't be able to cope with that volume of coke.

It is good to see some new faces step up and help the Beaudesert and Toowoomba competitions. Thank you to Jeff Pagden, Wayne Nugent and Jon Oehm for organizing these competitions.

Once again clinics were held for Novice and Intermediate competitors by Bob Sim and Steve Riggs. These were again a great success. Many thanks to Bob and Steve for donating their

time to assist these members. All who participated gave very positive feedback.

The EKKA this year was the National Championships. It was good to see five states and New Zealand represented. Nearly 50 competitors and a monstrous programme. A big thank you to Andy Donaldson for all the work that he puts into the EKKA behind the scenes. My thanks also go to the committee and all the other helpers for making this such a success. Also thanks once again to Beryl Bosworth and the ladies for fundraising and supplying the refreshments. An extra big thank you to Des Bosworth and Keith Swan for making the fantastic trophies and Ian Appleton for scoring.

Congratulations to Des Bosworth on receiving Life Membership. Des works tirelessly for the organisation. It was great to see him getting this recognition. Also congratulations to Steve Riggs on receiving Reg Pascoe Award. This also shows the well deserved recognition that Steve has contributed so much to training young farriers.

Catton Campus of the University of Queensland under the guidance of Craig Jones and Wade Graham are moving ahead in leaps and bounds towards providing an excellent apprentice training program. The next year will show increased involvement with the Association in regards to training at all levels.

I would like to thank our secretary Patricia Court and the National secretary Brooke Graham. Pat and Brooke both give me a great deal of support through the year.

Next year will be a challenge for me as National President but I will certainly be available to give assistance for the incoming Queensland President. I also know that I will also receive support and advice from the Queensland members.

Tom Affleck
7.09.09

September General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was followed by the usual General Meeting, where there was discussion about the Seminar “Balance the Whole Horse Concept” which is being held at the facility at Gatton University, on 16th October, this seminar will be free to farrier, vet and equine science students, and \$50 for others with AFBA & MFA members at a discounted price of \$30.

Calendar of Events

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| 5 October, 2009 | General Meeting , Brookfield Hall, Brookfield Road, Brookfield commencing at 7.30 pm |
| 16 October, 2009 | Balance – The Whole Horse Concept . For bookings and enquiries ring Craig Jones 0417 613 218 or Wade Graham 0413 189755. |
| 21 October, 2009 | 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. |
| 2 November 2009 | General Meeting , Brookfield Hall, Brookfield Road, Brookfield commencing at 7.30 pm |

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UQ APPRENTICE PROGRAMME

Just a note to let everyone know what is happening with the apprentice programme at UQ Gatton. The upgrade to the current facilities has been approved and work should get underway immediately. We've also been advised that the 'go ahead' has been given to start on a purpose built farrier training centre in about 12 months. We have to draw up plans etc. This is very exciting news for both the apprentices and also the association as it can also be used to hold clinics etc. More on this facility as news comes to hand.

The planning for the upcoming "Balance Day" is coming along well, we have had a lot of interest from farriers, vets and horse owners. It should be a good day. Hopefully we can run this sort of thing more often as I think we need to promote the benefits that good quality shoeing can offer.

The "Mentor Programme" is also going well, we have had a lot of interest from farriers willing to spend a day with the students. Des Bosworth came and showed the apprentices how to make a hoof pick with a horse head handle, also how to apply brass to give a golden look. This was a very big hit with the students, a couple of other tools and blacksmithing projects were also demonstrated and attempted.

Paul Ruddy also spent a day and demonstrated the application of Vettec sole pack. These sorts of demos break the day up from the regular modules and let the students see different ideas, products etc. They also help the confidence of the students in dealing with other farriers and hopefully spark an interest in lifelong learning.

Thank you very much to these farriers for their help and also to Wayne Nugent from Centaur Farriers Supplies for the donation of these products.

On another note Richard Hansen and I have started a website called australianfarrier.com Originally it was going to be on the University of Queensland apprentice farrier page but we decided to open an independent site as it would be available to all in the industry. It will have videos and still shots of different things that we undertake at the college and hopefully can be used as a reference for students when they have left and want to refer back to a shoe tutorial, products etc that they might be rusty on .

We have only just started the site and so have no content yet. If anyone has any interesting case studies, projects etc. that we could include we would love to put it up.

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BLACKSMITHING SCORESHEETS

At the A.G.M. in Brisbane it was decided that all Blacksmithing classes would have a suitable judging criteria published with the programme as it was argued that there was no standard criteria that would suit all Blacksmithing classes.

I was asked to make a list of examples that could be used to judge such classes. I have compiled the following list and would appreciate it if any of you could suggest any more that could be added to the list.

Once the list has been completed it would be up to the organizers of the event to pick the appropriate headings and fix suitable points to each item to be judged.

This list would not be set in cement but may help when fixing a suitable criteria for such classes.

Please contact me if you have anything to discuss or add to this:

- Degree of Difficulty
- Appeal
- Design
- Forging
- Welding
- Any Traditional Blacksmith joining method (ie welding, riveting, mortice and tenant)
- Function
- Adherence to Blue Print
- Adherence to Specimen
- Adherence to Measurements
- Finish

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THANK YOU FROM DES BOSWORTH

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Dean Lewis for nominating me and all those at the AGM for supporting his nomination for me to receive Life Membership of the AFBA.

I regard this as a great honour and hope that I can continue to assist whenever I can to help our association to prosper and keep moving forward.

Des Bosworth



ADELAIDE ROYAL SHOW RESULTS

Open Shoeing: 1st: D. Lewis; 2nd: J. Pagden; 3rd: b. Sim; 4th: S. Riggs; 5th: F. Savage; 6th: G. Dowling; 7th: G. Battersby; 8th: D. Cookson; 9th: T. Affleck.

Open Forging: 1st: B. Sim; 2nd: S. Riggs; 3rd: D. Cookson; 4th: D. Lewis; 5th: G. Battersby; 6th: J. Pagden; 7th: G. Dowling; 8th: T. Affleck; 9th: F. Savage; 10th: C. Mavity.

Open Blacksmithing: 1st: D. Cookson; 2nd: D. Lewis; 3rd: B. Sim; 4th: G. Dowling; 5th: J. Pagden; 6th: S. Riggs; 7th: T. Affleck; 8th: F. Savage; 9th: C. Mavity; 10th: G. Battersby.

Open Eagle Eye: 1st: G. Battersby; 2nd: T. Affleck; 3rd: J. Pagden; 4th: G. Dowling.

Intermediate Shoeing: 1st: T. Hill; 2nd: A. Dobbe; 3rd: C. Francis; 4th: A. Williams; 5th: J. Oehm; 6th: P. Scragg; 7th: M. Parker; 8th: B. Trueman; 9th: W. Nugent; 10th: R. Duncan.

Intermediate Forging: 1st: C. Francis; 2nd: A. Williams; 3rd: A. Dobbe; 4th: J. Oehm; 5th: W. Nugent; 6th: B. Trueman; 7th: T. Hill; 8th: M. Parker; 9th: R. Duncan; 10th: P. Scragg.

Intermediate Blacksmithing: 1st: J. Oehm; 2nd: B. Trueman; 3rd: A. Dobbe; 4th: W. Nugent; 5th: T. Hill; 6th: M. Parker; 7th: A. Williams.

Intermediate Eagle Eye: 1st: B. Trueman; 2nd: P. Scragg; 3rd: A. Dobbe.

Freestyle Blacksmith: 1st: B. Trueman; 2nd: T. Hill; 3rd: G. Dowling; 4th: R. Duncan; 5th: C. Francis; 6th: W. Nugent; 7th: G. Battersby; 8th: C. Carter.

3 Man Draught: 1st: Nugent, Riggs & Pagden; 2nd: Savage, Lewis & Cookson; 3rd: Trueman; Dowling & Francis; 4th: Hill, Sim & Williams; 5th: Scragg, Parker & Battersby; 6th: Affleck, Dobbe & Oehm.

2 Man Forge: 1st: Pagden & Riggs; 2nd: Dowling & Parker; 3rd: Oehm & Cookson; 4th: Lewis & Francis; 5th: Williams & Trueman.

Open High Point Winner: Dean Lewis

Intermediate High Point Winner: Arnold Dobbe

Paul Norris SA High Point Winner: Ben Trueman

**BEAUDESERT TWO MAN FARRIER COMPETITION**

2 Man: 1st: T. Heeb & Bardie; 2nd: S. Riggs & M. Brace; 3rd: J. Pagden & W. Nugent; 4th: T. Affleck & J. Urqhart; 5th: A. Dobbe & R. Wighton; 6th: T. Minogue & L. Klan; 7th: L. Riding & J. Giltrow; 8th: B. Hinze & J. Oehm; 9th: B. Hinze & D. Philip.

Blacksmithing: 1st: B. Hinze; 2nd: T. Heeb; 3rd: A. Dobbe; 4th: D. Philip; 5th: S. Riggs; 6th: T. Affleck; 7th: J. Giltrow; =8th: T. Minogue & R. Wighton; 10th: L. Riding; =11th: J. Urqhart & J. Oehm.

