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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hello everyone.

September already half way through and we are coming to the end of another year. New South Wales had it's Annual General Meeting and Bobby Sim is the new president. There are 26 members to date in New South Wales and hopefully everyone will get behind Bobby for the good of the organisation. They were starting off with a hands on clinic on 11th September. Hopefully it all went well.

I attended Adelaide Royal which is always one of the friendliest competitions of the year. A small group of people with Tim Hill at the helm did a terrific job this year. It was a big program with a few extra classes and a lot of fun for everybody. Keith Swan judged and did a brilliant job with positive comments and always a friendly smile. It is good to see somebody like Keith with his years of experience and knowledge helping all competitors both young and old.

South Australia hosts the Nationals next year and hopefully we can all get together and support them with this. It is a great venue and they have strong support through the show society. Like New South Wales this year they need the support from outside sponsorship to make it something special.

Western Australia has a one day competition on Saturday the 9th October. I wish them all the best for that. Hopefully next year there will be a 2 or 3 day competition that will attract interstate competitors. Again they will need the support from other states.

A reminder to State Bodies that there is money from the National Body available to help them put on clinics. There are also a number of very talented people willing to come and help with these clinics.

For anyone with any problems or worries I am always available for a chat. I hope everyone is well. I will talk to you soon.
19.9.10



2010 COMPETITION CALENDAR

- 18-19 Sept **New Zealand (Gladstone Inn, Wairarapa) Shoeing & Forging Competition.** *Program on Website*
- 9th Oct **Waroona Show Farriers Comp, WA.** *Program on website*
- 30th Oct **Gigi Show.** Contact Matthew Smailes 0400 219 632
- 6-7 Nov **NZ National Finals, Fielding NZ.** See page 3 for details

NEW ZEALAND NATIONAL FINALS
6th & 7th November at Manfield Park, Feilding.
Entries close 1st November

If you would like a program or further details please contact Robbie by
 email: michelle.rob@slingshot.co.nz
 Details will be passed on as they come to hand

**A reminder for the 2009 Top 3 Open and Intermediate Farriers that the AFBA
 National Body will pay for your entry fees if you compete!**

QLD NEWS

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of P.F.B.A.Q. was held on 6th September with the Executive members remaining the same, President: Wade Graham, Vice-President: Russell Roberts and Secretary/Treasurer: Tricia Court. Committee members for 2010/11 are Steve Riggs, Tim Heeb, Wayne Nugent and Dan Philip. Ex-officio member: K. Swan. Gear Steward: Ian Appleton. The Executive Representative for A.F.B.A. is Steve Riggs.

Racing Plates Wanted

P.F.B.A.Q. is carrying on the project of the old QMFA of collecting old racing plates, cashing them in and donating the money made to the Childrens Hospital. It would be appreciated if you could collect your old plates, take out all the nails, put them in a bag and leave them at Stockmans Supplies where they will be collected. The proceeds are for a really good cause, so hope you can cooperate. If you have any queries contact Steve Crosbie 0412 356 993.

Calendar of Events

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| 4 October, 2010 | General Meeting , Brookfield Hall, Brookfield Road, Brookfield commencing at 7.30 pm |
| 20 October, 2010 | 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 November, 2010 | General Meeting , Brookfield Hall, Brookfield Road, Brookfield commencing at 7.30 pm |
| 17 November, 2010 | 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. |
| 26 November, 2010 | Apprentice of the Year Competition. |
| 27 November, 2010 | Date Claimer: General Clinic with Colin Smith and Craig Jones . This clinic will be held at Stockmans Supplies. More details will be published as they come to hand. |



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QLD Presidents Report:

Just a quick reply to David Cookson's article in the last Hammerin' Steel and a few other complaints at the EKKKA. With the number of competitors at the EKKKA it makes it hard to get the results out after each class as the judge can be still judging shoes into the night and the scores have to be added up and checked. The association has to stay under the control of the Queensland Royal Show, which means late entries can't be accepted, ties are not allowed as the prize money comes from the Royal Show. They only recognize 1st to 5th with no ties. With the new venue we are having a meeting with the EKKKA to sort out any problems with it, so hopefully if we are at the same spot we will have as many problems as possible sorted, but if you do have any complaints please send an email (wade.graham@hotmail.com) or call 0413 189 755.

Wade Graham

P.F.B.A (QLD) President



FROM STEVE CROSBIE

I had nothing to write about. I hadn't been to a competition since the Ekka, I hadn't been to a clinic, in fact I wasn't even at the last PFBAQ meeting. So I had decided I wouldn't write anything this month. That was until a chance meeting with another farrier this morning got me thinking. He is someone whom I had met but really had never had a conversation with. Whilst we got chatting he started to ask me about a few of the issues that had been in focus recently, like the amalgamation of the two associations for example. I started to extol the virtues of the new merged body and how members would benefit when he informed me he was already a member but hadn't been to any meetings or clinics but was wanting to become involved. This is when I realised the power of this little magazine that all of us take for granted. He said he had read a few of the articles I had written and thought I had made a few good points about the camaraderie of the comp scene and the learning opportunities that are available from your fellow competitors. So if I have inspired someone to become more involved then I have achieved my goal.

With pride he showed me how he had revamped the way he had the back of his vehicle arranged. I don't just mean he had tidied it up, but he had spent a great deal of money to redesign the layout and add a canopy. Having only got into the shoe making and competition caper at age 40 I have many times tried to show younger farriers who have no real interest in competing or becoming involved in associations that there is lots of fun to be had in spending time with people who have all the same problems and concerns that you have in your working life as well. The reason I think that some people avoid the competition scene is not that they don't think it is worthwhile, but a little bit of fear of the unknown. Nobody wants to put themselves up for ridicule in a public forum. I know I certainly don't. But once you step out onto that stage and get the adrenalin buzz from putting yourself under pressure you realise that you get



nothing but support and encouragement from your fellow competitors. Even if you don't go to comps you can still get the same support. Before most association meetings I have dinner with Jim Urqhart, Tom Affleck, Ross Chicken and Steve Riggs. Each month I proudly bring along my latest shoe making exhibit. I have probably learnt more around that dinner table from these four farriers that I have at all the clinics put together. I know some of my early efforts were bad (I mean really, really bad) but not once

did they say "what a load of rubbish", but instead they tried to show me the positive aspects that I had managed to put into that particular shoe (sometimes it took Riggsy a while but he could usually find something positive). Forget all the bluff and blustery that emanates from groups of men when they get together we all respond to some positive reinforcement when we can get it.

Even in the midst of competition farriers seem to be unable to stop themselves from trying to help you out. I had a great Ekka, I was really proud of my efforts. I managed to get 2nd in the Intermediate Forging, but I shouldn't have. I made my side clipped hind and thought it looked pretty good until I measured it and found it was about 5 mm too short. After a loud expletive Wayne Nugent, who was fireman for me said "What's wrong" , "It's too bloody short" I said. "That's ok we can stretch it Riggsy showed me how". "How?" I said. "Just get it really hot all over and seat it out heaps, give it here I'll get it hot". So I proceeded to seat the hot shoe out and when I had finished, it measured perfectly. This meant I got 10 out of 10 for dimension on that shoe (where I was staring down the barrel at zero) and that meant I pushed Wayne back to fourth. I'm probably digressing here, but my point is, that little bit of info that Steve Riggs handed to Wayne and then he handed to me, means that I have one extra bullet to use in my every day work. We've all been stuck a long way from home with a shoe that is bordering on too small. Rather than putting a shoe on that doesn't fit or driving a long way to get another one I now have a piece of info that I can add to all the other things I have learned from all the farriers I have met over the years. So never underestimate that power that you have. Whether you give advice to a younger farrier or write an article in this magazine it is a valuable thing that you do than can have far reaching consequences.

"A government which robs Peter to pay Paul can always rely on the support of Paul"
George Bernard Shaw



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NSW NEWS

NSW had their AGM on the 27th August 2010. Most of the committee stayed the same except for a few changes. I'd like to say thank you to Dave Cookson, our outgoing president, who over the last couple of years has worked hard to help keep the NSW association afloat and pro active.

I'd also like to say a big thankyou to my wife Desarae, who has been the secretary for many years, and this year stepped down to take a break from the job. Unfortunately no one wanted that job, sad to not have anyone want to keep our records.

Although just recently, Mick Fitzgeralds girlfriend, Tabitha has now volunteered for the job, seeing as no one else would come forward. Tabitha lives in Scone, is studying equine vet nursing and is keen to be involved with the Professional Farriers Association. Tabitha is new to the Farriers circle, and we will introduce her slowly to the secretary's job so she doesn't feel overwhelmed. So be patient. Any queries can be directed to myself Bob Sim 0408 437818 or you can still contact Desarae if you need to. Contact details will become available for Tabitha as soon as office document are sorted and handed over to her. We thank Tabitha very much for stepping up to fill this position.

I'd like to welcome the new committee:

President – Bob Sim

Vice President – Chris Rowland

2nd Vice President – Brad Hinze

Secretary/Treasurer- Not filled at meeting (*Tabitha to fill shortly*)

Committee Members – Shannon Norley, Adam Morris, Dave Cookson, John Dillon, Bret Jones, Mick Fitzgerald, Paul Murtagh, Jack Eccles

The NSW Professional Farriers Association has talked often of holding clinics, but unfortunately it never seemed to get off the ground.

But on Saturday 11th September, committee members – Shannon Norley, Brad Hinze, Adam Morris, Jack Eccles, Mick Fitzgerald and myself got together at Muswellbrook show grounds to hold a hands on, out the back of your rig clinic. This clinic was free and it was good to see quite a few guys turn up.

Committee's have no problems having clinics that members say they want. But we need to know what you members want covered in the clinics, we aren't mind readers.

So contact your committee and throw some ideas their way of what you want to see at your clinics.

I'd like to wish all the farriers travelling over to New Zealand lots of luck at the Wairarapa Shoeing competition, hope to see you there.

Look forward to hearing from more NSW members on what they'd like to see the association doing for them.

Bob Sim



ADELAIDE ROYAL SHOW RESULTS**SOUTH AUSTRALIAN STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, ROYAL ADELAIDE SHOW**

Intermediate Forging: 1st: D. Philip (93.25), 2nd: C. Francis (93); 3rd: B. Trueman (92); 4th: W. Nugent (86.75); 5th: T. Hill (86.5); 6th: R. Duncan (82.25); 7th: M. Parker (65.75).

Intermediate Shoeing: 1st: C. Francis (91.75); 2nd: B. Trueman (90); 3rd: T. Hill (89); =4th: M. Parker & D. Philip (88); =6th: R. Duncan & W. Nugent (82.25).

Intermediate Blacksmith: 1st: W. Nugent (24); 2nd: D. Philip (23.75); 3rd: B. Trueman (23.25); 4th: T. Hill (23); 5th: M. Parker (21.25); 6th: C. Francis (19.5); 7th: C. Battersby (17).

Open Forging: =1st: J. Pagden & T. Heeb (90.5); 3rd: S. Riggs (89.5); 4th: G. Dowling (89); 5th: A. Dobbe (76.3); 6th: T. Affleck (68.8); 7th: G. Battersby (62); 8th: F. Savage (49.5).

Open Shoeing: 1st: S. Riggs (106); 2nd: T. Heeb (105.25); 3rd: J. Pagden (103.5), 4th: A. Dobbe (100.75); 5th: G. Dowling (98); 6th: G. Battersby (97.25); 7th: T. Affleck (85.75); 8th: F. Savage (78.75).

Open Blacksmith: 1st: T. Heeb (36.25), 2nd: G. Dowling (35.5); 3rd: J. Pagden (34.25); 4th: S. Riggs (34); 5th: A. Dobbe (32.25); 6th: T. Affleck (31), 7th: F. Savage (23.75); 8th: G. Battersby (14.5).

Artistic Blacksmith: 1st: A. Dobbe (45); 2nd: C. Francis (44.5); 3rd: T. Affleck (43.75); 4th: G. Battersby (43.5); 5th: C. Carter (42.75); 6th: W. Nugent (41.75); 7th: B. Trueman (40.25); 8th: C. Battersby (37.25); 9th: M. Parker (23.75).

Ladies Artistic Blacksmith: 1st: K. Stewart (43.25); 2nd: C. Murphy (37.25); 3rd: K. Sutcliffe (37).

Three Man Draught: 1st: S. Riggs, J. Pagden & W. Nugent (107.25); 2nd: T. Heeb, G. Battersby, D. Philip (103.75); 3rd: G. Dowling, C. Francis & T. Hill (103.25), 4th: F. Savage, A. Dobbe & T. Affleck (100.75); 5th: R. Duncan, B. Trueman & M. Parker (90.75).

Two Man Draught: 1st: J. Pagden & S. Riggs (74.75); 2nd: D. Philips & T. Heeb (74); 3rd: W. Nugent & F. Savage (66.5); 4th: A. Dobbe & T. Affleck (63.25); 5th: C. Francis & G. Dowling (56.5); 6th: T. Hill & G. Battersby (56.25); 7th: B. Trueman & R. Duncan (54.75).

Intermediate High Point – Daniel Philip***Open High Point – Tim Heeb*****JOKE OF THE MONTH**

A firefighter was working on the engine outside the station, when he noticed a little girl nearby in a little red wagon with little ladders hung off the sides, and a garden hose tightly coiled in the middle.

The girl was wearing a firefighters helmet. The wagon was being pulled by her dog and her cat. The firefighter walked over to take a closer look.

'That sure is a nice fire truck,' the firefighter said with admiration... 'Thanks,' the girl replied. The firefighter looked a little closer. The girl had tied the wagon to her dog's collar and to the cat's testicles..

'Little partner,' the firefighter said, 'I don't want to tell you how to run your rig, but if you were to tie that rope around the cat's collar, I think you could go faster.'

The little girl replied thoughtfully, 'You're probably right, but then I wouldn't have a siren.'



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