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PRESIDENTS REPORT

Hello again

Another month has just flown past, with not much happening. There has however been a few laminitis clinics on. One in QLD and one in NSW run by Dr Rick Redden. I was unable to attend these and haven't yet heard any feedback from those. But I'm sure everyone got something out of it to take home and think about.

Another clinic was run in Tamworth by Dr Deb Baker that focused on lower leg anatomy. I was fortunate enough to be in Tamworth while this clinic was taking place and although wasn't attending, was invited in to the lecture at the end of the day for a look at some of the studies. I was absolutely amazed at the total presentation and would highly recommend this clinic to any farrier that get the chance to see Dr Baker in action.

Don't forget memberships are now overdue!!!

Entries need to be filled out and sent, they are all about to start soon.

If you have anything you would like bought up at the AGM, make sure your state delegate is aware of this through your state bodies.

Look forward to seeing everyone soon at the upcoming comps

Bob Sim



IMPORTANT NOTICE ALL MEMBERS PLEASE NOTE

THIS IS THE LAST NEWSLETTER YOU WILL GET IF YOU HAVE NOT YET PAID YOUR ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION FEES TO YOUR STATE BRANCH.

AFBA Website: The password for the members section is forge. The newsletter, competition programmes, and clinic registration forms are available on the website.

WA NEWS

April 14th saw a good turnout with fifteen lads (and a lass) showing their support. John kept the meeting humming along as we continue to discuss the development of our association and how we can provide support and education.

The traineeship process is taking shape with 4 new enrolments and a couple of maybes. Spread the news that this opportunity is on offer as it is the only way our association can continue to be a strength in the Equine industry.

A golf day has been arranged for Friday the 29th of May at Burswood Golf Course. All you Tiger Woods wanabes and impersonators are encouraged to get along and enjoy the camaraderie. Please contact Sven on 0410 687 120 ASAP.

Membership is on the increase with Jesse and Carrie expecting a baby in May and I hear Mark Maxwell is busy completing a building project before his wife Melissa gives birth in November. Bon Voyage to Phil and Anne Dowling who are off on the Sun Princess in June. Congratulations Anne on your 50th! (Bub's going to hell for that indiscretion!)

Next Meeting May 12th 7.30pm at Ogdeon's Hotel, Gosnells.

Finally a special thank you to all Mum's on Mothers Day who are always supporting us. Remember: Be good to your Mother!

Regards
Drew Brierty

**NSW NEWS**

Hi all! Yes this is NSW, I finally got my act together in time.

Hope you all had a great Easter and are preparing for all the comps that are nearly here.

NSW is having its competition on the 4th - 7th June. You should have all received your entry form in last months Hammerin' Steel or you can get it off the web. Most things are organized at the moment but as usual there will be some last minute things to do. Anybody who is not competing and would like a birds eye view they can contact Bob or myself and we will arrange for you to become a steward which is a good way to see a great deal of what is going on.

We are holding a shoe building and modification clinic at Bob and Desarae Sim's place on the 25th of April starting at 7am— all welcome. Its a free clinic for NSW members and

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\$100 for non members. Please let Bob Sim 0408437818 or David Cookson 0427253925 know if you intend to come, just bring your rig along with what steel you may need to learn what ever and people will be only to willing to help.

All the best for the year ahead .
David Cookson.



QUEENSLAND NEWS

IMPORTANT – Changes to Nationals Programme

Class 3—Open Blacksmithing: 50 x 6 instead of 60 x6.

Class 7 – Open Forging: Nails for Onion Heeled Shoe – E4 Slim. Nails for Aluminium Straight Bar shoe – E5 Slim

Class 9 – Novice Shoeing: instead of E5 nails, it will be “nails to suit”.

Class 10 – Intermediate Forging: nails to be changed from E5 to E6 for both shoes.

Nationals Presentation Dinner: There will be a Presentation Dinner at the Showgrounds on the Friday night after the competition. The cost will be \$45.00 a head. Those wishing to go to the Dinner are asked to advise AFBAQld Secretary Tricia Court on 07 5426 8276 or by email at trishcourt@bigpond.com

Farrier/Veterinary Symposium: It has been agreed that AFBA Qld will run a Vet Farrier symposium in 2010. The proposed date being the 20/21st February. As plans proceed with this event more details will be notified in the newsletter and on the website.

Beaudesert Competition

There will be a presentation and dinner on the Saturday night after the Beaudesert Competition, and for those interested there will be an informal judging clinic held on the Sunday morning after a barbeque breakfast.

Accommodation options for that weekend are:

Beaudesert Motel – Ph: 07 5541 1244 – website: www.beaudesertmotel.com.au

Annalee Motel – Ph: 07 5541 2766

It is recommended that accommodation be booked as soon as possible because of the Country Horse Festival.

Vale Audie Mansfield

It is with sadness and regret that I have to inform members that Audie Mansfield, wife of Ron Mansfield passed away on Tuesday 14th April, 2009. Audie was a very bright and active person who sadly after a tragic accident with her horse remained in a coma for several years. Our thoughts are with Ron at this time. A memorial service for Audie was held at the Gatton RSL on Wednesday 22nd April.

Reg Pascoe Award

Nominations are being called for this award. They need to be made in writing, about half a page in length, stating what the candidate has done, how they fit the criteria and why they should win the award. Past winners of the award are: Alan Morris, Lew Haines, Richard Hansen, Jim Fogarty, Russel Roberts, Ross Chicken, Tom Browning, Dan Davie, Wade Graham, Ian Appleton, Fred Savage, Delwyn Richardson and Jim Urquhart. There was no nominations in 2008. **Nominations close on 30th June, 2009.**

Criteria: This award to be given annually to a member of AFBA Qld Branch who in the opinion of their peers, has shown the most improvement in work skills and professional attitude and has also shown creative ability in one or all of the four new skills areas in the previous year.

Four skills areas: 1. Farrier Rigs – Layout, practicability, innovative tooling, not the “money” spent to produce the rigs would be important. 2. Blacksmith Shops – Similar criteria to rigs. 3. Competition – Not necessarily to be a winner every or even most of the time, but be seen to be a tryer and to be improving slowly but surely. 4. Continuing Education – Attendance at workshops, conferences, presentation of talks not only to your peers but to your clients, remember a better informed client will understand problems better if explained in advance not after the event.

Calendar of Events

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| 11 May, 2009 | General Meeting , Brookfield Hall, Brookfield Road, Brookfield, commencing at 7.30 pm. |
| 20 May, 2009 | Skills Clinic. Contact Terry Drennan on 0418 209 409 to advise if you are <u>unable to attend</u> . |
| 25 May, 2009 | Entries close for Caboolture Competition. |
| 29 May, 2009 | Entries close – National Championships. NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED. |
| 7 June, 2009 | Caboolture Competition. Judge: Jeff Pagden. <u>Entries close 25th May, 2009.</u> Enquiries: Ross Chicken 0412 772 414 |
| 8 June, 2009 | General Meeting , Brookfield Hall, Brookfield Road, Brookfield, commencing at 7.30 pm. |
| 13 June, 2009 | Beaudesert Country Horse Festival Competition. A two man team competition comprising of one open and one intermediate competitor on one work station. Judge: Des Bosworth. Enquiries: Jonathan Oehm 0421 946 947 farrierscience@yahoo.com.au <u>Entries close 15th April, 2009</u> |
| 30 June, 2009 | Nominations close for Reg Pascoe Award |
| 4-5 July, 2009 | Competition at Toowoomba. Judge: Terry Drennan. Enquiries: Wayne Nugent 0419 652 145 or Jeff Pagden 0418 266 465. |
| 12-14 August, 2009 | National Championships – Brisbane RNA. Judge: Kim Hughes, N.Z. Enquiries: Tom Affleck 0427 934 420. Entries close 29th May at 4.30 pm – no late entries accepted. |

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IMPORTANT: COMPETITION RULES FOR BEAUDESERT

This competition is a team event but it also has individual points so we have had to make some rules especially for this event.

1. Both team members will be allowed to fire and strike but no brushing.
2. Coaching will not be allowed. Discussing the job before the start will be allowed but not after starting time.
3. Both members of the team must complete their respective jobs for either of them to get a score.

SHOEING FOR PERFORMANCE

Presented by Equine Veterinarians Australia

Conference for Farriers and Veterinarians, to be held at Twin Waters Resort, Sunshine Coast, QLD on the 24th –25th July 2009. Speakers include: Chris Pollit, Sue Dyson and Carl O’Dwyer. Proudly sponsored by O’Dwer , Mustard and Veterinary Instrument & Equipment Specialists. Phone: (02) 9431 5080. Website: www.eva.org.au. For more information and to download a registration form click on Events (and scroll down to Clinics) on the AFBA website (www.afba.org.au).



SOUTH AUSTRALIA ROYAL SHOW COMPETITION details available in June issue of Hammerin’ Steel.



**GLADSTONE INN, WAIRARAPA SHOEING & FORGING COMPETITION
(NZ)**

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th September 2009

Contact: Marshall Miller— 0064 6 378 7770 or 0064 2727 44134
Email: Jolene.marshall@nettel.net.au

Judge: Mr Jordan Aplin

Free transport and accommodation will be provided for international competitors.

If you would like a programme please contact AFBA Secretary on: 07 5464 5771.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO SECRETARIES

Please remember that Nomination Forms for Executive Positions should be returned to the Secretary by 30th April 2009.

Please make sure that the person being nominated has consented to the nomination beforehand.

Please make sure that the President signs the form after every nomination, and at the bottom of the form.

Thankyou. Brooke Graham, Secretary AFBA

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the “Annual General Meeting” of the Australian Farriers’ & Blacksmiths’ Association Inc. will be held on Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st May, 2009 at Royal Hotel, 2 Perouse Rd, Randwick, Sydney. (Accommodation available—ring 02 9399 3006.)

Proceedings will commence at 1.30 pm on Saturday 30th for the election of office-bearers and decisions on smaller issues, (after lunch at the bistro commencing at 12.00—12.30pm). The AGM shall recommence at 9.00 am on Sunday 31st May.

Please note that the following members may attend the Annual General Meeting with full voting rights (no proxies will be allowed). (1) Members of the Executive Committee, (2) two delegates from each Member Association, (3) Life members of the Association. Other members may attend and shall be entitled to speak, but shall not be entitled to propose or second any resolution or nomination or to vote thereon.

AGENDA

1. Opening of meeting by Chairman Bob Sim.
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of 2008 AGM
4. Treasurer’s Report
5. Business Arising from Treasurer’s Report
6. President’s Report
7. Election of Office Bearers
8. General Business
 - Secretarial Honorarium
 - Affiliation Fees
 - National Pool of Shoes
 - Single Pool of Shoes
 - Judge’s choice: Blueprint supplied in lieu of shoe
 - Newsletter Online
 - Competition programmes
 - Website
 - Any other business
 - State/Territory Reports

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A.F.B.A. CAPS, BADGES, LOGOS, POLO & SWEAT SHIRTS

For orders please contact National Secretary on 07 5464 5771. As stocks held are very limited, there may be a short wait while items are ordered.

Postage and Packaging: \$8.00 – one item, \$15 – more than one item.

Caps	\$15.00 + Postage	Rugby Tops	\$40.00
Polo Shirts	\$30.00 + Postage	Logos	\$7.00
Sweat Shirts/Jumper	\$40.00 + Postage	Badges	\$6.00

Shower proof unlined Jackets \$40.00 + Postage or Water proof Jackets lined with polar fleece for winter \$55.00 + Postage.

The caps are bottle green with gold trim, and have the AFBA logo embroidered on front. Polo Shirts, Rugby Tops & Sweat Shirts are bottle green with the Logo embroidered on the front left side, and are available in other colours. Shower proof jacket is navy, red or yellow and designed to fold into its own pocket. The lined jackets have nylon rainproof outer with polar fleece lining and logo embroidered on left front they are available in Dark Bottle Green, Black, Maroon, Navy, Royal.

A.F.B.A. CAR STICKERS and TRUCK STICKERS

Car stickers showing the A.F.B.A. logo are available for purchase at a cost of \$5.00 each. Truck stickers are 220 x 220 mm and cost \$15.00 each. Contact Brooke Graham. Ph/Fax: 07 54645 771.



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If any member is changing his/her address would you please fill in the form below.

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