

# ABCRA HEAD OFFICE NEWS

Another month has come and gone and May is here, signifying the end of the ABCRA financial year. The 2009/2010 season has been another solid year for the ABCRA with both memberships and affiliations on the rise. A full report will be available at the **ABCRA Annual General Meeting** that will be held for the first time at West Leagues Club, Phillip St, Tamworth on Wednesday 23rd June 2010. A reminder that Head Office must receive all Items for the Agenda no later than Friday 14th May 2010. To all our committee representatives that will be attending, it would be greatly appreciated if you could RSVP by Wednesday 16th June to assist with catering.

All memberships are due as of 1st May – **A Membership Renewal Form** is in this magazine. Please note that there will be no renewal mail outs, something that we have not done for the past couple of years. We ask you to either complete the form in this magazine, download the membership form on the website or give us a call and we can fax one to you. A reminder that one membership form for each person is required, even when renewing a combined membership, please ensure all pages are completed. Memberships cannot be processed until all the required information has been provided. Renewals may be faxed or emailed to Head Office with the Credit Card details clearly included or mailed with an attached cheque or money order – Please do not post cash.

One final **Campdraft Members Meeting** is scheduled to take place at Coonamble (June long weekend) to discuss two very important issues prior to the upcoming Board Meetings. The two proposals are –

1. That Campdraft Finals contestants commence Finals on a clean slate.
2. To change the Open Horse points structure.

It is important that members be given the opportunity to have their say -If you

as a member have not already attended one of the previous meetings to discuss the two options, I would encourage you to do so at Coonamble.

In this issue you will see that a nomination form for the **Rodeo Members Representative Council (MRC)** has been included. The MRC play an important role in our Association and they are there to represent the competing members. From the six Councillors voted in, two will be elected to the ABCRA Board of Directors. Nominations will close Friday 2nd July 2010. If you are interested in nominating but would like more information regarding the role of the MRC, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or Rodeo MRC Chairperson Sandra Martin. I would like to make mention of the fact that Sandra has truly been an asset, it is with regret that she has confirmed that she will not be seeking re election.

**Attention all Novice Barrel Racers and Rodeo Committees** just a reminder that NO Novice Barrel Races are to be run on the day of a rodeo, unless the event has been advertised in the ABCRA magazine and entries are taken through Central Entry. Competitors should recall, but perhaps have overlooked, that this is the system that the competing members wanted introduced and came into effect as of 1 December 2009. The reasons why this system was implemented include –1. To introduce and maintain horse status records. 2. To ensure that all competitors are financial members of the ABCRA. If anyone would like to discuss this matter in more detail please feel free to contact me at Head Office. If it comes to the attention of ABCRA Head Office that a member organises a Novice Barrel Race on the day of the rodeo and has not gone through the correct channels, the matter will be directed to the Disciplinary committee.

Plans for the 2010 ABCRA hosted **National Campdraft Council of**

**Australia (NCCA) Campdraft** are underway. This event will take place at AELEC in Tamworth from Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th September 2010. A full program will be included in next month's magazine and details will be available on the ABCRA website within the coming weeks. Please make a note in your diaries that entries will not open until Monday 2nd August and will close on Monday 23rd August, or until all available cattle have been allocated. Entries will be paid to ABCRA Head Office and will only be accepted on the Official Entry form.

That about covers it for this month, I look forward to catching up with many of you at the ABCRA AGM– So take care and safe travels.

Regards,

*Dianne Hallam*  
**Acting Executive Officer**

## IMPORTANT DATES

ABCRA Membership Renewals Due

01.05.10

ABCRA Agenda Items must be received in

Head Office by 14.05.10

Southern Zone AGM 16.05.10

Western Aust Zone AGM 29.05.10

RSVP for ABCRA AGM by 16.06.10

ABCRA AGM 23.06.10

Rookie Nominations Close 30.06.10

Rodeo MRC Nominations Close 02.07.10

Encouragement Rider Noms Close

31.08.10

ASHS Nominations Close 31.08.10

End of ABCRA Points Year 30.11.10