



Dear Members

As we head to the delayed National Finals another year is in full swing. Good luck to those riders and horses looking to secure titles and places for last year's awards in Kilkivan.

Paradise Lagoons continues to excel in the positive promotion of our sport and all it has to offer. Being able to secure federal awareness through the visit by Mr Tony Abbott was an excellent opportunity that the committee should be applauded for not missing out on. The expanded infrastructure, which benefits competitors, spectators and sponsors alike, has to be seen to be fully appreciated, but let me assure you it has continued the trend of developing Australia's best campdrafting facility. Many thanks to Graeme & Evan and their families on behalf of all campdrafters for the dedication you continue to display in furthering both your own event and the sport more generally.

The Australian Stockman's Hall of Fame recently conducted their first major campdraft event. This event and facility that hosted it also positively showcased our sport, ensuring the public profile is further enhanced and knowledge of our sport is spread. Well done to all involved.

Several committee secretaries have mentioned to me recently that there has been an influx of competitors constantly changing the order that they ride their horses in, or not notifying the office of the change at all. Without mentioning the rules that apply to this, it is simply courtesy to notify the office before the draft commences of the intention to change your horses order. Doing so after the draft commences poses headaches for the management of the scores and the correct data. Competitors are asked that they refer to the rules, nominate the horses in the order they wish to ride them and then stick with this. If the need should then arise to amend the stated order, then approach the secretary and work out a solution.

The Management Committee recently adopted a new method/policy for handling Code of Conduct complaints against members. This is available on our website and from the office on request. The policy is effective immediately. It is the intent of the committee that this will streamline the process and bring clarity to all involved. I urge you all to make yourselves familiar with the policy.

Safe traveling and good luck

Sean Dillon
ACA President
