



I would like to advise that the ACA has a new customer services officer; we welcome Louise Wilson to the office. Louise started recently and takes over from Stacey Murray who has moved on to greener pasture joining her husband and working for the AA company. It is an extremely busy time for the office and I would please ask members to be patient in their requests as the current staff are still new to their roles and will process your queries as they come to hand.

Zone awards will be decided after the 31st of March and this year the trophies are on hand and ready to distribute once the awards are finalized. The trophies this year for all zone title winners are a smart looking embroidered Ariat gear bag and the traditional ribbons will be replaced with certificates. These awards will be presented by a councillor at a draft in your zone in the next coming months.

As we come towards the 1st of April and the new competition year I urge everyone to update themselves on some recently made rule changes and updates which are printed later in this magazine. The rule book that is posted on the ACA website is kept up to date after each meeting and is the best source of up to date rules if you are unsure. With the 1st of April also comes the ACA's medical services minimum level of care policy which was forwarded to all committees last year, this document can be found on the website for anyone who has not yet read it under the committees section.

Some Judges clinics and Youth camp/Starter clinics were approved recently so keep your eye out on the calendar if you wish to participate. Every now and then it comes to the office's attention that an unaccredited judge has officiated at an ACA event. I cannot point out how important it is that for all ACA affiliated drafts even if they don't attract competition points e.g.; encouragement, junior etc. that the judge must be accredited for insurance purposes.

I would like to thank all the people that attended or sent in suggestions for the nominations forum in Roma recently. The major outcome being there is no silver bullet which is going to solve every problem every committee has and a letter which I have sent to every member and committee is published further in this edition.

In closing the ACA had a 2 day meeting in Roma recently which was well attended and a massive amount of items dealt with. I commend every management committee member who takes time out of their own lives for the benefit of the ACA. These people who out of their own wallet travel vast distances and pay for their own accommodation for the benefit of all the association deserve the respect they have gained for doing this and I would like to remind members of this when they think it is their right to treat them disrespectfully. The details of the up and coming management committee nominations are listed in this magazine, so have a look and see if your zone is well represented.

Until next time happy Campdrafting,

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