



Well the big southern Queensland run is over for another year. Once again spectators got to see some of the best campdrafting available and all committees must be praised for trying their best to provide such top class events. The NCCA championship was run again at Warwick and congratulations to Ben Hall on winning this title as well as the ACA riders Ben Hall, Kimberley Sammon, Wally Rea, Steve Comiskey and Rohan Marks gaining the highest aggregate over the 3 rounds and donating their \$1000 prize money to the Longreach drought appeal.

As rain is starting to fall in some areas I can only hope the all ACA members receive relief as soon as possible. The nominations for the 2017 ACA National Finals are still open and any interested committees are asked to contact myself or a management committee member so this can be finalised at the next meeting. A very well attended meeting was held in Chinchilla recently and some rule updates are listed in this magazine. The NCCA AGM is being held in Melbourne in early December which 4 ACA delegates will attend.

Recently members and committees were asked for their feedback regarding some proposed rule changes. Firstly I would like to thank very much the members who took the time to provide valuable feedback on the topics. One aspect of concern very evident to the myself and the ACA management committee about some of the feedback received is some members not having the full facts and therefore making comments that really does not add any value to discussion/feedback being requested. Comments that disappointed me greatly are those aimed at the management committee itself through social media. Comments like “Who would come up with something so dumb” is very disrespectful to those management committee members who continuously look to improve all aspects of the ACA and the sport in general. Management committee members donate all of their time, travel at their own expense, pay their own accommodation to sit in meetings dealing with ACA business to ensure the future of the sport. Any management committee member now and in the past situation deserves the upmost respect for the jobs they have done for the past 43 years. I can only request members who have views and expectation to consider applying for vacancies in your zone.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish members the very best for the festive season.

Until next time, safe campdrafting.

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