

Welcome to the CDE Presentation

Tribute to Prince Phillip

Patron of the ACDS

Prince Phillip worked to develop the FEI Driving Rules upon which our CDE rules are based. During his time as FEI President it was suggested that the FEI ought to produce some international rules for driving competitions. At the time there were already “international” driving competitions but they all had their own set of rules.



After a trip to Aachen Horse Show where there were twenty four four in hand teams driving around the ring, it became obvious that the idea was worth pursuing. Together with Michael Ansell (who was already on the FEI) a committee was formed and the first international set of rules was established.



In 1970 Prince Phillip decided to give up polo and was looking around for something else to do. Driving was the answer. In 1972 he went around the Windsor course as a referee. In 1973 he “was allowed” to take five bay horses from the Royal Mews and begin training them for a competition. His first competition was at Lowther in April 1973 and the second competition was at the Windsor Horse Show which also happened to be the European championships.



His Royal Highness competed at six World and three European Championships and was 6th individually in the 1982 World Championships. He was a member of the British gold medal team at the World Championships in 1980 and a member of the British bronze medal teams at the 1978, 1982 and 1984 World Championships. He contested his final World Championship event with his instantly recognisable team of Fell ponies at the World Pony Championships at Catton Estate near Birmingham in July 2005.



Meanwhile, the Australian Driving Society was formed in 1971 after R M Williams invited a group of prominent harness exhibitors to discuss the formation of an organisation to promote harness activities.



Mike Till



Judy Dwyer



Peter McIntyre

Between 1984 -1988 His Royal Highness, Prince Phillip accepted the role of Patron to the Australian Driving Society largely due to his connection with the then President, Sir Anthony Synnot. The Bi-centenary celebrations in 1988, saw a visit to Australia by Prince Phillip who then attended the Australian Carriage Driving Championships in Canberra.



Prince Phillip was President of the FEI for 22 years from 1964-1986 and remains the longest serving President to date. We are in debt to him for not only the rules but the development of our sport which has made it what it is today.



HRH Prince Philip in the early days of CDEs



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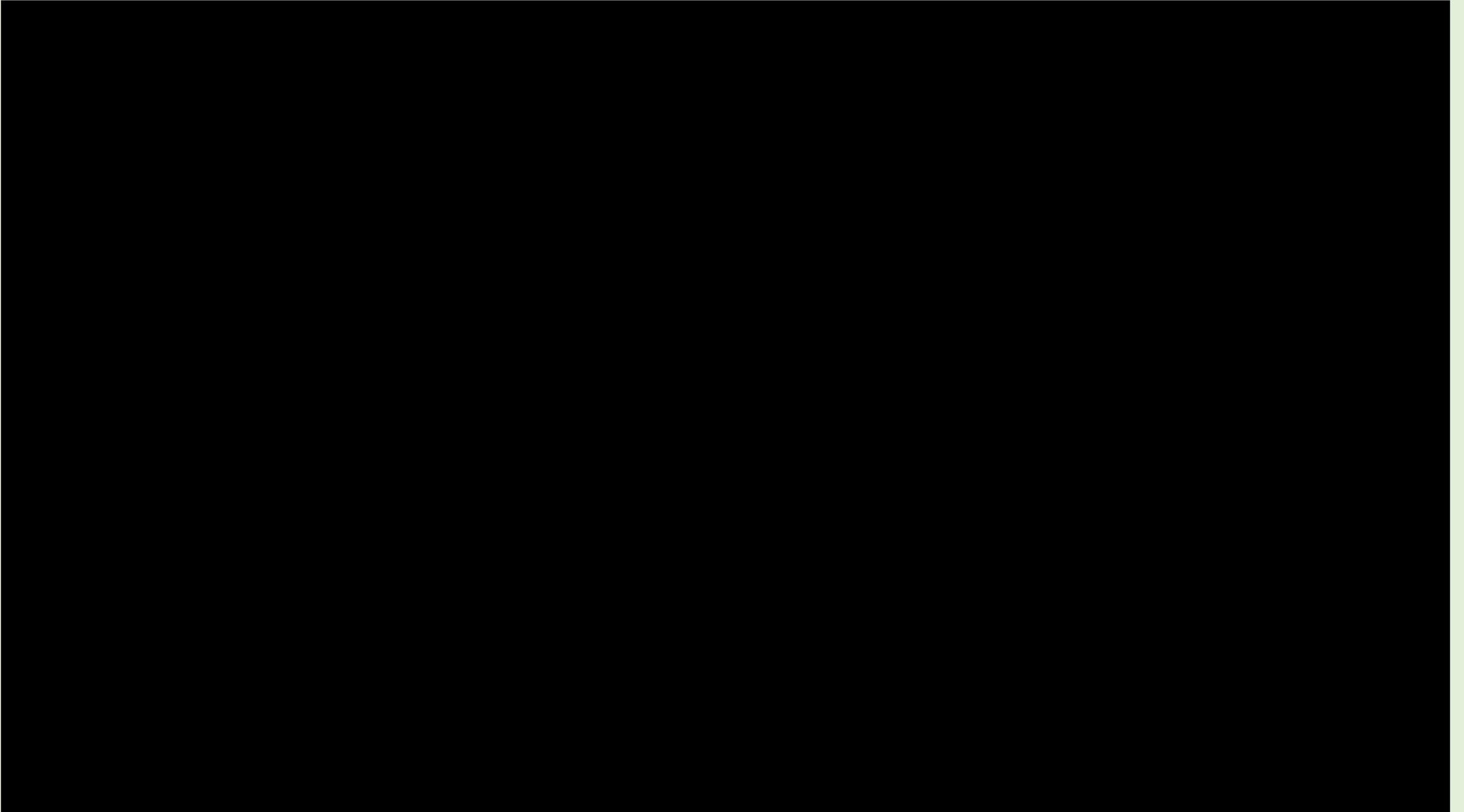
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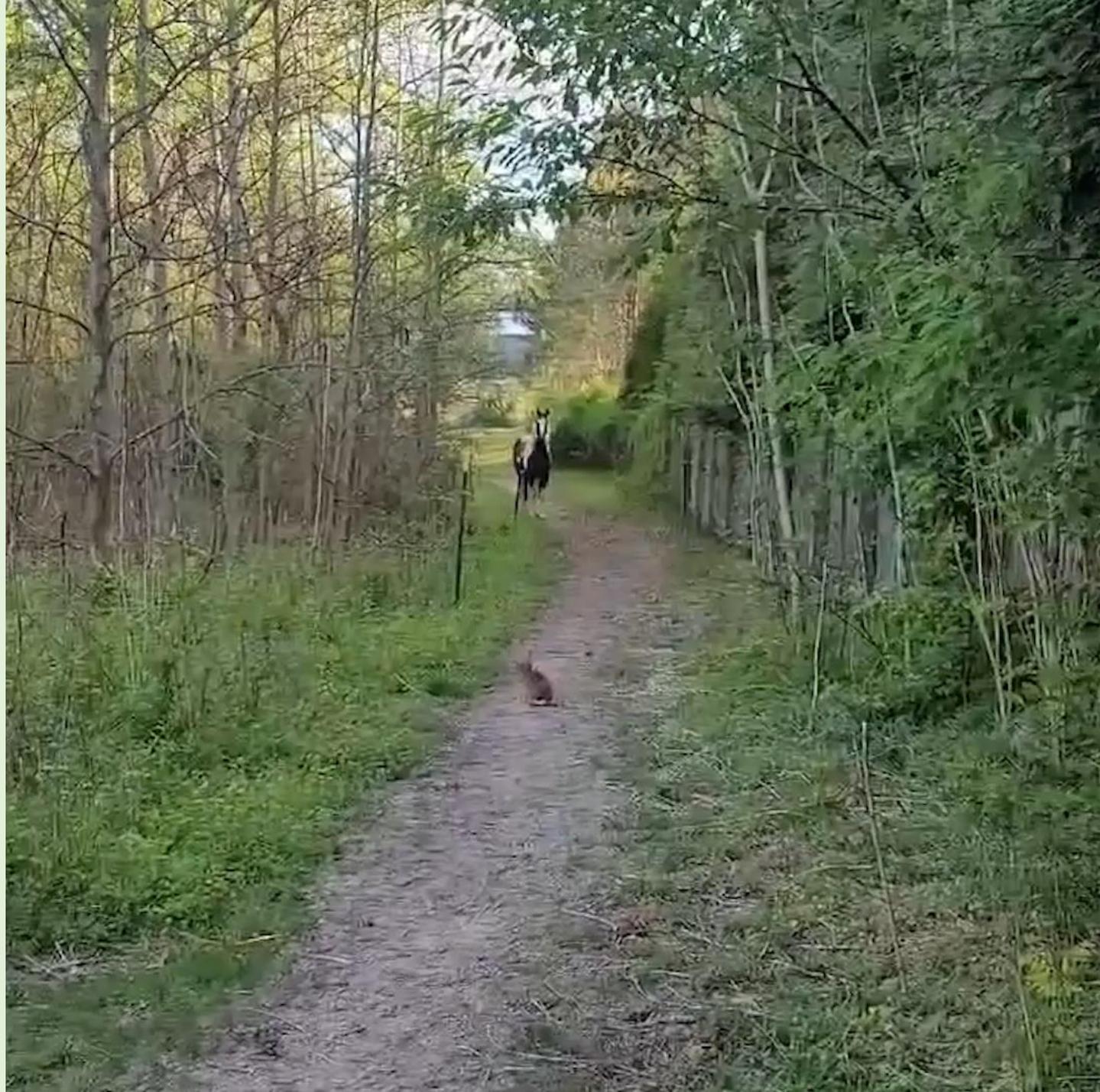
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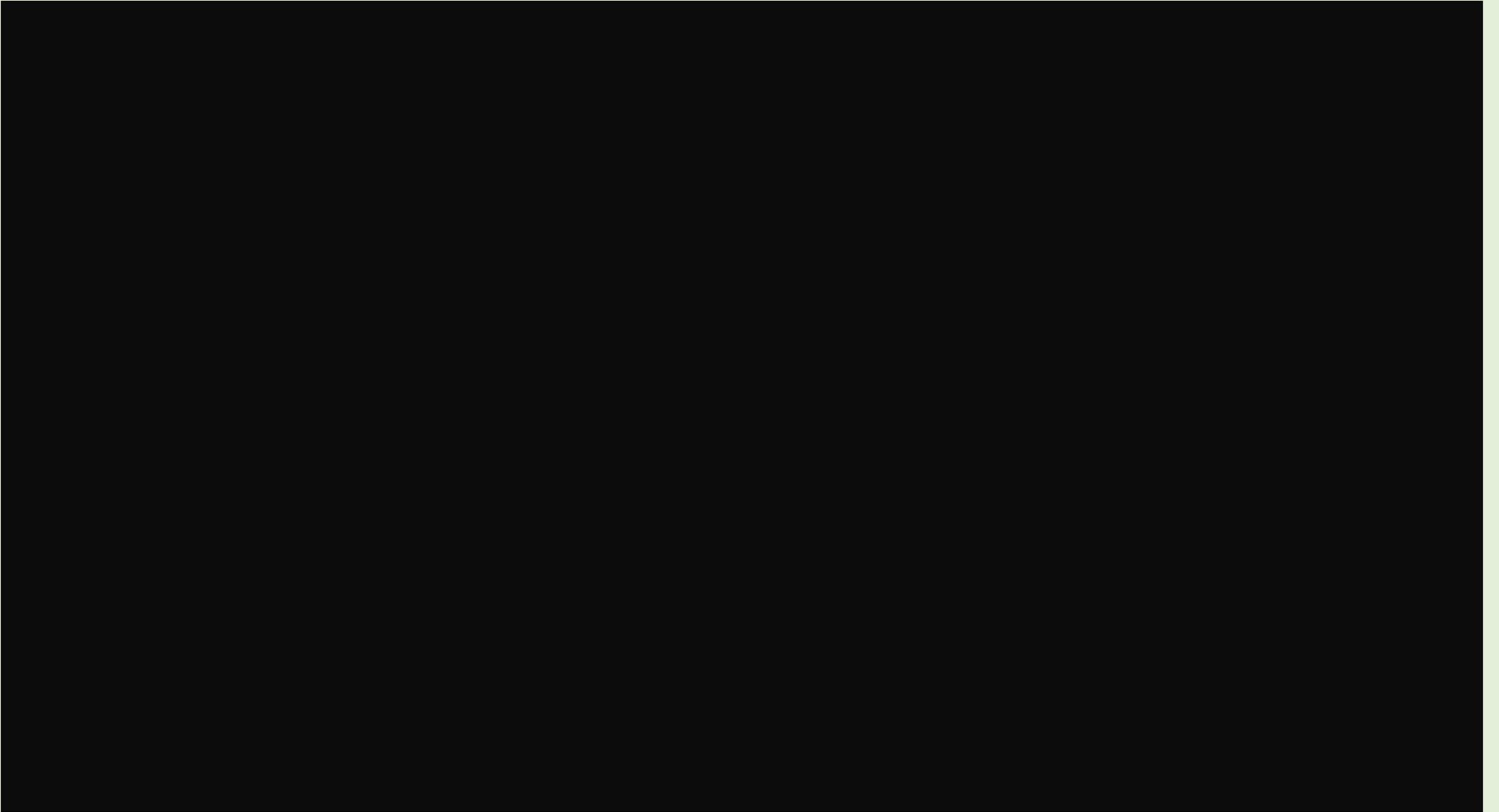


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moving forward &
enjoy our sport.