

DCI/ZA REPORT FOR NMZ ZONE AGM AUGUST 2008

I'm pleased to present this report on behalf of the Nth Metro Zone's DCI/ZA panel for the 2008 Annual General Meeting.

RIDER CLINICS

So far this year we have conducted Pre 5 and inexperienced grade 5 clinics at Eltham in April and Yarra Glen in July, with one more scheduled later this month at Mooroolbark. There was also a grade 4 & 5 clinic at Mooroolbark in April and another scheduled at Lilydale in October.

These clinics remain extremely popular with not only our own riders but those from other Zones and have been well attended with most clinics requiring waiting lists!!

Brenda Mitton is the driving force behind these wonderful clinics for the junior riders and puts in an enormous amount of work to make them happen. I'm sure she wouldn't mind me extending thanks to her dedicated team of coaches who help make these clinics a real stepping stone for these young riders. Similarly thanks go to the clubs who provided the venues, equipment and manpower to facilitate the clinics, they play a terrific role in helping the younger riders develop.

The DCI/ZA panel would like to take this opportunity to thank Brenda for her hard work and dedication in providing these clinics.

Senior riders have not been entirely overlooked but we have had some difficulty trying to develop a clinic we feel will not only be suitable to grade 1,2 and 3 riders but one that will be attractive enough to be attended. In previous years the senior clinics have not been at all well supported so we are trying to work out a format to turn this around. Any suggestions would be welcomed and could be directed to Michele Thomas or myself.

PERSONNEL

5 new Zone Assistants were appointed to the panel in the past year. They are Kylie Parker, Michele Thomas, Anna Beard, Peter Smith and Melinda Saldaneri. 3 existing Zone Assistants were approved as Deputy Chief Instructors, they are Rachael Edwards, Gill Gascoigne and Kate Wilson.

Michele Thomas has also been reappointed as the Zone Chief Instructor for the coming year.

COACHING CLINICS

In October 2007 the panel facilitated a coach's clinic on grids and jumping at Glenbrae. In May 2008 there was a C Certificate Information Night conducted at Ringwood PC. The panel was also involved in the State coaching workshop and National coaching clinics held in March 2008.

Our thoughts at this stage are for a Dressage Judging Accreditation possibly in conjunction with Sth Metro Zone later this year.

We were also represented at the Pony Club Australia NCAS Preliminary Coaching Course earlier this month.

CLUB VISITS

The following clubs have been visited by the panel in the past 12 months.
Donvale, Lower Plenty, Yea, Healesville, Kinglake, Mt Evelyn, Eltham, Lilydale, St Andrews, Kangaroo Ground, Upper Yarra and Seville.

GENERAL DUTIES

The panel members have also reported to PCAV on club visits, C Certificate manuals, and various other issues as they arise. We field queries from clubs and individuals and offer advice and assistance to new committees where required.

The majority of our panel members are also actively coaching and judging within the zone as well as C and K certificate examining.

We are also maintaining a coaches and dressage judges' database and keeping both of these groups up to date with courses and information.

Kate Wilson
Secretary – NMZ DCI/ZA Panel

