

*N.M.Z. Annual General Meeting – August 2008.  
Report from Zone Examining Secretary.*

In the pony club year just completed the following clubs have had groups present for their C certificate Test :

North Eastern,	Kangaroo Ground,	St Andrews,
Ringwood,	Eltham,	Seville,
Yarra Glen,	Lilydale,	Donvale,
Nunawading,	St Andrews,	Mt Evelyn.
Yarrambat		

making a total of 76 C candidates.

I particularly wish to thank all examiners and clubs for their help in testing a large number of candidates in a very short time when the EI restrictions were lifted. We had such a backlog but were able to successfully complete all testing in order for all candidates to be eligible to compete, then during May, June and July only one club was tested.

The following clubs have lodged applications for tests which will be held in September and October:

Hurstbridge,	North Eastern,	Kangaroo Ground,
Donvale,	Wyena,	Upper Yarra,
Kinglake		

making another 48 requests for C tests.

We have also had two candidates from St Andrews to congratulate on completing their K certificates this year. There are also two small groups working towards K.

I am pleased to note that clubs are aware of the revised edition of the Syllabus of Instruction. Club DC's have ensured that all people involved with training C level riders are aware of this, and most clubs have organised for C candidates to have their own copies.

A reminder that clubs presently training C candidates should ensure that D & D\* work is revised as some of this can be included in C –many activities seem so simple but often bad habits **creep in** without constant reinforcement!

The “The New Zealand Instructors Manual” and “Horsemastership for the Pony Club” are the two manuals still used by our zone for training and examining candidates. The Pony Club Vic “C” Certificate Manual and The Pony Club Vic “C” Efficiency Test Activity Sheets” are useful adjuncts to these manuals. They are part of the “C Kit”. PCAV recommends that all candidates have a copy of the “C Kit” and most clubs ask candidates to purchase their own copy of “Horsemastership for the Pony Club.”

Thankyou once more to the great group of examiners who give up their weekends and travel all over our zone to take C tests, and thank you to clubs who have looked after the examiners, set out equipment prior to their arrival, had pencilers ready to help, and provided them with lovely lunches and morning teas. This all makes their job pleasant, and as we only have a limited number of examiners we must continue to be encouraging. **We need them.**

North Metro Zone holds C tests at Pony Clubs throughout the year from February until the end of October.

PCAV has two set dates on which candidates may sit for written K tests. These are:

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in July (5<sup>th</sup> July)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in December (5<sup>th</sup> December)**

North metro Zone has two set dates on which candidates may sit for practical K tests. These are:

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in April (~~2<sup>nd</sup> Sat if 1<sup>st</sup> clashes with Easter~~) (4<sup>th</sup> April)**

**1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in September. (5<sup>th</sup> September)**

Applications **MUST** be on **official application forms** and submitted to the Zone Examining Secretary **two months prior** to these dates.

Congratulations to NMZ riders who have gained certificates this year. Thank you to the people from each club who have been involved in facilitating the tests, including parents, D.C.s, instructors, certificates co-ordinators, and examiners.

I would like to once again wish all riders, members and officials good luck for the coming pony club year.

Diane Baxter.

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