

N. M. Z –Examining Secretary’s Report - May 2009.

Lilydale practical riding C tests are to be held on 16th May at 9.00am at Lilydale PC. We are expecting 11 riders.

The written request for Lilydale practical date was much too close the result being that after checking with 16 examiners only 2 are available. I would have preferred to have 3 examiners. I hope the day will not be too long.

I am **very pleased** to have applications from Seville, North Eastern and Yarrambat to hand. Thank you for being so well organised. I’m sure we will be able to organise practical riding dates to suit you.

The written dates are as follows

Tuesday	July 14 th	Seville	11 candidates
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Tuesday	September 8 th	North Eastern	9 candidates.

People who are preparing candidates for C please be aware that candidates must have previously passed D certificate, and that if this has been done quite some time ago, (as is usually the case) candidates should still be up to date with all this prior knowledge.

DC’s, it would be most advantageous if you could ask your instructors to go over points of the horse at some time in each riding session, spend time checking at rallies that each rider, C candidates or not, has a proper knowledge of the points of their horse as many candidates are making simple mistakes. It could be that they are learning from pictures and not from actually touching the parts of their horses. Pictures are fine if you already know the horse’s structure well, however for learning nothing is better than reality. Parents might like to learn this too. Any rider or parent who needs to call a vet may need this information. Instruction in parts of the saddle and footfalls also needs a bit of extra care.

I have two candidates from St Andrews and from Wyeena waiting for practical riding day. If there are any other riders with practical outstanding who are ready would the clubs please Email or phone me on 9873.2405 or 0413392589 or diane.ken@optusnet.com.au.

Dates for written tests for 2009 are

June	Wed. 3 rd
July	Tues 14 th
August	Tues 11 th
Sept	Tues 8 th

As it is already May I must stress that clubs should organise their C groups promptly, as examiners for September/Oct are often busy and it is often difficult to fit all clubs in. It could already be a good strategy to be planning for C tests early next year.

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