



NORTHERN METROPLITAN ZONE

CHIEF INSTRUCTORS REPORT FOR ZONE MEETING - WED 13th MAY 2009

CLINICS / TRAINING DAYS:

The Pre 5 & inexperienced grade 5 clinic at Mooroolbark Pony Club was held on 8th/9th April, and the Gr 3 & 4 clinic was held at Yarrambat PC on 15th/16th April. Both were well attended and thank you to those involved with the running of them.

A reminder about the Gr 4 & 5 clinic at Yarra Glen on 30th/31st May and also Pre 5 & inexperienced gr 5 at Eltham on 8th & 9th July. Entries are available on NMZ web site.

NMZ will run a dressage accreditation, and at this stage looks to be held in August / September. Jennifer Smith to facilitate - more info to come as it gets organised, once venue has been confirmed.

As previously mentioned, a clinic has been organised for instructors, parents and interested people on Friday July 24th 2009 at Glenbrae Equestrian Centre, with Mary Longden. Flyers have been distributed and seats are filling up fast! I have additional copies of the flyer tonight or it is available on the NMZ web site.. Money raised on the night is going to the Bushfire Appeal. Please support our sponsor Saddle Up.

A list of clinics / training days throughout other zones are available tonight (also at the end of this report), but please ensure you check the relevant zones websites to ensure dates / times / venues haven't changed.

CLUB VISITS:

Club Visits are once again happening throughout 2009. Each club will be notified in advance as to when there club visit will be. Each club will be visited at least bi-annually by members from the DCI/ZA panel. If you are unsure as to what to expect from a club visit - the forms are available from the PCAV web site. Club visits are there to assist you and your club. If you have any queries about Club Visits - Rob Welch from the DCI/ZA panel is the person to contact.(Phone number is on NMZ site.

NCAS COACHING SCHEME:

The PCA NCAS(National Coaching Accreditation Scheme) is about standardising coaching practises at the base level. Experienced coaches should not fear this as a "put down" of their skills as these are the people we would like to mentor inexperienced coaches, rather they could work through the manuals to familiarise themselves with the info, therefore being well prepped to assist others. Most people you talk to agree we need more coaches with skills to fill gaps at club level as we have a shortage - this is how we will get them!! Plus at the moment it is free!! \$150 worth of training and assessment being government funded. When the funding runs out it will be user pays!

NCAS COACHING SCHEME continued:

Several clubs in our Zone will have assessments this year which we hope they will embrace and lead the way for others over the next 2 years.

It is crucial that clubs have correct office bearers and club contacts listed at PCAV (including valid email accounts) as this is how the initial NCAS information is being sent to clubs.

Clubs are sent a list of coaches from the PCAV database to update (we are finding that most lists are out of date but we can't change this until clubs verify their details). With this list are some information sheets about the accreditation and what to do. The next step is to talk to your coaches, find out who's going to participate and then send us back the list with the names and contact details of your coaches, including updating the database sheet for us.

PCAV will then post the manuals directly to the coaches. We do this as we need to register coaches with a start date as there is a 2 year time frame to complete the accreditation. The manuals are very straight forward, are designed to be open book learning, we can recognise prior learning in various forms (including Pony Club efficiency certificates) and only really require dot point answers - not essays. 2 weeks prior to the assessment day the manuals are forwarded to the assessors to check through.

To sum up

- NCAS Preliminary coaching is a national coaching accreditation (not a State level), it does replace Level O which is no longer current and it will be compulsory to do Preliminary Coaching before you can do NCAS level 1
- Preliminary coaching is for any coach who is not currently an NCAS level 1, new coaches, senior riders looking to progress to coaching, parents who help with coaching, people who fill in when required.
- Please **TALK** to your coaches - don't just send in their name without telling them about it as we've had a mixed reaction from unaware coaches including anger, disappointment, confusion, hurt feelings and so on.
- Embrace this new initiative - everyone knows that anything new can be daunting but in the long run we should be creating a larger pool of nationally qualified coaches, who will be consistent, informative, educational and safe with our riders. Surely that has to be a good thing for our Pony Clubs!

If you have any queries about the NCAS program, contact the PCAV office on 8685 8925. Best days are Wednesday to Friday and speak with Kate or Suanne. There is also info on PCAV website under coaching-education. (Thank you to Kate Wilson for this information)

GENERAL / REMINDERS:

- WWC Checks - these are compulsory by July 2010.
- Horsemastership -Please ensure that Horsemastership is being taught during rally days
- Club contact details - Details including names, phone numbers and email addresses need to be correct for office bearers / club contact personnel and members to ensure that information gets to your club and to relevant people.

Signed

Rachael Edwards

NMZ Chief Instructor -13.05.2009



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CLINICS / CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR PCAV STATE TRAINING CLINICS AND OTHER ZONES:

PCAV State Training Clinics :

2009 -

Central Zone - 30th May (Dressage Judges / Lunging)

NEZ - 28th Nov (Course Building design SJ and XC)

2010 -

SMZ - 29th May (Coaching the coach / Comfort and Safety)

NZ - 31st July (Club Harmony / Dressage Judges)

WZ - 30th October (Lunging / Course building and design XC and SJ)

BARWON ZONE -

- "K" Co-ordinators evening will be held in June. An ABK weekend will be held on 30th and 31st May.

NOTE - Contact Barwon Zone if interested.

EAST GIPPSLAND ZONE -

- Clinic to be run in June/July for SJ course designers and judges

NOTE - Contact EGZ if interested.

MIDLAND ZONE -

- A dressage Judges School will be held in June.

NOTE - Contact Midland Zone for further enquiries.

NORTH EASTERN ZONE -

- Please check their website for info on up and coming clinics..

SOUTHERN METRO ZONE -

- 26th July - Jumping Equitation,
- 27th September - CC Training at Tooradin
- 29th November 2009 - Speed to Safety.

NOTE - All clinics are open to other zones. Contact SMZ if interested.

CENTRAL ZONE -

- Sally Francis is running a clinic on 23rd and 24th May for riders, instructors, coaches and parents.

NOTE - Contact Central Zone for more info

WEST GIPPSLAND ZONE - Clinics for 2009 are:

- D and E SJ with Mary Longden, A B and C SJ with Adam Wooten,
- Grades 3,4 and 5 XC clinic with Lorraine Pope,
- Dressage Judging with Mary Longden,
- Gear Checking Clinic, C star and K info day,
- Expressions of Interest for Grades 1 and 2 XC,
- Grades 4 and 5 Dressage Practice and Instruction and a lunging Clinic.

NOTE: Outside clubs invited to participate. More info available by contacting WGZ or checking website for dates.