



NORTHERN METROPLITAN ZONE

CHIEF INSTRUCTORS REPORT FOR ZONE MEETING - WED 12th August 2009

ZONE EXAMINING / CERTIFICATE REPORT -

52 potential candidates from 6 clubs have put in applications for C examination days between now and October.

No applications for K or C* at this stage.

Dianne will table her report after this one.

CLINIC / TRAINING DAYS REPORT:

- 4 & 5 Eventing Clinic at Yarra Glen on 30th/31st May was extremely successful.
- Pre 5 & Inexperience grade 5 clinic at Eltham which was held on July 8th and 9th ran well from what I heard.
- There is to be a 4/5 clinic at Lilydale at the end of August
- A Pre5/5 clinic to be held at Yarra Glen at the end of September.
- A Dressage judges clinic to be held on Friday 28th August at Glenbrae with Jennifer Smith facilitating the clinic. Please register ASAP. Details on NMZ web.

MARY LONGDEN CLINIC - 24th July 2009:

The Mary Longden Clinic was a huge success, with over 70 people attending. (120 + had registered but with a lot of illness around I am sure this didn't help!).

Mary was very professional and delivered a well facilitated clinic and I have had emails and phone calls praising NMZ for running such a wonderful clinic. With Glenbrae, Mary Longden and refreshments being the expenses (Note - I donated all my phone calls and a pot plant to Mary), and we will be able to donate the profits on the night (\$150 each) to both Kinglake and Yarra Glen PC's for members to benefit. A huge thank you to the members of the DCI/ZA panel (and NMZ) who assisted with the running of the evening. Thanks to PCAV for photocopying the hand outs for the evening.

CLUB VISITS REPORT

Club visits are continuing to happen throughout the zone, with some visits already completed and others coming up in 2009. As at the end of July, Ringwood, Yarra Glen, Mooroolbark, Mt Evelyn, Lower Plenty and Wyena have been done

Clubs still to be done in 2009 are Donvale, Eltham and Mt Evelyn

Clubs to be done in 2010 are Healesville, Hurstbridge, Seville, Yarrambat, North Eastern and Nunawading

GAITERS REPORT - Swede Gaiters / Gear Check.

A request came in from one of the NMZ clubs to see if the Gear Check rules will allow for "Suede" Gaiters to be approved gear within PCAV guidelines. The current rules state that Gaiters "Must be full grain leather on the exposed side." Clarification was sought at the recent CIP meeting and gaiters MUST be full leather on outside but can be swede (or vinyl etc) on inside.

TREELESS SADDLES:

These are allowed for PC activities under rule 3.6. The manufacturer recommends that they be fitted with quick release irons as they have an enclosed "D" ring rather than stirrup bar. This will be included in the next re-write of the gear rules.

2010 Diary Dates:

Actual dates aren't confirmed however the DCI/ZA panel is planning the following for end of 2009 into 2010.

- Gera Check - club level
- Dressage Judges Clinic 3 - 5
- More junior Eventing clinics
- Preliminary Coaching information evening
- C certificate information evening
- Senior riders clinic (Suggestion SJ / Gridwork)
- Clinic with Sally Francis.

At the CIP meeting it was discussed that they are looking at running zone clinics for 2010 the same day as State Workshops in order to make a "Zone and State Training Grid" happen. The dates set for 2010 are 29th May, 31st July and 30th October 2010. More details and confirmation will be confirmed at the next CIP meeting in November.

THANK YOU:

NMZ expressed its thanks to Northern Zone for the donation of the Australian Flags for Kinglake and Yarra Glen Pony Clubs.

GRADING GUIDELINES:

As there are many clubs with new DC's, it was reminded that "Guidelines for Grading" should be used when grading combinations. (PCAV website)

NEW RULES FOR SJ AND HT

New rule book effective July 2009. Please ensure your club has a copy of the new rules. This includes new SJ height of "F" grade, falls resulting in elimination for XC

NCAS ROLLOUT:

After a few minor teething issues, things have settled down and by Dec 2009 a total of 60 clubs will have been involved with the scheme. By Dec 2010 a total of 160 clubs will have been done.

Reminder that it is free for the first 3 years (after this it is approx \$350)

There will be separate assessment days if there are candidates for eg have a medical reason and couldn't attend their original assessment day, to sit at a later stage. No exact dates have been given but looks like mid - late 2010..

STATE TRAINING CLINIC :

Last clinic at Riddles Creek was really well attended with 130 + attendees. Please encourage C* and K candidates to attend State Clinics especially for components like SJ Course Building

GEAR CHECK:

Remember to ensure that current rules are being used , and that for treeless saddles - manufacturers recommend they use quick release irons.

Please suggest to any member purchasing new riding boots or stirrup irons that they take both to a saddler shop , so boot and stirrup can be fitted together to avoid riders being eliminated for failing with ill fitting gear at gear check at events.

COPIES OF DRESSAGE TESTS:

Please post copies of dressage tests after you have held an event (a few from each level / judge) to myself. Rachael Edwards PO Box 111 Seville 3139

WWC:

Please ensure all instructors are getting these done, and please make sure all "non" parents have a WWC card before letting them near / instruct any children. This is due to an alert from police to PACV on 8th July (sent from James - PCAV)

NEWS FROM OTHER ZONES:

Central Zone Dressage Judges workshop to be held 5th September 2009. Levels 3,4 and 5.

Wannon Zone - mentioned that Gear Checkers must be fully conversant with rules. More time is also required teaching riders about rhythm and pace especially for HT.

Northern Zone - Instructors clinic for September scheduled.

SMZ - XC Training clinic - 27th Sept and Speed to Safety 29th November

NEZ - Mentioned that they are planning to hold a "Boys Camp" within their zone. Mention of this was due to NMZ running one. Thanks to Brenda and her team of helpers who run this for NMZ!

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