

1009. September. - N.M.Z Examining Secretary's Report.

Last night we completed the NMZ written C tests for 2009.

We had a large group of 29 candidates therefore needed to have two sittings.

The practical riding days for those candidates are as follows:

Kangaroo Ground	Sept 19th
Yarrambat	Sept 19th
Eltham	Oct 10th
Ringwood	TBC (probably Oct 10 th)
North Eastern	Nov 9 th .

The standard of the written tests is to be commended. The instructors are obviously making good use of the C kits, and the material in them is meaningful to the riders. The candidates often appear here with their books. They confidently look for the information they decide to revise at the last minute.

I had a quick glance at some tests when I arrived home. Remember we don't examine spelling - just horse knowledge, therefore there is always a gem or two.

Here is a gem from last night. 😊

Give 3 reasons why you would walk a showjumping course before riding it.

1. To pass the jumps out. (pace)
2. To check in the potholes. (riding surface)
3. To mesmerize the jumps. (memorise)

Now is the time of the year all clubs should be appointing their C test co-ordinator, and also now is the time DC's should be organising riding activities at rallies for their C riders with an instructor who will be available for a session or sessions with the C group at each future rally. Clubs should plan to have their riders sit for their tests before games/flat teams day or otherwise choose a suitable mid year month.

Please try to avoid waiting until October as it is difficult to arrange examiners for practical days towards the end of the year - they all become too busy - and we prefer not to have to ask riders wait until the beginning of the following year to finish off their riding section.

For clubs that have candidates who have completed C tests, now is the time to introduce them to a **limited few** sheets for K certificate. Most will already have the ability to fill in and complete their "Pony Club Service" option. A good starting section for practical riding is "Pace Riding".

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