



NORTHERN METROPLITAN ZONE

CHIEF INSTRUCTORS REPORT FOR ZONE MEETING - WED 14th OCTOBER 2009

ZONE EXAMINING / CERTIFICATE REPORT -

See separate report tabled by Diane Baxter - NMZ ZES

CLINIC / TRAINING DAYS REPORT:

- The Pre5/5 clinic was held at Yarra Glen at the end of September, and went really well. Groups were a little smaller than usual due to cancellations. Weather was very windy on Wed, improved Thur. All riders and ponies participated well and had two productive and successful days with much improvement seen in each group. Yarra Glen also had their brand new showjumps and dressage ring available for the clinic which were very well received by everyone. Terrific jumps, very bright and professional looking not to mention sooooo much lighter for the coaches to move!! This was our last riding clinic for 2009. Brenda and her team will meet later this month to begin preparations for the 2010 clinics. If there are any clubs who would be interested in being a host next year, you will need to register your expression of interest with Brenda. Such things as parking, cross country where riders are visible from one vantage point (including flags, numbers), not too steep, flat areas that can be bunted off, and enough space for two s.j. rings and two dressage rings with room to ride between. Access to bells, horns, stopwatches, back numbers and a PA system would be appreciated. Most important, a team of workers who can set up the day before, (usually a weekday) and run a canteen on the two days. The team of workers needs to be supplied by the host club, and those who provide the requirements including efficient helpers will be looked upon favourably for future clinics. If any clubs wish to be considered, they would need to ring or email Brenda before the 22nd. Brenda's email address is jbmitton@bigpond.com or call Brenda on 9722 1369
- At the next CIP meeting in November we hope to discuss more on clinic dates for 2010.
- Dressage Judges List - Currently we are in the process of updating the Dressage Judges list following on from the Dressage Accreditation Clinic in August. We hope to have this updated in the next few weeks.

CLUB VISITS REPORT

Club visits are continuing to happen throughout the zone, with some visits already completed and others coming up in 2009. There are still a few clubs to be done in 2009

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

NCAS ROLLOUT:

NCAS accreditation is progressing well. A reminder to ensure candidates try to have their workbooks submitted to the nominated accreditator PRIOR to the accreditation day as this makes things a lot easier all round.

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

Both Eltham and Seville Pony Clubs have had successful NCAS Preliminary Coaching Assessments conducted. Both clubs had 3 coaches present for accreditation. Some are to forward workbooks for final sign off but practically all have been completed. Special commendation goes to Seville's coaches, riders and parents for persisting with their assessment rally in absolutely revolting conditions. Their menages were under an inch of water when we arrived, the rain continued all morning, children were frozen to their saddles and horses were more than accommodating. Thankyou again to you all for being such great participants. I think Eltham fared slightly better with the weather for their day!

There are a few more clubs in our Zone to be assessed this year, Wyena in October, Lilydale in November, I think that is all!

All other clubs who have not been contacted by PCAV at this point can expect to receive a letter in the next few weeks explaining how the NCAS Preliminary Coaching roll out is going to continue for 2010 and 2011 and how their club can get involved. I would urge all clubs to follow up on this incentive while PCAV are able to offer it for free. It is a great way to ensure your coaches are up to date with current coaching trends and will also provide us with more qualified coaches in the long run.

Lastly a reminder to clubs who have already had assessments this year - many of your coaches were found competent with their practical

teaching on the assessment day but are yet to send in their completed workbooks for sign off. Could you please encourage them to do this ASAP as we are really keen to get them finished and fully accredited with the Australian Sports Commission.

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. Thank you to those clubs who have sent them to me promptly.

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.

RALLY PLANS:

Reminder to clubs to be pro active in program planning at rallies and ensure they incorporate "certificate" learning lessons. It's advisable that instructors know what lessons they are teaching at rallies prior to rallies to allow for rally lesson planning. Kits are available from PCAV to assist with rally plans, certificates etc. A resource kit for DC's is being worked on.

OUT AND ABOUT WITH OUR PC KIDS:

B CERTIFICATE - Its pleasing to know that NMZ currently has 2 candidates that have already passed their B written exam. We wish the 2 riders from St Andrews all the best with the rest of their "B" Certificate.

INTERNATIONAL GAMES - Two Victorian riders have been endorsed to go to the International Rider for the Victorian International Games. The 2 selected riders are up for elections are Pat Dyson from Donvale PC and Kate Ross from Lilydale PC.

A bit of background

Both Pat and Kate have been training with the PCAV National Mounted Games Squads for many years (Pat: five years, Kate: four years). This involves attending the annual Skills Clinic and Selection Trials held in January, achieving selection to a squad.

If the riders are successful in getting into the Junior Squad, (which involves riding all 21 games that will be ridden at nationals for the full selection trials), they should know about two months before the Nationals.

The State Team is then made up of the five highest scoring riders, and the Reserve Rider is the next highest.

Pat made Reserve Rider last year in his first year in Juniors and this year both Pat and Kate were selected for the Team that has just placed Second at Nationals (the highest Victorian Junior Team placing for a number of years).

Both riders have worked diligently on their skills and horsemanship - Games riders compete at Nationals on horses provided by the host state, on the day of the competition. Contrary to popular belief, Games at this level requires an enormous amount of horsemanship, with particular emphasis on Flat work and Dressage.

I am waiting to hear as to if these riders have been notified as to where the selection camp will be, but regardless - this is a terrific effort for the riders involved. We wish them all the best in their future endeavours.

If you have any news of achievements made by riders, please let me know as it is important to acknowledge the efforts and contributions made by riders within our zone. Please drop me an email to let me know.

NEWS FROM OTHER ZONES:

SMZ -Speed to Safety 29th November

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9th October 2009