



NORTHERN METROPLITAN ZONE

CHIEF INSTRUCTORS REPORT FOR ZONE MEETING - WED 9th SEPTEMBER 2009

ZONE EXAMINING / CERTIFICATE REPORT -

See report tabled by Diane Baxter - NMZ ZES

CLINIC / TRAINING DAYS REPORT:

- The Grades 4 and 5 Clinic was held at Lilydale Hunt Club - Kate Wilson reported that Lilydale clinic ran with 4 full groups so 32 riders. Weather was miserable on Saturday, improving marginally on Sunday. Even though conditions weren't great the riders all seemed to really enjoy the work with loads of positive feedback from participants. Lilydale did a great job, especially Kathy Woodman who organised her teams of helpers really well and did a truckload of the work herself (cooking, dr and sj setup, xc flagging, etc) Their grounds were in really good condition so held together well in the wet. Lots of ponies went home with their bellies bulging after their frenzied grazing during the breaks!!
- A Pre5/5 clinic to be held at Yarra Glen at the end of September.
- A Dressage judges clinic was held on Friday 28th August at Glenbrae with Jennifer Smith facilitating the clinic. There were 24 paid participants with a few extras from the DCI/ZA panel who assisted on the night. A big thank you to Jennifer Smith for facilitating - a very professional accreditation with quality handouts, as well as an open rule book exam. The positive feedback has been overwhelming, with another zone running a similar clinic based along the same format as our clinic and using Jennifers notes (with permission). Certificates of Appreciation have been sent to all riders, with a thank you letter and a copy of the dressage test (where applicable). Thanks to Peter Smith for all his efforts with the printed material. The riders who rode at the Mary Longden clinic on July have also been sent certificates of appreciation. It is important that we acknowledge these riders as without their contribution (as well as their parents / guardians) we would be unable to run such successful clinics. Once again our thanks to Saddle Up for their support with both the clinics.

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

2010 Diary Dates:

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

- Gear 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.

GRADING GUIDELINES:

A reminder 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:

NCAS accreditation is progressing well. A reminder to ensure candidates try to have their workbooks submitted to the nominated acreditor 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)

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. I know of a few clubs who have had dressage comps and I am still awaiting copies of tests.

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.

DRESSAGE TESTS FOR HORSE TRIALS:

Our DCI/ZA panel agreed with North Eastern Zone that the G2 HT2 test was harder than the G1 HT2 , and we support North Eastern Zone suggestion that the test be removed or reworked. The support from North Eastern Zone came from Brian Schrapel (Sydney Olympic 3DE Dressage Judge) and Diann Schrapel, Lyn Stevens and Kammy Cordner Hunt.

APOLOGY:

An apology from myself as I incorrectly thanked an incorrect zone for the donation of the Australian Flags to Kinglake and Yarra Glen. Our thanks to North Eastern Zone for the flags.

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!

Rachael Edwards
NMZ Chief Instructor.