



NORTHERN METROPOLITAN ZONE

CHIEF INSTRUCTORS REPORT FOR ZONE MEETING - November 2011

ZONE EXAMINING / CERTIFICATE REPORT -

See separate report tabled by Diane Baxter - NMZ ZES

CLINIC / TRAINING DAYS REPORT:

JUNIOR RIDER CLINICS - Plans are well underway for our 2012 clinics. Dates will be published on the website together with relevant entry forms when available.

2011 STATE CLINIC - Unfortunately the State Training Workshop that was to be held on Saturday 5th November at Wandin Park, had to be postponed due to lack of entries. It was a very busy weekend with other activities from other organisations on the same date which resulted in the clinic being cancelled due to low numbers.

The 2012 dates are as follows: 31.03.2012 - Midland Zone (Beliaba grounds), 30.06.2012 - Wannon Zone (probably at Glenormiston), 29.09.2012 - East Gippsland Zone. If there are any particular topics you feel that would be relevant to the State Training Workshops, please let me know.

Please encourage c* and above candidates or prospective candidates to attend future state training workshops, as the clinics offers many components which would be of benefit.

DRESSAGE JUDGES CLINIC - Our Dressage Judges Clinic was held on Friday 14th October at Parkview Indoor, Wonga Park. Although numbers were down on the previous dressage clinic, positive feedback has been well received. A big thank you to our facilitator, Jennifer Smith, who was assisted by Peter Smith - a thank you also to Jenna for obtaining the riders.

SPEED TO SAFETY - Plans are underway, and am pleased to say that Prue King seems to have secured a venue. This is now looking at being run in 2012, together with some other activities with Racing Victoria.

Yogi Briesner (from the UK) who is a renowned jumps jockey with training and the likes, is coming out and will be available to Pony Club Victoria for a clinic on 4th and 5th Jan at Wandin Park. This will be limited to 10 riders in the state, so if anyone has any Grade 1 / 2 riders who may be interested, please get them to send me an email detailing why they would like to be selected for the clinic. Also include rider and horses history. Email to rhudak@waraccon.com.au It seems that each zone will have the opportunity to select 1 rider only.

CLUB VISITS REPORT

At our next DCIZA meeting we will be allocating personnel to conduct club visits in 2012

NCAS ROLLOUT: (by Kate Wilson)

The NCAS Training is coming along very nicely with our first lot of candidates up for assessment in 2 weeks time. Again a big thank you to Kate Wilson and Ringwood Pony Club for their input and assistance with the program

If there are any coaches that still need to return completed workbooks for PRELIM, or still need to do their practical, please contact Kate Wilson at PCAV. There are still a number of coaches within our zone that have started the Prelim course, but have not yet sent in their workbooks to PCVA. Could clubs please chase up these people ASAP?

Again, please advise coaches within your club that 2012 will be the year for NCAS Level 1 assessments. More will be advised through PCAV early 2012. NCAS books are available through PCAV

COPIES OF DRESSAGE TESTS:

Thank you to those clubs who have sent them to me promptly. I need 6 from each grade please. A reminder once again that if you are holding a dressage phase in a competition your club is running, please post copies of dressage tests after you have held your event to myself. Rachael Edwards PO Box 111 Seville 3139.

It would be very helpful if you could include results if possible with the tests, and please ensure when posting tests to me that I have details of the event.

EXEMPTIONS -

Please be reminded that some riders in PCAV have exemptions.

NEW RULES / PCAV WEB SITE

Please ensure you check the web PCAV site regularly (especially if you are unable to make a zone meeting - or your club rep is unable to attend). Please ensure you check the "latest news" section for current information

DRESSAGE JUDGES ABBREVIATION LIST AND DRESSAGE JUDGES LIST :

A revamped Dressage Judges Abbreviation list is available from our web site. It is recommended that this sheet be given to your pencilers when assisting with dressage test writing. Please email me (rhudak@waraccon.com.au) if you wish to have a copy of our dressage judges list

RALLY PLANS:

Reminder to clubs to be pro active in program planning at rallies and ensure they incorporate "certificate" learning lessons. Please also incorporate "what to do on a competition day" (ie presenting to dressage judge, sj judge, when to start etc) for those riders that may have never competed or have minimal experience.

Suggestions for Theory sessions for riders (including Older riders), can incorporate: Dentist Visit, Vaulting specialist, Saddle fitter, session on Studs, Vet (worms, ailments etc) Fitness of horse and rider (especially good for 40km candidates), PCAV Dressage judges DVD - get children to judge dressage tests (great for wet weather), NCAS coaching (Prelim and Level 1 - especially for senior riders)

CALLING OF PCAV DRESSAGE TESTS-

Our feedback that I had received has been passed on to the CIP panel. Thanks to those that provided feedback. At this stage there is no further action and rules will remain the same (ie calling of dressage tests is NOT permitted in PCAV unless a rider has an exemption).

NEWS FROM CIP MEETING -(Thank you to Kate Wilson who provided notes as I was unable to attend)

- Barwon Zone are looking at hosting a A/B assessment day either pre Christmas or just after. Observers will be welcome.
- Rider Clinics - If any clubs are willing for their venues to be used - please email me and let me know so I can pass on to PCAV.
- State Training Workshop - as previously mentioned
- SJ CHANGES - which need to be ratified by State Council -Proposal to state council - A grade SJ maximum height be 1.25 m (previously no limit) with other heights altering slightly to accommodate.
- Discussion on building of SJ courses and tracks that are not being built at club level to a suitable calibre. When riders are out and about they seem to be coming unstuck.
- Grading forms - If any clubs have grading forms or procedures (other than PCAV ones) that they use in their club, can you please send me a copy ASAP as we are looking at putting a proforma in the DC's kit which will be available to purchase from PCAV
- Discussion on HT qualifiers - no change and will stay as current ruling is.
- PCAV Membership - currently at 696 riders over 17 years of age with 36 being male riders
- Composite Teams - motion has been put forward to state council with a request to reintroduce composite teams for HT for State to encourage more of a "team" mentality as it appears and Grades 3-4 for interzone.
- DCIZA Workshop 2012 - Looking at a bigger venue and a format where possibly several topics will be offered and people move to areas within the structure of the workshop. Possibility of sourcing an outside agency to assist with mentoring and assessment techniques
- Racing Victoria - "Learn to Track ride at your Rally" info was circulated. If your club is interested in being part of this opportunity for your members to learn to ride in an exercise track pad at your rally - please email me with your expression of interest. It is requested that all expressions of interest be received by December 2011 with your intentions as to when you would be hoping to hold a track ride rally..
- Discussion put forward by Drysdale and Leopold PC re use of spurs for Grade 5 and Pre Grade 5, and also whips for Grade 1,2 and 3 HT. Barwon Zone are proposing SPURS - that spurs not be permitted for Grade 5 and Pre Grade 5 riders in any discipline. Barwon Zone also propose - WHIPS - that whips be allowed in Grade 1,2 and 3 of HT dressage. Discussion to go to rules committee.
- EA tests in PC - Sally Francis wrote a proposal for consideration. (see notes)
- EastGippsland Zone would like to see their "squad" days be accepted as a qualifying day for horses.

- SJ Speeds - suggested that as EA are increasing their speed from 325mpm to 350 mpm that PCAV look at increasing the C grade speed to 325 mpm to assist them with their transition.
- Barwon Zone have 5 x "K" candidates, 1 x "B" and 1 x "C*" candidates at the moment.
- Barwon Zone have been holding a Barwon Dressage Series and a Barwon Equestrian SJ series to help riders improve their skills.
- Central zone have one C* and 4 K certificate candidates for 2012. If anyone in our zone is interested in attending the 40km in Central Zone please contact Dianne Baxter who will pass on your details to Ruth Feltoe from Central Zone.
- Greg Hair from East Gippsland zone is trying to get established within their zone a "zone newsletter" to encourage communication ad to share information and ideas across their zone.
- Southern Metro Zone gave feedback on the C certificate tests that PCAV send out.
- Southern Metro Zone - mentioned in their CI report about Gear Check at rallies. Please remember it is a duty of care that gear is safe and compliant.

NEWS FROM DCI/ZA -

- The DCIZA panel are in the process of purchasing headsets for use at our clinics (mini PA system)
- We have our next DCIZA meeting next Wednesday.

NEWS FROM OTHER ZONES:

Barwon Zone will be holding a A B K weekend on the last weekend in May 2012

Central Zone will be holding a dressage and SJ clinic in January.

Midland Zone will be hosting a SJ course building and judging clinic on the 27th November - contact Angela Carter (CI) for more info

SEASONS GREETINGS:

As this is the last official zone meeting for the year, I would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your families the very best for the festive season. Together with the members of the DCI/ZA panel, I look forward to working with you again in 2012

Rachael Edwards

NMZ Chief Instructor.

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