

Report from Zone Examining Secretary. August 2011. For N.M.Z. Annual General Meeting

The following clubs have had groups present for their C certificate Test this pony club year:

Mt Evelyn, North Eastern, Hurstbridge, Donvale, Eltham, Nunawading, Doncaster/ Templestowe, Mooroolbark, Kangaroo Ground, Upper Yarra, Wyena, Saint Andrews and Seville.

A total of 68 C candidates have completed C tests.

Also Healesville and Yarrambat have lodged applications for C tests which are still to be held in August and September.

We had four K candidates from St Andrews sit for their K written papers, they have all passed and are presently completing K options.

We ran an informative and interesting C Information evening here on July 20th with help and planning from our C examiners. This was well attended.

Once again I have enjoyed meeting all the candidates (and parents) when they come to sit their written tests. It's always great to see the smiles in here after they have finished their tests compared to the faces who have arrived apprehensively beforehand.

Congratulations to all the NMZ riders who have gained certificates this year. Thank you to all of the people from each club who have been involved in facilitating the tests, including parents, D.C.s, instructors, certificates co-ordinators, and examiners.

Each year I say a big "Thankyou" to the great group of examiners who give up their weekends and travel all over our zone to take C tests. We couldn't run the C testing program without their continued support. Thank you to clubs who have looked after the examiners, set out equipment prior to their arrival, had pencilers ready to help them, and provided them with lovely lunches and morning teas. This all makes their job pleasant.

As I have said several times before we only have a limited number of examiners we must continue to be encouraging. **We need them.**

Information for clubs :

Please remember that applications for testing **MUST** be on **official application forms** and submitted to the Zone Examining Secretary **two months prior** to requested dates.

Each C candidate should have a copy of The Pony Club Vic "C" Certificate Manual and The Pony Club Vic "C" Efficiency Test Activity Sheets" when they are doing C certificate, however those helping prepare candidates should be aware that they should also be using two other manuals "The New Zealand Instructors Manual" and "Horsemastership for the Pony Club." To help train candidates. D & D* work can be included in C testing. Remind your instructors to **always** check diagonals during their riding sessions. Knowledge and correct use of diagonals are mandatory for a "C" pass. Also instructors should regularly watch riders leading and tying up their ponies as many riders forget correct safety when doing these mandatory things.

I would like to encourage club personnel to help riders to progress on to K and C* activities. There are quite a few riders who want to continue with certificate work and if they are trying to do it on their own it can be more difficult than working in a group.

Dates to remember:

Pony Club Vic has two set dates on which candidates may sit for written K tests.

These are:

1st Saturday in July

1st Saturday in December

North metro Zone has two set dates on which candidates may sit for practical K tests.

These are:

1st Saturday in April (2nd Sat if 1st clashes with Easter)

1st Saturday in September.

I would like to once again wish all members and officials, riders and ponies good luck for the coming pony club year.

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