

NMZ Examining Secretary's Report -

June 2012.

There were riders from Yarra Glen, Seville, Upper Yarra, and Kangaroo Ground who sat for C tests last month.

There are 2 Upper Yarra riders who passed written who still need to do practical riding.

Two clubs, Healesville and St Andrews will sit C written next Tuesday and will do practical riding on Sat 23rd at St Andrews.

The 2 dates left for the written tests for 2012 are:

19th June (next week)

11th August.

The practical riding days left for 2012 are

June 23rd

August 18th or 25th (TBD)

In effect this means that there is only one date left for this year.

I know of an application from Seville PC. (I've noted that they have a preference for 18th as 25th is their Dressage Day)

I would appreciate clubs letting me know if you think you might have candidates wanting to join in so I can finalise the practical riding arrangements.

I've had 1 or 2 questions re C testing recently, I'll mention them here just in case any clubs have similar queries. We don't expect riders to wash their ponies the day before a C test. Tests are held on Saturdays and we strongly discourage riders from washing ponies late in the day, it's too cold, too difficult to get them dry. Ponies should be cleaned the weekend before and brushed for the test. Examiners will check for evidence of ponies recently having had a clean dock and crest.

Ponies are not to be platted for testing days.

Feet and hooves can be cleaned on the day of the test.

First aid kits – please discourage riders from buying items to include in their kit that they don't usually use.

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We had 2 riders who completed K prac riding in April.

There are two riders who may sit K riding in Sept however this is still to be confirmed.

Clubs who have riders currently working towards K tests, I would appreciate knowing the progress your riders are making. It is useful so that I can let other clubs know. It's often useful to be able to get together and share planned activities.

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