

*Report from Zone Examining Secretary.
August 2010.
For N.M.Z. Annual General Meeting*

As I am writing the report in early July I trust it will be accurate in August as I will be away at the time of the Annual General Meeting.

In the pony club year just completed the following clubs have had groups present for their C certificate Test :

Yarrambat	Seville	Wyena	Kangaroo Ground	North Eastern
Eltham	Ringwood	Lilydale	Yarra Glen	Donvale
St Andrews	Seville	Upper Yarra		

A total of 75 C candidates have completed C tests.

Also the following 4 clubs have lodged applications for tests which are still to be held in August, September and October: Eltham, Hurstbridge, Mt Evelyn, North Eastern & Upper Yarra, making another 35 requests for C tests.

We have two B riders who are very close to completing their B certificate. We had one K candidate sit K written, and is still completing K options. There are also two other groups working on K options.

We had an informative and interesting C Information evening here with help and planning from our C examiners Melinda, Kylie and Anna.

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

So we must congratulate all the NMZ riders who have gained certificates this year. We must also thank the people from each club who have been involved in facilitating the tests, including parents, D.C.s, instructors, certificates co-ordinators, and examiners.

I must once again 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. 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, and as I have said before we only have a limited number of examiners we must continue to be encouraging. **We need them.**

We must all remember to "Thank" and take care of all the wonderful ponies who make all of this possible for our riders - after all, horses and riders are the reason we are all here.

A reminder again that clubs presently training C candidates should ensure that D & D* work is revised as some of this can be included in C –many activities seem so simple but often bad habits *creep in* without constant reinforcement! Remind your instructors to always check diagonals. Knowledge and correct use of diagonals are mandatory for a "C" pass.

Information for clubs :

For club C test organiser's information, the "The New Zealand Instructors Manual" and "Horsemastership for the Pony Club" are the two manuals still used by our zone for training and examining candidates. The Pony Club Vic "C" Certificate Manual and The Pony Club Vic "C" Efficiency Test Activity Sheets" are useful adjuncts to these manuals. They are part of the "C Kit". PCAV recommends that all candidates have a copy of the "C Kit" and most clubs ask candidates to purchase their own copy of "Horsemastership for the Pony Club."

North Metro Zone holds C tests at Pony Clubs throughout the year from February until the end of October.

PCAV 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.

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

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

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