



## NORTHERN METROPLITAN ZONE

### CHIEF INSTRUCTORS REPORT FOR ZONE MEETING - WED 14<sup>th</sup> April 2010

#### ZONE EXAMINING / CERTIFICATE REPORT -

See separate report tabled by Diane Baxter - NMZ ZES

#### CLINIC / TRAINING DAYS REPORT:

2010 Dates

May	Saturday 29th & Sunday 30th	Lilydale pony Club	For experienced grade 5 & grade 4
June	Wednesday 30th and Thursday July 1st	Eltham Pony Club	for Pre 5 and inexperienced gd.5
August	Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th	Yarra Glen pony Club	for Grade 4 & experienced gd. 5
Sept	Wednesday 29th & Thursday 30th	Mooroolbark Pony Club	for Pre 5 & inexperienced 5

The clinic held in March on Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st Yarra Glen Pony Club for Pre 5 & inexperienced Gd. 5 was excellent. Positive feedback was received about the clinic. The entry forms for the next clinic at Lilydale for grade 4 & experienced grade 5s are out and some entries have come in already.

NMZDCI/ZA panel are also hosting in 2010 :

SJ clinic on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> July - This clinic will be with Sue Leslie and will be held at Glenbrae. We were hoping to hold it at the new indoor in Wonga Park, but we were unable to. This clinic will be for C grade riders and limited numbers will apply. Coaches are encouraged to attend.

We are also hosting a  
PCAV Games Workshop on 1<sup>st</sup> September -More details on these clinics shortly

#### C NIGHT REPORT - 19<sup>th</sup> March 2010 - Kylie Parker:

C night was held on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March at Ringwood Pony Club. We would like to thank Ringwood PC for the use of the club rooms and a big thank you to our presenters for the night: Kylie Parker, Diane Baxter, Melinda Royston and Anna Beard. There were 29 NMZ attendees from a wide variety of clubs. All topics of the C certificate were covered including how to book in!

Overall the night was a great success with positive verbal feedback as email feedback, all of which was favourable.

#### Gear Check Clinic 7<sup>th</sup> March - Prue King:

There were 12 in attendance at the clinic at Yarrambat, from nine clubs as well as zone. We had a chat about the reasons for gear check, the approach to riders and horses and how although the gear checker's role at a competition is not to educate, we are still trying to enable the rider to compete, albeit safely, comfortably and within the rules. We had a look at lots of horses and riders, from the lead rein class to higher groups, and from flat work to showjumping. Coaches had been informed we were there and riders kindly agreed to leave their sessions for a minute so we could look at something in particular.

After a quick lunch we went through a series of self-assessed questions, not asking for the answer so much as looking for the rule that applied to it. This gave the gear checkers the chance to look seriously

A reminder to all clubs and riders to ensure they are using PCAV compliant gear when riding at rallies and competitions.

A special state DCI/ZA meeting (hosted by PCAV) is planned for 17<sup>th</sup> July. Discussions on mentoring, club visits etc will be planned.

A big thank you to Yarrambat for allowing us to conduct the clinic at their grounds and also to our facilitator Prue King, Feedback that I have heard has been of a positive nature.

#### CLUB VISITS REPORT

Clubs to be done in 2010 are Healesville, Hurstbridge, Kangaroo Ground, Kinglake,, North Eastern, Nunawading, St Andrews, Seville, Upper Yarra and Yarrambat . Lauramer PC is now in Central Zone (based at Findon PC grounds)

### **NCAS ROLLOUT:**

A reminder to ensure your coaches taking part in the program have completed workbooks to the assessor PRIOR to the Practical Test date. The program is progressing very well. Any queries your club has on the program, please contact PCAV

### **GRADING DATA FOR PCAV**

James Fitzpatrick sent via email to all DC's an email requesting grading Data from each club.

<http://www.ponyclubvic.org.au/feedback>

Please ensure you answer the data and return it to PCAV ASAP

### **COPIES OF DRESSAGE TESTS:**

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 (a few from each level / judge) to myself. Rachael Edwards PO Box 111 Seville 3139. Thank you to those clubs who have sent them to me promptly. I need 6 from each grade please.

### **BOOKING OF OFFICIALS -**

Please be reminded that it is essential to have great communication between your "officials" and club when holding a competition. Whether it be a show jump judge, course builders, dressage judge, zone rep etc, it is vital that communication is maintained, especially confirmation of judges (preferably in writing / email). It is important to allow adequate time for each rider to ride (ie sj round or dressage test) and allow breaks for your judges.

Please also note that it is important to ensure that dressage judges have efficient pencillers when judging. It is important that pencillers can write quickly and ledgeably for the correct movement in the test.

### **EXEMPTIONS -**

Please be reminded that some riders in PCAV have exemptions.

### **NEW RULES**

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)

### **INSTRUCTOR DATA BASE -**

An "Instructor contact details" email was sent out end March / early April to over 100 instructors on our email list. We are in the process of collating an up to day list of instructors for use within zone and PCAV. Hard copies will be posted to those not on email this week.

### **BAREBACK RIDING -**

I had an enquiry about bareback riding and got the following answer from Clare Lewin: "As long as the rider is wearing an approved helmet and boots as per Gear Rules 3.5 it would be considered an activity".

Please ensure that the instructor has a safe area and appropriate number in the class to do this activity.

### **HORSEMASTERSHIP -**

This scheme which is being piloted in West Gippsland Zone will have 3 clubs take on the program for 6 months. More discussion will happen after the time has lapsed.

### **HELMET RECALL -**

Everyone should be aware that there has been a recall on Dublin Onyx Helmet for just the Black and White Item Nos. 441218-441241. The recall does not affect the Purple

Onyx helmets only the helmets made in China. It has been listed on the PCAV website if anyone wants more information.

### **DRESSAGE JUDGES LIST -**

A reminder that if you wish to have a copy, please email me so I can forward our current list on to you.

### **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. Please refer to your syllabus for ideas.

### NEWS FROM CIP MEETING IN APRIL:

Our last CIP meeting was held on 7<sup>th</sup> April. Topics discussed were:

- PCAV membership overview presented by James Fitzpatrick
- PCAV Calendar and dates (including info on DCI/ZA Training Day)
- C test papers will be PCAV based not zone based
- Brief discussion on C, C\*, K and B standards in general
- Fall release form - available on PCAV web site and must be used for a fall. Refer to Bylaws 24.1
- NCAS - handouts on statistics
- Pony Club Australia - biannual workshops to be held - next one August 2010 in Victoria
- PC National Office is now based in Adelaide
- National Championships - Victoria - 2011 Monday Sept 26<sup>th</sup> - 1<sup>st</sup> October at Werribee, 2013 - WA, 2015 - SA
- RDA Handout on Adaptive Equipment (may be used for riders with exemptions)

### OUT AND ABOUT WITH OUR PC KIDS:

Trivia Night - I have been made aware of a great fundraising night which is to help our NMZ Games rider - Patrick Dyson with his quest to compete in the Games in the UK. Please contact myself if you are interested in attending (May 22<sup>nd</sup>)

### NEWS FROM OTHER ZONES:

STATE TRAINING CLINICS -

29<sup>th</sup> May 2010 - Mericks Pony Club

30<sup>th</sup> July 2011 - Barwon Zone

29<sup>th</sup> October 2011 - NMZ - Wandin Park

Please ensure clubs don't run events (ie big events such as Horse Trails which require a Saturday for riders and parents) the day before these workshops especially if the workshop is in our zone or neighbouring zone!

BARWON ZONE - SJ course Building Clinic in 20.11.2010 - encourage K candidates to attend

CENTRAL ZONE - Dressage Judges Clinic for 2 - 5 . Venue and date to be confirmed. Grading Seminar for DC's being held in May / June due to need within zone

EAST GIPPSLAND ZONE - Nil

NORTH EAST ZONE - Nil

SOUTHERN METRO ZONE - State workshop - 29<sup>th</sup> May at Mericks Pony Club. Details on PCAV web site.

25<sup>th</sup> April - XC Training Workshop

30<sup>th</sup> May - SMZ holding an Equitation Clinic - Doongala

14<sup>th</sup> August - Flat team training judges and riders (incl musical ride design and judge) - Pearcedale

20<sup>th</sup> Sept - XC clinic / workshop - All grades - Langwarrin (TBC Venue)

31<sup>st</sup> October - Speed to Safety - TBC

WANNON ZONE - Nil

WEST GIPPSLAND ZONE -

15<sup>th</sup> May - C\* and K info day

29<sup>th</sup> May - Coaching clinic at Meenyin

5<sup>th</sup> June - XC Training for 5,4 and 3 riders - Loch Nyora PC

2<sup>nd</sup> June - C Info night - Koo Wee Rup

27<sup>th</sup> June - Gear Check Training Day - Pakenham PC

NORTHERN ZONE -

4<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> July - Instructors Clinics - Balranald PC

2<sup>nd</sup> May - Gear Check day

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14<sup>th</sup> April 2010