

Zone Examining Secretary's Report May 2010

I have applications for C testing from Donvale, St Andrews for June, and Seville for July.

Donvale will have practical on 15th May. St Andrews practical will be Monday 28th June (School Hols), Seville practical yet to be confirmed.

I'm sure you will be aware that clubs are to provide C certificates for examiners to sign on the day of practical riding tests. Please stress to candidates that they should keep their signed C Certificate in a safe place. I had a query re a C not recorded on a grading card for games day when PCAV didn't have a rider registered. If there is any discrepancy in records a candidate's proof of a pass is their official signed PCAV certificate.

If your pony club committee has new members, please make sure that the relevant committee people realise that there is a need for them to plan groups for C candidates and/or apply for present C groups to be able to sit C tests before October.

It's great to see that the standard of C knowledge in our candidates is really high. The only comment I think could be useful to instructors preparing candidates, is to ensure that riders know the farriers tools and their uses. Some riders are not present when the farrier comes and therefore don't see their horses being shod, others haven't really seen what the farrier does because they are standing in front of the farrier, ie holding their horse, where they can't actually see what the farrier is doing.

The old NMZ "C" DVD has some film of the farrier at work.

A reminder that the written date for NMZ August C test has been changed by one day as it clashed with the DCI & ZA meeting, it is Tues 17th August (**not Wed 18th**)

The following are the dates for written tests for this year 2010.

May	Wed 5 th
June	Wed 2 nd
July	Tues 13 th
Aug	Tues 17 th (not Wed 18th)

(all written tests are held at Ringwood Pony Club.)

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At the “New Committee” night please mention that clubs need to appoint a C coordinator to help with planning for training and testing riders.