



NORTHERN METROPLITAN ZONE

CHIEF INSTRUCTORS REPORT FOR ZONE MEETING - WED 10th MARCH 2010

ZONE EXAMINING / CERTIFICATE REPORT -

See separate report tabled by Diane Baxter - NMZ ZES

CLINIC / TRAINING DAYS REPORT:

2010 Dates

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| March | Tuesday 30th & Wednesday 31st | Yarra Glen Pony Club | for Pre 5 & inexperienced Gd. 5 |
| 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 |

A note from Brenda Mitton about the clinics - that there are still spaces for the Pre 5 / 5 clinic March 30/31 at Yarra Glen. Also the entry forms for the grade 4 & 5 clinic @ Lilydale on May 29th & 30th are on the table tonight at the zone meeting. Please could clubs photocopy more if they have a lot riders in their clubs who are in those grades.

NMZ DCI/ZA panel ran a Gear Checkers Clinic on Sunday 7th March 2010 at Yarrambat Horse and Pony Club. Our thanks to Yarrambat for allowing us to conduct the clinic at their grounds, and also to our facilitator Pruedence King.

A brief report from Prue King as follows:

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 at the rule book. Many thanks to Yarrambat for hosting the clinic. I'm hoping this will lead to improved gear checking in the future.

A reminder that the C Information Night will be held at Ringwood Horse and Pony Club on Friday 19th March .

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

NCAS ROLLOUT: (Provided by Kate Wilson)

Lower Plenty and Kangaroo Ground both had successful Preliminary Coaching assessments days in Feb and Mar. Lower Plenty had 6 coaches assessed, Kangaroo Ground had 5. Both clubs very well prepared with workbooks mostly completed. Practically all coaches were quite good.

The common "speed hump" we are finding with this process is that coaches are't completing their logbooks prior to assessment. If the books are partially done on the day they just don't seem to be being completed.

Can I urge all clubs to really encourage and assist their coaches to get these books finished off and sent in to complete their accreditation. It's such a pity that these coaches are going through the hard yards of assessment and just not finishing that last little step.

If you require assistance phone the Contact Assessor for your club for guidance.

Our Zone is fortunate to have 3 State Assessors in Sue Leslie, Heather Wilson and Kate Wilson who would all be OK to be contacted for advice. In addition to that we now have a number of registered preliminary and Level 1 coaches who could act as mentors and I'm sure would be happy to provide assistance and advice where possible. People like Brenda Mitton Gill Gascoigne, Rachael Edwards, Prue King, Tori Mitton, Jennifer Smith and so on. It is simply a matter of making a phone call or two to get the advice and assistance you need. Failing that phone the State Office and they'll be able to help too.

For the clubs who were assessed last year - there are a number of coaches who didn't complete workbooks so have not finished the accreditation PLEASE follow them up and encourage them to do so for the benefit of your members.

Several more Nth Metro clubs are scheduled for assessment this year including Donvale, Healesville, Hurstbridge, Kinglake, Mooroolbark, and Ringwood. These clubs need to sign and send their club registration form back to PCAV with their coaching lists ASAP to have annuals dispatched to coaches and Assessors allocated to assess.

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. Please contact Rob Welsh if you have any queries about club visits (details for Rob on NMZ site)

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. It would also be appreciated that along with copies of the tests, you could send me a program or final results including the judges name. After we have looked at it, this can then mean we can file it and have all the info on hand if we need to look at it again.

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) Please note that the PCAV book shop prices have had an increase, so make sure you use a current form if ordering from PCAV. Please note that as of February 2010, there are 4 new rule books available - revised Handbook of Bylaws, Gear rules, Show Jumping Rules and Horse Trials rules.

There are also new rules for "Combined Test Events" - this type of competition includes: Combined Training, Supercross, Short Cross Combined Training and Derby.

DRESSAGE JUDGES LIST -

The up to date list is pretty much completed as at 07.03.2010. If you wish to have a copy, please email me so I can forward it on once it has been finalised!

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.

OUT AND ABOUT WITH OUR PC KIDS:

Pat Dyson was selected today (13th Feb), to ride in the Australian PCA Mounted Games Team at the Prince Phillip International Mounted Games in the UK in August this year!! Sadly, Katie Ross from Lilydale did not get into the team, but she rode very well today all the same.

I believe the competition will be held in Windsor - there is a rumour that Prince Phillip may actually be in attendance - one can only hope for a personal 'Prince Phillip politically incorrect' quote/anecdote??

Yet another International rider for Northern Metro Zone! (Patrick is on the cover of this edition of MAD magazine too!)

Please send me any information on any riders that have had outstanding achievements within PCAV (or any other interesting snippets!!)

NEWS FROM OTHER ZONES:

BARWON ZONE - The new date for the B/Z S/J Course Building Clinic is on Saturday 20th November 2010 at a venue to be decided. The S/J Judging Clinic will most likely be held on a week night close to that date but has not been set as yet.

CENTRAL ZONE - Nil

EAST GIPPSLAND ZONE - Nil

NORTH EAST ZONE - Nil

SOUTHERN METRO ZONE - Will host the next State Training Clinic on 29th May 2010. More details will be available soon from PCAV.

WANNON ZONE - Nil

WEST GIPPSLAND ZONE - Nil

Please see the 2010 Calendar of Events that PCAV have produced for more information on clinics and events (it was sent out with the latest edition of the MAD magazine)

The latest edition of the MAD magazine lists dates and venues for 2011 State SJ and Dressage Champs, 2010 Interzone HT, 2010 State Horse Trials Championships and 2010 State flat teams, musical ride and games championships.

Rachael Edwards

NMZ Chief Instructor.
10th March 2010

CENTRAL ZONE:

Central zone are holding a Cross Country Course Building and Design clinic on March 27 at Kyneton PC with Mick Pineo.

Mick Pineo is a highly regarded course builder who has been involved in building such courses as the Hong Kong Olympics, Badminton, and Adelaide 3 Day Events. Local courses that may be known to our riders include Yarrambat and Melbourne 3DE.

The proposed Agenda for the Workshop is

- Discussion of Course Designing Principles
 - what is the course designers role
 - which fences ask what questions
 - ride-ability of course
 - degree of difficulty/appropriateness of fences for each pony club grade
 - how do you assess degree of difficulty of course as a whole
- Review of the Grounds terrain
- Discussion of what kind of fences would suit the Grounds
- Roping Fences - practical demonstration and practice session
- Fence Design - practical session with review by Mick
- Re-Cap, Questions, Follow Up

Please pass on the attached flyer and entry form to any in your zone who might be interested. The clinic would be especially useful for higher certificate candidates and clubs who are looking for the expertise to maintain and improve their courses. Event riders would probably learn a lot to help them, too.

Regards,

Leonie Lang
CZ Rep

BARWON ZONE -

From Tracey Hoiser

Hi Tracy,

Thankyou for your enquiry re: The Barwon Zone S/J Clinics.

The BZ Chief Instructor has decided that because there is so much going in our zone and elsewhere with competitions and events in March & April, that it would be better to run the clinics later in the year.

So the new date for the B/Z S/J Course Building Clinic is on Saturday 20th November 2010 at a venue to be decided. The S/J Judging Clinic will most likely be held on a week night close to that date but has not been set as yet.

You could contact the B/Z Chief Instructor, Maxene Argento, for more details -

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Kind regards

Judy Beasley
B/Z Secretary