



NORTHERN METROPLITAN ZONE

CHIEF INSTRUCTORS REPORT FOR ZONE MEETING - Wed 10th November 2010

ZONE EXAMINING / CERTIFICATE REPORT -

See separate report tabled by Diane Baxter - NMZ ZES

CLINIC / TRAINING DAYS REPORT:

Once again, Some dates so far for the 2011 calendar are (venues still to be confirmed):

April 13/14 at Mooroolbark - Pre 5/Inexperienced Grade 5

May 28/29 at Lilydale - Grade4/5

July 6/7 at Eltham - Pre 5/Inexperienced 5

Oct 5/6 at Yarra Glen - Grade 4/5

The PCAV Games Workshop on Saturday 16th October at Kangaroo Ground Pony Club was cancelled due to the weather forecast. I am waiting to hear from Gill Gasgoine as to a new date. I have a database for all those who registered so when a new date is set, I will contact them as well as doing an email out and it will also be on our web site.

A senior rider Cross Country Clinic will be held at Wandin Park on Wednesday 19th January 2011 with Adam Benson 4* event rider instructing. . A flyer is posted on our web page, and entries have already started to come in.

CLUB VISITS REPORT

Those clubs that haven't been visited this year will be visited next year. Please be reminded that you do not have to wait for a club visit to happen you can request one at any time. We plan to visit Donvale, Yarra Glen, Wyena, Ringwood, North eastern, Mt Evelyn, Eltham, Hurstbridge, Lower Plenty and Mooroolbark in 2011. We have also now seen the compulsory introduction of WWC cards and we will also be incorporating the inspection of this in club visits. Please be reminded that if there are club matters that need addressing, please don't wait for your "official" club visit to happen, we are available for you all year round. Please also be aware that "spot checks" may happen at any time from any of the Exec, and DCI ZA panel members! If a club or instructor is found not to have WWC details for them on the day - they will be forced not to teach at the club on the spot. Please be aware that you have been warned!

NCAS ROLLOUT:

The assessments have run smoothly throughout the year. SMZ are in the planning stages of an NCAS Training and Assessment catch up day to be held in December, probably at Drummies Bridge Reserve and will open it to SMZ, NMZ and WGZ coaches...more info to come as details are set in stone.. Please contact Kate at PCAV for more info on the catch up day. We also have some instructors with outstanding work books to be completed to finish off their assessment. The flowing clubs need to remind their instructors to get their workbooks in ASAP - Healesville (4 books), Kangaroo Ground (2 books), Lilydale (4 books), Lower Plenty (6 books), Mount Evelyn (1 book), North Eastern (2 books) Seville (2 books), St Andrews (2 books) and Yarrambat (3 books). Once these books have been submitted and passed it will mean that NMZ have another 26 accredited coaches!

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.

EXEMPTIONS -

Please be reminded that some riders in PCAV have exemptions.

NEW RULES / PCAV WEB SITE

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 ensure you check the "latest news" section for current information

DRESSAGE JUDGES ABBREVIATION LIST:

A revamped Dressage Judges Abbreviation list is available from our web site. It is recommended that this sheet be given to your pencilers when assisting with dressage test writing. Thanks to Peter and Jennifer Smith for updating the sheet.

INSTRUCTOR DATA BASE

Dont forget that we are in the process of collating an instructor list and ask clubs to remind instructors to send us their details so we can complete the list ASAP without leaving off names. At our last panel meeting it was very disappointing to hear we had so few replies. We are still waiting for replies from Seville (although their list is underway), North Eastern, Lilydale, Lower Plenty and Kinglake . Please chase up this info from your instructors and get them to send it to myself or Sue Winter. THIS IS NOW URGENT!

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 has also been noted that when some riders are going out and competing that they are unaware of the correct or preferred procedures once the bell has rung for either a dressage test or a SJ round. Please incorporate into your rally things such as teaching children what to do when asked to present to a judge, the time they have to start after the bell has rung, the correct procedure in preparing your horse when waiting for the bell and after the bell has rung. Please also teach your children competition rules - for example how to ride top score etc. Why not have an internal SJ day or dressage day?

PCAV RESOURCES:

A reminder that postage and cost of stock has gone up in the PCAV shop. Jan Dear our Treasurer is happy to collect things from PCAV on behalf of clubs prior to zone meetings. Please let Jan know if you would like to take advantage of saving a few dollars for your club! PCAV now have EFTPOS and Credit Card facilities available.

INSTRUCTORS and RIDERS:

Please remind riders (particularly senior riders with young instructors) that respect must be given during lesson times at rallies to Instructors. It is important that if there are any matters that need addressing (either from a rider's or instructor's point of view) that these matters are dealt with appropriately and to the correct personnel within the club. If clubs need assistance with matters at rallies, please contact myself, members of the DCI ZA panel or a member of NMZ exec.

B CANDIDATES:

NMZ currently have 2 St Andrews riders undertaking their B certificate. They will do an official pre assessment on 5th January 2011 with Faye Bates. We wish both girls the best of luck. (If weather insufficient the test will take place on 12th January)

LESSON PLAN -

A reminder that a template for rally lesson plans is on our NMZ web site.

NEWS FROM CIP MEETING - 3rd NOVEMBER -

- Strategic Plan - a hand out was given to members of the CIP including future project work such as the NCAS, DC resource kit, C * resource manual, rule books etc
- Code of Conduct (blue book) is now available on the web and it is suggested that every club purchase or download a copy. It deals with how to handle complaints from parents, roders, instructors, officials and includes sample letters and penalties.
- MAD MAGAZINE - there will be a competition for a new name with a fantastic prize for the winner. We should start to see a new look (colour cover) in the near future. If you are aware of any sponsors that may wish to get on board please contact PCAV
- Nationals - a \$5,000 grant has been applied for a granted for the Nationals
- NMZ State Workshop 2011 - looking at changing the date due to it being Cup weekend.
- NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP SQUADS - there is preliminary talk about getting together squads, incorporating training and selection as a future event. Looking at A Grade and Grade 1 riders. There will be criteria's to meet and records to keep. Please be reminded that you will need to keep a record on a log (see hand out and PCAV web site) for consideration for the Nationals.
- Arm Bands - see below (re orange inserts)
- Certificate fees - Suggested that the following prices will apply for candidates with regards to fees (Zone) - \$20 per person for C, \$25 per person for C* and K, \$30 for B candidates and (PCAV) \$50 for A and H
- DCI/ZA workshops will happen bi-annually but there will be provisions for ongoing training and support for DCI/ZA's athrough State Workshops.(DCI's need 2 updates every 3 years)
- 40km ride - it will be put forward from the CIP group which will go to PCA that the 40km ride will not be a compulsory part of K but will be an option in section A
- Feedback was given about our last DCI/ZA training workshop in July

- C* manual should be out start of 2011.
- An email will be sent from Clare re request for clubs to support letter writing for vicsport with the up and coming State Election
- Rules sub committee minutes and recommendations that will go to State Council for consideration (hand out for Rachael)

ARM BANDS:

The Real News about Coloured Arm Band Cards

Orange Arm Band Cards - are they compulsory?

No- They're Not!

The reason that Pony Club Victoria supplies coloured Arm Band Cards is a State Council Initiative from a couple of years ago; with the intent to remind riders, their parents and guardians to update the Medical Armband details at least once a year.

The Gear Rules state: (Section 10.6 - page 20 of the current Gear Rules)

For Rallies and Club Activities - It is the decision of each pony club's committee of management whether its members are required to wear armbands or not.

For Competitions - Must be worn by all competitors (including non-PCAV members and in show rings) . Rider/parent/guardian onus applies to ensure details are completed correctly.

Visible at all times on either upper arm, on the outside of garments.

Cross-country: armbands must be inspected before the competitor rides to ensure their name and an emergency contact and phone number are visible and legible.

There is no mention in the Gear Rules about a Coloured ArmBand, or the colour needing to conform to the colour of the current year's grading card. Nor for there to be even a manufactured arm band card - **the important thing is that the information on it is legible, relevant, visible and up to date.**

NEWS FROM OTHER ZONES:

Please continue to check NMZ, PCAV and other zones website for more up to date information.

Central Zone - hosting Dressage and SJ clinic in January

Wannon Zone - Horse Trials Workshop on 18th , 19th and 20th January

WEST GIPPSLAND ZONE -Trailing of the Horsemastership badges in 4 clubs - went exceptionally well. Hope to roll it out into other zones soon once costings / sourcing of badges etc finalised.

SEASONS GREETINGS

Wishing you all the best for the festive season and looking forward to assisting you with any club / rider / instructor matters in 2011

Rachael Edwards

NMZ Chief Instructor.

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