

Zone Examining Secretary's Report

November 2010.

Testing for 2010 has now finished.

There is one application for C test in February.

The following are dates for written C tests for 2011.

Dates for first term will be as follows:

- February Tuesday 8th.
- March Tuesday 22nd.

Second term

- May Wednesday 4th.
- June Tuesday 7th

Third term

- July Tuesday 26th
- August Tuesday 30th

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

PCAV has two set dates on which candidates may sit for written K or C*tests.

1st Saturday in July

1st Saturday in December

North metro Zone has two set dates on which candidates may sit for practical K or C* tests. These are:

1st Saturday in April (2nd Sat if 1st clashes with Easter)

1st Saturday in September.

NMZ would like to recommend that clubs make riders and parents aware of the excellent reprinted copies of "Horsemastership for the Australian Rider" by Kay Irving.

While there are many books available on many topics these days, this book provides relevant basics with excellent explanations, not only about the "whats" to look for but including the "hows" & "whys" of situations. It is very relevant for families who have not had wide experience of looking after horses.

It has a very useful section on conformation which should be read by all families who are considering buying a horse, whether a first pony or a horse or pony for a rider to move up to.

Although it was first printed some time ago, it is still the most concise resource for pony clubs, riders, and parents. Information is from the simple to K standard.

In the past many clubs would ensure every pony club rider was given a copy when they joined pony club.

Some of the methods of treating ailments may be a little old fashioned but footnotes have been added with regard to these.

These are available at PCAV or at Zone for \$10 each.

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