

## **ZONE EXAMINING SECRETARY'S REPORT**

**September 2010**

On August 21<sup>st</sup>, 4 riders from ElthamDHPC successfully passed C certificate, with one other rider passing the horse handling and horse care, but unable to ride his lame horse on the day for the riding component

Interesting to see that 3 out of the 5 riders were boys.

On August 28<sup>th</sup>, 8 Hurstbridge riders presented for their practical day, in extremely cold and unpleasant weather

The Standard of the riding was excellent.

4 riders have minor outstanding supps in Horse handling and horse care, 4 passed the whole certificate, and one passed the written but has yet to present for the practical.

On September 4<sup>th</sup>, with daunting weather predictions, 7 riders assembled at Mt Evelyn grounds. This group comprised 2 Seville riders, 3 Mt Evelyn riders, and 2 Upper Yarra riders.

All passed.

Thanks to examiners, parents and officials from all 3 clubs, who turned out on the day to assist.

Currently, there is one small group of North Eastern riders sitting the written, with a request for practical examining on October 2<sup>nd</sup>.

There are no other outstanding applications for C certificate.

Bearing in mind that no certificate testing takes place in November, this situation seems driven by very cold and wet conditions at present and considerable sickness among riders.

We are looking at ways to make C certificate practical days quicker, to better cope with adverse weather. We have not yet cancelled a test day, but recent extreme wet and cold have made examining conditions difficult for all.

Faye Bates has agreed to be involved with the preliminary assessment of the Zone B candidates, probably during January next year.

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