

PRESIDENT'S REPORT 2011 – NORTH METRO ZONE OF PCAV

The last year has been a successful one for North Metro Zone despite concerns about low memberships in some inner suburban clubs . The success of the year can be attributed to the support of parents and former Pony Club members who assisted in our major fund raiser at Yeringberg and other Zone events. Thanks to everyone who helped. The one disappointment was our inability to run the Teams Horse trials due to dangerous ground conditions. The cancellation was even more keenly felt by the course builders as all courses were complete and ready to go.

The committee has been running one short as no replacement was forthcoming to replace Brian Copeland as Vice President however he did come back to help at Yeringberg to assist in it's success.

I also formally express the Committee's thanks to Rachael Edwards our Zone Chief Instructor and Deanne Baxter our Zone Examining Secretary who have again excelled in two of the most onerous tasks in the Zone. Thanks again to the DCI/ZA panel who have put in a lot of work developing our riders and assisting our clubs. Linda our Zone Representative has again had a busy year and we thank her for her efforts

Our major events were again successful and the Teams we sent to State events were a credit to the Zone and performed better than for many years. Three Zone members have made the Victorian State Team for the Nationals with a number of other riders being selected for the Games events; well done to all. The EFA event in particular got an excellent report from EFA officials. This year we will be again seeking club nominations for cross country judges early to ensure that we can acquaint the members with the rules. Jump judges this year performed very well which assisted speed of scoring as there were very few queries. As discussed during the year we will be seeking nominations from clubs for a sub-committee to help run Yeringberg in 2012 and prepare for the 2013 State Dressage and Show Jumping Championships.

I have been very impressed with club run events during the past year. My congratulations to Yarra Glen on their new cross country course and to Upper Yarra , North Eastern and Mt Evelyn who ran additional combined events.

Financially the Zone is in a sound position, however with costs increasing all the time we will have to build a larger kitty to afford future State events for which the Zone is rostered.

Finally I would like to thank our hard working Zone Committee for their work over the year.

Regards,

Jim Page
Zone President

