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PONY CLUB 'A' TEST OFF TO A FLYING START

The Pony Club 'A' Test got off to a flying start this week with two candidates passing the prestigious exam at Talland EC, the first venue for 2008.

The 'A' Test is a prestigious award, which is passed by a handful of Pony Club Members each year and is on a level with the BHS stage IV riding and horse care exam.

Candidates have to ride a number of unknown horses on the flat, over show jumping and cross-country fences during the exam, as well as demonstrating a practical knowledge of lungeing to improve a horse's way of going and training young horses.

The first successful candidates for 2008 are Charlie Knapp, 18 from Berkshire, a Member of the Woodland Hunt Branch and Robyn Waterson, 20 from Dorset, a Member of the Cattistock Hunt Branch. Both of the Members were attempting the Test for the first time and have done exceptionally well to pass.

When asked about the experience of taking the test Robyn Waterson said "Passing the Pony Club 'A' Test has been my main aim and focus. I am very proud to now hold this high standard of horsemanship that has always been my passion. I thoroughly enjoyed the test day and learnt a lot from the experience. This is the highest point of my achievements and I would like to say a big thank you to those who have supported me so far".

Robyn now aims to continue her equine career and take up opportunities offered to her to enable her to further develop her skills.

Further 'A' Tests will take place in June and September. For further details of the 'A' Test or other Pony Club Tests, activities and membership see the website www.pcuk.org or contact 02476 698300.

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