

HMO 2008 YEAR END REPORT



8 November 2008

Year in Review

Our regional events this year kicked off with a cold, but energetic Mock Rally at Jordan Stables in March. Thank you to Talia, the Litter's and all the JSRC members and parents who made this possible! Their assistance with setup, the games portion, food booth and hospitality was extremely generous and very appreciated by all.

Overall the rally season was a successful one with participation increasing throughout the year. The evaluations I received had a positive feel, with a lot of kids giving HM an overall 4 or 5 stars. These evaluations are important to decide what adjustments need to be made with staffing and direction of HM at CNE rallies so be sure to remind your PC'er to be honest and specific when replying.

HM penalties at rallies were mostly centered this year among several things: lateness, labeling, workmanlike tack areas, and missing equipment. These are pretty common, but all things to definitely work on at the club level and specifically clearly share expectations with PC'ers that will be attending rallies from your club. A lot of PC is "learn by doing" and with our positive and encouraging support at the local and regional level ---- our kids will get there! ☺

Championships was much smaller this year, but our representatives did a great job with a lot of our qualifiers participating in mixed teams with PC'ers from other regions. This is a wonderful experience to see what other skills and methods other regions and parts of the country have to offer. We appreciate the professional and dedicated way that all of our qualifiers represented CNE! They did a fantastic job!

Regional HM Clinic/Mock Rally

3/9/2008 – Jordan Stables

Attending CHMJ: Lara Hubner

Attending AHMJ: Wendy Johnson, Stephanie LeCours, Carly Seale

Rally Staffing

5/10 – 5/11/2008

Qualifying Eventing – King Oak Farm:

CHMJ: Lara Hubner

AHMJ: Wendy Johnson (also acted as Organizer)

5/31 – 6/1/2008

Qualifying Overnight Games – Topsfield Fairgrounds:

CHMJ: Lori Underwood

AHMJ: Ryan Sullivan, Teghan Judd, Judi O'Neil, Stephanie LeCours

6/15/2008

Qualifying Show Jumping – Brookvale Pines.

CHMJ: Lara Hubner

AHMJ: Stephanie LeCours, Wendy Johnson, Judi O'Neil

6/28 – 6/30/2008

Qualifying Overnight Dressage - UNH.

CHMJ: Laurie Chapman-Bosco

AHMJ: Judi O'Neil, Stephanie LeCours, Wendy Johnson, Ryan Sullivan

9/21/2008

Non-Qualifying Eventing – Green Acres.

CHMJ: Lara Hubner

AHMJ: Stephanie LeCours, Wendy Johnson, Judi O'Neil, Katherine Lochiatto

10/5/2008

D-Level Eventing Rally – Groton Fairgrounds.

CHMJ: Stephanie LeCours Mentor CHMJ: Laurie Chapman-Bosco

AHMJ: Lara Hubner, Judi O'Neil, Kerry Mayer, Carly Seale, Katherine Lochiatto,

HMJ Rally Compensation for 2008

CHMJ: \$150 per day + mileage

AHMJ: \$50 per day flat

Apprentice AHMJ: \$25 per day flat

Current PC'er AHMJ: \$20 mileage reimbursement

*Lodging and airfare reimbursement is provided on a limited, as needed basis.

Looking ahead

In the coming year I will be increasing focus on the following:

- Continuation of Notes from the HMO/Urban Legends of the Horse Management Kind – increasing communication of regional and national topics to clarify expectations and promote discussion.
- Curriculum feedback/regional needs – tailoring the regional clinic, educational focus, and programming to the region's rating levels, experience levels, and interests.
- HM Judge Training – holding a small series of educational opportunities both independently and in conjunction with regional rallies to educate and answer questions about HM judging.
- Incentive/recognition – re-energizing/reinstating the Perfect Tack and Turnout raffle program.
- Championships – providing a hands-on in conjunction with the administrative championships prep, if necessary.
- UL/Older member involvement – seeking volunteer/clinic support from our upper level members and those that might be older and have a desire to educate younger members.

As always, if there are ever any questions, concerns, or the specific needs of any club, parent, or member regarding horse management in the region, please contact me at 603-502-1560 or by e-mail at larahubner@yahoo.com.

Respectfully submitted,

Lara H. Hubner

Horse Management Organizer

CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGION

2008 C3 PROGRAM

This year the C3 program offered mounted clinics and a C3 Prep Camp. There were 10 candidates. In April and June, C3s were able to take advantage of the UL Lunging and Riding Clinic with clinician Nancy Grout. In July, a C3 prep camp was held at UNH in conjunction with the H-B and UL camps. Candidates rode with C3 National Examiners Chris Keim and Laurie Chapman Bosco and lunged and bandaged with Sarah Morgan and Janet McCune. A day camp was scheduled in early August but was cancelled.

Several candidates tested out of region in early August. At that test, Bryn Oliver and Charlotte Woody achieved their Specialty C3 rating for Dressage. Two candidates passed the standard rating. Elizabeth Lochiatto earned her C3 and Elizabeth Mudge earned her C+ (C3 without the H-B). In September, the Region hosted a C3 test at Shepley Hill Farm in Groton. There were candidates from several regions at the test. Unfortunately we did not gain any new C3s. However, all of our members showed a great attitude and super effort this year. The Region is very proud of them, and we hope to see them try again in the future.

Respectfully submitted,

**Lelo Reeves Curtis
C3 Coordinator**

CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGION 2008 CHAMPIONSHIPS

This year Central New England was proud to send 27 competitors to Championships in Lexington VA. We were well represented in four divisions for Quiz, in three divisions for Eventing, in both Junior and Senior Games and in Novice Girls Tetrathlon. All competitors met for a regional prep prior to leaving for Virginia. Everyone received a newly designed CNE shirt.

We sent a full team for Jr. and Sr. D Quiz. They finished 5th and 14th respectively. We had one competitor on a scramble Jr. C team and they came in first in their division. We had two competitors on a scramble Sr. C team and they finished in 5th place in their division.

Two members qualified for BN Eventing and their scramble team finished 6th overall and 7th in Horse Management. We sent a Stable Manager to round out a scramble team at Novice level and that team finished 2nd in Horse Management. Finally in the Training division, we sent one qualifier. Her team finished 6th overall and 5th in HM.

Our Jr. Games team raced along to finish 6th overall and 10th in HM and our Sr. Games team finished 12th overall and 8th in HM.

Finally, two members qualified from CNE in Novice Tetrathlon. Their team finished 1st overall and 5th in HM. Alaska Akbar finished first overall individually and Kelly Doyle finished second overall individually.

In Lexington we had a great BBQ thanks to the Games team campsite and grills. We fed over 80 people! Thanks to all the parents for manning the CNE tent, and for your support and positive attitude with all the competitors.

Individual names and results for each discipline are listed on the CNE website. Be sure to check them out. Congratulations to all our competitors! We are very proud of the way you represented us at Championships.

Respectfully submitted,

**Lelo Reeves Curtis
Championship Coordinator**

D3/C1 Program 2008 Year End Report



2008 was another successful year for the D3/C1 Program. We were able to offer three clinics. The first clinic was held at UNH in December with Laurie Chapman Bosco. The topic was Conformation. Thanks to the University and Laurie, we were able to compare three horses side by side. All three horses had different conformation traits, so it was interesting to compare and contrast their strengths and weaknesses. Nineteen members attended along with their parents. UL members Ben Vaughn and Stephanie LeCours assisted.

Our January clinic was held in Groton MA, with over 33 members in attendance. The topics were Equine Dentistry and Lameness. Our clinician was Dr. Kris Koss.

Our final clinic was held in February at Jordan Stables in Marlborough. Twenty three members and their parents learned about Alternative Therapies, including equine chiropractic and message therapy, and Reiki for horses. Dr. Anna Crane and Melanie Moniz were our clinicians and Jordan Stables Riding Center was our host.

Overall, attendance was good, feedback was excellent, and the program achieved its mission which was to provide an educational program beyond the level offered at the clubs, while promoting a social opportunity for kids to meet their fellow pony clubbers from around the region. A total of 56 kids attended at least one of the three clinics, and they represented 8 different clubs or Centers from CNE. This year the group was mainly lower rated Ds with fewer of our Cs attending, but we still had good overall representation. I urge DCs to promote this program within their club as it is an excellent opportunity to take advantage of Regional support.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Johnson
D3/C1 Coordinator

CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGION 2008 H-B PROGRAM

This year the CNE Region offered their first formal HB Prep Program. There were initially 13 candidates participating in the program. HB candidates were invited to attend the UL unmounted lectures with Laurie Chapman Bosco in January, February and March, and many of the members took advantage of this opportunity to enrich their knowledge.

Informal study groups were held at Ramona Tolles barn in Groton MA in April, May and June. These sessions allowed for hands on practice at the standard. A two day prep camp was held at UNH in July. This camp was held in conjunction with the C3 prep and the UL Program. We were fortunate to have three National Examiners from our own region as clinicians. Thanks to Karen Marcotte, Christina Keim, and Laurie Chapman Bosco for all their support.

The National HB rating was held at UNH in mid August. Ten out of the original thirteen candidates tested. Five passed the rating in its entirety. Four others just needed to retake one small section of the test. As of November 1, three of the four have passed their retest and the fourth is in the process of retesting now. We expect to have a 90% passing rate by year end. Our new HBs include: Hannah Bacheller, Rachel Comeau, Alice Tomry, Bryn Oliver, Margot Popecki, Emily Macaulay, Charlotte Woody, and Kile Townsend .

*Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Johnson
H-B Coordinator*

RIC Report 2008

My first year as RIC for Central New England has been one of watching and learning just what the region needs from this position. I spent time working on the National Meeting, the upper level program, I attended lower level as well as upper level ratings over the summer (including acting as IO for the HB rating), and attended as many PC clinics as possible.

After attending the national meeting in Boston, I know that what a RIC does for some regions is not the same as what our region may need or want.

I feel that our clubs are very independent and capable of running the instruction programs for their own clubs. Our clubs do not need the micro – managing that takes place in some other regions.

With that said, my goal for the future is to put together a resource manual for the region. I would like to include instructors, clinicians, upper – level members, and equine professionals that are available to our region. I would include contact information, and guidelines for what the individuals may offer. Of course I can not accomplish this without the assistance of the individual clubs, so I hope when asked you will all be willing to take the time to help.

Sincerely,

Carol Seale

Regional Instructional Coordinator



*United States Pony Club
Central New England Region*



*Webmaster Report
2008*

This is the 7th year that the CNER website has been in operation. The url is <http://cne.ponyclub.org/>. It continues to be an active site. We have many visitors from within and outside the region.

Our classified ad section is very popular. The ads are free and I keep them posted for at least 6 months.

In 2008, the CNER distribution list name was changed to cne@cne.ponyclub.org. This removed all the spam issue. However, Verizon and Comcast continue to block email sent to the distribution lists. I have been notified in these cases and have passed on the email messages. So there has been no loss of information.

Thanks to everyone for supplying me with information to post! On average, I post something once every 2 days throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
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