



## CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGION 2009 HMO REPORT

21 November 2009

### **Rally Staffing**

05/24/09

*Qualifying Show Jumping Rally – Brookvale Pines – Fremont, NH:*

CHMJ: Laurie Chapman-Bosco

AHMJ: Wendy Johnson, Nancy Horten, Katie Biery, Elizabeth Lochiatto

ApHMJ: Cassandra Lawson, Meghan Comeau

5/30 – 5/31/2009

*Qualifying Overnight Games – Topsfield Fairgrounds – Topsfield, MA:*

CHMJ: Kate Cote

AHMJ: Teghan Judd, Elizabeth Fitzgerald, Cassandra Lawson, Meghan Comeau

6/27 – 6/29/2009

*Qualifying Overnight Dressage - UNH:*

CHMJ: Marylou Moulton

AHMJ: Judi O'Neil, Sarah Titus, Wendy Johnson, Nancy Horten, Meghan Comeau, Cassandra Lawson

9/13/2009

*Non-Qualifying Eventing – Green Acres – Madbury, NH:*

CHMJ: Stephanie LeCours

AHMJ: Wendy Johnson, Meghan Comeau, Rachel Comeau, Hope Davis

10/4/2009

*D-Level Eventing Rally – Groton Fairgrounds – Groton, MA:*

CHMJ: Lori Underwood

AHMJ: Judi O'Neil, Meghan Comeau, Katie Biery

### **HMJ Rally Compensation for 2009**

CHMJ: \$150 per day + mileage

AHMJ: \$50 per day flat

Apprentice AHMJ: \$25 per day flat

Current PC Member AHMJ: \$20 mileage reimbursement per day

\*Lodging and airfare reimbursement is provided on a limited basis.

### **Looking ahead**

In the coming year the following are some areas we will need to focus on as a region as a region:

- Curriculum feedback/regional needs – tailoring the regional clinic and educational focus to the region's rating levels, experience levels, and interests. Next year it is required that we have a regional HM clinic. Nashoba Valley PC has graciously offered to host this in the Groton area in the spring. Suggestions for format (mock rally, stations, etc) are welcome!

- New HM Rulebook for 2010 - There will be a new rulebook for next year's rally season. There are several changes that may be a change in specific rules, but no changes that affect the overall implementation and rally structure.
- Earned Points System – Per the HM committee for next year, USPC will be piloting the new “Earned Points System” or EPS at certain rallies all over the country. I have offered to have a CHMJ who helped develop this new scheme come and who will pilot it in CNE at a rally (TBD) next year. At this rally, the old system and new system will be used concurrently, using the usual penalty points scheme for the actual scoring. Please consult the DC, RS, or CHMJ digest for more information about the new EPS. The integration of this EPS will not be complete until at least the 2011 rally season and we are told it will be adopted only if deemed to be appropriate and workable.
- Club-level HM focus – With the USPC organization on the path to finding its new role in the horse world, it is of the utmost importance that we as clubs and a region continue to teach proper day-to-day horsemanship. No matter if members board or stable at home, this is what most of us view as the foundation of Pony Club and the standout benefit of our organization. Focus on developing good habits “at home” and it will carry over into rallies, ratings and championships experiences. Keeping our clubs “in the habit” will strengthen our foundation no matter the possible changes nationally.
- Region-wide involvement in Judging - As a region, more involvement is needed from EVERY club/center as the region's volunteers and trainees for HM Judging. As a general rule C3+(or similar experience for non-PC'ers) and age 16-18+ (depending on maturity/experience in PC) are appropriate candidates for apprenticing in HM at rallies. DC's can discuss with me the suitability before apprenticing. We have a group of great PC'ers, grads and parents that contribute now, but we want to ensure that we can continue to staff our rallies sufficiently in the future.
- HMO Trainee – For the upcoming year, CNER will need to be thinking of a replacement HMO for 2011. The HMO's official responsibilities can be found in the current HM Rulebook. This position is appointed/approved by the RS. It is advantageous for us to involve the HMO-in-training into the planning for the HM clinic, hiring, and championships preps for the coming year. This person should have some knowledge about USPC, rallies, and about horse management's role within the organization. They need not have been a pony clubber, but must be able to organize and coordinate hiring and activities within the region, and communicate changes and issues that are being discussed on the national level to the region. Fortunately we have an exceptional group of people experienced in HM in our region that can support the person transitioning into this position! Anyone interested or suggestions should be communicated to me or Betsey to discuss.

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](mailto:larahubner@yahoo.com).

Respectfully submitted,  
Lara H. Hubner  
Horse Management Organizer

# D3/C1 Program 2009 Year End Report



2009 was another successful year for the D3/C1 Program. We held three clinics, in January, February and March.

Jen Dunton from the UNH Thompson School of Applied Science did a great job stepping in for Laurie Chapman Bosco at the last minute as the clinician for the Conformation Clinic. Upper level member Charlotte Woody, and former pony clubbers Ben Vaughn and Stephanie LeCours assisted with the barn portion of the clinic. There were over 25 children plus parents at the clinic.

Dr. Kris Koss was our clinician for a very informative session on Equine Diseases and Immunizations, held in Groton MA. He spoke to a packed house of 35 members plus at least a dozen parents.

Our final clinic was awesome. Allie Hayes brought her amazing freeze dried legs and hoofs to the seacoast for an extremely well-attended lameness clinic to round out the 2009 program.

Thanks to Kim Mello for helping to coordinate the program this year. We spent \$350 for clinicians and approximately \$110 for facilities to stay within our \$500 budget. We reached over 70 kids in total, with several coming from out of region. Many members were able to attend at least two of the three sessions, and several were HB candidates, brushing up for their upcoming rating.

Respectfully submitted,

*Wendy Johnson*

*Kim Mello*

D3/C1 Coordinators

## CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGION 2009 H-B PROGRAM

This year Central New England Region offered a formal HB Prep program. Twelve candidates started in the program. We began prepping early in the year. HB candidates were encouraged to attend the D3/C1 lectures which covered several topics appearing on the HB standard. We also offered two unmounted lectures with Karen Marcotte, a third hands on barn clinic with Stephanie LeCours, and a field trip to Dover Saddlery for tack identification.

In June, we held a one day prep camp at UNH in July. We opened the camp up to other regions and ended up with 15 candidates from five different regions. The out of region participants helped to offset a good portion of our costs. The camp was held in mock rally format to give the candidates a good feel for the real ratings. We were fortunate to have three National Examiners as clinicians. Thanks to Karen Marcotte, Heather Bell, and Sue Amendola for all their support.

The National HB rating was held at UNH in mid July. Six out of the original twelve candidates tested in region and one tested a week later in a neighboring region. All seven passed the ratings! Our new HBs include: Katelyn Berube (Squamscott), Elizabeth Clark (DNB), Brittany Hallet and Coleman McConnon (Hybrid Riding Center), Sarah Martini (Swift River), Brooks Robinson (Pentucket), and Jordan Litter (Jordan Stables Riding Center). Congratulations to all for their hard work!

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Johnson  
H-B Coordinator

## **RIC Report 2009**

My duties as Regional Instructional Coordinator this year have been few. Our region continues to have very strong, independent clubs that handle their own instruction with ease. The one thing I participated in for the second time was as impartial observer for the region's HB rating this summer. I continue to be impressed by the bright, thoughtful, young people that are part of our region and USPC. Our candidates were well prepared, and did a wonderful job presenting their knowledge to the examiners.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Carol Seale*

Regional Instructional Coordinator  
Central New England



## UPPER LEVEL PROGRAM REPORT

On Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup> there was a Nancy Grout Clinic held at Black Brook Farm in Carlisle, MA. There were 18 participants that rode, 3 - D3s, 6 - Cs, 9 were UL members.

July 9-12<sup>th</sup> was the CNER UL prep at UNH with Cherie Gaebel, Deb Wilson, Sue Winslade, and Laurie Chapman-Bosco, all National Examiners. There were 8 B candidates, 4 H/HA candidates, and 4 A candidates. 50% were from out of region. The camp was very productive and focused on what the candidates needed the most. This year we were able to have 5 D and C groups truck in for the HAs to teach.

July 17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> there was an H/A test held at Shepley Hill Farm/Puritian Hill in Groton, MA. There were no candidates from CNE who participated.

CNE had three As apply, 0 proceeded to test. 4 Bs applied, 2 tested. No HA candidates this year. For those who attended our camp from out of region: all 3 HAs passed, 2 As prepped, 1 passed, 3Bs from out of region prepped, 2 passed.

The UL Fall fundraisers were a Yankee Candle sale and two food booths.

A new UL contact list has been made and sent around through email, DCs please remember to email me your new C3s and any UL members who are becoming inactive or not rejoining.

Respectfully submitted,

*Allison Blood*  
UL Coordinator



*United States Pony Club  
Central New England Region*



*Webmaster Report  
2009*

This is the 8th year that the CNER website has been in operation. The url is <http://cne.ponyclub.org/>. This past September the site was redesigned and now incorporates a Google calendar.

The site continues to be an active site. We have many visitors from within and outside the region. Since September, we have had 2,164 visits and unique 977 visitors.

Our classified ad section remains very popular and about half of the page views are to that page. The ads are free and I keep them posted for at least 6 months.

I am currently in the process of building a clickable map that shows where each of our clubs and riding centers are located so prospective members can contact the club nearest them. I am still waiting for half the clubs to send me their logos and club meeting locations to complete this task.

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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