

Regional Supervisor's Report 2015
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2015

The year started out with the Annual Meeting in Crystal City Virginia. As a region, we had pretty good attendance, so it gave several of us the chance to talk and plan for upcoming events in the region. As a region, we had approximately 178 members this year as compared to 183 members last year, which indicates a 2% decrease over last year. This is actually an improvement over last year, when we had a 12 % decrease. I am hoping that this is the indication of a new trend, but we still need to encourage membership growth wherever possible. We also should look at additional ways to get the word out about Pony Club, although this might be most successful at the club level.

We have 116 of our members in clubs and 62 in centers and I would expect the relative percentage in centers to grow in the future. Approximately 67% of our members are D's or unrated and 25% are C-1 and above.

Rallies

We started the year out with Quiz Rally, which proceeded smoothly thanks to Amanda Ellis and a host of regional volunteers, some of whom religiously return every year and don't even have children in pony club any longer. We are very thankful to them and if you see them at next year's Quiz Rally, please go out of your way to thank them. We did not hold a Games Rally in 2015. Dressage Rally proceeded smoothly, ably run by Stephanie and her crew at Squamscott. Then, of course we had Show Jumping Rally, hosted by Karen Marcotte and her crew at Rockingham. Last but not least, we had D Rally, run by Donna Lapierre and the crew at Groton Pony Club, to finish up the season and give the D's a chance to show us their stuff, which they did. Many of the first timers learned something about HM and time management, but we still saw lots of happy faces. Overall, we had good learning experiences for all the kids and we were well assisted by our wonderful HMO Andrea Nelson.

We did hold a Standards and Rating Clinic this year at Full Circle Riding Center in Haverhill, thanks to Karen and Amanda. Although it could have been better attended, I do believe they are an invaluable experience for both the members and their parents.

Upper Level Ratings

We had a busy summer for upper level ratings. We ran an HB test (which Wendy will talk about), then Lelo Reeves-Curtis ran and hosted an HA test at the end of the same week. I also organized a C-3 traditional and both C-3 and B Dressage tests. We had 7 C-3 traditional candidates, and three successfully completed the certification, Jillian Nelson, Emily Koss-Stephany and Gina Koss-Stephany. In the dressage certification Emma Svegari obtained her dressage C-3 and Anne Diettrich passed all

but one section of her B and is retesting as we speak. We should be very proud of all of the candidates, this is a major undertaking whether they pass or not. I do truly believe even if you do not pass, the experience is an incredible learning experience both from a riding perspective and a personal development perspective. The one thing I would request is that candidates send me an email when they complete a test outside of the region. I don't always hear until they send me a copy of the test sheets which could be a month or two. We will continue to encourage the kids going for upper level ratings to prep at the summer regional camp and this year we may run a champs prep camp as well.

Camp

We ran our fourth year of camp this year, which is open to all levels in addition to horsemasters and non-pony clubbers. We had a reasonable turnout this year and added a couple of new instructors, which from all accounts went over well with the campers. It was a great program with lots of both mounted, and that all so important unmounted work, and an amazing schedule organized by Katie Platt. Again, we also ran an HM Track, which did not have huge participation, so we will be looking to members to tell us what they would like for that track for next year. We had about 15 kids per day and have room for more next year. We are definitely planning on running camp next year but will look at ways to increase attendance, including making the camp shorter (2 days instead of 4) . If there are other things you would like to include, please contact Amanda or myself. We will also look into possibly finding housing for the kids that might be interested in staying and have talked initially about getting rooms at the Holiday Inn in Durham to share.

A couple of thoughts for next year, we need, as a region, to focus on providing the activities most useful to our population, so we would like feedback from the clubs and centers as to what that looks like. We clearly need to do more marketing as a region to gain more members. As Rally attendance has declined, we are looking at possibly combining the dressage and show jumping rallies to get as much benefit as possible for the overhead costs we incur for each rally. As many of you are aware, I am stepping down as RS, given the fact that I am out of the area for half the year. I felt the region would be better served by someone more "local". I really have enjoyed working with the Board members, parents and particularly the members. It is an incredible experience to watch the members progress through both success and failures, and grow into the responsible, confident, and caring adults we know they can be. I do truly believe the Pony Club program is like no other. Good luck this next year and be nice to Amanda!!!

Beth Platt, RS



November 2015

Year in Review

Central New England hosted three mounted rallies in 2015 including Show Jumping, Dressage, and D Rally. We did not host an Eventing Rally and Games Rally for the second year in a row due to expected low entries.

Rally Staffing

Show Jumping Rally - June 27th (6 TEAMS)

Chief: Maureen Pach

Assistants:

Wendy Johnson

Kate Platt

Katie Wilson

Dressage Rally - June 13th & 14th (8 TEAMS)

Chief: Laurie Chapman-Bosco

Assistants:

Wendy Johnson (Saturday & Sunday)

Rachel Comeau (Saturday)

Gina Koss-Stephany (Saturday)

Emily Koss-Stephany (Saturday)

Judi O'Neil (Sunday)

Donna LaPierre (Saturday & Sunday)

D-Rally - September 20th (8 TEAMS)

Chief: Katie Wilson

Assistants:

Judi O'Neil

Rachel Comeau

Ann Bellinger

Ava Nadeau (Apprentice)

HMJ Rally Compensation for 2014

CHMJ: \$150 per day + mileage

AHMJ: \$50 per day flat

Current PC'er AHMJ: \$25 mileage reimbursement per day flat

*Lodging and airfare reimbursement is provided on a limited basis-as necessary.

Looking ahead

This was my fourth full year as HMO and I have continued to enjoy the opportunity to work with everyone to carry on our region's excellence in Horse Management. The rally evaluation feedback has been very positive and I feel so appreciative that I have such a great Horse Management team. Thank you to all of the HM chiefs and assistants for all of your hard work and dedication to pony club!

I was able to attend the annual meeting this year in Washington, DC and took away a lot of helpful HM information. I would like to organize a HM clinic this spring to pass this on to the region.

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 508-509-2873 or by e-mail at atnelson6@comcast.net. I also welcome feedback and suggestions from anyone if you have an idea for improving our region's HM that you would like to share just let me know!

Respectfully submitted,

Andrea L. Nelson
Horse Management Organizer

Junior Board 2015 Report

2015 there was no participation from JR board members. I was not able to focus on JR Board this year due to the fact that I had a baby. The older members that I previously leaned on have since gone to college and many have graduated. Therefore they are not able to help me. It is time to dig in and revamp the program this coming year. I plan to have one social outing in February. I will send flyers out for this date. My hope would be to combine this outing with a CNE educational opportunity. I will personally be marketing the program and doing a JR Board Member drive leading up to the social outing in February.

Our interaction on Facebook was non-existent. My hope is that going forward into 2016 we can make more happen. Going forward I will post on the FB site but email will be my method of communication for the Board members. I will expect responses from each of them.

We did have scholarships available however no one received any funds this year. The funds can be awarded to any CNE member that is looking for financial help to attend an educational opportunity that is pony club related. The application is available on the CNE webpage. They must submit an essay of 250-500 words to the board for approval with the application.

Going forward to 2016, we have the following goals.

- ❖ Offer 2 scholarships
- ❖ Plan, organize and complete one fundraiser. (To be completed in spring 2016)
- ❖ Organize a social outing for the board (To be held in Feb 2016)
- ❖ Market the scholarships, making sure every CNE club and center is aware of the funds available to them.

We look forward to a great 2016! Respectfully yours, Heather Dostal, JR Board Advisor

Regional Education Program 2015 Year End Report



We began our 2015 regional education program in January at the Johnson home in Nashua NH. The clinician was Betsey Reeves and she lectured on Bandaging Techniques. Attendance was excellent with 26 members and a number of parents. We had attendees from out of region as well as 6 different clubs or centers. The members brought bandages and wraps and we rounded up half a dozen horse legs. Everyone gather in groups and they were able to practice the techniques Betsey demonstrated.

Our second Clinic was held in Groton in February, with Gina and Emily Koss -Stephany, Upper Level members of Apple Valley Pony Club, as our clinicians. Gina lectured on Parasites and Emily discussed Poisonous Plants. There were 20 members present as well as a number of parents. Eight different clubs or centers were represented overall.

Overall, 10 clubs or riding centers were able to send at least one member to a clinic, and we saw 36 different members along with a large number of interested parents. Attendees ranged from Unrated through HB. Thanks to DCs for promoting the program and parents for taking the time to bring their children and helping with refreshments. The overall cost for clinicians, facilities and food was a little under \$300 this year. We do not charge a fee to attend.

The regional educational program is open to member of all ages and ratings and we try to cover topics that will appear on the standards and enhance the knowledge beyond what is typically covered at club level meetings. Participation is vital to the continued success of the program so we urge DCs to incorporate the clinics as part of their unmounted program and encourage their members to attend the winter series.

Respectfully submitted,

Wendy Johnson, Regional Education Coordinator

Central New England

2015 RIC report

We held a Certification and Standards Clinic: June 7, at Snowcrest Farm, hosted by Full Circle Riding Center.

The clinic was to break down the levels with demo riders from D1 to C2. I was the clinician so there was no charge to the region. Stephanie Infante worked with the riders in exchange for a lesson at regional camp.

The region did pay for hamburgers and hotdogs for the cookout.

I then taught a mounted flat/switch ride clinic for our C3 candidates as well as our B dressage specialty candidate.

CNE also held our regional/Upper level prep July 10-12. Beth and Katie Platt were the organizers.

Karen Marcotte
RIC/CNE

CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGION 2015 UL PROGRAMS

This year Central New England Region offered a formal HB Prep program again. There were eight candidates prepping for the rating this year from Central New England Region. As in the past, we began prepping early in the season. HB candidates were encouraged to attend the Regional Education lectures which covered topics appearing on the HB standard, and we offered several unmounted lectures, and a one day mock rating prep camp.

In May, we held the one day prep camp at UNH with National Examiners Karen Marcotte, and Ann Claflin. We ran it as a mock rating. Every HB candidate planning to test was able to attend and get an idea of what their first national rating would entail.

The HB certification was held at UNH over a three day period in early July. The test was held at the beginning of the week and the examiners left immediately afterwards to test at the HA certification that we also hosted. Our examiners were Bunny Hendricks, Kathi Hines, and Sarah Kleintop. CNE had seven candidates at the certification after one withdrew, and there were three from out of region. Two candidates did not meet standards and will hopefully test next year, one candidate still needs to retest one section, hopefully within the year, and four achieved their HB certification. Congratulations to Aliya Corkery (Worcestershire), Ashley Diener (Rockingham), Madeleine Herrick (Pentucket), and Lindsay Vollinger (RER).

Financially, we collected \$1900 in fees for the camp and test. Our combined expenses for preps, clinicians and food came to approximately \$1896. UNH has been very generous to us and has not charged for the use of the classroom and barn for either our preps or the certifications so far, which is why we have been able to keep our cost fairly low. Also, parents and candidates have provided much of the food at both the camp and the testing, which has helped in lowering costs and also my work load. Thanks to all who helped.

The Region also offered an HA prep program over the winter. Several study sessions were held at the Johnson house, led by Stephanie Infante and a bandaging and longeing clinic was held at Full Circle Riding Center. CNE hosted the HA certification immediately following the HB test in July. The certification was held at Lelo Curtis's facility in Marlborough MA over a two and a half day period. Candidates arrived on Wednesday afternoon to meet their assigned horses. Bunny Hendricks and Maureen Pach were the examiners. The certification continued through Friday, resulting in 3 new HAs, and another candidate succeeding after a quick retest shortly thereafter. Congratulations to Emily and Gina Koss-Stephany (Apple Valley), Anne Dietterich (Hybrid), and Nicole Kula (Nashoba Valley). Thanks to Lelo for feeding everyone, hosting the examiners, and, providing the horses, equipment, and a wonderful facility.

Finally, Beth Platt organized a C3 traditional and C3 and B dressage certification in August at UNH. As Beth mentioned in the RS report, there were seven C3 candidates and three achieved their certification. Congratulations to Jillian Nelson (Nashoba), Emily Koss-Stephany (Apple Valley) and Gina Koss-Stephany (Apple Valley). Congratulations to Emma Svegarí for obtaining her C3-Dressage certification as well. Hopefully we will soon be able to announce a new B-Dressage member who is retesting now. Thanks to Beth for hosting.

Thanks again to all the parents, volunteers, clinicians, and hosts for helping our members achieve their goals. And congratulations not only to those who obtained their new certifications, but to all the candidates for your hard work, hours of preparation, and great attitudes at such a challenging undertaking.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Johnson , H-B Coordinator



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*Webmaster Report
2015*

This is the 14th year that the CNER website has been in operation. The url is <http://cne.ponyclub.org/>.

Here are the statistics of how the website is used.

	Nov 2014-Oct 2015
Number of Visitors:	5,757
Number of Unique Visitors:	3,115
Visitors Coming Directly To Site:	14%
Visitors From Other Sites:	24%
Visitors From Search Engines:	60%
Number of Pages Viewed:	11,932
Number of Unique Pages Viewed:	9,273

Pages Viewed This Past Year:

- Home Page – 47.48%
- Classifieds – 16.92%
- Clinics and Shows – 6.68%
- Clubs – 4.96%

Respectfully submitted,
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