



The Central New England Scoop



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COMING UP

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| Feb 4 | HB Prep 6:30 pm
Johnson house Nashua NH |
| Feb 5 | Regional Council Meeting 10:00 am
First Parish Church Groton MA |
| Feb 12 | UL/C3 Bandaging prep 10 am-12 pm
Grand View Stables Danville NH |
| Feb 12 | D3/C1 Clinic- Equine Diseases 1-3 pm
First Parish Church, Groton MA |
| Feb 26 | UL/C3 Lungeing prep 1-3 pm
Grand View Stables Danville NH |

NOTES FROM THE RS

Hello! I am writing this from the USPC Annual Meeting in Nashville TN. Right now I am sitting in a presentation from the VP of Instruction, who is talking about the work going into writing new manuals. (Granted, I should be paying strict attention, but I have been in meetings for two days now!) One of the recurring themes this year is that pony club is going high tech. The manuals will be online and potentially interactive with video feeds etc. Look forward to this in the next year or so.

Anyway, Nashville is a beautiful city and very lively (we are checking out some of the music venues tonight). There are lots of regions here with many members from many areas of the country. I would love to see our region really well represented next year. The meeting will be in New Orleans so put it on your calendar now. It is a hugely valuable experience for both club leaders and volunteers.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the regional meeting next Saturday and will update you on all the latest USPC news. I am looking forward to a wonderful year with CNER. It is a great region,

filled with kids and volunteers who are truly committed to the ideals of Pony Club!

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns or any new ideas for the upcoming year. I am happy to chat.

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UL/C3 REPORT

For 2011, the region will be combining the Upper Level and C3 programs due to the small size of both groups. Karen Marcotte has agreed to serve as the RIC (Regional Instructional Coordinator). She will coordinate the UL and C3 programs, as well as overseeing the general instructional program for the region.

The prep programs have already begun. We had a bandaging clinic in early January, and a lungeing clinic towards the end of the month. These clinics are voluntary and open to interested C's and up. Several clinics have been scheduled for the upcoming months and will include additional bandaging and lungeing, mounted preps for flat, grids and stadium, as well as teaching opportunities for H/HAs. Please remind members to check the regional website calendar often for updates.

Hopefully all interested UL members have contacted Karen at karenmrpc@comcast.net. Applications for this year's ratings are due in by the end of March. We would like to receive applications earlier to insure that our kids have a place at the testing of their choice. There are not many testing opportunities in our area this year, so we expect our test will fill early. Central New England has offered to host a C3 traditional, C3 dressage and C3 Show Jumping test as well as a B test. If any member thinks they might want to rate this year, they need to apply on a timely basis. Late entries will not be accepted by the National Office.

HB UPDATE

The HB Program has begun. We had a kickoff meeting in November and hopefully all interested members are on the contact list. DCs may want to double check with their clubs to make sure no one is overlooked. We plan to offer a full prep program for those who are interested. HBs were encouraged to attend a regional Conformation Clinic in December, a Nutrition Clinic in January, and an upcoming Disease and Dental Clinic in February. We will have a couple of unmounted "classroom" sessions in February and March, barn preps in April and May, a mock rating on Memorial Day weekend and the rating in mid July.

Applications are due by March end but the test is expected to fill quickly, so please have all interested members submit their paperwork early. DCs should encourage their members to teach at the club level as often as possible during the next few weeks in order to meet the rating requirements. Please check the regional website calendar for prep dates and contact me with any questions at Wendy@wendyj.org

D3/C1 UPDATE

The D3/C1 Program kicked off the season in December with a Conformation Clinic at UNH with Laurie Chapman Bosco. We had 30 attendees from 6 different clubs or centers. They enjoyed a lecture in the classroom and then were able to apply their knowledge by assessing conformation with several horses in the barn. In January we invited a spokesman from Nutrena to speak with us about Equine Nutrition. There were 26 members from 8 clubs attending. The life size digestive tract, just back from the WEG, was used to demonstrate just how large the equine gut really is. Finally, we have a clinic planned for February 12th in Groton with Dr. Koss. He will discuss equine diseases, vaccinations, and teeth. Please encourage your members of all ages to attend. His lectures are always interesting and informative.

CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE

Lelo Reeves will be coordinating the regional championship effort again this year. This should be a popular year for kids to try to qualify because Championships will be held in KY in conjunction with the USPC Festival. It is very important for the region to have an idea of the level of interest as early as possible so we can plan hotel accommodations, equine transportation etc. Please poll your members and let Lelo or Beth know how many kids hope to qualify and in what discipline. Some of the rallies are later in the season so we really need to have an idea as soon as possible. Along that same line, rally organizers also need to have paperwork back as soon as possible so rallies can be run as efficiently as possible. Any questions, contact Lelo or Beth Platt.

NEXT DC MEETING

Our next Regional Council Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 on Saturday February 4th at the First Parish Church in Groton MA. We will meet at the small white house to the right of the church. Please contact Wendy if you would like to bring something to nibble on. We do not plan to serve lunch. Thanks.

