



Central New England Region Digest

December 2017



Happy Holidays!

December Spotlight:



Pentucket Pony Club

Pentucket Pony Club was founded almost 40 years ago and draws members from the Towns along RTE128/ 95 on the North Shore. We have roughly a dozen members who live in Topsfield, Rockport, Wenham, Reading, and Wakefield. As a smaller club - every volunteer counts and all of our officers are parents of Members and for the second year our fearless HorseMaster ,Erin McClintock, has also been the club treasurer. A small number of our members own horses, some lease and the remainder are in regular lesson programs with area barns. We have been fortunate to able to maintain close connections with some knowledgeable parents of college age former members like Lynda and Keith Angstadt and Susan Beliveau who are willing to dedicate their expertise and time to volunteer with Pentucket kids.

We kick-off our busiest season in late December with our Quiz Prep program which -involves 6-8 unmounted meetings. Mounted meetings for the entire group can be challenging for us - but we will offer 2-3 mounted clinics per year and love to take advantage of Regional Unmounted and Mounted preps. Meetings may take place at Bradford Equestrian Center (Haverhill), Canterbrook Farm (Hamilton), Pipestave Hill and members homes. We try to group members for Certifications and offer preps in conjunction with their lesson barns. Currently we have just one C2/HB level member, but are looking to grow more! Our members pursue several disciplines including Eventing, Dressage and also Hunter Equitation. This year 3 of our Members participated on an IEA Team and 3 attended Quiz Champs.

One constant message we emphasize in our club is the need to give back either by teaching younger members, helping with Certifications, or volunteering at Rallies or local equestrian events. Especially for the non-horse owners or the less experienced families, we try to

show the myriad of ways to get their horse fix and keep learning by volunteering and taking advantage of local educational opportunities. For the past 2 years we have been volunteering at Groton House Farm by preparing a hot breakfast for the x-country volunteers. A number of our members have been volunteering as fence judges and in other capacities for years. Getting new members them involved in these volunteers activities helps educate them about the pony club disciplines and local equestrian/open space organizations.

Last spring, we spent the day at NEER North (West Newbury) cleaning and conditioning a mountain of tack and also building shelves to store “for sale” blankets. Our members have also signed up to man the NEER Tack Store, collected feed tags and assisted with animal care. One D2 member just completed her second year volunteering multiple summer weeks for Wind Rush Therapeutic Riding program. To further raise community awareness of Pentucket and USPC we recently combined a planning meeting at our DC’s Topsfield home with a water stand for the Rotary 5k Runners. (With Tet Rally coming up - a number of our Members also chose to participate in the 5k.) Last year we also hosted a refreshment stand at the Ledyard Farm Spring 2-phase.

The adults stay in touch with periodic meetings such as our recent Apple Cider Pressing Social hosted at a member’s home, our Annual Holiday Party and a recent planning meeting at Walburger’s Lynnfield. You’ll see frequent FB postings about PPC and regional events on our page and website calendar and we are really fortunate to have such a great group of parents and members who are willing to step up in any number of ways from hosting shooting/swimming/running clinics to shopping and cooking for the Groton House Fundraiser Breakfast to sharing mounts at clinics, rallies and certifications. None of our activities could take place without a great team effort from our membership and local dedicated equestrian professionals.

**Below are upcoming events in CNE to mark on your calendar:*

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| December 30th | Bandaging Clinic @ Swan Brook Equestrian |
| January 5th @ 6:30 | UL Certification Kickoff Meeting @ 72 Main St, Westford, MA |
| January 20th @ 12:30 | Regional Unmounted Meeting: Poisonous Plants/Bandaging |
| January 24th-28th | USPC Annual Meeting Louisville, KY |
| February 2nd @ 6:30 | HB/UL Prep @ 72 Main St, Westford, MA |
| February 3rd @ 2:00 | Regional Council Meeting, Location TBD |
| February 24th @TBD | Dentistry Clinic @ Dover Saddlery |
| March 2nd@ 6:30 | HB/UL Prep @ 72 Main St, Westford MA |
| March 3rd @1:00 | Confirmation Clinic @ Scarlet Hill Farm |

UL Bandaging Clinic - See Enclosed Flyer For Details

- December 30th starting at 10:00am (lower levels D-C) and 12:00pm (UL)
- Located at Swan Brook Equestrian 716 South St, Biddeford, ME
- Advance registration required for UL clinic (limit 10 participants)
- Cost is \$10 including lunch

UL Certification Kickoff Meeting -

- January 5th @ 6:30pm
- Located at 72 Main St Westford MA(Nelson Residence)
- Join us to learn more about the UL certification programs (C3, HB, B, HA, A)

January Regional Unmounted Meeting: Poisonous Plants/Bandaging

- January 20th from 12:30-2:30pm
- Held at the Prescott School 145 Main Street, Groton MA
- Clinicians Wendy Johnson & Betsey ReevesD

Details on the other upcoming clinics will be forthcoming but mark the dates on your calendars now. The regional winter unmounted meetings are a valuable part of our pony club education and all members are encouraged to attend.

Please send any club news or upcoming events to Andrea (atnelson6@comcast.net) by the end of each month to be included in the next month's newsletter.

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Specialty Bandaging Clinic, December 30, 2017

Hosted by Pentucket Pony Club and Swan Brook Equestrian

This hands on clinic will be led by Stephanie Infante and will target the specific bandages that are required for the HA Certification including spider, figure 8, shipping bandages, sweat, poultice, pressure, hoof abscess, heel grab, cold water, and ice.

Limited to 10 Participants – priority for HA/C3 Candidates – advance registration required. Participants should bring a supply of appropriate bandaging materials as per the H-A Checklist. \$10.00 Contribution includes pizza lunch.

Please RSVP with your \$10 Contribution Check: to Pentucket Pony Club by 12/22.

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Schedule: 12pm-3pm. Lunch to start at 12 noon.



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