



# The Central New England Scoop



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## COMING UP .....

- Jan. 12      **DC Thank You Party- Jr. Board**  
5-8 p.m. Tammy Erickson's House  
Carlisle MA
- Jan. 18      **C3 Kick-off Meeting**  
2-5p.m. Bear Spot Farm Concord MA
- Feb. 15      **DC's Regional Council Meeting**  
9:30-2:30 p.m. Worcester MA area
- Feb. 15      **Jr. Board Meeting**  
10:00-2:30 p.m. Worcester MA area
- Feb. 15      **Limb and Hoof Clinic**  
2:30-4:30 p.m. Worcester MA area

## THOUGHTS FROM THE REGIONAL SUPERVISOR....

Dear DCs,

I hope your holidays were happy ones and that you could take a little time to put your feet up. From your newsletters it sounds like some of your clubs had meetings during vacation, and I saw that one club even planned a mounted overnight camp. The snow is great for all kinds of winter pursuits, but safe trailering might not be one of them. I received the following poem in the mail, and since I am older than just about all of you, I thought I'd include it for your pleasure, with apologies to the men in our midst.

*When I am an old Horsewoman  
I shall wear turquoise and diamonds,  
and a straw hat that doesn't suit me.  
And I shall spend my social security on white wine  
and carrots  
and sit in the alleyway of my barn and listen to the  
horses breathe.  
I will sneak out in the middle of a summer night  
and ride the old bay gelding  
across the moonstruck meadow,  
if my old bones will allow.  
And when people come to call,  
I will smile and nod  
as I walk past the gardens to the barn and show  
instead the flowers  
growing inside the stalls fresh-lined with straw.  
I will shovel and sweat and wear hay in my hair, as if*

*it were a jewel.  
And I will be an embarrassment to all,  
Who will not yet have found the peace in being free to  
have a horse be a best friend,  
A friend who waits at midnight hour  
with muzzle and nicker and patient eyes  
for the kind of woman I will be when I am old.*

Author unknown

That unknown author knew a thing or two, don't you agree?

**Louisa**



## JUNIOR BOARD APPRECIATION DINNER

### Sunday January 12th

### Are you coming?

**Please RSVP today if you haven't already!!** This is a great thing the Jr. Board does for us, and you will have fun, I promise. It is good to support the Jr. Board kids by your presence, but just as important -- it's nice to visit with all the other folks in the Region who contribute to what makes our Region such a good thing for all our members. DCs, HM judges, recent graduates -- just folks whom it's good to get to know on a social basis. The Jr. Board cooks up a mighty good meal; they have planned for some creative fun, and they'd really like us to be there. Try to come if you can!

►► **YOUR CLUB SUMMARY OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS** for the fiscal year 2002 (Jan. 1-Dec. 31) is due in to the National Office by February 15. You can download the form from the USPC website ([www.ponyclub.org](http://www.ponyclub.org)),

click on "forms", then look under "C" for Cash). A copy of the form was also included in the November News From National. Your club treasurer should fill it out. Please try to get it in by the deadline!

### ▶▶ HAVE YOU CHECKED OUT THE CNE WEBSITE LATELY?

Iris Realmuto has posted all the photos from our rallies and other regional activities, and she has acquired some new software that enlarges the pictures so you can really see them! It's just great to see how you all looked last summer. There are lots of things on the website that will help you keep up to date in the Region. Thank you, Iris.

▶▶ HORSE MANAGEMENT -- our HM coordinators, your VRSSs, and our RIC are meeting next Wednesday evening, Jan. 15<sup>th</sup> to plan our Region's HM program for the coming year. You are welcome to attend, or if you can't attend, email any one of us with your ideas and comments. If you'd like to attend, call Louisa for time and place.

### ▶▶ ARE YOU ON EMAIL?

You will find, if you haven't already, that lots of information about Pony Club that you need to have comes to you via email. If you are a DC, and you do not have email or don't like to check it frequently, please designate someone in your club who will regularly check theirs and keep you informed about important announcements.



### ▶▶ C3 KICK-OFF MEETING-JANUARY 18

Bear Spot Farm, Concord, MA  
276 Pope Rd., Concord MA  
2-5 p.m

Don't miss this wonderful meeting scheduled for all the Region's C2 members to learn about the C3 rating. All C2s are welcome to attend, whether or not they intend to test this year. Interested and parents and DCs are also encouraged to attend.

### Directions to Bear Spot Farm

\*From the South: Take Rt. 128/95 N to Rt. 2 West. Continue on Rt. 2 West to Concord Prison Rotary. At Rotary take 2<sup>nd</sup> right onto Rt. 2A west. Go approx. 1 mile and just past Burger King, take a right onto Pope Rd. Go 1.1 miles to 276 Pope Rd. on left.

\*From the North: Take Rt. 128/95 South to Rt. 2 West. Continue as "from the South" above or take Rt. 495 South to Rt. 119 East in Littleton. Follow Rt. 119 E to Bursaw Oil (on the right). Just beyond Bursaw, turn left onto Pope Rd. Go 1.1 miles to #276 on left.

\*From the West: Mass Pike East; then I-290 east through Worcester to Rt. 495 North, follow Rt. 495 N to Rt. 119 East. Continue as "from the North" above.

### ▶▶ REGIONAL INSTRUCTOR'S CLINICS...JAN. 19 AND FEB. 9

Good teachers do not usually come that way; they learn by observation, repetition and practice, by having good role models and teachers themselves, and by being confident in themselves and in their skills and knowledge.

Did you know that Pony Club strives through the medium of the horse to encourage kids to develop leadership skills and self-confidence? From the D level, kids learn how to explain what they are doing and how to teach the simplest skills to younger members. At the C level, you DCs need to ask them to teach unmounted lessons in your club.

In order to help kids gain these teaching skills, the Region is hosting two sets of Instructor's Clinics this year for your members. The first set is scheduled for Jan. 19 and Feb. 9. It is geared for your C1 and higher members who have never been to our past year's clinics, or those who did attend but want a refresher. The second set will be scheduled for March and April and will focus on mounted teaching skills.

Betsey Reeves is our instructor, and your members will learn about all the little and big things that help them become good, confident teachers. They'll learn how to organize a lesson plan, practice techniques to keep their students' interest, and finally, at the second session, they will present a topic of their choice to a group of Ds. Then they'll be ready for more practice teaching unmounted topics in your club.

Please encourage your members to attend both clinics.

### January 19 -- Introductory meeting with Betsey Reeves-10 a.m until noon

Reading Municipal Light Department  
230 Ash St., Reading, MA  
781-944-1340

### Directions to Reading Municipal Light Dept.

\*Coming from North or South of Reading: From I-495, Rt. 93, or Rt. 128/95 take Rt. 495 to Rt. 93 south (Exit 40). Take Rt. 93 to Rt. 128/95 North (Exit 37). Once on Rt. 128/95, Take exit 38B (Rt. 28 towards Reading -- Not towards Stoneham) Proceed about 2 miles toward Reading center. You will see a Burger King and Jiffy Lube on your right and almost immediately you will pass over a set of RR tracks. Immediately

after the tracks, take a very sharp right hand turn onto Ash St. (Now Jiffy Lube and Burger King will be on your right side!) The Municipal Light building is a few hundred feet down the street on the **LEFT side**. It has a large flag pole and is a brick "atrium" style. Please park in visitor parking.

## **February 9 -- Practice teaching unmounted topic -11 a.m until 1 p.m.\***

### **\*Note change of time**

Erickson's Black Brook Farm,  
886 Lowell St., Carlisle, MA  
978-369-8828

### **Directions to the Erickson's Black Brook Farm:**

\*From Rt. 128/95 North or South - Take Rt. 128 to Rts 4/225 North (toward Bedford). Proceed through Bedford center. Follow the signs for Rt. 225 toward Carlisle. Rt. 225 forks off to the left shortly after Bedford center right in front of a gas station called "Gammy's". Follow Rt. 225 into Carlisle center (a small rotary with a general store). Take the first right out of the rotary onto Lowell St., following the signs towards Chelmsford and the State Park. **Black Brook Farm** has a white farmhouse, approx. 2 miles north of the rotary, **on the right hand side**.

\*From Rt. 2 East or West - Take Rt. 2 toward Concord and follow the signs into Concord Center. Concord center is a large figure 8 rotary (2 circles); go around the top of the second Circle, past the Colonial Inn. Take the first right past the Inn out of the rotary, which is Lowell Rd. Continue approx. 6 miles to Carlisle center (a much smaller rotary with a General store). Take the second right out of the rotary, continuing on Lowell St., following the signs toward Chelmsford and the State Park. **Black Brook Farm** has a white Farmhouse, approx. 2 miles north of the rotary, **on the right hand side**.

\*From Rt. 495 N or S - Take 495 to Rt. 4 South (toward Chelmsford). Proceed South through Chelmsford center, carefully following the signs for Rt. 4. After approx. 2 miles, you'll come to a fork in the road with an auto shop, called the Triangle Service Station, in the center of the fork. Rt. 4 goes left. You take the right fork. Continue approx. 2 miles. Great Brook Farm State Park will come up first **on the left**, followed immediately by **Black Brook Farm, also on the left**.

## **►► REMINDERS ...**

### **Next Regional Council Meeting, February 15, 9:30-2:30 hosted by Worcestershire.**

(in the Worcester area) This is a "must come" meeting for all DCs, and Jt. DCs. If you can't attend, be sure you send a representative from your club. Location and directions will be announced in January.

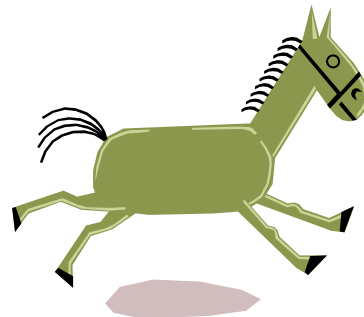
### **Junior Board meeting February 15, 10-2:30, same place.**

All clubs are asked to send at least one representative to the Junior Board meetings. Pony Clubbers should be 14 years or up, C2s and up (dedicated C1s are welcome, too) with a desire to meet other members in the Region, give input to the Regional Council, and plan Jr. Board activities. The meeting will be held in a building with indoor mini-golf and trampoline. Fun?

### **Limb and Hoof Clinic -- Feb. 15, 2:30 - 4:30. Same location as above.**

Allie Hayes, who owns the Horse Science Co. ([www.horsescience.com](http://www.horsescience.com)) in Boxford, will talk about horse anatomy and bring her freeze dried horse limbs and hooves for us to see etc. Meeting is hosted by Worcestershire, but it is open to any pony club members and their parents who may be interested. The talk will probably have something to offer D3 - A members. Tell your members! There will be a nominal charge.

**SEE YOU AT THE DC'S  
MEETING FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>!**



## Still Tentative Calendar of Events for 2003

DATE/TIME	EVENT	HOST	LOCATION
January 12 4:00 p.m.	DC Thank You Dinner	Jr. Board	Tammy Erickson's House Carlisle MA
January 19 10:00 a.m. to noon	Regional Instructor's Clinic	CNE	Reading Municipal Light Dept, Reading MA
February 9 11:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Regional Instructor's Clinic	CNE	Tammy Erickson's House Carlisle MA
February 15 9:30 to 2:30	Regional Board Meeting	Worcestershire	Worcester area
February 15 10:00 to 2:30	Junior Board Meeting	Worcestershire	Worcester area
February 15 2:30 to 4:30	Limb and Hoof Clinic	Worcestershire	Worcester area
March 8 or 22	Quiz Rally	Jericho Forest and Nashoba Valley	Weston Middle School Weston MA
March or April	Standards Clinic	Worcestershire	TBA
April ?	Instructors Clinic		TBA
April ?	Horse Management Clinic	Pentucket	Carol Greata's Farm
May 17,18	C3 Prep Camp	CNE	Kingsbury Hill Francestown NH
May 24,25	Upper Level Prep	CNE	Kingsbury Hill Francesown NH
May 31, June 1	C3 Prep Camp	CNE	Kingsbury Hill Francestown NH
June 1	Games Rally	Rockingham and Overlook	Topsfield Fairgrounds Topsfield MA
June 22	Show Jumping Rally Qualifier	SNER	Apple Knoll Farm Millis MA
June 28,29,30	Dressage Rally	Squamscott	UNH Durham NH
July 15-18	Upper Level Prep	CNE	TBA
October 5	D Rally	Groton	Groton Fairgrounds Groton MA

Still to be determined-Upper level testing

Second C3 testing

Show Jumping Rally

Qualifying Eventing Rally

Non qualifying Eventing Rally