



# The Central New England Scoop



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## COMING UP .....

- Jan. 15-18 **USPC Jubilee Celebration  
Philadelphia PA**
- Feb. 7 **DC Meeting 10 am  
Location TBA**
- Feb. 7 **Informal DC focus discussion  
Immediately following DC meeting**
- Feb. 7 **Games Team Cocktail Fundraiser  
Tammy Erickson's House Carlisle MA**

## GREETINGS,

Greetings from the Regional Supervisor-elect, nothing is 'Official' until after the USPC Annual meeting the 15<sup>th</sup> through 18 of this month. I know there are many of you going, and it is GREAT that CNER will have such a strong representation there. If either Louisa, Wendy Johnson, or myself don't happen to know that you are going, please contact one of us so that you can be in communication with the members of the region that are. We have 4 tables at the banquet for example. This year's meeting is the celebration of 50 years of Pony Club, complete with a birthday party. There are several people from our region that are going to be recognized as 'legends' in case you weren't aware of that. I expect the whole thing will be good fun

In December we held a very informal meeting of DC's and myself so that we might get to know each other better, and be sure we understand our roles. A very lively discussion occurred, and I am really excited by what evolved. There will be a monthly meeting of DC's with a discussion topic for each meeting. We are calling this get together 'focus groups'. Each month there will be a different topic, with one person 'moderating' the topic. The topic for January was the D program, with Esther Short as the moderator.

DC's are welcome to bring any club parents with an interest in the month's topic.

Also, on behalf of everyone in the Central New England Region, I'd like to thank Louisa for all her years of service. She has been a dedicated leader and we hope she will continue to stay active in our region.

Finally, I am looking forward to a great year with the Region. We have a lot on the agenda. Please feel to contact me at any time with questions or suggestions. Happy New Year!

**Betsey**

## USPC JUBILEE CELEBRATION

With more than 40 people from our Region expected to attend the USPC Annual meeting and Jubilee Celebration, we are looking forward to a wonderful time. This year a number of members of the Central New England Region will be honored as "Legends". Deirdre Pirie, Louisa McKown and Betsey Reeves will be honored as National Legends. Betty Staten, Tony Provencher and Laurie Chapman Bosco will be honored as Instructional Legends and Doug and Lorna Garron will be honored as Regional Legends. Also, three National Legends from our Region who have passed away are being honored. They are Nathaniel Clark, Elizabeth Gould, and W. Sidney Felton. We are very privileged to have so many distinguished members in our Region. Congratulations to all!

## QUIZ RALLY

The entry forms are out for Quiz Rally, and this being a Festival year, I am sure there will be lots of our members trying to qualify. It will be held in Weston MA again, at the Middle School on March 28, 2004 which seems to work well for the region.

In case of questions, please feel free to call Jane Morris, the rally organizer @508-416-1788.

Rally Entries should be sent to Jane Morris, 4 Meganoko Road, Natick, Ma. 01760

If there are any questions and you cannot reach Jane, you can email or phone Deb Maietta at 781-239-0319.

## UPPER LEVEL PROGRAM

FOR ALL DCs -- **If you have a ponyclubber who is even considering taking a UL test this year, their application should be sent in NOW** to Deb Maietta, 84 Byron Road, Weston, Ma. 02493. The application should include the National Test Application Form, CLUB CHECK made out to US Ponyclub, and Medical release. Hs/HAs must also include a copy of a current first-aid card. For more detailed information see "Testing Information for National Tests 2004", under [www.ponyclub.org/forms.php](http://www.ponyclub.org/forms.php)

The opening meeting for CNER Upper Level Members was held on Friday, November 28th. Aimee Colbath, one of our most recent graduates, along with other ULs who have been part of the National Testing Program provided input as to the impact of being a UL. Betsey Reeves moderated, and spoke about the UL program, and the privileges and responsibilities of being an Upper Level Ponyclubber. Louise Hara presented a large array of books and other resource materials for Upper Level Candidates, and also helped lead the discussion re: clinicians for next year. Feedback was received from the UL members regarding their preferred clinicians, and scheduled clinics are now listed on the website @ <http://cne.ponyclub.org>

The first Upper Level Clinic is a **NUTRITION CLINIC by Laurie Chapman Bosco**. All current C2s and above are welcome to attend. Information will be provided up to the HA level. Please RSVP to Deb Maietta at [deb\\_maietta@comcast.net](mailto:deb_maietta@comcast.net) before January 15th for this clinic. The clinic will be held at Wendy Johnson's house in Nashua NH, right by Route 3 on **Friday, January 30th, @ 6:30**. The expense for this clinic is shared between participants. Participants should remember to bring cash or a check to cover clinic costs, and to share in pizza or other snacks the participants wish to order.

## FOCUS MEETING

At the request of the new DCs, the Region will be holding a monthly informal focus meeting to

cover a specific topic of interest to the group as a whole. On January 15<sup>th</sup> the meeting was held at Tammy Erickson's home. Esther Short was the moderator and the topic was The D Program. The following is a brief summary of the meeting:

The meeting started with Betsey's welcome to the group of 13 members representing 7 clubs in the CNE region. The meeting was then opened up to introductions and questions from each attendee. The meeting was full of very open conversations about various D programs and topics were generated for further discussion.

We discussed general topics for the D unmounted program which could be generated by the Standards/rating sheets, with the flow charts, check list and rules as additional material for the Ds. The Ds have a simple knowledge base to learn but the vocabulary and understanding comes from making the information fun to learn and fun to do with other members. Thus teaching and having members challenge themselves with additional experiences helps them build confidence in the language of Pony club which they will need in the C program and above. A discussion of mounted programs large and small also had brain storming information generated.

Finally we discussed the structure of meetings and the need to be realistic about the amount of information that can be covered in season/year. Each club present expressed confidence in asking questions and building stronger ideas from each other and a new confidence for emailing further questions and ideas from club to club to further support of each D program by using the [cner@cne.ponyclub.org](mailto:cner@cne.ponyclub.org) web site as a tool. All in all the meeting was full of interesting discussion and left everyone feeling a new connection with support for their efforts in the D program as a region and within the club.

The next informal focus group will tackle The C Program and will be held immediately following the DC Meeting on February 7<sup>th</sup>. All DCs and interested parties are welcome to attend. The March 13<sup>th</sup> topic will be How to Retain Older Members, and the April 3<sup>rd</sup> topic will be Championships.

## THE JUNIOR BOARD

The Junior Board held their third annual Thank You Dinner for DCs, Regional Advisors and aging out ponyclub members on January 15<sup>th</sup> at Tammy Erickson's house. The dinner was full of great food and good friends old and new. A

poem was read by all twelve Jr. Board members in attendance for the evening. (A copy is attached to this newsletter). They cooked, hosted and entertained the Region's best... Many of the Jr. Board members are off to the 50<sup>th</sup> Jubilee Celebration in Philadelphia next week.

The Jr. Board is going to have a full year of fundraising and meetings starting with the poster contest (The Most Amusing Pony Club Moment-The One That Makes You Laugh) and pizza and food booth at Quiz Rally on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed.

The new CNE Regional officers and the new Jr. Board officers will have a meeting in February to discuss their goals for scholarships, fundraising and an overnight leadership gathering at Esther's this spring. Please have all your interested club members join the Jr. Board. We need all those members who want to gain and give a stronger leadership role in the CNE Region.

## **GAMES TEAM FUNDRAISER**

The CNE Games Team has been selected as one of the top four games teams in the country and will be representing us at The Prince Philip Cup at Rolex this April.

The Prince Philip Cup was originally sponsored by HRH Prince Philip to encourage equestrian competitions for youth that wouldn't require fancy or expensive horses. Now in it's 20<sup>th</sup> year, the competition is the most prestigious recognition of the sport of "games" for young players.

CNE is proud to be represented by Megan Barbas, Samantha Lutz, Michelle Realmuto, Calley Rockwell, and Melanie Staten.

This is a very expensive endeavor for the team. They are raising funds by hosting an Equestrian Community Cocktail Party on Saturday February 7<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm at The Ericksons Black Brook Farm in Carlisle MA. (978-369-8828) Suggested donations are \$20 per person payable to CNER. All donations are tax deductible.

Please help make this trip possible by supporting the team while enjoying the camaraderie of the local equestrian community.

## **A Reminder From The Webmaster**

There are now 3 distribution lists for the region to use when sending email. If you want to send mail to everyone on the regional council, send mail to [cner@cne.ponyclub.org](mailto:cner@cne.ponyclub.org).

If you want to send mail to the Jr. Board, send mail to [jr\\_board@cne.ponyclub.org](mailto:jr_board@cne.ponyclub.org).

If you want to send mail to the CNER Upper Level candidates, send mail to [cner\\_ul@cne.ponyclub.org](mailto:cner_ul@cne.ponyclub.org).

If you would like to find out which email addresses are on any of the lists, send mail to [majordomo@cne.ponyclub.org](mailto:majordomo@cne.ponyclub.org). In the body of the message say: who list-name where *list-name* is the name of the list you want. For example, to find out who is on the regional council email list, send mail to [majordomo@cne.ponyclub.org](mailto:majordomo@cne.ponyclub.org) and put the line: who cner in the body of the message.

## **NEXT DC MEETING**

The next DC's meeting will be held in the Groton area at 10:00 on February 7<sup>th</sup> (not the 14<sup>th</sup> due to conflicts with school vacation). Details regarding refreshments and the exact location will follow shortly. After the formal meeting there will be an informal focus group discussion on the C Program for those who are interested in staying and making a day of it. And remember the Games Team cocktail party fundraiser that evening. Wow!

***See you there!***

# Good Times in Pony Club

By Katherine Short

Who knew that learning could be fun  
Especially when combined with a little sun!

The camps, ratings, and preps  
Are all very important steps.

When having fun the knowledge goes in  
And does not end up in the dustbin!

The adults in the region have this big weight  
But they hold their heads high and straight

A DC's job is to make learning cheerful  
Keeping all the kids much less tearful.

Kathy and Peggy are at the top of their game  
Their spirits and energy are hard to tame.

They run their clubs with lots of vigger  
Their love for pony club can't get much bigger!

A clubs DC has one big fear  
The thought that the club could disappear.

Esther was running out of time  
She needed a partner in crime.

Stacy thought she held the keys  
She brought with her a group of D's.

The club is now alive and well  
That makes Esther and Stacy feel just swell.

With this new club good times will ensue  
The meetings are about things the kids get into.

When a DC does their job well  
A legacy is left to tell.

While in the club a kid looks to the DC  
Helping the kids be all they can be.

After Pony Club they go out on their own  
They make a name for themselves alone.

Lorna and Doug have several graduates to their name  
Each has their own type of fame.

Their devotion has spanned several generations  
Each has worked hard in several different stations.

They continue to work hard and show their devotion  
They pour forth all their energy and emotion.

Help, Help cries a D  
My horse just ate a tree!

Is it poisonous they will ask?  
Should I act fast?

Louise then steps in and opens her book

"Now let me just take a good look."

"There's no need to worry" she declares  
"It was only a pine tree!" she shares.

Good times are made of many things  
It all depends on what the day brings.

A rally has good rounds and tests  
Then home to a well deserved rest.

But between the test and home  
Comes one last thing that sets the tone.

The ribbons are handed out  
They make the kids scream and shout!

For the ribbons to get to the rally  
Ramona does not dilly dally.  
She looks through the catalogue for the best  
The one that will make you puff out your chest

There's a new sort of surfing to be done  
One that allows you to learn and have fun.

Someone has to keep up the CNE website  
And make sure that there is no oversight.

Iris has taken this job to heart  
Keeping our site looking real smart.

Dates looked up and things found  
Without having to search all around.

For a prep to go off right  
People must know before that night!

A list must be formed with all the names  
This must be done without any games.

Wendy steps up and makes these lists  
And makes sure that they all get the gist.

She emails and writes and phones  
To tell all the people to get in the zone.

Her lists make it possible for people to gather  
Without a lot of unnecessary blather.

The ideas for these get togethers  
Are what Deb puts together.

She thinks of good things of us to know  
And finds people who will to us show.

Kids come from far and wide  
So that knowledge they can imbibe.

You don't have to have a fancy name  
To be part of this Pony Club game.

All that is needed is a little time  
To help keep all these kids out of crime.

One of these people is Jill Mudge  
Is she good at what she does? You be the judge!

She donates her time and hard work  
And never in the sidelines does she lurk.

A region must have good leaders  
People who are more than just good greeters.

The nominating committee sift through the hopeful  
They choose people who they think will be joyful.

The five on this committee are led by one  
Steve sets up the meetings and makes them run.

Steve did not know what to think  
The first meeting was held in a restaurant with drinks!

His hands were full with this table of women  
The five of them worked together, they were really livin'!!

Multi-tasking is the name of the game  
These people are not looking for fame.

Karen and Belinda both have full plates  
What they do is really first rate.

They run their clubs with a flair  
And that's not all that they can bear!

They are also part of the nominating committee  
There they got down to the nitty gritty

Louisa is now stepping down  
Her service record weighs more than a pound!

She has led us happily for a long while  
We have always admired her graceful style.

Into her place steps a new chum  
And we all know that she is no bum!

Betsy has been with the region for years  
This leads us to have no fears.

She will lead the region with great gusto  
The energy she brings is a musto!

An RS can't go it alone  
If they do then they will groan.

Judy and Tammy will help in running the show  
They will work very hard to soften the blow

Their job is not easy and takes lots of love  
They may end up asking for help from above.

But we all believe that they can prevail  
We know they will find many new things to unveil.

It takes a region full of good people and times  
To produce a graduate who is sublime.

This year there are several who will leave  
They will take with them some things to believe.

Aimee has been in Pony club for 13 years  
Youngsters' minds she has helped to steer.

She has been to all sorts of rallies

Dressage, show jumping, tetrathlon, no time to dally.

Good times are remembered in years to come  
The friends you make in these times become your good chums.

So bring the good times with in the next year  
We all can't wait to see what appears!

## **ODE TO KATHERINE**

Who could guess this girl  
Would grow to be a regional pearl

From starting out in Pegasus  
To National Youth Congress

Katherine's evented Down Under  
The international set heard her thunder

Whatever your next path may be  
Katherine, we salute thee!