



# The Central New England Scoop



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## COMING UP .....

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| Jan 24-28 | 2007 Annual Meeting<br>Portland OR                                      |
| Feb 9     | UL Prep 6:30 pm<br>Nashua NH  |
| Feb 10    | CNE Council Meeting 10:00 am<br>Gleason Public Library Carlisle MA      |
| Feb 11    | CNE Focus Group (approx. 2:00 pm)<br>Gleason Public Library Carlisle MA |

## NOTES FROM THE RS

Here's hoping everyone had a good time over the holidays and is now ready to work on the new year! I think 2006 was a very good year for CNER; we had a full year of regional Instruction programs that could have reached almost every member, we had some fun and educational rallies, and gained many new upper level members!

Turning to the new year, the committee for the 2008 USPC Annual Meeting has met and planned out the way CNER will present the meeting to the USPC and invite all to come. They have come up with a GREAT skit, which we have to present at the banquet on Saturday night of the 2007 annual Meeting. I know there are quite a few leaders and members going to the meeting so it should be a successful performance! There is still much to be planned for the 2008 meeting, and so far many people have stepped forward to help. It will be quite the undertaking!

The Upper Level Program is well on its way, ably led by Catherine Williams and Aliza Edwards. They have great plans for the camps with a new location this year, including an indoor for the May camp!! The D-3/C-1 program has met twice and had two very informative sessions, one on feeding with Laurie Chapman Bosco and one on equine

first aid with Katie Biery and Sarah Titus. Wendy Johnson is the leader of that program again this year.

I have been in on plans for several of the rallies, including Quiz, which is being hosted, by one of our Centers this year! There will be a focus group meeting next month, open to ANYONE, about the specialty ratings. This will be held on the same day, immediately following our next Regional Council Meeting.

Already it looks like a busy year, CNER is such an outstanding region, I am sure it will be another GREAT year!

**Betsey**

## DC THANK YOU DINNER

On December 2, 2006 the Junior Board hosted a Regional "Thank You" dinner for all the DCs and Advisors. The dinner was held at the Erickson's house, and we all thank them very much for their generous hospitality. Dinner was delicious, the company was great and as always, the Junior Board provided super entertainment. This year the traditional regional poem, written by Catherine Short and Caroline Daly, was read by the Junior Board members. A copy accompanies the newsletter. The evening ended with a "run-in" between Betty Staten and a piñata. Betty won! Thank you Junior Board for such an enjoyable evening!

## UL UPDATE

The first of three meetings with Laurie Chapman-Bosco took place last Friday at Wendy Johnson's. Everyone has been assigned a research topic and will present at these meetings. Each presenter will also prepare a handout. It is our intent to post these on the CNE website for future reference. The next meeting will be the second

Friday in February at 6:30. Hope to see you there!

In March and April we will have Clinics with Laurie on conformation, lounging, and mounted teaching. Please watch the website for these dates and sign up dead line.

Our first camp will be in late May at New Gait Manor in NH. This camp is required for all testing for the H / HA this year. The application will be posted on our website. Please get your applications in no latter than March. We will then open the camp to other regions.

### **D3/C1 CLINICS**

Hard to believe we are already half way through the D3/C1 Program. Attendance has been super with at least 40-45 kids and 15-20 adults at each meeting.

We kicked off the season in December with a clinic on Nutrition and Feeding, led by Laurie Chapman Bosco. The session was introduced by Stephanie LeCours (C3) from Nashoba Valley Pony Club who demonstrated the equine digestive tract using the life-size model created by the Nashoba Valley Pony Club. The kids brought samples of their pony's hay and grain, and after a general overview, Laurie had the kids doing hands on assessments of their hay and grain. Thanks again to Laurie and to UNH for allowing us to use their wonderful facility.

Our second clinic was held last weekend in Groton MA, with a full house in attendance. The topic was Equine First Aid and our clinician was Katie Biery (H-A) from Rockingham Pony Club. She was assisted by Sarah Titus (C3) from RPC. First, they gave an overview of equine first aid, including when to call the vet and when to treat the problem yourself. Then, they discussed what to have in a first aid kit and the importance of the health record book. After a brief social hour (i.e. snack time), the kids played a highly competitive and informative game of "First Aid Jeopardy".

The next clinic will be held on Sunday February 11<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 at the First Parish Church in Groton and promises to be very interesting. Betsey Reeves will be lecturing the group on Shoeing. All members are welcome to attend regardless of their rating although the content is geared towards the C1 level. Please contact Wendy Johnson with any questions. [wendy@wendyj.org](mailto:wendy@wendyj.org)

## **WELCOME NEW C3**

Central New England has a new C3! Megan Monroe went to North Carolina just before the new year and took her C-3 successfully. Congratulations to her!!

## **CALENDAR UPDATES**

Please be sure to check the regional calendar often now that it is starting to fill up. Recent updates include the following:

Quiz Rally is going to be held on April 1<sup>st</sup> at the Curtis Middle School in Sudbury MA.

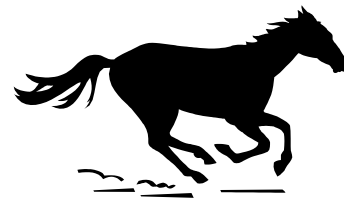
Games Rally will be held over Memorial Day weekend.

The UL unmounted preps will start at 6:30 instead of 7:00 in February and March.

The DC Council Meeting in February will be held at the Gleason Public Library in Carlisle. Directions will be emailed shortly.

## **FOCUS GROUP**

Immediately following the February Council Meeting, there will be a focus group to discuss the new specialty ratings in detail. The latest information will be available, fresh from the USPC Annual Meeting in Portland. Any interested members are welcome, including parents and club coordinators. We're estimating 2:00 as an approximate starting time. Please contact Betsey for additional information.



## **NEXT DC MEETING**

**Our next Regional Council Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 on Saturday February 10<sup>th</sup> at the Gleason Public Library in Carlisle MA. Please contact Wendy to let her know what you would like to bring for breakfast/lunch. Thanks.**

## Tentative Calendar of Events for 2007 \*\*

DATE/TIME	EVENT	HOST	LOCATION
January 24-28	USPC Annual Meeting	USPC	Portland OR
February 9 6:30 pm	UL Unmounted Prep	UL Program	Wendy Johnson's House 44 Browning Ave Nashua NH
February 10 10:00 am	Regional Council Meeting	CNE	Gleason Public Library Carlisle MA
February 10 (around 2:00 following DC meeting)	Focus Group- specialty ratings discussion	CNE	Gleason Public Library Carlisle MA
February 11 1:00-3:00	D3/C1 Clinic Shoeing with Betsey Reeves	CNE D3/C1 Program	First Parish Church Groton MA
March 9 6:30 pm	UL Unmounted Prep	UL Program	Wendy Johnson's House 44 Browning Ave Nashua NH
March 11 1:00-3:00	D3/C1 Clinic- "Spring Cleaning- How to get your horse ready for the Season"	CNE D3/C1 Program	Wayland MA
April 1	Quiz Rally	Jordan Stables and Pegasus	Curtis Middle School Sudbury MA
TBA	Horse Management Clinic	Rockingham	TBA
TBA	Standards Clinic	Nashoba	TBA
May 12-13 Check closing date	Qualifying Eventing Rally	Nashoba	King Oak Farm Spring HT Southampton MA
May 26-27?	Games Rally	Pentucket and Merrimack River	Topsfield Fairgrounds Topsfield MA
June 17	Show Jumping Rally Qualifier	Swift River	Mt. Holyoke Hadley MA
June 30-July 2	Dressage Rally	Squamscott	UNH Durham NH
July 5-8	UL Prep Camp	CNE UL Program	Mt Holyoke
July 13-15	C3 Testing	CNE & SNER	Appleknoll Farm Millis MA
July 24-31	Championships & Festival	USPC	Lexington KY
August 3-5	H-HA Testing	CNE	TBA
September?	Tetrathlon Rally	ONB	TBA
September 30	D Rally	Groton	Groton Fairgrounds Groton MA
October ?	NQ Eventing Rally	Wentworth	Green Acres Farm Madbury, NH
Jan 22-28 2008	Annual Meeting	USPC & CNE	Boston MA

\*\* Current dates are subject to change, check calendar often