



The Central New England Scoop



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The Newsletter of the Central New England Region, USPC, Inc.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

COMING UP

- Jan. 19 **Instructors' Clinic**, 10:00 to 2:00
Piro's Pirouette Farm, Acton MA
- Feb. 2 **C3 program meeting**, 12:00 Noon
Wendy Johnson's house, Nashua NH
- Feb. 16 **DC's Regional Council Meeting**, 9:30 to 3:30
First Parish Church, Groton, MA
- Feb. 16 **Junior Board Meeting**, 11:00 to 2:00
Groton Public Library, Groton MA

JUNIOR BOARD NEWS

APPRECIATION DINNER

On January 5th the Junior Board hosted a wonderful dinner for all the leaders in the Region (that's you) to thank them for all they do throughout the year. There were festive decorations, fun activities, good fellowship, delicious food, and entertainment. If you missed it you really missed a Happening! Many, Many Thanks to Tammy Erickson for hosting the party and to all the Junior Board members who participated and made the evening such fun: Katherine S., Dominique and Pauline M., Julia B., Becca C., Nicole W., Alison B., Ashley T., Kim G. and Stephanie L. (Elizabeth M. and Kate M. were in on the planning stages, but couldn't attend). The Board members read a poem, authored by Katherine S., that included mention of all the adults attending. It's included in the mailed newsletter.

NEXT MEETING

The next Junior Board meeting is February 16, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Groton Library in Groton MA.

It's not too late for your C2 and 14 yr. old members to join. We'd like to have representation from all the clubs in the Region. If you have no members who fit the qualifications above and you do have members rated C1 who are mature and interested, please notify Esther Short and bring them with you to the meeting on February 16th. Currently, we need representatives from the following clubs: Golden Hill, Pennybrook, Rockingham, Pentucket, Worcestershire, Wentworth, Squamscott.

"The Pony Club Journey"

C RALLY -- JUNE 16

Apple Knoll Farm, Millis, MA

You will remember we are running our C qualifying rally this year at the Apple Knoll Farm USEA event. Levels offered are BN, N, T. Only Novice and Training are qualifying levels for USPC Championships.

Please note the date change to June 16 from May 25. The USEA has changed Apple Knoll's date for the event, and that's the reason for our change.

This will be a fun rally. Clubs may make up complete C teams (4 riders, 1 HM), or send in partial entries and the organizers will make up mixed teams. Plans now call for a course walk and written test on June 15, with the Riding and HM judging on June 16. Limited stabling is available for \$25/stall for the night of June 15 for those coming from a distance.

INSTRUCTORS' CLINICS

JAN. 19, FEB 23, APRIL 21

With Betsey Reeves

This year we are repeating the popular series of Instructors' clinics that the Region sponsored last year. These clinics are for all C2s and Upper Level members, and any C1s who are interested and currently teaching (unmounted lessons) in their clubs. For all sessions, kids should be told to bring a sandwich; drinks, snacks, etc. will be provided by the Region.

JAN. 19 - at the Piro's Pirouette Farm, 41 Esterbrook Rd., Acton, MA 10 - 2 p.m. The first meeting will be an orientation meeting, focussing on the components of good teaching, using the Standards to plan lessons and organizing an unmounted lesson plan. The kids will choose topics to prepare for the next meeting.

FEB. 23 - 10 - 2 p.m., place TBA. Teach unmounted topic to groups of Ds. Each teacher will be critiqued. Elements of a mounted lesson plan. Choose topics for preparation at April meeting.

APRIL 21 - 9:30 - 2:00 (approx) at Naoko Hague's, Pepperell, MA. Teach mounted lessons, critiques, wrap up and evaluations.

DIRECTIONS TO PIRO'S: Rt. 495 to Rt.119 in Littleton (exit 31). Take Rt. 119 east and after crossing 110, Rt. 119 joins with Rt. 2A. Continue east, passing Nashoba Ski Area on your left, and through a set of lights at the intersection of Rt. 2A and Rt. 27. Within a mile of this intersection, you will see a Chevrolet dealership on the left, with Esterbrook Rd. just beyond it on the left. Turn here. Piro's is on the right, # 41.

C3 PREP PROGRAM FOR YOUR C2S

Jo Anne Masar, our C3 Coordinator, has written to all DCs about the Region's prep program this year. If you have not received the mailing (by email), please contact Jo Anne immediately. (Terriorizd@prodigy.net).

The first **informational meeting** for all C2s who are interested in the prep program and/or in taking a C3 rating this year, is Feb. 2nd at Wendy Johnson's house in Nashua NH. Following that, there will be a **Bandaging/Longeing clinic** on March 3rd at Naoko Hague's barn in Pepperell MA, and the **C3 prep camp** is being tentatively planned for May 24-26. The Bandaging/Longeing clinic and the C3 prep Camp are required for all those wishing to test this year.

The Upper Level prep camp (May 31-June 2) and the C3 prep camp will be separated this year because they have grown too large for one facility to hold us all. If there is room in the C3 prep clinics, we may be able to take interested/capable C1s.

A **Flatwork clinic** with Betsey Reeves at Shepley Hill in Groton MA is scheduled for June 1st. Also, a **cross country clinic** will also be scheduled over a two day period, possibly at Ledyard. This will give each candidate plenty of individual time with the clinician. A clean-up day at Ledyard will be conducted and those attending will have first choice of time and day. Any questions should be referred to Jo Anne Masar. (207) 748-0877 or terriorizd@prodigy.net.

*Jo Anne has asked that DCs please e-mail her as soon as possible with a head count of how many will be attending the first meeting so she can coordinate accommodations etc.

Directions to Wendy Johnson's House:

From Massachusetts and points south- Route 495 toward Lowell, then Route 3 North to Nashua NH. Take Exit 4 in Nashua, turn left off exit (E. Dunstable Rd.). After approx. ½ mile you will pass Immaculate Conception Church on left, take 2nd left after church onto Browning Ave. Our house is #44 Browning Avenue, a gray contemporary, 6th house on left, park in upper driveway or on street.

From NH and Maine- Take your preferred route toward Manchester/Nashua (Route 101 from West, 93 from North, 101 from East). Turn South on F.E. Everett Turnpike (shown on maps as Rt. 3, it's the main highway which connects Manchester and Nashua). Take Exit 4 in Nashua, turn right off exit (E. Dunstable Rd.). After approx. ½ mile you will pass Immaculate Conception Church on left, take 2nd left after church onto Browning Ave. Our house is #44 Browning, a gray contemporary, 6th house on left, park in upper driveway or on street.

Directions to Maple Meadow Farm:

From Boston-Rt. 93 North, Rt. 95 South, Rt. 3 North about 9 mi., Rt. 113 West towards Pepperell and Dunstable. Through Dunstable center and Pepperell Center (8 mi.). Go straight through rotary which intersects Rt. 111 and stay on Rt. 113 (1.3 mi). turn right on Park St. (white New England style Congregational Church). Immediate left onto Heald Road for about 1.2 miles. Right turn on Maple St. about half way up hill. Second house on right.

From Maine-Rt. 95 South, Rt. 495 South, Rt. 3 North, follow above directions.

From West-Rt. 90 East, Rt. 290 North about 7 mi. Rt. 190 North about 20 mi. Rt. 2 West 2 mi., Rt. 13 North 13 mi., Rt. 199 East 3.8 mi., Rt. 113 West 2.1 mi. then left onto Jewett St. and straight onto Willow St. 0.3 mi. Left onto Heald St. 0.7 mi. Right onto Maple St. 2nd house on right.

USPC LEADERSHIP/MANAGEMENT WEEKEND

New York-Upper Connecticut region is hosting a Leadership Training weekend March 9-10 and they have invited us to attend. These weekends are extremely rewarding. The presenters are excellent and discussion and question periods are fun and challenging! The sessions are geared to augment your skills in such topics as:

- managing/leading your club
- recruiting, nurturing, energizing, rewarding volunteers
- planning club mounted/unmounted programs
- resolving conflict
- rally and ratings readiness

Current plans include: Meetings from noon Sat. through Sat. evening, and Sun. until noon. Meals Sat. night and Sun. a.m. are included in the price of \$100, double occupancy. The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel in Waterbury CT (just off I-84). There is a pool. Sounds like lots of fun.

Please let Louisa know asap if you would be interested in attending

MISCELLANEOUS NOTES...

Please make note that the **Standards Clinic** sponsored by Squamscott is planned for March 30 at Hilltop Farm in Dover NH. More details to follow.

FROM LOUISA...I have just heard of a new resource that may be of use to clubs: UNMOUNTED FUN, by Inland Empire Region. Nearly 100 full-size pages of mixers, teaching ideas, games, learning centers, lesson plans, clinic ideas and resources. This was sold out at the Annual Meeting 2000 and 2001. \$20 includes shipping/handling. Send checks to:

Inland Empire Unmounted Fun
Rose Wilson, Treasurer
123 Spengler Rd.
Richland WA 99352
Email: Rosew123s@aol.com

I have ordered one for the Region. This sounds like a great compilation of ideas. It is not an official USPC publication, and no guarantee of accuracy is warranted. USPC review committees have not approved the materials. However, it has been developed using USP materials, it is kept up to date re current Standards and USPC resources, and it sounds like a valuable tool for unmounted lessons, games and meetings.

Tentative Calendar of Events for 2002

EVENT	DATE/TIME	HOST	LOCATION
Regional Instructors Clinic	January 19 10:00-2:00		Pirouette Farm Acton MA
C3 Introduction Program	February 2 12:00 Noon		Wendy Johnson's House Nashua NH
DC's Regional Council Meeting	February 16 9:30-3:30		First Parish Church Groton MA
Junior Board Meeting	February 16 11:00-2:00		Groton Library Groton MA
Regional Instructors Clinic	February 23 10:00-2:00		TBA
Bandageing and Longeing Clinic	March 3		Maple Meadow Farm Pepperell MA
Quiz Rally	March 16	Jericho Forest	Weston Middle School Weston MA
Standards Clinic	March 30	Squamscott	Hilltop Farm Dover NH
Horse Management Clinic	April 6	Nashoba Valley	Maple Meadow Farm Pepperell MA
Regional Instructors Clinic	April 21 9:30-2:00		Maple Meadow Farm Pepperell MA
C3 Prep Camp*	May 24-26		TBA
Upper Level Prep Camp	May 31- June 2		Kingsbury Hill, Francestown NH
Flatwork Clinic	June 1		Shepley Hill Groton MA
Show Jumping Rally*	June 9	Golden Hill	Mt. Holyoke Hadley MA
"C Rally-qualifier*	June 16	Groton	Appleknoll, Millis MA
Games Rally	June 22 and 23	Pentucket/ Rockingham	Topsfield MA
Tetrathlon Rally	June 27-28	White Mt. Region	TBA
Dressage Rally	June 29-July 1	Squamscott/Wentworth	UNH Durham NH
C3 Testing	July 20 and 21	Nashoba Valley	Shepley Hill ,Groton MA
Upper Level Prep	July 22-24	Swift River/ Worcestershire	Mt. Holyoke Hadley MA
H-H/A Testing	July 26-28	Swift River	UMass Amherst MA
USPC Championships	August 1-4		Lexington VA
A Testing	August 9-10	New York-Upper CT Reg.	Mystic CT
B Testing	August 9-10	Southeastern NE Region	Apple Knoll Farm Millis MA
B Testing	August 16-18	New York -Upper CT Reg	TBA
C3 Testing	August 17-18	Overlook	UNH, Durham NH
D Rally	September 15	Groton /Overlook	Groton Fairgrounds
Adult Rally*	September	Rockingham	Pipestave Hill Newbury MA
Eventing Rally	October 6	Old North Bridge	Appleknoll, Millis MA

*Still tentative on schedule.