



The Central New England Scoop



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COMING UP

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| Jan 28 | CNE Council Meeting
10- 2 First Parish Church Groton MA |
| Jan 29 | Teach to Teach Unmounted Clinic Part 1
Black Brook Farm, Carlisle MA |
| Feb 4 | Focus Group- Long Term Planning
Location TBD |
| Feb 10 | UL Unmounted Clinic
6:30 Johnson House Nashua NH |
| Feb 11 | Teach to Teach Unmounted Clinic Part 2
Black Brook Farm, Carlisle MA |
| Feb 12 | D3/C1 Clinic- Equine First Aid
2-4 First Parish Church Groton MA |

NOTES FROM THE RS...

Happy New Year to all of you. Since our last newsletter (and was it only one month ago?) a lot has happened! The obvious- Christmas, holidays; but also many of our programs for instruction have started for 2006. The D3/C1 program has had it's January meeting- well attended and informative, the C3 and Upper Level programs have each had one session to get those candidates on the road to preparing for any tests, and several of us have been to Kansas City for the USPC Annual Meeting. USPC is at an exciting place right now with lots happening! I will bring everyone up to date with these changes at the Regional Council Meeting this Saturday. There is lots of exciting activity upcoming in the region and lots to be planning for, so I hope all DCs and involved people will come this weekend!

Betsey



USPC ANNUAL MEETING

This past week the USPC held their Annual Meeting in Kansas City MO. The Central New England Region attendees included Betsey Reeves, Lelo Reeves Curtis, Laurie Chapman Bosco, Chris Keim, and Wendy Johnson. We were also well represented at the National Youth Congress by Katie Biery and Becca Cole.

There were a number of activities; a silent auction, trade show, science fair and excellent workshops and informative sessions over the 5 day meeting. Topics such as the C3 changes and specialty ratings were covered in depth. At the formal banquet on Saturday night, the key note speaker, Karen O'Connor, gave a humorous history of her equestrian beginnings in New England, where she was a member of the Groton Pony Club (she remembers they had about 200 members then). She reminisced about her early experiences competing at the Shepley Hill Horse Trials and her relationship with Betsey, her sisters and Betsey's mom, Sis Gould. She credited pony club as the foundation of her illustrious career.

The evening ended with an invitation to the next Annual Meeting in Portland Oregon in 2007.

UPPER LEVEL REPORT

The 2006 UL Program began Friday evening with the first of a series of three lectures with Laurie Chapman Bosco. Time was spent discussing everyone's goals for the year and Laurie assigned topics to all there. Everyone

will be responsible for researching a topic, preparing a handout and presenting to the group at one of the next meetings. If you were not there, you can talk to Laurie next time or email ahead for a topic. The next lecture will be held on February 10, 2006 at 6:30 at Wendy Johnson's house, 44 Browning Ave, Nashua, NH. Wendy has very graciously offered to prepare a dinner for the group. Please bring drinks, dessert or a salad. If you can email Wendy to let her know what you're bringing ahead of time, we won't end up with all of the same thing. wendy@wendyj.org

RATINGS:

We are trying to get a feel for who is planning on rating this year. Please email Catherine Williams at cmwilliams374@comcast.net to let her know if you are planning to rate and what level (B, H, HA, A). This information is important for us to have for planning the right clinicians for the camps and to help us support all in reaching their goals. Please email – if you are not planning to rate this year as well. AND also include what camps you plan to attend-Kingsbury Hill and/or Mount Holyoke.

If you are planning to test this year – Please get your application in to Betsey by the end of February. The form can be found on the USPC web site under “forms”. The tests can fill up quickly – especially for out of region tests. As of right now CNER is not hosting a B.

CAMPS:

We will be sending out paperwork for the camps soon. The Memorial Day / Kingsbury Hill camp will be the mandatory Camp for the H / HA test. We will have programs for both HA/ H and B programs. This year Kingsbury Hill is offering us a reduced rate in exchange for volunteer help at their USEA events or schooling shows. All attending the camp should plan on helping out at one of these events. With increased costs of airfare, etc this really helps us to keep the costs affordable.

The July camp will be July 8 – 12.

UPCOMING UL CLINICS

Conformation Clinic at UNH with Laurie CB
Saturday March 4, 2006 1:00 – 3:00PM

Lunging Clinic at UNH with Laurie Noon to 3:00
Saturday March 25

Bandaging Clinic with Betsey Reeves TBD

C3 PROGRAM REPORT

Thanks to all of the 12 or so intrepid souls who braved the weather on Sunday morning to attend the clinic given by Allie Hayes. We had some very dedicated kids (and parents!) drive as much as 2 1/2 hours to attend. Allie's presentation of both normal and abnormal equine limb anatomy was awesome as usual. Those attending were able to take advantage of Allie's wonderful prepared specimens to better understand the normal structures of the leg and how anatomical changes and abnormalities affect function. For those unable to attend, her educational materials are available online at www.horsescience.com.

We have 2 sessions of teach to teach coming up with Betsey Reeves on Jan. 29 and Feb. 11th. These sessions are designed to help the C3 candidate prepare and execute a lesson plan that can be used to not only satisfy the C3 testing requirement but also to help kids teach more effectively within their own club programs. This series is open to C1's on up. The location is Tammy Erickson's house in Carlisle MA. Directions to Black Brook Farm should be on the CNE website.

All C2' s are invited to attend the upper level preps being held at Wendy Johnson's in Nashua-- the 2 sessions remaining are scheduled for Feb. 10th and March 10th. The format for these sessions is a bit different this year and the upper level candidates will actually be presenting topics of their choice to their peers for review by Laurie Chapman Bosco. The level of presentation is at the B and up level and does assume some basic biology that some of our younger C2's may not have had. Those high school age and up are welcome to attend.

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D3/C1 PROGRAM UPDATE

Well, the weather was typical New England but nevertheless, an intrepid group of 40 members (plus a bunch of brave parents) made their way to Groton MA for the second in the D3/C1 series of lectures sponsored by Central New England Region. Our clinician was Betsey Reeves, who trotted into the meeting on her properly bitted, stick pony. She brought a ton of bits and discussed the history as well as the details of the various examples. We learned about the different types of bits, how they affect the horse, and when to use them. Then the kids divided up

into groups and moved among 3 stations of bits, testing their bit identification skills, with the help of some older pony club members. Special thanks to Stephanie LeCours, Samantha Lutz, Lisa and Catrina Hellmer and Katherine Short for their assistance. Also thanks to Ramona Tolles for supplying additional bits for the demo.

The next clinic will be held on Sunday, February 12th at the First Parish Church in Groton from 2-4 pm. The topic will be "Equine First Aid-When to treat the problem yourself, and when to call the vet" The clinician will be Katie Biery, HA. She promises to be fun and educational.

Also, thanks to everyone who brought a snack or drink. Please email me at wendy@wendyj.org if you or any of your parents are willing to bring snacks again next month.

HMO REMINDER !!!

REMINDER FOR DC'S: Please remember to bring at least one raffle prize to donate to the region for the 2005 Perfect Tack & Turnout Raffle. The raffle will be held at the January CNE board meeting to reward those PC'ers that received zero penalties on at their formal inspection at each CNE Rally.

Suggested items: Leather halters, saddle covers, lead ropes, buckets filled with grooming items, saddle pads, books, tack items(bridle, stirrup leathers, etc.), gift certificates to tack shops. Also, personalization of "2005 CNE Perfect Tack & Turnout" is encouraged for any item! :)

Please be generous! No item is too big or small. We want to reward our hard working PC'ers for meeting the standard at each rally! Please email if you have any questions.

~Lara Hubner

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CNE HOSTS FIRST POLOCROSSE CLINIC

We took a chance on the winter weather and held CNE's first polocrosse event EVER on January 7! Dori Wiseman, an H-A from Marlborough Pony Club in Maryland and certified American Polocrosse Association clinician, gave a great clinic introducing the sport to CNE. Since no one had ever played before, we started at the beginning! Each session

started with an unmounted introduction, including basic rules and racquet handling, then the ponies were introduced to the racquets and mounted practice began.

Alaska Akbar, Libby McCauley, Corey Mordas (JFPC) and Katie Larson (PPC) rode in the first group and showed everyone that new players can be very tenacious! The second group of Annie Maietta, Jordan Litter (JFPC), Teagan Judd, Sarah Titus (RPC), Becky Renner (WPC) and Michelle Realmuto (GPC) did an amazing job with all the drills and got a chance to play 3 on 3. Adults joined the PCers for the third group of Kayla Burroughs (PPC), Lucy Cheney (SRPC), Mel Litter, Sarah McCauley, Esther Lutz (JFPC Moms) and Organizer Becky Smith. Some ponies were a little unsure at first, but all the riders (especially Lucy!) handled it very well and the ponies were old pros by the end. Everyone had a fantastic time and Dori was very impressed at how quickly everyone picked up the game! Special thanks to Susan Bailek for the use of her beautiful farm and to Esther Lutz for her polo ponies!

Polocrosse is a great team sport and a lot of fun to boot! I would love to see polocrosse developed in the region, so anyone interested is encouraged to contact me at rlsmi1@hotmail.com.

***** PLEASE HELP US!!! *****

We are seeking contact with any and all Jericho grads for the "PIZZA PARTY" (aka retirement party) for Doug and Lorna Garron. Any contact information, from phone numbers to (better yet), addresses -- snail mail or email, are needed to make contact.

Please have information sent on to Deb Maietta @84 Byron Road, Weston, Ma. 02493 or deb_maietta@comcast.net or 781-239-0319

NEXT DC MEETING

Our next Regional Council Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 on Saturday January 28th at the First Parish Church in Groton, located at the intersection of Rts 40 and 119 in downtown Groton MA. Don't forget to rsvp to wendy@wendyj.org regarding food donation.

Calendar of Events for 2005-2006

DATE/TIME	EVENT	HOST	LOCATION
January 28 10:00 a.m.	CNE Council Meeting	CNE	First Parish Church Groton MA
January 29	Teach to Teach Clinic I-C1 and up Betsey Reeves -Clinician	C3 Program	Black Brook Farm (Erickson's) Carlisle MA
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February 10 6:30 pm	UL Unmounted lecture Laurie Chapman Bosco- Clinician	UL Program	Wendy Johnson's House Nashua NH
February 11 afternoon	Teach to Teach Clinic 2-C1 and up Betsey Reeves -Clinician	C3 Program	Black Brook Farm (Erickson's) Carlisle MA
February 12 2:00 to 4:00	D3/C1 Clinic- Equine First Aid Katie Biery (HA)- Clinician	D3/C1 Program	First Parish Church Groton MA
March 4	Focus Group-Horse Management	CNE	TBD
March 4 1-3 pm	Conformation Clinic- HA level Laurie Chapman Bosco- Clinician	UL Program	UNH Durham NH
March 10	UL Unmounted lecture Laurie Chapman Bosco- Clinician	UL Program	Wendy Johnson's House Nashua NH
March 12 1:00 to 3:00	D3/C1 Clinic Longeing, Bandaging & Tack Lelo Reeves Curtis- Clinician	D3/C1 Program	Bantry Bay Farm Pepperell MA
March 25 12-3 pm	Lunging Clinic Laurie Chapman Bosco- Clinician	UL Program	UNH Durham NH
April 1	Focus Group-DC Support	CNE	TBD
April 2	Quiz Rally	Jericho Forest/ Worcester- shire/Overlook	TBD
April 2 or 9	C3 Bandaging Clinic Chris Keim-clinician	C3 Program	TBD
May 7 tentative	NQ Dressage Rally	Worcestershire	Barre MA
May 13-14 Check USEA closing da	Qualifying Eventing Rally	Nashoba Valley	King Oak Farm Spring HT Southampton MA
May 26-29	UL Prep Camp	UL Program	Kingsbury Hill Camp New Boston NH
June 9-11	C3 Prep Camp	C3 Program	Kingsbury Hill Camp New Boston NH
June 10-11	Overnight Games Rally	Merrimack River	Topsfield Fairgrounds Topsfield MA
June 1	C3 Rating applications due to Betsey	C3 Program	N/A

June 17-18	Show Jumping Rally Qualifier	Swift River	Mt. Holyoke Hadley MA
June 25-27	Dressage Rally	Squamscott	UNH Durham NH
July 8-12	UL Prep Camp/C3 Prep Camp	UL& C3 Programs	Mt. Holyoke Hadley MA
July 25-29	2006 USPC Championships	USPC	Lexington VA
August 11-13	C3 Rating (pending National confirmation)	C3 Program	TBA
September 9-10	Qualifying Tetrathlon Rally	ONB	Black Brook Farm Carlisle MA
October 1	D Rally	Groton	Groton Fairgrounds Groton MA
TBD	NQ Eventing Rally	Wentworth	Green Acres Farm Madbury, NH

Current dates are subject to change, check calendar often