



# The Central New England Scoop



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## COMING UP .....

- 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

## REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING -- FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup> --

**GIGUERRE'S GYM, WORCESTER AREA. ALL CLUBS MUST BE REPRESENTED. IF THE DC CANNOT ATTEND, PLEASE ASK A JT. DC OR AN INTERESTED PARENT TO ATTEND AND VOTE FOR YOUR CLUB. CHECK THE CNE WEBSITE FOR DIRECTIONS TO GIGUERRE'S GYM. PLEASE BRING A COPY OF YOUR CLUB'S POLICIES TO THE MEETING.**

**\*\*Also, we are asking that everyone bring an item for lunch. Menu to include chili, American chop suey, soup, salad, bread, desserts, drinks etc. Please call Audrey to tell her what you'd like to bring so she can coordinate for us. We'd like to feed the Jr. Board as well. Thanks.**



## ROLEX \*\*\*\*KENTUCKY 3-DAY EVENT

Even though you wouldn't believe it by looking outside, it's not too early to be thinking spring....end of April....Again this year the Rolex Kentucky 3-Day Event Organizers have kindly donated two tickets to each region for Pony Club members to attend the competition. It may be possible for CNE to ask for additional tickets. These tickets are available to whoever wants them in the Region. Please contact Louisa if you would like them. If there are more people who want tickets than the number of tickets, we'll draw names out of a hat at the Feb. 15 DC meeting.

USPC has organized a Cross Country course walk for all Pony Club members, with USET team member and graduate Pony Club member, Robert Costello. This will be held early afternoon on Friday. A Stadium course walk will be held on Sunday morning with International course designer and graduate Pony Club member, Richard Jeffrey.

## CNE PONY CLUB MEMBER IS HONORED

**Katherine S.** was selected to be a member of the Inter-Pacific Exchange team that is going to Australia this Spring. Katherine was chosen from a group of wonderfully qualified C3 and up members from all across the country. This is an incredible honor and Katherine will be an excellent ambassador for USPC and for the United States. Congratulations to Katherine from us all! Have Fun!

## THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Junior Board Appreciation Dinner was held on January 12 and it was a wonderful party and a lot of fun. There was an arts and crafts project (we became budding artists painting our tee-shirts), a fun game, a delicious dinner, very good company (many DCs, Jt. DCs, all the Junior Board kids) and a most creative poem that mentioned each one of us in attendance. A HUGE THANK YOU TO ALL THE JUNIOR BOARD MEMBERS WHO ORGANIZED THIS FESTIVE AND FUN PARTY. WE ADULTS HAD A WONDERFUL TIME!

## **POLICIES –**

**Does your club have club policies?** According to the Bylaws of Clubs, you must have policies. Policies are a set of rules by which your club is run. You write policies so that everyone -- members, parents, officers -- understand what the expectations are. You must at the very least have a policy defining a Member in Good Standing. Did you know that the RS must approve your club policies before they can become effective? **Please bring a copy of your club's policies to the Feb. 15 DC meeting.** We will be talking about policies at this meeting.

## **INSURANCE**

Please note that you have recently received in the mail a yellow folder called "Basic Information on the 2003 Insurance Plan". The folder contains information on everything you need to know about insurance for your members, adult volunteers and the sites you use for your meetings. Our Insurance carrier is new this year and some of the requirements are new. Please take a moment (or five) to read through it.



▶▶ **Check the CNE calendar...there have been some additions and changes.**

## **INSTRUCTORS' CLINICS FOR C1S AND UP**

**Next meeting February 9, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
(please note change in time).**

**The Erickson's Black Brook Farm,  
Carlisle MA**

Our first set of Instructors' clinics is underway with our first meeting on January 18. This was an introductory meeting given by Betsey Reeves about teaching an unmounted topic. We had 10 attendees, all C1s and C2s. This was an outstanding turnout, considering the temperature hovered around zero with windchills worse than that.

The second meeting will be Feb. 9; each participant will teach a topic of his/her choice to a group of D2 members. DCs, if you have members who want to attend this clinic but have not attended the introductory clinic, please contact Betsey or Louise Hara to see whether there is room for them to attend this clinic. Check the CNE website for directions.

**The SECOND set of Instructor's clinics (teaching mounted lessons) will be held in April. Dates available soon.**

## **C3 RATING KICK OFF**

CNER's C2 members got off to a tremendous start on preparing for their C3 Rating on Jan. 19 at Bear Spot Farm. The kick-off meeting included a mini-Standards clinic with Nancy Fritz-Grout. Riders demonstrated on their horses and Nancy commented on the differences between the four riders -- C1 (Monika B.), C2 (Stephanie L.), C3 (Nicole W.) and a B level rider (Samantha P.). Thanks to all the riders who came in the bitter cold and rode beautifully. Thanks to Nancy for such an excellent clinic, and thanks to Tammy Erickson, our C3 coordinator, for organizing this very educational and fun afternoon.

## **USPC ANNUAL MEETING AND CONVENTION**

The USPC Annual Meeting and Convention begins on Thursday, Jan 30<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento, California. It will be filled with workshops and seminars and training sessions. Tammy and Louisa, Lara Hubner and Betsey Reeves will immerse themselves in the various offerings, and they'll bring back a summary for all of you at the Feb. 15 meeting. They'll be accompanied by Pauline M. and Jaime F., our Region's representatives to the National Youth Congress, and by Katherine S. who is going out just for fun.

## **FROM THE CNE WEBMASTER...**

The address of the CNER web site is changing. Our new address is <http://cne.ponyclub.org/>. Have you lost the latest newsletter or deleted that piece of mail with the directions? Then visit the CNER web site. You will find an up to the minute calendar of events. Click on the location and view the directions. It's all at your fingertips.

## **STANDARDS & HOOF & LIMB CLINICS**

Flyers with details for the Standards Clinic and the Hoof and Limb Clinic will be included with the mailed hard copy of this newsletter.

## **QUALIFYING EVENTING RALLY REQUEST**

One option for a CNER qualifying Eventing Rally this year would be UNH on May 3-4. This date may possibly be too early for the Rally. We are asking DCs to communicate with their Cs to see 1) if there is any interest among the Cs for a C Rally; 2) is the UNH date too early; 3) would people prefer the Apple Knoll date of June 14-15. If DCs could gather this information and come armed with firm data prepared to discuss it at the Feb. meeting, then we could make an informed decision instead of just a wishful guess.

*SEE YOU FEBRUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>!*

## Calendar of Events for 2003

DATE/TIME	EVENT	HOST	LOCATION
February 9 10:00 to 1:00 p.m.	Regional Instructor's Clinic /Conformation and Soundness Lecture	CNE	Tammy Erickson's House Carlisle MA
February 15 9:30 to 2:30	Regional Board Meeting-all DCs attend	Worcestershire	Giguere's Gymnastics Cherry Valley MA
February 15 10:00 to 2:30	Junior Board Meeting	Worcestershire	Giguere's Gymnastics Cherry Valley MA
February 15 2:30 to 4:30	Limb and Hoof Clinic	Worcestershire	Giguere's Gymnastics Cherry Valley MA
March 23	Quiz Rally	Jericho Forest and Nashoba Valley	Weston Middle School Weston MA
April 5	Standards Clinic	Worcestershire	Cedar Brook Equestrian Center, Sutton MA
April TBA	Instructors Mounted Clinic- C3 and up	CNE	Groton Fairgrounds, Groton, MA
April 12	Horse Management Clinic	Pentucket	Greata's Indian Ridge Farm Ipswich, MA
May 16-18	C3 Prep Camp	CNE	Kingsbury Hill Francestown, NH
May 23-25	Upper Level Prep Camp	CNE	Kingsbury Hill Francestown, NH
May 30- 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	South Eastern New England Region	Apple Knoll Farm Millis MA
June 28,29,30	Dressage Rally	Squamscott	UNH Durham NH
June 27-28	Tetrathlon Rally Qualifier	White Mtn. Region	TBA
July 15-18	Upper Level Prep	CNE	TBA
July 19-20	C3 Testing	CNE	Ericksons Black Brook Farm Carlisle MA
July 30-August 3	USPC Championships	USPC	Lexington VA
August 8-10	B Testing	NY-Upper CT Region	
August 16-17	C3 Testing	CNE	UNH Durham NH
August 15-17	HA Testing	CNE	UMASS Amherst MA
August 22-24	B Testing	Northeast Region	Maine
October 5	D Rally	Groton	Groton Fairgrounds Groton MA

Still to be determined: non-qualifying Show Jumping Rally; non-qualifying Eventing Rally; CNE Tetrathlon; April Instructors' Clinics for C3 and up to teach mounted lessons at Groton Fairgrounds.

Tentative: C Qualifying Eventing rally-May 3-4, UNH, Durham NH