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COMING UP

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| Feb. 7 | DC Meeting 10:30 am
Carlisle Library Carlisle MA |
| Feb. 7 | Informal DC focus discussion
Immediately following DC meeting |
| Feb. 7 | Games Team Cocktail Fundraiser 7:00
Black Brook Farm Carlisle MA |

NEXT DC MEETING

The next DC's meeting has been rescheduled for February 7th. It was changed from the 14th due to conflicts with NH and MA school vacation schedules. The meeting will be held at the Gleason Library in Carlisle MA. The library is available until 4:30. The DC meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. immediately followed by the informal focus group discussion. This month the topic is The C Program.

For lunch we would like each club to bring either soup, salad, bread, dessert or beverages. If you haven't done so already, please email Wendy Johnson as soon as possible to let her know what you'd like to bring. wendyj@groton-pony-club.org

Directions to the Gleason Library:

The library is located in the Center of Carlisle just east of the rotary on Rt 225 (Bedford Rd.) The entrance is approximately 15 feet from the rotary. The parking situation is tight around the library and it is asked that we park in the public school parking lot. This parking area is one block to the south on Church Street. To get there, go toward the central white church on the town green, (the Unitarian Church) and turn onto School street directly west of the rotary from Rt. 225 west (before the fork out of town.) Follow School street past the front of

the church and turn immediately to the left onto Church Street. It is the only one way street in town. Take the first right turn into the parking lot for the school. Directly across the entrance to the parking lot, looking north, there is a gravel pathway leading to the library. The path cuts through the block. The meeting room is on the third floor.

FOCUS MEETING

The next monthly informal focus group will meet immediately following the DC meeting on February 7th at the Gleason library. The topic will be "The C Program". DCs, Co-DCs, club instructional coordinators and invited guests are welcome to attend and share their experiences, problems, concerns etc. For those who are not attending the DC meeting but plan to come to the focus group, the meeting is expected to begin around 2-2:30 depending on the length of the DC meeting. The feedback from our first meeting on the D Program has been very positive so we anticipate a lively and informative discussion at this meeting.

GAMES TEAM FUNDRAISER

Don't forget, February 7th is also the night of the Games team cocktail party fundraiser at Black Brook Farm in Carlisle. For those who would like to stay in the area after the focus meeting, Lisa Brem has graciously offered her house as a place to go to rest, relax or change clothes before the cocktail party. Please come out and support the Games team and their trip to the Prince Philip Cup in Lexington. If you can't make it to the party, a donation would be greatly appreciated.

NEW RULEBOOKS

This year there are 5 new rulebooks for various rallies. They include: Dressage, Show Jumping, Eventing, Tetrathlon and Quiz. Copies of these

may be downloaded from the ponyclub website. Judy Pelis will also be making and selling copies at cost at the next DC regional meeting on February 7th for those that email her with their club name and requested number of copies at northerncreek@yahoo.com prior to February 3rd.

USPC JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Approximately 200 legends were named by the United States Ponyclubs as part of the 50th Anniversary Jubilee Celebration. The Legends were feted at a black tie affair in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, January 17th. The formal reds of many MFHs (Hunt Masters), was a colorful and formal tribute to the occasion. One National Examiner, who is an active Colonel in the US army, was particularly resplendent in her formal dress uniform. Snippets of information and pictures of the 200 were flashed up on huge screens in the ballroom where an audience of over 1000 watched the proceedings. The legends who were present were individually announced, and paraded into the ballroom.

It was awesome guys -- and how lucky we are to have such a strong group of Legends who are a part of our region. Betsey Reeves and Louisa McKown were recognized as National Legends, Tony Provencher, Betty Staten and Laurie Chapman Bosco were honored as Instructional Legends and Doug and Lorna Garron were nominated and selected as Regional Legends based on their long term commitment to the organization (over 30 years as DCs of Jericho Forest), and to the incredibly strong network of graduates which they have produced.

Many of the Junior Board members and PCers from our Region attended the festivities and were spotted not only in the many workshops held over the weekend, but also helping out in the Ponyclub Paddock with the younger club members. Of course for many of them the highlight was getting all dolled up in their evening gowns for the formal banquet and dance on Saturday night.

I thought that it was a lot of fun seeing everyone dressed up. Everyone looked so nice! Also seeing Betsy and the other CNE legends walk in was pretty special. - Katherine Short

Participating in the leg dissection demonstration was the most interesting part of the weekend for me.- Stephanie LeCours

*I made many new friends and learned a lot about bandaging, first-aid, quadrilles, anything you can think of. It was really fun and I'm glad I went.
- Steph Giguere*



QUIZ RALLY

Quiz Rally will be held on March 28th at the Weston Middle School, Wellesley Street, Weston, Ma. Because this is a Festival Year, we anticipate high attendance. Closing date for entries is FEBRUARY 15th. Late fee entries, (space allowing) will be accepted until February 29th. Jericho will be looking for tape recorders (video or audio). For questions/concerns, please call Jane Morris @508-416-1788 email jane@veritagegroup.com

CHAMPIONSHIPS 2004

Welcome to Festival year! 2004 will find us again in Lexington, Kentucky for Championships followed by Festival, four days of both mounted and unmounted educational clinics. The dates for Championships are July 19th through the 23rd, with Festival extending through the 27th. This year we have the opportunity to compete with teams from all over the country and encourage kids not only to qualify, but also to participate in the Festival clinic offerings and come to cheer us on! Please watch the pony club web site at www.ponyclub.org for details of Festival clinic offerings as they become available.

We hope that the region will send teams in all disciplines, including the newest discipline this year, Quadrille. Quadrille is open to any C1 or above, 12 years of age or older as of Jan.1, 2004, and will be the only discipline to be allowed to compete at Championships without qualifying at a regional qualifying rally. Competitors may ride at any level above introductory and must also prepare a musical freestyle. If we have enough interest, the region would like to help support the development of a Quadrille team. Development of these rides

takes a great deal of time and commitment between team members—be sure to start early! Any interested riders should contact their DC and Jackie Jacobs at JacquelineJacobs@peoplepc.com.

Quiz, our first qualifying rally on March 28 is fast approaching. Please be sure to indicate on your entry forms those members planning to try to qualify in Quiz and note that there is a mandatory meeting immediately after the rally for those who do qualify and plan to attend Championships. To qualify for Quiz Championships, children must be 10 years old by Jan. 1, 2004 and at least a D2 at the time of the regional qualifying rally.

The region has arranged for hotel accommodations close to the Kentucky Horse Park and will also be offering a commercial trucking option for those who do not wish to trailer themselves. If you know now that you will be planning to attend, please reserve your hotel room with the reservation code listed on the CNER web page. We'll keep you posted with details regarding other disciplines as we go along!

Jackie Jacobs and Iris Realmuto,
Co-Championships Coordinators

UPPER LEVEL PROGRAM

We've added a Mounted Teach to Teach Clinic for April 24th at Naoko Hague's. We are excited to have Sara Contois leading this meeting in a format that I think the C's will all find fun and educational. All **C1s and above** are invited to participate. Not everyone must bring a horse, but we need at least 4 horses per hour during the clinic in order to run this event effectively.

Also on the calendar are unmounted lectures by Laurie Chapman Bosco on January 30th (that one's a sleepover), March 12th, and April 3rd, lungeing clinics with Laurie are scheduled for May 16 & 22, and we are in the process of negotiating possible clinics to be taught by some of our local Veterinarians, to include; a leg dissection, parasite lecture (and slides), and a lecture on diseases -- all of which will be taught to the HA level, but open to C2s and above. There are also Upper Level and C2 clinics scheduled for May 28-30, June 4-6 and June 11-13th, as well as the week of July 5th. Teaching these clinics will be the following clinicians; Laurie Chapman Bosco, National Examiner, VP of Instruction, NH, Kristen Dzamba, National Examiner, NJ, Kate Emery, National Examiner, CA, Cherie Gaebel, National

Examiner, PA, Annette Gavin, National Examiner PA, Bunny Hendricks, National Examiner, Fla, Deb McKenzie-Willson, National Examiner, TN, Sara Morgan, National Examiner, VA.

Whether pony club members are testing or not they should take advantage of this incredible talent pool that we are inviting to the area. Please encourage your C2s and up to attend. Other pony club members are more than welcome to audit. We will be asking for RSVPs for all clinics by March 1st this year. All upper level clinics are funded by the participants. In order to keep our prices reasonable for everyone and yet be able to book the appropriate clinicians, early commitments are needed. This year our facility costs have in some cases doubled and tripled, and we anticipate an increase in the price of flying clinicians in from outside of the area. So please help us keep those costs down by allowing us to plan ahead. As always, the volunteer efforts from clubs and individuals is also critical to keeping us in the black.

LAST CALL NATIONAL TESTING APPLICATIONS -- The NY/UC B test, in particular, is filling fast, and we anticipate all of the local tests to fill. All ULs and DCs have been asked to get UL applications in. So far I have received only 5 of the approximately 14-15 UL applications I have been told to expect. It would be heartbreaking if some of our ULs don't get into a local test due to procrastination. At this early date, these applications should not be viewed as a commitment to test, but rather as reserving a slot. Only after prepping with National Examiners can we know if any of these candidates will be viable. So -- Let's not press our luck -- get your applications in now.

DCs should send application with club check to Deb Maietta, who will then forward them on to Betsey and Nationals.

As a region, we have committed to running both an HA and an A test, while other local regions are hosting Bs and even C3s that our youngsters will be able to attend. If you or your club are interested in taking on a piece of the HA and A tests -- whether hosting examiners, driving to airports, helping with food, or holding horses, your help is much needed and appreciated.

THE JUNIOR BOARD

The Junior Board will not be meeting on February 7th during the DC meeting due to

space constraints. They will be announcing the time and location of their next planning meeting shortly and will send out an email with specifics.

NOTES FROM THE HMO

Happy winter everyone!

Tired of those bucket-shaped ice cubes littering your stableyard? It's got to get better right?! Viva la spring!

Hello!!! This is Lara Hubner, you Horse Management Organizer for CNE, here. I wanted to just give everyone in the region a look into what will be happening this year in terms of Horse Management activities, education and focus. Education, after all, is at the heart of USPC! I am here to help be a link between the USPC National office and the Region. If you have any questions, just ask!

I recently attended the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia to take part in the HMO seminar given there. It was a great opportunity to see what different HMO's and CHMJ's in the other regions were doing. There was such a wealth of information that I came back with a lot of great ideas of how to help serve this region's needs in terms of HM! I'd like to thank Peggy Dowcett for sitting through this seminar too. (In what might have been the smallest conference room in Philadelphia) She is one of many willing volunteers from our region that have expressed interest in supporting our regional HM programs! ☺

A few topics that I should mention in preparation for the coming year:

HM Attitude – A great focus of the regional meeting and even the incoming USPC president's speech (Margo Leithead), was that the attitude towards HM nationwide is very negative. And plainly, this has to change. HM is considered punitive and at times it seems, the bane of PC. Now, HM is what makes USPC different from many other equestrian organizations and we should embrace this! HM is also not only competition. The focus of HM should be on education. And with this thought, the education comes by having both trained and educated HMJ's as well as having educated, prepped and prepared PC'ers. The attitude has to change from BOTH sides. Parents, PC'ers, coaches and DC's must embrace the notion of being prepared for competition, as this is what helps us figure out if we've done our job on the side of education. While on the flip side, we must seek out and encourage positive attitudes and educational attitudes amongst HMJ's and CHMJ's. We must recruit and train those who are interested in helping with HM at rallies, as

well as those who are involved at teaching at the club level. The HM Committee is committed to trying to bring consistency to the staffing at all rallies. In turn, it is asked that all involved in our clubs and regions help in this effort. We need to embrace HM and learn from it, not knock it. It is ultimately at rallies to: 1. Keep PC'ers and their ponies safe. 2. Teach PC'ers, in a working setting, why HM expectations are the way they are. 3. To assess if each competitor and team is up to the standard of their ratings in areas of HM. In that order. It is this purpose that we need to convey to staff and PC'ers alike.

HM at the Club Level – This brings me to another, repeated focus of the HM Committee. We must start the educational process by focusing on basic, daily, safe HM practice at home. From parasites to polishing a bit. Formal attire to founder. Included are safe HM practices whether at a PC function or not. Competent horse management should not be something that is turned "on" or "off" depending on if you're at a rally or in your backyard. If it is a constant practice, the rallies and testings will not be a "shock" to PC'ers. Think of this as the foundation of a PC'ers knowledge and a habit which should become natural, not forced!

Club HM Coordinators – This year we've decided to introduce a volunteer position of "Club HM Coordinator" to help streamline the dissemination of information from National Office to Region(HMO) to Clubs. In an effort to have consistency in what people are told, we're going to try to utilize these people to relay rule changes, policy changes etc. to their PC'ers. Also, they are YOUR contact within the club to give feedback, ask questions, or to relay ideas up to the regional council. Better communication is what we're looking for! These people can also be helping to oversee their clubs HM program. It's a job description that's "in development". I have a list of names for each club, and I'll be contacting you soon!

Incentives - A couple of ideas in the works for incentives have to do with some raffles. One might be that each time you get a perfect tack and turnout, you are entered into a raffle for horsey items donated from the region, in addition to getting a certificate. Another is that at each rally, each HM's name is placed into a drawing and some sort of "prize" is given. This is to thank them for their hard work and encourage people to HM if they have not already! These are just ideas, so if anyone has something to add. Let me know!

UL Involvement – Older or upper level PC'ers are crucial to this organization! We need your

help! It is also part of your responsibility in preparation for National ratings: "Successful candidates are.....active and contributing members of USPC, who participate in a variety of PC activities. They are also thoughtful leaders who set an example for all levels". We have such a wonderful Junior Board in this region! They're a force to be reckoned with with their organizational skills. For HM, there is an open invitation to any C-3 and UL PC'ers to get involved in HMJ training. Contact your DC or myself if you're interested.

HMJ Training – As talked about in the HM attitude section, the HM Committee is committed to HMJ training and education. It is my intention to rekindle the HMJ apprenticing and training program that we have had in the past. With the help of some of those willing parents, we'll try to get more training this year than just at the Regional HM Clinic. This will help to promote consistency throughout staffing, and help get back that good HM attitude!

HM Clinic - This year's HM Clinic is April 10th at Indian Ridge Farm in Ipswich, MA hosted by Pentucket PC. We are going to have a Mock Horseless Rally. Mark your calendars!!! Details will follow!

Championships HM Clinic – For those of you interested in qualifying for Championships on this popular Festival year, plan on attending the Regional HM Prep for Championships to be held on the weekend of July 10-11th. It will probably be a 1-day affair, but the exact date/time/place has yet to be determined. It is a mandatory prep for all Championships competitors.

If you have ANY questions at all, feel free to contact me at larahubner@yahoo.com or at 603.591.0284.

P.S. I have to say that at the annual meeting it was great to see a bunch of CNE people dressed to the 9's at the banquet! But, I wonder about some of these PC'ers.....I saw more mom's and dad's out there on the dance floor than PC'ers!! We definitely have an enthusiastic region that was heard loudly, cheering our many "Legends" on!

BREYER HORSE COMPETITION

One of the featured events at the Annual Meeting and Jubilee Celebration Horse competition, was an essay competition in which pony club members from around the country entered essays explaining why their horse should be the Pony Club Breyer Horse. Ten finalists were named and among them was "Whoop It Up" owned by Kristen Schwaegerle of the Squamscott

Pony Club. Congratulations to Kristen on her winning essay which follows:

"How This Horse Helped Me Fulfill the Ideals of United States Pony Clubs"

Breyer & USPC Essay Contest
Written By **Kristen Schwaegerle**
With her horse, **Whoop It Up "Junior"**

Active 'B' Level Member of Squamscott Pony Club

Central New England Region (CNER)

Joined January 1999

I fell in love at the age of ten; *he* was a 4-year-old Paint named *Whoop It Up* with mesmerizing blue eyes and a big personality. Who (but me) would ever have dreamed that we could come so far? It was with *Junior* that I joined Pony Club, and it has been in partnership with him and through Pony Club that I have grown in so many ways.

Junior has been a great teacher. Owning, riding, training and caring for a horse requires commitment, but with him, even that was not enough. He has been an endless source of first-hand veterinary knowledge and model for injury treatment. The diligence and patience required caring for an injured horse while putting aside personal goals teaches a lot more than any book. Thanks to him, I received an 'Exceed Standard' on bandaging in all of my ratings, and know more than I should about everything from splints to skin infections!

When I first joined Pony Club, I was painfully shy and very quiet – a hermit crab with my shell on tight. As I worked my way through the ratings, I was challenged to be a member of a team, to articulate my knowledge and demonstrate my ability, interacting not only with peers but clinicians and instructors. I had to face and conquer my fear of speaking in public, and begin to reach out to others through example and teaching.

The girls with whom I worked and studied reached out to me and made me feel included, enabling me to do the same. It has been amazing, to truly feel part of a group. Through each of its steps, the process of going from a D1 to a B has helped me to find my voice as a person, have confidence in what I know and what I can do. This confidence has brought me out of my shell, and now I am beginning to help the younger members of my club to begin their journey, paying special attention to the shy little girl standing apart at the back of the group, looking awkward and uncomfortable.

WEBMASTER UPDATE

Many clinics for our C-2 and Upper level members have been added to the calendar. Please check the Calendar of Events regularly for new clinics and updated information.

If your club has clinics or shows that are open to others in the region or to the general public, please let me (iris@freedom.mv.com) know and I will add them to our clinic/shows calendar on the CNER website.

T.H.E. FARM FUNDRAISER

March 19th 6:30 pm, at the Tewksbury Country Club: Dinner and Auction to benefit T.H.E. Farm in Tewksbury. Those of us who have been to the farm for events know what a wonderful location we have right next door for horse related activities. This auction will raise money for both the non-profit Therapeutic Riding Program and also to enhance the riding facility. We are working to create a facility good enough to hold rallies and large events. The cost is \$65 per person for dinner. It should be a really fun time and a great way to get together with your horse-loving friends. If anyone would like to be seated at an ONB Pony Club table, please let Jackie Jacobs know at

jacquelinejacobs@peoplepc.com

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale: Onyx is a 14 year old, 16 hand, dark bay, Oldenburg mare. She has gone through the B rating and has evented through Training level. She also knows second level movements. She was a school horse at Cazanovia College where she was used in the IHSA championships in equitation and over fences. She is a good teacher and is sound, good for vet and farrier, trailers and ties to trailer all day at rallies, clips and bathes. I'm asking \$8,000 for her, but the price is negotiable to a good home. For more info please call Kelly at cell: 978-828-8814 or home: 978-256-9021 or email at:

oneil_kelly@hotmail.com.

Wanted: I am looking for a pony for my 9 year old daughter. She is a member of the groton pony club. She had been riding an older POA pony 13.2, we recently lost due to old age. I am looking for a pony around the same size that is gentle, bombproof, and preferably has done pony club in their career. This pony would be kept at our barn and have the very best of care! Purchase or lease would be considered. References available. Please call Lisa Doyle Hollis NH 603-465-7576 email LISADOYLE@CHARTER.NET

For sale: Morgan Cross: 13.2 hand mare, 13 years old, pony clubbed at the D level for 8 years with past two owners. Mocha is safe, sound and sane. She excels at dressage and trails. Jumps up to 2.6 and loves cross country. Bombproof on the road, loads and trailers flawlessly. Perfect at shows and rallies. Has foxhunted, done every rally, local shows, many trail miles. Requires a tactful, confident rider. Strong D2 and up. \$5,000. Contact: Leonora Giguere (508)892-1068

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See you on the 7th!

