



The Central New England Scoop



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COMING UP

- Feb 7** **Regional Council Meeting 10:30**
Gleason Public Library Carlisle MA
- Feb 14** **D3/C1 Clinic-"Conformation" 1-3 pm**
UNH Durham NH
- Feb 28** **HB Unmounted Prep-"Tack" 6-8 pm**
Dover Saddlery Tack Shop Plaistow NH
- March 7** **D3/C1 Clinic "Legs" with Allie Hayes, 1-3**
Location TBA
- March 15** **Standards Clinic**
Shepley Hill Farm Inc. at Puritan Hill,
Groton MA
- March 21** **C3 Bandaging Clinic 1-3 pm**
Shepley Hill Farm, Groton MA

NOTES FROM THE RS

I hope everyone had a great holiday season. It certainly was cold enough and there was enough snow for anyone who loves living in New England!! I also hope everyone's horses fared well; sometimes the abrupt changes in temperatures cause colic and other intestinal problems!

Several of us attended the USPC Annual Meeting. (see Wendy's report). I must say it was very nice and relaxing. For the past several Meetings, I was worrying about CNER's turn to host it, and was looking at how other regions were making the annual meeting work. So this was a pleasant change, to just enjoy the meetings and networking with others. There were several changes that I learned about and I will be talking about them at the upcoming Council meeting.

It's time to be thinking and planning for the coming riding season. You will notice the programs are all organized, and it looks like there are some great opportunities for our members. Leaders, please be sure to pass on the information about the upcoming programs. There has been a change in the date for Show Jump rally, so please be sure to check the calendar.

Hopefully there will be a representative from each club and center at the Council meeting, so everyone will be updated and have input. See you all there!

Betsey

ANNUAL MEETING

This year the USPC Annual Meeting was held in Greenville SC. The weather was a bit warmer down there than here in New England we understand, and it was enjoyable to attend as guests rather than hosts! It was also very flattering to see how many folks came up to us through out the week to complement our region on last year's Annual Meeting in Boston. Betsey Reeves, Laurie Chapman Bosco, Wendy Johnson, Stephanie LeCours and Claire Williams were there to represent CNE. We attended a number of workshops and meetings, and learned about the strategic planning goals for USPC. There are changes coming to USPC. Betsey will be reviewing some of the highlights at the upcoming Regional Council Meeting.

On Saturday morning during the USPC Meeting of the Corporation, our own Kate Erickson (B, Old North Bridge PC) was awarded the Cavalry Award. This trophy is given to the highest placing current pony club members competing in 2 or 3 day USEF events. It is given in honor of the cavalry officers who served the USPC in its formative years. Congratulations to Kate.

Also, during the Business Meeting, a 25 year anniversary plaque was presented to Wentworth Pony Club. Betsey accepted the plaque on behalf of the club.

Next year the Annual Meeting will be in Houston Texas and hopefully a few more CNE members will attend.

NYC REPORT

I was very fortunate to be this year's National Youth Congress delegate for Central New England Region. National Youth Congress, or NYC for short, met in conjunction with the USPC Annual meeting in Greenville South Carolina last week. This year's NYC consisted of 39 girls, including myself, all ages 18 to 21, from different Pony Clubs across the country, including one girl from Hawaii. In addition to the delegates there were five Pony Club alumni, ranging from a vet, to an Attorney, to a Psychiatrist who works with companies to maximize the capabilities of the companies work force, to a former B graduate who produced documentaries for National Geographic and now works for the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C., to an Advanced level rider who was an alternate for the 1988 U.S. Olympic Eventing team. Throughout the weekend, the five Alumni shared the stories of their incredible accomplishments within and outside of the horse world. NYC is definitely a once in a lifetime experience and I am very thankful that I was chosen to represent CNE at this years NYC. I urge anyone who eligible to take advantage of this opportunity, there really is nothing else like it. The people you will meet and the friendships that you will make in the three short days of NYC are truly amazing.

Claire Williams

UL UPDATE

Last weekend we had Upper Level Member Claire Williams attend the National Youth Congress in Greenville, SC. She had an amazing time, met many interesting people, and made many new pony club friendships. NYC is a great opportunity for C3 members, 18 years or older to attend. Every region sends one member each year to attend this leadership meeting and opportunity to meet with other elite pony clubbers from across the country.

It's now time to start thinking about ratings!!! I have spoken to many of you about your goals for 2009. If I have not, please email me at ablood318@hotmail.com and let me know how I can best help you. If you are on the fence about testing, I would advise you to send in your application. You can always pull out a month prior to the testing. After March 20th no application will be accepted. Please mail to Allison Blood 16 Mason St. Pepperell, MA. Make sure you have enclosed your DC signature, club check, and Copy of First Aid Card (front and back, for H,H/As only), and Medical Release. I have already received some applications and would urge everyone to get them in ASAP so you get your first test site! **We are lucky to have a Traditional B and A test August 8th & 9th at UNH. Please go to ponyclub.org, opportunities & events drop down tab to see testing schedule to find the best test for you.**

March 15th is the Standards Clinic in Groton, MA. I would urge all UL members to attend this clinic. Nancy Grout, an A National Examiner will be explaining the thought process of an examiner, what they are looking for, and the differences between the C3, B, and A. Video footage of riders will be shown to help clarify some of the key aspects that separate these elite riders. More information will be available on the CNE website closer to the clinic.

July 9-12th will be CNER's official UL Prep. This is a mandatory clinic for anyone who plans on testing this year, so please mark it on your schedule now! If a conflict arises you must contact Catherine Williams and me so we can discuss your plan of action to meet your goals. We are very pleased to have one of my favorite National Examiners and US Olympians join us as a clinician, Gina Miles!!! I'm sure many of you know her or have watched her ride on TV. Now this is your opportunity to ride with her. We have been trying to get Gina for years and this year works with her schedule at last! She is a graduate Pony Clubber and an A examiner. This clinic is not only for those who are testing, but also any UL members who want to better their riding and horsemanship skills. Other clinicians will be announced shortly. Application for this clinic will be emailed and posted on the CNE website the beginning of May.

We hope to have a few one day clinics in May and June. Last year Nancy Grout taught grids, SJ, and lunging and it was a big success. I would like

feedback from members if they would like to do this again. If you have other clinicians that you would like to ride with please let me know via email or our NEW CNER UL facebook group! If you have not joined please do. I am hoping this will give members another way to communicate to each other and also with me. There are links to testing Applications, testing information, and dates of clinics. The UL email list has been sent out several times to get updated. If you are not receiving emails, please email me at ablood318@hotmail.com so I can add you. I am asking everyone to provide one email that you use the most.

Please feel free to contact Catherine Williams or myself if you have any questions. We both look forward to working with you this year!

Allison Blood & Catherine Williams
UL Coordinators

C3 UPDATE

The C3 Program is just about to commence for 2009. We will be holding a bandaging clinic at Shepley Hill Farm, on Saturday March 21st from 1-3. The farm is located at 122 Old Ayer Road Groton MA 01450. Please bring all your bandaging materials.

We will be announcing additional clinics shortly. There will be opportunities to ride with Sue Winslade and Richard Lamb. We will be holding a lunging clinic and additional mounted preps.

The C3 test is being held in Central New England on August 22. Applications for the test should be mailed to Wendy Johnson 44 Browning Ave Nashua NH 03062 by March 20th. To check out alternate testing dates (you need to list second and third choice test sites on your application) be sure to check www.ponyclub.org and review the test dates listed on the website. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 978-808-6501 or email me at shepleyhill@comcast.net

Lelo Reeves Curtis
C3 Coordinator

HB UPDATE

The HB Program held a Kick-Off Meeting in November. Unfortunately, a number of members were unable to attend. The HB candidates were encouraged to audit the January D3/C1 clinic and several members were able to take advantage of that opportunity to brush up on their equine diseases.

All potential HB candidates are encouraged to attend the Conformation Clinic and the leg/lameness clinics in February and March. There will also be an HB prep at Dover Saddlery Tack Shop in Plaistow NH on Saturday, February 28th from 6-8 pm. Dover has graciously agreed to open up their store to us, and we will have every piece of tack that might be at the rating on site that night. There will be a thorough discussion of bits, tack and equipment that is sure to be valuable and interesting. H/HA candidates are welcome to attend as well.

The HB test will be held in Central New England at UNH on July 11th. Applications for those planning to test in July need to be completed and sent to me by March 20th. DCs will be required to attest to both teaching and land conservation activity by the candidates, so please try to use your members this winter for unmounted lessons within your club.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I can be reached at 603-888-9014 at night, 603-882-8200 during the day, or wendy@wendyj.org.

Wendy Johnson
HB Coordinator

D3/C1 CLINIC UPDATE

We began our 2008/09 D3/C1 program with a clinic scheduled in December. Unfortunately the weather did not cooperate and we had to reschedule the clinic for February. Our first clinic was held in January in Groton MA. There were 35 kids and over a dozen parents representing 7 clubs and Centers at the meeting. Dr. Kris Koss was our clinician. The topic was equine diseases-causes, treatment and prevention. We learned a lot about immunizations. There were many questions from both the kids and the adults and it was a great clinic. Thank you to Dr. Koss for donating his time to our program!

February 14th will be our next clinic on Conformation. The clinic will be held on Saturday from 1-3 at UNH with Laurie Chapman Bosco. This clinic is always very popular, offering an opportunity for hands on conformation assessment of real horses.

We will wrap up the season with clinician Allie Hayes. She brings a tremendous number of freeze dried legs and hoofs. Her slides of laminitis and other conditions are fascinating and this clinic is highly recommended for all levels of interest. Please don't miss this great opportunity. The location will be announced shortly.

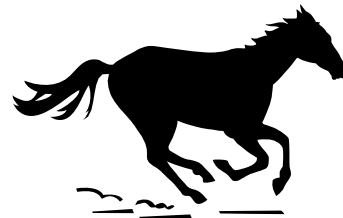
Wendy Johnson
Kim Mello
D3/C1 Coordinators

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale: "Spirit Stone" 13.1 1995 registered POA mare, perfect for pony club, eventing, dressage. Suitable for junior or small adult. Rider is currently 5'4" 125 lbs. Long list of 2008 accomplishments. Super fun pony. Sadly outgrown. Contact Jan Williams 413-531-7996 or jan@coyoterunfarm.com

NEXT DC MEETING

Our next Regional Council Meeting is scheduled for 10:30 on Saturday February 7th at the Gleason Public Library 22 Bedford Road Carlisle, MA 01741 (978) 369-4898 Please contact Wendy if you would like to bring anything to nibble on. We do not plan to serve lunch. Thanks.



Calendar of Events for 2009

DATE/TIME	EVENT	HOST	LOCATION
Feb 7 10:30 am	Regional Council Meeting	CNER	Gleason Public Library Carlisle MA
February 14 1-3 pm	D3/C1 Clinic Conformation Laurie Chapman Bosco	D3/C1 Program	UNH Durham NH
February 28 6-8 pm	HB Prep-Tack	HB/C3 Program	Dover Saddlery 16 Atkinson Depot Rd, Rt. 121 Plaistow, NH 03865 603-382-4000
March 7	D3/C1 Clinic –“legs” Allie Hayes all levels are welcome	D3/C1 Program	TBA
March 15	Standards Clinic	Nashoba Valley	Shepley Hill Farm 122 Old Ayer Rd Groton MA
March 20	Regional deadline for UL testing applications- HB/C3 go to Wendy Johnson B, A H/HA go to Allison Blood	UL Program	n/a
March 22	C3 Bandaging Clinic	HB/C3 Program	Shepley Hill Farm 122 Old Ayer Rd Groton MA
March 28	Quiz Rally	Jordan Stables	Curtis Middle School Sudbury MA
April ?	Mock Rally	Jordan Stables	Jordan Stables Riding Center 339 Boston Post Road Marlborough MA
May 10-11	Qualifying Eventing Rally Paperwork deadline March 25	Nashoba Valley PC	King Oak Farm Spring HT Southampton MA
May 24-26	UL Prep Camp	UL Program	Kingsbury Hill Francestown NH
May 2 10:00 am	Regional Council Meeting	CNER	Nashoba Tubing Park Westford MA
May 24	Show Jumping Rally Qualifier	Rockingham	Brookvale Pine Farm (The Tack Shack) Fremont NH
May 30-31	Games Rally	Overlook and Merrimack River	Topsfield Fairgrounds Topsfield MA
June 13-14	Qualifying Eventing Rally	ONB	Valinor Horse Trials Plymouth MA
June 27-29	Dressage Rally Qualifier	Squamscott PC	UNH Durham NH
July 9-12	UL Prep camp	UL Program	UNH Durham NH
July 11	HB test	CNE/USPC	UNH Durham NH
July 23-26	Championships	USPC	Lexington VA
Aug 8-9	A & B test-traditional	CNE	UNH Durham NH
Aug 22	C3 test-traditional	CNE	Shepley Hill Farm 122 Old Ayer Rd Groton MA
Aug 23	A, B, & C3 Dressage Specialty Test	CNE	Shepley Hill Farm 122 Old Ayer Rd Groton MA
September?	Tetrathlon Rally	ONB	TBA
September 20	NQ Eventing Rally	Wentworth	Green Acres Farm Madbury, NH
October 4	D Rally	Groton	Groton Fairgrounds Groton MA
November ?	Regional Council Annual Meeting	CNE	TBA

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