



# The Central New England Scoop



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## COMING UP .....

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| Feb 8    | <b>UL Unmounted Prep 6:30</b><br>Johnson's House Nashua NH                   |
| Feb 9    | <b>Regional Council Meeting 10:00</b><br>First Church Parish House Groton MA |
| Feb 10   | <b>D3/C1 Clinic-Alternative Therapies</b><br>Jordan Stables Marlborough MA   |
| March 14 | <b>UL Unmounted Prep 6:30</b><br>Johnson's House Nashua NH                   |

## NOTES FROM THE RS

What an extraordinary job Karen, Wendy, and Lelo did in orchestrating the USPC Annual Meeting last weekend!!! So many people stepped in to make it work, we got RAVE reviews from the attendees!!! I have received several letters from people who had a great time; I have comments such as: 'everyone was so friendly', "it was the best meeting ever", and even, "you managed a little snow for the Southern kids!" Many thanks to EVERYONE who helped, and I saw many familiar faces there. It could never have been so successful if everyone hadn't 'stepped up to the plate' to make it run so well!!! I have to admit; it was the best, least confusing, best-orchestrated annual meeting I have ever been to!! THANK YOU ALL!!

The Auction made close to \$15,000 for the Championship fund. The final figures aren't in as yet, a few expenses still to be accounted for, but what a GREAT job Lisa Brem did heading up that!!

I am looking forward to Saturday's meeting to hear any reports from the meeting. How about from Pony Paddock, Logo wear, Trade Fair, and any others!

We also need to continue with the Regional Calendar, so if you have rallies, testings, clinics, to add to the calendar, please bring ideas!

Saturday's meeting will be held in the Parish House of the first Parish Church of Groton, they didn't have room for us in the bottom of the church, but I think this will be much cozier!! When approaching the church, the Parish House will be further up the road to the right of the church; there is a small parking lot there, but probably parking before actually getting to the Parish House might work best.

See you all on Saturday.

**Betsey**

## ANNUAL MEETING WRAP UP

Most of us arrived on Wednesday January 23. Wendy Johnson, Lelo Reeves Curtis and Sharon Judd got there on Tuesday to start the ball rolling. By Wednesday afternoon we had a full crew stuffing totes, wrapping mugs, organizing the office and numerous other duties.

I want to thank Wendy and Lelo not only for their hard work, but for making this a team effort. Having that support on so many levels made an incredible difference. Also, we had an amazing amount of volunteers before and during this meeting.

I would like to extend thanks to Leonora Giguere for starting us off with the logo. I am always in awe of such creative people. From there we were off to Portland OR to present our skit. Jordan Stables made the wonderful banner you saw in Boston, and Katherine Short wrote our poem. Wendy and Paul Johnson made the slide show that captivated all at the 2007 banquet.

When we arrived home we knew we needed to get to work. Fortunately, we had some key

people step up to take on the arduous job ahead. I would like to thank the following people:

Carol Seale, for organizing the Anatomy Room. It was educational and a little gory to some.

Jeff Brem, our charismatic Auctioneer. The National Office even told us they have never seen a Live Auction work that well.

Paul Johnson and Curtis Renner, who attended to every AV need before and during the meeting. Most of you will never know any glitches came up because of them.

Nancy Fantom, who worked many months ahead of time to make Pony Paddock and Teen Lounge such fun. Once we were on site, it took many bodies to man this room. I thank Wentworth Pony Club and Merrimack River for the hours they spent working that room during the meeting.

Penny Jaques, who put together the Research Fair. That may not sound too hard, but there were no real existing guidelines for this area. Penny and Elizabeth Kohler did a great job.

Lara Hubner, our Trade Fair Coordinator. I hope you all spent some money and enjoyed looking around. It had a great variety of vendors, thanks to Lara. The National Office Bookstore was part of the trade fair. Helen Robinson and Overlook Pony Club helped the National office staff man the bookstore.

Louise Hara, who had one of the BIG jobs with coordinating the Workshops. Her tremendous effort in this job made for a great assortment of educational opportunities. Nashoba Valley Pony Club rallied to man the workshops and keep everyone happy.

Sharon Judd, who took care of our Registration Desk and Office. She opened the office every morning and stayed to close up every night. The registration desk and office were open from Wednesday afternoon until Sunday afternoon. Rockingham Pony Club kept this running smoothly along with selling our logo wear.

Mel Litter and Jordan Stables, who organized and manned the hospitality booth. They supplied the friendly faces and information to everything available in Boston. The goodies and pizza giveaways were a real treat.

The proceedings book was the handy work of Wendy Johnson. She did a great job and got a great price on printing.

Lisa Brem was the regional star for doing the Silent and Live Auction. This is the place where it was a benefit to us. Old North Bridge brought all of the items in and set up and tended the auction. I want to thank all the clubs and individuals that donated items. There were a huge variety of items.

Lelo Reeves Curtis planned the Saturday night banquet. The tables looked beautiful with the lantern centerpieces that Betsey Reeves picked out. The keynote speaker was inspiring and we were thrilled to pass the whip onto Carolina for next year. We had so much fun with the great food and DJ. I have never seen a dance floor that crowded and no one wanted the DJ to leave!

Hopefully I have not forgotten anyone. I truly want to thank everyone in CNE who helped to make this meeting such a great success.

***Karen Marcotte***

**Note: We also want to thank Karen for doing a fantastic job as Head Coordinator. She ran interference between the Region and the National Office, coordinated the volunteers, kept everything moving forward and did all the jobs no one else wanted to do.**

***Wendy & Lelo***

## **ANNUAL MEETING PICTURES**

Paul Johnson was kind enough to take a number of pictures at the USPC Annual Meeting last week. If you are interested, check them out by either clicking on the slideshow link on the Pony Club National website [www.ponyclub.org](http://www.ponyclub.org), or go directly to Paul's website at <http://photopaul.phanfare.com/album/560473>.

## **Annual Meeting Trade Fair Notes**

This year at our trade fair we had the benefit of over 20 different vendors/colleges that exhibited. We had national sponsors such as Intervet, to local favorites like Designs by Ellie, as well as our main staple the USPC Bookstore. We were also treated to video entertainment of last year's USPC National Championships supplied by GRC photo throughout the weekend. All of the vendors were pleased at the turnout and were impressed by our volunteers and Pony Clubbers.

Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped oversee and staff the trade fair portion of the Annual Meeting. It may have been a fairly low-maintenance portion of the volunteer work, but at

least we got to window shop! We had a GREAT response from many clubs in our region and the success of the trade fair and the meeting as a whole would not have been possible without them! Also, I give much gratitude to Nancy Bowling who did the National Office-based organization and planning of our trade fair.

This annual meeting endeavor cemented, in my mind at least, my thoughts of how amazing of a leadership, parent, volunteer and Pony Clubber contingent we have in CNE. It was nothing short of stunning to see how all of our chairpersons, volunteers, and Pony Clubbers got the job done! (Oh, and not to mention the fact that our Pony Clubbers clean up rather nicely, and can sing all the words to cheesy eighties rock staples at the top of their lungs! I love it!)

A big thank you again to everyone who helped with the trade fair and the Annual Meeting as a whole!

**Lara Hubner**  
**Trade Fair Coordinator**  
**Impressed CNE Supporter**

## UL UPDATE

The UL program is off to a great start this year. Our first unmounted lecture was from Carl Majewski, Cooperative Extension Specialist in Forages. Carl spoke about plant identification, soils, cool weather vs. warm weather grasses and pasture management. We will continue to have unmounted lectures through April. Lectures will be held at Wendy Johnson's house at 6:30 PM, the second Friday of every month. Please encourage your HB, H/A candidates, and anyone else interested to attend these meetings. On March 1<sup>st</sup> we will meet in Groton, MA at Scarlett Hill Farm with Meredith Beeuwkes. She will be explaining her thought process of building her new barn, the layout of rings, paddocks, manure, as well as other miscellaneous things to consider when building a barn.

On April 26<sup>th</sup>, we are having a riding clinic for Bs with Nancy Grout at Tammy Erickson's Farm. More details to follow.

Our first UL Prep will be at Kingsbury Hill on Memorial Day Weekend. We will also have a July Prep from the 9th - 13th at UNH. These two preps should be exciting. We are currently in the process of hiring clinicians; so far Richard Lamb, Sarah Morgan and Sue Winslade will be joining us in July. We recommend that everyone signs up early because we will be opening both clinics

up to out of region candidates. Applications will be posted on the website soon. It is mandatory that candidates planning on testing this year attend at least one of these preps. Members who are not planning on testing could benefit from the heightened knowledge of the NE's, all of whom rarely visit this region.

**If you are planning on testing this year you must have your applications in to Catherine Williams by March 25.** DCs please remind your members who are planning on testing this year. A special note about the H/A tests is that the National office has not yet assigned the dates and locations for the tests. Watch the USPC website for this posting. We have put in to host a HA test in July at UNH. Any one preparing for this test - remember that you must complete a 1st aid course and include a copy of your card with your application. Courses are available through The Red Cross. CNE has also requested to host a B and an A rating for both traditional and dressage in August at UNH.

Lastly, we recognize how expensive the preps can be, so in an effort to reduce the costs we will be having a Yankee Candle Fundraiser. Anyone who may be interested please let me know and I can provide you with a packet. The fundraiser ends March 25<sup>th</sup>; it takes at least four weeks to process, so everyone should have their items before Mother's Day! It's not too late to start selling, 40% of all sales will support the UL Preps so please help us make this a success!

Once again, I think we are off to a great start. Please encourage your members to check their emails and the UL website for more updates. If you have UL members who are not currently receiving UL emails please have them email their address to [ablod318@hotmail.com](mailto:ablod318@hotmail.com) so we can update the distribution list.

Thanks,  
**Allison & Catherine**

## C3 UPDATE

The C3 Program is just about to commence for 2008. We will be holding a Kick-Off Meeting shortly. The time and location will be announced via email to DCs. Please pass this information on to your members so we can be sure to reach everyone. Mounted Clinics, educational sessions and prep camps are all in the planning stages. Just a reminder that C2s are welcome and encouraged to attend the unmounted UL preps at Wendy Johnson's house the second Friday of the month. The next meeting is this Friday at 6:30 in Nashua NH.

## D3/C1 CLINIC UPDATE

Hard to believe, but we are ready to hold our final D3/C1 clinic this coming weekend. Our first clinic was held in December at UNH, with clinician Laurie Chapman Bosco. There were approximately 20 kids in attendance. First, Laurie showed slides comparing examples of various conformation types. Afterwards, we relocated in the indoor arena where the group divided into three sections. Each section was given a Morgan to critique. After studying their horse carefully, each group selected a spokesperson to share their observations with the group. Although they were all the same breed, each horse was quite different and we all learned a lot. Did I mention, the parents were assigned one of the horses as well? Thanks to Ben Vaughn and Steff LeCours for assisting in the indoor.

Our second clinic was held in January in Groton MA. There were 34 kids and over a dozen parents at the meeting. Dr. Kris Koss was our clinician. He brought along an equine skull so we could learn all about teeth and dentistry. He also brought leg and hoof examples and discussed lameness and blemishes. There were lots of questions from both the kids and the adults and it was a great clinic.

February 10<sup>th</sup> will be our final clinic for the season. The clinic will be held on Sunday rather than Saturday as previously announced. We will cover alternative therapies such as chiropractic, equine massage and acupuncture. This should be a very interesting demonstration. Our host will be Jordan Stables in Marlborough MA. Snacks and drinks will be provided by the Riding Center. Please bring chairs and dress warmly.

**Wendy Johnson**  
**D3/C2 Coordinator**

## CALENDAR UPDATES

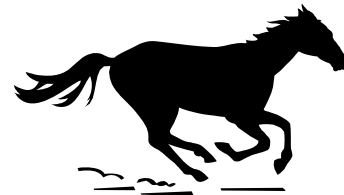
Please be sure to check the regional calendar often now that it is starting to fill up. Recent updates include the following:

- The Regional Council Meeting is going to be held at the Parish House on Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00. This is the little white house next to the church. The church is located at the intersection of Rt. 40 and Rt. 114 in Groton.
- The D3/C1 Clinic date has changed. Due to a conflict with the Council Meeting, the Clinic is now going to be held on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 at Jordan Stables in Marlborough MA.

- Quiz Rally is going to be held on Sunday April 6<sup>th</sup> at the Curtis Middle School in Sudbury MA.
- The March UL unmounted prep will be held on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> not the 7<sup>th</sup>.

## NEW CHIEF HM JUDGE

Congratulations to Lara Hubner. She just received confirmation that she has been approved as a full Chief Horse Management Judge. Way to go Lara!



## NOTES FROM THE HMO

February in Pony Club? I think most of us are probably holding unmounted meetings on such fascinating topics like worms and bugs, exotic equine diseases, shots, fibrous foodstuffs and the like. That or taking some time off from the freezing pleasure of riding without an indoor arena or perhaps moving those fuzzy beasts to an indoor to probably still freeze a bit.

I know that last week I was in Boston for the USPC Annual Meeting, inside the impressive Westin Waterfront Hotel, and was somewhat shielded from the New England cold. At this annual meeting I helped with the Trade Fair as well as attended the HMO meeting on Friday. Here we had a gathering of the HMO's from all over the country to discuss what we do for HM education and administration as well as how we do it. I was pleased to listen to new perspectives and I gained tips and new ideas from the experienced. I also gauged that we, CNE, are not alone in the issues that we face as HMO's, DC's, RIC's and general leadership! We're not alone and we have great support from the new HM Committee to help us achieve our goals and implement educational strategies.

Items to be thinking of right now for Horse Management:

- Clean out and reorganize those rally kits. Check for amounts and expiration dates. There is an "Amplification of the Required Equipment List" posted in the HM section (link at top) of [www.ponyclub.org](http://www.ponyclub.org)

- Check stitching on ALL tack. Bring them to be repaired so they will be ready to use come spring! When in doubt, have it repaired.
- Try on show clothes, especially coats and boots. You don't want to be caught with items that are too small/big the day of the show.
- Think of any questions you have regarding Horse Management at rallies. Pass them along to me at [larahubner@yahoo.com](mailto:larahubner@yahoo.com). I'll try to answer them before we gear up for rally season.
- Rally organizers: There are new evaluation forms for HMJ's and competitors. ONE per team for competitors. Here is an interesting method: Keep evaluations and a stash of pencils/pens with the ribbons for the awards ceremony. While competitors are waiting at the ceremony for awards(when they are all present and have judges/officials in front of them to view their full names), hand out the evals and have them complete them at the ceremony. These evaluations must come back to me so that I can review and distribute the appropriate pages to the organizer. This helps me see where there may have been issues with HM staffing or where things went well(does that really happen?!? ;))
- There will be a HM introduction regarding rallies and education at Quiz Rally for new parents/instructors/etc. while the kids are in classrooms. More info to be announced.
- I will try to put together a HM survey that I would like for clubs to disperse to their Pony Clubbers and parents. It is an anonymous survey and is just to gauge where people are and what they would like for HM programs and assistance throughout the region. I am still formulating a plan for this. It might even be an online format. I'll keep you posted!
- HM Clinic this year will probably be a Mock Horseless Rally. Date and location to be determined. Any clubs/centers that have an indoor ring and nearby space that they would like to share.....email me! [larahubner@yahoo.com](mailto:larahubner@yahoo.com)
- As always, we are recruiting and looking for a few good horse people to help with HM Judging this year. DC's and other leaders, please let me know if you think you have interested or curious people that might fit the bill(non-PC'ers OR C3 and above/18+). See below:

## ENDANGERED SPECIES ALERT!!!

Rare sightings throughout eastern MA and southern NH.

### HORSE MANAGEMENT JUDGES

This rare breed of volunteers enjoys early mornings, hot sun, low or no pay, copious amounts of teaching, horse knowledge, cold rain, Friendliness, proper footwear, Purposefully Avoiding their own children, willingness to constantly learn themselves, notepads, Late Afternoons, humidity, Pony clubbers, Checking for Sweat, Knot Tying, Expiration dates, clean brushes, Listening, safety checks, freak thunderstorms, open minds, Turn Backs, polo shirts, occasional equine/Child/adolescent/parental/sports Counseling, shiny boots, and Port-O-Potties.

If you know of or have spotted someone that fits this description, please contact your local HMJ Authorities: Office of Coercive HMO Operations, Lara Hubner, [larahubner@yahoo.com](mailto:larahubner@yahoo.com) or 603.502.1560

WARNING: DO NOT attempt to approach or scare identified endangered species with tales of rally horror or other shenanigans. We'd like them to stay here with us in CNE! ☺

Enjoy your February! As always, let me know if you have any HM related questions! I will answer them and pass them along to the region for clarification.

Thanks!

**Lara Hubner**  
**CNER HMO**



## OTHER AREA ACTIVITIES

**Ride For The Cure-** We are very excited to bring this successful Connecticut Equine Event to Massachusetts for 2008. Our sister ride in CT is in its 8<sup>th</sup> year and raised over \$100,000 in 2007! Our ride is sponsored by Dover Saddlery and the Susan G. Komen Foundation, MA affiliate.

The First annual MA ride is scheduled to be held at Felton Field in Barre, Ma on June 8<sup>th</sup> from 8am (parking opens) to 3pm. Registration is limited to riders who submit their entry form before the cut-off date (which is TBD at the moment). Each rider must raise a minimum of \$250 in contributions. Riders may make a personal contribution for the minimum amount or solicit sponsorships from employers, corporations, friends and family. A confirmation letter, fund raising tips and directions to the event will be emailed (or mailed) to each registered rider.

Registration will be available online at [www.rideforthecurema.org](http://www.rideforthecurema.org) shortly. **Our site is currently under construction.** If you are receiving this letter, we have your email address and will send you the link as soon as it is ready. If you have not done so already, please also send us your mailing address (street address).

Additional details will be available online as well. In the interim, if you have specific questions, please contact Lysa Wilkins at [lysa@lysawilkins.com](mailto:lysa@lysawilkins.com) or by cell phone at 781-405-4592.

## USEA INSTRUCTORS WORKSHOP

**From the Flatlands Equestrian Center-** We have finalized the dates for the ICP Dressage Workshop at Johnson & Wales University. The workshop will be held Sunday, April 20 thru Tuesday, April 22. The faculty instructor for the workshop will be Don Sachey, winner of team gold medal in the 1974 World Championships at Burghley and trainer of Olympic level riders around the world. This workshop will cover the teaching of dressage for both flatwork and jumping. In June, Scarlet Hill Farm will host a workshop covering the teaching of jumping.

Each day of the ICP Workshop includes a lecture, discussion, faculty model teaching, and candidate instructor practice teaching in front of the ICP faculty member and the other candidate instructors attending the Workshop. During and at the end of each workshop, the faculty member will provide candidates with both oral and written feedback. The schedule will allow us to accept eight participating instructors for the workshop. Preference will be given to those instructors

registered as candidates for certification with the USEA office. Cost for a participating instructor is \$400. Auditors are welcome to attend daily for a \$50 fee.

If you are interested in attending the workshop as a participating instructor, please be sure to register w the USEA office. When you register as a candidate instructor, you will receive the ICP workbook. The material outlined in the workbook will be discussed during the workshop. Having the opportunity to review this material prior to the workshop will help you participate in these discussions. To be eligible to attend a testing, you must attend both a dressage and jumping workshop. We are limited to 8 participating instructors and already have 5 instructors that have said they plan to attend. Please be sure to let me know if you want a spot in this workshop. Registration forms will be available early February. Let me know if you have any other questions about the workshop or the program itself. It is easiest to reach me by email at [Flatlands3@aol.com](mailto:Flatlands3@aol.com). You can also call Flatlands at 508 222-5856.

**Note: This may be an excellent workshop for ULs to audit.**

## NEXT DC MEETING

**Our next Regional Council Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 on Saturday February 9<sup>th</sup> at the First Parish Church Parish House in Groton MA. Please contact Wendy if you would like to bring anything for breakfast/snack. We will not do lunch. Thanks.**

## Calendar of Events for 2008

DATE/TIME	EVENT	HOST	LOCATION
February 8 6:30 pm Bring \$5 for pizza	UL Unmounted Prep C2s and up welcome	UL Program	Wendy Johnson's House 44 Browning Ave Nashua NH
February 9	Regional Council Meeting	CNE	First Parish Church Groton MA
February 10	D3/C1 Clinic-Alternative Therapies	D3/C1 Program	Jordan Stables Riding Center 339 Boston Post Road Marlborough MA
March 1 1:00pm	UL Unmounted Prep Barn Design and Layout	UL Program	Scarlet Hill Farm Groton MA
March 14 6:30 pm	UL Unmounted Prep C2s and up welcome	UL Program	Wendy Johnson's House 44 Browning Ave Nashua NH
March 25	Deadline for UL testing applications-must go to Catherine Williams	UL Program	n/a
April 6	Quiz Rally	Jordan Stables and Pentucket?	Curtis Middle School Sudbury MA
April 11	UL Unmounted Prep C2s and up welcome	UL Program	Wendy Johnson's House 44 Browning Ave Nashua NH
April 26	Mounted Clinic with Nancy Grout – for B & up candidates	UL program	Tammy Erickson's Farm Carlisle 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 31-June 1	Games Rally- Novice on Sat Qualifying on Sunday	Overlook and Merrimack River	Topsfield Fairgrounds Topsfield MA
June 15	Show Jumping Rally Qualifier	Rockingham	Brookvale Pine Farm (The Tack Shack) Fremont NH
TBA	NQ Show Jumping Rally	Swift River	
June 28-30	Dressage Rally Qualifier	Squamscott PC	UNH Durham NH
July 10-13	UL Prep camp	UL Program	UNH Durham NH
July 24-27	Championships	USPC	Lexington VA
July 26-27-tentative	H/A test	CNE	UNH Durham NH
Aug 16-17-tentative	B test	CNE	UNH Durham NH
September?	Tetrathlon Rally	ONB	TBA
October 5	D Rally	Groton	Groton Fairgrounds Groton MA
October ?	NQ Eventing Rally	Wentworth	Green Acres Farm Madbury, NH
November 7-9	Leadership Camp	USPC	TBA

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