



The Central New England Scoop



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COMING UP

March 3 **Bandageing and Longeing Clinic,**
Maple Meadow Farm, Pepperell MA

March 17 **Quiz Rally,**
Weston Middle School, Weston MA

March 30 **Standards Clinic,**
Hilltop Farm Dover NH

Dear DCs,

It was great to see so many of you last Saturday at the DCS' meeting. Your comments and ideas enriched our discussions. We covered a long agenda. And wasn't it great to hear from the members of our Junior Board? What an impressive group. We are so proud of them.

The USPC Annual Meeting in Atlanta was, as usual, a wonderful experience. From registration through departure on Sunday, we were treated to a glittering array of workshops, roundtables, meetings, new books, new gifts, and new ideas. It was an opportunity to meet, network, and share ideas with other Pony Club volunteers, officials, supporters and members from across the country.

One of the highlights of the meeting for me was meeting and talking with many of the young people who attended the National Youth Congress and the 9 Pony Club grads who were honored in the Academy of Achievement. Some of the latter have packed more into a 30-40 year lifespan than I have at twice that age. The NYC members, all C3 or up and 18 years old, seemed focused, mature, articulate, and extremely impressive young men and women. The most lasting memory, however, I carried away was that of seeing old friends and making new acquaintances. That is often the most rewarding part of any large Pony Club gathering.

I hope you'll want to attend two years from now when we celebrate Pony Club's 50th Anniversary at the Annual Meeting in Philadelphia, PA. It'll be worth the trip.

Louisa

ACTIVITIES NEWS:

- ❖ **Tetrathlon**, June 28-29, will be hosted by Passaconaway Pony Club in White Mountain Region. The organizer is Brenda Selinga, email SHS75@mediaone.net
- ❖ **C Rally**, June 15-16, as part of the Apple Knoll Farm event. If you were not at the DC's meeting, check the Groton Pony Club web site (groton-pony-club.org) or contact Iris Realmuto to get the information you need for your members. Because this is a USEA recognized event, we must comply with the rules of the USEA about "opening date" to file entries. Pleased be advised that entries must be in to Iris by April 20. No late entries can be accepted. So talk with your Cs now about going to the rally, and have entries ready to mail. You can form club teams, or you can send in individual entries, and they will be placed on mixed teams.
- ❖ **Show Jumping rally**, June 9, is coming together. Alicia Lenahan, DC of Pennybrook has graciously offered to be the overall organizer. Thank you Alicia
- ❖ **Horse Management Clinic**, April 6. Louise Hara, organizer of the clinic, and our RIC, outlined a 3 pronged plan for our clinic, that includes a section for DCs, parents and instructors on how to teach HM to your pony club; a Barn Fair for pony club members; and a session for potential assistant HM judges.

Each club is urged to send any interested parents, instructors, etc. and also anyone who might want to learn to be an assistant judge.

CHANGES, CHANGES, CHANGES.take note. . . .CHANGES, CHANGES

Be sure to check the calendar....there have been changes made and check the DC mailing list for changes to some DCs and regional officers email addresses.

RALLY RIBBONS....RALLY RIBBONS....Organizers should be aware that Ramona orders the Rally ribbons early each year to take advantage of discounts so you don't need to contact her for actual ribbon orders. However, you do need to call her a week or so before the rally to let her know how many teams are entered so that she can get your

ribbons ready. You also need to make arrangements with her to be sure ribbons will be picked up for the Rally.

HORSE MANAGEMENT SURVEY

As a Region, we are committed to developing and continuing our region's Horse Management programs. Our HM clinic this year has as one of its aims to train people in each club who could help teach HM topics in their clubs and who might also be interested in becoming assistant HM judges. Those of you who were at the DC meeting received a questionnaire about your program for teaching HM to Ds in your club, and in it you were also asked which areas you needed help. There were five clubs that returned the survey. Several others took it home. Here are the results:

"We have trained our Ds in the following HM skills in the past year:"

<u>Activity</u>	<u># clubs checked</u>
Setting up a stall	3
Bedding and cleaning a stall	3
Checking a stall for safety	2
Filling our stall cards	2
Halter fit	2
Making a feed chart	1
Setting up a feed room at rally	3
Setting up a tack room at rally	4
How to secure a pony safely	4
Grooming kits (How to use tools? Complete? Clean)	4
Safe and efficient grooming	2
Cooling out procedures	1
Tack cleaning	4
Tack adjustment	4
Proper tacking and untacking	2
Putting tack away correctly	2
Helmet fit	4
Correct jog for soundness procedures	2
Use of protective boots if needed	0

Of the clubs that returned the surveys, most felt they were doing fairly well with HM. Several requested more training for new parents, and another club said they could really use new ideas and ways to make the basics more fun. One club wondered how other clubs coordinate and balance the needs of Ds and Cs. Two clubs said they would be focusing on HM this year as they have quite a few new Ds and Unrated members. One club with no Cs, asked if there were another club with upper level members who would be willing to mentor all of their Ds. There were several suggestions for improving HM teaching in the Region:

review of basics (feed, safety, importance of being on time); setting up a stall for an overnight rally; more training for new parents. When asked how members in their clubs viewed regional HM judging, most responded favorably and that most of their members felt it was fair and informative. However, one club replied that it depended on the age of the kids -- younger Ds view it favorably, while older Cs feel that it is sometimes very arbitrary.

I hope that the clubs that did not fill out the questionnaire have taken it home and are working with some of the suggestions to help plan their unmounted programs.

SCHOOLING EVENTS

Jericho Forest Pony Club will be sponsoring a Two Phase Schooling Event at Regis College in Weston MA on April 28th. Contact Elaine Chertavian at 1-508-358-4170.

Groton Pony Club will be hosting three Schooling Events- a Two Phase on April 21st, a Three Phase on May 19th, and a Three Phase on October 13th at the Groton Fairgrounds in Groton MA. Contact Wendy Johnson at 603-888-9014 or email at Wendyj@groton-pony-club.org.

Seen on a bumper sticker in passing: "The day I worry about cleaning my house is the day Sears comes out with a riding lawn mower."

Well, that's all for now, folks.

Calendar of Events for 2002

EVENT	DATE/TIME	HOST	LOCATION
Bandageing and Longeing Clinic	March 3		Maple Meadow Farm Pepperell MA
Quiz Rally	March 17	Jericho Forest	Weston Middle School Weston MA
Standards Clinic	March 30	Squamscott	Hilltop Farm Dover NH
Horse Management Clinic	April 6	Nashoba Valley	Maple Meadow Farm Pepperell MA
Regional Instructors Clinic	April 21 9:30-2:00		Maple Meadow Farm Pepperell MA
C3 Prep Camp	May 24-26		Ledyard Hamilton/Ipswich area
Upper Level Prep Camp	May 31- June 2		Kingsbury Hill, Francestown NH
Flatwork Clinic	June 1		Shepley Hill Groton MA
Show Jumping Rally	June 9	Pennybrook/ Golden Hills/Worcestershire	Mt. Holyoke Hadley MA
“C Rally-qualifier	June 16	Groton	Appleknoll, Millis MA
Games Rally	June 22 and 23	Pentucket/ Rockingham	Topsfield MA
Tetrathlon Rally	June 27-28	White Mt. Region	TBA
Dressage Rally	June 29-July 1	Squamscott/Wentworth	UNH Durham NH
Upper Level Prep	July 16-18	Swift River/ Worcestershire	Mt. Holyoke Hadley MA
C3 Testing	July 20 and 21	Nashoba Valley	Shepley Hill ,Groton MA
H-H/A Testing	July 26-28	Swift River/ Worcestershire	UMass Amherst MA
USPC Championships	August 1-4		Lexington VA
A Testing	August 9-10	New York-Upper CT Reg.	Mystic CT
B Testing	August 9-10	Southeastern NE Region	Apple Knoll Farm Millis MA
B Testing	August 16-18	New York -Upper CT Reg	TBA
C3 Testing	August 17-18	Overlook	UNH, Durham NH
D Rally	September 15	Groton /Overlook	Groton Fairgrounds
Adult Rally	September 21	Rockingham	Pipestave Hill Newbury MA
Eventing Rally	October 6	Old North Bridge	Appleknoll, Millis MA

CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGION

MINUTES OF DC MEETING FEBRUARY 16, 2002

The February DC's meeting was held on February 16, 2002 at the First Church in Groton MA. Eleven clubs were represented by the following members: Kathleen Collins, Ted/Pete Barnard, Curtis Renner, Mike Sullivan, Belinda Barbas, Lorna Garron, Stuart Shotwell, Deb Maietta, Jill Mudge, Iris Realmuto, Steve Realmuto, Wendy Johnson, Monique Waldron, Audrey Zwicker, Louise Hara, Susan Ferry, Judy Pelis, Esther Short, Alicia Lenahan and Ron Ignatz.

The meeting commenced at 9:30 with opening remarks from Louisa McKown, who gave a report on the Annual Meeting held in Atlanta GA. Topics of interest included the new Emergency Medical Release form, USPC Annual Fund, Horse Management updates, Communication updates, Insurance changes, National testing, and Rally updates.

Next, Coordinators' Reports were submitted and discussed. Louise Hara as the RIC, is still looking for feedback on regional resources each club uses. A list of resources was passed around and DCs were urged to make corrections and add names of clinicians, instructors and resources that have been helpful to their club. Also, the Horse Management Clinic will have a different format this year. It will be broken out into three training sessions- a barn fair style session for the kids, a parents' session led by Chief Horse Management judges, and an Instructors and Assistant Horse Management judges session. The Region needs many more Assistant Horse Management judges and anyone who would like to become a judge is urged to attend this session.

Audrey Zwicker advised that a supply of Regional clothing including shirts, hats, pins and patches is available and will be sold at rallies and clinics throughout the year as a fund raiser.

Judy Pelis asked that any DCs who have an upper level member who is also an excellent student in Massachusetts contact her for additional information about scholarship opportunities.

Deb Maietta asked that all DCs complete the questionnaire regarding accommodation preferences during Championships so that the group can stay together while in Virginia this summer. Please be sure to provide her with feedback.

The ad hoc committee appointed in October submitted their report regarding CNER Recognition Awards. The committee divided the awards into two categories of consideration; acknowledgement of members aging out and recognition for long time involvement in the Region. For the first category, a motion was made to recognize actively participating, 21 year old graduates who are in good standing and who have a rating of C3 or higher. An award would be determined annually by a person designated by the RS. The award would be of a permanent nature and not more than \$50 in value. The club's DC would contribute a personalized statement as well. The motion was seconded, discussed and passed unanimously to become effective this year.

A motion was then made to institute a second award category providing recognition for those graduates or others who have demonstrated a history of involvement at the Regional level. The motion was seconded, discussed and then withdrawn. It was agreed that more thought needs to be given regarding parameters for qualification, monetary versus non monetary recognition and other details. The committee will continue to explore alternatives and the discussion will continue at the next meeting. Thank you to the committee for their efforts.

Stuart Shotwell delivered the Treasurer's Report. He discussed his concern that only a few clubs had paid their regional dues so far this year. A motion was made to assess a late fee of \$1.00 per member to each club that does not pay its dues by January 31st. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Next, the statement of receipts and expenditures was presented and reviewed and the proposed budget was discussed. A motion was made to accept the proposed budget for 2002 as presented, the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

A discussion followed regarding the need to increase Regional clinician fees due to increased cost of running the Regional clinics. Louisa made a motion to increase the clinician fee per club from \$20 to \$40 per clinic starting next year. The motion was discussed and withdrawn. A new motion was made to increase annual dues from \$5 per person to \$10 per person effective 2003 with the understanding that the increase in dues would help offset the increased cost of clinics. Clinic fees would remain at \$20 per clinic per club. The motion was seconded and passed .

Louisa moved to establish the Nominating Committee, naming Audrey Zwicker as chairman of the Nominating Committee. Also named were Steve Realmuto and Tammy Erickson. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously. Louisa commented that she would like to nominate one or two additional members at the next DC's meeting on June 30th during the Dressage Rally.

The next area of discussion was regional audio equipment. Ted Barnard had done extensive research into equipment needs for the Region. He presented a proposal to set up a baseline command center and communication procedures. After further discussion it was suggested that Ted will get back to the group with specific prices and look into alternatives such as leasing all or some of the equipment as needed. The Regional Council agreed to a ballpark figure of \$1000 for the purposes of costing out the most essential equipment.

Individual Rally reports were next on the agenda. Computers and tape recorders are needed for the Quiz Rally. For the CT Qualifying Rally at Apple Knoll on June 16, paperwork needs to be in to Iris Realmuto as early as possible, but no later than April 20. Because this rally is being held as part of a USEA event, competitors will need to have a USEA entry form as well as a USPC form and other paperwork. Iris passed out a sample USEA entry form, properly filled out, so that DCs could see what was needed. For Show Jumping Rally, Worcestershire will organize the mini-ring, Golden Hill will handle a ring and Pennybrook volunteered to do the overall organizing (entry, hiring of judges and officials, scheduling, etc). A club is still needed to set up and "man" the Qualifying ring. Dressage Rally plans are moving along, judges have been lined up. There is still a need for food services. Tetrathlon will be held in the White Mt. Region on June 27-28 just before Dressage Rally so there will be no conflict for kids who want to compete in Dressage Rally as well. Information about Tetrathlon rally will go out in the newsletter as soon as it is available.

Organizers were reminded to contact the previous rally organizers for detailed instructions, establish a budget and update insurance and to ask Louisa to approve the budget and the entry prior to mailing. A generic entry form was designed by Iris Realmuto to facilitate the paperwork, and Stuart Shotwell urged that all entry checks must be mailed to him before the start of each Rally.

After lunch, the group was divided into sections for round table discussions on various topics such as club successes and difficulties. Ideas and experiences were shared by all.

Judy Pelis spoke about the National History Project being undertaken by USPC on the national level. Local clubs with historic memorabilia have been asked to share their pictures and memories that will then be printed in a book available in time for USPC's 50th Anniversary to be celebrated at the USPC Annual Meeting and convention in Philadelphia in January 2004. Contact for communications for the History Project is annejones@juno.com.

Louisa asked Ted Barnard to look into fund raising ideas with the help of Jo Anne Masar. They will report at the next meeting which is planned for Saturday June 30th during the Dressage Rally.

Finally, the Junior Board met with us following their meeting. They discussed their plans for sponsoring a poster show at Quiz Rally as well as providing food at the Rally. At the HM clinic they plan to hold a Tack Sale fundraiser and at all the events this year they plan to run a raffle and are looking for donations for the raffle. They asked that people contact them with any items to raffle and as always they urged clubs to continue to promote the Jr. Board in their clubs.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:45.

JR. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2002

Old Business:

Thank you party: We have decided to email and or directly tell our DC's about it. We thought that the mailing of invitations cost too much to send out.

Upcoming Events:

Raffle: We have decided to raffle at all events but hold large items until the last raffle. We will be collecting items for the next 3 weeks. Our tentative deadline for raffle items is the week of March 1st. We also have assigned Alison B. and Becca C. to be the head of that committee.

Food Booths:-The first food booth will be held at Quiz rally. We will be serving a type of lunch.(Maybe pizza). Pauline and Dominique M. are the committee for that booth. Quiz rally will be held on March 16th. The second food booth will be held at the HM clinic.(Hopefully). We will have lunch material there as well. Dominique M. and Becca C. will be the committee for that booth. This food booth will be held on April 6th. We are also going to be helping out with the food booth at UNH. We don't have a committee for this particular booth but we do need manpower! We also talked about turning this fundraiser into something fun?

Tag and Tack Sale: We will be holding a tag and tack sale at the HM clinic permitting that we get permission from Naoko Hague. The committee for that will be Elizabeth M.. (Sorry if I spelled your name wrong.) This event to be held on April 6th. Kristen H. will help with publicity by making posters.

Adult Rally: We are not sponsoring the adult rally this year. Instead we will be helping out with the manpower. The committee for this is Katie B. and Michelle B..

Poster Display: Stephanie L. and Michelle B. are the committee members. The display will take place at the Quiz rally on March 16th. The display will show the "memorable moments" of each club. Participation prizes will be awarded.

New business:

Jackets: Pauline M. suggested the idea of getting CNER custom jackets. We could have people fill out orders and when we get 10 orders send them in. Pauline would be that committee for that. This idea is still very tentative.

Policy: We have decided to amend our scholarship policy. We would like to say that it is not mandatory that participants be members of the Jr. Board. We still have not made exact regulations on how and when the scholarships will be dispersed.

Office Positions:

We outlined what the specifics of each job would be today. Personal Relations Person (PR): We have voted a new position. Katherine S. will be in charge of sending thank you's and overseeing that people are getting the information that they need. She will be working with the secretaries. Secretaries: Nicole W. and Stephanie L. are our secretaries. Stephanie will be in charge of taking the minutes down in the meetings and sending out information. Nicole will be in charge of writing the minutes up into a newsletter and sending it out to everyone via email. They also will be collaborating with the PR. Treasurers: The two treasurers we have elected are Dominique M. and Julia.(Sorry Julia I don't know your last name.) They will be in charge of filling out the reimbursement papers. They also will see that checks get sent and oversee all other money transactions. They will be in charge of how we budget our money. Co-President's: Our two co-president's are Pauline M. and Allison B.. We have not yet talked about what their job specifics will be. We have decided to work on that in our next meeting.

Next Meeting: March 9, 2002. We are hoping to have Becca C. host it. She will send out directions permitting that we may use her house.

Attendance at the 2-16-02 meeting:

Stephanie L. - Groton Pony Club
Becca C. - Old North Bridge Pony Club
Kristen H. - Overlook Pony Club
Katie B. - Rockingham Pony Club
Michelle B. - Rockingham Pony Club
Nicole N. - Squamscott Pony Club
Amira K. - Squamscott Pony Club
Pauline M. - Jericho Forest Pony Club
Katherine S. - Pegasus Pony Club
Nicky W. - Squamscott(graduate)
Dominique M. - Jericho Forest Pony Club
Elizabeth M. - Pennybrook Pony Club

Notes:

*Elizabeth needs to send Stef the flyer to go in the Scoop. Also if she wants to have a write up Stef needs that too.

*We still have to decide what type of prize will be awarded for the poster display.