



# The Central New England Scoop



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## COMING UP .....

- Mar 3      **UL Unmounted Clinic**  
6:30 Johnson House Nashua NH
- Mar 4      **Horse Management Training session**  
Location TBD
- Mar 4      **Conformation Clinic-HA level**  
UNH Durham NH
- Mar 11     **CNE Council Meeting 10-2**  
(pending confirmation)  
First Parish Church Groton MA
- Mar 12     **D3/C1 Clinic- Lunging, Bandaging & Tack**  
1-3 Bantry Bay Pepperell MA

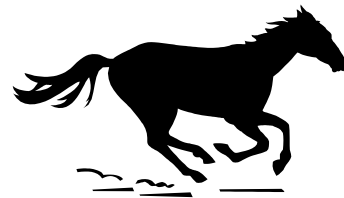
## NOTES FROM THE RS...

Hi all:

February seems to be flying by, with all the warm weather, I hope some are getting an early start to riding. All programs are moving along well, except the one snowstorm we did get caused the D3/C1 meeting led by one of our H-A's, Katie Biery to be cancelled. The C-3 program has done its teaching meetings, not a lot of participation in the end, so I hope you leaders are using your C-2's in your club as teachers for unmounted meetings, they need some experience. With Quiz coming up, this would be a good way to help the C-2's with their teaching, and the younger members with their learning!

I hope March doesn't come in too much like a lion and we can continue with getting the riding season started.

**Betsey**



## UPPER LEVEL REPORT

The 2006 UL Program met for the second meeting on Friday evening, February 10. Several presented their topics to the group and they were impressive! There was a lot of time and research put into these reports and the handouts were great. I have copies for anyone who missed it and would like one. The next

meeting will be held on March 3, 2006 (PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE) at 6:30 at Wendy Johnson's house, 44 Browning Ave, Nashua, NH. Please email me at [cmwilliams374@comcast.net](mailto:cmwilliams374@comcast.net) to let me know if you will be coming. If you have been assigned a topic and have not yet presented it please come prepared to do so at the March meeting.

Wendy has very graciously offered to prepare a dinner for the group again. Thank you to all who brought food. - Please bring drinks, dessert or a salad. Email Wendy to let her know what you're bringing ahead of time, we won't end up with all of the same thing. [wendy@wendyj.org](mailto:wendy@wendyj.org)

### UPCOMING UL CLINICS

**You need to sign up in advance to attend these clinics - email Catherine Williams at [cmwilliams374@comcast.net](mailto:cmwilliams374@comcast.net)**

**Conformation Clinic at UNH with Laurie CB  
Saturday March 4, 2006 1:00 - 3:00PM**

It is open to C3 and up for active participation and C2s are invited to come audit. There is

small fee of \$5.00 for this clinic to help defray the costs.

**Lunging Clinic at UNH Sunday March 26 12:00–3:00PM -Please note the date change**

For H / HA candidates there will be UNH horses available for you to lunge. B candidates may bring their own horse to this clinic – Please note that the State of New Hampshire and UNH require a Coggins dated no later than 6 months from the date of the clinic. You must have a copy of Coggins in hand to take your horse off the trailer at UNH. If you do not have a coggins within 6 months you may come and use a UNH horse.

You must sign up in advance for this clinic – I will need to know if you will be coming and if you will be bringing a horse. Space is limited. This is open to C3 and up for active participation and C1 - C2s are invited to come audit. There is small fee of \$10.00 for active participants and \$5 to audit for this clinic.

**Bandaging Clinic with Betsey Reeves**

This has been scheduled for the Wednesday of MA school vacation week-April 19. Location TBD

**RATINGS:**

Please email Catherine Williams at [cmwilliams374@comcast.net](mailto:cmwilliams374@comcast.net) to let me know if you are planning to rate and what level (B, H, HA, A). I have heard from just a few so far and this information is important for us to have for planning the right clinicians for the camps and to help us support all in reaching their goals. Please email – if you are not planning to rate this year as well. AND also include what camps you plan to attend- Kingsbury Hill and/or Mount Holyoke.

**If you are planning to test this year** – Please get your application in to Betsey by the end of February. The form can be found on the USPC web site under “forms”. The tests can fill up quickly – especially for out of region tests. As of right now CNER is not hosting a B.

**CAMPS:**

We will be sending out paperwork for the camps soon. The Memorial Day / Kingsbury Hill camp will be the mandatory Camp for the H / HA test. We will have programs for both HA/ H and B programs. This year Kingsbury Hill is offering us a reduced rate in exchange for volunteer help at their USEA events or schooling shows. All attending the camp should plan on helping out at one of these events. With increased costs of airfare, etc this really helps us to keep the costs affordable.

The July camp will be July 8 – 12.

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Lunging Clinic at UNH with Laurie Noon to 3:00  
Saturday March 25

Bandaging Clinic with Betsey Reeves TBD

**D3/C1 PROGRAM UPDATE**

Unfortunately, Mother Nature finally decided not to smile on us and the D3/C1 Clinic for February had to be cancelled. My thanks to Katie Biery for all the prep work she did towards what would have been a terrific presentation. Hopefully we can reschedule her clinic for next season's program. We have one more clinic left in this year's series. It will be held at Bantry Bay Farm in Pepperell MA on Sunday March 12<sup>th</sup> from 1-3. This clinic will be held in the indoor arena so please remind the kids to dress warmly. The topic is Lunging, Bandaging and Tack. Lelo Curtis is the clinician and she will have a demonstration of safe lunging, bandaging techniques and specialized tack and equipment (good warm up for Quiz Rally Mega Room). Please urge parents to carpool as parking is limited and we want to respect our hosts hospitality. Anyone who would like to bring snacks to this last clinic should email me at [wendy@wendyj.org](mailto:wendy@wendyj.org).

**NOTES FROM THE HMO**

Happy mid-winter folks! All these unusually warm days are prodding me to dive right into the impending rally season and get excited for what I'm sure will be another inspiring showing of what our talented bunch of PC'ers can do!

First order of business will be to announce the winners of the Perfect Tack and Turnout Raffle that was drawn at the Regional Council Meeting on 1/28. Each club provided a prize to be awarded to many of the PC'ers that met their standards at Tack and Turnout Inspections throughout the 2005 rally season.

**Perfect Tack and Turnout Winners**

\$25 Dover Saddlery Gift Certificate – donated by Pentucket Pony Club

**Julia Brem – Show Jumping Rally**

Book – donated by Merrimack River Pony Club  
**Laura O'Donnell – D Rally**

Leather Halter – donated by NVPC  
**Kaylee Angstadt – Overnight Dressage Rally**

Green gift bucket – donated by Worcestershire  
**Rochelle Wilkins – Show Jumping Rally**

Portrait by Leonora Giguere – donated by  
Worcestershire Pony Club  
**Kelly Doyle – D Rally**

\$10 cash gift and treats – donated by JFPC  
**Casey Fitzgerald – D Rally**

Gift bag – donated by Overlook Pony Club  
**Audrey Cooney – Games Rally**

Red bucket #1 w/ Grooming items – donated by  
Rockingham Pony Club  
**Sarah Dowcett – Show Jumping Rally**

Red Bucket #2 w/ Grooming items – donated by  
Rockingham Pony Club  
**Samantha Carr – D Rally**

Saddle Cover – donated by Squamscott PC  
**Elizabeth Seymour – D Rally**

If a child from your Pony Club or an "IOU" gift is pending, please contact myself or the Pony Club to arrange for delivery of the raffle prize. Most were handed out to the DC's of the various clubs. Thanks to all who donated!! ☺

### **2006 HM Clinic/HMJ Training**

This year we will be holding a day of Horse Management Judges' training for our yearly HM clinic on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2006. The location is to be determined. Please keep an eye out on the CNER website and ask your DC's for details. There will be an email going out with more concrete details regarding this clinic.

The clinic will be for ALL interested parties that would like to learn the methods and practices behind judging horse management at USPC rallies. We will review the purpose and responsibilities of judges at USPC rallies as well as the different jobs one might have while judging.

It is integral that ALL CLUBS encourage interested and appropriate people to attend. We need a strong and educated pool of HM judges to help teach our PC'ers proper and safe horse management practices at this region's rallies. The success and positive experiences of our

competitors are directly related to having a well-trained and knowledgeable group of HMJ's to utilize in this region! Graduate PC'ers, instructors, current C3+/18+ PC'ers, horse-knowledgeable parents and friends should be encouraged to check out what HM judging is about! ☺

### **Club Level HM Programs**

This year the same HM handbook is to be used for all USPC rallies, so there should be little change to the specifics of HM competition this year. With that in mind, the club level education of new members will be crucial as our yearly HM clinic will be focused on HM judge's training. There are several resources in this region that can help individual clubs if need be. We can help run mock rallies, informational meetings, topical meetings or parent/new member meetings. Please let me know if your club would like assistance in any of these areas.

### **Questions/Issues**

It is my hope that last rally season both PC'ers and parents learned and experienced a lot in terms of horse management. If there are any lingering questions or concerns, please contact me by email, phone or snail mail and pose questions or relay concerns. I will find the "official" answers to these issues and continue my "Urban Legends of the HM Kind" question and answer column in the CNE Scoop. They're all anonymous and please also ask the PC'ers and parents in your club for input. If you don't ask the question, I can't help!!! ☺

### **Winter Reminder**

Are you bored and stuck indoors when it's really cold out?

It's that time of the year again:

Check expiration dates on all appropriate items in your rally kits. Replace worn or stock up on low items.

Check stitching on ALL tack and equipment. Get these fixed BEFORE the rally season starts.

Check fit of often outgrown riding apparel: boots, riding shirts, coats, show breeches.

Thanks!

Lara Hubner  
CNE Horse Management Organizer

## **DRESSAGE PROGRAM UPDATE**

Leonora Giguere is planning an overnight clinic at the gym on March 26. Sat night to Sunday am. The clinician will be Steven Apatow who is a specialist in the biomechanics of riding. He will be giving a talk about the biomechanics of the body, relating to position and effectiveness for dressage. Private sessions will be available with him for individual work on a barrel with a saddle as well. Other clinicians to be announced. This clinic is recommended for Dressage interest, Upper levels, instructors, anyone really, but mature enough to understand the subject matter. If space allows, parents are welcome as well. A flyer will be forthcoming. Steven's website is [www.sportsmedicine.org](http://www.sportsmedicine.org)

## **NON QUALIFYING DRESSAGE RALLY UPDATE**

Leonora has had no clubs thus far planning to come to the dressage rally in May, so it will most likely be cancelled. If your club has any intention of completing you will need to speak with her immediately.

## **USPC ANNUAL MEETING**

We are moving ahead with our plans for the USPC Annual Meeting which CNE is sponsoring in Boston in January of 2008. Lots of volunteers will be needed for a wide variety of jobs, both prior to the meeting and during the meeting itself. Lelo Curtis, Karen Marcotte and Wendy Johnson are co-organizers and will be working closely together to coordinate the various aspects of the meeting. Anyone who is interested in helping with any portion of this exciting project is urged to contact one of the organizers to let us know your interests or talents. We will be announcing a contest shortly for kids to submit drawings for our logo and will be keeping everyone posted as we know more details about the meeting. Individual parents, kids, or clubs are welcome to volunteer and we will be sending out lots of updates as time goes on. This is going to be lots of fun and a great opportunity for our kids and parents to attend an Annual Meeting right in our back yard! Stay tuned for more details.

## **FOSS FARM MAY FUNDRAISER**

Foss Farm is holding their annual May 2-Phase to benefit the riding facilities at Foss Farm in Carlisle MA. The event will be held at Foss Farm on Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be a 2-Phase Division and Dressage Only. Come and enjoy the new large dressage ring! Closing Date is April 28<sup>th</sup>. For more information check out the CNE website at [cne.ponyclub.org](http://cne.ponyclub.org), the ONBPC website at [ONBPC.Ponyclub.org](http://ONBPC.Ponyclub.org) or email Lisa Brem at [lbrem@comcast.net](mailto:lbrem@comcast.net).

## **NEXT DC MEETING**

**Our next Regional Council Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 on Saturday January 28<sup>th</sup> (pending confirmation) at the First Parish Church in Groton, located at the intersection of Rts 40 and 119 in downtown Groton MA. Don't forget to rsvp to [wendy@wendyj.org](mailto:wendy@wendyj.org) regarding food donation.**

## Calendar of Events for 2006

DATE/TIME	EVENT	HOST	LOCATION
<b>March 3 6:30 pm</b>	UL Unmounted lecture Laurie Chapman Bosco- Clinician	UL Program	Wendy Johnson's House Nashua NH
<b>March 4</b>	Focus Group-Horse Management Judges Training	CNE	TBD
<b>March 4 1-3 pm</b>	Conformation Clinic- HA level Laurie Chapman Bosco- Clinician	UL Program	UNH Durham NH
<b>March 11 10:00 am</b>	Regional Council Meeting	CNE	First Parish Church Groton MA
<b>March 12 1:00 to 3:00</b>	D3/C1 Clinic- Lunging, Bandaging & Tack Lelo Curtis- Clinician	D3/C1 Program	Bantry Bay Farm Pepperell MA
<b>March 26 12-3 pm</b>	Lunging Clinic Laurie Chapman Bosco- Clinician	UL Program	UNH Durham NH
<b>April 1</b>	Focus Group-DC Support	CNE	TBD
<b>April 2</b>	Quiz Rally	Jericho Forest/ Worcester- shire/Overlook	TBD
<b>April 9</b>	C3 Bandaging Clinic Chris Keim-clinician	C3 Program	TBD
<b>April 19 (Wed)</b>	C3 Bandaging Clinic Betsey Reeves-clinician	UL Program	TBD
<b>May 7 tentative</b>	NQ Dressage Rally	Worcestershire	Barre MA
<b>May 13-14 closing date March 28th</b>	Qualifying Eventing Rally	Nashoba Valley	King Oak Farm Spring HT Southampton MA
<b>May 26-29</b>	UL Prep Camp	UL Program	Kingsbury Hill Camp New Boston NH
<b>June 9-11</b>	C3 Prep Camp	C3 Program	Kingsbury Hill Camp New Boston NH
<b>June 10-11</b>	Overnight Games Rally	Merrimack River/ Groton	Topsfield Fairgrounds Topsfield MA
<b>June 1</b>	C3 Rating applications due to Betsey	C3 Program	N/A
<b>June 17-18</b>	Show Jumping Rally Qualifier	Swift River	Mt. Holyoke Hadley MA
<b>June 24-26</b>	Dressage Rally	Squamscott	UNH Durham NH
<b>July 8-12</b>	UL Prep Camp/C3 Prep Camp	UL& C3 Programs	Mt. Holyoke Hadley MA
<b>July 25-29</b>	2006 USPC Championships	USPC	Lexington VA
<b>August 11-13</b>	C3 Rating (pending National confirmation)	C3 Program	TBA

<b>September 9-10</b>	Qualifying Tetrathlon Rally	ONB	Black Brook Farm Carlisle MA
<b>October 1</b>	D Rally	Groton	Groton Fairgrounds Groton MA
<b>TBD</b>	NQ Eventing Rally	Wentworth	Green Acres Farm Madbury, NH

All dates subject to change. Please check website calendar for latest updates.