



The Central New England Scoop



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COMING UP

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| Feb 25 | UL Conformation Clinic 9-12
UNH Durham NH |
| March 3 | D Standards Clinic
Scarlet Hill Farm Groton MA |
| March 4 | C 3 Kick Off Meeting
First Parish Church Groton MA |
| March 4 | UL Lungeing Clinic (H/HA candidates)
UNH Durham NH |
| March 9 | UL Unmounted Prep 6:30 pm
Wendy's house Nashua NH |
| March 11 | D3/C1 Clinic 1-3 pm "Spring Cleaning"
Wayland MA |

USPC ANNUAL MEETING

This year the Annual Meeting was held in Portland OR. Twenty members from CNE were in attendance. Betsey Reeves led several workshops, spoke to the RS's about our region's Best Practices and led discussions and a workshop regarding the Centers program among other topics. Betsey and Tammy Erickson sat on the Board of Governors, Deb Titus offered several workshops on communications and leadership skills, Wendy Johnson was a roundtable presenter on the D3/C1 Program, and Lelo Curtis spoke about virtual pony club and did a panel with the Show Jumping group, so CNER was well represented in Portland!

Stephanie LeCours and Lisa Hellmer traveled to Portland as our representatives to the National Youth Congress.

Sarah Titus (C3) presented a Research Project during the week, and came in third in her division.

At the banquet on Saturday night, Central New England put on a skit to kick off the official "passing of the whip" for next year's annual meeting. Thanks to the folks at Jordan Stables we had a beautiful banner with our annual meeting logo. We started the skit with the five CNE girls- Sarah Titus, Steff LeCours, Jordan Litter, Sarah Bakstran, and Lisa Hellmer roding through the audience on their stick ponies carrying banners, flags and lanterns, courtesy of Jordan Stables. Lisa Doyle provided tri-cornered hats so the girls looked like colonials. Karen Marcotte announced "the pony clubbers were coming, the pony clubbers were coming". Mel Litter and Chris Keim commented that the riders were Paul Revere and his group and that they rode so well because they were members of the USPC. After the laughter died down, Betsey read a poem written by Catherine Short, informing everyone about the highlights of Boston. The skit ended with a brief slide show designed by Paul Johnson. There were slides of Boston, followed by pictures of many of our CNE kids that had been provided by the clubs. Our presentation was brief but tasteful according to the critics. More importantly, it looked like everyone had a good time. Thanks to everyone who was involved in organizing and executing the production.

Finally, Betsey wanted me to let everyone know just how proud she is of our Region. In her words, "CNE is a great Region!"

NYC REPORT

We just wanted to let the Region know that we had a great time at the Annual Meeting as the National Youth Congress delegates from Central New England. We arrived on Wednesday night and visited with the other delegates until late into the night. We met lots of other interesting and really nice kids from all the other regions. We spent the week learning leadership skills, talking about the future and what our goals are. One night we went to a museum and toured a submarine. We spent a lot of time speaking with the Academy of Achievement Honorees who are

former pony clubbers that went on to do other successful things with their lives. We really enjoyed the opportunity to be delegates from Central New England and want to thank the Region for helping us with our expenses.

Steff LeCours and Lisa Hellmer

UL UPDATE

There are two upcoming UL clinics with Laurie Chapman Bosco at UNH. The first is **Conformation** on February 25 from 9 am - Noon. The cost is \$15.00. This clinic will be taught to the HA level. Every one will have a chance to present as they would at their HA / H testing. All participants need to **RSVP by Feb 22** cmwilliams374@comcast.net All are welcome to attend / audit.

The second clinic is **Loungeing** on Sunday March 4 from 2 - 5 pm. The cost is \$20.00. This clinic will use UNH horses. Due to the limited time UNH is available, priority will be given to those testing for HA / H this year. All participants need to RSVP to cmwilliams374@comcast.net no later than Feb 25. If spaces are not filled by HA candidates they will go to others by date of response. All are invited to audit.

There will be a second loungeing clinic for B candidates using your own horses at another date and location.

The last meeting covering knowledge will be held on March 9th 6:30 - 9:30 pm. Attendee should plan to bring a sample lesson plan with them to this meeting.

C3 PROGRAM UPDATE

The 2007 C3 Program is about to kick off. So far we have scheduled the following:

March 4- Kickoff meeting with Nancy Grout at First Parish Church in Groton from 2-5.

This is an important change in the C3 calendar. DCs, please be sure to advise all C3 candidates that the location and format of the C3 Kickoff has changed. There will be no mounted portion of the meeting. The kickoff will now be held at the First Parish Church in Groton. (Intersection of Rts. 119 and 40 in downtown Groton). Nancy will cover the steps to preparing for the traditional C3 rating and cover the specialty ratings and HB prep as well. C2s should be urged to attend this meeting even if they don't intend to rate this year.

April 15th- Deadline for applications for the SNER C3 test at Apple Knoll July 13--15th.

If your child is currently planning to test this year the testing rules have changed yet again and this rating will go back to the regional format. It looks as though NY/UC will also be hosting a rating the weekend before this one, so if we are oversubscribed, that one may be an option, or CNE may still elect to host a rating in the fall. Please let me know if your child is planning to rate and which one would be your preference.

May 25-27th-C3 prep camp at Apple Knoll Farm

We have changed both the location and the weekend this year. Kingsbury Hill had been our camp location for quite a few years, but facility costs have mushroomed this year such that we wanted to consider other venues. Apple Knoll has availability and certainly a much better facility if we once again run into weather issues. We will need to make arrangements at a local hotel for accommodations-- this has worked very well for ONB the past few years as we have run our spring camp there since 2002. Memorial Day weekend has no conflicting USEA schedule and should be less frantic than trying to do it the second weekend in June. So far we have Laurie Chapman- Bosco and hopefully Nancy Grout as clinicians, but will likely need to line up 2 more.

Other clinics;

Yet to be arranged are bandaging and longeing clinics and any additional riding preps we want to include. Chris Keim did a great jog with bandaging for us last year and we will ask her again about March/April availability. We will also be trying to line up Laurie for Longeing up at UNH.

Any other suggestions will be greatly appreciated!

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D STANDARDS CLINIC

There will be a D Standards Clinic on March 3rd at Scarlett Hill Farm in Groton MA from 2 to 5 p.m. This Clinic will allow you to see demonstration riders riding at the D1, D2, D3 and C1 levels and will explain the standards for each level. There will also be an introduction to rallies, and horse management rule changes. DCs, please urge all your Ds to attend. This is a terrific opportunity for new members and their parents to understand the different ratings expectations. It's also a good refresher for older members as well. **Please bring chairs and dress warmly!**

Please note, the Standards Clinic for Cs and above originally scheduled for March 4th has been cancelled.

***Directions to Scarlett Hill Farm
245 Lowell Road Groton MA:***

***From the center of Groton(Rt. 119) take Rt. 40
or Lowell Rd. toward Westford.
The farm is 1.2 miles from the center of Groton
on Rt. 40, on the lefthand side.
(do not use mapquest as it will get you there in
roundabout route)***

D3/C1 CLINICS

The final D3/C1 clinic of the season will be held on Sunday March 11th from 1-3 pm. The address is 120 Old Connecticut Path Wayland MA 01778. Parking is limited so clubs are urged to car pool if possible. The clinician is Elizabeth Pelis and the topic will be spring cleaning-how to pull your pony out of the muddy winter paddock and turn him into a beautiful pony club mount. It is not a mere coincidence that this subject is just in time for rally season. Cleaning secrets will be revealed, so you don't want to miss this last clinic! All are welcome so please pass the word on to all your members regardless of their rating.

RALLY UPDATES

Quiz Rally is going to be held on April 1st at the Curtis Middle School in Sudbury MA. Entry information has already been emailed to DCs and is available on the CNE website. The Rally will be co-hosted by Jordan Stables and Pegasus Pony Club. All entries need to be postmarked by February 27th This is a very popular rally so be sure to get your entries in as soon as possible. Any questions please contact Elena Wohl at wohl@earthlink.net.

Paperwork has also been sent to DCs for the Eventing Qualifying Rally, to be held at the King Oak Horse Trials on May 12 and 13th. This rally is specifically held for those members hoping to qualify for Championships in Eventing this year. All entries must be received by Wendy Johnson prior to March 17th so the entry packet can be mailed to King Oak on opening day. Any questions please contact me at wendy@wendyj.org.

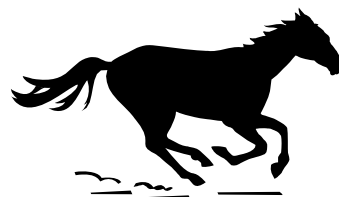
CLASSIFIEDS

Looking for a friendly barn with pasture in the Concord, MA area for a 20 year old Arabian gelding. Feed, Vet, and Farrier care paid for. Barn chores can be shared. 14-year-old pony clubber interested in riding him. We are flexible, please contact Lizajane0068@aol

For Sale: Ard Conan "Murphy". Imported Connemara gelding, 14 hands, 14 yrs old. Has fox hunted, events through novice level, 1st level dressage, jumps 3' plus, and is great on trails. Pony clubbed through C1, excellent confidence builder, for any level rider, big enough for a small adult. Every child's dream pony, he will take care of you! \$12,500. Contact Stacey Gallien Tuck-A-Way Farm Grantham NH 603-863-9805

NEXT DC MEETING

Our next Regional Council Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 on Saturday April 7th. The location to be announced shortly.



Tentative Calendar of Events for 2007 **

DATE/TIME	EVENT	HOST	LOCATION
February 25 9:00-12:00	UL Conformation Clinic	UL Program	UNH Durham NH
March 3	D Standards Clinic	CNE	Scarlet Hill Farm Groton MA
March 4	H/H-A Candidates Lungeing Clinic	UL Program	UNH
March 4 2-5 pm	C3 Prep Kickoff	C3 Program	First Parish Church Groton MA
March 4 CANCELLED	C Standards Clinic	CNE	Bear Spot Farm Carlisle MA
March 9 6:30 pm	UL Unmounted Prep	UL Program	Wendy Johnson's House 44 Browning Ave Nashua NH
March 11 1:00-3:00	D3/C1 Clinic- "Spring Cleaning- How to get your horse ready for the Season"	CNE D3/C1 Program	120 Old Connecticut Path Wayland MA 01778
April 1	Quiz Rally	Jordan Stables and Pegasus	Curtis Middle School Sudbury MA
April 15	Deadline for SNER C3 test application		
TBA	Horse Management Clinic	Rockingham	TBA
May 12-13	Qualifying Eventing Rally Paperwork deadline March 17	Nashoba Valley PC	King Oak Farm Spring HT Southampton MA
May 25-27	UL Prep Camp	UL Program	New Gait Manor Weare NH
May 25-27	C3 Prep Camp (HB prep)	C3 Program	Apple Knoll Farm Millis MA
May 26-27	Games Rally	Pentucket and Merrimack River	Topsfield Fairgrounds Topsfield MA
June 17	Show Jumping Rally Qualifier	Swift River	Mt. Holyoke Hadley MA
June 30-July 2	Dressage Rally	Squamscott PC	UNH Durham NH
July 5-8	UL Prep Camp	CNE UL Program	New Gait Manor Weare NH
July 13-15	C3 Testing	CNE & SNER	Apple Knoll Farm Millis MA
July 24-31	Championships & Festival	USPC	Lexington KY
August 3-5	H-HA Testing	CNE	TBA
August 18-19	B and H-B Testing	WMR and CNE	UNH Durham NH
September?	Tetrathlon Rally	ONB	TBA
September 30	D Rally	Groton	Groton Fairgrounds Groton MA
October ?	NQ Eventing Rally	Wentworth	Green Acres Farm Madbury, NH
Jan 22-28 2008	Annual Meeting	USPC & CNE	Boston MA

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