



The Central New England Scoop



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COMING UP

- March 23 **Quiz Rally**
Weston MA
- April 5 **Standards Clinic**
Cedar Brook Equestrian Center, Sutton MA
- April 12 **Horse Management Clinic**
Greata's Indian Ridge Farm Ipswich, MA

Dear DCs,

Here's another short SCOOP to bring you up to date since our DCs meeting.

DCs Meeting: Thank you all for attending the meeting -- we had almost 100% attendance! The Minutes are attached to this SCOOP.

Policies: And thanks for bringing along copies of your club policies. I hope you have received them back with my comments by now. Please update and revise them as I've suggested and be sure to get them back to me for my approval before they go into effect. (P.S. I still need policies from Nashoba Valley, Pentucket and Wentworth).

C Rally: There did not seem to be too much enthusiasm for holding a C Rally this year. Dates were problematic for some and it is hard to find a date and a USEA event to hold it at. Mystic Valley was one of the events suggested, but its date is the weekend of our second C3 camp and it is also the date of Games rally. Perhaps this is a rally that should be held every other year?

Qualifying Rally for Eventing Championships: I know that some of you do have members who would like to qualify for Championships. Members should be competing confidently at the level they wish to qualify. Remember, we are talking Championships! I have heard from several Cs that they would like to qualify for the Novice Champs, but they are not yet competing at Novice. So, the Championships may not work out for them this year.

After weighing all of your suggestions, I would suggest that we have two options for those who want to qualify (or for those who want to compete at a fun C Rally):

1. Send a team (or individuals who would be put on scrambled teams) to the NY-CT Eventing Rally at either Novice or Training level or both (the rally also has Beg.Nov, but it is not a qualifier). The rally is held at Kent School, Kent, CT on July 1, 2, 3. Competitors usually arrive on the afternoon of June 30, so anyone competing at our Dressage rally would pack up in New Hampshire and unpack in Connecticut that same afternoon! Anyone who wants to qualify, and even those who don't, are welcome to attend. NY-Upper CT would be delighted to have us. There are several advantages of this rally: it is relaxed and fun with great accommodations in cabins at a lakeside camp and good food; it is an overnight rally so that kids get the benefit of HM judged the same way as at Championships; members meet kids from another Region.

2. The other option for competitors who want to qualify for Championships, is to compete as a team (or teams) at Mystic Valley. We would make arrangements for judging HM and for taking the written test. We would need to have someone volunteer to be a Horse Manager. (Good for anyone who wants to qualify in HM for Champs)

Please let me know pronto how many Cs in your club are interested and in which option.

Thanks for everything!

Louisa



NEXT REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING, SATURDAY MAY 3, TIME AND PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED.

CALLING ALL B RATED MEMBERS.....

The following message came on the RS and DC Digests:

Mary Pierson, USPC's Director of Communications has asked for your help. This year there will be a listing of Graduate B Pony Club members in the Annual Directory, just as there is a list of As, H-As and Hs.

Compiling this list has evidently been a real challenge. To develop the list, the office referred to Annual Directories from 1957 on, guessing at times as to the graduate date of the members listed. (Until 1980 or so, we included current Bs in the directory, and this is where most of the names have been found). While there are a number of graduate Bs listed in USPC's database, the bulk of the names on the list in the Annual Directory are not currently in the database.

Please check your club's B members and their graduate dates against the list saved on the USPC website: <http://www.ponyclub.org/forms/B%20list.pdf>

If you know of B members who are missing, please provide names and YEAR GRADUATED (the year the member turned 21).

The Annual Directory is going to press shortly, so additions and changes should be in to the Office before Friday. If you submit more names after that time, the files will be changed so that next year's Directory is more complete. PLEASE EMAIL Mary Pierson communications@ponyclub.org.

QUIZ RALLY NEWS

If you were at the DC Meeting you learned that Quiz this year will have 4 elements: Classroom, Barn, Mega Room, and Written Test.

Barn: Please remind your kids to dress warmly with appropriate footwear for the Barn phase (there may be real horses!)

Classroom: A little different this year. There will be 6 rounds of questioning. There will be 4 classroom rounds where the kids can choose questions at their rating level (5 pts), or one level up (10 pts); there will be 2 classroom rounds where they can choose questions two levels up (15 pt. questions). Please make sure your competitors understand this new format.

HM CLINIC - APRIL 12

Be sure to sign your club up for a HM topic to teach at this clinic. Karen and Lara have sent emails to all clubs with lists of possible topics. This clinic is a must do for DCs, kids who want to rally this year,

interested parents, and any assistant and "wannabe" HM judges. There will be a separate program for

DCs and another program for any individuals who think they might want to learn to be apprentice judges this year.

ENGLISH OR IRISH PONY CLUB EXCHANGE

A few people have voiced interest in looking into an international exchange with pony club members from England or Ireland. The exchange would be for older members (C2, age 14 and up) who would like to spend a week or so in the British Isles, and then host pony club members here. Anyone in your club interested?

It is unlikely that we could get this off the ground for this summer, but we'd like to find out if there is any future interest. Anyone interested in such an exchange, and especially in helping to organize it, please contact Jackie Jacobs at

jacquelinejacobs@peoplepc.com .

CLUB QUESTIONNAIRES

At the Feb. 15 DC meeting, a questionnaire was passed out asking for you to respond about your unmounted meetings. I have received back only a few, and I hope there are more out there that you will soon be returning. We'd like to compile information from the Questionnaires that might be useful for all the clubs, so please send yours to Louisa if you haven't already.

Here are some of the results from the clubs replying:

1. Most clubs have the Cs teach the D program, with an occasional field trip, or special lecturer.
2. Topics: One club reported the following topics covered in this winter's unmounted meetings: nutrition; conformation; colors, markings, breeds; first aid; conditioning; health care; horse sports; saddlery and biting, tack care and cleaning; foot care and shoeing; foxhunting. Wow!

In another club, a memorable meeting was HM rally prep. Other clubs (2) reported Mega-room practice sessions that were lots of fun. The Cs organized the Mega room practices. Topics included among others, lameness and toxic plants.

3. Clubs reported visits from vets, farriers, nutrition experts as well as trips to Rochester Equine clinic and to Tufts, as well as to hear Dr. Cemeti at Mass Equine clinic in Uxbridge (MA).

4. Several clubs used the "stations" format that was demonstrated at last spring's HM clinic, covering a lot of topics at one meeting, with the Cs teaching the Ds. They reported it was very successful.

Please, let's hear from the rest of you so we can add to this list!

NEWS FROM NATIONALS

ATTENTION DCS -- The February edition of **News From National** is now posted on the USPC website. <http://www.ponyclub.org/news/current%20issue.htm> and you can download and print out NFN. Of special interest will be the Activities Spring Newsletters that detail what this year's information, rules and championship requirements will be. Please take the time to download and print out at least the Activities newsletters so that you and your club will be prepared for rallies this year.

OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS

The MSPCA at Nevins Farm is hosting a series of equine guest lectures on Thursday evenings in March. The schedule of topics can be accessed through the Groton Pony Club web site www.groton-pony-club.org/clinics_and_shows/Nevins_Spring_2003.pdf.

Or email Brenda Hess-McAskill, at Nevins Farm,

<bhess-mcaskill@mspca.org>

SCHOOLING SHOWS

Sunday April 13-Groton Pony Club 2 Phase Schooling Show with optional XC Schooling. Groton Fairgrounds Groton MA. For more information contact Wendy Johnson at 603-888-9014 or wendyj@groton-pony-club.org

Sunday April 27-Jericho Forest Mini-Event/Dressage Show. Regis College, Weston MA Contact Jericho Forest Pony Club for more details.

Sunday May 18-Groton Pony Club 3 Phase Schooling Show. Groton Fairgrounds Groton MA. For more information contact Wendy Johnson at 603-888-9014 or wendyj@groton-pony-club.org



Calendar of Events for 2003

DATE/TIME	EVENT	HOST	LOCATION
March 23	Quiz Rally	Jericho Forest and Nashoba Valley	Weston Middle School Weston MA
April 5	Standards Clinic	Worcestershire	Cedar Brook Equestrian Center, Sutton MA
April TBA	Instructors Mounted Clinic- C3 and up	CNE	Groton Fairgrounds, Groton, MA
April 12	Horse Management Clinic	Pentucket	Greata's Indian Ridge Farm Ipswich, MA
May 3	Regional Council Meeting	CNE	TBA
May 16-18	C3 Prep Camp	CNE	Kingsbury Hill Francestown, NH
May 23-25	Upper Level Prep Camp	CNE	Kingsbury Hill Francestown, NH
May 31	Eventing Rally Qualifier?		Mystic Valley Hunt Mystic CT
May 30- June 1	C3 Prep Camp	CNE	Kingsbury Hill Francestown, NH
June 1	Games Rally	Rockingham and Overlook	Topsfield Fairgrounds Topsfield MA
June 22	Show Jumping Rally Qualifier	South Eastern New England Region	Apple Knoll Farm Millis MA
June 28,29,30	Dressage Rally	Squamscott	UNH Durham NH
June 27-28	Tetrathlon Rally Qualifier	White Mtn. Region	TBA
July 1-3	Eventing Rally Qualifier?	NY-CT	Kent School Kent CT
July 15-18	Upper Level Prep	CNE	TBA
July 19-20	C3 Testing	CNE	Ericksons Black Brook Farm Carlisle MA
July 30-August 3	USPC Championships	USPC	Lexington VA
August 8-10	B Testing	NY-Upper CT Region	
August 16-17	C3 Testing	CNE	UNH Durham NH
August 15-17	HA Testing	CNE	UMASS Amherst MA
August 22-24	B Testing	Northeast Region	Maine
September ?	Show Jumping Rally	Old North Bridge	Marlborough Equestrian Center Marlborough MA
October 5	D Rally	Groton	Groton Fairgrounds Groton MA