



The Central New England Scoop



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COMING UP

- Mar 18 **UL Mounted Teach to Teach Clinic**
2:30-4:30 River Run Farm
W. Newbury MA
- Mar 25 **Dressage Clinic**
Giguere's gym Cherry Valley MA
- Mar 26 **UL Lunging Clinic Noon -3:00**
UNH Durham NH
- April 2 **Quiz Rally**
Weston Middle School Weston MA
- April 8 **Farewell Dinner**
Congregational Church Weston MA
- April 9 **C3 Bandaging Clinic**
UNH Durham NH
- April 15 **Intro to Games Clinic Noon**
Monk's Stables Chester NH

NOTES FROM THE RS...

I hope this spring weather has allowed all to get out and enjoy their horses!! I am sure all mounts are quiet and well behaved!! We may get an early start to the season with this weather.

The Upper Level group is moving right along, and leaders, remember that if you have candidates that want to test this summer, applications need to be in my hands by the end of March. BUT my father has decided (at age 91) that he needs to travel some more, so I am **NOT going to be here from the 28th of March on, so if there are applications for upper level candidates, they need to be in my hands before the 27th or they wouldn't get in on time.** Thank you for your attention to this important matter!

March has been the end of the D-3/C-1 program, and many members took advantage of

that program at the beginning, but numbers dwindled as the winter wore on. Remember leaders, this is a valuable program to get your members out of their local clubs, learning new information, but also interacting with others from around the region. Wendy Johnson has done an excellent job of trying to promote and administrate that program, THANK YOU Wendy!!

All other programs, Dressage, C-3, Junior Board, and Horse Management are running well, and our first qualifying rally is coming up in April (Quiz), so the season is about to really take off! I wish every one well in their mounted club meetings, and competitions, and here's hoping it is a successful season for all!

Please, leaders pass on the information about the logo and slogan contest for the CNER sponsored USPC Annual Meeting to be held in Boston in 2008!! Wendy has a flyer and it will be attached to this newsletter. We need to get a move on and come up with a logo and slogan as the National Office wants to distribute initial information about the meeting at this year's Championships. The competition for the Logo and slogan are open to ANYONE!!! So have all put their thinking caps on!

Betsey

UPPER LEVEL REPORT

I hope all who are planning to rate this year have your application into Betsey. Forms and applications for both camps will be coming soon. Watch your email for them. The next UL clinic will be the mounted teaching clinic with Sarah Contois this Saturday afternoon at RiverRun Farm in West Newbury, MA. If you would like to attend – and haven't already PLEASE RSVP to Catherine Williams at cmwilliams374@comcast.net. Directions and details are posted on the CNER website.

-Catherine Williams

C3 UPDATE

A final reminder—C3 test applications are due **NOW** . Please submit applications to your DC for processing this week along with a check to your club for \$175.00.

The CNE C3 test dates are Aug. 11—13th . The testing will be held at New Gait Manor in Weare N.H. Details regarding testing and costs will be emailed soon. The next closest in terms of time and distance are those testings offered by White Mountain Region (Aug 18—20) and NY/UC (Aug 15—17). Testing sites will typically only accept 12—14 candidates, so don't delay if you think you even may want to test this year.

Upcoming clinics—

March 26 12—3pm. UL lunging clinic with Laurie Chapman-Bosco at UNH. This session is open to C3 candidates to audit only. There will be a \$5.00 fee for auditing to help defray costs. Although geared to the B level and up, C3 candidates may benefit from observing the expectations for the UL candidates and be able to clarify expectations for the C3. We will be providing a separate C3 lunging clinic as well as lunging sessions geared to the C3 at the Kingsbury Hill Camp.

April 9th 1—3pm . Bandaging clinic with Chris Keim at UNH. This is an opportunity for all C2's to hone their bandaging skills. We will be using UNH horses in the barn. Please come with measurements for your own horse for stable bandages (below hock or knee to bottom of fetlock) and for shipping bandages (to bulbs of heels) and plan to bring sheet cottons, cheesecloth and heavy needle and thread to make your own custom bandages. Although the standards are not substantially different from C2 to C3 for bandaging requirements, please note that you will be more critically assessed in application technique and discussion at the C3 level. No do-overs in a National testing!!

Camps—Kingsbury Hill June 9—11th. **Mt. Holyoke** July 8—12. Details and costs coming soon. The Kingsbury Hill camp is the required camp for the C3 candidates. Please email me if you have not already done so with your plans to attend one or both camps. Thanks! Jackie Jacobs jjacobsdvm@comcast.net

-Jackie Jacobs

D3/C1 PROGRAM UPDATE

On Sunday March 12, the final D3/C1 Clinic was held at Bantry Bay Farm in Pepperell MA. There were about 18 attendees. Lelo Reeves Curtiss was our clinician and with the help of pony

clubbers Alison Blood, Stephanie LeCours and Samantha Lutz, she demonstrated the proper techniques for safe lunging. She also had the girls demonstrate various bandages. She finished the clinic with a discussion on how to properly fit and use various pieces of tack.

Thanks to Lelo, Allison, Steff and Sam. We are also very grateful to Bantry Bay Farm for the use of their wonderful facility. A questionnaire was handed out requesting feedback for next year's program. Please urge all interested members to send their feedback to Wendy Johnson. We listen to your comments! wendy@wendyj.org

NOTES FROM THE HMO

Who says Pony Club isn't a learning experience for us all? I definitely learn lots of things when helping coordinate activities within the region: who to contact, more logical places/ways to handle things, how to word my clinic flyers as to not panic parents, that you should always double check for completeness before you print a 100 page document....some would say common sense or life skills! CNE is always a learning experience for all involved and there are no complaints here! ☺

Horse Management Judges Training

Speaking of common sense, this was what I hoped was one major theme that we took away from the March 4th Horse Management Judges' Training that was held at UNH. After a bumpy start complete with location and time change, we had a very admirable turnout! Thanks to all who bore with the confusion!

We covered some basic expectations of HMJ's, shared opinions on various topics, went over formal inspections and required equipment checks as well as hopefully debunked a few HM myths in the process. We also spoke of the responsibility that we judges and educators have of being sure that we always keep common sense, fairness and propriety in mind when working and teaching. A sign-up sheet was made available for those who wanted to Assist or Apprentice at CNE rallies this year. Anyone interested should feel free to contact me!

For those who attended, a separate email including links to the handout materials will be sent. Clarification on the correct HM Rulebook pages is shown below for all who attended as well as ALL DC's, parents, PC'ers, HMJ's--- ANYONE who has a HM Rulebook already printed. This checklist will help you be sure it is complete. I am trying to get a complete and correct .pdf file posted on the ponyclub.org

website to minimize confusion. I have not heard back from the HM Committee chairs as of writing this, so we'll see! I do have my own copy of the complete .pdf file that I've compiled, so email me if you need a link.

I hope to continue to encourage all interested in HM at rallies to participate and to continue to educate our new "recruits" in other areas of HM judging. Another HM judge's training session will be held later this spring, preferably in conjunction with another prep clinic so that the time and place are convenient. I'll keep you posted on dates and times!

Urban Legends of the Horse Management Kind

I have received several new questions and topics to address for this section for next month. I will thoroughly investigate these questions in conjunction with the HM Committee to be sure I'm getting you the RIGHT information. I'll also be sure to include or post supporting documentation so that it can be included in rulebooks at rallies if need be.

Rulebook Update

Again, there is no new rulebook for 2006, just a 2-page Horse Management Newsletter that can be found on the USPC website under Forms -> Rulebooks -> Horse Management. This is considered an "addenda" and must be kept with the HM Rulebook for required equipment checks at rallies.

Please review these updates and email with any questions you might have.

REVISING YOUR USPC HORSE MANAGEMENT HANDBOOK, MARCH 2006

This will help to explain how to update your USPC Horse Management Handbook. There will be a new USPC Horse Management Handbook in 2007.

First of all download the most currently posted USPC (2002) Horse Management Handbook and follow only the highlighted sections or update yours using all of the listed addendums. You will still need to add some items and discard others. Please follow the checklist.

The Newest 2002 USPC Horse Management Handbook

http://www.ponyclub.org/pdfs/rulebooks/rules_h_mgt.pdf

Check the following:

Add 2006 HM Newsletter. Make sure it is a two page newsletter. If it is only one page it is probably 2005's.

<http://www.ponyclub.org/pdfs/hmnewsletter.pdf>

You may wish to handwrite the year on the Newsletters as all of them do not indicate this.

Page 14: The updated page is not in the new download. Make sure it reads "revised 5/02" at the bottom of the page. This is Addendum D

http://www.ponyclub.org/pdfs/rulebooks/rules_h_mgt_addendum_d.pdf

Page 56: This is in the new download. Make sure it reads "Addendum 1/04". If your copy does not have this you will need to print the page from the new download. I do not know how to update it with a link to anything.

Page 58: This is corrected in the newest download. Make sure it reads "revised January 2005". This is Addendum F. Do not need to do anything if you downloaded the newest version of the USPC Handbook.

http://www.ponyclub.org/pdfs/rulebooks/rules_h_mgt_addendum_f.pdf

Page 59: This is not corrected in the new download. Make sure it reads "revised 6/02". This is Addendum E.

http://www.ponyclub.org/pdfs/rulebooks/rules_h_mgt_addendum_e.pdf

Pages 63-66: This is in the newest download. Make sure they read "revised April 2005". This is Addendum G.

http://www.ponyclub.org/pdfs/rulebooks/rules_h_mgt_addendum_g.pdf

Pages 81-82 need to be discarded completely. In their place put the new (2004) HM evaluation and Rally/Facilities evaluation. There are not page numbers on the new forms. This is where they belong, however.

<http://www.ponyclub.org/pdfs/2004evals.pdf>

Make sure you leave pages 83 through 89 (the CHMJ and Mentor CHMJ evaluations). Do not throw them away.

Discard pages 90-95. There are not any replacement pages for their numbered places. They will just be missing. The new (2004) HM evaluation and Rally/Facilities evaluation will take their place.

Pages 101 and 102: These are in the newest download. Make sure page 101 reads "revised March 2005" and page 102 reads "revised February 2005". This is Addendum H.

http://www.ponyclub.org/pdfs/rulebooks/rules_h_mgt_addendum_h.pdf

Last but not least, MANY thanks to those who helped in coordinating the HM Training on March 4th. I'd like to especially thank our current members Leigh Davis and Amanda Brem who graciously went through the required equipment kits with the trainees. They also gave us a great PC'ers perspective on rallying and simply showed us the results of our labor: well-rounded horse people! ☺

~Lara Hubner

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DRESSAGE PROGRAM UPDATE

The Dressage Interest Group is moving along with it's 2006 plans. The first clinic, unmounted with Steven Apotow will be held at Giguere's in Cherry Valley on March 25. This is an excellent start to the season where riders can pinpoint and begin to resolve positional problems and postural issues. Steven Apotow is a scientist working in the study of sports related Biomechanics. The science of classical ballet training, as used in the Eastern Bloc development programs for gymnastics and figure skating, is the reference point for the optimization of fundamental movement mechanics and the precision execution of classical dressage technique. In conjunction with a lecture presentation, individual consultations cover the rider specific mechanics of a connected seat, posting, half/half halt, turn mechanics, spiral seat and lateral movements.

Entry available at
http://cne.ponyclub.org/clinics/2006_CNER_Dressage_Overnight.pdf.

For more details on biometrics, see
http://cne.ponyclub.org/clinics/rider_biomechanics.pdf

The second and third clinics of the year will be mounted sessions with former Olympian Lendon Gray. The first is planned for July 18th, will be held at Letter Perfect Farm in Uxbridge MA. The second will be held Oct. 28th. in a central location.

If possible, a seat clinic with Sue Winslade will be offered, but that is not confirmed.

These clinics are run as a series, and consideration will be given to members who attend them as such when accepting applications.

Lendon's Dressage4kids show is August 11, 12, and 13. USPC sponsors a team. CNER would love to field one as well. Please contact Leonora Giguere @ leo99dav99@charter.net if you are interested in attending the show as a pony club representative.

-Leonora Giguere

NOTES FROM THE JR BOARD

A Jr. Board Meeting was held on 2-10-06 at Caroline Daly's house. The following are minutes from the meeting:

Members Present- Leigh Davis, Katherine Short, Michelle Realmuto, Sarah Titus, Annie Maietta, Caroline Daly, and Tegan Judd
Advisors- We all voted in Chris Daly and Deb Titus as our new advisors.

Thank You Dinner-When: Dec. 2, 2006 (which is a Saturday for those who care)
Where: Tammy's house -OR- Leigh's house
Committee: Katherine, Caroline, Leigh and Amanda
Katherine and Caroline are to write the poem

Quiz-(April 2) We officially decided to do the food at Quiz Committee-Annie and Amanda, those partaking in the foodness of Quiz should be there at 7a.m. and be prepared for a Jr. Board meeting during the down time.

Clinics-We decided to do 1 clinic with Carol Kozlowski in the up coming year (leaving out the O'Connors, Mark Weissbecker, Suzy Gornall and Stephy Baer) the one clinic will serve as a "test" so to speak and in following years others should be added. Katherine is going to contact Carol and find out when/if she is available and when that is finalized Caroline is going to see about using Apple Knoll's facilities. *Carol Kozlowski charges \$900 per day plus money for gas and tolls.

Scholarships-Annie is going to revise the application so its club and member friendly there is to be a set amount of money we give away in scholarships its set for \$1000 this year but will change as the balance for Jr. Board changes money NOT used for scholarships will Roll-over into the following years scholarship budget. we came up with an annual deadline for ALL applications (member or club) to be in by - March 31 restriction for club scholarships: the activity at hand must be open to the region and no more than 50% of the participants can be from the hosting club a standing comate for Scholarships was installed and as for now includes Leigh and "Mr. Chris" (aka Advisor Chris Daly) and all questions about Scholarships should be sent to them. --Leigh, as the "committee" will receive the applications, review

them before hand then consult the rest of the board. Pegasus Club has ASKED for a scholarship of \$300-400 REMEMBER: inform your club about the happenings of Jr. Board, the changes to the Scholarship policies/applications NEXT MEETING: April 2nd at QUIZ-anyone helping should be there at 7a.m. and the meeting will be held during "down time"

Caroline Daly- Junior Board

GAMES CLINIC

Merrimack River Pony Club is hosting a 2006 Introductory Games Clinic on Saturday April 15th at Monks Stables in Chester NH. Starting time is 12:00. There will be a \$10 charge per participant and \$5 audit fee for members, parents and instructors. This is an unmounted clinic. Bring stick ponies if you have them as there will be a small unmounted competition for pony club members. There will also be a used clothing and tack sale at the clinic. For more information and to print out a detailed flyer and entry form go to

http://cne.ponyclub.org/clinics/2006_Games_Clinic_Flyer.pdf or contact Betty Staten at elistate@yahoo.com or 978-374-1173.

CAROL KOZLOWSKI CLINIC

Pegasus Pony Club is hosting a clinic with Carol Kozlowski Wednesday June 28 at Stoneleigh-Burnham School in Greenfield MA. The clinic is for D2 through C2 pony clubbers with C3 and up put on a waiting list if space is available. Each group will ride for 1-1/2 hours in small groups of 5 or less. The cost will be approximately \$80 per person. Applications will be a Quiz Rally and posted on the CNE website. Closing date is May 1. Any questions call Katherine Short at 413-367-2104 or email her at shortk@dickinson.edu.

FREE ROLEX TICKETS

The Region has two tickets to the Rolex 3 Day Competition in Lexington KY on April 27-30. Anyone who would like the tickets needs to contact Betsey Reeves immediately. The tickets are free but must be used by pony clubbers. Call Betsey at 978-448-2825 or email at betseyr@charter.net

RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

The Region has decided to hold a raffle this spring to raise money for Championship entry fees. We will be selling tickets at all the upcoming rallies and events and would like anyone interested to contact Lara Hubner, Chris Daly or Curtis Renner for more details on how to get tickets to sell. There will be 300 tickets available at \$50 each. The prizes will total \$5000. The first tickets will be available at the Quiz Rally. Please buy a ticket or sell a ticket to your friends and relatives. The drawing will be at the Dressage Rally at UNH at the end of June. Please help make this fundraiser work for all of us!

UPCOMING AREA ACTIVITIES

Foss Farm 2 Phase-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 7th. There will be a 2-Phase Division and Dressage Only. Come and enjoy the new large dressage ring! Closing Date is April 28th. For more information check out the CNE website at cne.ponyclub.org, the ONBPC website at ONBPC.Ponyclub.org or email Lisa Brem at lbrem@comcast.net.

Groton Pony Club 2 Phase w/ XC Schooling
April 23 @ Groton Fairgrounds, Jenkins Rd, Groton, MA Starter to Training, Dressage Only too Entry available at groton.ponyclub.org or contact Cathy Lovas at 603-465-3623 or clovasnh@juno.com

Thompson School of Applied Science Combined Tests- The Thompson School will be holding a 2 Phase on Sunday April 23rd at UNH. Opening date is March 6, closing date is April 14th. Entry forms and tests are available at www.unh.edu/tsas2ph or call Laurie at 603-862-1019 for more information.

NEXT DC MEETING

Our next Regional Council Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 on Saturday July 15th at the Nashoba Valley Tubing Park in Westford MA. Immediately following the meeting at noon there will be a mandatory Regional Championship meeting and BBQ.

Calendar of Events for 2006

DATE/TIME	EVENT	HOST	LOCATION
March 18 2:30 to 4:30	Mounted Teach to Teach	UL Program	River Run Farm W. Newbury MA
March 25-26	Clinic with Stephen M. Apatow	Dressage Program	Giguere's Gym Cherry Valley MA
March 26 12-3 pm	UL Lunging Clinic Laurie Chapman Bosco- Clinician	UL Program	UNH Durham NH
April 1 CANCELLED	Focus Group-DC Support	CNE	
April 2	Quiz Rally	Jericho Forest/ Pegasus/Worcester- shire/Overlook	Weston Middle School Weston MA
April 8	Farewell Dinner	JFPC	Congregational Church Weston MA
April 9	C3 Bandaging Clinic Chris Keim-clinician	C3 Program	UNH Durham NH
April 15 Noon	Introductory Games Clinic	Merrimack River	Monks Stable Chester NH
April 19 (Wed) 3:30	UL Bandaging Clinic Betsey Reeves-clinician	UL Program	TBA
May 13-14 closing date March 28th	Qualifying Eventing Rally	Nashoba Valley	King Oak Farm Spring HT Southampton MA
May 26-29	UL Prep Camp	UL Program	Kingsbury Hill Camp New Boston NH
June 1	C3 Rating applications due to Betsey	C3 Program	N/A
June 9-11	C3 Prep Camp	C3 Program	Kingsbury Hill Camp New Boston NH
June 10-11	Overnight Games Rally	Merrimack River/ Groton	Topsfield Fairgrounds Topsfield MA
June 17-18	Show Jumping Rally Qualifier	Swift River	Mt. Holyoke Hadley MA
June 24-26	Dressage Rally	Squamscott	UNH Durham NH
June 28	Carol Kozlowski Clinic levels D2-C2	Pegasus PC	Stoneleigh Burnham School Greenfield MA
July 8-12	UL Prep Camp/C3 Prep Camp	UL& C3 Programs	Mt. Holyoke Hadley MA
July 15 10:00	Quarterly Council Meeting	CNE	Nashoba Tubing Park Westford MA
July 15 Noon	Mandatory Championship Meeting and BBQ	CNE	Nashoba Tubing Park Westford MA
July 18	Lendon Gray Clinic	CNE Dressage Program	Letter Perfect Farm Uxbridge MA.

July 25-29	2006 USPC Championships	USPC	Lexington VA
July 28-30	B Testing	SNER	Valinor Farm Plymouth MA
August 11-13	C3 Testing	C3 Program	New Gait Manor Weare NH
August 11-13	HA Testing	UL Program	TBA
August 15-17	C3 Testing	NY/UC Region	
August 18-20	C3 Testing	White Mtn. Region	
September 9-10	Qualifying Tetrathlon Rally	ONB	Black Brook Farm Carlisle MA
October 1	D Rally	Groton	Groton Fairgrounds Groton MA
October 28	Lendon Gray	CNE Dressage Program	TBA
TBD	NQ Eventing Rally	Wentworth	Green Acres Farm Madbury, NH

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