



The Central New England Scoop



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COMING UP

- April 3 **Focus Meeting 10:00 am**
 Nashoba Valley Ski Area, Westford MA
- April 10 **Horse Management Clinic**
 Indian Ridge Farm Ipswich MA

NOTES FROM BETSEY

It was wonderful to see so many at **Quiz Rally!** What a great turnout! The day seemed to go very well thanks to the Herculean efforts of Jericho Forest PC; they just seem to do it better and better each year. Many thanks go especially to Jane Morris, the overall organizer, who managed to keep all the balls in the air and make it look like a breeze. Nashoba Valley PC was in charge of the Mega room, and that also seemed to run smoothly. CNER has what looks to be a good list of well-qualified representatives for Championships to go to Kentucky in July and it looks like we have gotten off to a really strong start for the rally season.

Next on the agenda is the CNER **Focus Group** to be held this Saturday the third at Nashoba Valley Ski Area again, but this time it will be held at the Tubing Park which has an entrance off Rt. 119/2A half a mile East of the Lights at Littleton center. The topic will be Championships, so DC's come with your questions, and ideas; or send a representative from your club. We have had some good discussions at the focus groups and as one DC was heard to say 'it is nice to have an opportunity to talk with others so I don't feel like I am functioning in a void'. There will be one more Focus Group meeting in May, and then we will be busy with rally season so we will stop for the summer.

Speaking of Championships, the next rally will be the **Qualifying Eventing Rally**, and that is going to be held in conjunction with King Oak

Horse Trials, a new venue for CNER. There are at the present 3 short Novice teams going, and

at least one Training competitor trying to qualify, with three Horse Managers trying to qualify as well. Here's hoping the weather stays spring like so everyone going can have fit enough horses, and we can send another strong team to Kentucky.

Betsey

HORSE MANAGEMENT CLINIC

Please check the CNE Website where you will find the flyer/registration information for this year's Horse Management Clinic. It will be taking place on April 10, 2004 at Indian Ridge Farm in Ipswich, MA. Carol Greata and Pentucket Pony Club have graciously offered to host the rally again this year at their wonderful facility!

This clinic will be geared towards educating about rally procedure, expectations and equipment. Any C-3's and above are encouraged to attend HM Judges' training which will be offered in conjunction with the mock rally.

UL UPDATE

UL unmounted clinics continue with great attendance. Thanks to the Johnson/LeCours family for hosting the lecture series. As we move in to spring we will progress into in-barn lectures and lunging.

At this point I expect that I've seen all the UL applications we will have for this year. Please remind your ULs that applications for Memorial Day Weekend and July Prep Camps are on the CNE web site. Applications were due March 15th, but due to a computer error the application attachment was not received by some of the candidates. Make sure the ULs in

your club have their applications, or have them contact me.

So far as I know, the potential CNER National Test Candidates for 2004 are as follows; **Katie Biery****, **Allison Blood**, **Rebecca Cole****, **Leigh Davis**, **Allison Gray**, **Megan Howe****, **Dominique Maietta**, **Heather Maytham**, **Jillian Middaugh****, **Katherine Shafer**** {**indicates app for mandatory UL camp missing}

We have a number of calls for horses. One of our A candidates is looking for a mount for this season. In addition, for our camp July 5th-9th, we will be hosting ponyclub members from far afield, including Illinois, Pennsylvania, Vermont and Georgia. Many are bringing their own mounts, but we have requests for horses for HA candidates to use during the three days they are in, and also for one well-recommended B candidate. The HA horses would need to be happy being wrapped, braided, cleaned up, and lunged (if appropriate for the horse). Since we are at camp for 4th of July week, this might even work for someone as a place to have their horse vacation while it's owners are away!!! If you know of a horse who would be suitable for any of the situations above, please contact me.

NOTES FROM THE HMO

HM Clinic/Mock Rally – This year's HM Clinic will be in a Horseless Rally format. This will enable both new PC'ers and those with only a little experience to get to go through a rally day without their ponies to complicate matters. It will also give new parents a little taste of what a PC rally might be like.

For older/more experienced members, they can also participate by being on a team and helping to teach and guide others in the aspects of HM at a rally. Any PC'ers that are C-3 and above are also encouraged to attend by participating in our HM Judges training session. This will run in conjunction with the Mock Rally, using it to help show interested "trainees" what judging at a rally is all about.

IMPORTANT

I need names/ratings/addresses/emails for all Horseless Rally participants. Please try to form teams, and submit them either by mail or by email by APRIL 1st!!!! Let me know if you have a partial team and we'll try to combine to form scramble teams among clubs. This is just like a rally where times need to be scheduled. We need to have a good idea of each team that is planning on attending so that we can schedule accordingly.

For the HM Judges' training, please call or email and let me know who will be attending, what their experience is. This will help identify space needs and where the participants are at as far as previous exposure to horse management judging. Also, please bring a copy of the 2002 HM Handbook w/addenda with you to the clinic if you have one. A clipboard, pen and paper will also be good to have.

E-mail larahubner@yahoo.com or 603.591.0284
Remember APRIL 1st!!!!!!! Thanks!

Urban Legends of the Horse Management Kind

Q: When do I have to wear my Pony Club pin at a Rally?

A: (p. 32 HM Handbook, section 21, C): "When the competitors are dismounted, Pony Club pin must be worn, unless specifically forbidden in the rules of the discipline, along with numbers or identifying information(aka..nametag or games pinny)."

(p. 33 HM Handbook, section 22, A) "A Pony Club pin must be worn for formal inspection (colored felt backing is recommend-ed), and may be worn for all riding phases."

Rule # 1, then is: Wear your PC pin for ALL formal inspections. It's right there on the formal sheets for every discipline at every rating.

Rule #2, would tend to be: Check in each discipline rulebook for specific information about the rules for wearing the PC pin in each type of rally. The best bet if the discipline rule book is not explicit about if it needs to be worn when mounted: ASK the Chief HMJ at the competitor's briefing.

Dressage: USPC Pin must be worn at ALL times.

Show Jumping: Pony Club pin must be worn according to the HM Handbook.

Games: No mention of pony club pins in rulebook.

Tetrathalon: No mention of pony club pins in rulebook.

Eventing: Pony Club pins must be worn at ALL times.

Polocrosse: Required for formal inspection, no mention otherwise.

Your PC pin is a symbol that you're a "Pony Clubber". Be it "hokey", but you should be proud to wear it! Wearing the appropriate felt behind the pin also helps to identify what rating you are for judges and spectators. It teaches responsibility of having to remember something and keep it on at all times. (Remember how PC is often a cleverly disguised "vehicle" for learning life skills...) Plus it's cute, right? ☺

Q: Are yearly discipline Pony Club pins from Championships acceptable for use at a rally?

A: Yes. One thing to keep in mind is that these discipline pins are given as a "memento" from a championship experience. Think: What happens if that pin migrates into the mud in the dressage ring never to be seen again? Most people prefer to keep them safe and at home, but they are acceptable for use in a rally.

Q: Are Pony Clubbers allowed to wear half-chaps at rallies?

A: Half chaps are NOT allowed at ANY qualifying level rally or at Championships except in the Polocrosse discipline. Half chaps, however, will ONLY be allowed at D-level rallies and ratings if deemed appropriate by the DC of their club. At C ratings or higher, they are never appropriate for either formal or informal attire. As interpreted, any C's should not wear them even if it's a "non-qualifying" rally.

Half chaps with riding sneakers are not acceptable as the heel on the sneaker is not deep enough to ensure the strap stays in place. They also must always be in good repair with respect to stitching, buckles, Velcro, elastic parts AND cleanliness. They must also follow the guidelines for color appropriateness as outlined by the formal/informal attire chart in the HM Handbook.

It is encouraged that half chaps should be a last resort in outfitting a child with a hard to fit foot. Or as an emergency for boots that suddenly don't fit due to a growth spurt. For years, jodphur/paddock boots and jods, rubber boots, vinyl/leather look tall boots or stock leather boots that are cut down, etc. have been used and are all correct for use in pony club competition. Hand-me-downs and used items are also a good way to find a good fit at a reasonable price. Ask around in your club! Please contact your DC if you have any further questions about the appropriateness of boots and half chaps.

Do you have any PC "urban legends"? Email them to: larahubner@yahoo.com

VISITING INSTRUCTORS

Just a reminder: Visiting Instructor Applications and Requests are due by April 30th. Please encourage your upper-rated members to apply for this program, and if your club needs an instructor for camps, preps or special summer activities, consider the Visiting Instructors program. You'll find the application forms and the request forms on the website, under Forms, under 'V'.

FYI-NEWS RELEASE 3/10/04

NBC to Televisе Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event Presented by Bayer. The United States Equestrian Federation (USEF), the National Governing Body for the sport of Equestrian, and Equestrian Events, Inc., (EEI), the organizer of the Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event, announced today that NBC-TV will present a 90-minute telecast of the 2004 Rolex Kentucky Three-Day Event, presented by Bayer. The national network broadcast will be titled the "Rolex Equestrian Championships" and will air Sunday, May 2, from 1:30-3:00 p.m. Eastern Time. "As America's Olympic Network, NBC is proud to broadcast the nation's premier equestrian competition," said Jon Miller, Senior Vice President, NBC Sports. "The 2004 Rolex Equestrian Championships will provide viewers a preview of the Olympic hopefuls as they prepare for the Athens Games."

Eventing evolved from cavalry competitions used to test the training and fitness of mounts. The competition consists of three distinct elements: dressage, cross-country, and show jumping. The horse-and-rider combination incur points as penalties, and the pairing with the lowest combined score from the three tests is the winner.

The more people that watch the better the chances more equestrian events will be shown.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 18- Groton Pony Club 2 Phase Schooling Show. Training through Starter divisions dressage and stadium, dressage only and optional xc schooling. Groton Fairgrounds, Groton MA. Contact Wendy Johnson at wendyj@groton-pony-club.org or 603-888-9014.

May 2- Second Annual "May Day 2-phase at Foss Farm". The event is limited to 50 competitors and was a sellout last year, so early entry is advised! Pre-elementary through training and dressage-only divisions Sunday, May 2, 2004

Foss Farm, Carlisle, MA Proceeds to benefit the public riding facilities at Foss. Call Tracey with any questions at: (978) 318-1944

May 15- Rockingham Pony Club 2-Phase and Dressage only at the Tack Shack in Fremont NH. Closing date May 1st. Contact Carole Sullivan at Rockingham PC for more information.

May 16- Groton Pony Club 3 Phase Schooling Show. Novice through Starter divisions. Groton Fairgrounds, Groton MA. Contact Wendy Johnson at wendyj@groton-pony-club.org or 603-888-9014.

CLASSIFIEDS

Looking for a horse to lease! 12 year old D2 in Pegasus Pony Club, moving up to D3. Rallying at the D2 level this season. Rider is quiet, has solid basics. She has been riding for 6 years, and takes weekly lessons. This is her first year in P.C. Has leased before. Looking for larger pony or smaller horse. Please contact Ginny Elkin by phone or email.

Call 413 549 7788 or write drginfeld@aol.com

For Sale- Abby, a 3 year old home bred TB mare. Out of Advanced level 3-Day Event mare, Prudential, by Macsen Sword. Well started under saddle. Good looking, good mover, good jumper, now jumping small courses. Will be able to do any discipline. \$12,000. Stabled at Orange, MA. Phone Stephie at 978 544 9700 or email chasefarm@comcast.net. Pictures at <http://www.stephiebaer.com/sales.html>

For Sale- Zippy is a wonderful horse for a young or other amateur rider. An attractive mover and a very good jumper. Placed in many preliminary events with an amateur rider. Completed the Mid South One Star 3 day event. 14 year old quarter horse chestnut, 16 hands. This is a very consistent, uncomplicated, snaffle mouthed horse with a wonderful temperament. Asking \$23,000. Phone Stephie at 978 544 9700 or email chasefarm@comcast.net. Pictures at

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See you on the 3rd!