



The Central New England Scoop



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COMING UP

- April 5 **Standards Clinic**
Cedar Brook Equestrian Center, Sutton MA
- April 10, **Instructors' Clinics**
17, 24 Groton Fairgrounds, Groton MA
- April 12 **Horse Management Clinic**
Greata's Indian Ridge Farm, Ipswich MA

APRIL FOOL'S SCOOP, BUT NO FOOLING

This month there's lots of news and little time to tell it because it's almost upon us ...

QUIZ RALLY was our first rally of the season. It was hosted by Jericho Forest, with Mega Room by Nashoba Valley, and as usual, it was hotly contested. 104 Pony Club members from every corner of the Region participated in this fun, educational rally, testing their knowledge against each other. When the smoke had cleared, there were lots of tired and happy winners.

Our warmest congratulations to all the teams that participated, and, of course to the winners. The results are now posted on the CNE website.

Worcestershire Jr. D and Sr. D teams took home the Championships in those divisions, (Yeah! Worcester-shire) with Pentucket a close 2nd in the Sr. D division and Old North Bridge as Reserve in the Jr. D division. A strong scrambled team of members from Groton/Squamscott/Old North Bridge were Champions in the C Division and Rockingham was Reserve.

Many, many thanks to Jericho Forest and Nashoba Valley for organizing this traditional event, and thanks to volunteers from all your clubs for pitching in and helping make the day fun for the kids.

A regional **GAMES CLINIC** was hosted last weekend by Betty Staten, Karen Marcotte and Rockingham PC.

We received the following note from Kate Day of Pentucket:

"A BIG thank you from Pentucket for hosting the games clinic on Saturday. Our kids had a great time and learned some great new techniques. We have concluded we need to try out your vaulting style and have several kids already experimenting away! One of the things we've grown to love about Pony Club is seeing friends and acquaintances from throughout the region over time. It was so fun to see your kids demonstrating, to chat with fellow parents and to have all the kids see each other again. It is so nice of you to share your games expertise with the region. We look forward to a fun, well-attended rally and I think all who attended feel better prepared to begin practicing for games..."

Thanks, Kate, for sharing. It sounds like a great clinic. I guess we know who will be prepared for Games Rally this year!

HAS EVERYONE DOWNLOADED THE MARCH NEWS FROM NATIONAL AND THE GOLD BOOK EXPLAINING THIS YEAR'S CHAMPIONSHIPS??? THESE ARE AVAILABLE ON THE USPC WEB SITE.

We have two important clinics coming up this month -- All parents, member, instructors, and DCs in your club should not miss them.

APRIL 5 IS THE STANDARDS CLINIC at Cedar Brook Equestrian Center in Sutton, MA. from 9:30a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The clinician is Nancy Fritz Grout, who does a superb job of explaining the differences between each rating. There will be demo riders at each level. The Junior Board is providing food. What's not to like? PLEASE insist and encourage at the very least all new parents, new DCs, kids hoping to take a new rating this spring, and instructors to attend this clinic. Many of the questions parents ask their DCs will be covered at this clinic, and if you and they attend, you'll both know the

answers. Directions are attached to this SCOOP. Bring a chair. See you there.

The following Saturday, April 12, is the **HORSE MANAGEMENT CLINIC** being held at Carol Greata's Indian Ridge Farm in Ipswich. The clinic flyer was emailed and snail mailed out recently. This is a wonderful clinic divided up into several sections, so there is learning for every child and adult in your club. There will be a meeting for DCs on the focus and goals of HM in Pony Club; another section is specifically for HM judges and anyone who wants to be a HM judge -- it's good training and a thorough explanation of HM judging for this year. Finally, there are HM teaching stations that is specially for pony club members and parents. Each club will teach a Horse Management topic they've chosen and worked on. Members and parents can circulate among the various stations. This part was so well received last year, we've decided to repeat it with different topics. The kids do a great, imaginative job. Don't miss this clinic.

INSTRUCTORS' CLINICS -- SERIES #2 will be held April 10, 17 and 24 at Groton Fairgrounds, Groton, MA. This series is for C3 and up members who want to learn to teach mounted group lessons or who want to perfect their skills. Betsey Reeves will provide the introductory meeting on April 10, after which the group will pick topics, prepare lesson plans and on the following 2 Thursdays, teach the groups from Groton Pony Club. Betsey will observe and provide a critique. Emails have gone out to all upper level kids, but DCs are asked to check with their members to make sure they're aware of this regional opportunity. Anyone who needs directions to the Fairgrounds, please contact Iris Realmuto (iris@freedom.mv.com).

SHOW JUMPING AND EVENTING RALLY QUALIFIERS

At our February DC meeting I asked DCs to ask their members and let me know of any interest in qualifying for Champs in either of these disciplines. I have heard from only 1 DC about members who want to qualify. I have recently heard from 2 members themselves, who may want to qualify for Champs in each of those activities. At the moment, we have received welcoming overtures from the NY Upper CT for their rally at Kent School, July 1-3 for Eventing qualifiers. Individuals or a team would be welcome, whether or not they want to qualify.

For Show Jumping, NY Upper CT's Show Jumping rally is also at Kent School on June 8. Metropolitan Region's Show Jumping rally is July 10 (a Thursday) at Old Salem Farm, North Salem, New York (about 4 hours away from Central Mass). This is always a very well organized rally at a beautiful facility. There is also White Mountain Region's rally on July 6. We are welcome to send a team or individuals to either rally. Please mention these opportunities to your members.

(Because no one had indicated any interest to me, Southeastern New England Region, which was willing to run a qualifying ring, decided not to go to that expense and effort since, as of the middle of March, there was no one interested in qualifying.) Central New England's Eventing and Show Jumping rallies are scheduled for this fall (see calendar) -- too late to qualify for Championships this year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS!!

DCS -- PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT APPEARED ON THE RS DIGEST

From: "Wayne Quarles" <activities@ponyclub.org>
Subject: Eventing Newsletter --clarifications

The Eventing committee would like to clarify two items in their Spring Newsletter. The recommended tests for Ds should have been listed as 2003 Intro Test A & B instead of 1 & 2. Also, the higher test for Ds should have been listed as the 2002 USEA Eventing test C. Wayne Quarles Activities Services Director

From: "Karol Wilson" <karol@ponyclub.org>
Subject: 2002 Summary of Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Any clubs that have not yet submitted the 2002 Summary of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, please do so immediately. The deadline was February 15, and some clubs have still not sent the form. Not submitting the form may put your club's Active status at risk with USPC, so please have your treasurer send it at once. If you have any questions about the form or want to double check that yours was submitted, please contact Karen Winn, USPC Finance Director, by emailing mainoffice@ponyclub.org.

Thanks!
Karol Wilson

USPC Member

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

CLASSIFIEDS

JOB OPPORTUNITY

Small, private event and hunt oriented barn in Meridan, New Hampshire is looking for a graduate pony clubber to manage the barn, ride, and enjoy all the amenities of this farm and lovely part of New England. Duties include riding, barn and horse management, possibly grooming at events, full charge when owners are away. Friendly environment, private living quarters, salary and stall for own horse provided. Indoor and outdoor arenas, jump field, beautiful trails and dirt roads. Close to Dartmouth College and White River Junction. Ideal for independent individual who wants to advance his/her career with horses.

Email LEFreeman@cyberportal.net.

FARM FOR SALE

In Pepperell, 28 acres, includes pond, 10 stall barn, 11 large grass paddocks, Indoor arena (160x72) and standard size outdoor arena. Farmhouse with 4 BR, 3 baths, Library, kitchen, living and dining rooms, 5 working fireplaces and large, old, original stone basement with doors to outside. Studio apartment above garage. Swimming pool. Half of property is under Section 61A (Agricultural). Taxes \$5,780. Land is approved for subdivision (4 lots). 4 acre field across road provides 700 bales of good hay. \$2,500,000.

Call Naoko at 978-433-8128.

COMPANION HORSE

My neighbor has three horses and is looking to find a home for one of them. She's really only good for a companion horse as she has trouble with heaves when exercising. Foxy is about 24 yrs old and in excellent health (despite the heaves issue), an Appy mare who is just a sweetheart. She has excellent ground manners and is like having a big dog in your backyard.

Her heaves is really only noticeable when she's ridden. I've never noticed it when she's just hanging out in paddock. We managed it with a supplement in the spring, but that's about it.

My neighbor is a state trooper and the other two are retired police horses. He took on a third horse last year, but having three is just too much with his hours.

If you're interested, please email me back and I'll get you in contact with them. Kathrynclow@cs.com



DIRECTIONS TO THE CLINICS

Directions to Cedar Brook Equestrian Center for Standards Clinic:

From Rt. 2, west of Rt. 495 take Rt. 190 to Rt.290 which turns into Rt. 395 after Worcester, then see below.

From the North on 495, take the exit for Rt. 290 towards Worcester which turns into Rt. 395 after Worcester, then see below.

From the North on Rt. 95/128, take Rt. 2 West to Rt. 495 South to Rt. 290 towards Worcester. This turns into Rt. 395. Then see below.

From the Mass Pike East or West, exit onto Rt. 290 South in Auburn. Rt. 290 quickly turns into Rt. 395 going South. See below.

Take exit 4A off of Rt. 395. That is Sutton Ave, Sutton. Follow Sutton Ave to a 4-way stop, take a left onto Putnam Hill Rd. The Equestrian Center will be 1/2 mile on your left. Use the third driveway at the far edge of the paddocks.

Dress Warmly and Bring a Chair

Directions to Indian Ridge Farm (166 Argilla Rd., Ipswich) for Horse Management Clinic:

(Greata's home phone: 978-356-8656.

Barn phone: 978-356-8660)

From Boston Area. Rt. 95N to 128N towards Gloucester. Take exit 20 which is Rt. 1A North and follow towards Ipswich. After signs indicating you have entered Ipswich, continue until Rt. 133. Take a right onto Rt. 133 and follow a short way until left hand turn with a big green sign says "Crane Beach". Take this left and follow until a "T" intersection; take a right onto Argilla Rd. and continue until you see #166 on left. Follow signs for parking.

From North Shore/Southern New Hampshire: Take Rt. 95S to Rt. 133 (exit 54) and follow to Rt. 1A South. Take Rt. 1A South through Ipswich. After the village the road curves around to the right by the town green. Watch for Argilla Rd. on your left just after the green. Take a left on Argilla Rd. and follow until you see #166 on mailbox/driveway on left.

**COMING UP: REGIONAL COUNCIL
MEETING FOR DCS AND REGIONAL
COORDINATORS AND OFFICERS
SATURDAY, MAY 3. TIME AND
PLACE TO BE ANNOUNCED.**

Calendar of Events for 2003

DATE/TIME	EVENT	HOST	LOCATION
April 5	Standards Clinic	Worcestershire	Cedar Brook Equestrian Center, Sutton MA
April 10,17,27	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 Francesown, NH
May 30- June 1	C3 Prep Camp	CNE	Kingsbury Hill Francestown, NH
June 1	Games Rally	Rockingham and Overlook	Topsfield Fairgrounds Topsfield MA
June 8	Show Jumping Rally Qualifier	NY-Upper CT	Kent School Kent CT
June 28,29,30	Dressage Rally	Squamscott	UNH Durham NH
June 27-28	Tetrathlon Rally Qualifier	White Mtn. Region	TBA
July 1-2	Eventing Rally Qualifier	NY-Upper CT	Kent School Kent CT
July 6	Show Jumping Rally Qualifier	White Mountain Region	
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	Mystic Valley PC Mystic CT
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	Snowfields Eques. Center Pownal ME
September 28	Show Jumping Rally	Old North Bridge	Marlborough Equestrian Center Marlborough MA
October 5	D Rally	Groton	Groton Fairgrounds Groton MA
October 12	Eventing Rally	CNE	Hilltop Equestrian Center Somersworth NH