



The Central New England Scoop



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COMING UP

- April 9** **HB Prep 7:00 pm**
Wendy Johnson House Nashua NH
- April 10** **Regional Council Meeting 10:00 am**
Nashoba Tubing Park Westford MA
- April 17** **C3 Bandaging Clinic 1-3 pm**
Shepley Hill Farm, Groton MA
- April 30** **HB Farrier Prep 7:00 pm**
208 Shannon Rd Salem NH

NOTES FROM THE RS

Spring has really sprung!! The flowers are blooming and horses are shedding!! The weather might change and get cooler, but for the time being, enjoy!!

I hope all have weathered the winter in fine form, and are already organizing spring activities! I know several pony clubs have started their Spring Mounted Meetings!!

Quiz went very well, only thanks to Amanda Ellis who volunteered at the last minute to organize it!! If she hadn't stepped forward, it was looking like we might not have even had a Quiz rally, so many thanks to her!! We did qualify several teams to go to Championships, so we are definitely headed into a busy rally season! Leaders please be sure anyone wanting to qualify this year realizes they will be responsible for their own entry fees. The Region voted not to hold a fundraiser so we can not pay the entry fees to Championships this year.

The Upper level programs are moving along; applications for upper level ratings will go in the mail to the USPC National Office in the next day or so, and the preps to help our members are scheduled. Many thanks to Allison Blood, Vicky Lochiatto, Wendy Johnson, and Lelo Reeves for their efforts to keep those programs running!

The D3/C1 program went very well with good attendance, for some interesting topics. Wendy Johnson was ably helped by Kim Mello this year, so that was some new 'blood' to help with the burden of keeping this valuable program running.

Many thanks to them, and to all you DCs for getting your members to those great meetings!

Reminder, we do have a council meeting this coming Saturday at the Tube Park at Nashoba. Anyone is invited to attend, including those of you running Centers. We have four Centers now, and it would be great to have representation from all four of them at the meeting!

See you all then!

Betsey

2010 HM CLINIC HORSELESS RALLY

Thanks to everyone who came and participated or were spectators at the CNE HM Clinic and Mock Rally. A big thank you to the Nashoba Valley Pony Club parents, members, judges and volunteers who graciously hosted the clinic and provided the peoplepower to make it happen! Thank you also to Shepley Hill Farm Inc and Lelo Reeves for allowing us to use her wonderful facility! We could not have done it without any of you and are incredibly lucky to have such resources and dedication in our region. Go CNE!
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We covered some topics including Tack and Turnout, rule changes for 2010, and general expectations while rallying. We also had 10 teams of unmounted members that competed in a horseless rally where they set up their tack rooms in the indoor and were required to bring a simplified version of the items they would normally bring to rally. Horse Management judges verified that each team had the correct items as well as each team had to get a representative ready for

Tack and Turnout and listen to the critique given by the HM judge at turnout.

As a competition, we played three games from the USPC Games Rulebook, but modified them for use on foot. Housewife's Scurry, Ball and Bucket and Three-Legged Race provided definite entertainment for us non-competitors and for the members alike. Thanks to all who learned those games on the fly!

The results were taken from a combination of their Horse Management penalties subtracted from the points earned for each game. EVERY team did really well on their horse management and several had to compete in tiebreakers taken right from the HM rulebook just as they would have to do during rallies, in case of a tie. What a great job and they should all be proud of how they represented their club and CNE!

Results:

1st - **Hybid Farm Riding Center Shock Waves** – Liza, Maddie, Adrienne, Rachel, Aly

2nd – **Squamscott Mockingbirds** – Hannah, Roz, Emily

3rd – **Apple Valley Zodiacs** – Whitney, Gina, Emily, Kayla, Dana

4th – **Cedar Brook Riding Center Horseless Horsemen** – Amy, Lauren, Angelica, Prudence, Morgan

5th – **Rockingham/Merrimack River Coconuts** – Chantel, Zach, Mary Beth, Emily

6th – **Rockingham Rockets** – Erica, Katherine, Lindsay, Kayla

7th – **Nashoba Valley Derby Racers** – Jillian, Allysa, Justine, Lydia, Maddie

8th – **Apple Valley/Merrimack River Limes** – Cara, Gabrielle, Meghan, Angelica, Ava

9th – **Wentworth Wranglers** – Tabitha, Laine, Deme, Annie

10th – **Hybid Farm Riding Center Hybid Farm Riding Center Titans** –Bethany. Nicole, Izzy, Jordan

Handouts were given and they will be posted on the CNE website under: Programs→Horse Management. They include information about the current Tack and Turnout/Rally attire and changes to the HM rulebook. Please also familiarize yourself with the USPC 2010 HM Handbook and Rules for Rallies which can be found here:

<http://www.ponyclub.org/pdfs/rulebooks/2010HMHandbook.pdf>

As well as the 2010 Newsletter which is required to have with your rulebook at rallies:

<http://www.ponyclub.org/pdfs/rulebooks/2010HMAAnnualNewsletter.pdf>

NOTES FROM THE HMO

Reminder for ALL PC activities where contact with horses is occurring:

All PC members MUST wear their armband with USPC Medical card information filled out. No armband, NO RIDE/PARTICIPATION. DC's and instructors should check at each session. It's advised for the organizer of each meeting/session to bring an extra armband or two with blank cards so they can be filled out in a pinch. If you have questions if your activity requires an armband, please contact me at larahubner@yahoo.com or your RS at betseyr@charter.net.

Reminders for beginning of rally season:

- Check the fit of all clothes & boots, look for stains/tears/wear. Ask around in your clubs and tack shops for used items for growing PC'ers and for places to have boots repaired, if needed.
- Check your stitching and for cracks on all leather goods including: saddles, bridles, halters, leathers.
- Spring inoculations/coggins – have the proper documentation ready to go for entries.
- Armbands – It is the member/parents responsibility to see that these are filled out and present at each meeting, lesson, or clinic. Buy some extras and/or be creative if the stock armbands don't fit. Any questions email me! ☺
- Any new tack--fit new tack before you come to rally. Punch any necessary extra holes BEFORE you arrive at 6am at rally! This includes halters and stirrup leathers.
- Start working on those scurfy elbows, yellow hocks, dandruffy manes/tails NOW! Then cleaning for rally will be much easier!

- Check expiration dates on your club's required equipment. Check the amount of each item and replace as necessary. Also—check that you have adequate padding for FOUR legs of the largest mount you will have on your teams. For any questions on what the correct amount is, refer to your USPC manuals, Bandaging handbook, or email me!

Open call for HM volunteers/apprentices:

We are looking for interested horse-savvy parents, friends, instructors and volunteers that would like to learn more about Horse Management judging. The normal requirement for PC members is 16+ and C3 rated or higher—but if either are not met, we can always use as scribes and volunteers. For non-PC'ers, we just ask that you be horse knowledgeable and willing to learn and teach our members good horse management habits and about why we do what we do in Pony Club. This is a crucial component to Pony Club rallies and anyone interested is welcome to find out more information about Horse Management Judging. If anyone would like to learn at this year's rallies please email me at larahubner@yahoo.com or call me at 603-502-1560. Thanks!!

Lara Hubner
Horse Management Organizer

UL UPDATE

January 16th was the UL kick off meeting held at Vicky LoChiatto's house in Lincoln, MA. Ten members attended to discuss this season's camps, clinics, and testings.

Western New England will be hosting a mega testing with the help of WMR and CNE at GMHA Aug 4-6th. There will be a C3 Traditional, C3 Dressage, C3 Show Jumping, B Dressage, B Traditional, and A Dressage national testing, held over the 3 days. Western New York Region will be hosting an HA testing on Aug 13-15th.

The Upper Level group ran the food booth at both Quiz Rally and the HM clinic as a fundraiser, and did quite well. We have many more opportunities to fundraise this spring, so please check your emails and encourage kids to participate.

Our UL group is smaller this year and therefore we will be running our July camp as a 3 day prep in order to reduce costs. It will be held on July 9th, 10th, and 11th at UNH. All candidates are encouraged to attend whether testing or not. This

camp will also be opened up to other regions. Applications for camp will be on the CNE website soon! Any questions contact Allison at ablood318@hotmail.com

Allison Blood & Vicky LoChiatto
UL Coordinators

C3 UPDATE

The C3 Program is just about to commence for 2010. We will be holding a bandaging clinic at Shepley Hill Farm, on Saturday 17th from 1-3. The farm is located at 122 Old Ayer Road Groton MA 01450. Please bring all your bandaging materials.

The following preps are tentatively scheduled. There will be a longeing/flatwork prep at Shepley Hill with Karen Marcotte on May 1. There will be a Richard Lamb grids clinic on May 15, and C3 preps on 5/30, 6/29 and 7/22 with details to follow. Based on the small number of C3 candidates this year, some of the prep opportunities may be combined with the UL program and vice versa. Stay tuned for more details.

The Richard Lamb Clinic is open to all UL candidates as well as any interested riders. Any questions on this or any of the other C3 clinics, please contact Lelo at 978-808-6501 or shepleyhill@gmail.com

There will be no C3 test in Central New England this year. The closest rating will be at GMHA in VT on August 4-6. Applications for the test should have been submitted by now. Any additional applications will have a late fee. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 978-808-6501 or email me at shepleyhill@gmail.com

Lelo Reeves Curtis
C3 Coordinator

HB UPDATE

We are well into the HB prep for 2010. We started with a kick off meeting in November and candidates were urged to attend the D3/C1 clinics which covered a number of their topics including Conformation, Dentistry, Parasites and Biting.

We had a session with Karen Marcotte on Nutrition and a Tack review at Dover Saddlery.

The prep sessions will continue this Friday with a session on Veterinary Knowledge and other miscellaneous topics on the standard. Non testing members are welcome to attend any of the preps.

A shoeing prep in Salem NH is planned for Friday April 30th.

There will be a one day Prep Camp on Sunday June 6th. The format will be a mock rating and this will be an excellent recreation of the actual rating on July 10th at UNH. At this point we have 11 HB applicants. Please feel free to contact me with any questions. I can be reached at 603-888-9014 at night, 603-882-8200 during the day, or wendy@wendyj.org.

Wendy Johnson
HB Coordinator

D3/C1 CLINIC UPDATE

We began our 2009/10 D3/C1 program with a dentistry clinic hosted in November by Kim Mello. We continued in December with a Conformation Clinic at UNH with Laurie Chapman Bosco. In January, Betsey Reeves held a Biting Clinic in Groton MA. We wrapped up the season with a clinic on Parasites. Our clinician was a fourth year veterinary student from Tufts. Overall, 11 clubs were able to send at least one member, we averaged around 25 members per clinic, and 50 different children attended at least one clinic. Thanks to DCs for promoting the program and parents for taking the time to bring their children.

Wendy Johnson
Kim Mello
D3/C1 Coordinators

AROUND THE AREA

The Foss Farm 2 Phase which will be Sunday April 25th in Carlisle MA. The jumping will be in an enclosed ring this year! The entry can be found at the Old North Bridge Pony Club website www.onbpc.ponyclub.org

Groton Pony Club 2 Phase Sunday April 18 at the Groton Fairground in Groton MA www.Groton.ponyclub.org

Rockingham Pony Club Jumper Show Sunday April 18th Brookvale Pines Farm Fremont NH <http://rockingham.ponyclub.org>

Thompson School Combined Test Sunday April 18th UNH Durham NH www.unh.edu/tsas2ph

Jumping Derby Cross Jericho Forrest Pony Club is hosting a Jumping Derby Cross on May 15th at the Lancaster fairgrounds. Derby Cross combines the speed and accuracy of show jumping with the

bravery and endurance of cross country jumping. This is a timed event and can be participated in as a team member or individual with the winner determined by coming closest to optimum time. For further information, entry forms and team rules please visit our website at: www.jerichoforestponyclub.org

Groton Pony Club 3 Phase Sunday May 16 at the Groton Fairground in Groton MA www.Groton.ponyclub.org

ATTENTION PONY CLUBBERS: EARN A FREE ENTRY TO THE GPC MAY THREE PHASE!!!!!!

Groton Pony Club is seeking show help for our upcoming 2 phase on Sunday, April 18th. Volunteers must be a Pony Club Member and be at least 15 years old. In return for working the entire show day-typically 7:30 am to 4:00 pm, you will receive free entry to our may three phase on Sunday, May 16th.

Please respond ASAP if you would like to help, there are only a handful of openings. Positions will be filled on a first come first serve basis!!!

Please contact: Heather Ricard @ rricard819@aol.com or Laura Menard @ laura.r.menard@gmail.com

NEXT DC MEETING

Our next Regional Council Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 on Saturday April 10th at the Nashoba Tubing Park. Please contact Wendy if you would like to bring anything to nibble on. We do not plan to serve lunch. Thanks.

