



The Central New England Scoop



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The Newsletter of the Central New England Region, USPC, Inc.

COMING UP

- April 21 **Regional Instructors Clinic, 9:30am -2:00pm**
Maple Meadow Farm, Pepperell MA
- May 1 Application deadline for Flatwork/Jumping
Clinic with Betsey Reeves
- May 24-26 **C3 Prep Camp** Ledyard MA

QUICKIE SCOOP

Dear DCs:

Here's a quickie newsletter to keep you informed and up to the minute on CNE (and other) happenings.... The Region has recently offered two excellent educational clinics for you DCs, your members and their parents.

A STANDARDS CLINIC on March 30 was superbly presented in New Hampshire by Squamscott Pony Club. Nancy Fritz Grout and Sara Adams beautifully described, and lots of Squamscott members demonstrated, the differences between the USPC ratings, D1 through C3. As we reported earlier, it was a great way for parents and instructors, as well as pony club members to see what the ratings look like so that they can be better informed when you try to describe why "Johnny" belongs at the D3 level, instead of the C2 level! While the clinic did occur the day before Easter, and while it was located at one end of the Region, it was so well "worth the trip". We already know of a club that got so inspired it wants to host the clinic next year, so you'll get another chance to see it then. Thanks to Squamscott for hosting such an educational clinic.

HORSE MANAGEMENT CLINIC was held on April 6th. Nashoba Valley Pony Club hosted the event with help from Karen Marcotte and chief HM judges from several New England regions. It was so

educational and fun that I wish we could repeat it for all of you (and your members) who were unable to attend. The clinic was a veritable smorgasbord of offerings for everyone. There were segments for aspiring HM assistant judges, for DCs, for pony club members, for parents. The clinic covered various HM rules and included stations on a Safety Check, First Aid, bandaging, setting up a tack room at rally, etc. There was an entire afternoon devoted to teaching HM in your club. C2 and up Pony Club members from across the Region demonstrated clever and original ideas on how to present portions of the unmounted Standards to your club. If you missed it, you really missed out! In addition to all this good stuff, the Junior Board ran a raffle, a used tack/apparel sale and served a yummy, hot lunch. Thanks to the Junior Board for a wonderful service to the Region. And thanks, Nashoba, and everyone who had a hand in presenting this for the Region.

APRIL NEWS FROM NATIONAL

is now posted on the USPC website. Please download it and read. You will need something called Adobe Acrobat in order to download it, and you can download THAT, free, from the USPC website as well! There is important information in NFN for your club members. If you don't wish to receive the NFN electronically, and you still want to receive it via US Mail that is fine; you need to call the National Office, ask for the Communications person, and request it by mail.

CHAMPIONSHIPS ROOM RESERVATIONS

A block of rooms is being held for CNE competitors at the Days Inn in Raphene, VA. These are very reasonably priced. There is a dining room, a swimming pool, and the Inn is air-conditioned. It is about 11 miles from the Horse Park. Please tell your championships competitors to contact the Inn and ask for rooms held under "Maietta/CNER".

SOUTHEASTERN NEW ENGLAND LONGEING CLINIC

is being held on April 19 (10-4 p.m.) at Journey's End Farm in Hope, Rhode Island. It is open to any CNE C2 and up members who missed the Bandaging/Longeing clinic in early March or to any of the above who would like to practice under the watchful eye of experienced instructors. Please encourage any of your members who

missed our clinic or who want more practice, to attend this one. They should contact the SENE upper level coordinator at email: Mjjamek@aol.com to say they're coming.

SUMMER VISITING INSTRUCTOR PROGRAM

Here's a note from Kathy Arrandale, chairman of the Summer Instruction program.

As April comes I am hoping to have more Summer Visiting Instructor applications come to National and then on to me. I have a good group of organizers across the country, asking for 1-4 instructors. Please encourage your DC's to pass the word to those interested upper level candidates, as this is a wonderful opportunity for them. They can get the paperwork off the USPC web site under "Summer Instruction" and fill out by the deadline April 30, and follow paperwork instructions. They must be 16 years as of 1/1/02 and at A, HA, H or B rating. I do realize that many of these same kids, are asking for upper level testings and waiting to hear about the date and location they will get. I can work around this, but must have an application now to prepare. Many thanks for encouraging these wonderful young kids to get an opportunity of a lifetime in applying for "Summer Instruction" Kathy Arrandale, Summer Instruction Chair HHPC96@aol.com

P.S. from Louisa. This is truly a great opportunity for older, upper level members to see the country, make new friends, teach and be paid at pony club camps. The kids are matched up with different clubs across the country, they teach 6-8 hours a day for, usually one or two weeks. Your club might have a couple members who would want to do this together. If they want, they can elect to teach at several different camps in several different parts of the country. They usually live with a pc family and they get enough free time to travel and see the sites where they are teaching. It's fun!

IMPORTANT INSURANCE INFORMATION FOR DCS – INSURED LIST OF FACILITIES

Our new insurance carrier requires that all facilities used by CNE and its clubs be insured on a List of Insureds. This is similar to the old Hold Harmless agreement Earlier this year, each club that wanted to use a facility had to remit \$10 for each site they used. As it turns out, you still must list sites that only your club will use, but any sites that the Region or several clubs use, can be listed on the Region's List. The Region has insured several facilities for use by the Region and all clubs in the Region. (A partial list of those sites follows) Wendy Johnson, our secretary, has a complete list of all sites that are covered on the Region's list. If you need a Certificate of Insurance for any facility on our List of Insureds, please contact Wendy and she will send you a copy. Likewise, if your club has listed a facility and paid the \$10 fee, that facility, it turns out, is insured for use by any club in CNE and the Region itself.

PLEASE notify Wendy if your club has any facilities listed on a List of Insureds.

ANNUAL REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING AND LEADERSHIP SUPPORT WEEKEND

**NOVEMBER 16-17, 2002
HOLIDAY INN, NASHUA, NH
Sat. 9 a.m. to Sun. noon.**

Yes, you read it correctly. We've scheduled a whole weekend of Leadership Support and combined it with our Annual Regional Council meeting. The Leadership Support portion of the weekend (described below) will meet all day Saturday and Sunday morning. The Regional Council Meeting (a bare bones one) will be held Sat. evening. The Leadership Support sessions will include DCs, Jt. DCs, regional officers and coordinators. Parents and C3 and up pony club members are also encouraged to attend. Here's what it's about:

Is this your situation or your DCs' situation? Are you a new DC, or an old DC just feeling burned out and rusty? You're constantly faced with too many deadlines and too many projects, all of which have top priority. Then, just when you think things are going smoothly, a crisis erupts, priorities change and the scramble is on. You have day-to-day volunteer duties, such as returning phone calls and emails, preparing and submitting paperwork, and scheduling events and meetings. In the midst of this hectic activity, you have a full time job, a family and other obligations.

If any of this sounds familiar, then Leadership Support is for you. You'll come away with a new perspective and a fresh approach to your job. The program is superb. You'll learn tips, techniques and strategies for getting more accomplished, with better results. The weekend will be customized to fit your needs. The presenters are excellent. The company (all you DCs, parents, etc.) will be pretty good.

So mark the date and plan to attend. This is a must do. Not only will you not want to miss it, but you should not miss it! The cost will be \$89/room double occupancy (Sat. night), and approx. \$45 for food (lunch, dinner, breakfast). Please ask your club to help with your costs. Your club will be the one to benefit. Parents and C3 and up pony club members are encouraged to attend during the day on Saturday for a program tailored to their needs. Cost for their program is a registration fee and one meal.

Louisa

CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIERS

Deb Maietta reports that ALL Quiz championship qualifiers and alternates commitment paperwork and checks should have been received by now. She has received at least some paperwork from Walker, Young, Liuzzo, Realmuto, Cole, and Low.

We are encouraging all Quiz championship qualifiers and any other potential qualifiers to book into the Days Inn in

Raphine, Kentucky. The phone # is 540-377-2604. So far, the best rate I've been able to get w/Triple A at this hotel is \$62.10 for a 2 bed room.

C3 Prep Program

Information concerning camp will go out shortly. Anyone who has not submitted an application at this time along with a \$100 deposit is not on the list of attendees. Betsey Reeves and Cathy Fredrickson will be the clinicians for camp, which is being held May 25th and 26th at Ledyard. Attendees of the camp will be expected to arrive by a specified time Friday night. The cost of camp includes Friday dinner, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, and Sunday breakfast and lunch; as well as, housing for PC'ers and chaperones. There will also be snacks and drinks throughout the day. Meals for chaperones will be additional. A Saturday night BBQ is being hosted by Pentucket PC at Greata's. The cost of stabling is over and above the camp fee and will be \$25 per night. **Updated coggins/immunization must be returned with your final paperwork. No exceptions!** One chaperone per three PC'ers is required for the entire weekend and chaperones must stay overnight since we will be in a motel this year. Any questions should be directed to Jo Anne. I will try to be as flexible as possible, however, there will be at least 24 candidates this year attending camp.

Application deadline for attending the Flatwork/Jumping Clinic with Betsey Reeves is MAY 1st. The clinic is being held on June 1st at Shepley Hill Farm and will begin promptly at 9am. The cost of this clinic is \$25.

Applications to take the C3 rating will go out after Camp.

Calendar of Events for 2002

EVENT	DATE/TIME	HOST	LOCATION
Regional Instructors Clinic	April 21 9:30-2:00		Maple Meadow Farm Pepperell MA
C3 Prep Camp	May 24-26		Ledyard Hamilton/Ipswich MA
Upper Level Prep Camp	May 31- June 2		Kingsbury Hill, Francestown NH
Flatwork Clinic	June 1		Shepley Hill Groton MA
Show Jumping Rally	June 9	Pennybrook/ Golden Hills/Worcestershire	Mt. Holyoke Hadley MA
"C Rally-qualifier	June 16	Groton	Appleknoll, Millis MA
Games Rally	June 22 and 23	Pentucket/ Rockingham	Topsfield MA
Tetrathlon Rally	June 27-28	White Mt. Region	TBA
Dressage Rally	June 29-July 1	Squamscott/Wentworth	UNH Durham NH
Upper Level Prep	July 16-18	Swift River/ Worcestershire	Mt. Holyoke Hadley MA
C3 Testing	July 20 and 21	Nashoba Valley	Shepley Hill ,Groton MA
H-H/A Testing	July 26-28	Swift River/ Worcestershire	UMass Amherst MA
USPC Championships	August 1-4		Lexington VA
A Testing	August 9-10	New York-Upper CT Reg.	Mystic CT
B Testing	August 9-10	Southeastern NE Region	Apple Knoll Farm Millis MA
B Testing	August 16-18	New York -Upper CT Reg	TBA
C3 Testing	August 17-18	Overlook	UNH, Durham NH
D Rally	September 15	Groton /Overlook	Groton Fairgrounds
Adult Rally	September 21	Rockingham	Pipestave Hill Newbury MA
Eventing Rally	October 6	Old North Bridge	Appleknoll, Millis MA