



# The Central New England Scoop



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## COMING UP .....

- May 3 **Regional Council Meeting (10-3)**  
Reading Municipal Light Plant, Reading MA
- May 16-18 **C3 Prep Camp**  
Kingsbury Hill, Frankestown, NH
- May 23-25 **Upper Level Prep Camp**  
Kingsbury Hill, Frankestown, NH
- May 30-  
June 1 **C3 Prep Camp**  
Kingsbury Hill, Frankestown, NH

## Dear DCs,

The grass is green! And all that white stuff has disappeared. Some of you are having spring riding camps this week and mounted lessons have begun for most of your clubs. Did you ever imagine in February that this would happen? Are we lucky or what?

The Region, too, is moving into high gear. The month of May brings several different C3 and upper level camps, all being held this year, thanks to the generosity of Lisa Campbell, at Kingsbury Hill in Frankestown, NH; then June comes in with Games rally on June 1<sup>st</sup>, and the end of June is also Dressage rally.

We sadly, but wisely, had to cancel the **Standards clinic** (a victim of snow and bad driving), but we welcomed the **Horse Management clinic**, despite the foul weather! Thanks go to Carol Greata for her hospitality in having us, to Jt. DCs Kate Day and Chris Eaton, and HMOs Lara Hubner and Karen Marcotte for organizing this very special day. Thanks too, to the Junior Board that provided the delicious food. The clinic was a wonderful learning experience for members and adults, alike.

Incidentally, I thought each of your clubs did a pretty super job researching and presenting a topic for the clinic. Your members were wonderful teachers, with many clever and imaginative ideas to get the audience involved. Keep letting your members teach unmounted topics to each other. Not only do they gain in self-confidence, organization and leadership

skills, but **did you know you never really know something until you have to teach it?**

Because mounted rally season is coming up, I've included in this issue a letter that some of our clubs use to prepare **parents**, especially new parents, about rallies. Needless to say, you probably could have used it before Quiz rally. If you have new parents in your club, you might want to print it out and share it with all your parents.

Remember the **DCs' meeting coming up May 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We are not combining DCs' meetings with rallies this year because many of you preferred to meet on separate dates. Please remember as a DC, your attendance is really important at these meetings. **We welcome and need your input and discussion!**

**Louisa**

## QUALIFYING RALLIES FOR 2003 USPC CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following rallies are qualifying rallies this year for CNE members. If you have any members who might like to attend any of these qualifiers, either as a rider or as a Horse Manager, please contact Louisa for entry information.

### Show Jumping

New York Upper CT, June 8,  
Kent School, CT

White Mountain Region, July 6,  
New Boston, NH

Metropolitan Region, July 10, Old Salem  
Farm, North Salem, NY

### Eventing

New York Upper CT, July 1-3, Kent School

### Dressage

CNE Dressage Rally, June 28-30 July Univ.  
of New Hampshire

### Tetrathlon

White Mountain Region, June 27-28

### Games

CNE Games Rally, June 1, Topsfield  
Fairgrounds, Topsfield, MA

## REGIONAL COUNCIL AND DCS MEETING, SATURDAY MAY 3, 10-3

Reading Municipal Light Plant, Reading, MA

### Tentative Agenda

1. Treasurer's Report - Curtis Renner  
Further discussion of rally budgets
2. SWOTS - Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats  
A summary of our discussion at last November's Leaders' weekend.  
Discussion: How are we doing?
3. CNE Policy Amendments (Attached to this issue of the SCOOP)
4. Round Table Discussions -- several topics drawn from DC questions
5. Reports from Regional Coordinators and Chairs of committees
6. New Business

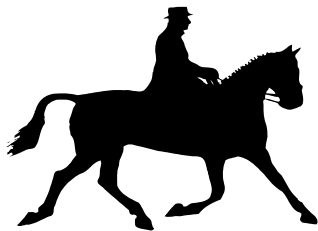
Lunch will be served. Bring an appetite.

### CNE Website

[www.cne.ponyclub.org](http://www.cne.ponyclub.org)

Are you interested in beefing up your educational and riding programs within your club? Then check out the CNER website. You will find information on developing lesson plans to teach Horse Management, Instructional Calendar development, and flowcharts that are the basis of the Specific Skills Check list.

Iris Realmuto, Webmaster



## Directions to the Reading Municipal Light Dept. located at 230 Ash Street, Reading, MA 781-944-1340

*Coming from North or South of Reading* From Interstate 495, Route 93, or Route 128\*

Take route 495 to Interstate Route 93 SOUTH (Exit 40). Take Route 93 to Route 128 NORTHBOUND (Exit 37).

\*Once on Route 128, Take Exit 38B (Route 28 towards Reading—**Not** towards Stoneham).

Proceed about 2 miles toward Reading Center, You will see a Burger King and Jiffy Lube on your right side and almost immediately you will pass over a set of RR tracks. Immediately after those tracks, take a very sharp right hand turn onto Ash Street. (Now, Jiffy Lube and Burger King will be on your right side.)

The Municipal Light building is a few hundred feet down the street on the **Left** side. It has a large flag pole and is a brick "atrium" style. Please park in visitor parking.

## Other Local Activities

April 27 **Billerica Horsemen's Assoc. Horse Show.** Call Jerry Marone @978-667-2921 for more information or check [www.BillericaHorse.com](http://www.BillericaHorse.com)

April 27 **Jericho Forest 2-Phase Event & Dressage Show,** Weston. Call Lorna Garron for info.

May 3 **Weston Horse Show** at Dickson Ring, Weston call 781-647-1413 for info.

May 4 **Weston 2-Phase** at Dickson Ring, Weston. Same # for info.

May 4 **2-Phase and Dressage Show at Foss Farm,** Carlisle, call 978-318-1944 for info.

May 18 **Combined Test and Dressage Show,** Hilltop Equestrian Center, Somersworth NH  
Sponsored by Squamscott Pony Club

May 18 **Groton Pony Club 3-Phase Schooling Show,** call Wendy Johnson 603-888-9014 for info or [wendyj@groton-pony-club.org](mailto:wendyj@groton-pony-club.org)

June 7 **Rockingham Pony Club's Spring Fever Fun Show** Pipestave Equestrian Center in West Newbury, MA. Entries will be mailed to all DCs.

## CLASSIFIEDS

For sale: Beautiful Registered Thoroughbred Mister PC is a 4 year old, black-bay, gelding. His sire is CB Connection; dam is Morning Date. He has been well started and is a fun loving sensible boy. He will make a wonderful dressage prospect and possibly a hunter/jumper. Asking \$8,000/negotiable. Contact Melissa at 781-293-1418 (Pembroke, MA)

# Rally Guide for New Pony Club Parents

By Mary B. Smith, former RS of Southeastern New England Region

The mounted rally season is almost on us and it makes me remember my first rally, as a parent (not yet a DC or RS). It was a D Rally, held at Fieldstone Farm; my son, Greg, a D-1, age seven, was horse manager for an Iron Mountain team.

I think I spent the entire day with soaking wet feet (no dry shoes or socks), and it didn't even rain that day, and with no place to sit comfortably (no chair). My head ached from the sun (no hat). I was cold in the morning and roasting in the afternoon (no jacket, no T shirt). I had remembered to pack a cooler for Greg with drinks and sandwiches (but nothing for me!). I looked around me with envy at the experienced parents, comfortable, with dry feet, in their lawn chairs with umbrellas for shade (or rain if needed). I remember thinking then that it would have been wonderful to have a check list for parents to help survive your first rally. Pony Club provides a wonderful check list for the rally teams' equipment, but extra equipment for the parents is not listed.

My son Greg is now grown up and out of pony club, and I'm finally writing this article and trying to produce the check list. I'm sure it's not complete, but at the very least I hope it will help.

## Things to Bring:

- Lawn chair
- Blanket
- Waterproof footwear and a change of shoes and socks – the grass is always wet with dew in the early morning
- Umbrella and raincoat
- Food: cooler, drinks, thermos of coffee
- Warm clothes and cool clothes
- Hat
- Sunblock
- Baby wipes
- Camera and film or VCR
- Small garden cart or wagon to wheel everything around in
- Patience and a willing, helpful attitude

## Some Helpful Hints for Attending Rallies:

- Rallies are long – Rallies usually fill a long day. Don't plan on leaving early. Your child has to stay until the rally is over.
- Volunteer to offer your help – Come prepared to offer your help to the rally organizers. It's fun to be involved with helping the rally run smoothly, and if enough people help out, the rally may even end a little sooner!
- When you arrive, parents are allowed to help the competitors unload heavy equipment (trunks, hay bales), but then they should clear out and let the kids do it!

- No nagging! – At Pony Club Rallies the competitors are on their own for the day, under the supervision of the Horse Management judges. Parents cannot talk to their children once the rally has begun until it is officially over. If you do talk to your child it could be considered unauthorized assistance and could get your child eliminated. Sounds scary!! But the kids love it (no nagging allowed!). By the end of the day they know that whatever they've accomplished has been done by their own hard work.
- Plan ahead – Your truck must stay hooked up to the trailer because usually your trailer is being used by a Pony Club team, as a tack room or as a "tie" trailer (to tie the horses to). Also, you cannot return to your truck or trailer once the Horse Management area has been closed to parents early in the morning. So, take what you need for the day out of your truck before the horse management area is closed (and put it in your little wagon).

Definition of some terms:

- Grounds open – the earliest you are allowed on the rally grounds. Aim to get there then.
- Suggested arrival time – be sure you're at the rally by then.
- Horse management area closed – parents, relatives, friends and non-competitors must leave the horse management area.

Extra Equipment Recommended for Rally Competitors:

- Duct tape and masking tape
- Padding for any sharp edges on truck or trailer
- Clock (battery operated)
- Mirror
- Wagon to carry water
- Shoe polish for boots
- Baby oil (to shine the horse's hoofs)
- Glycerine soap to clean tack
- Bailing twine
- Hat
- Raincoat & jacket
- Sweat pants and T shirt to wear over riding clothes to keep them clean
- Extra shoes appropriate for wear around horses
- Extra socks
- Double ended snaps and "S" hooks to hang rally equipment in trailer
- Saddle racks
- Wheel chocks for the trailer wheels

Highlighting marker, to mark program with the times that your team's members compete

**Note: The following draft changes to CNE Policies are proposed for discussion at the DCs' meeting 5/4/03. Depending on discussion, changes may be made in wording. Proposed changes are in *italics and underlined*. If sections are omitted from this copy, there are no amendments proposed for those sections. Please take time to read through these proposed amendments.**

## **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE POLICIES OF CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGION**

### **5.8 REGIONAL ADVISORS**

5.8.1 Upper Level Rating *and Program* Coordinator

5.8.1.2 . Responsibilities, see Section 9.1.5

5.8.2 C-3 Rating *and Program* Coordinator

5.8.2.1. Responsibilities, see Section 9.2.8

5.8.3 Championships Coordinator

5.8.3.1 Responsibilities, see Section 10.

5.8.4 *Awards Chairperson* (formerly Ribbons Chairman)

*5.8.4.1 The Awards Chairperson shall be responsible for ordering ribbons and awards for regional activities requiring them. The Chairperson is responsible for communicating with the organizer of the regional activity about the quantities and types of awards. The Chairperson is responsible for making arrangements to transport the awards to each regional activity..*

5.8.5 *Equipment Chairperson* (formerly Equipment Coordinator)

*5.8.5.1 The Regional Equipment Chairperson is responsible for all regional equipment including, but not limited to, Championship team equipment, audio equipment, regional attire, etc. The Chairperson is responsible for maintaining an inventory of all equipment, maintaining equipment when/where necessary, and ensuring that equipment is accounted for after each use.*

5.8.6 Others, as deemed necessary, *may be* appointed by the Regional Supervisor

### **6.3 SOURCES OF INCOME**

6.3.1 REGIONAL DUES (no change)

6.3.2. REGIONAL RALLIES AND ACTIVITIES (no change)

6.3.3. TESTINGS AND CLINICS

6.3.3.1 Clubs may be assessed fees for *educational clinics sponsored by the Region for the benefit of the clubs. These clinics include, but are not limited to Standards, Horse Management, and Instructors' clinics. Assessed fees shall be approved by the Regional Council.*

6.3.4 FUND RAISERS

## 9. TESTINGS AND TEST PREP PROGRAMS

### 9.1 UPPER LEVEL TESTINGS AND PREPS (B, H, H-A, A) NATIONAL TESTING RESPONSIBILITIES

9.1.1 The RS or a designated upper level program coordinator *in consultation with the RS*, will be responsible for the Region's upper level *testings and Test Prep programs*.

9.1.2 No Change

9.1.3 *For Testings*, the Region is responsible for the examiner's expenses from the time of arrival at the airport, or, if driving, at the test site. This includes transportation from the airport, meals, lodging, etc.

9.1.4 No Change

### 9.2 C-3 REGIONAL TESTINGS AND C-3 PROGRAMMING

#### REGIONAL TESTING PROGRAM (C 3) INFORMATION FOR CLUBS CANDIDATES, C 3 PROGRAM COORDINATOR, AND EXAMINERS

9.2.1 The RS or a designated C-3 Program Coordinator, *in consultation with the RS*, will be responsible for organizing the Region's C-3 testing and Test Prep programs.

9.2.2 *For testings*, Clubs are responsible for estimating the number of potential candidates at the Region's Annual Meeting.

9.2.3 No change

9.2.4 *At testings*, the Region is responsible for the examiner's expenses.

9.2.5 No change

9.2.6 No change

9.2.7 No change

## 10 USPC CHAMPIONSHIPS

*A Pony Club member participating in USPC Championships is an ambassador of his own club and of the Central New England Region. Members chosen to compete on*

*CNE Championship teams must epitomize the highest qualities of horsemanship within their chosen discipline, as well as leadership, sportsmanship, maturity and teamwork.*

*Team members will return from Championships with a wealth of new experiences and an exposure to ideas and friendships with members from across the country. This experience benefits the Region by fostering important Pony Club ideals in a new generation of leaders. The CNE Region supports the USPC Championship program by*

*providing opportunities to qualify in various USPC disciplines and by offering guidance, education, and when possible, financial support for Championship teams.*

*Those CNE members who qualify and are chosen to compete on Championship teams are representatives of Central New England Region. We expect that they will be supportive of their team members, regardless of club affiliation, and also supportive at Championships, as time permits, of all CNE competitors.*

## **10.1. COORDINATOR AND COMMITTEE**

The Regional Supervisor may appoint a Championship Coordinator, who *in consultation* with the RS, *may* select a Championship Committee *to oversee Championship arrangements and* to provide a program for the Regional team members in preparation for USPC Championships.

*The Coordinator, together with the Regional Supervisor, is responsible for identifying qualified competitors at regional rallies who may be chosen to compete on regional Championship teams. The Coordinator serves as the liaison between the competitors, their parents, and the Region, facilitating paperwork, organizing team prep clinics, transportation, housing, and other requirements. It is helpful if the Coordinator attend USPC Championships.*

## **10.3 ELIGIBILITY FOR PARTICIPATION**

10.3.1 The CNE championship qualifying rally in each discipline will be a CNE

Regional rally, or *a qualifying rally in another Region*, as designated by the CNE Regional Supervisors *in consultation with* the CNE Championship Chairperson.

10.3.2 *Any competitor qualifying at a rally held outside CNE must meet the CNE qualifying requirements, including completion of paperwork. (moved from 10.6.4)*

~~10.3.4 With the exception of Quiz, Members should~~ *are encouraged to* indicate an interest in participating on the rally entry form and on the Regional Championship form.

~~commitment form. At the discretion of the RS, this requirement may be waived.~~

## **10.4 TEAM SELECTION**

10.4.1 The Regional Supervisor will determine each team's final membership.

### **10.4.2 QUALIFYING STANDARDS**

10.4.2.1 The top eligible competitors in descending order of finish in the rally may be considered. *In general, those competitors finishing in the top 20% of the Qualifying Rally may be eligible to be considered* for participation on the Regional Championship Team.

10.4.2.2 The Horse Managers with the lowest team HM penalty points will be eligible to represent the CNE Region at Championships Rally. *At mounted rallies, excessively high Horse Management scores will be detrimental in considering a member for championship team selection. A Horse Manager wishing to qualify for a Championship, should indicate an interest in participating on a Championship Team on the Regional Rally's entry form.*

### **10.4.3. SPECIFIC QUALIFYING STANDARDS BY DISCIPLINE**

10.4.3.1 Eventing -- (~~formerly Combined Training~~) Scores will include individual riding scores, written test scores, and tack and turnout scores.

10.4.3.2 Dressage -- Scores will include individual riding scores, ~~weighted scores from all rides~~ written test scores and tack and turnout scores. Candidates are also required to complete a musical ride.

10.4.3.3 Quiz -- (~~formerly knowdown~~) Teams will consist of the eligible individuals with the highest individual scores from each division.

10.4.3.4 Show Jumping -- no change

10.4.3.5 Games -- *Those eligible members on* the winning team from each division at the qualifying rally (or the highest scoring team from the CNE Region at an inter-regional rally) shall be eligible to represent CNE Region at the Championships. ~~Rally~~. Substitutions for qualifying individuals unable to compete at Championships may be made at the discretion of the RS.

10.4.3.6 Tetrathlon -- no change

#### **10.4.4 ALTERNATES**

10.4.4.1 ~~Two~~ Alternates may be chosen to train with each team.

No other changes *except in number sequences*

#### **10.6 COMMITMENT REQUIRED OF TEAM MEMBERS, ALTERNATES AND CHAPERONES**

10.6.1 No change

10.6.2 No change

10.6.3 ~~In the event that CNE does not hold a qualifying regional rally in a particular discipline, a competitor may qualify at a rally outside the CNE Region, at the discretion of the Regional Supervisors.—(See 10.3.1)~~

10.6.4 ~~Any competitor qualifying at a rally held outside CNE must meet the CNE qualifying requirements, including completion of paperwork.~~

*10.6.3 All CNE qualifying requirements, including participation in Team Preparation, completion of paperwork and financial commitments are expected of all competitors.*

*10.6.4 Appropriate attire for competitors is essential and will be determined prior to each year's Championships. Such attire is expected of all CNE competitors at Championships.*

5/4/03 Amendments to CNE Policies 2003.doc



## Calendar of Events for 2003

DATE/TIME	EVENT	HOST	LOCATION
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 Francestown, 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