



The Central New England Scoop



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COMING UP

- May 2 Regional Council Meeting 10:00**
Nashoba Tubing Park Westford MA
- May 24 Show Jumping Rally**
Brookvale Pines Farm Fremont NH
- May 30-31 Games Rally**
Topsfield Fairground Topsfield MA
- June 6 HB Camp 8:00-5:00**
UNH Durham NH
- June 13-14 Qualifying Eventing Rally**
Valinor Horse Trials Plymouth MA
- June 27-29 Dressage Rally**
UNH Durham NH

NOTES FROM THE RS

Spring has arrived with a vengeance. Our poor equine friends are so hot in what is left of their winter coats!! But it is the sign that we can move forward with plans for rallies, camps, ratings, and all the other things we do as PC members and volunteers.

Quiz went very well; it is always our largest rally, and this year was no exception! We have a strong group wanting to go to PC Championships in Quiz this year! The economy is really affecting everything and I am hoping the rest of our rallies have enough members to make them financially feasible and we won't have to cancel rallies like we did last year. We have already had to cancel one Prep clinic due to lack of entries. We have a good number of candidates that have applied for the HB and up testings, and it is mandatory that our CNER candidates go to a prep clinic, so I am hoping that the rest will be better attended.

This coming Saturday is a DC meeting. It will be at the Nashoba Valley Tube Park at 10:00, so I hope most leaders are planning to attend. We do have a few things to discuss. See you there.

Betsey

NOTES FROM THE HMO

With rally time quickly approaching, here are just a few quick reminders for a successful experience. Remember to check your tack (cracks, stitching, and appropriateness). Be sure your clothes fit properly, read your rulebooks and your 2009 newsletters for each discipline, read your score sheets, and be prepared.

If any clubs need help with required equipment or would like to have a small mock rally, either with one club or clubs in one area, please contact me. (I dropped the ball on the regional one...)

If any C3+ 16+ PC'ers want to apprentice with HM at rallies, please let me know as soon as possible. If any parents/adults want to volunteer for Horse Management, please let me know as well. I can be reached at larahubner@yahoo.com

Lara Hubner, HMO

QUIZ RALLY

As always, Quiz was our first rally of the year, kicking off the season in March. Thanks so much to Sara Michas and the folks at Jordan Stables Riding Center for doing an outstanding job as head organizers. This rally was truly a regional effort with additional Mega Room and Stations coordination from Pegasus Pony Club, Pentucket Pony Club, Hybrid Riding Center; help from upper level and graduate pony club Quiz Masters from many local clubs, and parent volunteers from all around the region-and everyone appeared to be having a good time!

STANDARDS CLINIC

On March 15, Nashoba Valley Pony Club hosted the Regional Standards Clinic at Shepley Hill Farm in Groton MA. This was a joint clinic with Central New England and Southeast New England Regions. We started the morning with demo riders at the D1 through C2 levels. Stephanie LeCours worked with the riders in the ring and Audrey Cooney organized the riders in the barn. Clinician Nancy Grout did a great job discussing the various standards. Big thanks to Lelo Reeves Curtis for her generosity - donating her lovely indoor ring, several ponies, and a whole day. There were over 90 attendees. And special thanks to all the riders from CNE and SNER. After lunch, we ran UL videos with about 25 attendees. Deb Power did a great job organizing the day!

UL UPDATE

The Upper Level Group has been off to a busy start with fundraisers. They worked hard at Standards Clinic and Quiz Rally. The UL Group has been asked to hold a lunch food booth for the Mass Carriage and Driving Society. The event is on April 26th at Highland Hills Farm Berlin, Mass. Please let me know if you would like to help run the food booth, donate food, or both! The money you make will go directly to reduce your camp or clinic costs.

May 31st is a one day clinic with National Examiner (NE) Nancy Grout at Black Brook Farm in Carlisle, MA. She will work on flat, grids, course work, and/or private lunge lessons. Application can be found on the CNER website, the application deadline is May 15th. This is open to C3 candidates and up.

This year there is one UL Camp, July 9-12th at UNH. Cherie Gabel, Deb Wilson, Laurie Chapman-Bosco, and Sue Winslade will be teaching, possibly one more depending on numbers. As of right now, we have 7 Bs (2 out of region), 7 H/As (4 out of region), and 6 As (3 out of region). Many of the candidates have asked about alternative housing to lower their weekend cost. I was wondering if anyone in the UNH Durham Area would like to put up a couple of UL candidates (Wed. evening through Sunday morning)? Please email me at ablood318@hotmail.com if you have any ideas. D and C riders will also be needed for the H/A candidates to teach. Please email me if any of your members are interested in getting taught by an H/A, supervised by a NE. All the kids had a great time last year!

CNER is hosting an H/A test July 17-19th held in Groton, MA. Anyone interested in volunteering let me know!

Allison Blood & Catherine Williams
UL Coordinators

C3 UPDATE

The C3 prep program is underway for 2009. Lelo Reeves held a bandaging clinic in March and a Lunging Clinic with Karen Marcotte in April. Some candidates were able to take advantage of a Richard Lamb 2 day clinic held in April at Shepley Hill Farm as well. Unfortunately, the first mounted clinic which was scheduled for last weekend had to be cancelled due to lack of participants.

Another mounted clinic is scheduled for May 17 with Richard Lamb. There will be an opportunity courtesy of Rockingham PC to ride with Lori Underwood on May 25th, a mounted prep in Groton on June 20th and two additional mounted preps in July. The traditional C3 rating is scheduled for August 22 and the C3 Dressage Specialty rating is scheduled for the 23rd. Both will be held at Shepley Hill Farm in Groton MA.

Lelo Reeves Curtis
C3 Coordinator

HB UPDATE

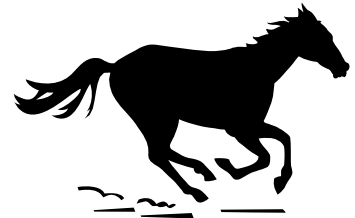
We are well into the HB prep program for 2009. There are 12 candidates scheduled to take their HB rating this year. Candidates were encouraged to attend the three D3/C1 clinics covering conformation, equine diseases and lameness. We've held a prep on tack at Dover Saddlery (thank you to Joelle Graham for doing a great job with the long list of tack), we have had two unmounted preps with Karen Marcotte, barn preps are in the works, and a one day HB prep camp is scheduled for June. We've received requests and have opened up the prep camp to Northeast Region, Western NE Region and Southeast Region candidates as well as our own region. Three clinicians are lined up and the candidates should be well prepared by their rating which is scheduled for July 11 at UNH. We will be looking for unmounted students on that day for the teaching section of the test. Would DCs please let their members know that we will need D1-D3 students on July 11th for about an hour or so. The candidates will be demonstrating their unmounted teaching skills, and we need at least 12 kids. It is educational and fun, usually treats are involved, and it is a great way to support our UL candidates. The kids may also be able to

coordinate with the UL prep camp which will be held at UNH on that day, to volunteer as mounted students as well. Please contact me with any questions.

Wendy Johnson
HB Coordinator

D3/C1 CLINIC UPDATE

Once again, the D3/C1 program was a big success. We held three clinics in January, February and March. Jen Dunton from the UNH Thompson School of Applied Science did a great job stepping in for Laurie Chapman Bosco as the clinician for the Conformation Clinic. Thanks to Charlotte Woody, Ben Vaughn and Stephanie LeCours for assisting with the barn portion of the clinic. Dr. Kris Koss was our clinician for a very informative session on Equine Diseases and Immunizations, and Allie Hayes brought her amazing freeze dried legs and hoofs for an extremely well-attended lameness clinic to round out the 2009 program. Thanks to Kim Mello for helping to coordinate the program this year. We had 25-35 kids plus at least a dozen or more parents at each meeting. Over 70 kids in total attend at least one of the three sessions, and many were able to attend all three.



Wendy Johnson
Kim Mello
D3/C1 Coordinators

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Annie Seymour for becoming a member of the International Games Team. She is a C2 from Rockingham Pony Club. She tried out and was selected from a large number of Games competitors from around the country. Great job!

NEXT DC MEETING

Our next Regional Council Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 on Saturday May 2nd at the Nashoba Valley Tubing Park, Westford MA. Please contact Wendy if you would like to bring anything to nibble on. We do not plan to serve lunch. Thanks.

