



The Central New England Scoop



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COMING UP

- May 23-25 **Upper Level Prep Camp**
Kingsbury Hill, Francestown, NH
- May 30- June 1 **C3 Prep Camp**
Kingsbury Hill, Francestown, NH
- June 1 **Games Rally**
Topsfield Fairgrounds, Topsfield, MA
- June 28-30 **Dressage Rally**
UNH, Durham, NH

Dear DCs,

I've just returned from our first C3 camp last weekend. (See Tammy Erickson's report later in this SCOOP) It was a fabulous experience for 5 lucky kids. The weather was perfect (well, perhaps a little cold at night); the food was delicious (with Cookie Zwicker doing the honors, we'd expect nothing less); the instructors were sensational; the kids were delightful. They rode their own horses and then changed and rode everyone else's horses several different times over the course of the weekend. They bandaged and then bandaged again, did bookwork, told ghost stories; in short had a great time.

Our thanks to C3 Coordinator, Tammy Erickson, for organizing the camp and being there to help; to Audrey for giving up last weekend to do the cooking; to Lisa Campbell for her generosity in having us at Kingsbury Hill for three weekends in a row (the upper level prep camp and the 2nd C3 camp follow over the next two weekends); and to the instructors (Nancy Fritz-Groust, Ann Clafin, and Suzi Gornall) for being so upbeat, positive and imaginative in their teaching. They gave the kids a pretty good idea of their strengths and weaknesses and of where they stand with the C3 Standard.

Two rallies are coming up in June -- Games Rally on June 1 and Dressage rally on June 28-30. Have fun with your rally preps, and I hope you'll all come and support your teams. See you there!

Louisa

USPC'S JUBILEE CELEBRATION

Next year, all year, is USPC's Jubilee year -- celebrating 50 years of USPC. The celebration will begin at the 2004 Annual Meeting/Convention to be held in Philadelphia in January and continue in most of our Regions and at various events, including Festival, throughout the year.

CNE will also be having a USPC 50th Birthday Bash. We'll be celebrating some of USPC's oldest clubs, and some "Legends" -- people who have been involved in pony club in a significant way over the years. We're tentatively planning a party to be held at next year's Groton House II. If you'd like to help plan and work on our celebration, please contact Louisa.

QUIZ CHAMPIONSHIPS 2003

The following CNE members qualified and will attend the 2003 Quiz Championships. [Congratulations and Good Luck](#) to all these young people!

Championships West -- July 10-13, Sacramento, CA Sr. C Team

Elizabeth F. (Rockingham)
Jillian L. (Squamscott)
Kate E. (Old North Bridge)
Katy A. (Old North Bridge)

Championships East -- Aug 1-3, Lexington, Virginia Sr. D Team 1

Chelsea G. (Swift River)
Ashley P. (Worcestershire)
Loryn W. (Worcestershire)
Stephanie G. (Worcestershire)

Sr. D Team 2

Corey Q. (Overlook)

Brooke T. (Overlook)

Alexandra C. (Overlook)

Cassandra L. (Wentworth)

Jr. D team 1

Sarah E. (Rockingham)

Audrey C. (Nashoba)

Becky R. (Worcestershire)

Jr. D Team 2

Kerry Y. (Groton)

Ari M. (Old North Bridge)

Olivia M. (Groton)

Jennifer R. (Groton)

CNE Championship Prep Camp July 13 ** Save the Date**

This year CNE will hold a one-day Championship prep camp for Championship qualifiers in all disciplines. "D" Quiz kids will have practice in all phases of quiz questioning; mounted team members will have clinics in their disciplines. All D Quiz team members, Dressage, Eventing, Tetrathlon, Show Jumping, and Games competitors must attend. There will be Horse Management assignments for all mounted team members and Horse Managers. **DCs, please notify all your kids who are thinking of trying to qualify in ANY discipline. This will be a required clinic, so kids who want to qualify must save the date!** At this time also, we will be finalizing paperwork and handing out Championships T-shirts and pins. Further information will be available soon. Questions? Contact Jackie Jacobs (978-369-2379) or Louise Hara (978-287-4833).

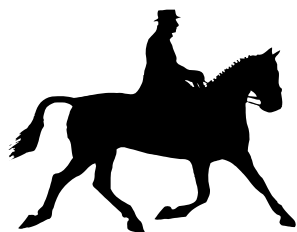
Introduction to Foxhunting -- Unmounted Clinic -- June 26th 4-5:30 p.m.

Sponsored by the Norfolk Hunt Pony Club at the Norfolk Hunt Kennels, 181 Center St., Dover, MA

For more information and to RSVP call:

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C-2 Camp -- DCs, please pass this along to your C2s

There's still time to sign up! If you're a C-2, whether or not you plan to do a C-3 rating this year, you're welcome to join in a great learning experience: camp!

The first camp session was held on May 16-18 at Kingsbury Hill. We had three great clinicians and one fabulous upper level member available to work with the five C-2's who came to enjoy the experience. Nancy Grout, Ann Clafin, and Suzi Gornall provided rich instruction in all elements of riding at the C-3 level, from flat work to cross country. Aimee Colbath shared great stories and tips from her days as a C-3. Ann and Aimee worked with the group in the evenings on a wide variety of horse management knowledge, while Audrey Zwicker kept everyone very well fed. The weather was spectacular and the facility in top shape. It was a great time!

And, there's one more chance for the other C-2s in the region to join in. The second session of the camp will be held on May 30 - June 1, again at Kingsbury Hill. If you haven't signed up,

Please call Tammy Erickson (978-369-8828; email tjerrickson@concoursegroup.com) to get in on the good times.

USA Equestrian Pony Jumper Championships

USPC has again been invited to participate in the USA Eq Pony Jumper Championships to be held in Lexington, KY this August. Last year's team made quite an impression with 2 of our members in a 3-way tie for the overall Individual Championship Junior Olympic Medal. We would like to repeat this feat! If you know of any CNE Pony Jumper riders who might be interested in this opportunity, they can get more information by going to the USPC web page: <http://www.ponyclub.org/forms/ponyjumper.pdf>.

CNE Website

www.cne.ponyclub.org

Horse Management on the Web --

Need a horse management form for a rally? Want to do formal inspections at a mounted meeting? Then visit the new horse management section on the CNER web site. The url is <http://cne.ponyclub.org/>. Questions? Consult CNE's webmaster, Iris Realmuto

-- iris@freedom.mv.com

MARK YOUR CALENDAR ... DATES CHANGED...

SHOW JUMPING RALLY IS SEPTEMBER 21,
NOT SEPTEMBER 28TH

CHAMPIONSHIPS PREP CAMP IS JULY 13

Dressage Rally Addenda:

1. BBQ is \$13 per meal
2. Recommended tests for each level are as per Jan/Feb. NFN Dressage Newsletter. You can access that on the USPC website.
3. Please note that **riders wishing to qualify for USPC Champs** may choose two different 2003 USAEq or FEI level tests at any level, **except Training or First Level Test 1**. Riders wishing to qualify must ride tests, **including Freestyles**, within the same level.
4. C Riders who do not wish to qualify for Champs may ride tests at the level they feel their horses would be able to perform (including USDF Introductory tests).

USEA BRITISH/AMERICAN EXCHANGE

DATES: July 13 - 21 2003

PLACE: T.H.E. FARM

All applicants should be 12 years old and riding at the beginner novice level. This program is designed to provide a cultural exchange between young equestrians so that they can develop new friendships, expand their cultural awareness as well as continue to develop their horsemanship skills. The riders will meet everyday for mounted instruction and unmounted lectures. They will take care of the horses involved in the program and throughout the week and participate in group activities at T.H.E. FARM involving community service. We will end the week with running a 2-Phase event at T.H.E. FARM. We hope for participants to be involved for two years so that they can visit the English families next summer. The cost of the camp will be \$500.00 for the week and that includes everything. We have scholarship money available and encourage kids to apply for this. Please contact me by email polarpals@hotmail.com or call Molly Springer 978-371-1926.

CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Large pony for sale. 14.1 hh, age 6 1/2 years, 3/4 Arab 1/4 Quarter mare. Talented and athletic. Started slowly and correctly. Lovely, enthusiastic jumper. Schooling training level dressage self-carriage and flying changes. Easily jumps 3 ft. Gentle and willing. Excellent ground manners. Easy keeper and gets along with other animals. Very sadly outgrown. \$6,500 obo. contact akerscumings@attbi.com for pics or call 603 228-4479.

Calendar of Events for 2003

| DATE/TIME | EVENT | HOST | LOCATION |
|------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------------|---|
| 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 21 | 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 |

CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND REGION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

May 3 2003

The May Regional Council meeting was held on May 3, 2003 at the Reading Municipal Light Building in Reading MA. The meeting commenced at 10:00. Attending the meeting were Wendy Johnson, Lara Hubner, Louise Hara, Ingrid Low, Iris Realmuto, Steve Realmuto, Ted Barnard, Curtis Renner, Audrey Zwicker, Deb Maietta, Sue Ferry, Lisa Brem, Karen Liuzzo and Louisa McKown.

Treasurer's Report

First on the agenda was the Treasurer's report, presented by Curtis Renner. The Region has approximately \$18,000, the bulk in long term savings which continue to grow. Approximately \$5500 is maintained in the working budget. Curtis pointed out the problem of collecting dues for late member renewals. It was suggested that the DCs obtain a current member list from Member Services at USPC to verify members' status and ratings. If clubs have not paid their current Regional dues for late members, they will not be allowed to compete at rallies. All checks for late dues should be sent to Louisa who will forward to Curtis.

This year the clubs will be charged \$40 instead of \$60 for Clinic fees due to the cancellation of Standards Clinic. It was recommended that Curtis email reminder notices first and follow up with mailed bills. A discussion followed regarding whether the increase to \$10 per member for individual dues was meant to replace the need to charge the clubs an additional clinic fee each year. It was agreed that the discussion would continue at the fall meeting.

It was suggested that the financial statement be attached to the Regional newsletter. Also, Curtis should be carbon copied when financial information is sent to Louisa. Rally organizers were reminded to send their budgets to Louisa for approval. The budget should include the cost of the ribbons since organizers will need to estimate the amount needed to reimburse the region from the proceeds of the rally. Organizers can calculate the cost by figuring \$2.65 each for Champion sized ribbons and \$2.25 for smaller ribbons.

Reports from other Regional Coordinators

Show Jumping Rally date is September 21 not September 28 as originally reported.

Championship Prep Camp: Louise Hara is coordinating a "camp" for Championship qualifiers. It will probably be held prior to July 10th since C Quiz is on 7/13. It was agreed that the weekend of July 5th and 6th would work out perfectly for an all discipline camp, possibly with mounted prep on one day and horse management the next. Quiz participants would prep both days. Foss Farm was recommended as the location for the camp. More details to follow.

Regional Equipment: There is still missing rally equipment and a CNE banner. It was suggested we offer a reward for the missing items and post it at the rallies.

Championships: Lisa Brem announced the qualifiers for Quiz Championships. The required medical release form must have a physician's release if the last question on the form is answered positively.

Accommodations for Championships in Virginia will be at the Days Inn in Raphine. The cost is \$64 per single room and \$69 double occupancy. CNER has reserved a block of rooms and qualifiers should call and reserve rooms held under the code CNR1. The Region will provide shirts and pins to the qualifiers, parents can order extra shirts for \$16 each.

Inter-Pacific Exchange: Katherine Short is looking for a donation to help offset the cost to go to the International Exchange. A motion was made to donate \$250 from the Region. The vote was unanimous. A second motion was made to direct the policy committee to write a "broad" statement into the policies to allow us to give recognition and support to members who are selected for international exchange teams and National Youth Congress opportunities. These would be situations that involve "selection" rather than "qualifying". The vote was unanimously in favor of the motion.

Such a donation should be carried on the Treasurer's financial statement under the category now called "meetings".

Regional Instruction Coordinator: Louise Hara spoke about the plans for the Upper Level prep programs moving along. She also recommended that kids not be afraid to ask to have the written test questions read at rallies if necessary. Rally entries could have a box to check if DCs know kids who would need this kind of help.

She spoke of the experience she had with the Equine Land Conservation Resource as an aid in helping to preserve the Foss Farm in Carlisle for equestrian use. She encouraged us all to be aware of the open land that is currently available for pony club use and the fact that it may not always be open. There is much that can be done to save "developable" land; the ELCR is ready and willing to help local equestrian groups to organize and save needed land.

Nominating: Steve Realmuto, chairman, stated that the regional Nominating Committee will be looking for feedback early this year if possible and will discuss further at the fall meeting.

Regional Equipment: Ted Barnard spoke next regarding the regional equipment. We need the ability to run power off a battery pack, a converter and carrying case. A cassette player and CD player are needed along with a transport kit and replacement of some of the radios. There was a motion by Ted to allocate an additional \$500 for electrical equipment. Louisa recommended that we approve the expenses. Lisa .Brem seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

Rally schedule: Louisa is sensitive to the fact that our rally schedule this year eliminates young Ds from attending a rally until the fall. (Show Jumping is no longer in June; D Rally and Eventing Rally are both in the fall this year). There will be a DC's meeting in early September and one of the items on the agenda will be to work on the Rally schedule for 2004.

Regional Policies: Revisions to the Regional Policies were discussed next. It was apparent that most of the revisions merely involved semantics and it was decided that Steve and Louisa would put together the revised changes to present at the fall meeting.

Horse Management: Lara Hubner spoke about horse management and encouraged all Horse Management scores to be exceptional for those individuals hoping to qualify. She spoke about the clinician's list and asked for help developing a long term plan involving total horse management; ultimately, what is the best thing to do for the horse. She spoke about how the clubs can help to promote good horse management. Iris will add an area to the CNER website dedicated to horse management. Clubs can download and use HM forms with their club members. Each child should be familiar with the standards checklist for her rating. Each club should develop a strong program at the club level to provide the kids with a solid background at rallies. She urged DCs to teach from the standards.

Lara reminded everyone that there are many regional resources available-just ask!

Louisa wrapped up comments and the meeting was adjourned at 3 p.m.