



# The Central New England Scoop



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## COMING UP .....

- June 11-12 CNER C-2 Camp**  
Kingsbury Hill Francestown NH
- June 20 Show Jumping Qualifying Rally**  
Apple Knoll Farm Millis MA
- June 26-28 Dressage Qualifying Rally**  
UNH Durham NH
- July 10 DC Meeting (time TBA)**  
**Mandatory HM Championship Mtg.**  
Shepley Hill Groton MA

## NOTES FROM BETSEY

Hello DC's and others:

Even though the spring has been cold and sometimes rainy, CNER has done well. We have two qualifying rallies behind us with several members planning to head off to Championships. We have a short Novice team and a Training rider with two very competent Horse Managers for Eventing Championships and a Junior team for Games. That is in addition to the several Quiz teams and extras we are planning to send. I feel that CNER will have a strong, even if not plentiful representation in Kentucky.

We have Show Jumping and Dressage qualifiers to go in CNER and Tetrathlon in White Mountain region, so we still have more rallies in the immediate future.

Then we switch gears and focus on getting our many upper level candidates ready for their testings. We had a NOT RAINY upper level camp at Kingsbury Hill last weekend, and the three examiners gave our candidates some very good feedback. If all take their feedback to heart and work on the suggestions, hopefully we will have a strong showing at the testings as well. The C-2 camp will be this next weekend,

so we can see how our C-3 candidates are doing.

The DC meeting in May went very well, and I am really excited about the communication that went on, the discussions, the willingness to pull together to make the region stronger, and the general feeling that we can do what is BEST for our members. I was VERY energized afterwards and want to THANK all of you that were there, and for all that you do for Pony Club!! What a great group!!

Don't forget the Reunion at Groton House. See you there!

## **Betsey**

## MINUTES FROM LAST DC MEETING

The Minutes from the last meeting are attached to the end of the newsletter. Please review as a lot of information was covered at the last meeting.

## UL UPDATE

11 ULs met at Kingsbury Hill during Memorial Day Weekend for a prep by National Examiners Laurie Chapman Bosco, Cherie Gaebel, and Sarah Morgan. Not only were there ponyclub members who will be taking their ratings, but also those who came for the fun and comradery. This is an incredible tribute to the teamwork and desire to stay connected that this group displays on an ongoing basis. In addition to prepping, participants also aided the owner of the facility, who has been ill, by helping to do "spring cleaning", pulling manes and trimming

ponies to prep them for camp. I was very proud of the PCers who participated so cheerfully in

this activity, after long hard days of riding and caring for their own mounts.

For those going for a rating this year, in all cases work needs to continue for candidates to be prepared. DCs will be receiving feedback forms from the weekend. Please note, although the feedback is fairly low-key, candidates need to be reminded that even if their sheets show them as "on track", the feedback items are items that MUST be fixed, if they are going to continue on towards a rating. For those looking to connect with their peers before July, there are a number of informal meetings taking place where the ULs are getting together to spend time with each other with instructors. Please have your PC member call me if they wish to pursue this further.

As I watched the weekend proceed, I realized how many people we have who participate to make things go well for these PCers. If it takes a village to raise a child, we are very lucky to have such a wonderful group of volunteers who are part of our 'village'. Many thanks to Audrey Zwicker, who makes the kitchen run efficiently, turning out delicious meals whether the requirements are a 6 AM breakfast or a picnic dinner to take on the road, and of course to Betsey Reeves for being there with her wonderful eye, and excellent insights. Thanks to Louise Hara who was there from check-in to check-out, and helped out in every way imaginable. Thanks to the parents who assisted wherever needed, and especially by running video cameras to tape the entire weekend (tapes will be available within the week), and to Lisa Campbell for allowing us the use of her wonderful facility. Finally, thanks to the PCers themselves, for helping to create such an enthusiastic and energetic group. It is a privilege and a pleasure to work with such committed young leaders.

Deb Maietta

## **THE C3 PROGRAM-UPDATE**

Twelve C-2s enjoyed this past weekend's spectacular weather and two wonderful clinicians as they formed new friendships, learned new skills, and generally geared up for the riding challenges this summer.

Our region's own Laurie Chapman-Bosco was one of the weekend's clinicians, providing

everyone with clear, specific feedback and good humored encouragement. Probably no one who rode with Laurie this weekend will ever forget how to "post from their pockets" or which

(aching) muscles to engage in their legs.

We were fortunate to have Kristen Dzamba as our second clinician. Kristen is currently Chair of the National D and C Committee, a National Examiner, graduate A, and trainer and instructor out of her barn in New Jersey. She and her four year old daughter April made the long drive up to New Hampshire, where Kristen brought lively good humor and an astute eye to the clinic.

The participants for the weekend were Michelle Borden, Kayla Burroughs, Lucy Cheney, Robin Edwards, Liz Fitzgerald, Julia Head, Tegan Henderson, Annie Maietta, Michelle Realmuto, Ashley Taylor, Jessie Tonry, and Claire Williams. Both clinicians were very complimentary of our region's wonderful group of C-2's.

Special thanks to everyone who contributed to the weekend, particularly all the folks at Kingsbury Hill for the use of the great facility and Louise Hara for her help with the pre-camp shopping.

Applications for this summer's C-3 rating are due to Tammy Erickson by June 25.

## **WEBMASTER UPDATE**

If you have members that are rating up and becoming C-1's or C-2's please send me [ilr@charter.net](mailto:ilr@charter.net) their email address (and their parents too) so I can add them to the regional C-1 and C-2 email distribution lists. Thanks. Iris

## **CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE**

Festival fever is catching on. Our Quiz competitors have been busy studying. They've had Quiz Preps on foxhunting, toxic plants, rulebooks, and a Scavenger Hunt so far. There are 2 more preps to go. We have 18 competitors for Quiz - 2 Jr. D teams, 2 Sr. D teams, 1 Jr. C competitor, and 1 Sr. C competitor. For Eventing, we have a short CNE Novice team and a combined CNE/White Mountain Training team (1 rider and 1 horse manager). In Games, we have 1 Junior team named the Silver Streakers.

There will be a mandatory HMO/Quiz Prep on July 10 at Shepley Hill, Groton, MA. Time to be announced. Please let you club members interested in qualifying know the date in advance.

## NOTES FROM THE HMO

There will be a Mandatory Championships Preparatory Meeting for all competitors and their parents at Shepley Hill in Groton MA on July 10th- infomational email and or flyer to follow soon.

## HOUSE KEEPING

Please make a note that Audrey Zwicker has a new email address. It's [a.zwicker@att.net](mailto:a.zwicker@att.net)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**OLD NORTH BRIDGE SUMMER JUMPER SERIES** will be held on the following Wednesdays: June 30, July14, July 28 and Aug 18. Each show will begin at 1 pm SHARP, warm-ups will start at 12:30pm. The three class divisions start at 18" and go up through 3'. High point horse/rider champion and reserve champion will be awarded at the end of the series in each division. The series takes place at Foss Farm in Carlisle, MA. Proceeds benefit the Old North Bridge Pony Club. For more information please contact Lucy Cornish 978-369-2868 [chrislifarm@comcast.net](mailto:chrislifarm@comcast.net) or Beth Platt [platt13@comcast.net](mailto:platt13@comcast.net)

## NEW ENGLAND REGIONS PC REUNION REMINDER

**June 26th, 4:30 p.m. (immediately following x-c)  
Groton House Farm HorseTrials II, Hamilton MA**  
Help us celebrate USPC's 50th Anniversary Year by coming to this Reunion. Share Pony Club memories and honor some very special pony club volunteers. Wear your old pony club pins, bring your old photos and mementos, and of course your memories! Who's invited? Pony Club Grads, former and current RSs and DCs, devoted volunteers.

Wine.....Cheese....light hors d'oeuvres

## CLASSIFIEDS

Sadly Outgrown: Fidelitee has been a Pony Club horse for the past 6 years up through C1

level and has done everything. She is a 14.2hh full registered grey Arabian mare and just turned 20. She is the absolute schoolmaster for younger riders. Sweet personality, willing and great attitude. Price neg. because a good,

lovable home is a must. Contact by e-mail at [Anhellmer@aol.com](mailto:Anhellmer@aol.com) or call (603)465-6202.

Looking for free pony or lease - **small, quiet, older pony** (gelding or non-marish mare) to keep retired event horse company while his pasture mate competes. Pony will be handled daily and used for pony rides for my two young boys, ages 4 and 6. Wonderful home, 24/7 turnout with shelter. Send email to [vroussel@charter.net](mailto:vroussel@charter.net).

***Have a Great Summer!***

# MINUTES OF THE DC MEETING

MAY 1, 2004

The May DC meeting was held in Westford Mass at the Nashoba tubing Park on May 1<sup>st</sup> 2004. Attendees included Audrey Zwicker, Iris Realmuto, Steve Realmuto, Louise Hara, Jackie Jacobs, Deb Maietta, Curtis Renner, Kathy Burroughs, Debbie Power, Lisa Brem, Betsey Reeves, Lara Hubner, Esther Short, Wendy Johnson and Tammy Erickson.

Betsey opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. by greeting the members and giving a brief overview of all the activities going on in the region right now. She acknowledged the excellent performance by our Games Team at the Prince Phillip Cup. In the interest of time each regional coordinator gave a brief update of their activities.

Jackie Jacobs mentioned that only one person was interested in doing a quadrille so far. Opening day for festival entries is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Any upper level kids interested in Barn Fair should contact Jackie to coordinate. She will send out an email to let them know about this opportunity.

Betsey opened a discussion regarding the focus groups. The topic of the last meeting was Championships. Some excellent ideas were tossed around. Today's focus group will be the last meeting for the summer and will cover Horse Management. In the fall Betsey will see if DCs want to continue with the discussion groups. Suggestions for future topics included Fundraising in September, Unmounted Programs-how to keep your instruction program on track- with Louise in October, Riding Camps with Lisa and Deb in November, and Disciplines and Scoring in January and February.

Louise Hara submitted her report as the RIC. Nationally the RIC job description has changed. Louise would like to meet with each club individually, perhaps attend a mounted meeting and see if everyone is on track or needs her assistance with their instructional programs. There are scholarships available to the Region and ponyclubbers. Kathleen Long's family would like to set up a lecture series. The Region just needs to pick a topic and organize. It was suggested that the RIC do one clinic a year and focus on the D3 C1 levels leading up to the C3 and UL programs. It was suggested that a Standards Clinic be held in the fall and Lisa Brem has agreed to host it.

Lara Hubner gave a quick summary of the HM Clinic and had very good feedback about the mock rally approach. It was suggested that every other year the HM Clinic be held as a Mock rally alternating with the stations format used in prior years. Overall, Lara felt the Clinic was a great learning experience. Lara would also like to urge all HM apprentices to email her as soon as possible. The mandatory HM clinic for Championship qualifiers will be on July 10<sup>th</sup> at Shepley Hill. She will have a vet present to discuss preparing the horse for a long haul. Louise and Lara will work on that agenda.

Our Treasurer Curtis Renner passed out an updated Budget. He also mentioned that the new tax-exempt form should be used. A copy will be mailed directly to each DC. Quiz Rally made an excess profit although not all expenses have been calculated. A discussion needs to be held to decide what to do with rallies that earn too much, donate to the general funds, refund to those participants, or contribute to Championship fundraiser?

Deb Maietta submitted an Upper Level update. She had very positive feedback on the various clinics and thanked Laurie Chapman Bosco for doing an excellent job. So far two C2s have signed up for the July clinic. The ULs are trying to organize an informal get together to ride and swap horses. On August 11-13<sup>th</sup> she will need horse holders and helpers (age 14 and up).

Iris Realmuto reported that the regional mailing lists are temporarily out of order but should be up again soon.

The next DC's meeting was planned for September but those in attendance agreed that this is too long to wait since there is so much going on during the next few months. It was agreed that a DC's meeting would be held at Shepley Hill on July 10<sup>th</sup> during the mandatory Championship Prep.

Next, Betsey announced the 2004 Nominating Committee-Steve Realmuto, Belinda Barbas and Esther Short. Deb Maietta moved to accept, Lara Hubner seconded and the nominations passed unanimously.

Eventing Qualifying Rally will be held at King Oak Farm Horse Trials with 2 Novice Teams and a Training team. Games Rally appears to be filling with several teams from out of region also attending.

The next discussion was funding for Championships. \$150 /team has already been allocated for coaching according to our policy. It was proposed that the Region pay the entry fee for all qualifiers. Ted/Pete moved to accept the motion, Audrey seconded and the motion passed unanimously. A November fundraiser, possibly a silent auction was suggested, to be held in the Nashua NH area. Each club will hopefully fill tables and clubs will be responsible for providing 1-2 items to be auctioned off. Wendy Johnson will work with Lisa Brem and Molly Springer, but also, we all signed up on a sheet for helping with the fundraiser.

A second motion was made to have Regional fundraisers during the next two years with earnings going to repay the money spent on Championships. Louise moved and Lisa seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

After lunch, other miscellaneous topics were discussed including the 2005 Leadership Training Seminar. It was suggested that we sponsor it in November of 2005. Western NE Region has mentioned having a "mega rally". The general consensus was that we would need to think about this before we make any commitments. Sponsoring a booth at the Equine Affaire met with enthusiasm-perhaps offering bandaging demos, games demos etc. The 2007 Annual Meeting could be held in Boston if we felt as a region that it could energize rather than burden us. More discussion to follow. Denise, Audrey and Jackie will coordinate shirts for championships. Audrey has ordered pins. Insurance is all set for rally locations but any location not listed is not covered. 3-4 C3 activities are not covered yet. Forms are available online for ads for Festival. There is a contest for the region that sells the most ads. Remember the reunion at Groton House II.

Lisa Brem reported that for Show Jumping Rally, there will be concurrent rings, which will make the rally run quicker, and they won't be referred to as the qualifying rings.

Ted/Pete has agreed to email all DC's to see if there are any suggestions/requests for updating the Regional policy and will report back at the next meeting.

Tammy Erickson mentioned that the C3 clinics are going along nicely.

The meeting adjourned at 1:40.