



# The Central New England Scoop



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## COMING UP .....

June 15-16 **Combined Training Rally,**  
Apple Knoll Farm, Millis MA

June 22-23 **Games Rally,**  
Topsfield Fairgrounds, Topsfield MA

June 29- **Dressage Rally,**  
July 1 UNH, Durham NH

**DC Meeting at Dressage Rally on June 30 in lunch break**

Dear DCs,

Well, summer and rally season is upon us! As I write this, many of your members are getting ready for Show Jumping rally June 9. (I'll include the rally results in this newsletter.) In fact, June IS rally season this year. How could we ever have scheduled a rally every single weekend? Beats me.

While I'm on the subject of rallies, I can never resist a few thoughts. Sometimes, as DCs, you need to help your team members understand that competitive rallies give them an opportunity to demonstrate their proficiency in an atmosphere of cooperation, fun and teamwork. Yes, they are long and tiring days, and often stressful, but by and large the day will be remembered as FUN for a long time.

I hope you'll also help their parents to understand that rallies test members' skills without outside help, but with the advice and support of judges and officials. Acquaint parents with the rally rules, especially the one about unauthorized assistance. Tell them that rallies are meant to be educational experiences that may expose participants to new ideas and ways of doing things. Above all, tell them that rallies teach members about themselves, about support and reliance on others, about sportsmanship, and about personal growth involved in winning and losing. Sometimes it helps to remind parents of all this, because rallies can be pretty stressful situations for inexperienced (as well as experienced) parents!

**Good luck to all your teams!**

## CNE LEADERSHIP WEEKEND AND ANNUAL REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 16-17, 2002

CNE is joining with White Mountain Region for a Leadership Support weekend this fall that will also double as our Regional Council Meeting. Your presence is encouraged, required, whatever -- please jot down the date and plan to come. It'll be held at the Holiday Inn in Nashua, NH.

**What's a Leadership Support weekend anyway?** It's a gathering of all the DCs, Jt.DCs and regional officers and Council members, to network, discuss, plan, and get management advice on running your club and its programs. It will give you a new perspective, a new approach and new ideas on getting your club goals accomplished with less hassle, fewer conflicts, and more fun. If you're a new DC, it's an essential way to know what your job's all about. It's a stimulating weekend led by several facilitators from the National Organization. Regions are encouraged to hold these weekends every 3 years. We're way overdue!

You'll be working at round tables, as well as in teams and pairs. You'll move around from group to group, room to room, even into the bar for a glass of wine after the formal meetings. With the help of the facilitators, you'll discuss such things as program ideas; how to set up a club instruction program; job prioritizing; getting volunteers energized and inspired, nurtured and thanked; conflict resolution; perception vs. reality; personality frames; relating to the "Microwave Society"; burn out; and lots of other topics that you can select.

The meetings on Saturday will also be open to interested parents and upper level (C3 and up) pony club members. So encourage them to save the date and come.

## **Costs:**

Rooms at the Holiday Inn are \$85/double occupancy. Meals package is \$50 (includes lunch and dinner Sat and breakfast Sun). There will also be a separate Registration fee for those attending only the Saturday sessions, and a Saturday meal package.

**Ask your club to help share your expenses, or to pay them in their entirety. Your club will benefit greatly by your attendance.**

## **Weekend Schedule (tentative)**

### **Saturday**

8:30 a.m. Arrival and Registration (coffee/tea, etc.)  
9:00 a.m. Meetings begin  
Noon Lunch break  
1:00 p.m. Afternoon session  
6:00 p.m. Buffet dinner  
7-9:00 p.m. CNE Annual Regional Council Meeting (barebones -- just the necessities)  
9:00 p.m.-- Bed, Bar, whatever suits

### **Sunday**

7:30 a.m. Breakfast  
8:00 a.m. Meetings resume  
Noon Head for home

## **OTHER ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS OF NOTE:**

### **C3 PREP AND UPPER LEVEL CAMPS:**

We have just concluded 2 successful prep camps. The first was the C3 camp, attended by 18 C2 members from our Region, held at Ledyard this year. The camp was a triumph of organization on the part of JoAnne Masar, C3 coordinator, and all the folks at Pentucket. Thanks to JoAnne and Carol Greata and the Pentucket parents for making this work so well! Cookie Zwicker planned the menus, and provided lunches. Yum!

Judy Pelis coordinated another wonderful upper level prep camp at Kingsbury Hill. The camp had excellent instruction and delicious eats supplied by Cookie Zwicker. Thanks to all who made this camp a success.

### **DANNY ANHOLT CLINIC FOR ADULTS AND PONY CLUB MEMBERS: July 6-9.**

Danny is a very popular British clinician who visits our area at least two times a year. This clinic will include gymnastics/show jumping on one day, and cross country jumping at Ledyard on the second day.

Danny is currently coming to Black Brook Farm in Carlisle (the Erickson's) on July 6, all day, and mornings on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. He will be at Black Oak Stables in Hamilton, MA in the afternoons on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and the morning of the 9<sup>th</sup>.

He is available for private lessons (at \$75/hour) or semi-private lessons (\$45/person). You must do the gymnastics/show jumping session if you want to do a cross country session. All lessons must be paid for in cold, hard cash, since Danny leaves the 9<sup>th</sup> to go home to England and is unable to cash checks there.

Call Tammy Erickson at 978-369-8828 to sign up for the gymnastic/show jumping sessions at Black Brook Farm in Carlisle; call Disa Cheston at 978-363-5272 if you want to do gymnastic/show jumping sessions in Hamilton, and for all the cross country sessions.

### **GROTON HOUSE II CROSS-COUNTRY COURSE WALK WITH ERIC SMILEY**

Eric Smiley, international event rider and popular clinician, is one of the Dressage judges at Groton House II. He will be available to do a special cross country course walk for Pony Club members (and their parents) on Saturday, June 29 in the morning, for a special fee of \$10/member. This is a wonderful opportunity to walk the course with an expert during the event, and get a knowledgeable discussion of each fence as the riders ride the course. Call Disa Cheston at 978-363-5272 if you're interested.

### **SUMMER DRESSAGE SCHOOLING SERIES**

at Strongwater Park, Tewksbury, MA to benefit the Therapeutic Equestrian Program at T.H.E. FARM and to improve the Strongwater Park showgrounds. Dates are Sundays -- June 16, July 14 and Aug. 25. For tests offered, directions to showgrounds, entries or other information call: Diane Reed 978-352-6922 after 6 p.m.

**CNER WEB SITE** has a new look. Check it out at [www.ponyclub.org/regions/cne](http://www.ponyclub.org/regions/cne).

Thank you JoAnne Masar and Iris Realmuto for all the work getting it up and running. Please check it out from time to time for rally photos, regional news, calendar updates, etc.

## **Summer Instruction and Ratings**

**Examiners:** This is a busy time of year for preps for rallies and ratings. We have several older members and graduates who are interested in instruction and assisting with ratings. Allison Gray (current pony club H-A member, Worcestershire) would be happy to assist an experienced examiner in doing club ratings or in rally prep. (Allison's email is [Angel7738velvet@aol.com](mailto:Angel7738velvet@aol.com))

Kelly O'Neil (graduate H-A, Old North Bridge) [oneil\\_kelly@hotmail.com](mailto:oneil_kelly@hotmail.com) is home for the summer and would be happy to help out with instruction or ratings.

Also, remember to use your C2 and up members to assist in ratings and instruction. Don't have any C2/up members? Ask another club. Does your club have any upper level members (current members or graduates) who are home for the summer and would like to instruct or help with ratings? Let us know.

### **ADDITIONS/CHANGES TO DC LIST/CALENDAR**

Please add Karen Liuzzo's name as acting DC of Rockingham Pony Club. Karen's vitals are:

14 Hawkins Pond Lane, Salem, NH 03079  
603-870-5387 email: [kliuzzo@yahoo.com](mailto:kliuzzo@yahoo.com)

Welcome, Karen.

## **SHOW JUMPING RALLY RESULTS**

It was a great day and for some lucky reason the rain gods were absent from the Hadley area. In fact, the weather was pleasant, the sun even came out, and the rally went without a hitch. Thanks to Ron Ignatz and Alicia Lenahan, DCs of Pennybrook, for being the overall organizers. They did a great job! Thanks also to Golden Hill and Worcestershire for setting up and staffing two of the jumping rings. Thanks to Judy Pelis for ordering delicious eats and for procuring 34 stalls for all the overnight horses (that's a lot more than usual, folks). The competition was close, the kids had a good time, rode well, and displayed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. And everyone waited patiently until the scoring was complete and awards were presented. (I think every new parent in the Region must think CNE rallies never get over before 6 p.m., after Knowdown and now Show Jumping!) Thanks to you DCs for preparing the kids so that they could enjoy the day. And thanks to you, too, for being present for the kids and parents. Your support means a lot to first-time-rally parents and to all the kids. And now, the results:

## **Final Placings**

### **Division I**

1. Groton II 2.97
2. Golden Hill 4.0
3. Old North Bridge White 15.35
4. Worcestershire 18.0
5. Old North Bridge Gray 19.6
6. Rockingham/Pentucket/Pegasus 47.6
7. Nashoba Valley/Jericho Forest 54.68

### **Division 2**

1. Squamscott I 1.50
2. Overlook/Old North Bridge 5.2
3. Groton I 5.45
4. Nashoba Valley I 12.57
5. Old North Bridge Red 33.35
6. Rockingham Red 52.95

## **Horse Management awards (overall):**

	<u>Factored total penalties</u>
1. Rockingham/Pentucket/Pegasus	.33
2. Squamscott I	.50
3. Nashoba Valley I	.67
4. Rockingham Red ***	.75
5. Nashoba Valley/Jericho ***	.83
6. Groton II ***	2.25
7. Golden Hill	2.25
8.. Old North Bridge Red ***	2.25

\*\*\* It was discovered following the awards ceremony that there had been an error. Therefore, .25 points was deducted from Rockingham Red HM announced total, moving them up to 4<sup>th</sup> place, and bumping the last 3 teams down a placing. Since there was a 3-way tie for 6<sup>th</sup> place, the tie was broken using the Formal Inspection scores, and the results are as you see them above. New 4<sup>th</sup> place ribbons are being sent to Rockingham. Sorry for the mistake!

### **Championship**

Squamscott I

### **Reserve**

Groton II

***CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL TEAMS!***

## **CLASSIFIED**

**Registered Arab For Sale:** "Olivier" is a 14.2 h, chestnut gelding. Very cute with a nice personality; good to work around and possessing a willing and enthusiastic attitude. Forward moving with nice gaits, doing training level dressage, and jumps small fences. He is 16 yrs, 100% sound and healthy. Suitable for D3-C1 pony club member or small adult looking for a fun horse for lower level dressage and trail riding. \$3,000 to good home only. Please call 978-369-5686.

**Looking for a "Confidence Builder"** We are hoping that someone knows of a "trusting mount" that a nervous young rider might be able to use while she rebuilds her confidence. We could possibly swap if someone is ready to move up to a little more forward pony. Our pony "Sunny" is a 13.2h POA, mid to late 20s, very honest and never tries to get the rider off, unfortunately he is blind in one eye and therefore a little on the "alert and quick" side, especially in the open. We would need to find a pony at least the same size but he needs to be bombproof. If anyone know of a suitable possibility please email Angelika at [anhellmer@aol.com](mailto:anhellmer@aol.com) or call 603-465-6202.

**Check the calendar to be sure you have all the dates for your club!!**

## Calendar of Events for 2002

EVENT	DATE/TIME	HOST	LOCATION
"C" Rally-qualifier	June 15-16	Groton	Appleknoll, Millis MA
Games Rally	June 22 and 23	Pentucket/ Rockingham	Topsfield MA
Tetrathlon Rally	June 27-28	White Mt. Region	Northwood NH
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