



# The Central New England Scoop



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## COMING UP .....

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| <b>June 26</b>    | <b>UL Mounted/Lunge Prep w/Nancy Grout<br/>Black Brook Farm Carlisle MA</b>       |
| <b>June 28-30</b> | <b>Dressage Rally<br/>UNH Durham NH</b>   |
| <b>July 10-13</b> | <b>UL, C3 and HB Prep Camps<br/>UNH Durham NH</b>                                 |
| <b>July 12</b>    | <b>Championship Qualifier's Meeting 10:00<br/>Nashoba Tubing Park Westford MA</b> |
| <b>July 24-27</b> | <b>USP Championships<br/>Lexington VA</b>   |

## UL PROGRAM UPDATE

In April, Nancy Grout came down to Black Brook Farm in Carlisle, MA to teach grids and flat. We had a great group of kids who participated and I think they all got a lot out of it, so much so, that many people asked for her to come back. She will be coming to teach C3s and up on June 26<sup>th</sup> at Black Brook Farm. The application can be found on the CNER website and should be sent in ASAP.

The UL Memorial Day prep camp was held at Kingsbury Hill in Frankestown, NH. Bunny Hendricks, Heather Bell, and Laurie Chapman-Bosco were the clinicians. The candidates were able to get a lot of teaching experience and lunging in addition to riding. We also had several out of region candidates join us, which was a nice addition. Heather Bell took many pictures over the course of the weekend and has graciously posted

them on her website,  
<http://heatherbellphotography.com/secure/pony%20club/> username: ponyclub password: ponyclub.

The next prep camp will be at UNH with Richard Lamb, Sue Winslade, Janet McCune, Sarah Morgan and Laurie Chapman-Bosco. This will be a great camp and a wonderful opportunity to ride with national examiners. If you are rating this year and have not attended the previous camp, it is mandatory that you come to this one. Even if you are not testing this year, please join us - it is a great way to work with National Examiners from other parts of the country and learn a lot. We always have a fun time. In conjunction with the UL camp we are offering a camp for D1 to C1 candidates. It is a great opportunity to have group lessons with H/A candidates and National Examiners. There will also be unmounted lectures each day. The CNER Pony Club Camp Application form is posted on the CNE website.

**Allison Blood**  
**Catherine Williams**

## C3/HB PROGRAM UPDATE

The C3/HB prep schedule is filling up quickly. The HBs met for informal study sessions in April, May and June. Thanks to Ramona Tolles and Amy Quintin for donating their barn and horses for us to practice on. The HBs will hold their unmounted prep camp on Saturday and Sunday during the UNH July Camp and the C3s will hold mounted and unmounted preps with National Examiners on Thursday and Friday at UNH. The C3s have also been invited to work with Nancy Grout at the UL Clinic on June 26. Finally, there will be a C3 2 day camp at the Groton Fairgrounds on August 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> with Lori Underwood. CNE will host the HB testing at UNH on August 16 and the C3 testing at Scarlett Hill in Groton on September 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Lelo Reeves Curtis**  
**Wendy Johnson**

## HMO NOTES

On March 9th we had a Mock Rally at Jordan Stables in Marlborough, MA. This was an unmounted rally where the competitors had to simulate setting up for a rally and presenting themselves for Formal Inspection. They also played some Pony Club games on foot using modified rules. Enormous thanks go out to Talia Martin and all of the Jordan Stables Riding Center parents and Pony Clubbers who put on this Mock Rally on short notice! Thanks!!!!

Reminder for the Championships Prep Clinic on July 12th. All competitors going to Lexington, VA for USPC National Championships must attend.

Also, we're still looking for experienced horse people who are interested in learning about Horse Management judging at rallies. As an assistant HM judge, you are a resource for the Pony Clubbers in the stable area and perform duties such as checking required equipment, safety checks, formal inspections and general barn oversight. Please let me know if you are interested, or know someone that is. We have a few rallies left this season which are perfect opportunities to come see what it's all about.

*Lara Hubner*

## CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE

We are pleased to announce that we already have 25 pony clubbers qualified to represent Central New England at this year's Championships in Lexington VA from July 24-27.

With four rallies behind us and one more to go, we have strong support in many disciplines. We're represented in four Quiz divisions, we have two strong Games teams, and Eventing competitors for both Training and Beginner Novice and a Stable Manager to boot. Two seasoned Tetrathlon competitors will represent us for a second year, and we still have Dressage Rally to look forward to this coming weekend.

We look forward to seeing everyone at the mandatory Championship meeting on Saturday July 12<sup>th</sup> at the Tubing Park at Nashoba Valley. Please email me at [shepleyhill@comcast.net](mailto:shepleyhill@comcast.net) to let me know what you would like to bring to the pot luck BBQ. We plan to meet from 10:00 to 11:30 or so, and we'll eat directly following the prep.

*Lelo Reeves Curtis*

## RALLY WRAP-UPS

Hard to believe it, but we are almost half way through the year and have held all but one of our qualifying rallies already. Here's a quick summary:

**Quiz Rally** was held in early April, hosted by Jordan Stables and Hybrid Farm Riding Centers, Pentucket and Pegasus Pony Clubs. There were 23 teams competing. We will be sending Junior and Senior Ds and Cs to Championships. Thanks to all the host clubs and the many parents and volunteers who helped make the rally run so successfully.

The **Qualifying Eventing Rally** was held at King Oak Farm in conjunction with the King Oak Farm Spring Horse Trials in May. We had four teams competing in Beginner Novice and Training Divisions on Saturday. As well as CNE competitors, we also had competitors from Southeastern New England and Western New York Region trying to qualify. There were two Novice teams competing on Sunday, one from CNE and one from WNE Region. Several Training, Novice and BN riders and a Stable Manager qualified for Championships. Thanks to King Oak Farm for allowing us to compete at their facility. Thanks to Nashoba Valley PC for hosting. Also, thanks to all the parents who volunteered as jump judges during the sanctioned event. We had great weather for once and actually finished early!

**Games Rally** was held on June 1 in Topsfield, hosted by Merrimack River and Overlook Pony Clubs. Teams competed from four regions - Central New England, White Mountain, New York/Upper Connecticut, and Southeastern New England. There were 15 teams in total. A Junior and Senior team will be representing CNE at Championships.

Rockingham Pony Club hosted the CNE **Show Jumping Rally** on June 15, 2008. It was held at Brook Vale farm in Freemont NH. We had 2 jumping rings, ring one held Horse I and Horse II, ring 2 had 3 divisions ranging from 2" to 3". We had a rainy start but the weather improved as the day went on.

I would like to thank everyone in Rockingham Pony Club for the hard work in bringing this rally together. It was a real team effort. Even our members had to be on the grounds by 5:30 am to set jumps. They were allowed in the stable area at 7:30 after working in the rain for 2 hours to set up tack rooms and get ready to rally.

I would like to extend a special thanks to Brenda Barthelemy the owner of Brook Vale who also judged for the day. She is very generous in

supporting RPC and allowing our mounted meetings at her farm.

Thanks to Chris Daly for sending all the information he had from previous SJ rallies he had organized.

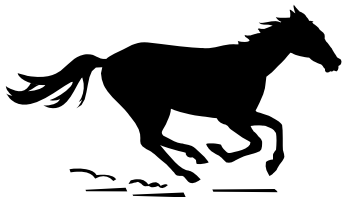
The help we got from CNE parents and friends the day of the rally was greatly appreciated. Everyone jumped right in to help with gates, rings crew and anything that was needed. You are a wonderful group and made it a true Regional Rally.

It was our first time hosting a SJ rally and we learned as we went; we have taken many notes to making improvements for future rallies.

I hope all that came to this rally had a good experience and will support us in hosting this rally again in the future.

*Karen Marcotte, RPC/DC  
Rally organizer*

Finally, the last rally before Championships will be Dressage Rally, to be held on June 28-30 at UNH in Durham NH. Squamscott Pony Club will host this overnight qualifying rally.



## **NEXT DC MEETING**

**Note: There will be no Council Meeting in July due to the conflict with the UNH Prep Camp. There will still be a mandatory Championship Meeting and pot luck BBQ at Nashoba Area Tubing Park for all Championship qualifiers and their parents.**

## Calendar of Events for 2008

DATE/TIME	EVENT	HOST	LOCATION
June 26	Nancy Grout Riding and Lunging Clinic	UL program	Black Brook Farm Carlisle MA
June 28-30	Dressage Rally Qualifier	Squamscott PC	UNH Durham NH
July 12	Championship Prep Meeting	CNE	Nashoba Tubing Park Westford MA
July 10-13	UL Prep Camp	UL Program	UNH Durham NH
July 10-11	C3 Prep Camp	C3/HB Program	UNH Durham NH
July 12-13	HB Prep Camp	C3/HB Program	UNH Durham NH
July 24-27	Championships	USPC	Lexington VA
August 5-6	C3 Prep Camp	C3/HB Program	Groton Fairgrounds Groton MA
Aug 15-16	B test-traditional & dressage	CNE	UNH Durham NH
Aug 16-17	A test-traditional & dressage	CNE	UNH Durham NH
Aug 16	HB test	CNE	UNH Durham NH
September 6	C3 test	CNE	Scarlett Hill Farm Groton MA
September?	Tetrathlon Rally	ONB	Foss Farm/ Black Brook Farm Carlisle MA
September 21	NQ Eventing Rally	Wentworth	Green Acres Farm Madbury, NH
October 5	D Rally	Groton	Groton Fairgrounds Groton MA
November 7-9	Leadership Camp	USPC	TBA