



# The Central New England Scoop



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### COMING UP .....

- Sept. 27    **Regional Council Meeting**  
                  Location TBA
  
- Nov. 15    **Annual Council Meeting**  
                  -                   Location TBA

### EAST MEETS WEST CHAMPIONSHIPS -- WE CAME, WE SAW, WE CONQUERED...

The CNE Sr. C team of Jilli L. (Squamscott), Kate E. (ONB), Elizabeth F. (Rockingham) and Katy A. (ONB) came home in 2<sup>nd</sup> Place from their trek to Sacramento, California for the USPC nationwide C Quiz Championships.

Of course, in true Pony Club fashion, there were more than a few glitches to be overcome that had nothing to do with the Quiz questions....Jilli was stranded in Virginia on the way out and missed her flight, taking the next flight, arriving late, but plunging right into the fray; the temperature was a sizzling 120 degrees outside, not even the heat waves of the past few weeks prepare one to acclimate to that heat; the hotel turned out to be a 30 minute drive from the competition site, and on and on.

Jillian and Kate both qualified for consideration for the U.S. National team that will compete in Canada at an international quiz competition this fall. Jillian was 6th among all of the individual Senior C's nationwide and Kate was 10th.

Everyone did a terrific job, and they said they had a great time making friends from around the country

### CONGRATULATIONS AND WAY TO GO, TEAM CNE!!!

### KATHERINE S. RETURNS TRIUMPHANT FROM AUSTRALIA

Katherine S. (Pegasus) was chosen from 30-odd C3 and up pony club members as one of 4 young women to attend the Inter-Pacific Exchange in Australia this past May. And for the first time since

the early 1970's the US team brought home the coveted "Nation's Cup" trophy, hotly contested, as usual, by teams from Australia, Japan, Canada, New Zealand and the US. Katherine's skills as a B rider, a team member, a representative of USA and USPC, and her cheerfulness and maturity all were called up and not found wanting on this Exchange. We are terribly proud of Katherine, and we know that her experiences will hold lasting memories that she'll share with us. Katherine wrote to thank CNE for our modest contribution to her trip, voted at the May DC meeting. Congratulations and welcome home, Katherine.



Above: Katherine and her Nation's Cup horse *Alla Baché*

Below: Katherine with teammates from Tennessee and Washington State, in Australian cork hats (corks hang down on strings from brim)



## GAMES RALLY

CNE Games Rally was held June 1 at the Topsfield Fairgrounds. This year, as usual, the rally was a popular, inter-regional competition, with teams from several Regions: NY-Upper CT, Southeast Region and White Mountain Region, in addition to CNE teams. Some of the players were definitely championships quality! As always, we owe organizer, Betty Staten, and volunteers from Rockingham and Overlook, a huge thank you for all the hours that went into making this rally so much fun and work so smoothly. Results have been posted on the CNE website. A Junior and a Senior Games team qualified for Championships, however, due to pony and other problems, only the Junior team is able to go. It's members are: Michelle R. (Groton), Samantha L. (Groton), Megan B. (Overlook) and Melanie S. and Calley R. (Hannah L.) (Rockingham). One of CNE's qualified Senior members, Averi Z. (Rockingham), will fill out a White Mountain senior games team.

### GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN AT CHAMPIONSHIPS!!!

## DRESSAGE RALLY AT UNH

This year we had another wonderful and memorable overnight dressage rally -- 10 teams were entered, and 40 some odd riders coaxed the best out of their horses and ponies. It may be my imagination, but I thought the dressage rides are getting better and better -- at least some of the scores were outstanding. The Chief HM judge commented that teams did a terrific job with horse management this year -- an overnight rally is so different from a one-day rally. It looked like everyone had a wonderful time! Thanks to organizer Ted Barnard and his hard working Squamscott parents, the rally ran smoothly and on time. Once again, the BBQ was delicious and a fun time for parents and kids to socialize. Results are posted on the CNE website and congratulations to all.

Several competitors qualified and will attend Championships this year. They are:

Training Level: Keaghan B. (Wentworth), Elizabeth F. (Rockingham), Kate E. (ONB), Jocelyn C. and Lauren O. (both from Squamscott)

First Level: Charlene P., Stephanie L. (both from Groton), Katy W-B., and Autumn S. (both from Squamscott).

Keaghan was unable to go to Champs, so our Training Level team is made up of: Elizabeth F., Kate E., Jocelyn C. and Loren O..

A real series of misfortunes hit the First Level kids: Katy's horse was injured in his stall during the 4<sup>th</sup> of July firecrackers; Autumn S. is ill and unable to compete; and Charlene P. decided she could not attend. So our lone First Level competitor is Stephanie L., who will be placed on a mixed team.

Nicole N. (Squamscott) and Amira K. (Squamscott) both qualified by virtue of being on the first and

second placed HM teams to be HM at Championships. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL QUALIFIERS, AND GOOD LUCK TO CNE'S DRESSAGE RIDERS AT CHAMPIONSHIPS!!!** We hope you will have a wonderful time, that it won't be too hot, and that you and your ponies will all be **STARS!!!**

### CHAMPIONSHIPS 2003 -- GOOD LUCK TO ALL COMPETITORS, QUIZ, GAMES, AND DRESSAGE! WE ARE PROUD YOU ARE REPRESENTING CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND

### YOUR FAVORITE PONY CLUB HORSE COULD BE A BREYER MODEL HORSE...

DCs, please urge your members, graduates, volunteers, parents and friends to enter the contest to have their favorite Pony Club horse become the Breyer USPC 50th Anniversary Model. For contest details, see page 52 of the summer issue of USPC News, or visit the USPC website.

Contest deadline is October 1st.

## UPPER LEVEL TESTINGS

Several members of CNE Region will be attending testings this summer. These are all outstanding pony club members who have worked so hard to earn the right to try for these ratings. We wish them all good luck and hope they will be successful.

**Aimee C.** (Squamscott) - A Testing, Carolina, July 25-27

**Pauline M.** (Jericho Forest), **Allison B.**, **Jaime F.** (Nashoba Valley) CNE H-A testing at Umass, Aug. 15-17

**Becca C.**, **Nicole W.** (ONB), **Kristen S.** (Squamscott) -- B testing, NY-Upper CT, Aug 8-10, Mystic Valley Hunt Club, Mystic, CT

**Dominique M.** (Jericho Forest), **Sarah S.** (Pentucket), **Katie B.** (Rockingham) -- B testing, Northeast Region, Aug. 22-24, Snowfields, Pownal, ME

Observers are welcome at all these testings. It would be great if these candidates' DCs could find the time to come and watch and cheer their members on! Anyone who wants to attend any of the testings is welcome. Also, encourage your members who may be candidates next year to come watch.

## JUBILEE CELEBRATION -- 2004

Next year will be USPC's 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY, and the National Organization will kick off the celebration in Philadelphia at the Annual Meeting and Convention in January. The celebration will continue in the Regions during all of 2004. CNE, along with the other New England regions, is planning a wonderful reunion party in June, on cross country day at Groton House II, complete with a tent, catered food, awards, and lots of new and old friends.

Committees are being formed and plans are being made. We'd love to have YOU join us on the organizing committee. Do you know of any graduates who should be invited? Do you know of any "Legends" in the Region. Can you help decorate tables, design the invitation, do fund raising, brainstorm ideas? There is room on our organizing committee for anyone who'd like to help. Come and join in the FUN.

Please call Louisa if you can help.

## POLICY DECISIONS....

Recently, we have made policy interpretations that seem to have created some questions. We believe there are fuzzy areas in our policies that need clarification at a future DC's meeting. These decisions have assumed a broad reading of the policies, in order to allow some of our members to carry on with their plans to test or compete, and some people have questioned our reasoning.

For example, C3 and Upper Level candidates ---- Because we want our candidates to be as successful, as they can be in their testings, our policies say that for candidates for C3 and upper level testings, attendance at the CNE prep camp/clinic is mandatory during the year the candidate wishes to test, unless the candidate gets approval from the RS of a plan to make up the material missed at the camps. This year, several candidates could not attend the mandatory camps, but wished to test nevertheless. Each one has put together a program, including dates, topics, and instructors that will help them cover the material in the Standards that would have been included at the camp.

Another example: Qualification for Championships---- Our policies currently say that the top eligible competitors are considered in descending order of finish. Those eligible competitors should be in the top 20% of the qualifying rally. We have never been clear whether that means the top 20% of kids who want to qualify, or the top 20% of all the kids at the rally, or precisely what. Consequently, top individual competitors with good scores (both riding and HM) who want to qualify have been accepted in descending order of finish. Our policies also state that a competitor must compete, without elimination, in a regional Qualifying rally. This year, a dressage competitor who wanted to qualify was eliminated in one of 3 dressage tests, because her pony put a foot out of the arena. We made the decision to allow the competitor to be considered to be chosen for the Championship team. Our reasoning had to do with

the fact that USPC follows the rules of the US Dressage Federation for its Dressage competitions. In such a case, a competitor may be eliminated from a test, but not from the entire competition and is allowed to continue to compete in other tests and for any awards at the competition. (Unfortunately, this competitor's horse has been injured and is unable to attend Championships).

Those of you who attended the May DCs meeting will remember we discussed several policy amendments. Your input was very valuable. At our September meeting, we will have a discussion about our philosophy on the two policy examples above, and clarify those sections, and we will vote on all the amendments/revisions. Don't miss it!

## REMINDER

Attached is a revised member list with new email addresses since there have been a number of changes recently. In particular please take note of changes for Curtis, Ted, Belinda and of course, everyone formerly using attbi.com.

## CLASSIFIEDS

**Wanted:** QUIET, sound and healthy trail horse wanted for small woman. Wonderful at home barn in Brentwood, NH with all day grass turnout and one companion horse. Superb care and loving home for reasonable price. Please call Cheryl at 603-642-5403 or Ruth McClain at 978-768-3301.

**For Sale:** Hello, my name is Naomi Golden and I am a C-3 from Lakeville PC in the NY/Upper CT Region. I have an 11 y.o. 16 hand, athletic Bay, TB mare. No vices, sound, safe, excellent ground manners. (trailers, clips, ties, bathes, etc.) Successfully pony clubbed through C-3 level, evented through novice, solid training level x-country (loves water), shown in the jumpers, eq, hunters, solid training level dressage with first level movements. Rallied show jumping (through Horse II division), dressage (through training level, including musical freestyles.), and eventing (through novice) successfully as well as C-3 testing. Asking \$10,000 or best offer. Owner sadly outgrown. Contact: Naomi @ [nombert@yahoo.com](mailto:nombert@yahoo.com) or 860-824-0662.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

**September 27-Regional Council Meeting**  
**Agenda items: Policy revisions and 2004 program planning discussion- all DCs attend**

**November 15-CNE Annual Regional Council Meeting**  
**All DCs and regional officers/advisors required to attend**

## Calendar of Events for 2003

DATE/TIME	EVENT	HOST	LOCATION
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