



The Central New England Scoop



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The Newsletter of the Central New England Region, USPC, Inc.

COMING UP

- Sept. 15 **D Rally,**
 Groton Fairgrounds, Groton MA
 - Sept 21 **NO Adult Rally,**
 Pipestave Hill, Newbury MA
 - Oct. 6- **Eventing Rally,**
 Apple Knoll Farm, Millis MA
 - Nov. 16-17 **Leadership Weekend**
 Sheraton Tara, Nashua NH
- ** Important DC Meeting at Eventing Rally during lunch break**

Notes from Louisa

Since the end of June, CNE members and club leaders have been busy in many pony club activities - a C Qualifying Rally, Games Rally, Tetrathlon Rally, Dressage Rally, a DC's meeting, an Upper Level Prep, two C3 testings, an H-A testing, National Championships, an A and a B testing. (Results are included in this Newsletter) Wow! What a summer!

We will not have an Adult Rally this fall. Several problems combined to make it difficult for Rockingham to host the rally. We're sorry to disappoint, but perhaps a little more "practice" will benefit all would-be competitors, and we'll have a rally next year.

Several CNE members took advantage of the Wentworth Hunt's invitation in late August to join in their Junior Hunt. Apparently, it was a blast! Junior Board members Stephanie L. and Pauline M. as well as pony club riders from Groton, Jericho Forest, Squamscott, and Wentworth pony clubs were among those who participated. Now they're looking for another junior hunt day to test their skills. USPC was founded by a group of enthusiastic foxhunters and horsemen whose purpose was to increase kids' love of riding in the open and to instruct them in taking care of their mounts. So this activity is dear to the heart of Pony Club. We'll keep you posted about other hunting opportunities.

Lastly, those who went to Championships this year were a wonderful bunch -- the largest group that has gone in a long time. They certainly did us proud, not

just in their mounted accomplishments and the ribbons they won, but in their attitudes and sportsmanship. We've received many comments about what great ambassadors they were. We're very proud of them.

See you this fall...*Louisa*

Summer DC Meeting

The summer DC's meeting was held on Saturday June 30th during the Dressage Rally. The following people were in attendance: Sue Ferry, Louise Hara, Monique Waldron, Steve Realmuto, Iris Realmuto, Tammy Erickson, Judi O'Neil, Audrey Zwicker, Karen Liuzzo, Wendy Johnson, Ted Barnard and Louisa McKown.

One topic of discussion was the National Youth Congress. DCs were reminded that the deadline for completing paperwork is the end of October. Candidates should be 18 years old, rated C3 or above, have demonstrated leadership and volunteering, both in pony club and the community. We discussed meeting the candidates personally.

Scoring problems at rallies was discussed. One suggestion was to post scores for a longer time period.

Next, a discussion about various ways the Region could honor Sue McMahon was held. Purchasing a brick at the USPC headquarters in Lexington KY in Sue's name was one of the most popular suggestions. Leslie Bensinger, the RS from White Mt. Region was interested in joining us in some way. Other ideas for fundraisers for Sue's family included a dinner or pace event. Judi and Audrey will look into options and let us know.

Regional pinneys were the next topic of discussion. Everyone agreed that the region needs to own a full set of pinneys. Judi O'Neil will look into the cost and options and report back.

It is time to nominate officers for next year's board. DCs were asked to think of people in their own clubs who might make good additions to the regional board. Please give Audrey, Chair of the Nominating Committee, the names of any possible candidates. It was suggested was to include a brief description of each position in the next newsletter.

Ted Barnard and Steve Realmuto were asked to work together to review the various options available to the region with regards to owning or renting a PA system, radios and other electronic equipment for rallies and other regional functions. They will summarize their findings and recommendations at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned and everyone went back into the heat of the rally!

C Qualifying Rally Results

Overall

1. Old North Bridge Red
2. Jericho Forest/Nashoba
3. Groton/Squamscott/Frog Rock
4. Old North Bridge White
5. Old North Bridge/Rockingham/Frog Rock

Horse Management

1. Jericho Forest/Nashoba
2. Groton/Squamscott/Frog Rock
3. Old North Bridge/Rockingham/Frog Rock
4. Old North Bridge Red
5. Old North Bridge White

Overall Champion- Old North Bridge Red

Reserve Champion- Jericho Forest/Nashoba

Games Rally Results

Juniors Overall

1. Pentucket Prowlers
2. Rockinghoppers
3. Groton Mustangs
4. Overlook Jams

Seniors Overall

1. Passaconaway Predators-WMR
2. Overlook Express
3. Pentucket Patriots

Advanced Overall

1. The Farm Girls

Horse Management

1. The Farm Girls
1. Overlook Jams
2. Pentucket Prowlers
3. Passaconaway Predators-WMR

4. Pentucket Patriots
5. Overlook Express
6. Groton Mustangs
7. Rockinghoppers

Dressage Rally Results

Division 1

1. Wentworth –Dressage Goddesses
2. Groton/WMR Mount Washington
3. Squamscott Red/Rockingham
4. WMR Frog Rock
5. Old North Bridge White
6. Old North Bridge-Red

Division 2

1. Squamscott-Blue
2. Squamscott-White
3. NER Dirigo
4. Pentucket
5. Rockingham
6. Old North Bridge-Grey
7. Wentworth-Dressage Divas

Horse Management awards:

1. Squamscott Red/Rockingham
2. Dirigo - North East Region
3. ONB Grey
4. Frog Rock - White Mtn. Region
5. Rockingham
6. Pentucket
7. Squamscott Blue
8. Wentworth Goddesses
9. Squamscott White
10. Groton/WMR
11. ONB-Red
12. Wentworth Divas
13. ONB White

Overall Champion- Squamscott Blue

Reserve Champion-Squamscott White

Musical Kurs

1. Stephanie L.
2. Alison B.
3. Autumn S.
4. Courtney S.

5. Ryan M.
6. Nicole N.
7. Lindsey D.
8. Elizabeth C.
9. Emily R.
10. Rachel J.

Pas de Deux

1. Kaitlyn B. and Jaime M.
2. Courtney P. and Devon C.
3. Lauren O. and Kaitlyn B.
4. Keaghan B.

National Championships

Well, another Championship has come and gone. Despite the very warm weather and long commute, (every rider trailered down to Virginia this year), the week was a great success for Central New England. The Jr. D Quiz team comprised of Sassy L., Kerry Y., Josie L. and Loryn W. placed 6th overall and the Sr. D Quiz team with Hannah C., Amira K., Emily H. and Devon C. were 7th overall. Kate B. competed on a mixed show jumping team which placed 5th overall and 4th in horse management. Michelle B. happened to be in the right place at the right time to become horse manager for a mixed show jumping team that placed 10th overall and 5th in HM. Amber M. and Rachel D., as HM competed on a mixed Novice Eventing team and placed 4th overall and 12 in HM.

The Region sent two games teams to Virginia this year. The Jr. team “the Hoppers” consisting of Ryan S., Hannah L., Brianna S. Calley R. and Michelle R. with Samantha L. as 1st alternate, finished 9th overall and 6th in HM. “The Farm Girls” advanced team of Amy G. and Averi Z. were 9th overall and 1st in HM. Amanda B. did a great job as our sole representative for Tetrathlon-she came in 2nd overall in Novice Girls and placed 1st in riding, 2nd in shooting, 3rd in running and 5th in swimming.

Finally, two dressage teams represented CNE this year. The first level team of Autumn S., Kaitlyn B., Jaime M. and Katie B. finished 3rd overall and 1st in HM. Kaitlyn and Jamie also received a blue ribbon for their pas de deux. The training level team of Courtney S., Keaghan B., Stephanie L., Lindsey D. and Andrea L. (HM) placed 8th overall and 9th in HM out of 16 teams. Keaghan B. received an 8th place ribbon for her musical kur. To top it off, Courtney and Lindsey sang God Bless America at the Dressage awards ceremony.

Pictures from Nationals are available on our regional website at www.ponyclub.org/regions/cne. If anyone else has pictures they'd like to share, be sure to email

them to Iris Realmuto so she can put them on the website.

Congratulations to everyone for all their hard work and great SPIRIT!!!

Reflections on Nationals

The heat and humidity in Lexington, Virginia could do nothing to dampen the spirit of the CNE competitors at Nationals. I was so proud to see so many of our Pony Clubbers marching behind the CNE banners in the opening ceremony. The Olympics couldn't have been any more thrilling.

I was prouder still to see how hard each team worked through the entire four-day event. Since I was taking the Horse Management Seminar, I was able to get a behind-the-scenes glimpse at the goings-on at each barn in all the disciplines. Every time I came across a CNE team or individual, I was amazed by the joy, hard work, and determination on display. Our competitors worked well with each other, and with all the people they met.

As I compared our Pony Clubbers with those from other regions, I found that we stacked up pretty darn well. Each participant displayed exemplary preparation, leadership, maturity, sportsmanship and love for our animals.

The actual competition time on horseback was a relatively brief portion of the four-day event. Most of the rest of the time was devoted to honing those horse management skills, meeting new friends, and maybe finding time to watch some other competition.

My daughter Leigh and I want to offer special thanks to all our CNE and White Mountain friends. They came to the rescue and helped us pull together an entire horse management kit and tack room set-up when (through miscommunication) Leigh's teammates showed up unequipped.

And oh yes, besides learning a lot, making new friends, and having a great time, CNE Pony Clubbers came home with arms' full of ribbons.- Louise Hara

And from the Pony Clubber's perspective....*My time at Nationals was a lot of fun. My team was friendly and helpful. We all pitched in for formals, turnbacks, and getting ready to ride. Our Horse Manager was unbelievable! Se was always helping out by sweeping or cleaning out stalls. Although competing left me very busy, I still had a chance to watch games and meet people from the other disciplines. Nationals was a blast, and I hope I can go again sometime. - Stephanie L.*

From a Dressage competitor...I just wanted to tell you how much of an unforgettable experience I had at Nationals with my team. We finished 8th overall and 9th in HM out of 16 teams. Winning didn't matter to us as much as having a great time, meeting new people and coming together as a team. They were a great group of girls and we had so much fun. I've been to Nationals before but this time around it was the best. Opening Ceremonies is always my favorite part of championships, it makes us all feel so proud to represent our region no matter how we end up doing. We all worked so hard to get there and I just wanted to thank you and the rest of CNE for being a great region and supporting all of us down at Championships. The whole competition was unforgettable, especially when Courtney S. and I sang God Bless America at the closing ceremonies. There wasn't anything I felt could have been improved, sometimes the horse management judges we're really going by the Standards, they all had their own opinions but I guess there are always some that are like that. I was very intimidated in the beginning of the rally because of how many teams there were in the Training Division but I think it was awesome that they had that many teams down there.

*It was a very successful Championships for our region and I hope that we'll have many more. Thanks again.
-Lindsey D.*

CNE Leadership Weekend and Annual Regional Council Meeting

NOVEMBER 16-17, 2002 This weekend is a required commitment for CNE DCs and other leaders.

Sheraton Tara Hotel, Nashua, NH (this is a change from the Holiday Inn)

Reservations: 1-800-325-3535. Identify yourself as part of the USPC group. Rooms are \$85 double occupancy, N/S. Last date for reservations is Nov. 1.

We expect up to 90 people from 3 Regions to attend. Make your reservations now!

More information is coming in a separate mailing.

Junior Board Notes

The Junior Board held its first meeting of the fall on Sept. 2nd. At the meeting, the board discussed such upcoming events as D Rally, the Sue McMahon Fundraiser, the annual 'thank you' dinner, a gathering of upper level members, as well as a fun trip for the board. The Junior Board has agreed to give its

services to the D rally and Fundraiser in the form of volunteers (D Rally, Sept.15th) and a food booth (Sue M fundraiser, Oct.20). All money earned from the food booth at the fundraiser will be given as a donation to the Sue M fund. The annual 'thank you' dinner will be held on Jan. 12th. The board is looking forward to a night of fun, and hopes for 100% attendance. On the 25th of January, the board will be hosting an upper level get together and dinner. The purpose of the get together is to form friendships and inspire upper level members to aid the region through donating their time and talents. The board has had a wonderful season thus far, and is looking forward to the new and exciting ventures soon arriving.

Ratings

Congratulations to the following members for completing their recent ratings:

HA- Amy C.-Squamscott

B- Allison B.-Nashoba Valley

C3- Rebecca C.-ONB

Jackie P.-ONB

Nicole W.-ONB

Pam K.-Pentucket

Kate B.-Pentucket

Kaitlyn B.-Pentucket

Sarah S.-Pentucket

Heather M.-Jericho Forest

Dominique M.-Jericho Forest

Kristen S.-Squamscott

Jilli L.-Squamscott

Sally D.-Squamscott

Congratulations to all of you!!

A note in passing about these upper level ratings...there were several other of our members who tested for C3, B, H-A and A ratings this summer who did not meet the Standard on the day they were tested. In every case, these young women demonstrated competence and all received positive comments in many, if not most, areas. Even though they were unable to attain the hoped for rating on that day, they showed what in my mind is real class -- maturity, courage, perseverance, and commitment to a goal. I'd like to congratulate them for all that, and I'd also like them to know that they have been and still are valued members of our Region. We are proud of them! If you see them, or if they are members of your club, please give them a hug!

Sara G. - A

Katherine S. - H-A

Jaime F. and Kim G. - B

Other Announcements and Happenings of Note:

Fundraiser for Sue McMahon:

The Region has decided to sponsor a two phase schooling show to raise money for an educational fund set up for the children of Sue McMahon , who tragically lost her life after being kicked by a horse recently. The show will be held on October 20th at T.H.E. FARM in Tewksbury MA. Volunteers are donating their time and equipment to help make the show a success. We hope that each club will communicate with their members so we have a good turnout for such a worthy cause. Please pass the word along among your other horsey friends, too. The entry form should be on the regional website shortly. Please contact Audrey Zwicker if you have any questions or would like to help.

Groton Pony Club Schooling Show

Groton Pony Club is sponsoring a three phase schooling show on October 13th at the Groton Fairgrounds in Groton MA. If you need an entry form please check out the website at www.Groton-Pony-Club.org or call Wendy Johnson at 603-888-9014 for more information.

Just a quick update

Just a quick update to let you know that Lori Underwood has relocated to New York state. We wish her and her family well. We'll look forward to having Lori back for occasional clinics and testings.

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Pony For Sale: "Jack Frost" is a 14.1 h, QH Cross, Dun, 12 yr. old gelding. Pony clubbed through the C-1 level. Competed in D Rally, Sow Jumping and Games rallies. Trail rides. Great all around pony. Adorable personality. Good home and turn-out a must. Asking \$2500 or best offer. Call Bobbi at (781)944-1415. Picture available.

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