



The Central New England Scoop



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COMING UP

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| Sept 9-10 | Tetrathlon Rally
Black Brook Farm, Carlisle MA |
| Sept 16 | Regional Council Meeting
Nashoba Tubing Park Westford MA |
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Groton Fairgrounds, Groton MA |
| Oct 15 | NQ Eventing Rally
Green Acres Farm, Madbury NH |

NOTES FROM THE RS

End of the summer 2006

The summer has officially come to an end, it is Labor Day Weekend and time for most of our members to head back to school. I am hoping that all had an educational summer!! I know many had high spots, and many had low spots. Overall, I think CNER had a good and productive summer. Many clubs had camps, some were even inter-club which encourages the inter-club activities. There were many rallies, as well as some ratings. The members of CNER are a group to be proud of!!! I was at many of the activities over the summer, and watched the growth of many of our members, some with a happy ending to the activity and others with an outcome that was not especially how they hoped things would go, but ALL are wonderful young people and as their leaders, I hope you tell them that periodically!

We lost one of our leaders over the summer, Doug Garron, along with his wife, Lorna, had been the DCs of Jericho Forest for was it over 25 years!!! A wonderful man with his love for children very apparent, a joy to have known!

There are still many activities ahead , we still have two rallies, some more ratings, and the council meetings ahead of us as we get ready for the

coming of winter. I am hoping all have their Fall mounted programs planned, and plans for the club Annual Meetings made. Remember, notices for that must go out 30 days ahead of the meeting, and notices must come to me as well. I will see many of you at the Council Meeting on the 16th at Nashoba's Tubing Park.

Betsey

NOTES FROM THE RIC

Please be aware that specialty ratings in Dressage and Show Jumping have been added to the USPC Standards of Proficiency for 2007. These standards can be downloaded from the USPC website (www.ponyclub.org) The H-B standards are also available.

On January 20, 2006, the USPC Board of Governors voted to approve the 2007 implementation of Specialty Standards in Dressage and Show Jumping. The Specialty Ratings have been adopted to give our membership more opportunities.

Beginning in January 2007, Pony Club members may obtain C-3, B and A level ratings in Dressage and/or Show Jumping.

Members may still obtain the traditional 'Eventing' ratings based on the requirements of riding on the flat, riding over fences and riding in the open, which Pony Club has used for the basis of its curriculum for 52 years.

The approval of the Specialty Ratings favorably concludes extensive work by an ad hoc committee appointed by USPC President Margo Leithead to study the feasibility of Specialty Ratings and the wishes of membership. The ad hoc committee included members of the USPC Board of Governors, Instruction and Activity Councils, and professionals from the equine world. Pony Club members across the country

cite loss of Eventing venues and open land, increased time commitments at school, and financial constraints as some of the reasons the Traditional "Eventing" rating levels are difficult to attain by many. Allowing specialization in Dressage and Show Jumping will permit members with particular interest in those areas to specialize. The requirements in each are more sophisticated and at higher levels than in the Traditional track, which also tests Dressage and Show Jumping in addition to Cross Country jumping. Numerous equine professionals, including judges and instructors, worked together to develop these Specialty Standards.

For more information, please contact instruction@ponyclub.org, or refer to the USPC website under forms.

Louise

UL WRAP UP

We are happy to announce the results of the UL ratings so far. In July, Kristen Schwaegerle passed her H-A rating at the testing in New Jersey, and in August Leigh Davis passed her H-A in Maryland. Great job!!!

Also, CNER has three new Bs. Claire Williams, Amanda Brem, and Samantha Lutz all passed their B at the SNER testing at the end of July. Well done and congratulations to them all!

We should be very proud of ALL the CNER candidates that tested this summer. They all worked well together, both among themselves and with the candidates from other regions. They demonstrated a high level of maturity and horsemanship. This was a demanding test and they all displayed grace under pressure.

Please join us in congratulating them all!

Catherine & Aliza
UL Coordinators

C3 WRAP UP

A very heartfelt congratulations to all of the C3 candidates who tested with CNER Aug 11-13! Every candidate whether successful or not, showed remarkable determination and maturity throughout the weekend. The support that each of you received from your peers over those few days made this testing truly a group effort.

We were blessed with wonderful weather, great hosts at New Gait and a group of examiners that worked very well together and sought to provide the kids with both a rigorous testing experience for the first time at the National level but also a supportive and learning experience. A very special thanks to Diane Reed who served as our IO—both kids and parents were so impressed with your attention to detail and support for both the kids working through a stressful 2 day rating and for the parents trying to put the pieces together as we went along.

The courage and example of those that did not ultimately pass but chose to continue on with the remaining phases of the testing was a gift to everyone and we applaud you!! This group included candidates that exceeded standards in several areas and we wish you all the very best as you continue to expand your skills.

It was truly a regional effort to prepare the candidates this year and a big special thanks goes out to Betsey Reeves, Lelo Reeves-Curtis and Meredith Scarlet. Without your support and guidance this program would never have produced such a cohesive and strong pool of candidates, all of whom will long continue to benefit from your time, energy and commitment to Pony Club and excellence in horsemanship.

We have 6 new C3's; Stephanie LeCours, Alisha Deary, Sarah Dowcett, Arianna Murphy, Emily Holzman and Meagan Rochford (She rated at the White Mtn. Region testing on Aug. 18-20)!!

Jackie Jacobs
C3 Coordinator

FUNDRAISER

At the last Regional Council meeting, we discussed fundraising. We addressed some passive ways for us to earn some money and one of those ideas was ordering through Country Supply. **CountrySupply.com** sells barn supplies and equine supplies. They will give us 5% of everything purchased with the use of the code: **cner-pc**.

Deb Titus has set this up for us. Monies earned are sent directly to CNE. DCs- Please notify all your club members and ask them to go to their website and check it out. Remember, all lead lines, buckets, grooming tools, MSM and other every day items can be purchased through this site and we benefit as a region. The only way it will work though is if we get the word out to our members.

IMPORTANT CALENDAR UPDATE!

There's been an important update on the Non-qualifying Eventing Rally. The date has been changed. It is not on 10/8 as originally stated. The rally will be held on 10/15 to avoid other schedule conflicts. The rally will be held at Green Acres Farm in Madbury NH and entries will be available very soon.

CHAMPIONSHIP WRAP UP

Kudos to all that qualified and to all that went down to VA to compete. Based on my conversations with a couple of competitors, they had a great time. The results are in on the USPC site: https://www.ponyclub.org/championships_east_2006.php

Here are the results :

Quiz Jr. D	13th out of 21 teams
Quiz Sr. D	1st out of 16 teams
Eventing Novice	6 th overall; 1 st in HM
Eventing Training	2 nd overall; 2 nd in HM
Show Jumping	10 th overall; 4 th in HM
Teen Girls Squad	14 th overall; 7 th in HM
-Games	(actually tied for 1 st)
NE Preps-Games	17 th Overall; 4 th in HM (actually tied for 2 nd)

I hope you all had fun. We know you met some great people and quizzed, evented, horse managed, and gamed with great pride. Go CNE.. Next stop: Lexington Kentucky. ☺

Deb Titus

DRESSAGE UPDATE

The first day of the two day Lendon Gray Clinic was held at Letter Perfect Farm on August 18th. Members from both CNE and SNE along with a few "CNE friends" enjoyed a fabulous clinic with Lendon at a remarkable price.

The clinic will continue with "part two" at Maple Meadow Farm on October 28th. PC members who participated in the first clinic will receive preference, followed by other PC members. October 1st, remaining slots will be offered to friends and family.

AROUND THE REGION...

Just a quick update from Elena Wohl , Secretary of the Jordan Stables Riding Center. She writes "I thought I should let you know what our riding center has been up to. As a Pony Club "Riding Center" we have competed at the Games Rally at Topsfield and the Jumping Rally at Mount Holyoke. We will send a junior team to Tethrathon Rally at Carlisle and will attend the D rally in Oct. at Groton. We have over 30 members and are growing. As you know...the "Riding Center" program is new to Pony Club and members mostly do not own their own mounts. Our Center has 8 terrific pony club mounts and we're able to accommodate riders at many different levels. We are the largest pony club "Riding Center" in the nation." Also, we have our first C member! Jordan Litter is a C-1. It is the first for our riding center."

Please feel free to contact Elena if you have any questions about the center.

CLASSIFIEDS

For sale: Phoebe- 15h English TB Mare, 14 years old. Imported in 2000. Pony clubbed through C3. Great at dressage with general scores in the 20's and 30's, knows all her lateral work, has done many rallies including show jumping, games and dressage. Great potential as a fox hunter. Perfect all around pony club horse for someone from their D3 through the C levels. Loves to hack out and very safe on the trails alone or in company. To a good home only, rider wants to move up. Price \$9000. For more information call 978-287-0805 or email Peggy at pldowcett@comcast.net

NEXT DC MEETING

Our next Regional Council Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 on Saturday September 16th at the Nashoba Valley Tubing Park in Westford MA. Please call Wendy to let her know what you would like to bring for breakfast/lunch. Thanks.

Calendar of Events for 2006

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October 15	NQ Eventing Rally	Wentworth	Green Acres Farm Madbury, NH
October 28	Lendon Grey Clinic	CNE Dressage Program	Maple Meadow Farm Pepperell MA
November 9-12	Equine Affaire	Equine Affaire	Springfield MA
November 18	Annual Regional Council Meeting	CNE	Nashoba Tubing Park Westford MA
December 2	Jr Board Thank You Dinner		TBA

All dates subject to change. Please check website calendar for latest updates.