



# The Central New England Scoop



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## COMING UP .....

- Jan. 12     **DC Thank You Party- Jr. Board**  
5-8 p.m. Tammy Erickson's House  
Carlisle MA
- Feb. 15     **DC's Regional Council Meeting**  
9:30-2:30 p.m. Worcester MA area
- Feb. 15     **Jr. Board Meeting**  
10:00-2:30 p.m. Worcester MA area
- Feb. 15     **Limb and Hoof Clinic**  
2:30-4:30 p.m. Worcester MA area



## THOUGHTS FROM THE REGIONAL SUPERVISOR....

"LEADERSHIP IS MUCH MORE THAN A SET OF THINGS TO DO...IT IS AN ART, A BELIEF, A CONDITION OF THE HEART" Max DePree

Well, that was the theme of our Leadership Weekend held November 16-17 in Nashua, NH. Four New England Regions attended --White Mountain, New York - Upper Connecticut, CNE, and Southeastern New England One hundred plus people. Representatives from almost every club in our Region attended. Some clubs sent several representatives. If you weren't there, you really missed something special! It was such a pleasure to see so many of you.

The day and a half seminar was filled with information, sharing, workshops and "how to's" -- making your club programs stronger; solving administrative nightmares; resolving conflict; solving problems; activities (from Fox Hunting to Eventing); horse management programs; coordinating mounted and unmounted instruction programs; preparing for Ratings; communicating; recruiting members and volunteers....and on and on. (For an example of one session, see our SWOT exercise later in this SCOOP)

Our Regional Council Annual Meeting Saturday evening was well attended, and even though we had a long agenda, we managed to deliberate, digest, and vote on almost everything. (The Minutes of the meeting are attached. Please let Wendy know if there are any mistakes.)

Saturday evening, following the meeting, some of us congregated in the hotel's pub and Ted Barnard on his guitar led USPC's President, Larry Byers and several others in an hour's worth of Irish songs and ballads. If you missed that, you really missed something! Larry came all the way from California, missing the opening Fox Hunt (he's the Master), to be one of the facilitators at this seminar. It was a pleasure to have him.

There are lots of old faces and some new ones among the Regional officers this next year. Judy Pelis and Jo Anne Masar, Vice RSs, are leaving us this coming year. We thank them for all they have done for the Region. They will be missed.

Ted Barnard and Tammy Erickson are stepping in as new Vices. Ted will be in charge of regional equipment (both the audio variety, and the shirts, banners, saddle pads, etc. that the Region owns); and Tammy will take over from Jo Anne as C3 coordinator.

Stuart Shotwell has served us long and patiently as Treasurer, overseeing our accounts and paying the bills. He will pass the books on to Curtis Renner, former Jt. DC of Worcestershire, and we look forward to working with him.

Deb Maietta is turning over the Championship Coordinator's reins to Lisa Brem and Jackie Jacobs, and she will oversee the Upper Level program; Lelo Reeves has stepped down as Regional Instruction Coordinator and those tasks are now in the capable hands of Louise Hara; Karen Marcotte will continue on as Horse Management Coordinator, and she'll be joined by Lara Hubner, whom we all should recognize as a recent graduate pony clubber and HM judge.

Some of you DCs and Jt. DCs have stepped down -- Bliss Nugent, Alicia Lenaham and Ron Ignatz, Mike Sullivan, Kathleen Collins, John Hondrogen and Cynthia Weigel, Monique Waldron, Karen Walker and Curtis Renner. We welcome those of you who are new to our Regional Council: Jackie Jacobs, Jt. DC, ONB; Kathleen Daigle, Jt. DC of Squamscott; Brenda Martin, DC and Ingrid Wendt Jones, Jt. DC of Swift River, Lauren Chenelle, Jt DC of Groton; welcome

back to Jen Middaugh, DC of Wentworth and Nancy Fantom, new Jt. DC.

There's a tentative calendar in this SCOOP. You will note there is no host club or date listed for Eventing rally. Wanted: a club, or clubs to host an Eventing rally, if that is a rally you want to do this year.

Best Wishes for a Happy and Healthy Holiday to all of you, to your members, and to all the ponies!

Louisa



## **REGIONAL INSTRUCTORS' CLINICS**

**Jan. 19, 10:00 a.m. and**

**Feb. 9, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.**

The Region will sponsor two separate sets of instructors' clinics this year. The first set will be an introduction to teaching, organizing an unmounted topic outline, and teaching the unmounted topic. This set is for C2s and up who have not attended the Introductory teaching clinic before. Please tell your members to save the dates. More information will be available soon about where the meetings will be held.

The second set of clinics will be later in the spring (March and April) and will involve practice in creating a mounted teaching outline followed by practice teaching mounted lessons on Thursday afternoons at the Groton Fairgrounds with Groton pony club members riding. This set is for C3 and up members who want practice teaching mounted lessons. It is especially good for any H-A candidates.

### **C3 and Upper Level program committee meeting**

-- Louisa, Tammy, Ted, Deb, Betsey, Louise and Audrey are meeting Dec. 14 at Louisa's in Concord for an update on these programs. If anyone is interested in attending (9:30 to noon), you are welcome. Write or call Louisa for directions.

## **USPC ANNUAL MEETING AND CONVENTION -- JAN 30-FEB 2, 2003 SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**

The USPC convention promises to be an informative and fun meeting.

There will be lots of great activities and workshops scheduled for pony club members and leaders. It'll be warm. What more could we want?

Register by returning the form in your last copy of USPC NEWS, or print the form from the USPC website. Make a reservation at the Doubletree Hotel. Come join us!

## **CNE'S NATIONAL YOUTH CONGRESS REPRESENTATIVES ARE JAIME FERRY AND PAULINE MAIETTA**

They will attend the NYC program at the Annual Convention, Jan 29 - 31st. We are pleased and proud of them. Have fun ladies!

**ARE YOU ON E-MAIL????** This Newsletter is coming to you via e-mail and snail mail. If you wish to get it snail mailed in future, please let Wendy know. Only one DC and several Jt. DCs did not list an e-mail address. E-Mail is a **MUST** for administrators in this region and in most of your clubs. If you are not on e-mail, please notify Wendy of the e-mail of a parent or a Jt. DC so that we can send you timely information that will benefit your members.



### **Next Regional Council Meeting, February 15, 9:30-2:30 hosted by Worcestershire.**

(in the Worcester area) This is a "must come" meeting for all DCs, and Jt. DCs. If you can't attend, be sure you send a representative from your club. Location and directions will be announced in January.

### **Junior Board meeting February 15, 10-2:30, same place.**

All clubs are asked to send at least one representative to the Junior Board meetings. Pony Clubbers should be 14 years or up, C2s and up (dedicated C1s are welcome, too) with a desire to meet other members in the Region, give input to the Regional Council, and plan Jr. Board activities.

The meeting will be held in a building with indoor mini-golf and trampoline. Fun?

### **Limb and Hoof Clinic -- Feb. 15, 2:30 - 4:30. Same location as above.**

Allie Hayes, who owns the Horse Science Co. ([www.horsescience.com](http://www.horsescience.com)) in Boxford, will talk about horse anatomy and bring her freeze dried horse limbs and hooves for us to see etc. Meeting is hosted by Worcestershire, but it is open to any pony club members and their parents who may be interested. The talk will probably have something to offer D3 - A members. Tell your members! There will be a nominal charge.

### **Vacation Sleepover Camp Opportunity:**

Dec. 27-29 at Stephe Baer's farm, Orange, MA. Recommended for older D3's and above. Four lessons: one Friday, two on Saturday and one on Sunday, plus lots of general good times. Cost \$180 for everything, including group lessons, board for human and horse and food. You may also choose to participate on a custom basis (\$15/night board; \$30/person group lesson; \$40/person semi-private lesson; \$10/day food). Pony Club members will need to care for their own ponies over the three days, feeding, watering, mucking out, etc. Bring your own hay and grain, as well as buckets and clips; bedding is supplied. Limited to 7-8 members for the overnights; more may trailer in for the days. Two parents per night requested to help chaperone and cook. RSVP right away to Terry Bruno (ONB). (email: terry@aoainc.com or awtlb@attbi.com). Deposit required to hold space.

**New Rulebooks for 2003 now available in Bookstore or online: Dressage, Polocrosse, Games, Tetrathlon, Show Jumping. Quiz has a new study guide available from the Bookstore**



### **CLASSIFIEDS**

**Horse Wanted for lease** (off farm) 15.2 -16.2 hand horse for intermed/experienced 14 year old-strong D3 going for her C1- Pony Clubber, who would like to ride the horse in the upcoming show season (Eventing, Rallys, Dressage shows, Hunter Paces and fun trail rides) Future purchase considered. Small 3-horse backyard situation in Hollis NH. Call Angelika or Lisa at 603-465-6202.

**Saddle wanted**-I am looking for a little (13-14") saddle for a pony who is arriving in the spring. He is a very sturdy 13.2h POA, who will most definitely need a wide tree. Please call Sonya Schwaegerle at 603-433-2779 or 603-430-8008.

Season's  
Greetings

### **CNE SWOT ANALYSIS**

#### **Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats**

At the Leadership Weekend, each region was asked to write down answers to the following questions:

**Strengths:** *What are your advantages? What do you do well?*

**Weaknesses:** *What could be improved? What is done badly? What should be avoided?*

**Opportunities:** *Where are the good changes facing us? What are the interesting trends? Are there other alliances that could be formed?*

**Threats:** *What obstacles do we face? What is our "competition" doing?*

We saved the sheets on which we compiled our lists, and the complete results will be available at our February meeting. We'll be discussing some of them then, but here is the condensed version.

#### Overall Summary

Strengths: Good instructors; Horse Management; Rallys; Kids who are supportive of each other and give back to pony club; Junior Board; short distances

Weaknesses: Education of new members; orientation/training at all levels (parents, kids, DCs); politics; same volunteers over and over; Horse Management; need for more group communication

Opportunities: Have fun; use PC grads to make connections; foster connections with other horse-related organizations; offer more support to clubs for the D programs

Threats: Loss of land/open space; affordability, rising costs; competition for time; liability.



**CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND  
REGIONAL COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 16, 2002  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

The CNE Regional Council met on November 16, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. immediately following a full day at the multi-region Leadership Seminar held at the Sheraton Tara in Nashua NH. Attending the Council meeting were Wendy Johnson, Steve Realmuto, Iris Realmuto, Jackie Jacobs, Audrey Zwicker, Sue Ferry, Louise Hara, Betsey Reeves, Curtis Renner, Cynthia Lohnes, Leonora Giguere, Lindsey Greene, Belinda Barbas, Lara Hubner, Karen Marcotte, Ingrid Low, Karen Liuzzo, Betty Staten, Ted/Pete Barnard, Tammy Erickson, Kate Day, Deb Maietta, Esther Short and Louisa McKown.

Louisa called the meeting to order and welcomed all those in attendance. The first order of business was to review the Financial Statement since Stuart was not able to attend the meeting. This is an "interim" report since the fiscal year does not end until Dec. 31. The bottom line is that we are "in good shape" financially. We will receive the financial report for 2002 and work on a proposed operating budget at our February DC's meeting. Organizers were reminded to please turn in all checks from clinics or rallies in a timely way. Sometimes checks are not mailed in until well after the rally, and this is not acceptable.

Insurance: Organizers of rallies or clinics are asked please not to buy optional medical insurance for any pony club rally or function to cover pony club members or volunteers as they are already covered. DCs are also asked please to insure each facility at which they hold mounted or unmounted meetings that involve riding or unmounted work around horses. A check for the amount of the insurance should be sent to the National Office. Once a club has insured a facility, it is placed on a List of Insured and it may be used by the Region as well as all clubs in the Region. Please also let Wendy Johnson know what facilities you use, and she will keep a list and post it on the CNER website so that you will know which facilities are already insured and you won't have to insure a facility more than once

Louisa reminded DCs that as per a vote at last year's annual meeting, Regional dues are increased this year to \$10 per member. DCs are asked to send Stuart a check for your members, otherwise he will bill. Clinic fees will remain at \$20 per clinic, which include the Horse Management, Standards, and Instructors' Clinics.

COORDINATORS' YEAR END REPORTS: Louisa commented that the coordinators had written reports that were in each DC's meeting packet. She then called on the Coordinators and asked for any additional oral comments they might want to add to their written reports:

RIC REPORT- Louise Hara asked that DCs call her with information on clinics or other functions or inter-club information they might be have that would be of interest to other pony club members so she can share with other clubs. She has also put together a resource list which was handed out to attendees. If anyone has additional names or changes in address they should call Louise so she can update the list.

HMO REPORT- Karen Marcotte spoke about last year's HM Clinic sponsored by Nashoba Valley. This year the HM Clinic will be sponsored by Pentucket and held at Carol Greata's farm. Please email Karen with suggestions for this year's clinic. Karen felt the judges worked out well this year although there was confusion with the HM assistants at the Show Jumping rally. Our Region did a great job in Horse Management at Nationals this year. CNE held a clinic at Betty Staten's prior to Nationals and HM went really well for our teams. For this year, information for each rally will be copied to Louisa and the rally organizers. Karen will send a list of chiefs and HM judges and will accept feedback from rally organizers before she lines up the judges. Perfect Tack and Turnout certificates will be included with the ribbons for each rally and will be given to the organizer for the chief to sign. It was suggested that we give an award for perfect scores on the written test-possibly a book awarded by the Jr. Board. Also discussed was having a raffle for those competitors who qualify with perfect tack and turnout. Finally a separate seminar for judges and lower level examiners was recommended.

CHAMPIONSHIP REPORT- Deb Maietta discussed the tremendous effort all the kids put out and the excellent volunteer help offered by the parents organizing clinics and preps, trailering and helping with accommodations.

UPPER LEVEL PROGRAM REPORT- It was announced the Judy Pelis has resigned as upper level coordinator but she will continue to help behind the scenes. Deb Maietta will take over as upper level coordinator and is working to contact all the eligible kids for a meeting on November 30<sup>th</sup>.

JUNIOR BOARD REPORT- The Jr. Board reported that they held two fundraisers for their organization, a food booth at Quiz Rally and a raffle and food booth at the HM Clinic. They raised approximately \$2,047.46. They also held a thank you dinner for the DCs, provided fence judges at D Rally and helped at the fund raiser for the Sue McMahon Scholarship Fund. They will have another DC Thank You Dinner at Tammy Erickson's house on January 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:00.

Minutes will be going out to the DCs who are asked to please communicate with their eligible members as the Jr. Board needs as many participants as they can get. Kids can also read about the Jr. Board scholarships, information, minutes of meetings, etc on the CNE website. The Jr. Board has offered to man the food booths at the HM Clinic and Quiz Rally again.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE-Audrey Zwicker presented the slate of officers for the upcoming year. They include:

Louisa McKown-RS

Tammy Erickson and Ted/Pete Barnard as Vice –RS

Curtis Renner –Treasurer, Audrey Zwicker, Assistant Treasurer

Wendy Johnson-Secretary

There were no additional nominations from the floor. Betty Staten moved that we accept the slate of officers as presented. Leonora Giguere seconded the motion and the election was unanimous. The USPC Bylaws do not allow an RS/VRS to also serve as DC/JT-DC without permission of the Regional Council. Steve Realmuto moved that the Region allow Tammy Erickson and Ted/Pete Barnard to serve as DC and Vice RS at the same time. Betty Staten seconded the motion. Betty Staten then moved that we accept Steve and Iris Realmuto and Doug and Lorna Garron as married DC and JT DCs. Ted Barnard seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Louisa then appointed Louise Hara and Lisa Brem as RICs and Karen Marcotte and Lara Hubner as Co-HMOs. C3 Coordinator will be Tammy Erickson and Deb Maietta will be Upper Level Coordinator. Lisa Brem and Jackie Jacobs will be Championship Coordinators, Ramona Tolles will continue as Ribbon Coordinator and Ted/Pete Barnard will be Regional/Technical Equipment Coordinator.

### PLANNING FOR 2003

C3 COORDINATOR'S REPORT - Tammy Erickson spoke of some of her plans as C3 Coordinator for the coming year. There appear to be approximately 30 eligible C3 candidates for this year. Tammy hopes to contact all DCs and will arrange a meeting for candidates sometime in January. She plans to expand the bandaging and longeing clinics and plans to do two smaller camps at Kingsbury Hill --one the weekend before Memorial Day and the other the weekend after Memorial Day. She would like to make the program available to all C2s as opportunities to prep and enrich what their club programs offer. There will be two ratings -- one in July and one in August. Squamscott will host the August rating at UNH, and Tammy is looking for someone to host the July rating. Tammy wants to work with clubs to help coach kids and provide resources.

UPPER LEVEL PROGRAM COORDINATOR -- Deb Maietta spoke of her plans to coordinate the Upper Level Ratings in 2003. She believes there are 4 possible HA and 3 possible B candidates so we want to try to get testings in the Region or nearby. Some enrichment clinics will be offered; any clubs interested in hosting or having suggestions for clinicians should please contact Deb. She is thinking of Kingsbury Hill for the Memorial Day camp. Mt Holyoke has been booked for mid-July for the UL prep clinic.

CHAMPIONSHIPS PLANNING: Lisa Brem and Jackie Jacobs are working on reserving a block of rooms for championships.

NATIONAL YOUTH CONGRESS-This year's National Youth Congress will be in Sacramento, CA. held at the same time as the USPC Annual Meeting and Convention. The Region has voted to send two representatives, Pauline Maietta and Jaime Ferry. The Jr. Board will contribute to their expenses and the Region has authorized Louisa to contribute on their behalf.

OTHER TOPICS-The next Regional Council meeting will be on February 15<sup>th</sup>. It was decided that meetings at rallies do not work as well. It was generally agreed that a meeting in February and another in September with a possible meeting in May if necessary would work better. The Region will soon have 12 clubs since Pennybrook will be put on Inactive Status, and Golden Hill will be transferring to New York-Upper Connecticut Region.

The Regional Calendar was discussed with definite and tentative dates for various activities announced. There was discussion about whether to have a qualifying eventing rally at a USEA event again, not offer a non-qualifying eventing rally this year, possibly combining with SNER for a show jumping qualifying rally, and a possible regional Tetrathlon rally. These topics to be continued at the February meeting. The last page of the minutes includes a very tentative calendar for the year.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45.

## Very Tentative Calendar of Events for 2003

DATE/TIME	EVENT	HOST	LOCATION
January 12 4:00 p.m.	DC Thank You Dinner	Jr. Board	Tammy Erickson's House Carlisle MA
January 19 10:00 a.m.	Regional Instructor's Clinic	CNE	TBA
February 9 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.	Regional Instructor's Clinic	CNE	TBA
February 15 9:30 to 2:30	Regional Board Meeting	Worcestershire	Worcester area
February 15 10:00 to 2:30	Junior Board Meeting	Worcestershire	Worcester area
February 15 2:30 to 4:30	Limb and Hoof Clinic	Worcestershire	Worcester area
March 8 or 22	Quiz Rally	Jericho Forest and Nashoba Valley	Weston Middle School Weston MA
March or April	Standards Clinic	Worcestershire	TBA
April ?	Instructors Clinic		TBA
April ?	Horse Management Clinic	Pentucket	Carol Greata's Farm
May 17,18	C3 Prep Camp	CNE	Kingsbury Hill Francesown NH
May 24,25	Upper Level Prep	CNE	Kingsbury Hill Francesown NH
May 31, June 1	C3 Prep Camp	CNE	Kingsbury Hill Francesown NH
June 1	Games Rally	Rockingham and Overlook	Topsfield Fairgrounds Topsfield MA
June 22	Show Jumping Rally Qualifier	SNER	Apple Knoll Farm Millis MA
June 28,29,30	Dressage Rally	Squamscott	UNH Durham NH
July 15-18	Upper Level Prep	CNE	TBA
October 5	D Rally	Groton	Groton Fairgrounds Groton MA

Still to be determined-Upper level testing

Second C3 testing

Show Jumping Rally

Qualifying Eventing Rally

Non qualifying Eventing Rally