



The Central New England Scoop



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COMING UP

- May 28-30 **Memorial Day Weekend Prep Clinic**
Kingsbury Hill Camp New Boston NH
- June 10-12 **C3 Prep Clinic**
Kingsbury Hill Camp New Boston NH
- June 11-12 **Overnight Games Rally**
Topsfield Fairgrounds Topsfield MA
- June 19 **Show Jumping Rally**
Mt. Holyoke Hadley MA
- June 25-27 **Overnight Dressage Rally**
Durham NH

MAY NOTES FROM THE RS

I hope the Spring that has finally come has allowed all to have some quality riding time; I am sure everyone is well into their mounted meetings, and all are working diligently.

The Regional leaders have certainly been working very hard. There was a Regional Council meeting at the end of April, and lots of good discussion transpired. There is going to be a Tetrathlon competition in CNE this year! Many thanks go to Old North Bridge PC for their efforts to make that work. There hasn't been a Tetrathlon rally in CNER for a long time. It was decided that the Region would pay the entry fees for all that qualified and are going to Championships. There was discussion about many other topics, and the minutes have gone out to DCs. The great thing about these meetings is the opportunity to discuss topics, so the DCs are informed and have a voice in what goes on in this region. It is wonderful to see that level of involvement, dedication, and real concern for what we are able to do for the members of this region. I applaud them all; I think CNER can be proud of its leaders, and what they are doing for Pony Club.

Quiz Rally was well hosted by Jericho Forest, Worcestershire, Overlook, and Pegasus; and was very well attended; it seemed a sea of pony club shirts at the awards!

The Regional Standards clinic was ably hosted by Pentucket and Nashoba Valley, but not very well attended. Many felt it was too bad there weren't more there to take advantage of what was an excellent program. In fact a topic of discussion at the Council meeting was how to improve attendance at this excellent educational opportunity. We had moved the Horse Management clinic to be a part of the Standards clinic because we were afraid that with something on both weekends, one wouldn't be well attended, but even with both on the one day, not many were there. We will have to work on that.

We do have a busy season coming up with 8 more rallies still to go! We have had two already, Quiz and a qualifying Eventing rally. Both went off well, and we have our first members qualified for Championships, including a complete Training level team. Congratulations to our first qualifiers! The Quiz qualifiers going are Junior Ds: Brooks Robinson, Gabe Wells, Charlotte Woody, Maggie McManus, and Annie Seymour. The Senior Ds are: Kathryn Lohnes, Rachel Comeau, Jessica Townsend, and Julia Short; and we have Liz Fitzgerald as our only Senior C going. For Eventing we have the Training team of: Allison Blood, Amanda Brem, Michelle Realmuto, and Claire Williams riding with Leigh Davis as HM. At the Novice level, we have so far only Stephanie LeCours riding and Beth O'Malley going as HM. Also, Sarah Titus qualified last fall in Tetrathlon in New Jersey for this year. So far it looks like a great group representing CNER and we still have several qualifying rallies to go.

The Upper Level program is well underway and has had many unmounted preps, and Memorial Day weekend is the next prep; it will have both mounted and unmounted sessions, with 3 very competent National Examiners coming to the region. At this point, we have 10 candidates for

upper level tests with three of them planning to take two tests this year, very hard working group there.

The C-3 program had its kickoff meeting, and now has a new program coordinator, Jaime Ferry, a graduate C-3 herself, has taken over the reins, and is working hard to pull together the June 11 & 12th clinic at Kingsbury Hill. There are about 20 C-2s who are involved in that program, not all of who are planning to test, but the clinics are open to all of them.

Be sure to put on the calendar the Leadership Camp the third weekend of November. I was just on a conference call with the other RS's of the eastern New England area, and it sounds like a great weekend! There are four wonderful people coming from around the country to orchestrate this educational weekend. They were talking about skits from each region, so be thinking about what we want to do. There should be at least one representative from each club planning to attend and since it is in Nashua, NH, it is really close by. Last time we had a Leadership Camp, the Junior Board went as well.

Looking forward to seeing more of you as the riding season continues to unfold, I am sure it is going to be a good season for CNER!

Betsey

TETRATHLON RALLY IS COMING ALONG

As of now we have the Lowell YMCA for our swimming venue (there is a possibility as of this writing we may have the Westford Swim and Tennis also, and we will choose the cheapest option ... that is what is holding up posting our entry on line). We should have this resolved by Monday, so look for the entry either Monday or Tuesday of next week. The cost per entrant will be \$75. Please remind your members that they can drop down divisions in the phases if they don't think they want to jump the height, etc ... We also have our EMT and CHMJ lined up (thanks Lara), so we're getting there! Please let Lisa know if you have members that would like to join in our running, swimming or shooting preps.

AND AT ROLEX...

Rolex and Prince Philip was Fantastic ! What a great time we all had at Rolex last week! The kids on the CNER Silver Streakers: Ari Murphy, Kelsey Bradley, Katy Lerner, and Abi Young from ONB and Haley Adams from Pentucket were superlative representatives for

our region. They were terrific sportspeople and were the most cohesive team of the match. The fourth place finish truly did not reflect how competitive they truly were ... only 1 point out of third! We had many compliments from the organizers and other coaches on how well our kids rode and worked together. There were about 45 people there from ONB, Worcestershire and Pentucket to cheer on the team ... we had the best and biggest cheering section! On Saturday night we had a celebration dinner where the girls talked about how much they would miss each other, lots of hugs and tears all around

It was also a thrill to watch Corinne Ashton, mother of Rebecca (C1) and Marissa (D3) formerly of ONB now from Worcestershire pony club go round the four star course at Rolex. A very respectable 16th place finish gave her a perpetual trophy in the Museum at the Horse Park for being the highest finishing owner/rider. Corinne and her horse Dobbin were described by Jim Wofford as being capable of "astonishing the world" ... well, we were certainly astonished at the feat she accomplished at Rolex!

If we have CNER kids and Corinne back at Rolex next year, I strongly encourage members from our region to attend it was a truly great experience!

Lisa Brem

C3 PREP

Hello everyone! Yes we have applications! I emailed our lovely webmaster and asked her to post them. I have also attached a copy to this email. Also, so EVERYONE knows, the upper level prep scheduled for Memorial Day is now open to all C-3 candidates. If you are interested, please fill out the application ASAP as the clinic is only a few weeks away! Please try to have those applications in the mail by May 20th. If you are sending one to Deb, please email her at Deb_Maietta@comcast.net or leave her a message at (781)239-0319. I have gotten several emails asking confirmation on dates. I also asked the webmaster to update, but here goes as well:

UL Prep @ Kingsbury: May 28-30
PLEASE RSVP ASAP!
C-3 Prep @ Kingsbury: June 10-12
July Rating-: July 23rd and 24th
August Rating: August 20th and 21st

Thanks everyone for being so great about communication, and keep the questions coming.

Happy Horsing,

Jaime

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UPPER LEVEL PROGRAM

We have finished off another season of amazing unmounteds -- from the hands-on digestive tract lecture to the lunging clinic at UNH, our C2s (and perhaps a few C1s here and there) and Upper Level members have had a vast array of material available. Now -- it's time to get riding!

The biggest news is that the Memorial Day Weekend is now a C2/Upper Level event. We will also be working to ensure that the full C3, B, H/HA or A curriculum is covered for each appropriate group. The July CNER Camp will incorporate C2s, Bs and As on the Tuesday through Friday schedule. I'm looking forward to hosting these 'mixed groups', which gives all of our most advanced riders in the region a chance to get to know each other, while covering the material they each need at their levels.

I am very excited at the number of volunteers who are starting to come together to do everything from paperwork to chaperoning to cooking for the Memorial Day weekend. Yes -- if you have a child participating I would love to have you stay the weekend, and you are welcome to bunk in at our lovely, rustic accommodations...:) We have space for a few more C2s for the Memorial Day Weekend -- so if you're interested, rsvp via email right away. First come, first served. We will also have members of the Junior Board joining us to volunteer to assist Lisa Campbell, the owner of Kingsbury Hill, by helping to pull manes, trim whiskers & 'beautify' camp horses. This volunteer effort will happen on Sunday night to Monday. Again -- just let me know if you're interested.

We have 5 HAs coming to the Memorial Day Weekend, and I would love to have riders for them to teach at about 10:30 on Sunday and Monday morning. If you have a D1 to C2 youngster who would like to ride as a 'student' of the HAs on either morning, please email me!

Finalized applications for the C2 riders for Mt Holyoke are posted on the website.

Please note -- the current application for Mt Holyoke, which is posted, is the out of region UL Prep info. It does not apply to our C2s. Jaime will be publishing more information for the C2s for Mt Holyoke.

CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE

Preparations are underway for our Quiz competitors. We held our planning meeting last month and our first prep starts this week. Topics to be covered this year include: Bits, Odd Tack,

Farrier Tools, Fox Hunting, Rulebooks, Poisonous Plants and a Saddle Fitter. For Quiz Championships, we have 1 Jr. D team and 1 scramble Jr. D competitor, 1 Sr. D team, and 1 Sr. C scramble competitor.

While the weather was horrible at the Qualifying Eventing Rally, the results were positive. CNE will now have a full Training team planning to attend. It's been a while. We also expect to be sending a Novice scramble competitor and a horse manager.

The mandatory Regional Championships Prep will be on July 16 and it will be followed by a BBQ.

NOTES FROM THE HMO

It is with great pleasure (and relief) that I can tell all CNE PC'ers, parents, and DC's that there is NO NEW HORSE MANAGEMENT RULEBOOK THIS YEAR! Pfew! I hear the collective sigh of relief from around the NE area. ☺

HOWEVER: The following is the exact wording of the 2005 HM Newsletter that acts as this year's "Addenda" that is part of the required equipment checklist at rallies:

"As a result of meetings with the discipline chairs at the Annual Meeting in New Orleans, and as we prepare to issue a new Horse Management Hand-book, there have been some changes made which need to be considered by everyone.

BRAIDING: Braiding is governed by the discipline rulebook. As of this date, braiding is being permitted at all levels and in all disciplines except Games. The provisions are as follows:

- (1) All braids must be removed immediately after the last ride of the day and before the turn-back at the end of the day;
- (2) Horse Management will not assess points based upon the quality of the braiding;
- (3) Braiding must not interfere with other chores and braiding will not be accepted as an excuse for not having other tasks completed in a timely manner;
- (4) If an object is going to be stood on to braid, it must be safe, solid and capable of holding the competitor's weight; it must have no holes in which the mount may get its foot caught. Mounting blocks and milk crates will be acceptable for braiding. Buckets and pails are NOT acceptable to stand on.

FIRST-AID: **Latex/Vinyl gloves are a part of the first aid kit.** Vinyl gloves are being listed as an approved alternative to latex gloves due to the number of people who have allergic reactions to latex.

STALL CARDS: **Effective immediately, stall cards must list the competitor's rating.** The sex of the mount must be near the mount's age on the form. Hotel room numbers are not to be filled in. We want the name and telephone number of the hotel and the name of the person registered in the room where the chaperone will be located. Cell telephone numbers are permitted and encouraged for the stall card information for the competitor and chaperone.

CHAPERONES: **The Chaperone Duties form now requires that the Chaperone's name be printed neatly in addition to requiring the Chaperone's signature on the form.**

ATTIRE AND HORSE MANAGEMENT JUDGING: The Horse Management Handbook will govern attire and judging unless it conflicts with the most recent discipline rulebook, in which case the discipline rulebook controls. The USPC Manuals **should not** be used to determine proper attire at rallies; consult the HM Handbook, the discipline rulebook and the current discipline newsletters.

EXTRA EQUIPMENT, TACK: **Tack items required for extra equipment must be Turn-out inspection clean and ready for use.**

EVALUATION FORMS: **The New Competitor's Evaluation forms for Horse Management must be used by all competitors, Assistant Horse Management Judges, and Rally Organizers.** The old forms for the Chief Horse Management Judge and/or for a Mentor Judge shall continue being used. Rally and Facilities Evaluations are for the benefit of the Rally Organizer and should be delivered to the Rally Organizer at the end of the rally; they should NOT be sent into the National Office with the other evaluation forms. THEREFORE, the Rally and Facility Evaluation form should NOT be copied on the back of any other evaluation form. HMOs should review the Chief Judge's Evaluation form to see how each assistant was rated. If an assistant is recommended for the Provisional Chief Program, the HMO should notify the HMO Coordinator of that fact and supply the assistants contact information."

THIS ADDENDA IS AVAILABLE UNDER THE FORMS—RULEBOOKS—2005 HM SPRING NEWSLETTER SECTION ON www.ponyclub.org.

DOWNLOAD AND PRINT OUT FOR EACH HM HANDBOOK. THIS IS REQUIRED FOR USPC RALLIES.

Explanation of changes

Braiding

Braiding is probably the biggest change in the rules with this addenda. Here are a few hints that can be applied for all PC'ers with regards to braiding:

1. Think about why you are braiding. If it's to "look better" or "look professional", keep this in mind and assess your braiding skills. The goal is to have neat, tidy, evenly spaced, clean and dandruff-free braids. HM cannot take away points for braiding quality, but braiding is usually a dead giveaway for dandruff which is part of the formals standards. And sometimes the judge's impressions of your "overall picture" can be affected, just like neat rider attire and a pony's well-groomed coat. Think about this overall picture when choosing whether to braid or not.
2. Braids are just plain itchy. Think about if this will affect your pony's behavior or comfort level. We're supposed to be good horsewomen and horsemen. Keeping our pony comfortable and safe is part of this.
3. You must take these out each night of an overnight rally and before turnbacks. If you want to braid each day, it must not interfere with normal horse and stable care(i.e. stalls, buckets and tack must be taken care of first). Think time management.
4. Buckets and unsteady objects are NOT TO BE USED to stand on for braiding. If you know you are going to braid or will need to fix up loose braids at a rally, bring a small stool or milk crate to use.
5. PRACTICE BEFOREHAND! Being comfortable braiding and getting the desired end result is much like bandaging. You have to be comfortable with your materials, develop a technique and PRACTICE!!
6. PRACTICE SOME MORE! See hint #1.

First Aid

This has to do with the gloves in the Human first aid kit. Simplified: you can use either latex or vinyl gloves.

****NOTE**** For all items on the required equipment checklist for USPC rallies: the “/” means “OR”, not “and”.

Stall Cards

Simplified: At overnight rallies, NO hotel room #'s are to be used. Put the name of the person registered to the room that only the chaperone is staying in on the form.

Example: This is so that if Firebreather, Suzy Snazzybreeches' pony, is injured in his stall at night then the CHMJ can contact the chaperone only. The chaperone is then responsible for contacting parents/owners/PC'ers etc.

It simplifies the process of notification for all as well as eliminates the safety issue of having 100's of hotel room numbers of underage PC'ers available to the general public.

Attire

This states that the HM is to be used for determining attire for rallies, unless the most recent discipline rulebook comes up with something different.

Example: Show Jumping and colored polo shirts. Games and plain white polo shirts. See rulebooks for details

Also, DO NOT use the USPC manuals as a guide for rally attire.

Extra Equipment

This is nothing new. I think the HM Committee just wanted to put it in black and white.

Example: Fire breather steps on Suzy's reins just before her formal inspection and breaks them. Common sense would say that she'll need a pair of reins to use that is clean to her C2 rating standard for her upcoming formal. Extra equipment use is no excuse for having dirty equipment at your formal.

HORSE MANAGEMENT REMINDERS

*Check the stitching on all of your tack BEFORE you clean your tack for a rally. By then it's too late to be repaired or replaced.

*Check that all your show clothing fits. Trying to muscle on those tall boots after a winter of growth can be very difficult. (or coats, shirts or leather full seat breeches ☺)

*PLEASE check your horse trailer for safety issues and especially insect nests! A trailer can

turn into a giant torture chamber if combined with angry stinging insects.

*Check with your DC if you have any Horse Management related questions. They probably know the answer, but if not, they will definitely know where to find it.

HM JUDGES WANTED: CNER 2005 RALLY SEASON

This year we have EIGHT rallies this season. On top of that, FOUR are overnight rallies. For all involved it takes a lot of time, effort and enthusiasm. We need **every** club's help in recruiting knowledgeable, positive, learning-focused horse people for apprenticing and assisting at Horse Management Judging at each rally. We have one rally down, but we still have a whole season to go and we need your help!!

Games – June 11(pm only) and 12th

Show Jumping – June 19th

Qualifying Dressage – June 25th(pm only) thru June 27th

Tetrathlon – July 9th-10th

Non-Qual Dressage - Sept 10th

D-Rally - October 2nd

Non-Qual Eventing – October 9th

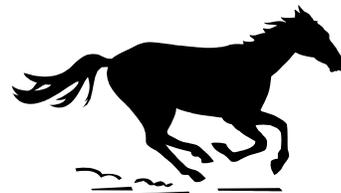
Current Assistants: Please email me or call to let me know which rallies you'd like to do if you haven't already, otherwise I know where to find you and will just bug you anyway! ☺

Interested apprentices and PC'ers that are C3+ and age 16+: Please email or call and I'll take down your availability and contact info. Contact myself or your DC if you have questions or would like to know more about apprenticing.

Please contact me if you have any questions about the rule changes, HM judging or any HM related “myths” you would like clarified: larahubner@yahoo.com or 603.591.0284

Lara Hubner
CNER Horse Management Organizer

P.S. DC's please pass this portion of the CNE Scoop on to your members and parents, as well.



WEBMASTER UPDATE

When sending mail to the distribution lists, please do not include many other addresses in the "TO:" line. If you do, the mail to the distribution list will bounce because it is interpreted as spam.

JUNIOR BOARD UPDATE

The Quiz Rally Food Cafe run by the Junior Board once again served as a successful fundraiser for the youngsters. For the first time ever heads of programs were asked to do presentations on their disciplines, so we heard from Tetrathlon, Games and Dressage.

We are hoping to have a Junior Board meeting in the near future. In the meantime, any and all members of the Junior Board are welcome to come on Sunday night, May 29th, to Kingsbury Hill, staying over and assisting with the efforts to beautify Lisa Campbell's camp horses before the beginning of the season. Food will be provided. Members will need to bring sleeping bags, sheets, towels, and mane pulling equipment & trimmers.

You must let Deb Maietta know if you plan on attending so that all appropriate Medical Releases and Codes of Conduct can be on hand. Please watch for further updates on this activity from the Junior Board.

NEXT DC MEETING

Our next Regional Council Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 on Saturday July 16th at the Nashoba Valley Tubing Park. As Iris mentioned in the Championship update, at 12:00 the Championship qualifiers will meet in the parking lot for a mandatory Championship meeting. CNE shirts, team equipment, banners, etc will be distributed and teams will be able to meet and firm up their plans. There will be a review of horse management, trailering hints, an overview of what will happen at Championships for those who are going for the first time as well as a review of expectations from the Region. This meeting is mandatory for all mounted and unmounted competitors. Immediately following the meeting at 2:00 we will have a BBQ-pot luck. If someone wants to coordinate the BBQ, please contact Wendy Johnson at 603-888-9014 or wendy@wendyj.org.

