



# The Central New England Scoop



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## COMING UP .....

- August 28**    **Championship Fundraiser Planning Meeting**  
Lisa Brem's House Chelmsford MA
- Sept. 18**    **Focus Group on Fundraiser 9-11**  
Nashoba Valley Tubing Park
- Sept. 18**    **Regional Council Meeting**  
**(following focus mtg- approx. 11:00)**  
Nashoba Valley Tubing Park
- Sept. 25**    **Nonqualifying Dressage Rally**  
Camp Marshall, Spencer MA
- October 3**    **D Rally**  
Groton Fairgrounds, Groton MA

## NOTES FROM BETSEY

WOW, What an exciting and eventful summer CNE has had!! Championships were Incredible! CNER had 39 members representing us, and they all did a wonderful job of upholding our honor. I was VERY proud to be the RS from a region with such awesome young people representing it! We had members at all disciplines except Polocross. The results are on the CNER website, and all can see just how well everyone did score wise. But the results aren't as important, in my mind, as the knowledge that we were so well represented by so many competent, hardworking, and team-spirited members. The region paid the entry fees for all the competitors this year, and I feel it was money well spent to support our members. Remember the fundraising auction we are holding in November to replenish that money we spent.

The ratings are another place where CNER can be proud! We have a great group that passed their ratings. First of all the C-3 candidates went off to New Hampshire (White MT. Region) for that test, and all passed! So we have 5 new C-3's: Kayla Burroughs, Robin Edwards, Liz

Fitzgerald, Michelle Realmuto, and Claire Williams. While that C-3 test was going on, Katie Biery and Katie Shafer were taking their B test in Connecticut, and they passed as well! Then Leigh Davis took and passed her B two weeks later in White Mt. Region. Congratulations to all those new upper level members. Entering the upper level ranks takes a lot of hard work and diligence. Not all that take tests are able to make it to the next rating; this doesn't detract from the fact that they are excellent pony club members. We did have several others take tests, and I mention them as well because they are part of the upper level program, and we enjoy them all as the competent members they are, even if they were not at the next standard on the particular day they took their test. Allison Blood, Rebecca Cole, Megan Howe, and Jillian Middaugh deserve recognition for all the hard work they have done, and we are proud of them for even trying!!

We have a few more rallies coming up, a Regional Council meeting, and several more focus group meetings, so the year has not completely come to a halt, just a half-halt at this time. Check the regional calendar for those dates, and especially the Auction, a NEW event on the calendar.

## **Betsey**

## FUNDRAISER

On November 14<sup>th</sup> the CNE Region will hold it's first fundraiser to reimburse the Region's contribution to this year's Championship qualifiers. The hope is to earn enough money to get a good start on the funds we will need to support future Championships. Clubs have been asked to contribute 10 silent and 2 live items for the auction and to sponsor a table of 10. Donor forms are available on the CNE website and DCs are

urged to share these forms with their clubs. The mission is to reach outside the clubs to the equine community for some financial support.

There will be a planning meeting on Saturday at Lisa Brem's house in Chelmsford. Let's all help to make this first event a big success.

## UL TESTING UPDATE

August was the 'month of testings' for the C3 and ULs. We welcome to the ranks of CNER ULs Kayla Burroughs, Lucy Cheney, Robin Edwards, Liz Fitzgerald, Michelle Realmuto and Claire Williams, who passed the C3 test in August.

As always in Pony Club, I am reminded so often that 'it takes a village to raise a child'. So -- first of all, I would like to thank the clubs and individual volunteers who were on hand to support our youngsters. As you will remember, our region hosted back to back HA and A tests, trading off with other local regions who hosted the C3 and Bs. Particularly notable in their continued presence at the A and HA level were Katie Biery, Kayla Burroughs, Steff Giguere, Annie Maietta, Dominique Maietta, and Claire Williams, all of whom worked as horse holders for the HA. In addition, Katie, Kayla, Annie, Dominique and Claire assisted in setting up the cross-country for the A. Catherine Williams and Leonora Giguere helped with purchasing and serving food over the week, and Eliza Edwards did the bulk food buy before the weekend.

The anchor to support from this rating, however, came from the Short family. Esther not only prepared the two large dinner meals that are given at the beginning of each test (for approximately 30 people each), she was also bed and breakfast host to the 3 examiners and the I/O from each test. When, as one of Annie's friends put it, my daughter Annie 'colicked' on the Saturday afternoon of the A test, (had an emergency appendectomy), it was Esther who drove Annie and me to the hospital, held my hand when Annie went into the operating room, and saw to the mundane details, such as moving vehicles around for our use, etc etc. Thanks to Betsey who closed up the rating in my absence, and to our incredible Impartial Observer, Diane Reed, who ensured that the ratings progressed on an even keel throughout the week.

For those of you who wonder what an I/O does, Diane is the link between examiners, candidates and organizer. A good I/O maintains the pulse of all the players, stepping in with potentially

sticky situations to ensure that communication is clear, and that the test proceeds fairly. We are fortunate to have had Diane in this role for many years, now. She is the penultimate professional, whether hit by tricky trainers or concerned parents, she takes it all in stride.

I was privileged to watch our youngsters at all of the National testings, and even at the C3. They showed incredible sportsmanship and maturity throughout the process, and, whether they were able to 'ride on standard', or not, I couldn't be more proud of them if they had all made it to the Olympics. As of this month, we now have three new Bs added to our region, Katie Biery, Leigh Davis and Katie Shafer. During this year, we had over 25 ULs participate in some or all of the preps, and over 15 from out of region. The addition of out of region candidates builds the comfort level for our own candidates when they go to test out of region, and continues to build their bond with peers at their level, which is particularly important as the ranks thin at the B, HA and A.

Once again, thanks to all of you who helped to make this a spectacular summer for our ULs.

Deb Maietta

P.S. Early notice ... the first meeting of the ULs, which is our chance for all Upper Level Pony Club Members to get in feedback & talk about the next year, will be held during Thanksgiving weekend, on the Friday evening, which is November 26th

## THE C3 TESTING UPDATE

I'm delighted to let you know that CNER has six new C-3s -- Kayla Burroughs, Lucy Cheney, Robin Edwards, Liz Fitzgerald, Michelle Realmuto and Claire Williams all passed their rating this weekend. Congratulations to all! And many thanks to the parents, clubs, instructors, and many others who supported them throughout their preparation. They were a terrific group of candidates -- we got many comments on how wonderful they all were as representatives of your families, clubs, and our region.

The rating was held this weekend at New Gait Manor in Weare, NH, hosted by White Mountain Region. There were a total of 8 candidates, our 6, plus Tegan Henderson from SNER and Ashley Johnson from WMR, both of whom also passed. Thanks, too, to Lynne Steele of WMR who organized this year's rating

I very much enjoyed working with and getting to know all our candidates this year. Thanks very much. Congratulations again to our new C-3s!

Tammy Erickson

## NOTES FROM THE HMO

First off, let me say "Hats and helmets off!" to everyone involved in this year's qualifying rally season. It was much shorter in 2004, thus needing an even bigger concentration of commitment than usual from parents, pony clubbers and volunteers. We had a great number of apprentices and assistant judges that helped make these rallies a success. Thanks to all!

Championships - And to cap off the season at the USPC National Championships in Lexington, KY, CNE had even more success in the HM area:

Novice Eventing - 8<sup>th</sup> place

Training Eventing - 4<sup>th</sup> place

Modified Show Jumping - 4/5<sup>th</sup> (3-way tie)

Jr. Games - 2<sup>nd</sup> place (Could the games kids be onto something here? Smaller ponies mean fewer square inches of animal and thus less cleaning? ☺ )

We are all very proud of our wonderful horsewomen who represented the region at Championships! This makes not only the ponyclubbers and the region look competitive and proficient, but it also gives our younger members something to look up to and emulate. Congratulations on a job well done!

Fall Rally Season - We are now on to the Fall rally season which consists of Fall Dressage, Eventing and D-Rally. If anyone is interested in apprenticing as a HM Judge this fall, feel free to give me a call or email! ☺

End-of-Year Raffle - As stated earlier in the year at board meetings, we will be holding a raffle for all PC'ers that achieved a perfect Tack and Turnout score at regional rallies. Each time one is achieved, their name is put into the raffle. At the end of the fall rally season, we'll draw names to receive prizes for those who scrubbed and cleaned and picked and polished to their standard throughout the year.

Each club is asked to donate an item that is appx. \$15-30(or more if you'd like! ☺ ) in value to this raffle. We've already received personalized saddle covers from a few clubs. Please

email/call me with the item that your club is donating, if you haven't already. Be creative, as this is a great reward for the hard work that our PC'ers do.

## Urban Legends of the Horse Management Kind

Q: Can I use coat polish like Show Sheen, Lazer Sheen, or Cowboy Magic on my pony at a Pony Club rally?

A: YES!!!!!! There is no where in the HM Handbook that states coat polish is not permitted. You must, however, use these products with common sense in mind. The pony's back is probably not a good place to put a dose of coat spray, as the saddle can tend to slip back or forward more easily. A REALLY good place to use such products is on a pony's tail!! A good dose of lazer sheen in a pony's just-washed, wet tail can eliminate all those "tangled tail" comments on your formal inspection sheets. Let the tail dry and you'll find it MUCH easier to keep combed and tangle free. I find it also a good tool to use when ponies have "chrome" or white legs. After washing, you can spray some polish on the pony's white parts and let it dry. This causes the coat to become smoother and it helps deflect dirt and stains as the grime cannot stick to the hair as easily. It makes mud and manure easier to brush out. Though, it can cause wraps and leg boots to slip easier as well, so think before you spray!

In conclusion, I find these products to be a VERY useful tool when applied in certain areas. You just need to adapt it to the needs of your pony and your saddlery. And, I always find it beneficial to use it on a just washed pony and let it dry to a nice soft feel, rather than a super-slick finish.

As always, let me know if you have ANY questions!

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## NOVICE GAMES RALLY

The Rally was rained out on the 21st but was held on a beautiful, sunny day, the 22nd. We had 4 Teams of D-1's and D-2's competing.

Results as follows:  
Horse Management

1st - The Crazy Ponies (Groton Pony Club)

There was a 3 way tie for 2nd...broken as follows:

2nd - Squamscott Rocks  
(Squamscott/Rockingham Scramble team)

3rd - Rockinghoppers (Rockingham )

4th - Junior Streakers (Old North Bridge)

#### Overall Results

1st - Junior Steakers

2nd - Squamscott Rocks

3rd - Rockinghoppers

4th - Crazy Ponies

We had a great Day...ran AHEAD of Schedule...and were all packed up and on our way home by 2 pm. I told the parents this would NEVER happen again. Thanks to all the parents and older pony clubbers who volunteered. The older pony clubbers were the HM Judges and Line and Lane Judges, they did a great job! Hope to have more teams next year.

Betty Staten

## **PASS IT ON...**

Hi Everyone,

Now that the dust has settled from Festival 2004 and hopefully all Pony Club members have unpacked, some may realize that they lost items while in Kentucky. An up to date listing of "found" items is available by clicking the Festival link on the bottom of USPC website home page. Please help us by spreading the word through your clubs and regions.

If something on the list belongs to one of your members, please have that member contact Julie Gragg at the USPC office. Julie may be reached either by phone - 859-254-7669 - or by emailing [inquiries@ponyclub.org](mailto:inquiries@ponyclub.org). The owner of the item will be responsible for shipping charges to have the item returned.

Thank you!  
Karol Wilson  
Director of Member Services and Regional Administration

## **USPC ANNUAL FUND**

Are you aware that the ANNUAL FUND pays for many of the activities in which you are involved in Pony Club? Without the Annual Fund, there

would be limited training for National Examiners, C3 examiners, RICs, Horse Management Judges, DCs, or RSs. Dues from current Pony Club members only account for ½ of the money needed to provide programming, rulebooks, testings, leadership training and much more. There are more than 12,000 active Pony Club members, countless graduates, as well as all of our wonderful volunteers. Have you donated to the Annual Fund this year? Our goal is \$250,000. To date we have 392 wonderful donors who have given \$186,841. Almost half of these are new donors. Are you counted among that number? When corporations and Foundations ask about the percentage of members who donate to the Annual Fund, we need to show them that our membership cares about Pony Club by showing our support of the Annual Fund.

We are challenging the regions to get as many people to give this year as possible to raise our numbers – the amount of the donation is NOT the goal. Please e-mail or call the Development Office to get donation envelopes and Annual Fund information to pass out at your club or region annual meeting. Make sure everyone knows how important the Annual Fund is and have donors write their region's name on the envelope for the Regional Challenge.

At present, The Eastern Pennsylvania Region is still at the head of the race for the "givingest" region, followed by the Sunshine Region and Northwest Region. There are prizes so don't be left out. Send in your donations today – and don't be shy about passing the word!

Patsy Mattingley  
Board of Governors  
Development Committee Chairman

## **UPCOMING CALENDAR**

Just a reminder that we have several more rallies and activities left to go! The **Non-Qualifying Dressage Rally** will be held at Camp Marshall on September 25<sup>th</sup> and the **D Rally** will be held at the Groton Fairgrounds on October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Entry forms for both of these rallies are available on the CNE website. We also have the **Non-Qualifying Eventing Rally** at Green Acres in Madbury NH on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

Our next DCs Meeting is at the Tubing Park at Nashoba Valley Ski Area in Westford MA on September 18<sup>th</sup>. We will begin at 9:00 with a **Regional Fundraiser Meeting** which should run until approximately 11:00 with the **Regional Council Meeting** immediately following. On

October 23 there will be a **focus group meeting** at the Tubing Park on "How to Keep your Unmounted Program on Track". The **Championship Fundraiser** will be held on Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup> and finally we end up the year with the **Regional Council Annual Meeting** on November 20<sup>th</sup>. Then we will rest!!

## LOCAL EVENTS

**September 26-** Worcestershire Pony Club 2 Phase and Dressage Show. Camp Marshall Spencer MA. Call for more information.

**October 16-** Rockingham Pony Club Harvest Fun Show Fundraiser, The Tack Shack Fremont NH. Call for more information.

**October 17-** Groton Pony Club 3 Phase Schooling Show. Novice through Starter divisions. Groton Fairgrounds, Groton MA. Contact Wendy Johnson at [wendyj@groton-pony-club.org](mailto:wendyj@groton-pony-club.org) or 603-888-9014.

### Thank you...

Many of you know that Lelo and I lost one of our horses two weeks ago, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those pony club people that helped with the search. It was a very difficult time for us, but made much easier knowing that there were so many people that helped. It is a credit to Pony Club that so many people involved in the organization were willing to give so much time and effort. It was greatly appreciated, and both Lelo and I thank you.

Thanks,  
Betsey

