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COMING UP

Nov. 15 **Annual Council Meeting**
 Reading Public Library, Reading MA

Dear DCs,

It has been a busy fall for CNE on the regional level, and I know that it is busy for all your clubs. Your newsletters have been filled with notices about rally practices, opening meetings, mounted lessons and ratings preps. Most of you are holding ratings during October or November. Some of you are holding fall fundraisers, Junior hunts, fun days and competitions. Some of you are planning for your Annual Sponsors' meeting, and some of you have already conducted your meetings.

On the regional level, this fall has been filled with rallies almost every weekend. (See the results for all rallies on our website, cner@cne.ponyclub.org) **Show Jumping rally** (Sept. 21) was held at a new facility for us this year, Marlborough Equestrian Center, where 11 teams rode in two jumping rings throughout the day. The weather was gorgeous, the competition stiff with many clean rounds, and everyone came home with either a sunburn or a ribbon, or both. Very special thanks to Old North Bridge whose capable parents organized and hosted the rally. It was a winner!

Oct. 5 was the date for **D Rally**, which had an astonishing 14 teams! Merely having enough parking room for 14 teams was a challenge that host Groton Pony Club faced; yet another was scheduling all those rides so that the rally could be finished by 5 p.m. But Groton was up to the challenge, and they did a beautiful job. It was a clear, breezy and chilly day, but the Ds didn't seem to notice as they unpacked and set up the trailer area in the early dark and frost. Lots of laughter and giggling was heard throughout the

day. This was the way a D rally should be, fun, friendly, educational, low key. The first time rallyers were guided by capable C advisors, and the more seasoned competitors helped their younger teammates. Even though it was a large rally, the schedule worked and the rally was over before dark! Many thanks Groton!

The very next Sunday, Oct. 12, **Eventing rally** was hosted by Wentworth Pony Club at Hilltop Equestrian Center in Somersworth, NH. This is a lovely facility and Wentworth did an incredible job of organizing and running all three phases of this complex rally. Sadly, the weather was overcast, and in the afternoon chilly rains accompanied the last of the cross country and the stadium rides, but competitors' (8 teams, Elementary through Novice level) spirits weren't dampened and there were many low scores, good riding and enthusiastic cheering combined with excellent teamwork. Thank you Wentworth for hosting this fun rally!

In sum, we've had a lot going on this fall! Fall rallies are always a challenge: the weather can be chilly; the grounds open at 6 a.m. in the dark and kids sometimes are seen setting up with flashlights; and school is in session, making for a tiring weekend. But these were 3 wonderful rallies and by the looks of it, everyone had a good time. **CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE COMPETITORS!!**

Louisa



CNE REGIONAL COUNCIL ANNUAL MEETING

November 15, 9:30 a.m.

Reading Public Library, Reading, MA

****Note change of place!****

Please remember that this meeting is required for DCs. It is the most important meeting of the year. Among the items on the agenda will be planning for next year's programs and rallies; reports from this year's coordinators; voting on our Region's NYC representative(s); discussion of CNE policy amendments; and the election of CNE officers for next year. Please don't miss this meeting! The Junior Board will also be meeting in the same building, and we will have time to hear their plans for 2004.

There will be a light lunch. At our September meeting, clubs signed up to bring various parts of the lunch.

So, just a reminder about who said they'd bring what:

Sandwiches - ONB, Squamscott, Pentucket

Salads - Groton, Jericho Forest, Overlook, Rockingham

Desserts/Fruit - Wentworth, Nashoba Valley, Worcestershire

If you don't see your club listed and you are planning to attend and wondering what to bring, we could use some more sandwiches.

Directions to the Reading Public Library

From Route 128 take exit 38B toward Reading. Exit 38B is Route 28. Follow Route 28 to the center of town, the Town Hall will be on the left. Make a left onto Route 129. Make a left onto Middlesex Avenue. The Library is just ahead on the left.

REMINDERS....

- From the National Office, Club packets must be postmarked on or before November 15th. Any packets mailed after that date will be considered late and late fees will apply.
- A copy of the 2003 Summary of Cash Receipts and Disbursements that clubs are required to fill out and file at the National Office by Feb. 15 is in the latest News from National on the USPC website.

USPC JUBILEE CELEBRATION AND ANNUAL MEETING AND CONVENTION

Jan. 15-18, 2004

The latest issue of the USPC NEWS has all the information you need to make reservations for the BIG Birthday celebration in Philadelphia next year. In 2004 USPC will celebrate 50 years of teaching kids to ride, care for their ponies, and with the help of the horse, grow into responsible adults. The weekend will include 2 big parties (the Birthday party on Friday night, and the Jubilee celebration and banquet on Saturday night). In addition, there will be the usual interesting and informative workshops and programs for adult volunteers and for the kids.

This year's meeting is just a 6 hour drive from the Boston area, and we encourage all DCs and any interested parents and pony club members to attend. You will not be disappointed. There are programs for RSs and DCs on Thursday and Friday and workshops for everyone all weekend, even a Research Fair for Pony Club members of all ages and rating levels (see the USPC News, p. 14).

Be sure to check the USPC website for updates on the workshops and other plans for the weekend.

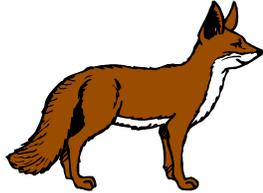
NATIONAL YOUTH CONGRESS NOMINEES

If your club has a C3 or above member who is 18 years old and is an outstanding leader in the club as well as outside of Pony Club, you should consider nominating him/her for the NYC. If chosen as a delegate by our DCs at the Regional Council meeting November 15, the individual will attend the three days of the NYC program on Jan 14, 15 and 16 along with approx. 30 delegates from across the US. All hotel costs and meals are paid for by the USPC Annual Fund. Those delegates from our Region who have attended in the past report that it is a fabulous experience. Candidates must be proposed by their DCs. You can download information from the USPC website. Please have the candidate fill out the application and send it, together with the DC recommendation to Louisa by **November 1**.

FOXHUNTING OPPORTUNITY -

Just to remind you that Norfolk Hunt club are having a Junior Meet on Sunday, November 2nd, 9am at The Sledding Field at Medfield State Hospital. We look forward to seeing all levels of riders. Please contact Alex Elliott if you need further information.

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A Reminder From The Webmaster

A CNER Regional Council mailing list has been created. This is an easy way to contact everyone in the region and know that you are using the very latest list. All you need to do is send mail to cner@cne.ponyclub.org. If you should change your email address, send me mail (iris@freedom.mv.com) and I will update the mailing list. (Be sure to notify Wendy Johnson as well so the Regional records are always up to date). Also, if you would like other mailing lists created, just let me know. Thanks.
-Iris-

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale "Windy" 14.2 registered Appaloosa mare, coming 5 years. Has had a "colored" foal. Sound, sane, kind, good manners on the ground and under saddle. Loads easily into trailer; stands tied quietly. Walks, trots, canters, green but willing over fences. Solid on the trails and in traffic alone or with other horses. Good all around pony -- can do it all. Safe for D2 and up. Stabled in Virginia. Call Anne Quill (978-369-5686) for more information.

Saddles For Sale: 16.5" Collegiate Senior Event Saddle-wide tree, brown, excellent pony club condition, only 2 years old. \$400 (sells new for \$800)

16.5" Klimke Miller dressage saddle, black, in excellent condition. \$500. Call Steff or Wendy at 603-888-9014 or email wendyj@groton-pony-club.org.

See you on the 15th!



