

## Glastonbury Pony Club D Rally

June 5, 2004

Earle Park Main St. (Rte. 17) Glastonbury, CT

### Rally Held Rain or Shine

A Five Phase Competition for D's and Unrated Members Age 8 and Up

Teams: Will be of 3 or 4 riding members of mixed ratings. If any club cannot send a complete team, its individual riders will be placed on a "scrambled" team. Each team may have one C advisor and a horse manager (D level).

Advisor: Must be a current pony club member of C rating or above. On the day of the rally, an advisor may OFFER INSTRUCTION and keep track of time schedules of events, but must not actually do any tasks for team members. The advisor should be capable of supervising the safety of team members and be able to take appropriate action if a team member's safety is endangered at any time during the rally. Lounging of horses may be done, with the approval of the Horse Management Judge, by advisors with a C2 rating and above, as long as they are supervised. Remember **SAFETY FIRST!** The Horse Manager may not be substituted as a rider, but must be of appropriate age and rating for the rally.

Written Test: Will be given the morning of the rally. Very young members may take the test orally.

Dressage: D1's and unrated members will ride the 2003 USDF Introductory Level, Test A. D2's will ride the 2003 USDF Introductory Level, Test B **OR** 2002 USEF Novice Test C. D3's will ride the 2002 USEF Novice Test C. D2's and D3's on the same team must ride the same dressage test, 2002 USEF Novice Test C. We discourage riders from having the test read aloud but, if necessary, there will be a 5 point penalty in the dressage score.

Cross Country: Obstacles for D2's and D3's will be a maximum of 24" and 30" respectively. D1's and unrated members will ride an "obstacle course" which will be scored as a cross country phase. D2's and D3's will be given a generous amount of time allowance for the course based on 200 meters per minute. The official course walk will be held on Saturday, June 5, 2004. Earle Park will be closed to horses Saturday, May 22, 2004 at sundown and will remain closed until Sunday, June 6, 2004. Any competitors violating this rule will be eliminated from this competition.

Stadium Jumping: Rails on the ground and cavalletti at their lowest point for D1's and unrated members; D2's will have 2' heights and D3's will have 2'6" heights, the same as cross country.

Horse Management: Will be scored throughout the day, with the emphases on the formal turnout inspection which will take place approximately one hour before the competitor's scheduled dressage ride. Inspections begin at 8:00 A.M.

Helmets: Each competitor must wear an ASTM/SEI approved hard hat. Helmets will be checked at Tack and Turnout.

Awards: Ribbons will be awarded to the 1 - 10 place teams. In addition, there will be an individual ribbon for the D1, D2 and D3 with the highest horse management score.

Rules: Absolutely no dogs will be allowed at the Rally. We will be enforcing this rule with no exceptions. DC's, parents and friends are on their honor to observe the USPC rules regarding unauthorized assistance. After the horses have been unloaded from their trailers, all unauthorized persons are to remain away from the tie-up area. Spectators wishing to watch the cross country are asked to stay in the upper field near the dressage rings where they can observe several jumps. We would not want you to startle a horse or rider by being seen on the narrow woodland paths.

Entry Fee: The entry fee is \$ 50 per competitor. We are limiting the Rally to 10 teams. Entries will close on May 15, 2004 with no exceptions. Checks should be made payable to "Glastonbury Pony Club" and sent with the individual entry from which must be signed by the parent or guardian, along with a copy of the Coggins and rabies test taken within 12 months, and a Pony Club medical release form. Glastonbury Pony Club members who have already filed their medical release forms need not send another, but check with the DC to be sure. (We are limited to ten (10) teams. Therefore, incomplete paperwork will be returned and entry will not be accepted.)

Parking: The rally begins at 7:45 am, the grounds will be open at 6:30 am. To allow time for proper set up, please arrive no later than 7:00 am. Please do not use the "Old Church Cemetery" drive at any time. All trailers should enter the grounds via the Glezen's driveway I335 Main Street and park behind their barn. Please do not tie your ponies to their paddock fence. Any ponies not tied to trailers must be hand-held. The field parking is only for competitors. If you are a spectator, please park your car behind The Old Cider Mill - past the trailer entrance.

Food: Breakfast and lunch will be sold on the grounds. Bottled water will be available for competitors all day, free of charge.

Bathrooms: There will be Port-O-Lets available for use by riders and family members. Please do not use the Audubon Society's bathrooms. Riders or unsupervised siblings are not allowed in the Audubon Society building at any time.

If your rating changes after you have entered the Rally, please notify the Organizer in case there is a change in the dressage test you must ride and the written test to be taken.

We wish to remind you that the Glezen family and Dr. Beckett allow us to use their property so that we will have parking for the trailers and spectators and passage from the parking areas to the Rally locations. We ask that you make sure the area you occupy is free of all trash, hay and horse manure prior to leaving the grounds. In the past, some teams have not complied and this is a large area of the organizers to rake and clean the day after the rally.