

NEW YORK/UPPER CT REGIONAL SHOW JUMPING RALLY

Sunday, June 8, 2003

Grounds Open/Suggested Arrival Time: 6:30 a.m.
Trailer Area Closed to Non-Competitors: 7:30 a.m.
Briefing: 8:00 a.m.
First Inspection and Jogout: 9:00 a.m.

Location:	Kent School
Course Designer:	Steve Milne
Organizers:	Litchfield Pony Club Ridge Riders Pony Club
Technical Delegate (Stewart):	Kathy Van de Jagt
Chief Horse Management Judge:	Sidney Wilson
Assistant Horse Management Judge:	Matt Winkler
Jumper Judges:	Karen Manning Carolyn Reed
Secretary:	Nancy Sepples (860) 491-3925

Introduction

The 2003 Show Jumping Rally will consist of two concurrent rallies:

- 1) A rally organized in accordance with the USPC Rules for Show Jumping Competitions 2003. It is open to any pony clubber with a D2 rating or higher. This rally is the regional qualifying rally for National Championships East for 2003.
- 2) A non-qualifying rally organized to encourage an introduction to this competition to encourage the development of this activity in the region. The divisions for this rally are determined by the size of the jumps only and a pony clubber can sign up for any division regardless of rating or pony/horse size. This rally will be run just like a regular qualifying rally in accordance with the rules cited above with the exception of jump sizes and jump off rules. It is open to any pony clubber, however D1's require the permission of their D.C. to ascertain the appropriateness of the event for the rider.

Teams for Non-Qualifying and Qualifying Rallies

Each team should consist of 3 or 4 riders and 1 horse manager. Teams may be made up to include participants in either of the **qualifying** or **non-qualifying** rallies or any combination of horses/ponies at any division level. Mixed teams comprised of competitors in the qualifying and the mini rally are allowed. Individual entries and incomplete teams will be combined by rally organizers to form scramble teams.

Description of Competition for Qualifying Rally

Three courses will be ridden. All will be normal knockdown competitions. *Round 1 is designated to include this equitation phase. This round will receive 2 scores, a normal knockdown score and an Equitation Phase score.* Penalty scores will be cumulated for the three courses. A jumpoff will be held for competitors with clear rounds in the final course. The jumpoff competition will consist of a modified course. The course designer reserves the right as allowed under proposed revision to the rulebook Article 55.2, to set an additional fence in the arena at jump off height that is jumped only in the jump off round.

Division Q1: 2 feet 6 inches - 3 feet 3 inches - large pony/horse I

Division Q2: 2 feet 9 inches - 3 feet 6 inches - horse II

Division Q3: 3 feet 0 inches – 3 feet 9 inches – horse III

Anyone interested in competing at Horse IV level should contact organizer as these divisions could be added.

Optional Round: The Gambler's Choice round is an optional individual round following all regular rounds of competition in this division. This class will not count towards team scores or individual scores for purposes of qualifying for our regional nationals teams. Competitors will compete at the same level as their rally division. In exception to the rules for this round outlined in the Rally Rulebook, fences will have different point values (not exactly 2 points each). There will be individual awards for this round.

Description of Competition for Non-Qualifying Rally

Three courses will be ridden. All will be normal knockdown competitions. No jump off will occur.

Division N1: Maximum Height 2 feet 3 inches and under

Division N2: Maximum Height 2 feet 9 inches and under

Scoring

As per USPC Rules for Show Jumping Competitions 2003 and USPC Show Jumping Spring Newsletter.

Awards

Ribbons will be awarded through 6th place in overall score and horse management categories. The competition will be treated as one rally for the awards.

Inspections

Formal inspections will be scheduled for each rider approximately one hour before his/her first round. Prior to each entry into the schooling area, both horse and rider shall be presented for a safety check to the Ring Steward of the schooling - warm up area.

Written Test

A written test will be given to all participants after the second round of competition during the mid-day lunch break. Anyone needing special assistance should note this on the entry.

Standards for Show Jumping Rally

This rally is being organized under the USPC Rules for Show Jumping Competitions 2003, The USPC Show Jumping Spring Newsletter and the 2002 USPC Horse Management Handbook. All team members, horse managers, and coaches must be familiar with these rules.

Competition Arenas

Both rallies will compete in the enclosed sand ring and the enclosed grass jumper field.

Coaches

Each individual competitor and each team must be accompanied by a coach. Teams may share coaches. Coaches must be declared on the entry form. Signed "Guidelines for Coaching at USPC Show Jumping Competitions" must accompany all entries.

Volunteers

Each team is required to appoint two people to volunteer as assistants for various duties throughout the day. Names must be indicated on form.

Championships

Any competitor wishing to qualify for the USPC National Show Jumping Championships East in Lexington, Virginia, Jul 29 - Aug 3, 2003 must send candidate information form, rally release form, 3 original medical release forms, and a negative coggins to *Debbie Welles, 146-3 Boston Post Road, Old Lyme, CT, 06371* **BEFORE THE START OF THIS RALLY**. Candidates must be at least 12 years old and have at least a C1 rating. To qualify, you must not be eliminated from any course for any reason (including rules infractions in the schooling area). Elimination from the optional Gambler's Choice round does not count. Nationals competitors will be selected by the regional leadership.

Food

Food will be available on the grounds.

Overnight Stabling

Overnight stabling is available. Those interested should contact the rally secretary to make arrangements.

Directions

From South: Rt. 7 north to traffic light at monument in Kent (about 25 miles north of Danbury). Left onto Rt. 341, over the bridge, take immediate right onto Skiff Mountain Rd. Follow for 5 miles to top of mountain and Kent Stables will be on the right. **From North:** Rt. 7 south to traffic light in Kent at monument, take a right onto Rt. 341, follow as above. **From East:** Rt. 8 north from Waterbury to exit 42, left off ramp onto Rt. 118 into Litchfield, take Rt. 202 west through Bantam and past Mt. Tom Pond, right onto Rt. 341, follow into Kent at traffic light, follow as above. **From West:** Rt. 684 to Rt. 22 north, to Rt. 55 (NY), left onto Rt. 7 north to traffic light at monument in Kent, follow as above.

Entries

1. Fees.
 - \$335 per team (\$75 per rider and \$35 per horse manager)
 - Incomplete entries will be assessed a fee of \$20. Late entries not accepted.
2. Team Registration Form completed, including volunteer information.
3. **USPC Rally Release Form for each competitor.**
4. Individual Round entry form for Gambler's Choice Competitors.
5. Signed "Guidelines for Coaching...." for each team coach.
6. Current original medical releases must be included for each participant.
7. Negative Coggins test and rabies certificate must be included for each participant with the name of the rider clearly indicated and be less than 1 year old.
8. Signed "Uniform Chaperone Rules/Duties" form.
9. **PONY CLUB** Checks should be payable to NY/Upper CT Region. Checks should be from a pony club account not individual families.
10. Closing date is Saturday, May 24, 2003.
11. Entries should be mailed to the Competition Secretary. Nancy Sepples, 365 Hageman Shean Road, Goshen, CT 06756. Entries must include all required forms and checks.