

# UNITED STATES PONY CLUB – WHITE MOUNTAIN REGION NEWS

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### 2008 Regional Council Officers Named

At the Regional Council meeting in November, the Nominating Committee recommended the executive officers for 2008. Audrey Cline will fill the position of Regional Supervisor, Brenda Selinga, the Vice Regional Supervisor, Pam Tengdin, the Treasurer and Jessica Adcock, Secretary.

Audrey appointed the remainder of the Regional Coordinators. Our Regional Instruction Coordinator is Ann Claflin, a Graduate A. Karen Brown, Graduate C3, fills the office of C3 & Upper Level Coordinator and Cathy Aranosian, Graduate C3, has agreed to be the Horse Management Organizer again this year. We are excited to have three highly qualified and experienced volunteers to fill these important positions. Between them they have at least 75 years of Pony Club experience, as members themselves and now as instructors and adult volunteers.

### News From Our Regional Supervisor

Several White Mountain Region Officers and Regional Coordinators attended the 2008 USPC Annual meeting that was hosted in Boston by Central New England Region. I'd like to say thank you for all the efforts CNE put forth for this very large gathering, and I'd like to thank the White Mountain Region membership for helping to send some of our leaders to Annual Meeting.

I am pleased to report that I met with Brenda Selinga, Ann Claflin, Karen Brown, and Melanie Loschiavo former H.M.O., one evening at the annual meeting to discuss ideas and thoughts about the direction of future efforts from a regional standpoint. We are always interested in suggestions or comments from WMR members; tell us, how can we help you make Pony Club the best experience it can be for you?

The USPC Annual Meeting had two themes this year.

**“Back to the Barn”** -- Surprisingly, 80% of USPC members board their horse away from home. This trend is almost a complete reversal from pony club of earlier decades. The National Office has noticed a widening gap in the “hands on” type of knowledge, as many

members do not have the day-to-day experience of caring for their pony. We are lucky in this respect in our own region; being primarily rural in nature we have not felt this trend to a large degree, however “Back to the Barn” is a reminder to our leadership to review the scope, quantity and quality of the Horse Management learning opportunities offered on the club and regional level.

**“Ride into the Future”** -- USPC is re-doing the information database technology, also updating the website and adding a web page for each discipline. The HM page is ready and is a wonderful resource. We will be able to access the National database when organizing our regional rallies, with competitor information pre-populated into form fields. We will be able to track the member's activities, i.e. ratings, rallies, and championship information. Championship competitors will be filling out paperwork on-line this year; membership information/changes will soon become almost entirely electronic. USPC has expended a large upfront investment to upgrade to modern-day technology and I expect over time we will see major relief from the current paperwork load.

### Junior Board Calendars

The Junior Board fundraiser calendar is available for purchase. The calendar is filled with pictures of Pony Club members having a good time doing what they love most, riding and spending time with friends. All proceeds are used to fund fun and educational activities for our members. If you want to order a calendar email [SHS75@comcast.net](mailto:SHS75@comcast.net) for a link to the web site where you can buy one.

### New Members Always Welcome

We are always looking for new members to join Pony Club. If you would like to learn to ride on the flat and over fences, and also learn the proper care and management of your horse, give Pony Club a look. We have clubs located throughout NH and Southern Vermont. To learn more about Pony Club, visit the USPC web site, [www.ponyclub.org](http://www.ponyclub.org). To learn more about the White Mountain Region and to find a club near you, go to [www.whitemountain.ponyclub.org](http://www.whitemountain.ponyclub.org)

## White Mountain Region Clip & Save Calendar

April 3 – Jr. Board Meeting  
April 5 – Quiz Rally  
April 19- Horse Management Clinic  
May 1 – Jr. Board Meeting  
May 24 – Standards & Ratings Clinic  
May 24 – Teach to Teach Session 3  
May 31 – CNE Novice Games Rally  
June 1 – CNE Qualifying Games Rally  
June 5 – Jr. Board Meeting  
June 21 & 22 – Tetrathlon Rally  
June 28 – WMR Fundraiser 3 Phase  
July 3 – Jr. Board Meeting  
July 6 – Qualifying Show Jumping Rally  
July 13 – Qualifying Dressage Rally  
July 18 – Champs Camp  
July 24 thru 27 – USPC Champs East  
August 3 – Non Qual. Show Jump Rally  
August 16 – Non Qual. Eventing Rally  
Sept 4 – Jr. Board Meeting  
October 2 – Jr. Board Meeting  
November 6 – Jr. Board Meeting  
Nov. 2 - 9 – USPC Leadership Conf.  
December 4 – Jr. Board Meeting

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