New York/Upper Connecticut Regional Dressage Rally Sunday, June 30, 2002 Kent School, Kent, Connecticut

Registration opens May 10, 2002 and closes June 15, 2002.

Entries must be in secretary's possession by the closing date. Late entries will not be accepted.

The fee for incomplete entries will be \$10.00 per competitor.

Organizers:

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Overall Judges: Dorothy Maxfield, Janet Black, Karen Roberts

<u>Teams:</u> will be composed of 3 or 4 riders, rated D3 and up as of June 15, 2002 and a non riding horse manager who may be D2 to B. Individual entries and incomplete teams will be combined by rally organizers to form scramble teams. Entries are limited and will be registered in order of date or receipt until all riding slots are filled.

<u>Entry Fees:</u> \$70.00 per rider, \$35.00 per horse manager. Refunds at 50% with medical excuse for horse or pony clubber.

<u>Dressage Tests:</u> Each rider will ride two dressage tests of their choice from memory. 1999AHSA Dressage Tests will be used for all pony club competitions involving Training Level through Fourth Level tests. Training Level Tests 1 & 2 are recommended for D3's. Competition will be in a standard arena. Sand and grass arenas will be used.

Musical Freestyle & Pax de Deux are optional at this rally, however, National Candidates are encouraged to consider their tests as they will be required at Nationals. Consult the spring dressage newsletter. Bring a cassette of your music labeled with your name and pony club. Include instructions for the person operating the tape player.

Horse Management: will be governed by the Rules & Definitions for Dressage Rally-2000, the Uniform Officiation Rules of USPC, USPC Horse Management Handbook and Rules for Competitors 2002 and the USPC Spring 2002 Dressage Newsletter. No braiding for D's. Riders may be formal or informal. PC pins and pinnies are required at all times. ASTM/SEI approved helmets are required. In case of hot weather the judge may waive jackets but shirts must have sleeves.

Scoring: will be on Dressage Riders, Horse Management, and Written Tests.

Starting Times: Grounds open at 6:00am (NO SETUP BEFORE 6:00am!!!!); briefing at 8:00am.

<u>Awards:</u> Ribbons for teams to 6th place in Overall Score, Horse Management, and Musicals. Trophy for teams scoring highest overall and highest in horse management.

<u>Nationals</u>: Any competitor wishing to try out for the USPC Dressage National Competition in Lexington Virginia, August 2002, must send in the following to Barbara Kil, 50 Seabury Ave. Ledyard CT. 06339. Completed forms must be received by June 15, 2002.

Send in:

- a) National candidate information form
- b) 3 original medical release forms
- c) copy of negative coggins test & rabies certificate

National candidates must be 12 years old by 1/1/2002 and have a C1 rating or higher to qualify. Riders must score in the top third to qualify. You cannot ride Training Level Test 1 to qualify. The horse manager will be chosen from the horse managers of the teams scoring highest in horse management or from a pool of alternate riders.

<u>Stabling:</u> Rally horses will use stalls. One bag of shavings is included. A \$25.00 stall deposit will be returned after exit inspection. Layover is available for an extra fee. Use the enclosed form and a separate check to request layovers. The permanent stall situation at Kent may be extremely limited this year if Kent begins a planned ring expansion. Requests for permanent stalls will be considered on a priority basis. It is recommended that you include a vet letter for consideration.

<u>Food:</u> will **NOT** be available. Competitors should bring their own drinking water. Water for competitors will be available at the rings during the rally. Water will be available for horses.

<u>Chaperones:</u> must be 21 or older. They must read and sign the Chaperone Duties Form. A chaperone must be sent with each team. There is no chaperone fee, but if chaperones are planning on laying over, be sure a layover form is submitted.

Directions:

From South – Rt. 7 North to traffic light at monument in Kent (25mi. North of Danbury). Left onto Rt. 341, *go over bridge then take an immediate right onto Skiff Mountain Road. Follow 5 miles to top of mountain; Kent School Stables will be on the right.

From North – Rt. 7 South to traffic light in Kent at monument, turn right onto RT. 341 and follow from above.

From East – Rt. 8 North from Waterbury to exit 42. Left off ramp and follow Rt. 118 into Litchfield. Take Rt. 202 West through Bantam and past Mt. Tom Pond. Turn right onto Rt. 341 and follow to traffic light and monument in Kent. Follow from above.

From West – Rt. 681 to Rt. 22 North to Rt. 55(NY). Left onto Rt. 7 North to traffic light in Kent. Turn right onto Rt.341 and follow from above.