



Erica and Julia Thalmann and Kristyn Rice of Mystic Pony Club get ready for the "In The Barn" phase.



The Senior D qualifying team: Julia and Erica Thalmann, Melissa Billings, and Rachel McGregor.

Nineteen Qualify for Championships

AT NEW YORK/UPPER CONNECTICUT REGION QUIZ RALLY

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The New York/Upper Connecticut Region of the United States Pony Clubs (USPC) held its qualifying Quiz Rally on March 25 at Post University, in Waterbury, Conn. Quiz is a non-riding team competition where Pony Club members show their knowledge and skills in horse management and rally rules for dressage, eventing, mounted games, polocrosse, show jumping, and tetrathlon. Additional questions are asked about foxhunting, polo, vaulting, distance riding, safety, and veterinary care.

Seventy-five members from nine clubs participated—many attempting to qualify for a spot on a regional team that will compete at the Pony Club Championships in Lexington, Va., July 25-29. The following are results from the Quiz Rally: The first place Junior D team from Granby Pony Club included team members Teagan Lapuk, Anna Lombardo, Megan Stanyard, and Emma Forster. The first place Senior D team from Shetucket Valley Pony Club was comprised of Carlie Poworoznek, Melissa Billing, Corrina McKelvey, and Rachel McGregor. And the first place C team was made up of Suzanne Dunn, Chiara Salati, Erin Salati, and Olivia Gamsu from the Brumbies, Millbrook, and Sleeping Giant Pony Clubs.

The following competitors qualified to compete at USPC Championships in July: In the C and Upper Level divisions, Chiara Salati of Brumbies Pony Club, Emilia Blakeslee of Shetucket Valley

Pony Club, Julia Reynolds of Old Chatham Pony Club, and Courtney Whitelock of Running Fox Pony Club made the cut. In the Senior D division, eight members qualified, creating two teams. On Team A are Erica Thalmann and Julia Thalmann of Mystic Pony Club and Melissa Billings and Rachel McGregor of Shetucket Valley Pony Club. On Team B are Carlie Poworoznek and Corrina McKelvey of Shetucket Valley Pony Club, Isabel Battista of Brumbies Pony Club, and Kirstyn Rice of Mystic Pony Club. The Junior D division qualified seven competitors, also creating two teams. Team A will be made up of Rose Battista of Brumbies Pony Club, Morgan Antonazzo of Running Fox Pony Club, Kelsey Magovery of Sleeping Giant Pony Club, and Kylie Shingleton of Oakendale Pony Club. Team B includes Teagan Lapuk of Granby Pony Club, Jennifer Garber of Oakendale Pony Club, and Alessia Salati of Brumbies Pony Club.

Next up for the New York/Upper Connecticut Region will be their qualifying rallies for games on May 6 at Mitchell Farm in Salem, Conn.; show jumping and dressage June 16-17 at Kent School in Connecticut; and eventing and tetrathlon on June 30, also at Kent School. The region is very grateful to Post



Jennifer Garber holds Nimo during the "In the Barn" phase, along with fellow teammates from Oakendale Pony Club.



The Senior D "B" qualifying team: Carlie Poworoznek, Corrina McKelvey, Kirstyn Rice, and Isabel Battista.

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