



Midsouth Boardgram - November 2009

Congratulations to our new HB Member!

Claire Davis from Chattanooga PC recently passed her **HB** Rating taken in the Carolina Region. Way to go, Claire!!

Regional Games Clinics - The November 14 Games Clinic was a wonderful success. Approx. 17 Pony Clubbers from around the region attended this one day clinic with Leigh Montgomery, Sarah Greiling and Cassy Greiling as Instructors. Thank you to Long Run for hosting this clinic! The November 21 Regional Games Clinic in Nashville has been rescheduled for March 6, 2010. We will again send out information on that clinic early next year.

Regional Polocrosse (PX) Clinic - The weather was super for the Nov. 21 and 22 Polocrosse Clinic at Long Run Farm in Lancaster, KY. Ten folks participated in this clinic and Dalles Phillips, the Instructor, was surprised at how quickly the attendees acquired the necessary ball/racket handling skills and knowledge of the rules. Dalles is hoping for a strong turnout for next year's Championship Qualifying Polocrosse Rally on April 3 in Strawberry Plains, TN.

Nov 7 Midsouth Clinics - There were approximately 70 attendees at the regionally-sponsored Standards and Ratings Clinic and Ratings Examiner Clinic. The feedback received was very positive. So positive in fact, that club officers and instructors *that could not attend*, have requested the region offer another one in the January/February timeframe. Because the USPC Standards of Proficiency are the cornerstone of any club's instructional program, the Board is strongly considering this option. Margaret Meyer of West TN PC is willing to be the organizer for this clinic IF there is sufficient interest. Several facilities have been offered as host sites (thank you!!).

Here is the challenge: If we have 40 interested persons (club officers, instructors, ratings examiners, or 'wanna be's'), I will request the regional Board find the necessary funds to sponsor another Standards and Ratings Clinic. (I have already heard from 10 interested people from HPC, FRPC, W. TN). Let Margaret (meyer2@comcast.net) know of your interest.

Nov 7 Regional Council Meeting - Attached are a copy of the Regional Council Minutes. If you have questions about something in those minutes, please contact me.

2010 Dates to Remember:

January 27 - 31	USPC Annual Meeting, Houston, TX
New Date possible?	Games Rally, location/date To Be Determined
March 13	Quiz Rally, Cool Springs Marriott, Franklin, TN
April 3	Polocrosse Rally, Strawberry Plains, TN
June 19 - 20	Tetrathon Rally, Masterson Station, Lexington, KY
June 22 - 23	Dressage Rally, Kentucky Horse Park (KHP), Lexington, KY
June 23 - 24	Show Jumping Rally, KHP, Lexington, KY
June 24 - 25	D-Rally (Combined Test (Dressage and Stadium)), KHP, Lexington
June 25 - 26	C-Rally/Open Combined Test/Dressage Show, KHP, Lexington, KY

Please remember that the above Mega Rally changes are due to the 2010 WEG preparations. We will return to our 'regular' MegaRally format at the 'new and improved' KHP in 2011!! We thank you for your understanding and, in advance, for your support.

2010 Membership Renewal Packets:

Out of our region's 27 'active' pony club's, I have not received my RS copy of the 2010 membership renewal packet for 3½ clubs (one partial packet received)! They were to be postmarked to USPC by November 15. *Please - it is important to send these in as soon as possible.* If you need any assistance, please call me, I will be happy to help. USPC indicates a penalty of \$5-10 per member for late packets. The region does not assess a \$ penalty...I will just nag you till I get it! Lol. My regional report is due Nov 30 and the information contained in your club's packet is needed to complete that report.

RIC Info:

Our regional RICS, Peggi Bindner and Cindy Smith, are busy making plans for regional testings and prep clinics for 2010. If your club is interested in hosting a rating or prep clinic, please let either of these gals know. The region subsidizes these clinics to help defray costs as much as possible (this is one of the many uses of our fund-raising proceeds!). It should not cost a club any money to host a rating or a prep clinic.

2010 Regional Council Meeting is Saturday, November 6. - Please mark your club calendars now so there will not be any conflicts with your club's representation at this important meeting.

Logo Contest Deadline Extended to Dec. 1: Don't forget we have 3 contests ongoing-each with the winning prize of a \$100 gift certificate to the USPC bookstore.

Contest #1 A new logo for our Midsouth pins.

Contest #2 A special logo for the 2011 USPC annual meeting in **Nashville, TN.**

Contest #3 A special theme or slogan for the 2011 USPC annual meeting!!

Submit your entries via e-mail to Becky Logsdon at beckylogsdon@yahoo.com.

On this Thanksgiving holiday, I am thankful for all of YOU ...and your generous donation of time and talent on behalf of your members! Thank you also for giving me the privilege of serving our wonderful USPC Midsouth region!!

In closing, I have included the following poem my brother(!) sent me....

MAY YOUR STUFFING BE TASTY,☐
MAY YOUR TURKEY BE PLUMP.☐
MAY YOUR POTATOES 'N GRAVY HAVE NARY A LUMP.☐
MAY YOUR YAMS BE DELICIOUS.☐
MAY YOUR PIES TAKE THE PRIZE,☐
MAY YOUR THANKSGIVING DINNER STAY OFF OF YOUR THIGHS!!

Nancy Smith, RS