



Midsouth Boardgram - March 2011

Standards and Ratings Clinic – May 14 and Jump Clinic/HM Seminar – May 15

The region is hosting these three events at Majestic Farms (formerly known as Paxton Farm) in Batavia, OH. Info and registration forms are **attached**. It is rare within USPC to offer a video S&R analysis along with Demonstration Riders so let Midsouth be among the first! We need your support to make this a win-win weekend. Sign-up today...it's free and the information to be shared is vital training for club/rc officers, instructors, examiners, and your members. The upcoming *2011 Midsouth Ratings Examiners and Instructors Directory* will only include the names of individuals (members and non-members) who have attended a Standards & Ratings Clinic since 2009.

There will be a Jump Clinic with Deb Willson on Sunday. S&R Clinic riders will be given priority and they ride FREE. Other members are **welcome** to ride on a 'space available' basis for \$35.

Also, on Sunday, from 9:30 to 12 Noon, the 1st of 3 Horse Management (HM) Seminars for 2011 will be held in Barn C. The Seminar is entitled "*Through the Eyes of a Chief*". Becky Logsdon (a Chief Horse Management Judge (CHMJ)) will be the primary Instructor. Three tracks are planned – Adult Track, Upper Level Member Track and Club Member Track. Among the topics to be discussed include First Aid Kits, purpose of HM judging at Rallies, a 'sample' stall and tack room set-up, tack fit/adjustments, member attire for a Turnout Inspection, and Turnout Inspection Tips from a CHMJ's perspective (what are the judge's looking for!). The Seminar is free but please complete the sign-up form! This will be a terrific opportunity to discuss the latest updates in HM BEFORE Polocrosse, Tet and MegaRally.

Rally News - The Opening Date for Tetrathlon, Dressage, Show Jumping, and D and C-Eventing Rallies will be **May 3** and the Closing Date is **June 3**. The Midsouth Pony Club Horse Trial opens May 10 and closes June 7. The following Regional Policy concerning ratings applies to ALL regional rallies.

[pg. 9 Section 3. I. *In order for a pony club member to rate up and attend a rally at their new rating level, the rating must be held and the member pass the rating before the rally Opening Date. Ratings may be held after this date, but the pony club member will have to attend rally at the old rating level.]*

• **Changes at KHP**- Our rental contract with KHP stipulates...**"NO screws, nails, or other permanent fixtures may be used on KHP property"**, so plan now for whatever changes are necessary for your team Tack Rooms. Stock up on Duck Tape!

Remember - Rally entry fees include stabling from rally check-in to awards. If a horse remains overnight after awards, the owner will not be charged a layover fee IF THE STALL IS EMPTIED BY **8 AM** THE FOLLOWING MORNING. THIS INCLUDES HORSE STALL, TACK ROOMS AND ANY STALLS USED FOR EXTRA EQUIPMENT AND/OR HAY. **After 8 am**, the owner/team/club will be charged a layover stabling fee for any stall which has 'stuff' in it. The **Layover fee is \$50/night**. KHP 'dinged' Midsouth last year for several layover stalls which we paid because we did not 'adequately' inform our competitors of the 8 am deadline. This year, we expect KHP will again strictly enforce this 8 AM stall 'curfew' and Midsouth will not pick-up any layover tabs for forgetful/careless/"but I didn't know" competitors/teams! All these changes will be in the MegaRally Entry Packet.

• **Dressage Tests for D/C Rallies**: D1's do the USDF 2011 Intro B and the D2's and D3's will do the USEF 2010 Eventing BN test B. C-Rally Beginner Novice will do the USEF 2010 BN Test B; Novice will do the USEF 2010 Novice Test B; Training will do the USEF 2010 Training Test B; and Preliminary will do the USEF 2010 Preliminary Test B. All of the USEF tests can be found in the *USEA 2011 Omnibus*. The USDF Test can be found on the USDF website.

• **Horse Management:** The 2nd of our 3 Horse Management Seminar opportunities will be held during D2/D3 Rally. Connie Jehlik, USPC Director of Instruction, CHMJ and former Midsouth HMO, will be the Instructor and has entitled her Seminar "HM Myth-Busters". Details and Sign-up information will be available in the MegaRally Entry Packet. There will be no Fee to participate but attendance is strongly encouraged. Participants will be able to go into the D2/D3 Barns during the rallies to discuss tack room and stall set-ups; observe Turnout Inspections, and get HM perspectives from several Chief Horse Management Judges.

The 3rd HM Seminar Opportunity for Midsouth Clubs/RCs will be at Championships. At this 4-day Seminar, presented and sponsored by USPC, participants travel through the barns for all the disciplines throughout the duration of Championship competitions. This Seminar permits participants to observe HM Judge-to-Competitor teaching from various perspectives. This is an *excellent* in-depth workshop for anyone serious about Horse Management. However, USPC charges a fee (around \$50) to attend. The regional will share some of this fee expense for those interested.

• **Entry Packets** are 'under construction' and will be available on the regional website mid-April. *Organizers are requesting that you send a 'complete' (w/cell #'s and emails) club roster with your Entry Packets.* As many expected...after the WEG improvements, KHP has raised their facility fees dramatically. We are calculating a 55%-60% increase in our total rental costs for 2011 MegaRally! Consequently, Rally entry fees will have to increase. I cannot give a definite # right now but plan at least a \$15/entry fee increase.

• **Mark your Calendars:**

- March 26 Games Rally at KHP.
- May 28 Polocrosse Rally, Harvest Farm, near Huntsville, AL
- June 18-19 Tetrathlon Rally at Masterson Station;
- June 21-22 Dressage Rally AND Show Jumping Rally at KHP;
- June 22-24 D1 and D2/D3 Rallies at KHP;
- June 24-26 C-Rally and Midsouth's (fund-raising) Horse Trial at KHP.

Club/RC Ratings— Since 'spring ratings' season is fast approaching, it seems like a good time to again send out a copy of USPC's 2010 "*Guidelines to Club Level Ratings-D1 to C2*". **See attachment.** I would highly recommend reading this 25-page Guide as it is well-written and might well save ratings organizers big headaches later on. One section of particular importance is Selection of Examiners (pg 8-11). Also, please have your Examiners use C- clubbers as Scribes. Scribing is a wonderful teaching opportunity! Also, please request that your Adult Examiners (*especially* if they are USPC NEs) apprentice a 'junior examiner' during the ratings process. Such experience can be vital training for these members.

Our March 5th Midsouth Quiz Rally was a blast! I have received such positive feedback from Quiz Rally parents and competitors. **A HUGE Thank You to...**

Becky Logsdon for being the Quiz Secretary/Organizer,
Pierre Billard for being TD,
Dana Kamp for Chiefing the Scoring Committee,
Shelley Ryan for being President of the Ground Jury,
Bluegrass PC for handling the Barn Phase (again...),
Covered Bridge for handling the Stations Phase (again...),
Donna Dorminey for handling MegaRoom,
And ALL the Volunteers. (Phase Coordinators were so complimentary of your help!)
YOU ALL DID AN EXCELLENT JOB!!!

Polocrosse Rally is May 28 in Harvest, AL - Entry Packets for this fun, action-packed, one-day Rally will be available soon on the regional website. Contact the Rally Secretary/Organizer, Dalles Phillips (poloxjumper@gmail.com) with questions. This Rally will be held in conjunction with an American Polocrosse Association Tournament. All teams and individual players welcome!

Reoccurring Regional Deadlines: This chart was distributed at the Spring Council Meeting. For those of you who could not attend, it is **attached** herein.

Kentucky Horseshoeing School – Mary Pierson from the USPC National Office sent me the **attached** flyer thinking there may be folks in the Kentucky area who would be interested in this horse shoeing program. Feel free to pass this info to other folks.

Sincerest Appreciation to all for your efforts on behalf of our members and USPC! Nancy, RS