



## **Midsouth Boardgram - April 2011**

### **MegaRally Entry Packets Coming Soon!!**

We are hoping to have the Tet/MegaRally Entry Packet 'on-line' by April 18. There are a few administrative and facility updates, so *please read carefully*. Last year's on-line packet was a wonderful improvement, thanks to Grace Hobbie, Kendra Hagaman and Shelley Holt. This year, Shelley is refining the program even further, based on a number of 'user' suggestions. Thank you Shelley!

### **Standards & Ratings Clinic / Jump Clinic / HM Seminar – May 14 & 15**

This is one weekend your club / riding center leaders and members won't want to miss! Deb Willson will be instructing with a video analysis and 'live' mounted demonstrations of the club-level *Standards of Proficiency* on Saturday. On Sunday, Deb will be offering a jump clinic and Becky Logsdon will be conducting (in a different barn area) the region's first of three Horse Management (HM) Seminar opportunities. The clinics are 'free' and will be held at Majestic Farm in Cincinnati, OH. Sign-up forms and additional details are on the region's website, [www.midsouthponyclub.org](http://www.midsouthponyclub.org).

**PLEASE make plans for your club/riding center to be represented at this regional event. ALL Parents, Instructors and Pony Clubbers are all welcome!!**

**Ratings Examiner and Instructor Training** - The *USPC DC Guide*, pg. 15, under Ratings Responsibilities, reminds officers that Upper Level members are to be involved in teaching riding and horse management ***under adult supervision***. Only until the HA Rating is achieved are members allowed to teach *without supervision*. A perfect opportunity to involve these UL members in the training process is when clubs/rcs offer their club-level Ratings. Please ask your adult Ratings Examiners ('mentors') to use a C and Above member as a Scribe or to assist with the Rating itself as a 'training' opportunity. Each time a 'mentoring' RE and member assistant (i.e. Apprentice)'train together', please have the mentoring Examiner complete and email the *brief Evaluation Form* to Sue Colliver ([snaffle00@aol.com](mailto:snaffle00@aol.com)) to document/evaluate the training session and the apprenticing Assistant. We also ask the club/rc ratings supervisor to complete a *brief RE Evaluation Form* (also attached), so that we can keep track of wonderful Examiners! Thank you so much!

**The March 5th Spring Regional Council Meeting Minutes are attached.** Please email me any corrections you may have. The minutes will also be posted on our website.

### **Mark Your Calendars for...**

- **Regional HB Prep Clinic on April 16** with Matt Strom, NE, hosted by White Oaks PC in Oltewah, TN, (about 20 miles north of Chattanooga, off I-75). All C and Up Clubbers are invited!! Fee = \$100, including meals. Contact Linda Strom (262-939-1759).  
**Please pass the word ... it is not too late to join the group!**
- **USPC Championships and Festival- July 18 thru 26.** Information can be found on the USPC ponyclub.org website. The on-line *GOLDBOOK* has details on qualifications, schedule, cost, etc.
- **Local Schooling Shows** – The regional website has posted a number of schooling shows throughout the region on the regional calendar with sign-up linkage. These are

valuable, 'low key' learning opportunities and wonderful fund-raisers for clubs/rcs. ***The region is more than happy to post these flyers...please keep them coming!***

**2011 Games Rally** – Results *and a few photos* from the March 26 Games Rally are on the regional website! Twelve teams competed and I think everyone had a FUN time, in spite of the 'chilly' temperatures. THANK YOU to Anni Hulbert (Secretary and Organizer), judges, and all the parents and volunteers who did a great job helping with this rally.

*We know who you are... and you are very appreciated!!!!*

**2011 Polocrosse Rally – May 28** This year our Midsouth Polocrosse (PX) Rally will be held in conjunction with an American Polocrosse "*Havoc in Harvest*" Tournament, being held at Harvest Farm in Harvest, AL on May 28 and May 29. Competitors from all around the Southeast U.S. will be participating. At last year's tournament, there was a huge crowd, fun 'play-by-play' commentary, great music clips, and local news media 'shooting footage'! The host family, Tim and Barb Fisk, always put on a super Saturday night party. Make plans to attend!! Further information and Entry Packet is on the regional website ([www.midsouthponyclub.org](http://www.midsouthponyclub.org)). Email Dalles with questions ([poloxjumper@gmail.com](mailto:poloxjumper@gmail.com)).

**Gentle Reminders** – As RS, I realize I have a huge responsibility to each of you. If/when I am not meeting your needs, please give me a poke! I need it occasionally...lol. By the same token, there are a few administrative reminders that I would like to request of some of you:

- When the following forms are sent to the USPC national office, please send me, as RS, a copy.
  1. Ratings Update Form [**note:** use the 'Save As' feature so you can then attach and email your copies instead of 'snail mail.' Saves a whole lot of time and trouble.] ;
  2. List of Officers Form (for any change in club officers or riding center administrator);
  3. New / renewal membership forms whenever they are completed; and,
  4. Complete copy of the Club's (November) Membership Renewal Packet.

[USPC requires all regions to keep copies of these documents in the regional files. USPC prints a reminder of the RS Copy at the bottom of each of the forms and packet mentioned above.]

- According to the DC Guide, page 17, and Regional policies, Section 7, *Clubs and Riding Centers should send a representative(s) to all regional meetings and clinics; **communicate to the RS about club/rc affairs through emails, annual reports, ratings and list of officer forms, newsletters, etc.*** [In addition, please send a copy to our Club-Level RIC, Peggi Bindner ([pfb5678@aol.com](mailto:pfb5678@aol.com)). It really helps us keep up with busy clubs!]

- **Clubs are requested to complete their Annual Sponsors Meetings (ASM) by October 31 in order to have their membership renewal packet into USPC (and copy to RS) by November 15.**

- USPC Club By-laws require that clubs have a Nominating Committee appointed and approved by the club's Sponsors 90 days (about 3 months...say July/August) PRIOR to the ASM, page 34 of *DC Guide*. This Nominating Committee is to produce a "Slate of Club Officers" for the club to vote on at their ASM. *An email stating the Nominating Committee members for each club should be sent to the RS after their appointment and Sponsors' approval.*

- USPC Requires that clubs be given written or email notice of their ASM 30-days prior to the meeting date. *Please include the RS on the distribution list for this ASM Meeting Notice.*

**USPC Accident Reports** – Many of you who attended the USPC DC Meetings in Nashville involving the USPC Insurance program are already familiar with the rules/regs involving accident reporting, List of Landowners, Special Insurance to cover participating non-members, etc. Since many clubs/riding centers (rc) are planning *Horse Show Fund-Raisers*, I should

remind you all of certain insurance requirements. *Anytime* the club/rc hosts an activity, whether for 'members only' or the general public, and there is an accident for which a hospital visit is required, our USPC Insurance requires the Supervising Officer to complete and submit an 'Accident Report". Please read Page 3 – "What about insuring our fund-raiser?" and page 4 on "Reporting an Accident or Occurrence" in the attached Insurance booklet.

You can contact Karen Winn at USPC (859-254-7669) if you have further questions.

### **Quiz Study Guides Available!**

Peggi Bindner, our Club-Level RIC ([pfb5678@aol.com](mailto:pfb5678@aol.com)), has put together a terrific Quiz Study Guide, which she is making available to the entire region's clubs and riding centers. Peggi divided the study topics into 11 sections starting with D1 level. It is recommended that clubs/rcs gather their own materials to demonstrate feeds, shoes, and blacksmith tools by asking for donations of used tools, shoes, etc. [Peggi had a PC in Wisconsin send her a sample of Brome hay, for instance.] Peggi visits all the local barns and searches their feed rooms for different grains and hays to bag up for the 'Feeds' Box. The 11 Sections of Study are:

- 1) Conformation, Breeds, Markings
- 2) Tack and Dress
- 3) Blacksmith
- 4) Foxhunting
- 5) Feeding and Clipping
- 6) Dressage ring and types of fences
- 7) PC Activity rule summaries and outlines for PC ratings
- 8) Trailering
- 9) Common grasses grown for hay (color pictures)
- 10) Poisonous plants that are featured in the manuals and on the PC web site (color pictures), and
- 11) Worms.

Peggi is happy copy and mail (at the expense of the requesting club/rc) the above Study Guides. The cost is \$44, including shipping and insurance (S/I), but less if only D materials are requested. If not satisfied with the materials, expense is refundable – S/I. Contact Peggi for details/orders.

### **Midsouth's Representative to USPC's National Youth Congress – Susan Pogue**



*"I was very excited to be chosen for the NYC. It was a wonderful opportunity that allowed me to meet of Pony Club members from all over the country. It was great to be able to interact with new people who all shared a common interest (horses and Pony Club) and to discuss with them new ways to improve the current structure of PC. The sessions were packed with personality tests, learning leadership skills, and creating a project for our own region. We were introduced to the Board of Governors and the Nat'l Youth Board and were able to ask questions and discuss our ideas with them as well. In addition to this, we also had the honor of meeting and working with five Alumni who shared their inspirational life stories with us. Overall I felt honored to be apart of the NYC and will always be grateful for all the wonderful opportunities that Pony Club has provided for me. Thanks, Susan Pogue"* [Thank you Susan for being such a fine representative!]



With sincere appreciation for all the time and effort you give to your members and USPC!  
Nancy Smith, RS