

Standards and Rating Clinic

For those of you who may not be familiar with a Standards and Rating Clinic:

What is a Standards and Rating Clinic? A Standards and Rating Clinic is really an unmounted demonstration of the USPC riding levels at each rating. We will have National Examiners discussing the differences between a D1 versus D2 riding ability, etc., all the way up through an A riding level. We have already asked some 'brave' volunteers from a couple of clubs to ride their mounts so that the National Examiners can point out to all of you important points to look for in discriminating between the rating levels.

Why would I want to attend this kind of clinic? Ultimately a Standards and Rating Clinic is to instruct the Officers, the PCers, and the instructional resources of each club to recognize what features differentiate each mounted rating level. Our region has arranged for this clinic as an ongoing instructional resource. It is nominally priced at \$5 a person to help defray the expenses of flying in a National Examiner and other related expenses.

Who should attend? Those who might be interested in attending a Standards and Rating Clinic are: DCs and other Club Officers, the instructors and clinicians the Clubs use during the year, and PCers who are interested in seeing what they will be expected to demonstrate when rating up to the next level. This clinic is particularly useful if you are using instruction from someone who is not knowledgeable about Pony Club, and you want them to better understand how to prepare your PCers better. Everyone is welcome.

When is this Clinic?: On **Sunday, February 25th** the Ds will be featured during the morning session beginning at 9:00 am – 11:15 am Specialty Ratings discussions at 12:15-1:15 pm; the Cs at 1:40 pm – 4:10 pm. And finally, the C3's, Bs and As will be featured between 4:45 and 5:45 pm.

Where is this clinic?: The Petraseks have graciously invited us to use their indoor arena at **Talbot Run Equestrian Center, 4727 Buffalo Road, Mt. Airy, MD 21771 Barn: 410-635-3842 House: 410-635-3843**

Will food be available?: Yes, food and drinks will be provided by a food coach.

What do I need to do?: To ensure we have enough seating, we ask that you email me at the address provided below with the number of adults and PCers attending and which ratings you plan to watch. We ask you to go to <http://www.ponyclub.org/forms.php#S> and download the **Standard of Proficiency** for the level(s) you plan to watch, so that you can follow along with the commentary. Don't forget to also download the **Specialty Ratings** information for: Chart, Dressage, H-B Standard, Pony Club Tree of Learning and Show Jumping so you can follow along with the discussion.

As this will be held in an indoor arena, we urge you to dress for the weather. Those wanting to ride may submit their name, current rating level and club to the email address below, but as there are a limited number of slots, riders will be selected on a first ask-first served basis.

Got questions? I will try to answer them, just call me at 410 867 6220 or better yet, email me at envirolog@earthlink.net Thanks, Kate Pratt