

## **C1 Rally and Rating Tips** **By Stormy May,** **Chief Horse Management Judge, Sierra Pacific Region**

*Please keep these on file for your future ratings. The questions are ones that give a good indication of the depth of knowledge needed at each level. Only certain sections may be covered.*

*The guides are not meant to be comprehensive, they are only intended to get you studying on the right track. Many of the answers can be found in the Pony Club manuals. Additional resources include veterinarians, trainers, farriers, and graduate Pony Clubbers.*

*Memorizing this knowledge from books is a start but the examiners will also want to hear of practical experiences and applications of this knowledge. These guides should be used along with the standards.*

*\*\*Most importantly, I hope there are never any answer keys made for these questions. It isn't necessarily these questions or answers that are the most important part. The studying and questioning that you have to do to find the answers will be the biggest value. \*\**

*Good luck!*  
*~Stormy*

- How would you condition differently for show jumping, dressage, or eventing?
- What exercises are good for conditioning the horse?
- How long should you do each exercise?
- What is the difference between measuring grain in pounds or quarts?
- How do you know how much hay your horse is getting?
- What different types of hay does your horse get? Why?
- If you feed grain, which grains do you feed and why?
- Does your horse get any nutraceuticals? Why or why not?
- When would you increase or decrease your horse's feed?
- How do you know if your grain is bad?

- If you go to a feed store to buy hay, how do you know that it's good quality?
- How would you know if your horse is getting enough nutrition from a pasture?
- What are some things that make a pasture bad?
- How often should you clean your horse's water trough?
- What types of bedding are used in your area?
- Which bedding types are the most absorbent?
- Which bedding types are easiest to clean?
- Which bedding types are the cheapest?
- Which bedding types are suitable for foaling stalls?
- Which bedding types are not suitable? Why?
- What should you do if your blanket has leg straps?
- Should the leg straps be fastened before or after the chest strap?
- What is the main cause of all stable vices?
- What are some ways to cure various stable vices?
- Who would use a full clip on a horse rather than a blanket clip?
- Why might someone prefer a blanket clip over a trace clip?
- What are several ways to remove bot eggs?
- What time of year are you likely to find bot eggs?
- Which dewormers work on bot larvae?
- What are some ways to control parasites in a pasture?
- Name at least 5 ways to control flies in a barn.
- What are 7 conformation faults of the front legs that can be seen from the front of the horse?

- What are 4 conformation faults of the front legs that can be seen from the side of the horse?
- What are 3 conformation faults of the hind legs that can be seen from the side of the horse?
- What are 4 conformation faults of the hind legs that can be seen from the back of the horse.
- What does tied-in mean?
- When a horse has bowed tendons? Where could they be located?
- When a horse has splints, where are all the possible locations?
- When a horse has sidebone, where are all the possible locations?
- How can you tell if your horse has sidebone?
- When a horse has ringbone, where are all the possible locations?
- Can a horse have navicular in their hind feet?
- Do you know where to find the USPC trailer safety checklist?
- Which things on the trailer should be checked yearly? Monthly? Before every trip?
- What medications would you use on a minor wound? Would you wrap it? Why or why not?
- How often does your horse get a Rhinopneumonitis shot?
- How often does your horse get a Venezuelan Encephalomyelitis shot?
- Which vaccinations are often combined with others?
- Which vaccinations are required to be given by a vet in California?
- When is your horse's next shoeing appointment?
- What are some of the horse sports offered in USPC that you've never been to a rally for?
- Name 15 things you'd look for when performing a safety inspection on a D level rider.

- Name several different reasons you'd want to longe a horse.
- How long should you longe a horse?
- What tack should you use or not use for longeing?
- What are the 5 steps in shoeing as listed in the USPC C manual?
- What is a buffer used for?
- What is a pritchel used for?
- How can you tell the difference between nippers and pull-offs?
- Does your own shoer have different names for any of the tools listed in the manual?
- Have you practiced your shipping bandage enough that you can get it on perfectly after only one try? (Note, at this stage you're allowed to do the wrap "with assistance", however you'll be much more confident if you can apply it well by yourself!)
- For more great questions, see the ponyclub.org website in the forms section, click on C study guide.  
<http://www.ponyclub.org/forms.php>