



MOUNTED GAMES ACROSS AMERICA

CLINICIAN INFORMATION

Name: Mark D. Washburn

Address: 310 Boot Rd. Malvern PA. 19355

Home Phone: 610 644 6188

Cell Phone: 610 357 4054

Email Address: mwashburn01@verizon.net **Birth date:** 07/04/65
(Must be at least 18 years old)

Please answer all questions as fully as possible

1. Mounted games experience as a rider (both Pony Club and MGA) please be detailed:

- 1974 - Began riding games at the Radnor Hunt Pony Club in the EPA region.
- 1976 - 1979 P/C Nationals as a junior and senior.
- 1980 – USPC International Team member.
- 1993 – Began riding in competitions with the USMGA.
- 1993 – 1996 Participated in numerous Individual, Pairs and team competitions and including several wins at the Individuals.
- 1995 - Hosted and participated for the US team in the first Devon Horse Show Invitational. In attendance were teams from England, Wales and Canada.
- 1994 – 1996 USMGA World Team member including two US second place finishes at the Worlds in 1994 and 1995. During these tours I was privileged to participated in numerous competitions including the World Individuals in England, Team Invitational in Gotenborg, Sweden, Team competition in Wales and exhibitions in England.
- 2001 – present – MGA
I have been participating regularly in Masters level competition in individual, pairs and teams events. These would include local pairs, USEGA, MGAC and MGAA competitions in Maryland, West Virginia, Kentucky, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, and Canada.

Exhibitions:

In the past few years I have been privileged to help bring games to a larger audience by sponsoring, organizing and participating in exhibitions held at major horse events. These would include:

- 1995 - The 99th Devon Horse Show
- 2003 – Radnor Hunt Three Day Event
- 2004 - The 108th Devon Horse Show
- 2004 - Radnor Hunt Three Day Event
- 2005 – The 109th Devon Horse Show
- 2005 – The 36th Annual American Gold Cup
- 2005 - Radnor Hunt Three Day Event
- 2006 – The 110th Devon Horse Show
- 2006 - Radnor Hunt Three Day Event
- 2007 - The 111th Devon Horse Show (May)

2. Mounted games experience as a coach/instructor/clinician (both Pony Club and MGA) please be detailed:

1982 – 1994 Coached at Radnor Hunt Pony Club. Record would include:

- 1985 – First place Nationals (Juniors)
- 1986 – Second place Nationals (Juniors)
- 1987 – First place Nationals (Juniors)
- 1988 – First place National (Seniors)
- 1991 – Third place National (Seniors)
- 1993 – First place Nationals (Adv.)
- 1994 - First place Nationals (Adv.)
- 1994 – USMGA assisting trainer. Second place Worlds A-final.
- 1995 – USMGA trainer. Second place Worlds A-final.

2000 – Present:

I resumed teaching at The Radnor Hunt as well as Perkiomen Creek P/C's, EPA Region. Have taught hundreds of practices, clinics and run many competitions.

These clubs have made numerous Championship appearances including Prince Phillip Cup 2005, 2006, & 2007.

2003 – Present:

Clinics outside EPA would include:

Canada – MGAC sponsored clinic 10/05; CMGA sponsored International Symposium 4/05

Kentucky – USPC Festival 2004

Maryland – MGAA sponsored clinics: 1/04, 2/04, 2/05, 1/06

Ohio – USPC Tri-State Region 6/05

New York – USPC New York/Upper Conn. region 11/03, 6/05

New Jersey –

Gladstone Series Clinics and Competitions: 4/05, 8/05, 11/05, 4/06, 11/06

USPC New Jersey Region 10/05, 3/06, actually numerous times, can't remember them all.

Virginia – MGAA sponsored clinics: 9/05, ?/04

I have been a part of and or organized mini camps devoted to games. I have recently installed a large arena at my facility in PA. where I teach on a regular basis and will be conducting mini camps starting in 2007.

3. Mounted games experience as an official, such as judge, starter, TD, etc. (Pony Club and MGA):

Starter/judge for the Gladstone series of clinic/competitions.
Organizer/Starter at MA3 (MGAA).
Organizer for all Devon exhibitions
Organizer for all Radnor Three day exhibitions
Organizer for Devon Gold Cup exhibition.
Have acted as starter/judge/organizer for various smaller events in EPA and New Jersey regions.
Line judge at various USPC Championships
Judge at 2004 International USPC competition

4. Is there any other information you would like to include?

(Use additional sheets if necessary)

I have been riding mounted games for over thirty years and teaching for over twenty. In this time I have had the pleasure of working with literally hundreds of riders and their mounts. Though many of the same issues face us all, each rider and mount has its own set of problems, talents, and characteristics to be corrected, enhanced and developed. Having done this so often and often in the context of large groups, I have had to develop not only the skills required to figure out these issues, but to do it in a timely and hopefully fun and entertaining fashion as well. Having knowledge on a subject is of no use if you cannot express your ideas and hold the attention of your audience. I am fortunate in that my years of experience both as teacher and rider have not been accompanied by a decline in ability to perform (at least not yet). Therefore not only do I express in words all that I'm trying to convey but also through action when the situation requires. Often I will demonstrate not only the many games techniques to be mastered, but in the course of riding certain mounts, about mastering the ponies as well. The riding is by far the most important issue to me for without good knowledge of riding there is little chance for perfection. For me the games are tools as well as races. They are tools that set up unique situations and challenges from where teaching can take place. There is no other sport in horses quite like it, and far from it's humble, sometimes silly façade, it is a sport that at its highest levels calls for abilities that can far exceed those of the common rider. After all, a games rider needs to be part acrobat, part athlete, and all rider. What other sport ask so much of a rider and all within five to fifteen seconds depending on the race. If you think that is a challenge, then I invite you to try teaching it. This is a challenge I have enjoyed and in my thirty odd years with the sport I think I have figured a thing or two, though I am always learning more.

“The man who can make hard things easy is the educator”;... “knowledge exists to be imparted” - Emerson

Jumpers- For years I competed in the jumper arena and enjoyed much

success. Today I continue ride, train and teach hunters/jumpers, green horses and riders here in Pennsylvania. The formal knowledge I gained I have applied directly into my games teaching. The two are a natural fit.

5. Which games rider levels do you prefer to work with?

(Check all applicable)

Novices: Y Intermediate: Y Masters: Y

6. Do you charge a fee? Yes No Negotiable

If yes, how much? Call for per rider or per day pricing

7. Are you willing to travel? Yes No Distance? _____ miles

8. Are you able to provide/bring equipment? Yes No

* I also make all hard to find equipment. Please go to the Steel Pony icon for more information.

9. Do you have your own insurance? yes Or do you need to be covered by the sponsoring organization? no

10. When are you available?

Any time of the year

Summer only

Other times, list restrictions:

11. Please provide the name, address and phone number of two references who are familiar with your abilities as games coach/instructor/clinician.

1. Patti Naji, DC Perkiomen Creek P/C Phone 1-215 699 5429
pattinmom@aol.com
2. Bonnie Korn, DC Ridge Riders P/C Phone 1-845-774-5595
dancer@frontiernet.net
3. Nancy Crowley, Garrison P/C Phone 1-845-551-0834
crow134@frontiernet.net
4. Carroll Crowl , DC Western Reserve P/C Phone 1-330-429-0060
CAC4EVENTS@aol.com
5. Stacey Calhoun, DC Antietam P/C Phone 1-540-668-6113
calhouns@hotmail.com

* Please note there are those on the MGAA board who I consider friends and wouldn't hesitate to include on this list. To avoid any conflicts of interest, I have chosen to bypass inclusion of any of these people.

12. Do you want this information posted on the MGAA website? Yes: No:

(Otherwise, only your name, city and state and email address will be available)

RETURN THE COMPLETED DOCUMENT ELECTRONICALLY TO:

mgaainfo@mountedgames.org

OR Mail to

Sharon Brown, 15710 Union Chapel Road, Woodbine 21797