



**Pine Knoll Center for Integrated Horsemanship  
Presents Judging Clinic, Schooling Test Rides and Seminar Series**

**THOMAS POULIN**

**"S" Judge with 40 years of Judging Experience**

Every month we look forward to Mr. Poulin's clinics and have received wonderful feedback from everyone in attendance. When we ask riders what they would like to see in the future we keep coming back to one word "more". They would like more information, more instruction, more theory, more examples, and the opportunity to watch more rides and hear more critiques.

We are constantly striving to improve and maximize everyone's clinic experience and incorporate the Classical Principals. Working to improve the rider's ability to communicate clearly through the exercise of "Body Discipline", lunge lessons, dismounted workshops, bio-mechanics, massage therapy, dentistry, farrier techniques, alternative therapies and mental fitness for horse and rider.

The clinic and seminar series will start off July 10<sup>th</sup> with schooling tests performed by riders at each of the levels listed below. Mr. Poulin will be lecturing the seminar attendees from the judge's box during the rides on the following:

1. The correct rhythms of the gaits and their purity
2. The suppleness of the gaits and their elasticity
3. The connection between horse and rider, contact
4. The straightness of horse and alignment in riding
5. The impulsion and energy in the ride
6. The collection i.e.: Engagement through the hindquarters

This is a *behind the scenes* take on "What the Judge is Looking For". As a rider this gives us the chance to see, hear, and have explained everything before riding with Tom the following days. As a competitor it gives us the chance to discover what the judge is looking for when we enter the show ring. And it is also a great tool to those who are aspiring to become judges ('L' program, etc...).

There is limited space available so we ask that everyone interested please book early.

Thank you for your continued interest in our programs.

We look forward to seeing you!

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**Itinerary**

**Saturday July 10<sup>th</sup>**

*Test Riding:*

8a Training	Riders will receive one schooling test ride with critique. At the end of the ride they will receive a written report card and opportunity to re-ride test after critique . One rider per level.	Seminar attendees will receive a lecture including but not limited to: ring geometry, accuracy, diameters & meters, purpose of the test, transitions, and is the horse at the correct level.
9a First Level		
10a Second Level		
11a Third Level		
12p St. George or Above		

Buffet Luncheon will be served at 1 pm. Question and answer and discussion with Tom to follow.

Private rides to be scheduled from 3pm on.

**Sunday July 11<sup>th</sup> and Monday July 12<sup>th</sup>** regular dressage clinic

Test Ride : \$50

Seminar attendees : \$80

Auditors Sunday or Monday \$25