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After 'Mandatory Outing,' Singles Team Chosen



Short-listed Singles drivers aiming for a spot on the US World Singles Championship Team that will compete in Italy at the end of July were invited to a clinic with Singles coach Koos de Ronde of The Netherlands in late June. The three-day 'Mandatory Outing' took place at The Laurels in West Grove, Pennsylvania and participants stopped for a quick photo before heading home. Above, left to right: Bob Koopman, Scott Monroe, Koos de Ronde, Lizzie Staller of USEF, Donna Crookston, Bill Peacock, Robin Groves (behind Bill), Mary Ruth Marks, Kim Stover. For a firsthand account of the Outing, see Mary Ruth Marks' story on page 4.

Selectors announced on July 6 the drivers and horses who will comprise the US squad at the World Singles Championship:

THE TEAM IS AS FOLLOWS:

- Kimberly Stover/ Laughlin
- William Peacock/ Beau
- Robin Groves/ Thor's Toy Truck

Competing as Individuals will be:

- Bob Koopman/ Dancer
- Donna Crookston/ RG Cowboy's Black Cadillac

A Message from The Executive Director



Natasha Grigg has once again come off the bench and back into the carriage driving game to lead the Nominating Committee on its quest

to provide the ADS membership with a qualified slate of directors for the 2011-12 term. She and her committee have done an outstanding job of recruiting new and effective members for the Board: The slate of nominees is on page 3 of this newsletter and their biographies will appear in the August *Whip*.

One of the most demanding and difficult positions to fill this year has been that of Regional Director. Regional Directors spend countless hours planning and manning regional booths at horse fairs, shows and other large regional events. Activities such as these are effective ways to bring new members to the local clubs and to the ADS. Among their other duties, they help communicate information from the ADS out to their areas, keep regional calendars and help individuals find trainers, equipment and horses. Through their volunteerism, they help keep the driving community in your area connected to the larger organization.

Just like every ADS Board Member, they are responsible for their own expenses when attending ADS meetings, national functions and other events. This requirement can get rather expensive ... and it has cost the ADS some qualified candidates, both in the past and in this recruitment period.

Local clubs can help support their Regional Directors by donating flight

Dottie Billington's Ten Guidelines for FUN Carriage Driving Competition

GUIDELINE NUMBER ONE AND THE MOST IMPORTANT GUIDELINE OF THEM ALL: Never, never, never, under any circumstances, for any reason try something new at a show; not a harness, not a carriage, not a bit, not even a new outfit, ever! The only exception is Guideline Number Three below.

2. Make sure all your clothing (apron, hat and shoes included) fits well and is comfortable. Uncomfortable clothing will distract you from the task at hand, which is successfully driving the horse in competition.

3. Buy yourself a complete new set of underwear. New underwear fits nicely and makes you feel good. You need to feel good to drive well.

4. Understand the mechanics of the classes you have entered. Many competitors will "know" the rules, but not everyone will actually understand the class and how it works. Preparation is everything.

5. Remember to breathe. It sounds simple, we all breathe, but it is surprising how many people will hold their breath during competition. Breathing a few deep breaths as you enter the ring will help your body to relax during the class.

6. Drive your drive; do not change how you drive because you think the judge is looking for something else. Remember Guideline Number One.

7. If you get particularly nervous, paint your toenails red. Then when you get nervous, think about your red toenails and you will smile. Smiling will help you relax. This advice has been given out for years, so just look around and think about who else may have red toenails. That alone will make you smile. Again, if you smile you will relax.

8. This is a horse show, not a drive in the park. You are there to show off your turnout to the best of your and your animal's ability. The judge will be looking at you from the time you enter the in-gate until the class is pinned. Do not sit in the line-up and chat to your neighbor; it's poor form. Gentlemen, remember to always tip your hat to the ladies.

9. If you did not win, it is probably not because you "did something wrong;" you may have, but more than likely the competitor who did win "showed" better than you, had a better turnout than you or was overall better than you. You will not lose because the judge didn't like your hat, doesn't like "x" breed of horse or doesn't like Meadowbrooks. In my opinion, ADS judges are fair and pin the best performing turnouts.

10. Remember that carriage driving, in its many forms, is just a game. You play that game to have fun. Following these simple guidelines can help make your competition day more fun!

miles, buying them a dinner, offering to pay their meeting fees ... small donations that can make the difference in an individual's ability to be an effective representative for you. Please bring this to idea to your local club and consider supporting your Regional Directors.

Susie

ADS Fund Update: Please Support ADS Presence at WEG

By Jamie O'Rourke

Recently you received a letter from Jennifer Matheson, Jack Goodman and John Freiburger heralding the imminent arrival of the World Equestrian Games in Lexington Kentucky this fall. It asks for your support so that The American Driving Society, primary representative of driving in North America, can utilize this unprecedented opportunity to showcase the pleasure and thrill of driving to a remarkably large group of equine enthusiasts by reaching out to supporters of every breed and discipline who have not yet discovered the joy of driving.

With your help, the ADS will offer:

- * Derby (similar to Arena Driving Trial) Demonstrations
- * A Parade of Driving Breeds in Various Combinations
- * Harnessing and Basic Driving Demonstrations
- * Course Walks for Donors with Top US Drivers
- * Driving Information Distribution
- * The Resource Book for North American Driving

There will be tremendous benefit for the sport:

- * Outreach to Breeds and Disciplines
- * Promotion to Tens of Thousands of Potential New Members from Across North America;
- * Creation of a Resource Book providing the most information on driving and driving organizations, trail systems, vendors and clubs ever gathered into one volume;
- * Expansion of Your Driving Sport through
 - Greater Participation
 - More Competitions
 - More Venues to Enjoy Driving.

This is a team effort undertaken by many of your friends in the ADS to encourage new drivers and to enhance the WEG experience for every ADS member. It is essential to the success of this exceptionally important endeavor that every member, every club and every competition plays a part. Success will bring more members to your club, more entries to your competition and more friends who share your passion for driving.

You can share in the success of this effort through your tax deductible donation to "The ADS @ The WEG" through The ADS Fund. Your help is essential to further the important goals of the sport! Please send your donation today!

Thank You!

For more information about the ADS Fund, please visit americandrivingsociety.org, or contact Jamie O'Rourke 484-832-4365, ADSFUND@aol.com.

Nominations Slate for Fall Members Meeting

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Total Board members, 32; new members, 11; in new positions, 5. **Please come, if at all possible**, to the Members' Meeting on October 8 in Georgetown, Kentucky at the Gayla Driving Center (please see the ADS web site and publications for details). We need a quorum of 100 members! If you cannot come, please send in a PROXY, using the form on page 7, stating your votes.

Report From the ‘Mandatory Outing’ for Singles

By Mary Ruth Marks

What a nice email to get: An invitation to attend the Mandatory Outing for Singles (those on the “short list” of hopefuls who wanted to contend for the World Singles Championship in Italy) in West Grove, Pennsylvania at the site of The Laurels CDE, in late June. It was a great weekend for the drivers who attended: Donna Crookston, Robin Groves, Bob Koopman, Mary Ruth Marks, Scott Monroe, Bill Peacock, and Kim Stover. (Leslie Berndl was also invited, but couldn’t make the long trip from her home in California, so was given an exception for extenuating circumstances.)

Wow!—But then, that means you have to get there with your horse, carriages, groom, etc., all for a week-end of training. Granted, this is no ordinary training. It’s with world-renowned driver Koos de Ronde of The Netherlands, a fabulous whip and coach of the Singles team this year, a helpful individual and regular fellow who’s very pleasant and has the keenest eye. Plus, he tells you things in such a positive way. Nice!

So Dave Kraus (my navigator/groom, who has the big trailer in which he so generously hauls me and my horse and gear around) and I headed out East. It takes two days to get there.

We arrived at The Laurels and headed past it to Folly’s Field, which is the polo field and barn of Lisa and Dixon Stroud. What a generous couple they are, to offer their facilities for us to train for the Singles Driving Championships (in Italy at the end of July/first of August). Lizzy Staller, the US Equestrian Federation representative for international Combined Driving, was there to meet and greet everyone, and Hannah (who works for Lisa) was very helpful in getting everyone to their stalls in a barn remodeled from an 1800s cattle barn. So cool! They even had turnout paddocks that were rotated between horses so every horse had some green grass.

The Strouds have a guest house called “The Yellow House” about four miles from the barn/polo field that was originally a tavern back in the 1800s; people sometimes rent it for wedding receptions and parties, so it is truly is a “party house.” It was offered at a very nominal fee to those attending the outing. Dave and I were in “stretch the dollar mode” and we stayed in his trailer; Kim Stover also stayed on the grounds in her camper. Scott Monroe stayed at the Garden Hilton



US Singles Team coach Koos de Ronde (left, tan shirt) discusses a point with Bob Koopman during lunch in the shade of the Koopmans’ camper awning. At left in background, Donna Love; Anna Koopman right, on ramp.

and all the other drivers stayed at the Yellow House. I think it could sleep 14.

Day one, dressage, was hot and humid but gorgeous. Koos helped each of us individually at the far end of the polo field. He is kind, keen and helpful. Lisa parked her horse trailer at the end of the field for a place where we could sit in the shade to watch each hour-long lesson.

After the intense day of dressage, Koos went over to The Laurels to mark four hazards and left us the map for a cones course to build. It was the same course the Pair drivers encountered at the World Championships in Kecskemet, Hungary in 2009: Two zigzags, a staircase, perpendicular cones consecutively numbered, oblong “circles,” long runs—and you had to be willing to “move out” to make time. There were tricky twists and turns, and lots of room to make up time between the wicked technical parts. Watching us put up the cones course with the map was hilarious; we looked like a bunch of county workers trying to get something done. Scott Monroe did great spearheading the job and everyone pitched in. Later in the day we all were coached on how to properly jog our horses in a vet check, then we went over to “walk the hazards” as we were to drive them the next morning.

Marathon day! An anonymous angel brought coffee and sweets for everyone at the barn. (Nice touch, whoever you were.) Robin Groves elected to go first as Wilson, her navigator/husband, had other obligations

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later in the day. Each of us did each of the four hazards at competition speed (fast, in other words); then Koos gave some pointers before we did one or two of the hazards again. His coaching is so good that everyone improved their times, sometimes dramatically.

After the marathon practice and after we'd cooled our horses out, each horse went through a rigorous vetting by the USEF vet, including joint flexion testing on each leg followed by a jog. Each driver had to present his horse's passport, and blood was drawn for lab testing. Adeszko, my stallion, passed with flying colors!!

Dave and I then went with Bob and his daughter Anna over to Fair Hill, where the Elk Creek CDE was just finishing up. We got to visit a little with Tracey Morgan, then went over to Louisa Emerick's house and had a beverage with her significant other Harold in his "office" out under the trees past the barn. It was relaxing and fun. We also made a stop at Dover Saddlery and had to help out the local economy. Back to the grounds to walk the cones course, get freshened up and then over to the Yellow House.

That evening there was a chicken barbecue marinated and cooked by Anna Koopman, with Caesar salad made by Lizzy Staller and corn on the cob we'd all shucked. Several friends of the Strouds were in attendance, as well as our own Hardy Zantke from California, who'd been judging at Elk Creek. Good food, good beverages, good stories were had by all. Dave Kraus' wife Margaret had made her special almond cookies, which were scarfed up immediately. Back at the polo field and barn, I walked cones twice by moonlight and listened to the frogs on the nearby pond.

Last day was cones! I offered to go first, as we then had about 1,000 miles to drive home. My first round was not as I'd like (i.e. some balls down, although we made the time by two seconds) but then after some tips from Koos, we shaved 10 seconds off and only had one ball down. Each person improved under his coaching.

Everyone stripped their stalls, then sat in the shade for a bite to eat at the Koopmans' trailer. We thanked Koos de Ronde for his time and expertise; Lizzy Staller for setting everything up, being there for us and for the evening BBQ fixings; and Lisa Stroud for her generosity in letting us use her facility. We said our goodbyes and then it was back into the big red truck and two days of travel back to Wisconsin. It gives you a flat butt, but it's worth it. Thanks, everyone!

Piro Outbreaks Prompt New Michigan Entry Requirements

New equine entry regulations for the state of Michigan have taken effect recently. A test for piroplasmiasis must be negative in those horses entering Michigan from some 15 states coast to coast in which there has been a diagnosed case of piroplasmiasis in the past 12 months. Surrounding states include Indiana, Tennessee and Wisconsin.

Go to www.iwwi.org and click on 'NEWS' to get the wording of the regulation and the revised requirements as of May 18. If you're traveling to Michigan from a listed state, be prepared.

Here is the relevant wording of the State of Michigan Department of Agriculture notice:

Equine (Horses) Import Requirements Revised May 18, 2010

4. Equidae coming from, or originating from, any state in which there has been a diagnosed case of piroplasmiasis in the past 12 months shall meet the following:

a. Have tested negative by c-ELISA or IFA to piroplasmiasis within the past twelve months prior to importation. Horses that tested negative for equine piroplasmiasis via CF are allowed entry provided the test was done within the past twelve months prior to importation and the test was performed on or before May 18, 2010.

b. Be accompanied by an interstate health certificate or certificate of veterinary inspection that includes the following statement:

"I have examined the animal(s) listed on this certificate. At the time of the examination, the animal(s) listed on this certificate is/are not under quarantine for piroplasmiasis, not displaying signs of piroplasmiasis, and either did not have evidence of live ticks or was/were successfully treated for ticks if ticks were present."

The Web site provides a list of approved labs for piroplasmiasis testing and a list of states which have had reported piro outbreaks within the past 12 months. At press time they were: Alabama, California, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Louisiana, Minnesota, Missouri, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Wisconsin. More may be added, so check with your vet.

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Coaching Judges
Clinic attendees, left
to right:
Bill Venditta ,
Coaching learner;
Anne Leck, Steve
Holm, Kail Palmer
Miller, Maryalice
Matheson, Craig
Kellogg, Terry Picket
and (front and center)
Mickie Bowen.
Also attending but
not in the picture:
Jamie O'Rourke and
John Greenall.

ADS Coaching Judges Clinic at Devon Horse Show

By Bill Venditta

Devon Horse Show, June 1-2, 2010: The Devon Horse Show has been for many years an important venue for coaching exhibitors, so it was most appropriate that the ADS Coaching Judges Clinic was held there this year.

Organized by veteran coaching judges Mickie Bowen and Steve Holm, this clinic was a valuable educational experience, not only for its instruction on proper coaching theory, but also for practical judging mechanics.

The format of this two-day clinic was primarily group discussion, which worked well with the Coaching Judges in attendance, since all present were knowledgeable and enthusiastic about Coaching.

During the two days, the judges were given the opportunity to closely examine four coaches as a way of determining proper appointments and turnout. The four were a Road Coach built by Cowlard and Selby of London, England; a Park Drag built by J. W. and D. Thompson of Durham, England; a Park Drag built in the style of a Holland and Holland Coach, and a Park Drag built by Brewster and Co. of New York. This inspection was followed by a comprehensive discussion and comparison of each coach.

The clinic included a special session with the 2010 Devon Coaching Judge, Sir Paul Nicholson of Durham, England. Sir Paul intrigued the clinic group with his candor and wit in sharing what he was looking for in the Devon Coaching Classes. He also discussed the difference between Coaching in the United States and the United Kingdom. Sir Paul stated that the standards in the United States are very high, especially when it comes to the detail in the restoration and maintenance of antique coaches. He also commented that he was delighted with the presentation of appointments, which he examined in the Dixon Oval during the Monday evening Coaching Class.

I am convinced after attending this clinic that, as judges, we must maintain the highest standards of Coaching in the United States, and help to insure that the best traditions of Coaching are continued, especially in the show ring. The ADS would like to thank Devon Horse Show Manager Peter Doubleday and his staff, as well as the Devon Hospitality Committee, for making a wonderful effort to welcome clinic participants by providing them with a place to meet for discussion and observation of the coaching classes.



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AMERICAN DRIVING SOCIETY LIMITED PROXY

I am a member of the American Driving Society, Inc. (the "ADS"). I hereby appoint _____, as my proxy to vote on my behalf at any meeting of the membership at which I am not physically in attendance, provided that proxy may be used to establish a quorum for the meeting and that my vote shall be cast in accordance with my initialing of the resolutions below for the upcoming Annual Membership Meeting to be held at the Gayla Driving Center, Georgetown, Kentucky on October 8, 2010, including any adjournment and continuation of said meeting, and that this proxy shall be used for no other purpose.

Member Name: _____ Member Number _____

Member Signature: _____ Date: _____

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Proxy is solicited by the Board of Directors with the following explanation:

In accordance with the law of the state of New York, the state in which the American Driving Society is incorporated, our annual membership meeting must have at least 100 voting members present, in person or by proxy, in order to be considered a legal meeting. In the event that we do not have a quorum at a meeting, no legally binding actions can be taken, including the election of Board Members as well as any other actions.

Your prompt return of a signed proxy to the ADS office, at the address above, will allow the ADS to conduct legal business at the Annual Members Meeting, October 8, 2010. Please note that if you wish to send this proxy to the ADS office, it must be RECEIVED in the ADS Office by October 1, 2010. Proxies carried in person to the meeting must be submitted to the Secretary. If you have any questions please feel free to direct them to the ADS office at 608-237-7382 or e-mail them to info@americandrivingsociety.org

While we all prefer seeing as many members as possible attend in person, sometimes that's not always possible. Many members have expressed a wish to be able to participate despite the limitations of time and distance. This Proxy form, with your mark-up of the following list of proposals, assures that your vote will be counted.

NOTE: In addition to signing and dating this form where indicated above, you need to **MARK THE BOXES below, to convey how you wish your proxy to be voted.**

My Proxy may vote on my behalf on the following questions:

- The slate of candidates for the Board of Directors as presented by the Nominating Committee
- Nominations for the Board of Directors from the floor
- Any other business that may rightfully come before the meeting

Plum Creek CDE: Trial by MUD

By Paula Long

Photos by Digital Express Photography

Plum Creek CDE takes place at the Agarita Ranch in Lockhart, Texas. The ranch is an Old West town, complete with a saloon, jail, general store, blacksmith shop and much more. Just as in the Old West, the roads are dirt—and there begins the tale of the 2010 Plum Creek CDE.

It was a beautiful day on Thursday, April 15, when some of the entries started to arrive. But there was a terrible rumor going around: RAIN WAS IN THE FORECAST! Everyone was tired of rain, snow and bad weather. The first part of the 2010 had been just that, and no one had time to drive or train.

I told callers who were concerned about the weather to come on and play: they could do the whole course at a walk if they wanted to. Alta and George Pederson from Burleson, Texas were first to arrive and jumped right in to help get people, horses and trailers settled. Entries were coming from near and far. Lew and Sandra Smith from Round Rock, Texas and Karen Garrett from Anderson, Texas were close by; Rebecca Gutierrez came from Roswell (New Mexico), Debra Landrem from Prairieville, Louisiana, and Aaron Evans from Utah (He was visiting in Valley View, Texas). There were 33 entries in all.

A few showers started on Friday, but the course had to be walked and cones looked at, and the flowers and greenery were awe inspiring. I saw people with raincoats, muck boots, and old hats going through the pasture. I also saw people coming back who were wet and muddy, because they forgot those items.

Friday night after dark came rain. It poured, lightning flashed and thunder crashed and still more RAIN fell. The Judges—Marybeth Goree, Mary Ann Boyden, Ruth Graves (learner judge)—and TD Wayne Kramer were in the saloon (show office) with the organizing committee of Chuck Leshikar (owner of Agarita Ranch), Lisa Cox, Terry Arnold, and Claire Zadow. It was finally decided to get everything ready and see what tomorrow would bring.

Saturday morning, the first day of the show, was muddy, but at least the lake that had been part of the course was not there. We just had more water obstacles, but that was for another day. We got through the first day and then night fell and the RAIN came again. This time it was more than two inches. Small lakes were forming everywhere, and where there was water there would be a lot more mud.

Sunday dawned nice but the mud had increased so much that many of the competitors decided not to compete. Nineteen individuals braved the shortened marathon and most made it back with mud-covered carriages. Mud was so thick on Susan Bulgawicz's cart that her mini had a hard time pulling when the wheels stopped turning. At the vet check area, people were scraping off what they could. One carriage came with less mud; we heard the wheels



and underside were sprayed with Pam cooking spray. It didn't keep all the mud off, but it may have helped.

After the competition ended, the real show began: getting the trailers out of the mud. Chuck Leshikar got out his tractor and pulled several onto the road. Bets were being placed on Dwain Gaus as he pulled out his rig. He had said he would not need the tractor. He moved forward, then back; ruts were made and everyone was watching him, but he made it.

Everyone did make it out, and the organizing committee said next year has got to be better.

Champion Training – Jo-Ann Ryon

Champion Preliminary – Jessica San Diego (GF Prince Albert)

Champion Intermediate – Jessica San Diego (Goldhills Musketeer)

For complete results, go to www.pccss.org/carriage.htm.



Intermediate Reserve Champion Linda Yutzy and husband/gator Keith Yutzy were among 19 entries who braved the muddy marathon.

Body Clipping? But it's Summer!

By Dana Bright

If you are competing or doing strenuous work during warm weather, you may want to consider body clipping your animal. He doesn't need to be in winter fuzz to benefit from clipping; the photo below shows how much extra hair I clipped from one (already shed-out) pony haunch. Clipping will allow better air circulation over the body, and prevent sweat trapped by hair from acting as a warm, wet blanket that holds the heat in. If your equine is an athlete, he needs to be maintained as one. Anything you can do to help him cool down is valuable even before you get to the water hose.



Right: My completely shed-out pony before clipping.

Below right: Same pony's haunch after clipping, showing the clip line.



Spectator Parking, Transportation Options Set for WEG

Alltech FEI World Equestrian Games spectators will have a variety of parking and transportation options, including hotel shuttles and on-site parking, for the 16 days of the event.

With the recent availability of property adjacent to the Kentucky Horse Park, parking for 10,000 vehicles each day is now possible on-site. Parking will be \$20 per vehicle with cash only accepted upon entry. A limited number of premium parking spaces near the spectator entry, with pass-out parking privileges, are also available for \$100 per day at www.alltechfeigames.com.

Nine hotel shuttle routes will be implemented for Games spectators, providing a door-to-door transportation service for selected hotels. Spectators who have arranged accommodations through the Games Housing Bureau for the selected hotels, located in Lexington, Georgetown and Frankfort, will be emailed a direct link on or before July 6 with the opportunity to pre-purchase hotel shuttle wristbands online for \$5 before August 1. After August 1, the shuttle wristbands will be \$10 for Housing Bureau guests. During the Games, wristbands can be purchased for \$15, subject to availability. Wristbands are date-specific and valid for one day's round trip transport to the Kentucky Horse Park, and are non-transferable. A list of hotels on the shuttle routes will be available on the Spectator Information page of the Games web site by July 6.

Buses equipped with ADA seating will be operating on all hotel shuttle systems, and mobility shuttles will be stationed in the on-site parking lots for those who need assistance from designated ADA parking areas.

In addition, taxi cabs and Gold Shield Car Services will be available to transport spectators to the main entrance of the Games at the Kentucky Horse Park. LexTran, the City of Lexington's public transportation system, will also have roundtrip bus service to the Kentucky Horse Park for \$5 per passenger.



by Hardy Zantke

New Opportunities—or, the ADS Toolbox

In my May 2010 Whip column, “Who Drives a Team?” I wrote about some of the differences between carriage horse and draft horse driving. This prompted one of my readers to send me a very nice e-mail, thanking me for the clarifications and asking for my help in making our officials more familiar with draft horse driving. She shows a draft horse in the Draft division of our Pleasure Shows and has experienced some frustrations because our officials seem to apply a wide span of judging criteria, and often seem not to be fully aware of the Draft division specifics, for example that draft horses only show two trots. She wrote that her concerns were shared by other draft horse drivers in her area.

I think most of our people come from a carriage horse background. So perhaps our Draft rules could use more explanations for our officials? Or perhaps our officials need more education in this respect? I am not the right person to help in either of these two. I am more at home with CDE driving, but I did point out to my reader—with copies to the chairs of the proper committees to address this, Jeff Morse (Pleasure Driving) and Dana Bright (Licensed Officials)—that I see the ADS as a tool box. We are all volunteers. The tools are here, so if anybody would like to see something changed or improved, why not pick up the tools and work with them?

Jeff and Dana agreed, and I am happy to report that my reader, Marti Phillips, is very enthusiastic to do so. As a first step she would like to gather information from other draft horse drivers—and/or anybody interested in the subject and willing to help—from all of our Regions on how our Draft Horse Division rules could be improved and our judges be better educated in draft horse driving.

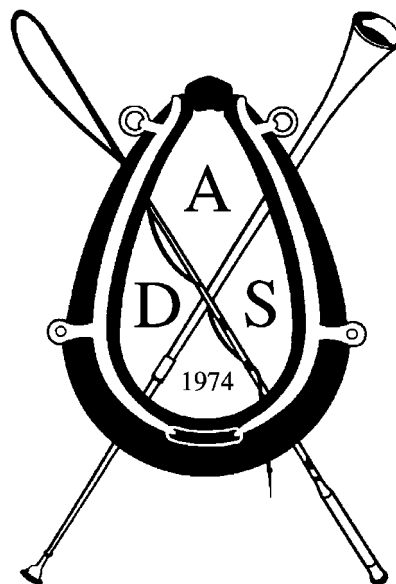
But just so we’re clear, here’s the way I see this: We are talking about our Chapter 19 Rules for Draft Breeds, Articles 69-80. We are not talking about changing our other rules, neither in Pleasure Driving, Dressage nor CDEs. If you want to show your draft horse in any of those disciplines, you are very welcome—but you have to stick to those disciplines’ rules, compete under them and be judged by them. As stated in Art 69.2, “Draft horses may enter other ADS Divisions ... without the exceptions specified ...” So Chapter 19 spells out the exceptions that apply in spe-

cifically Draft Classes, as for example in Art. 72 that whips are optional.

I can see an example which perhaps could be changed: Art 70.1 requires a minimum weight of 1,500 pounds for horses to be shown in Draft classes. I think there are breeds that can go very well Draft Horse style even when less than 1,500 pounds, for example some Haflingers. As I wrote in my “Who Drives a Team?” column, I think it’s not the weight of the horse, nor his breed, but rather the style of the entire turnout and the way of driving, that determines if it’s a Draft Horse hitch or a Carriage turnout.

As a next step, Jeff suggested forming a Draft Horse working group to advise the Pleasure Driving Committee. So all interested people, please send your Draft Horse comments to Marti Phillips, W6732 Hwy B, Rio, WI 53960, Tel: 920-992-3757 email: marthap@centurytel.net. Please send a copy also to the Pleasure Driving Committee at pd.committee@americandrivingsociety.org or, if you use snail mail, to Jeff Morse c/o the ADS office. You can reach Jeff by phone at 413-698-3804.

Both Jeff and Dana confirmed that we would love to see more draft horse turnouts in the Draft classes of our Pleasure Shows. ADS Executive Director Susie Koos Acker invited Marti to meet with her to further this cause. Our Editor would love to print more draft horse coverage—you just need to send it to her. Which all shows: This is YOUR ADS. Our arms are wide open to embrace anybody who drives an equine. If you’d like to see things done differently, pick up the tools and use them. I thank Marti for her email and for her enthusiasm. I wish her lots of success, and look forward to seeing more draft horse driving within the ADS with Draft Horse classes at every Pleasure Show and my friends, the Gentle Giants, more covered in the Whip.



2010 Calendar of Events

Bold Type Indicates an ADS Recognized Competition or Event of Special Interest

All driving activities may be listed in the Calendar, but as space is limited, please submit only dates of activities that are open to all ADS members. ADS recognized events that are printed in either Omnibus will not be listed in the Wheelhorse calendar.

For a complete up-to-date calendar listing, visit www.americandrivingsociety.org/calendar.asp.

July

- 17-18 Senior Beginner Clinic with Jeff Morse, for people over 55 with no driving experience. Details at www.saratogadriving.com. Lyn Howard, 518-674-8582.
- 18 Larry Poulin Clinic, Carriage Driving & Ridden Dressage: Muddy Brook Farm, Amherst, MA. Information and registration at www.muddybrookfarm.com, 413-253-7702.
- 27-29 Youth Carriage Driving Program: For children 6-15 to learn the basics of carriage driving and horse care. Muddy Brook Farm, Amherst, MA. www.muddybrookfarm.com, 413-253-7702.
- 30-8/1 FEI WORLD SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIPS**, Pratoni del Vivaro, Italy

August

- 2-10/1 LICENSED OFFICIALS APPLICATIONS DUE:** Will be reviewed and acted on by December 1.
- 22 MLM Schooling Driving Trial: Spring Valley Park, Wintertown, PA; open to non-members; organizer Anne Council, 717-993-8956, birchhollow_anne@verizon.net

September

- 1 SPRING 2011 OMNIBUS ENTRIES DUE:** See the Organizer Information page for details.
- 11 James River Driving Association ADT, Doswell, VA. Training, Preliminary horse mini/pony, multiples division. ADS rules apply. Cutoff date for entries 9/5/2010. Contact Sally Sutherland 804-784-3168, ssutherland.ppp@juno.com or www.jamesriverdrivingassociation.com.
- 14-19 National Drive: Franklin, IN, www.nationaldrive.net; The Drive is the largest gathering of recreational drivers in the US. Kathy Blank, 270-250-2581, or tnd2010@live.com.
- 18-19 RMCC Fall Follies CDE and 2-Phase, Greeley, CO. Nancy Bruckhauser, 303-776-6246.
- 25-10/10 WORLD EQUESTRIAN GAMES:** Kentucky Horse Park, Lexington, KY. www.alltechfeigames.com. Driving events scheduled for 10/7-10.

October

- 2-12/31 LICENSED OFFICIALS APPLICATIONS DUE:** Will be reviewed and acted on by February 2.
- 8 ADS ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING:** in conjunction with WEG, at Gayla Driving Center (Georgetown, KY). For details call ADS office, 608-237-7382.
- 17 THE JAMESWOOD CLASSIC AT BELLE GREY FARM,** Belle Grey Farm, Upperville, VA; www.bellegreyfarm.com. Pleasure, Obstacles, Marathon, Concours d'Elegance. Heather Briggs, H 540-592-3462, C 703-774-4688, admin@bellegreyfarm.com
- 28 ADS BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:** Online meeting, 7:00 pm CDT

November

- 13 Festival of Driving Pleasure Driving Show, Queen Creek, AZ. Division Champions, obstacles classes. Two arenas, classes for everyone. Prize list: Dana Moore, 602-361-4561.

March 2011

- 12-13 BLACK PRONG HDT and CT:** Black Prong Equestrian Center, Bronson, FL, www.blackprong.com; Training, Preliminary, Intermediate, Advanced. Ellen Ettenger, W: 352-486-1234, C: 352-615-6460, F: 352-861-0400, shorty1956@gmail.com

OMNIBUS CHANGES

In response to ADS member comments, the Wheelhorse Calendar of Events will henceforth include changes in Omnibus listings, ADS meetings, deadlines for Licensed Officials applications, and those events sponsored by or of interest to ADS members. Please submit activities for publication in ADS publications and on the ADS Web site to the ADS office. View Omnibus Web pages for complete updated information. http://americandrivingsociety.org/06_omnilistings/adsomnibusindex.asp

DUCK CLUB HDT, Oxnard, CA, July 23-24: Stall fee up dated.

DR. HENRY BOYD MEMORIAL HDT, Woodside, CA, Aug. 21-22: Secretary's information updated.

BITS SUMMER CARRIAGE CLASSIC, Webster City, IA, Aug. 28-29: Change in Officials.

SHADY OAKS CDE, Lodi, CA, Sept. 16-19: Updated.

NEW MOON CARRIAGE CLASSIC, Perry, IA, Sept. 18: Location, accommodations info updated.

TEDDY BEAR'S CDE, Mead, WA Sept. 25-26: Adds Intermediate division.

LITTLE EVERGLADES INTERNATIONAL, Ocala, FL, Feb. 24-27, 2011: Date change.

UPDATE TO JUDGES LIST

Steve Holm is an 'r' Pleasure Driving Judge and an 'R' Coaching Judge.

Training Level: A column and forum for new driving enthusiasts

By Deby Stewart

I am happy to report that my baggies of water are still doing their job of repelling flies. I have visited friends at other barns in the area and they definitely seem to have more flies than I do. Even my blacksmith commented that there were far less flies at my barn than at most of the others he visits. YAY!

I received nice notes from Lynn in Central Virginia and Emery in Portland, Oregon, who have had great success with the fly predator wasps. So far I haven't heard of anyone who hasn't been pleased with the results of these little bugs. The only question seems to be how well they deal with horseflies.

My other find for the month is the Carriage Driving List (CD-L). OK, I know a lot of you are saying "Well DUH, what's so new about that?" But, again, it's one of those things that everyone, except for those of us who are still discovering the world of driving, seems to know about. I kept hearing people talk about things discussed "in the CD-L" but never quite knew what it meant. And then once I knew, I hadn't been able to find it and get subscribed. It's not all that difficult, but it did take a bit of searching.

Carriage Driving.net is a Web site that claims to be "The #1 Online Resource for Carriage Drivers" and

has information ranging from articles to classified ads concerning carriage driving. The direct URL to find and sign up for the CD-L is <http://www.carriagedriving.net/index.php?m=c&inc=31>. If you follow the directions on this page you will find it easy to sign up for the list and begin receiving daily emails.

According to CarriageDriving.net, CD-L is an automated Internet mailing list started in 1996; the Listowner is Jaye-Allison Winkel. It is an open forum for the discussion of all topics relating to the sport of carriage driving with a current membership of more than 1,900 worldwide. There is no fee; all you need to subscribe is an email account. The CD-L is likened to "a cross between a daily newspaper and a group of penpals."

You will get a compilation of user emails all gathered into one daily email digest. Subjects range from sales notices and gossipy fun notes to helpful advice. I look forward to reading the CD-L every morning to see what has been added. If you don't already subscribe, try it--you may like it!

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