

NDS NEWSLETTER



Promoting the Equine Sport of Carriage Driving

June 2023

The Annual NDS Pleasure Driving Show is Sunday, June 25

at
Silver Shoe Farm
3336 Pratt Road
Batavia, New York 14020

8:00 A.M. Grounds open

8:30 A.M. Whips meeting

9:00 A.M. Start of first class

11:00 Burning' Barrel BBQ food truck opens

To sponsor a class for \$50 or be a show patron for \$25, send your check to

Dawn Ziegler

Northampton Driving Society
209 Pleasant Way
Penfield, NY 14526

Judge – Kacy Tipton

Announcer – Nancy Vidler

Show Secretary – Terry Brooks

Ringmaster – Dave Remley

Show Photographer – Bruce Jones

**We are privileged that Dave Remley
will bring his coaching horn to add
nostalgia and excitement to our show!**

Rusty Bitz, horsey items vendor will be there, and NDS Tee shirts will be for sale.

If you are a spectator, bring your lawn chair.

Minutes of the NDS Board Meeting May 10, 2023 via Zoom (Combined with information from the April Board meeting)

Jerry Lechner opened the meeting at 7:05.

Members present were as follows: Jerry Lechner, Jeff LaDue, Erika Martin, Jim Knauer, Reenie Romeo, and Tom Barbato.

Treasurer's Report

- Auction brought in \$1487. We auctioned off 99 items 44 in the live auction and 55 in the silent.
- Items averaged \$11/item in the silent auction and \$20 in the live.
- Dinner expenses -club paid \$438 in addition to what we took in.
- Dawn paid our insurance in April.
- We have about \$7,000.
- Jerry wants to give the Carriage Association of America a donation for the books, etc. they sent if they don't bill us, which they have not yet done.

OLD BUSINESS

2023 Pleasure Show

- Judge Kacy Tipton has booked her flight to Buffalo. She can rent a car.
- Jerry will get numbers for pleasure show. Jerry will ask Terry Brooks.
- Same distribution for both shows: email Prize List to all members, Cherry Valley, East Aurora, Sarah Bates, GVRDC. Snail mail people should receive paper copies of both entry forms.
- Someone needs to post it to FB – Audrey? Lindsay?
- Nicole may reach out to Niagara County 4H (already has)
- Ask Audrey about promoting event in Batavia News & Batavia Daily.

2023 FUTURE EVENTS

JUNE

- 10 Barneveld Fun Driving Show
- 17-18 GVRDC clinic
- 24 VSE show at Sue Zuber's farm
- 25 **NDS Pleasure Show**- Silver Shoe Farm

JULY

- 14-16 Lorenzo Show
- 29-30 WNYCCA show -Avon Driving Park
- 30 Barneveld show

AUGUST

- 10-13 Orleton show

SEPTEMBER

- 9-10 GVRDC combined driving show
- 30 NDS Pleasure drive**

HELPFUL WEBSITES

<https://nyshc.org/>

<https://thehorse.com/news/>

<https://www.carriageassociationofamerica.com/the-cao/>

equinelph.ca

An article on how to reduce spring colic:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gVQvgVW08UQ>

If you haven't seen Lorenzo the Flying Frenchman, you'll want to:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLP7K_nmh_E

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WLGuc-i2tR0>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HFupGrRCIqY>



- Flowers across the street from Nicole's- Tom will let Nicole know that getting flowers is okay.
- Sound system- test out on the Saturday before the show.
- Ice cream truck – Nicole has one in mind. Tom will email us the details.
- Genesee Feed promotional donation – Tom will call them.
- The Board decided against a dog event at the show during intermission.
- Ask for volunteers for a publicity manager for the show in newsletter.*
- On back of entry form, add a place for whips to add “points of general interest about the equine or carriage” for the announcer to read during the show.

Faux Show

- Jim will make up entry numbers for faux show
- Reenie should add not on p. 2 of “prize list” to say that show attire is suggested but not required. (although she's already sent it out). She will add it to the newsletter blurb about the Faux Show.*
- Rick is providing Coffee and doughnuts for Faux Show.

Pleasure Drive

- Tentative date September 30.
- Jeff LaDue and Mary Crinean will put this together.
- Jeff checked out the trail in Avon that connects to the Greenway.
- Discussion was had about going north on the trail, not south – up to 251...
- Jeff and Jim discussed parking near the Barilla plant

Devon Trip was cancelled as there was not enough interest.

New Business

Apparel

- Reenie said she ordered tee shirts to sell at the show to spectators and/or competitors. Show volunteers are getting tee shirts from the club.

Next NDS Board meeting is June 14 at 7:00 via Zoom.

CARRIAGE CLINIC AT JERRY LECHNER'S FARM

The carriage clinic hosted by Jerry Lechner couldn't have been held at a better time – a warm and sunny Saturday immediately preceding the annual pilgrimage Martin's carriage auction. Jerry opened the clinic by describing what to look for – and look out for – in evaluating a vehicle before purchase. An important preliminary is having the measurements your horse requires in shaft length and spacing. Know what you are looking for in a vehicle. Two wheels or four? Easy to get in and out of? Every day use, or something with the potential to capture the concours de elegance? It is easy to be dazzled by glossy paint jobs and polished hardware or a perceived "bargain," but there is no sense bringing home a vehicle you won't use – unless you have unlimited storage space and are willing to buy a horse to buy to fit the cart. Remember the adage!



"Excuse me, sir. I think you have your cart in front of the horse!"

Bob Brunsdon followed up with an important aspect of wheel maintenance, hub bearings, both antique and modern. Bob had helpful graphics and the actual parts for display and assembly. There was also discussion about replacement rubber on the wheels and a helpful exchange of sources.

After lunch, Wayne Railsback provided several hand outs and a detailed presentation of harness care and cleaning – for many of us, a topic we know but honor more in the breach than the doing! The efficacy of his methods was apparent in the beautiful condition of the harness he showed us – and Esther was reminded of how lucky she is to have a husband who cleans her harnesses for her!

Of course, as important as the presentations was the camaraderie and exchange of experiences and knowledge. The clinic was well-attended, exceeding our minimum of ten people. It was great to meet in person our very newest members, Rick Butts and Lillian McGraw. Rick owns Lorick Stables in Youngstown, New York, near Niagara Falls and Lillian is a working student there under the supervision of trainer Gareth Selwood.

SCHOOLING SHOW AT LORICK STABLES

When the original venue of the schooling show rescinded permission at the last minute, Rick Butts graciously offered his facility, Lorick Stables, as a venue. And what a venue it was! Rick breeds and shows world-class Friesians, and he designed his stable with great thoughtfulness and attention to both aesthetic and practical detail.

Located about ten miles west of Lewiston, just north of the “Seaway Trail” along Lake Ontario, Lorick Stables provided an Olympic-sized outdoor ring with stone dust footing as well as an indoor ring with a minced rubber footing. Driving around the well-maintained grounds was also available. The stables were “state of the art” with large, adjustable stalls and an underground manure disposal system. The doors and ceilings were also high enough to drive a four-in-hand directly indoors. Lots of wash bays and room for storing carriages, as well as dedicated tack and award rooms. It truly was a treat for all attending to see this facility.

Nicole Cable was our judge for the day. A sound system was set up and Ardi Stroman was the experienced announcer. Nicole judged and placed each class, and importantly, explained her process to the competitors and spectators, pointing out the strengths and weaknesses of each turnout. She also spoke to each competitor privately with suggestions. This was the primary purpose of the show, as well as accustoming novice whips and green horses to the show ring experience.

Regrettably, given the volunteer effort put into the event, only five competitors took advantage of this tremendous opportunity. Jeff LaDue, with pony owner Mary Crinean onboard as passenger (with an arm in a cast!) drove Hackney pony Charles in Charge. Dr. Jeanne Best drove her Quarter horse A Frosty Touch, otherwise known as Simon. Novice whip Michele Nufer drove VSE Romeo. Lillian McGraw drove Friesian Cobus LSI. In multiples, Rick Butts drove his pair of Friesians True and Orion in a stunning exhibition for spectators including a clean round through the cones course.

Fortunately, quite a few people showed up without horses to volunteer, watch and learn, and tour the fabulous facility. Our hosts, Rick and Laurie, as well as Gareth and Lillian, made us feel very welcome and their friendliness and hospitality were greatly appreciated by all attending. Thanks as well to Nicole and Ardi for contributing their experience to this endeavor.

Many thanks to Audrey Cooper for the two articles above.

NDS CLASSIFIED CORNER

From Nancy Beany - 585-436-3543

1. White show whip- asking \$75
2. Amish made black patent leather/leather driving harness; used with 14.2 horse; Excellent Condition- asking \$300



OFFICERS

Jerry Lechner – President

Jim Knauer – Vice-President

Treasurer – Dawn Ziegler

Recording Secretary – Maureen Romeo

BOARD MEMBERS

A GROUP – Elected in 2023 for a two-year term.

Mary Crinean

Tom Barbato

Jeff LaDue

B GROUP – Term will be fulfilled at the end of 2023

Erika Martin

Audrey Cooper

Gareth Selwood