

NDS NEWSLETTER



Promoting the Equine Sport of Carriage Driving

March 2024

**THE ANNUAL NDS
BANQUET/AUCTION**
is **Saturday, March 23,
2024** from **4:30-9:30 PM** at
Pinewood Country Club.

**Don't forget to put something
aside to bring to the auction.
Lots of beautiful donations have
been coming in!**

****You should have received an
invitation by now. If you have not,
please respond to this email.**

**Minutes of the NDS Board Meeting Feb
14, 2023 via Zoom**

**Jerry Lechner opened the meeting at
7:00.** Members present were as follows:
Jerry Lechner, Jim Knauer, Reenie
Romeo, Audrey Cooper, Bob Brunson,
and Dawn Ziegler.

OLD BUSINESS

Pleasure Show

Garreth Selwood will be the judge.

Schooling Show

Jim has confirmed June 1 with Rick
Butts at Lorick Stables in Lockport, NY.
Jim presented a flyer and entry form.
We will require a minimum of 8 entries
by May 25. Jim will share the flyer and
Entry form with Rick Butts. The fee for

NDS SCHOOLING SHOW

Saturday, June 1, 2024

LORICK STABLES

840 Lake Rd, Youngstown, NY 14174

Dave Remley, Judge

\$20 for members for any # of classes,

\$25 for non-members

Free to audit

Minimum 8 entries by May 25.

More info to follow

participants will be \$20 for any # of
classes for members and \$25 for non-
members. NDS will provide beverages.
Jerry will handle getting volunteers. It
will be advertised in Newsletter. Reenie
will send the flyer with the newsletter.
Other clubs can share the information,
so non-members can participate.

Banquet –

Venue will be Pinewood Country Club.
Cost will be \$40/pp. Reenie has already
put down a \$200 deposit. Dawn and
Reenie will work on streamlining
checkout of silent auction items. Reenie
will ask Pinewood if we can start at
4:30 for socializing (keeping dinner at
6:00).

Trace Pace

Audrey will work on this with Tricia Anselm. It could take place at Audrey's farm on May 11, or it could be combined with the fall pleasure drive on Oct 19.

Membership Renewals

Audrey sent out 2 or 3 membership renewal reminders. At this point we have 30 memberships. Audrey will call people who have not yet renewed to see if they intend to do so.

Equifest

Equifest is in Hamburg, NY March 16-17 this year. Tricia asked if we want to have a booth there. We would be open to that if someone wants to do it.

Members of the Board are not able to do that this year, but other members could.

Next NDS Board meeting is Mar 13.

Jerry motioned to adjourn; Audrey seconded.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:00 PM.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Congrats to Dee McCarthy, Nicole Cable, and Audrey Cooper, whose photos appeared in the latest edition of *The Whip*. Dee and Nicole attended the Nashoba Carriage Classic in Germantown, Tennessee. Audrey achieved her 250 "Hours To Drive" pin. Bravo!!!

HELP NEEDED

***2 BOARD MEMBERS!** Please consider stepping up.

***EVENT COORDINATORS FOR**

- fall pleasure drive
- trace pace

***EDIT/COPY THE PRIZE LIST FOR THE 2024 PLEASURE SHOW**

There will be no show if no one volunteers. Last year's Prize List can be edited with updated information.

CALL JERRY IF YOU CAN HELP

(585)- 538-5712.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS AND BOARD OPPORTUNITIES

It was great to see so many people at our Christmas Tea. Lots of goodies, catching up, and scheduling events for 2024.

For those of you who did not attend or renew your membership there, a reminder to renew your individual membership for \$25 or family membership for \$30.

Send checks to

Audrey Cooper,

279 East Manitou Road,

Hilton, NY 14468

with any changes in your contact information.

A change of board members and officers from time to time keeps a club healthy by introducing new perspectives and ideas. If you would consider being a board member or officer, let us know! The board meets once a month by zoom meeting which never lasts more than an hour.

Lots of awesome items are already being packed up for the upcoming auction! Here are a few sneak peeks.



a pair of matching lamps



Dee McCartney has generously donated a very nice large pony harness for the auction. Thank you, Dee!

There has been some grumbling about the price of the banquet this year. I assure you that I went all over looking for a better deal. Just so you know, our meal, alone, is \$25, then add 20% service fee, 8% tax, and 15% gratuity - and dessert. Other places started between \$31 and \$62 just for the food. This is our main fundraiser for year. I sincerely hope that an extra \$10 per ticket doesn't keep you home. Plus, if you stay home, you won't see what beautiful treasure Dave Fanton has in store for us this year! I've retained the same auctioneer this year as we've had for a few years now, so there should be lots of laughs. ☺

Reenie

2024 Driving/Horse Events

February	3 17	Genesee Valley Equine Clinic Seminar Saratoga Driving Association Conference
March	16-17 23	Equifest, Hamburg NY NDS Banquet
April	19	Martin's Auction
May	11 17-19 25-26 31-June2	NDS Trace Pace- a possibility. Need a volunteer to head-up this event GMHA Spring CT/AT CVCA Tracey Morgan Clinic @ Morrisville College GVRDC Jeff Kohler Clinic @Fox Run Farm, Geneseo Elk Creek CT, Fair Hill Maryland
June	1-2 1-2 1 19-23 22-23 23 29-30	Elk Creek CT, Fair Hill Maryland CVCA Cones Clinic @Sheffield Farm, Ithaca NDS Schooling Show Bromont CDE, Quebec Suzy Stafford Clinic @Stockade Polo and Saddle Club NDS Pleasure Show Gladstone HDT, Gladstone NJ
July	7 19-21 26-28 26-28	Barneveld Driving Show @ Caernarvon Park Lorenzo Tri-County Carriage Association Pleasure show, Ontario CA WNYCCA Avon Driving Park Show
August	8-11 17 24	Orleton, Stockbridge MA CVCA Sheffield Farms Pleasure Drive, Ithaca NDS Dressage Clinic- Audrey and Tara (Date not solid)
September	7-8 26-29	GVRDC Show and Clinic, Geneseo MidAtlantic Recreational Drive, Fair Hill, MD
October	19	NDS Pleasure Drive- Need a volunteer to head-up this event

***Many thanks to Tricia Anselm for this calendar!!!

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

TBD

B GROUP – Up for election/re-election in early 2024

Erika Martin

Audrey Cooper

TBD

Two invitations from our friends at GVRDC

Genesee Valley Riding and Driving Club offers an opportunity to learn from **Jeffrey Kohler** (*without having to go to Canada*) **May 25-26, 2024**

Fox Run Farm 4222 Roots Tavern Road Geneseo, NY 14454

Each lesson will last 45 minutes and will be tailored to the wishes of the participant. **Singles and multiples are welcome.**

GVRDC members are given priority, so join now!

Lesson fees: \$125 GVRDC Members **\$150** per lesson for Non-Members Stalls: **\$50 per day** (*bring your own feed and bedding*)

Auditors are welcome!

Questions? Contact Tricia at (585)519-5530 or tricia.dognpony@gmail.com

Helmets required when in vehicle.

<https://gvrdc.org/index.html>

Jeffrey Kohler is a professional carriage driving trainer in both pleasure and combined driving at Relhok Farm in Barrie, Ontario, Canada, with experience training singles to Four in Hands, and coaching beginner to FEI level drivers. Jeff's training philosophy places the animal's well-being first and foremost, layering positive learning experiences for long-term success, without hurrying the process or taking shortcuts. Jeff is known for his impeccable, correct turnouts whether in the pleasure ring or marathon.



His training philosophy, his understanding of the needs of the horse and the whip are evidenced by his accomplishments, but just as importantly the success of his clients. Jeff, his clients, and the equines he has trained have garnered numerous wins and championships at Walnut Hill Carriage Show, Great Lakes Pleasure Driving Show, Orleton Farm, Kentucky Pleasure and Kentucky CDE, Lorenzo Driving Competition, Garden State CDE, and Bromont International CDE.

Mark your calendar! September 7-8, 2024 will be GVRDC's 41st Driving Show in the Genesee Valley. *New show management *

Plan to join us whether it's your first competition or your hundred and first!

Judge: Tracey Morgan of Beallsville, MD TD: Eric Wilking of Exeter, NH

We will be offering an ADS recognized Combined Test (*dressage and cones*) with Dressage "Fix-a-Test" and Cones "do-over" options on Saturday, and a Continuous Drive (*dressage, cones, and a pleasure pace*) on Sunday.

Introductory Training (whip not to have completed a Driving Trial or CDE previously) : May have dressage test read from ringside or passenger; may receive directions on cones course from passenger/navigator; may be escorted on Pace drive by un-entered equine ridden or driven (un-entered equine subject to health requirements and safety inspection). Introductory Training division placed separately from Open Training.

Introductory Training (*house rules*), Training and Preliminary levels offered. VSE, Pony, Horse, Singles and Multiples welcome. Incentives and special awards for youth drivers.

At Fox Run Farm & Hideaway Farm, Roots Tavern Rd, Geneseo NY

Info: Tricia Anselm (585)519-5530 drivingshow.gvrdc@gmail.com