



The Scoop

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President's Letter

If it seems we aren't doing anything club related – you are right. Personally, I needed some downtime to take care of myself and relax. Spending a few days at Penmerryll Farm B&B near Stuarts Draft was a wonderful break. A bit disappointing was the condition of the facilities as it appears to be lacking general upkeep and attention. While the setting was beautiful and lots of places to see and do in the area, I'm afraid I would not be honest if I recommended it for a getaway. I did get to bait a hook and cast my 20 yr old rod in a beautiful lake. Didn't matter to me if I caught anything (which I didn't) – it was just relaxing fun.



We will not be having a meeting in July – instead will be working on an August meeting with a club speaker so stay tuned. Anyone interested in heading up a drive in the meantime, please let me know and we will get the word out.

We will also be looking to set a workday for building hazards sometime in the August September timeframe so charge up your portable drills and keep an eye out for a date.

Meanwhile, stay cool and enjoy your summer!

Daphne



Daphne, Tom, Sam and Spec participate in the Ashland July 4th Parade!

Welcome New Members!

Kelly Smith

Katherine Cook

Please Note:

There was no scheduled JRDA meeting for the month of June, therefore no meeting minutes or treasurer's report.

Official Business

March 27, 2017

By: Andy Marcoux – www.CoachmansDelight.com

I've been on "official business" in South Carolina for the past four days, at the Windsor Trace CDE and Combined Test. Well, it was semi-official business. As a combined driving judge, I have to attend a judges' clinic at least every three years to maintain my judging license with the ADS. So I got to be a clinic attendee for a change!



The clinic serves to refresh and brush up on our skills as judges or technical delegates and bring new officials along into the sport. There are quite a few advantages to having a clinic at an actual live event, rather than as a closed clinic just about the judges. We are able to be flies on the wall for all aspects of an event from organizing, to scoring, and of course, the very "real world" scenarios that come up at every event.

I'm not sure we were so effective at the low-profile aspect of observing unnoticed since we were required to dress as we would if we were actually judging the event. While we assured all that we talked to that we had no official role at the event, it still must have been a bit intimidating for competitors to see a squad of judges sitting by the ring as they drove.

Marcie Quist led the judge's clinic while Keith Yutzy was the point man for the technical delegates. We all met at Shelly Temple's farm on Thursday before the event for a special session on driving pairs. Each of us drove a test, while the others discussed the judging of the test. This was a great opportunity for those officials with limited experience with driving pairs. Friday we moved on to Lisa Singer's Courage to Lead Farm for the combined test, followed by the CDE over the weekend.

One of the best things that the live event gave us was the opportunity to discuss, question and debate what was unfolding in front of us. As we sat ringside we focused on specific aspects of judging, rather than simply scoring a bunch of tests. For one group of drivers, we would focus only on the positive aspects of their drive, while another group we looked only at the qualities of the horse's gaits.

It wasn't just the drivers or horses that we looked at piece by piece, but our own judging and opinions. Rather than just calling a movement a "7", we talked about why we thought the movement was a 7. We had to be able to articulate what we liked about the movement that made it better than a 5 or a 6, and what we would have needed to see to make it an 8 or 9.

This deconstruction of judging really allowed us to more fully understand everything that we were seeing. We could really take our observations apart piece by piece examining what lead us to the opinion we formed, then listen to what the others saw, and how they came to their opinion.

Much of our focus was devoted to communicating what we were seeing so that we could provide truly useful feedback in our comments while judging. It's one thing to watch a dressage test scoring each movement and smugly commenting on what you don't like. It's another thing to watch a movement, then provide constructive feedback with just a few words that someone can use to improve their performance.

With that in mind, we watched a division focusing only on the words we'd use for feedback. We had to comment on every movement, but with only one or two words, and we could only re-use a word once on the test. Talk about stretching out those vocabulary muscles!

Of course being a combined driving judge involves more than just judging dressage. There are dozens of decisions made every day of the event from the briefing of volunteers to scheduling the order of go to keep the event running smoothly. We had full access to all of the behind the scenes action at the event.

The official judges (Francois Bergeron and Kail Palmer-Miller) and technical delegate (Debbie Bevan) for the event took time each day to talk with us to share their observations. They told us how they chose to handle various situations, and what lead them to make those decisions. We attended all of the briefings for drivers and volunteers paying attention to what was effective, and discussing what we may have added.

The event organizers were great. Hosting a back to back combined test and CDE is one hell of a lot of work. Can you imagine doing that with a dozen extra officials crawling around the event looking at every single aspect of the event?

These clinics are an obligation for licensed officials, but the weekend hardly felt like any sort of a chore. Instead, it felt more like, "Hey, let's get together to watch this event." We got to ask questions, share experiences and tell all the stories that come out of being officials at events like this one. I think everyone came away with more insight and experience to carry forward.

Cheers to everyone who made this possible!



2017 BRANDYWINE CARRIAGE DRIVING SHOW & COMBINED TEST

SEPTEMBER 9 - 10

GLEN WILLOW HORSE SHOW GROUNDS,
AVONDALE, PA

OPENING DATE IS JULY 12 AND CLOSING DATE IS AUGUST 25
(closing date is "received by" not postmarked date)

Marco Freund CDE Clinics July 2017

July 22-23

Saturday: dressage
Sunday: cones

July 29-30

Saturday:
dressage
Sunday: marathon obstacles



\$100 per lesson

Add \$15 for personalized course walking instructions

- Participants can register for 1 or both day's
- Maximum of ten participants per day
- Personalized course walking starts at 8 am.
- Lessons are projected to start at 9:30 am.
- A lesson contains 45 min
- Participants should have already warmed up their ponies/horses prior to lesson.

Event location:

Belle Grey Farm
21440 Belle Grey Lane
Upperville, VA 20185

Questions or registration:

Marco Freund
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Talk/text: 727-853-5595

About Marco:

Marco has been driving since age 5 and entered his first completion at 7 under the tutelage of his father, World Champion and former USA national coach, **Michael Freund**.

Competitively, Marco is a multiple German national champion in both ponies and horse pair division, placed 4th in the World Championship for ponies in 2011, placed 2nd in World Championship for ponies in 2013, has won CDEs in Riesenbeck (GER), Horst (NED), Lähden (GER), Beekbergen (NED), and more, and was the FEI Pair Horse World Ranking Winner in 2015, before his departure to the USA.

Marco brings a relaxed and supportive manner to his lessons, and enjoys working with both horses and drivers at any level of competition.



Calendar of Events & Notices

Date	Event	Location
22-23 July	Marco Freund CDE Clinic Dressage and Cones – Belle Grey Farm, Upperville, VA. All levels welcome! Contact Marco Freund for more information or to register. 727-853-5595	Local & Regional
29-30 July	Marco Freund CDE Clinic Dressage and Marathon Obstacles – Belle Grey Farm, Upperville, VA. All Levels Welcome! Contact Marco Freund for more information or to register. 727-853-5595	Local & Regional
30 July	Chesapeake Combined Test – Stafford Carriage Driving, Chesapeake City, MD. Training, Preliminary, Intermediate, FE1* and Advanced. Judge: FEI Rochelle Temple. Suzy Stafford Available for lessons if interested. Contact ponydrivers@aol.com for more information.	Local & Regional
5 Aug	JRDA Meeting –location to be determined.	JRDA Sponsored
9-10 Sept	Brandywine Valley Driving Club - Carriage Driving Show and Combined Test – Glen Willow Horse Grounds, Avondale, VA.	Local & Regional
28 Sept – 1 Oct	NSL & M 7th Annual Polo Classic – Great Meadow, The Plains, VA. Team USA will take on the British Military Team for Founders Cup.	Local & Regional
7 Oct	JRDA Cones Rally –Location: Carriage Grove Farm, Goochland, VA. Contact Shirley Cauley for more information.	JRDA Sponsored
10-16 Oct	ADS Annual Members Meeting at the National Drive. Kentucky Horse Park	National/Int'l
20 – 21 Oct	Martins Carriage Auction – Lebanon Fairgrounds, PA – www.martinauctioneers.com or 717-354-6671	Local & Regional
26-29 Oct	MARD – Mid Atlantic Drive. Fairhill, MD	Local & Regional
2018 Sept	FEI World Equestrian Games. Tyron International Equestrian Center in North Carolina. http://tyron.coth.com or https://inside.fei.org	National/Int'l

Cones Rally Volunteers Needed!

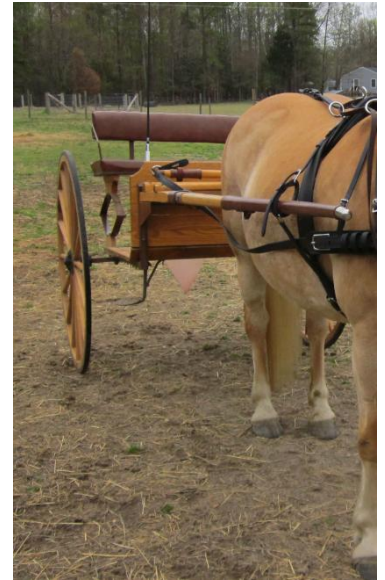
Volunteers are needed to organize the Cones Rally tentatively planned for this fall at Carriage Grove Farm in Goochland, VA. If you are interested please contact Daphne Wood-Lasser.

Winter Seminar Volunteers Needed!

If you enjoyed the Winter Seminar in the past and would like to have input or assist with a new one in 2018, please contact Lynn Legg or Daphne Wood-Lasser.

Classifieds

FREE: 2-wheeled wooden cart. Could use some TLC. I removed the shafts already and sanded them. The seat in good condition, wheels are in good condition as well. If you wanted to, you could put the shafts back on it and use it. Fit my 14.2 Haflinger. Would be a great first cart or training cart. We are moving at the



end of July, if it doesn't find a home it will end up at the dump. You pick up. Contact Cristi at 804-386-9328 or mini.reef@hotmail.com

FOR SALE: Restored 1865 Ladies Phaeton. Contact Daphne Wood-Lasser at spring_hill_house@yahoo.com or call 804-212-6489

Ad Exp. 9/1

HELP WANTED: Horse training assistant sought for help with combined driving horses. Grooming, harnessing, and cooling out. Opportunity to drive if desired. 2 days a week, hours roughly 3:30 pm-6 pm. More hours may be possible; some flexibility with hours and days. Willing to train. Must have transportation and be reliable. Barn located in western Charles City, 15 minutes from Richmond Airport. Text Lynn at 804-229-9708 or email at lmlegg@vcu.edu

Ad Exp. 8/1

DRIVING LESSONS: Lessons are available for beginner through intermediate for combined driving, recreational, and pleasure driving. Learn on my experienced driving horse or mini, or your own horse. Come to my farm or yours, cost is \$35 per lesson (additional cost for travel time to your farm). We are located in Charles City, VA (20 min SE of Richmond Airport). Contact Lynn Legg at 804-229-9708 or email lmlegg@vcu.edu

Ad Exp 8/1

TRAINING: Carriage training for the horse and driver. Mary Clark Lind starts horses to harness and offers lessons to beginners & novice drivers. She focuses on a strong foundation through groundwork and good manners, emphasizing safety. She also provides tune ups & conditioning for horses that already drive. Mary Clark has been competing in combined driving for ten years and has experience training singles, pairs, four-in-hands, six-up, and tandems. Contact 804.305.2911 or lind@vt.edu

Ad Exp: 9/1

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Information must be submitted by the 25th of each month. Please include a photo of the item you are selling if available. For business cards, please submit a high quality image through email.

Classifieds are free to members and \$10 for non members. Classifieds will run for 3 months. Business Cards are free for members and \$15 for non members Business cards will expire after 6 months. The expiration date is shown at the end of each ad and will be removed when termed. Please re-submit your information if you would like to continue to run your ad

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