



The Unicorn Summer 2013

Welcome to the Unicorn's summer edition!

I am pleased to be taking on the role as your newsletter editor. Any newsletter can only be as good as its content, and should serve the needs and interests of its membership. For this I look to you, our members, to provide information, photographs, articles and any other items for this and future editions. I know how busy we all can be and if you don't have time to polish an article, I am happy to help in any way I can. Photographs of events are appreciated and add visual interest to the newsletter. Suggestions are always welcome!

Some have already stepped up for this issue and I hope you enjoy their contributions.

We include, of course, the results of the season so far and descriptions of other events that have been held. We are also starting a new column in this issue: *Ask the Vet* - Dr. Ken Armstrong has kindly agreed to answer questions of general interest to our members.

Heather Webber

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Please send your letters, articles and classified advertisements to Heather Webber at tccanewsletter@gmail.com

TCCA Long-Lining April 21, 2013

The flags and pinwheels were flying at Beaverwood Farms in Erin, the bridge and water crossing were there, and the only thing missing was the carriages! Eight equines and their handlers turned up for a fun half day of obstacle simulation and “Long Lining”.

The group was a wonderful mix of green and seasoned horses, handlers, juniors and adults. It was a great day without the added pressure that a show can sometimes bring. It accomplished what we had set out to provide and everyone, equine and human, enjoyed themselves.



An added plus came at the closing when Cynthia Zalewski hitched Kitia and provided us with a full turnout to work around. For those of us that drive solo

at home, this gave us the opportunity to expose our horse to a horse and carriage to follow, pass or have trail behind.

A special thanks to Kirsten Brunner and Beaverwood Stables for the use of the arena, grounds and helpful hands, and to the volunteers that did the setup, gate keeping and tear down.



Debbie Hewson
Photos courtesy of Vicky Cork

TCCA Social Drive: Westfield Heritage Village July 14, 2013

This Social Drive was originally planned for Halton Equine Veterinary Services in Flamborough but with unseasonable rainfall in the weeks prior to the event the grounds could not accommodate the horses and carriages. There was a last minute shuffling of venues and Westfield Heritage Village in Rockton happily granted us permission to relocate there.

With hay still on the fields for a number of you, the attendance was small, but those that came out had an enjoyable drive and the weather was perfect.

I had a great time navigating the park for the first time. We stopped at several hitching rails to talk with the interpretation staff who were representing the trades and business of this historical community village. My pony Mindy was on alert and taking in all the new experiences—navigating by the tourists and baby strollers, as well as travelling through a covered bridge.

Thank you to Robert and Marcelle Grimes for coming out to volunteer and lend a helping hand where needed.

A big THANK YOU to Westfield Heritage Village for having us!

Debbie Hewson

Tip from Debbie Hewson: TSC has BBQ covers for \$10 and they work well – better than a tarp! Nicely tailored and don't slide off.

Photographs from June 9th at Orchard Park

photos courtesy Leo Zalewski



Judi Morris



Ken Armstrong



Debbie Dobson



Jackie Shute



Wendy Inch

Photographs from July 27th at Iron Horse Equestrian Centre

photos courtesy Jump-Shot Photography



Paula Neice being judged by Morris Kerr



Judi Morris and Tickle in the Costume Class



Helen Velenosi & The Sundance Kid as the Dog Catcher and Dog



Barb Bowen in the Carriage Dog Class



Amanda Orr driving Beaverwoods Minstral

Tri-county Carriage Association Thanksgiving Show

The Thanksgiving Show will be held on Sunday, September 29, 2013 at Tralee, located in Caledon. This beautiful 140 acre site was the site of the Canadian Classic Carriage Show for many years.

The show will begin at 9:45 and will consist of a working class, a reinsmanship class, a cones class and a cross country class. Competitors are encouraged to come to enjoy the wonderful trails and the combination of natural and man-made obstacles. We are not going to have a turnout class, so that competitors will feel comfortable bringing appropriate utility vehicles if they desire.

The cross country course will be approximately 4km and a shorter course will be made available for VSE and less fit competitors. There will be routes available around most of the more challenging obstacles.

The cost is \$100 per entry and this will cover all or any part of the classes listed above. The divisions continue to be VSE. pony, horse, multiple, junior and tenderfoot. A red light green light class will also be available.

Please come and join us at this wonderful site for an exciting day of carriage driving! Prize list will be posted on the Drive Ontario website.

Professional grade photographs are still available from the Spring and Summer TCCA shows.

For the June 9th show please contact Leo Zalewski to get a disc of all of the wonderful photos he took at the show. The cost of a disc, mailed to your home, is \$25. Leo can be contacted at leo.zalewski@gmail.com to order and arrange payment.

For the July 27th show: please go on the internet at www.jump-shotphoto.ca and under horse shows you will find the TCCA show. There are instructions on the internet how to order photographs.

Please look for your photos and support our two wonderful photographers!

Websites of Interest

Please send in your suggestions for websites that may be useful to our members.

Thanks to Judi Morris for this one on the Safety, Care, & Maintenance of Carriages:

<http://www.coachmansdelight.com/CGuidePage.asp?pg=GUI16&k=16>

(my apologies to the person who sent me another which I just cannot locate it—please resend it to me)

2013 June 9 Composite Score

	competitor	turnout	working	reins'ship	cones	obstacle	TOTAL
pony							
49	Judi Morris	5	10	15	25	15	70
50	Wendy Inch	25	15	10	35	20	105
51	Jackie Shute	35	35	35	15	28	148
54	Paula Neice	10	25	5	5		45
65	Deb Dobson	15	5	25	10	8	63
open horse							
47	Gord Freeman		5	25	10	25	65
48	Cynthia Zalewski	28	35	35	15	15	128
52	Bob Thomas	20	15	10	25	35	105
53	Jim Schultz	8	25	15	5	5	58
55	Ken Armstrong	12	10	5	35	10	72
tenderfoot							
56	Alvin Haves	14	10	10	10	10	54
61	Helen-Joy Velenosi	10	14	14	14	14	66
juniors							
73	Lauren Huschult	7	7	7		7	28
Champion		Jackie Shute					
Reserve		Cynthia Zalewski					
Concours		Jackie Shute					

2013 July 27 Composite Score

	competitor	turnout	working	reins'ship	F & O	PYOR	2 nd show TOTAL	1 st & 2 nd show TOTAL
pony								
20	Judi Morris	8	8	15	15	28	74	144
17	Wendy Inch	28	28	35	25	20	136	241
52	Jackie Shute	20	12	25	35	12	104	252
18	Paula Neice	12	20	10	5		47	92
	Deb Dobson							63
10	Barb Bowen			5	10	8	23	23
open horse								
	Gord Freeman							65
15	Cynthia Zalewski	21	15	21	15		72	200
	Bob Thomas							105
	Jim Schultz							58
	Ken Armstrong							72
22	Jack Vanderkooy	15	9	9	21	7	61	61
19	Lisa Foster	9	21	15	9		54	54
tenderfoot								
	Alvin Haves							54
41	Helen-Joy Velenosi	15	15	15	15	10	70	136
12	Amanda Orr	21	21	21	9		72	72
11	Al Brick	9	9	9	21	14	62	62
juniors								
	Lauren Huschult							28
16	Alexis Clark	7	7	7	7	7	35	35
Champion		Wendy Inch						
Reserve		Jackie Shute						
Concours		Jack Vanderkooy						
Red /Green Light		Amelia Twolan						

Ask the Vet

*This new column is for you to pose questions of **general** interest about equine health care.*

Q: When your horse comes in from the pasture bleeding heavily, it's very frightening. What should one do while waiting for the vet?

A: When you own horses it is prudent to have an emergency kit available for immediate use should the need arise. One should use a well-sealed box to keep, at a minimum, the following items - one or two clean bandages (I usually recommend keeping these in a sealed clear plastic bag to keep them clean), one pressure type wrap (Vet Wrap is good), one regular wrap, some wound spray, a thermometer, a flashlight and the telephone number for your veterinarian.

Should you at any time find your horse bleeding the first and most important thing is to stop the bleeding. You stop bleeding by putting pressure on the wound! If it is a leg you place the bandage over the wound and wrap it with the pressure wrap (Vet Wrap) no matter where the bleeding is. If it is on the body of the horse you take the bandage, place it over the wound and push as much as it takes to stop the bleeding. Then you have to hold that pressure until someone arrives to assess the severity of the situation. Please do this before calling for the veterinarian as blood loss while you are making the call could be considerable. The horse should stand where it is and move as little as possible. If it is going to be some time before anyone can have a look at the wound and the wound is in an area where it is possible then run cold water over the bandage and the area to shrink the blood flow to that limb. If blood is seeping through the bandage then it is not tight enough so put another wrap over everything and wrap this one tighter. Do not take the bandage off, simply add to what is there.

Q: If the wound is a puncture and the item is still in the wound, eg. a stick or a shard of glass, should one remove it?

A: If your horse comes in with a puncture wound with the object still in the wound you have to make a decision. Should the object be in a leg or muscle area, then pull it out and bandage as a bleeding wound. Should the object be in the chest or abdomen then leave it in place until someone can assess the amount of damage. Always keep the object for the veterinarian to see so he/she knows what to feel for when probing the wound. Also, it gives the veterinarian an idea of how deep the wound might be. Once again, stop the bleeding first and then call your veterinarian.

Remember arteries and veins in the legs require considerable pressure to stop bleeding so wrap the bandage as tight as possible. You do not have to be concerned about cutting off the circulation in the limb because there is deep circulation and this will keep the limb alive for an hour or two.

K.N. Armstrong DVM

Please feel free to submit your own health questions to

tccanewsletter@gmail.com

We regret however that we cannot accept questions about a specific problem with a specific horse. They should be of general interest.

All Dressed Up... and Almost No Where To Go!

My limited inexperienced driving career strays no farther than Tri-County Carriage Association, except perhaps for the local fair where twice I won \$50.00 in a cones class. Up until now I preferred to keep the shows low keyed by wearing a helmet and my daughter's red blazer that she acquired when she represented The Canadian Pony Club at an Inter-Pacific event 19 years ago. After all – I didn't want my good clothes to smell like horse or worse—that which comes out the back end.

I must say however I so admire women like Wendy Inch and Donna Jesso, immaculately dressed up and turned out in their carriages. When a navy blue hat that fit my small head appeared on the auction table at our AGM I didn't stop bidding until I got it. All I had to do now was dig up one of my good dresses that don't get out much anymore and I was good to go. That was when I discovered how many shades of navy there really are. The dresses didn't match—however I found an old suit in the back of the closet that was perfect: white top with a navy pin stripe in it and a navy skirt which my apron would cover even if the shade was off. I fussed over shoes but again dug deep and found a suitable pair.

Pleased I was with myself when I stepped out of my trailer dressing room the morning of the show. My helper remarked that I looked like I was going to a 50's business meeting. He was close—the suit was an oldie. "Never you mind." I told him and strapped on my pearls. "Perfect," he said. "Pearls with that suit." It didn't bother me—I had my little hat and even some Lily of the Valley cologne on. I was good to go. Tickle was almost behaving, the weather was perfect for a show—it just couldn't get any better; then...dun da dun dun...

A kind soul felt obliged to inform me that short sleeves are not acceptable in the ring. Tradition calls that arms must be covered. **WHO KNEW?** Not I. The last I checked I was in Canada and short sleeves were not a crime. No time for jokes. Barb Bowen is close in size to me - I scrambled around with Tickle until I tracked her down, sending her tearing back to

her house to look for a white shirt (totally forgetting that I actually had one under my hunt jacket that I had brought for the ride & drive). Panic took over. Somewhere along the line Jean McLean heard of my plight and came to the rescue with one of Christina's shirts. Bless their souls, all of them—Barb, Jean and Christina. I could breathe again.

At the end of the day I spoke to the judge about my lame brain lack of knowledge and tradition. She was gracious, and said that yes, it is proper to have long sleeves but she doubted that she would have ruined my day over it.

You got to love Tri-County—best place there is to learn your lessons and there's always somebody there to help and get you through it. It was a grand day—sleeves and all.

Judi Morris

Introducing Members

A few newsletters ago I wrote about Abner Brubacher, from Countryside Carriage. Abner is a marvelous harness maker, a member of Tri-County and very good about doing all types of repairs of anything on the spot and his prices are most fair. And he is donating a pair of bridles for our upcoming 30th Anniversary Pony Breeders show.

Now we have a new member—Creekside Carriages. Jackie Shute put me onto Wayne and I am grateful as he made necessary alterations to my wicker cart. I found his work excellent and he did it while I waited so there was no having to return from a distance. Being Treasurer, I couldn't leave without suggesting he join Tri-County Carriage Association. You will see his advertisement in our newsletter along with Countryside Carriage.

I'm taking the time to tell you about these members that I have had the pleasure of dealing with, and invite you to contribute to the next newsletters and do a similar blurb about anything in our field of interest that you have discovered. Don't be shy to invite them to join our club. There is a membership form on our web site that can be filled out in a flash.

Judi Morris

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