

Wheel to Wheel

Newsletter for the HUB



2021

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**The HUB Club:
Education &
Camaraderie**



From the Editor As your editor, I ask that you send me photos and anything else that you would like to see in the newsletter. I am more than happy to use anything you want in the newsletter, as it is **YOUR newsletter**. If you want to continue to have an informative newsletter, I need material from the membership. You can send them to me directly at briarpatcheast@aol.com by the 20th of each month. Kris Breyer

From the Webmaster: Please submit items for web page. Include pictures of all our members. Please send names of driver, passengers, horse(s), and description of what you are doing, and where.

Prez Message:

Happy Spring! The weather is getting warmer and everything is really getting green and blooming. Horse driving activities are starting to ramp up too. As I write this Dairyland Driving Club is having a meeting to help drivers "Re-start" their horses safely after being off most of the winter. I think it's a great idea and I hope that many people will take advantage of this

help. In a little more than a week the Spring Fling down in Edinburg, IN will hold a 4- day driving opportunity with much to offer every level of driver. I hope that many of you have sent in your applications to Lydia for our up- coming clinic. You can audit, line drive a green horse, drive in an arena with fence surrounding or practice obstacles and cones or even ride! We have a very capable clinician and we sure hope to fill up all the lesson spots available!! I HOPE to see everyone there!

Ann



2021 Driving



Midwest Region (and then some...) 2021 Driving Season (Rev. 4/19/2021)

Event	ADS Rec'd	Date	Host	Location	Contact
National Drive Spring Fling		4/29 - 5/2/2021	The National Drive	Hoosier Horse Park, IN	TheNationalDrive@gmail.com Dave and Linda Sadler
Robin Groves Clinic		4/30- 5/2/2021		Skunk River Equestrian Center Ames, IA	Jada Rohloff jada@midwest-driving.com
CDSGKC Fun Day		5/1/2021	CDSGKC	Lee's Summit Equestrian Center 12910 E. Lone Jack Lee's Summit, MO	Judi Adams adamsjudi@sbcglobal.net
Michael Scott Clinic & Seminar		5/1/2021	CDSGKC	Lee's Summit Equestrian Center 12910 E. Lone Jack Lee's Summit, MO	Judi Adams adamsjudi@sbcglobal.net
MNDRA I Distance Drive		5/1-2/2021	Midwest Driving Association	St. Croix State Park Hinckley, MN	michelle.fedewa@yahoo.com
Navigator's Clinic with Denise Lowe		5/1/2021	Colorado Driving Society	Sandy Clayton's farm	Sandy Clayton 303 646-3595
Dressage Clinic with K. C. Kyle		5/2/2021	Colorado Driving Society	Sandy Clayton's farm	Sandy Clayton 303 646-3595
MAY 8th		HUB Club	MEETING	Via Zoom	6pm
Lisa Singer Clinic & Fun Days		5/7 – 9 /2021	Lea Huber	Royal Crest Friesians Paola, KS	Lea Huber lea_huber@yahoo.com (913) 449-6143
Thorsten Zarembowicz Clinic		5/15/2021	Colorado Driving Society	Thistle Hill Farm Franktown, CO	Kris Jensen 303 841-5238
9 th Annual Driving Clinic		5/15/2021	Mid-Iowa Driving Assn. & Helmuth Equine	Helmuth Equine 56124 280 th St. Ames, IA 50010	Theresa Burns theresadburns@gmail.com
Trice Demers Clinic		5/15- 16/2021	Hub Club	Fox Valley Saddle Assn facility Hampshire, IL	Dr. Lydia Gray, DVM lydiagraydvm@gmail.com
Pioneer Pleasure Driving Carriage Show & CT	X	5/22 & 23/2021	ENDS ADS sanctioned John Freiburger, Judge Katy Reinhart, TD	Seward County Fairgrounds Seward, NE	Garnet Blatchford garnetblat@gmail.com

Robin Groves Clinic		5/27-28/2021		Skunk River Equestrian Center Ames, IA	Jada Rohloff jada@midwest-driving.com
Robin Groves Clinic		5/29-30/2021	ENDS	Arlington Training Stable Elkhorn, NE	Garnet Blatchford garnetblat@gmail.com
K-Bar-J Driving Event		6/5/2021	Kelly & Pam Johnson	K Bar J Ranch Pleasant Hill, MO	Pam Johnson kbarjr@yahoo.com
Sporting Day of Traditional Driving		6/5/2021	Colorado Driving Society	Thistle Hill Farm Franktown, CO	Eric & Mary Jensen 303 886-5555
Sporting Day of Traditional Driving— Cross Country Drive		6/6/2021	Colorado Driving Society	Thistle Hill Farm Franktown, CO	Eric & Mary Jensen 303 886-5555
Blue Ribbon Pleasure Show & Lessons	X	6/12-13/2021	Michigan Horse Drawn Vehicle Assn. Judge-Dana Bright TD-Melissa Boyd	Ionia Fairgrounds Ionia, MI	mhdva.org
Midwest Carriage Festival & CT	X	6/18-20/2021		Walworth County Fairgrounds Elkhorn, WI	midwestcarriagefestival@gmail.com Also FB Midwest Carriage Festival
Stuhr Museum Fun Day		6/19/2021	WINE (Whips In Nebraska)	3133 W US Hwy 34 Grand Island, NE 68801	Jennifer Andersen horsemadinne@yahoo.com
The Lexington Carriage Classic (Driving Derby Saturday night)		6/24-26/2021		Kentucky Horse Park Lexington, KY	Lexington Carriage Classic, PO Box 820, Paris, KY 40362 www.lexingtoncarriageclassic.com
Silver Whip CT/DT		6/26-27/2021	Rocky Mountain Carriage Club	Silver Whip Farm Fort Collins, CO	rockymtncarriageclub@gmail.com or Kerri Rochon kerrirochon@hotmail.com
9 th Annual Driving Trial	X	7/3/2021		Notara Farm 7732 Riverside Rd.X Verona, WI	Mary Ruth Marks maryruthmarks@gmail.com
Twenty Mile House CDT		7/18/2021	Colorado Driving Society	Salisbury Park, Colorado	Sarah Swearingen 352 275-2226
Tentative Skunk River DT		7/24-25/2021		Skunk River Equine Center, Ames, IA	Jada Rohloff jadarohloff@gmail.com
Robin Groves Clinic		7/31 – 8/1/2021	ENDS	Arlington Training Stable Elkhorn, NE	Garnet Blatchford garnetblat@gmail.com
Rocky Mountain Derby		8/8/2021	Rocky Mountain Carriage Club	Silver Whip Farm Fort Collins, CO	rockymtncarriageclub@gmail.com or Kerri Rochon kerrirochon@hotmail.com
My Revelation Carriage Classic		8/14-15/2021	CDSGKC	Longview Horse Park Kansas City, MO	Linda Barta lindaasb3@gmail.com
Metamora CDE & CT	X	8/20-22/2021		Windrush Farm Metamora, MI	ddaly0037@gmail.com
Thorsten Zarembowicz		9/3-5/2021	Rocky Mountain	Silver Whip Farm Fort Collins, CO	rockymtncarriageclub@gmail.com

Clinic			Carriage Club		or Kerri Rochon kerrirochon@hotmail.com
40 th Annual Villa Louis Carriage Classic + CAA Carriage Showcase	X	9/10-12/2021		Villa Louis Prairie du Chien, WI	Mike Rider www.CarriageClassic.com
Indiana CDE and CT	X	9/17-19/2021	Indiana Whips & Wheels	Hoosier Horse Park	Nancy Dozier ndozier@infomgmtsol.com
Longview by the Lake Driving Trial		9/18-19/2021	CDSGKC	Longview Horse Park Kansas City, MO	Linda Barta lindaabs3@gmail.com
Colorado CDE	X	10/1-3/2021	Colorado Driving Society	Colorado Horse Park	Eric Jensen 303 886-5555
National Drive Fall Drive		10/5 - 10/2021	The National Drive	Hoosier Horse Park, IN	TheNationalDrive@gmail.com Dave and Linda Sadler

Mark Twain on harnessing horses:

"The man stands up the horses on each side of the thing that projects from the front end of the wagon, and then throws the tangled mess of gear on top of the horses, and passed the thing that goes forward through a ring and hauls it aft, and passes the other thing through the other ring and hauls it aft on the other side of the horse, opposite to the first one, after crossing them and bringing the loose end back, and then buckles the other thing underneath the horse and takes another thing and wraps it around the thing I spoke of before, and puts another thing over each horse's head, with broad flappers to it to keep the dust out of his eyes, and puts the iron thing in his mouth for him to grit his teeth on, uphill, and brings the ends of these things aft over his back, after buckling another one around his neck to hold his head up, and hitching another thing on a thing that goes over his shoulders to keep his head up when he is climbing a hill, and then takes the slack of the thing which I mentioned a while ago and fetches it aft, and makes it fast to the thing that pulls the wagon, and hands the other things up to the driver to steer with." - *A Tramp Abroad*



For sale: Carriage from Jack Stewart's Golden Carriage company, Golden, CO. Purchased circa 1993. Has shaves and pole. Used with pair of 14.2 Morgans. Brakes. Stored inside. Asking \$3,000. Buyer responsible for transport. Located northern Illinois 25 miles south of Rockford.

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A Clinic with Patricia “Trish” Demers

May 15-16, 2021

Fox Valley Saddle Association, Hampshire, IL



- The clinic will be held at the Fox Valley Saddle Association, 44W300 Rohrsen Rd., Hampshire, IL, which has an indoor arena, outdoor arena, and outdoor grass field for cones and obstacles, weather permitting. All levels and disciplines welcome!
- Private lessons are \$120, payable to HUBClub. Refunds for cancellations will only be given if the slot can be filled.
- **There will be at least two people available for scheduling official ADE pony and VSE measurements.** There is no fee to HUBClub members for these measurements.
- **Trish is available to evaluate for CAA Level 1 Driver Proficiency including the Road Test.** Contact Lydia for more info.
- Per our insurance and bylaws, anyone actively involved with a horse at the clinic must be a HUBClub member. This includes drivers, grooms, certain volunteers, and anyone bringing a pony or VSE for measurement.
- Participants may clinic out of their trailer for a daily haul-in fee of \$10 or out of a permanent stall for a daily stall fee of \$25 (add \$10 if coming in the night before). Electrical hook-ups for overnight camping are also available upon special request. Bedding is not included and is NOT available for purchase on-site. Everyone is kindly asked to clean up after their horse when they leave whether hauling-in or using a stall.
- Anyone riding on a carriage must wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM/SEI standards for equestrian use.
- A negative Coggins test dated within one year of the event is required. Out-of-state horses must present a Veterinary Health Certificate dated within 30 days of clinic.
- There are bleachers outside but your own chairs may be more comfortable. A hat, sunglasses, sunscreen, and bug spray are also recommended.
- Each person should bring their own lunches, drinks, and snacks. If the weather is nice, bring chairs and eat outside! Otherwise, as long as everyone maintains social distancing, we can eat in the clubhouse. Dinner TBD.
- No dogs allowed.
- We will be following the current State of Illinois/Kane County COVID-19 guidelines on the date of the clinic.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Lydia Gray for more info at lydiagraydvm@gmail.com, text 630-701-5903, or phone 630-557-0241



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I would like to participate as a (circle all that apply): **Driver*** **Groom*** **Auditor** **Volunteer***

_____ I would like my pony/VSE to have an official ADS measurement* (must schedule a time)

Name _____ E-mail _____

Street Address _____ Cell Phone _____ Other Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

***per insurance, must be a HUBClub member, join below**

EQUINE Name _____ Mare _____ Gelding _____ Stallion _____
Breed _____ Age _____ Height _____ Color _____ Single OR Pair _____

DRIVER

Per private lesson: \$120 \$ _____ Preferred lesson time(s): _____
Day stall fee EACH CALENDAR DAY: \$25 \$ _____
(if you just want to bring horse the night before, add \$10 to the day stall fee) \$ _____ Preferred lesson day: _____
OR Haul-in fee per trailer, per day: \$10 \$ _____

AUDITOR

MEMBER Single day: \$25 \$ _____
NON-MEMBER Single day: \$40 \$ _____
MEMBER Both days: \$35 \$ _____
NON-MEMBER Both days: \$50 \$ _____

What would you like to work on? (circle all that apply):

dressage cones obstacles other

Other: _____

Join as a HUB Club member! \$25 \$ _____

TOTAL FEES

\$ _____

Mail a registration form for each person attending, a check made out to "HUBClub," and a copy of your horse's current negative Coggins test to: Lydia Gray, 43W991 Oakleaf Drive, Elburn, IL 60119 **QUESTIONS?**

Contact Lydia for more info at lydiagravdm@gmail.com, text 630-701-5903, or phone 630-557-0241



DRIVING TRIAL



9th Annual
NOTARA FARM
2021



JULY 3

SATURDAY | 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM



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American
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Event

Training, Preliminary & Intermediate

Dressage: Beauty, Precision, Training
Marathon: Power, Fun, Excitement
Cones: Time, Accuracy, Speed

Schedule (tentative):

Dressage begins 9:00 a.m.

Cones 15 minutes after dressage test

Marathon begins 1:30 p.m.

Competitors are limited to 25 so enter early
Divisions: Training, Preliminary, Intermediate
Competitions for Single, Pair, Tandem,
Four-in-Hand

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Getting to Know Your Members: Jennifer Thompson, DVM

Growing Up:

I grew up in an area just outside Madison, in a rural area on the shores of Lake Waubesa. My days as a preteen and teenager were filled with horses, enjoying the lake, and school activities. I have resided on a farm in Lodi, WI since 2001.

Education:

I attended Catholic schools for nearly 15 years. Starting in Pre-K through my senior year at Edgewood High School in Madison. Several of us in Pre-K graduated together many years later in 1989. I then attended Iowa State University, Ames, IA. Completed my BS degree in Animal Science, pursued an MS in Equine Exercise and Physiology, and earned my DVM from ISU School of Veterinary Medicine in 1999. I then completed an internship at Wisconsin Equine Clinic and Hospital.

Family:

I'm an only child but not by anyone's choice! (No one else to blame for stuff!) Parents were my biggest supporters growing up in whatever I did. My father passed in 1994. Mom lives in Fitchburg but there is a well-worn path between her house and mine. She always travels with me to horse shows and clinics. She can also frequently be found volunteering on our 'off' days at horse shows. But she is ALWAYS on the back of my carriage in dressage and cones!

Horse Experience:

I started taking riding lessons through the YMCA at about 7 or 8 yrs of age. My Mom then found a private individual that gave lessons on her own horses. At the age of 11 yrs I was allowed to lease a horse. An aged QH buckskin mare named Missy. My Dad said I could lease a horse for as long as I wanted to but could never own one. A year later I had my first horse. An Arabian gelding named Lawrence. We showed in 4H and open shows. A year or two later, and 6" taller, I had another horse, a Hungarian Warmblood mare, Remel that I did dressage and eventing with. My father was very concerned that I was going to grow up and be a horse trainer. He finally realized that after getting my BS degree that maybe I had other aspirations. I bred my mare, Remel, and got a wonderful colt named Isildur. He was ready to be ridden when I graduated from vet school. I first got into driving when I outgrew Lawrence. Trained him to drive and showed him some in 4H and open shows. (Oh, the mistakes we made with turnout!) After getting my own farm we bought a draft cross gelding, Scottie, from Dottie Elfers. Mom rode him but we never got to drive him before losing him to a facial mass. We then found and bought a Belgian draft mare off the internet. Babe had worked on Mackinac Island and her owner's health was forcing her sale. After enjoying riding her for a summer, we bought some carriages, and in 2005 we entered the Columbus Carriage Classic and from there we were hooked! Babe is now retired and at the ripe old age of 29 enjoys much slower days in the pasture. After a young warmblood mare I had purchased for ridden dressage and CDE driving had to many lameness issues, I found my current partner, Lucas, and we have progressed from Training Level to the Advanced Level in CDEs.

My most vivid memory while driving:

There are a number of memories that stick out for me. From my first carriage show in 2005 at the Columbus Carriage Classic, to my first Advanced National Championship. Each was a 'milestone' for me in my driving career. But the most memorable for me was my first trip to Live Oak CDE with Lucas in 2018. We went as a trial run to figure out how we might do this Florida competition thing in the future with keeping a horse fit in WI in the winter, managing my vet practice, and all the other things that happen in between. I was competing at the Intermediate Level and it just happened to be the first USEF Intermediate Championships. I was like, oh well, I guess this will tell me where I stack up against the rest. I went with no expectations. Going into dressage I kept repeating to myself, "It's just another horse show". I refused to hear the scores announced of the competitor before me as I was in the holding area. The feeling of driving up that ramp into the LO arena the first time can't be explained. I ended up coming in first in dressage by a whisker. I couldn't believe it. On to marathon the next day. Saturday, after marathon I thought I had thrown it all away. It wasn't our best marathon, not our worst, but not our best. When scores were posted I was second in marathon and still in first place overall! I shed a few tears of shock. I was now sitting in first place going into cones by less than a ball. Sunday morning came, and my nerves kicked in the moment I woke up. I tried to keep myself focused on the task at hand. Any way things finished out at the end, I had to be happy with how it went to this point. As typical in a 3-day event, you do cones in reverse order of standing. So, I was last to go in my division. The driver sitting in

second place took a ball. I now had a ball and some time in hand. I drove the course. I crossed the finish line and I was pretty sure I didn't take any balls down. I waited for the announcement of my results. I had just 0.21 time penalties and no balls! I was the USEF Single Horse Intermediate Champion!!! I couldn't believe it. I started crying in the ring. My Mom hugged me from the groom's seat behind me. I came out of the ring and I was shaking. I'm sure everyone was like "who is this person from Wisconsin that we have never heard of before?" Well I was happy to put Wisconsin and the Midwest on the map for future notice. I proved you CAN succeed in Florida while wintering in the Midwest. It takes a little work, and grit and determination, but it can be done.

I struggle sometimes (driving related):

To remember "Rome wasn't built in a day" and my horse and I won't master this movement/exercise in a day either. I need to remember to break everything down into baby steps and not drill, drill, drill one thing.

My favorite thing to do with my horses is:

There are lots of things actually. But after a busy week of work, where I haven't gotten any personal horse time, I really like to just hop in the carriage and go for a trail drive with about 20 or 30 min of basic schooling exercises mixed in. No pressure, no expectations, no big focus for the drive. Its rejuvenating for me.

It's really interesting to:

Meet all kinds of different people from all over North America when competing. This past year I really missed seeing my Canadian friends. Some of my closest friends live halfway across the country from me or even in a different country!

Any day we're:

If I'm not helping other horses, I'm likely to be found in the barn or in my driving field.

I'd like to see Hub Club:

Potentially more promotion of some webinars etc that are out there offered by CAA or other organizations. 2020 was a tough year for much in person learning.

I feel Hub Club has many opportunities or promotes opportunities for individuals if they just look for them. There are the Dirty Harness Shows, great for new drivers, and young horses. The spring clinic. A possible cones clinic. And some pleasure drives.

My future plans include:

Trying to qualify for the Single Horse World Championships again. Hopefully that can happen again and 2022 will be kinder to us all than 2020.



Funnominial (aka Lucas) Tryon 2020. On my way to my best dressage score to date, 33.84! (above)

Winning USEF Intermediate Single Horse Championship at LO 2018 (right)



Running a horse on a "horse sized" treadmill. Part of my Equine Exercise and Physiology studies at Iowa State.

Lucas at training level in 2014 at Notara HDT



Remel and I going cross country at Evergreen Farm in Racine.



Babe at Villa Louis winning the Carriage Dog class.





Marathon at Kentucky Classic CDE 2019 Advanced Single Horse. Chad Rhinehart navigator. I think it's kinda cool. Left turn into obstacle, couple of strides straight then Right turn.

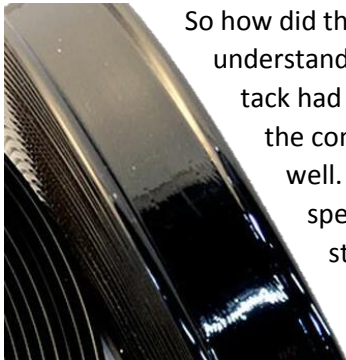


Beta vs. Biothane? By Myrna Rhinehart

When people talk about synthetic harnesses, many of them refer to their harness as being biothane. Many people also have opinions as to biothane being better than leather, biothane being stiff in the winter, biothane being shiny, etc. Sometimes, people will also use the term "beta". They think that beta is a matte material, softer, and more desirable than biothane for harnesses from which to be made.

Let's clear something up. All synthetic harnesses are NOT BioThane® or Beta®, but all BioThane® harnesses are synthetic.

To better explain, BioThane Coated Webbing Corp is the name of a company in Ohio, USA that was started in 1977. BioThane® is also the brand name of all coated webbing products made by them. It's basically a polyester webbing with a coating that makes it durable, waterproof, and easy to clean. BioThane manufactures products at one Ohio plant for various industries including equine, medical, sporting goods, canine, safety, and military. Many of the distributors of BioThane® products, especially to the animal industry, are Amish or Mennonite. BioThane makes a number of coatings for various uses, and the most common are Beta®, Gold, and Granite®. Of these and other coatings, certain coating classes have better applications than others depending on the intended use. The products are evaluated for hardness, flex, cold flex, hand tackiness, peel adhesion, abrasion resistance, coating tear strength, weather resistance, oil resistance, and acid/base resistance. All this information is on their website. In general, the products with the highest gloss ("Gold" and "Diamond") are the hardest and have the least amount of flex in cold weather, while the semi-gloss and no-gloss products can be softer with better cold flexibility. Of course, with 12 different product coating lines on their website, all of this varies based on the product. A synthetic harness isn't made from one coating product. A good harness maker uses the correct BioThane® product for the appropriate purpose. The straps holding buckles that are going to be subjected to more abrasion are made with a stronger coating than say the material used to line saddles, which is more flexible.



So how did the biothane confusion happen in the equine industry? It is my understanding that some of the first BioThane® products used in the making of equine tack had a shiny finish and were commonly referred to as biothane, since that was the company from which they originated. Eventually, a matte finish was used as well. This was called Beta®. When you had equine products made, you had to specify if you wanted a shiny or matte finish. This led many people to just start calling products by the name associated with shiny or matte. As the BioThane company is the leader in the industry, their synthetic products also took on the leadership of the name of all synthetic products, much like Kleenex® has done. Not all tissues are Kleenex®, but all Kleenex® is

tissue. Let's face it, when some people get a box of tissues, they don't say, "I'm going to get some tissues." They say, "I'm going to get some kleenex," even if it is Puffs®. The same thing has happened with BioThane®. The brand has become synonymous with all synthetic materials offered. However, that term can be incorrect.

So why does this matter? Since there are so many synthetic manufacturers out there now, you need to be aware of what you are getting! Just like if you want the actual Kleenex® product, you need to make sure you are getting that brand and not a generic knockoff. Not all US harness makers use BioThane®, and not all synthetic material is equal. Some brands are more rubbery, plastic-y, stiffer, and imported. And remember, it's not beta vs. biothane...Beta® IS BioThane®, Granite® IS BioThane®. BioThane® can be shiny or matte, stiff or soft. If you don't have a harness made with true BioThane®, you just have a synthetic harness.

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Driving Details for Success

I thought I might contribute to the newsletter for a bit by offering some tips that I have learned over the last several years that have contributed to my successes in driving. I will offer tips on lots of different topics that can apply to ALL areas of driving and horses in general as well. I hope you find some of these tips useful for you too!

To start, since the spring clinic is coming up, and some of you will be taking a lesson or two there, and some of you may be taking lessons at the Spring National Drive, or other opportunities this summer, I thought I'd touch on the subject of clinicians, and lessons. Obviously, this can apply to more than just driving and horses. But there might be a tip or detail in here that can really help you. There are several tips here this time, but I wanted to share so that you could maximize your \$\$ at the upcoming clinics.

Tip #1 First thing I like to do when considering a lesson with a clinician that I have not taken a lesson from before, is to do some research on the individual I am considering. What is their background? What qualifies them to teach? Are they actively teaching or competing in the discipline? Has anyone you know taken a lesson from them? Talk with them about their experience. Can you go watch a few lessons before you take a lesson? Does the individual pick a topic, and everyone works on the same thing? Or does the individual take a moment to get to know you and your equine(s), your goals, and spends a few minutes assessing your performance.

Not everyone will click with every clinician. It may be a personality clash; it may be a difference in communication styles. It may be that someone got up on the wrong side of the stall or bed that day and it just wasn't going to be a good day for anyone! Not every clinician works for every individual. And that's OK! Its also important to understand that just because someone has a 'big name' that they may not be the best instructor for you. (Been there, done that in my eventing days.) And you may also 'outgrow' an instructor as you become a better driver and your horse progresses. And that's OK TOO!



Suzanne Smith and her GRP Branson in a cones lesson with Thorsten Zarembowicz

Tip #2 Be on time! When taking a lesson, remember that you only get one chance to make a first impression. Arrive at your assigned lesson time warmed up, and ready to learn, ON TIME! Plan your day so that you are not rushed. Don't waste the first 15 minutes of your lesson time warming up your turnout. That's not fair to the instructor or your horse/pony(s) either. By arriving warmed up and ready to learn you are also maximizing the 'bang for your buck' in your cost for the lesson. I understand that not every facility has ample space to warm up without interfering with the lesson ahead of you, but scope it out, and do the best you can. Or stay at one end of the arena warming up while the lesson ahead of you finishes. (Be courteous and ask if its ok.)



Debbie Lawrence with her pony OP taking a lesson from Olof Larsson

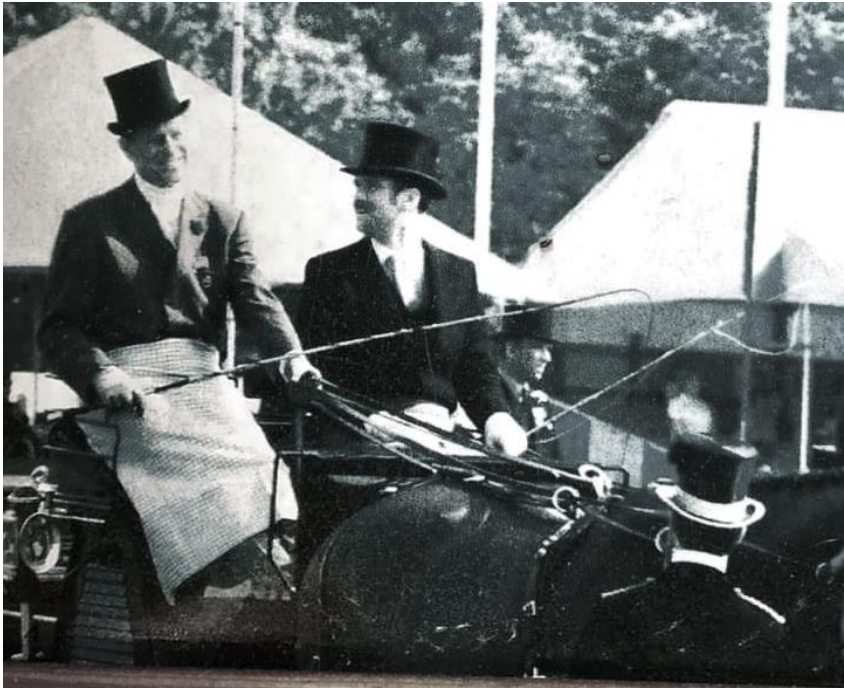
***Tip #3** You have decided to take a lesson from an individual. Once you are done with the lesson, and you have taken care of your horse(s) or pony(s). Immediately sit down and write down what they told you! Make notes on what you learned! Did they make adjustments to your harness? Make notes on the changes. Take pictures if applicable. Did they tell you how to specifically address an issue with your turnout? Write it down. How to perform a movement better? Write IT down. How to drive a cones wave? WRITE IT down. How to achieve that square halt every time? WRITE IT DOWN! *Before* you forget. WRITE IT DOWN! Sometimes there is so much excitement about what was accomplished during a lesson that we then forget on how we achieved it. So, document it before you forget! That way when you get home again and 4 days later you can't remember how you did XYZ last weekend, you can refer to your notes. It's even better if you can have someone video your lesson and you can hear the clinician commentary at the same time, but that's not always possible.

* this was a tip I was told to do only a few years ago by Olof Larsson at a Developing Athlete Clinic. I still do it today! It's one of the best tips I have learned!

Until next month, Happy Driving! *Jennifer Thompson, DVM*

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RIP Prince Philip at 99. He was very instrumental in the development of the sport of Modern Carriage Pleasure (Private) Driving and Combined Driving. He and David Saunders created the first dedicated CDE vehicle.

HUB CLUB Membership Application Year _____

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
PHONE :(home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____
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Please check preference: Newsletter sent via email _____ U.S Postal Service _____
Also member of: ___ ADS ___ CAA, ___ USEF, Local club _____

MEMBERSHIP DESIGNATIONS:

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP: 18yrs or older, 1 vote per membership
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: Couple and any underage children (<18), immediate family, 2 votes per membership.
JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP: Child under 18yrs of age, no voting privileges. (Must have an adult member as sponsor).
Also, parent/guardian must sign on application for Junior Members to participate at club events.

I accept the benefits, obligations and responsibilities of membership and agree to abide by the HUB Club bylaws
Signature(s): _____ Date _____

_____ Date _____
_____ Date : _____

Parent or Guardian (if under 18 years of age)
INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$25.00 (Renewing or New)* \$ _____
FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$35.00 (Renewing or New)* \$ _____
JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 (Renewing or New)* \$ _____

*New memberships received after June 30 will be pro-rated for 6 months

Send check with completed forms to: check # _____
date _____

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