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March 15th.**

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March 5th Potluck & Program Dr Kaitlin Shaughnessy Start the Year Right with Chiropractic Care!

Now is the time to get your horse in top form for the upcoming driving season. Kaitlin, a long-time horsewoman and experienced driver, will discuss the benefits of chiropractic adjustments for the well-being of horse, human and hound. Find out what a difference an alignment can make, whether you "only" do recreational drives or want to improve competitive performance. East Haddam Grange. Potluck at 6:30 pm, slide presentation and discussion to follow.



Team Sullivan at Laurels 2010 (photo by Ed Sullivan)

CVDC member Maggie Sullivan named to USEF Long List!!!!

Within the recently announced USEF 2011 Driver Training Long List is something truly remarkable. Four of the drivers who were selected are 'kids'! This is a first for the American Driving Society, the governing organization for the sport of combined driving. These lucky kids have been granted the opportunity to train with world renowned driver Michael Freund of Germany during 2011. Reporting in from last week's training session in Florida was **Maggie Sullivan**. Maggie drives her Fjord pony Riena at the FEI level. "I just worked with Mr. Freund and it was amazing! The USEF clinic is going well. Mr. Freund has driven everyone's horse(s). There are horse pairs, pony pairs, a pony team and singles of all sizes. I am honored to be in the company of so many past US team members. All the drivers are so supportive of each other and Black Prong Equestrian Center (Bronson, FL) is a phenomenal facility". When asked who helped to get her there Maggie responded, "They are still helping me now! Robin and Wilson Groves have been wonderful to us. Donna and Albert Crookston give us the best pep talks ever!"

(original article by Tracy Higgins)

Presidents Letter:

First off, I hope that everyone is doing ok and that you have all weathered the snow and ice without too many setbacks. It was disappointing to cancel February's meeting, and hopefully, we can arrange a future date to have Maureen Pach come and show the exciting WEG Marathon DVDs.

The Lawson's hosted a planning committee meeting on February 13th for our club's June HDT. It's clear that to make this another successful event for CVDC, there's lots for each and every one of us to do to get ready. Our biggest needs are for lots and lots of volunteers and sponsors. Erica Robb is coordinating the volunteers, so please send her an email [volunteer@cvdrivingclub.com] and let her know what you'd be willing to do to help out. Also, the next time you're in town at a local merchant that you enjoy, please take a moment to ask about sponsoring our event. You'll see information elsewhere in the newsletter as to types of sponsorship, including advertising. Maybe a merchant might be inclined to just donate something. We can always use donations for the prizes. If you have any questions, and as you collect sponsorships, please let Anne Albee know [storytella@comcast.net].

Of special note about the club's HDT is the Sunday clinic day. We are very fortunate to have two great clinicians. Francois Bergeron, our Event Judge, has particular experience with multiples, so get those pairs ready. Marcie Quist, our Technical Delegate, is a highly experienced driver and writes frequently for both the Whip and the Driving Digest. Event volunteers get an advance opportunity to sign up for a clinic spot at a discounted rate. This is another great reason to volunteer.

Lastly, our officer elections are held each year in June, and I would like to ask for two volunteers to form a nominating committee. There will be changes with some of the officers, so we need to identify a few members willing to step into leadership roles on behalf of the membership.

As always, walk on, enjoy the drive, and be safe.
Jan Frick

Sign up to volunteer for the June HDT!

Contact Erica at volunteer@cvdrivingclub.com, or call 866-728-5433.

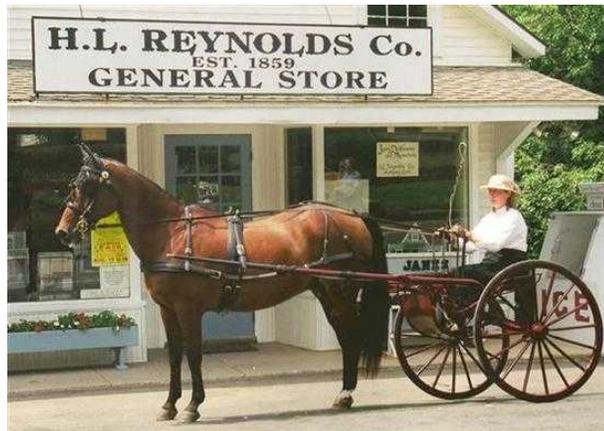
- **Volunteering is knowledge.** Interact with people who know the sport from all perspectives — judges, technical delegates, other volunteers.
- **Volunteering is social.** You'll be amazed at how many people you meet and how friendly they are.
- **Volunteering is skill-building.** You will understand so much more about dressage, cones, hazards, and all
- **Volunteering is giving back.** When you show, don't you feel gratitude for the folks that go to all the trouble to make it happen? What a great opportunity to give back.



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How the Horses Got to the Ball

By SARAH MASLIN NIR / *NY Times* (2/4/2011)

The debutantes were not the only ones in white at the 56th Annual Viennese Opera Ball at the Waldorf-Astoria on Friday night. Two guests named Hayword and Zorro wore it, too.

It was in their swishing tails and on their dappled muzzles that puffed steam into the cold on 50th Street as they stepped off their trailer, strode through the hotel's side entrance and into the elevator, en route to a grand entrance three flights up — after the debs — on the ballroom floor.

For more than five decades, a promenading carriage has been a fixture at the ball. On Friday night, the authentic 1899 wicker-and-wood surrey would hold a ballerina who would later pirouette on

the dance floor; in past years organizers have sent out a sleigh with the hotel's tablecloths wrapped around the runners to slide across the maple ballroom floor.

Minutes before 8 p.m., the two gray Standardbred geldings — former pacers who raced at tracks like the Meadowlands before they were rescued by Lori and **John Allegra**, who trained them to pull larger carriages — emerged from the elevator. They were serene as they stepped through a kitchen area between stacks of dishes and scurrying cooks in chef hats.

They stood quietly under the crystal chandelier and frescoed ceiling of the Basildon Room as Jim Jacobson, their farrier, latched rubber boots over their shoes. Their horseshoes are studded with carbide for grip on icy roads in East Haddam, Conn., where they usually do weddings; Mr. Jacobson was anxious they would scuff the far fancier ballroom floor. Guests had other concerns — for example, the hotel's marble bathrooms aren't exactly equipped for a 17-hand-high horse, and accidents seemed inevitable.

"I can't stop thinking about that," said Eiseley Tauginas, 25, one of the debutantes. (To her relief, the horses wore strategically placed bags.)

Her date, John Munson, 28, had another fear: that a team of horses trotting into the ballroom of a luxury hotel in the middle of Manhattan might somehow not be grand enough. "If we're in full white tie, and completely bedazzled," he said, "the horses should be, too."

At 9:30, a spotlight fell on Hayword and Zorro as they clopped — in a slightly muffled way, thanks to the padded shoes — into the ballroom. But as the band struck up a tune for the ballerina the horses transported, their steely nerves seemed to waver. The Grand Duchess Arianna, however, remained impassive as nearly a ton of horseflesh passed by her table beside the dance floor. The ballerina was joined by a male dancer for a short performance, which the horses tolerated. Then the dancers returned to the surrey, and the horses made a quivery exit. (So, too, did the male dancer, leaping out of the tottering carriage.)

Soon, Hayword and Zorro were back in their trailer on 50th Street, between Park and Lexington Avenues. Grandeur, it seemed, was not as appealing as a good bale of hay.



Letter from the Editor

What started out as a nice Winter for sleighing quickly turned dangerous with record amounts of snow. There have been 8 (equine) barn collapses reported so far in Connecticut alone.

For those that don't know, I work for the US Department of Agriculture. We offer some programs through our Farm Service Agency that may provide financial assistance for those with losses of structure, livestock and/or hay. If anyone would like more information, feel free to contact me.

The good news: the ground hog saw his shadow so we're all hoping for an early Spring!

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As you all are aware, our annual HDT is fast approaching, on June 11 this year. I am beseeching you all to pitch in by getting at least one sponsor. It could be for one business card ad, or a donation of cash, goods or services. We have lost two major sponsors this year due to retirement and business loss, so we are in dire need of a team effort to make up this difference. We know the old adage, "many hands make light work" and this is the year to prove it! When everyone chips in, we'll be guaranteed another successful year of putting on the well-loved and recognized Connecticut Valley Driving Club HDT!

The sponsorship pamphlet posted at cvdrivingclub.com is a guide to help you know what to say. Or call me with any questions! 860-365-0295 at home or 860-416-3392 on my cell. [or email storytella@comcast.net]

Looking forward to hearing from each of you! Drive on!

-- Anne Albee, Interim Sponsorship Chair

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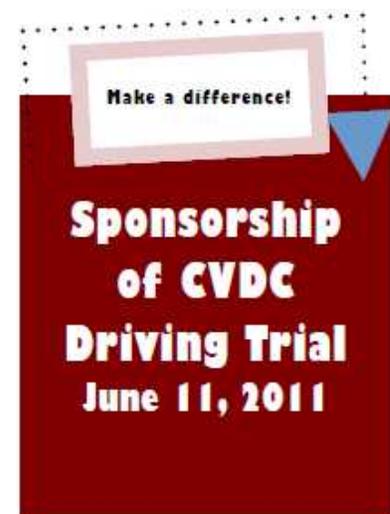
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DRIVING CALENDAR 2011 (always verify information before leaving home!)

Feb 27 - Granby Regional Horse Council Sleigh Rally, Granby, MA. Call Mark at 413-527-9532.

Feb 27 - Mary Gray Driving: Fireside Clinic - Learn how to Scurry, Danville NH. www.wayfarerfarm.net

Mar 5 - CVDC: Equine Chiropractic/Kaitlin Shaughnessy, East Haddam Grange. 6:30 pm, potluck.

Mar 13 - Mary Gray Driving: Conditioning Your Horse, Danville NH. www.wayfarerfarm.net

Mar 18 - LHDC: Dick Lahey. Plymouth, CT. www.litchfieldhillsdrivingclub.com

Mar 26-27 - UCONN Spring Clinics. Trailer Driving, Natural Horsemanship & Dressage. Takes the place of their usual Horse Symposium. See <http://animalscience.uconn.edu/horseSymp/horseSymp.php>

Mar 27 - Mary Gray Driving: Presentation Critique and Flea Market, Danville NH. www.wayfarerfarm.net

Mar/Apr/May (Sundays): Carriage Barn: Intro to Driving Lessons, Merrimack, MA. www.carriage-barn.com

Apr 2 - CVDC: Driving Multiples, Peter Von Halem's farm. 6:30 pm, potluck.

Apr 2-3 - Clay Maier Longlining Clinic, Wales, ME. www.seacoastfarm.com

Apr 10 - CVDC: Spring Clinic with Larry Poulin. (Clinic is full!)

Apr 10 - Mary Gray Driving: Spring Fling ADT Series, Danville NH. www.wayfarerfarm.net

Apr 15 - LHDC: Potluck & teacup auction, Plymouth, CT. www.litchfieldhillsdrivingclub.com

Apr 16 - Colonial Carriage: Driving Clinic, Stockbridge, MA. www.colonialcarriage.org

Apr 23 - GMHA: 15-Mile Mud Ride & Drive, www.gmhainc.org

Apr 23-24 - Muffy Seaton Clinic, Wales, ME. www.seacoastfarm.com

Apr 24 - Mary Gray Driving: Spring Fling ADT Series, Danville NH. www.wayfarerfarm.net

Apr 29-30 - Martin's Spring Auction, Lebanon, PA. www.martinsauctioneers.com/auctions.htm

May 7 - CVDC: Combined Driving Explained, East Haddam Grange. 6:30 pm, potluck

May 7-8 - Lisa Singer Clinic, Wales, ME. www.seacoastfarm.com

May 8 - Mary Gray Driving: Spring Fling ADT Series, Danville NH. www.wayfarerfarm.net

May 14-15 - GMHA Two-Phase and ADT, So. Woodstock, VT. www.gmhainc.org

May 20 - LHDC: field trip to see Dick Lahey's carriage collection.

May 22 - LHDC: White Memorial Drive, 11 am. www.litchfieldhillsdrivingclub.com

For a complete regional calendar of events for the full year, please go to www.cvdrivingclub.com.



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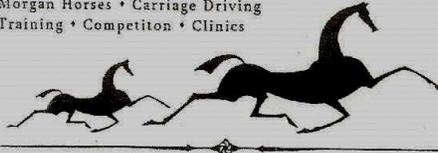
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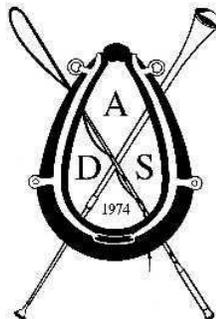
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