



EASTERN ONTARIO PLEASURE DRIVING SOCIETY

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President's Message

The Annual General Meeting, Dinner held recently at Motel & West Carleton Place was very successful. 35 members gathered for a mid-winter social gathering, known as the Horseless Trot, followed by a lively informative presentation on "Thinking like a Horse" given by Lindsay Grice from Orangeville, Ontario.

The club continues to regenerate. Energy and enthusiasm are quite vibrant. Several new members have joined this year. The Directors commit financial resources to clinic sponsorship. Sponsorship is also given to four local area fairs and to the Ottawa Valley Pleasure Driving Show/Clinic. We continue to advocate that drivers, especially beginning drivers, need the provision of safe equestrian environments where they can practice their driving under qualified instructors or in the case of a show, a qualified judge. Safety is also a factor when identifying locations for a social drive. For the most part, social drives are held on farms or parks where interaction with automobiles is minimal.

Once again the club received \$968.00 in Funding from the Ontario Equestrian Federation. In applying for this money, I have to make a commitment that it will be spent on developing our drivers' skills. In total we have received over \$3,000.00 from OEF during the past four years. Our second source of funding is our Annual Dinner, Dance and Auction which is coordinated by the Byrne and Mulligan family. Last year the dance generated just over \$1,500.00 in profit. 155 people attended. People in the community see the dance as a social opportunity that they enjoy. This year the Dance will be held on April 14th at North Gower Community Hall. See page 3 for details. We look for a good response, as funds generated will be used to supplement the costs of clinics and sponsorship which are considerable. In the coming year we plan five social drives and we hope for increased participation.

We are grateful to Phantom Farm, Fiddler's Green Stables and Sunset Farm who have given us the use of their exemplary facilities for social drives and clinics.

In June of 2007, Mary and Ian Mulligan are hosting a "Fun Day of Driving" at their farm in Manotick. This should be a great event. See Page 4 for details. On June 23rd and June 24th, Fiddler's Green Stables will host the OVPDS in a new format. Jeffrey Kohler has been hired as both Clinician and Judge.

The Board of Directors welcome the return of Sally Jorgensen from her posting in South Korea. She is joined by new directors; Lynda Rivington and Barry Beach as your representatives.

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Membership Form

Members wishing to participate in Pleasure Driving Events, whether clinic, competition or social, must have current membership for 2007. Proof of insurance should be sent with membership renewal for 2006 to:

**Mary Mulligan Treasurer, EOPDS.
Box 955
6120 Rideau Valley Drive,
Manotick, Ontario K4M 1A8.**

Please Renew ASAP if you have not already done so. Individual Fees are \$25.00. Family Memberships are \$35.00 and includes membership for Junior drivers. Membership Form on Page 8

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2007

DATE	EVENTS	LOCATION	CONTACT	PHONE
February 3	**Lindsay Grice Presentation Annual General Meeting with Dinner	Motel 7 West 10470 Highway 7 Carleton Place	Margaret Monnelly	613-825-3853
April 14	**Annual Dinner/Dance Revivals Dance Band	North Gower Community Hall 2300 Community Way North Gower	Wayne Byrne Mary Mulligan	613-838-9699 613-692-3296
April 21st, 22nd	**EOPDS Clinic Kirsten Brunner	Sunset Farm Stittsville Ontario	Mary Mulligan	613-692-3296
April 27th, 28th	Martin's Carriage Auction (Information)	Lebanon Fairgrounds Lebanon PA	Margaret Monnelly	613-825-3853
May 21st	**Social Drive	Phantom Farm Almonte, Ontario	Jennifer Rennie Margaret Monnelly	613-831-2154 613-825-3853
June 2nd	**Fun Day of Carriage Driving	Mianfarm hosted by Mary & Ian Mulligan	Mary Mulligan	613-692-3296
June 10th	COPDA Pleasure Driving Show	Halton Place Equestrian Centre	Mary Gregoris	To be Confirmed
June 13th	**Social Drive TBC	Ferguson Forest Kemptville ON	Ian Mulligan Mary Mulligan	613-692-3296 613-692-3296
June 23rd , 24th	*Ottawa Valley Pleasure Driving Clinic/Show A New Approach Clinician/Judge Jeffrey Kohler	Fiddler's Green Stables Stittsville Ontario	Pam Nuth Margaret Monnelly	613-831-2844 613-825-3853
July 7th, 8th	OCDA-Upper Canada	Checkmate, Flesherton ON	Mike Maurer	905-473-1219
July 14, 15	Lorenzo Pleasure Driving Competition	Casenovia NY	Phil Ferro	315-649-5030
July 29th	East Aurora Carriage Driving Society Carriage Drive and Competition	Polo Field ,Knox Farm East Aurora New York	Liz O'Donnell	716-652-1062

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**EASTERN ONTARIO PLEASURE DRIVING SOCIETY
ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE
NORTH GOWER COMMUNITY HALL
April 14th 2007
ANNUAL DINNER AND DANCE**

Come out for a lovely evening and bring your friends! Our annual Dinner Dance is being held on April 14th at the Alfred Taylor RA Centre in North Gower. Happy hour will be at 6:00 PM with a ham dinner and dancing to "Revival" to follow. Dance ends at Midnight. You may get lucky and win some of our "give aways" or door prizes!

Here are some ideas as to how you might support us.

- Buy your tickets @ \$20.00 each (from Mary Mulligan or Wayne Byrne)
- Buy some tickets for friends and treat them to a night out
- Donate some objects to our silent auction
- Make a cash donation
- **Help us set up the hall in the afternoon**
- Call anyone you know who might be interested in attending

This is our only fundraiser of the year, so please help us make it a success!

Contact Phone Numbers:

Wayne Byrne 613-838-9699

Mary Mulligan 613-692-3296

DIRECTIONS:

Travelling north or south on Highway 416, take Roger Stevens Drive west to North Gower. Then left onto the Main Street . Take the next left off the Main Street (Fourth Line Road Highway 73)

Francis Fuels Gas Station is on the corner of Community Way. Hall is at 2300 Community Way

The club wishes to acknowledge the many sponsors who contributed generously to the Dance Prizes last year (2006.) Among them:

Bradley Insurance, Stittsville

Saunders Farm, Munster

Joy's Harness Shop, Almonte

Ross Agristore, Ashton

Terry Steele, Richmond

M & R Feeds & Farms Supply, Arnprior

Carp Agricultural Society

Richmond Agricultural Society

June Pelot, Clarence Creek Ontario

Wine Villa

As an acknowledgement of their donations, carriage drivers are reminded to direct business to these services and thanks to the individuals whenever possible.

Last year's Dinner and Dance was very successful. The club expresses thanks to Wayne and Gwen Byrne, Mary and Ian Mulligan for their initiative and hard work in organizing this event. The Club is grateful also to Carole Ann Clark and her group of local chefs who prepared and presented an excellent banquet. In anticipation of this year's event, we thank all of them as they have already done most of the organizational work. We look forward to an even bigger attendance this year! Friends and family are welcome.

**EOPDS SPRING DRIVING CLINIC
Clinician Kirsten Brunner
Sunset Farm
6559 Hazeldean Road
Stittsville, Ontario
K2S 1B9**

April 20th, 21st, 22nd 2007

The popular Kirsten Brunner Pleasure Driving Clinic will once again be offered by EOPDS. It will be held on April 20, 21 and 22 at Sunset Farm.

The cost this year will be \$100.00 for a private lesson, \$65.00 for a group (3 people) and \$75.00 for a semi private lesson (2 people). The fee includes your lunch on Friday and Saturday. No refunds will be made except without a veterinary or doctors note."

Spots are booking up very quickly so call Mary Mulligan at 613-692-3296 ASAP to register and to avoid disappointment.

Fun Day of Pleasure Driving

EOPDS is planning a "Fun Day of Pleasure Driving" on June 2nd (or 3rd/ rain date) hosted by Ian and Mary Mulligan at their farm in Manotick. The purpose is to provide a relaxed driving event where members can practise their driving skills, assist beginners and introduce non-members to Pleasure Carriage Driving. There would be no pressure, no competition and very few rules. Anyone with a safe horse, pony or team (any breed) and a safe vehicle (any type), or just an interest will be welcome.

Each driver will have the opportunity to participate in the different facets of the sport. This means you could negotiate a cones course, drive through an obstacle or two, go on a 5 km. trail through the woods, practise your ring driving in an indoor arena or an outside ring, try your hand at driving a dressage pattern or simply observe.

Hitching and driving will be from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Eats would be provided starting at 2:00 PM. There will not be a charge for the driving or observing but your food will cost \$10.00 per person – a real deal for a day's entertainment!

As we have to restrict our numbers to 20 hitches, you'd be wise to call Mary or Ian at 613-692-3296 right away to reserve your spot. Auditors, please call as well. Drivers should bring a copy of their Liability Insurance Policy

Ottawa Valley Pleasure Driving Clinic

A New Approach

Clinician/Judge: Jeffrey Kohler
Relhok Farm Facility and Training
Fiddler's Green Stables
Stittsville Ontario
June 23rd, 24th 2007

Fiddler's Green Stables has developed a new approach to the OVPDS. On June 23rd and June 24th, Fiddler's Green Stables will host the OVPDS in a new format. Each day will consist of a clinic in the a.m. and a modified show in the afternoon. Day One will focus on the newer driver or horse. The first lesson of the clinic will be a group session (five drivers) on Harnessing and Hitching. Preference will be given to drivers, who plan to take Private or Semi-Private lesson or take part in the show. Day 2 will focus on the more Advanced driver/horse turnout. Reinsmanship and Dressage classes will be offered in addition to Cones(Day 1) and a modified Cross country course (Day 2). Drivers from Day One may attend on the Day 2 Show if they wish to do so. This event will mean that people can come to a show and a clinic using one day only, saving on trailering and preparation at home. Newer drivers will show with more confidence, if they have had prior instruction at the clinic. It is also felt that this format will boost registration for the show. **Full details, including fees, will appear in the April Newsletter.** Jeffrey Kohler, Relhok Farm Facility and Training, Barrie, Ontario has confirmed that he will attend as both Clinician and Judge. EOPDS will sponsor this event in part. However the Show is run as a separate entity to the club. Sponsorship for the show will be much appreciated.

For information: Contact Margaret Monnelly at: monnelly@magma.ca

613-825-3853

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613-831-2844

**Equine Communicator Lindsay Grice Addresses Annual Meeting
Carleton Place Ontario**

Equine communicator Lindsay Grice topped off the 2007 EOPDS annual meeting with a talk on "Thinking Like A Horse." An Equine Canada Level 2 coach, Grice trains horses and riders north of Toronto, gives horsemanship clinics in Canada and the U.S. and also writes for several equine publications. One of her goals is to create thinking horsemen.

Communication with your horse, whether ridden or driven, was a predominant theme of her presentation. Focusing on the problems associated with giving human characteristics to horses, Grice talked about how horses think, how they learn skills and socialize differently than people, and how we have to understand the way in which horses approach situations. She discussed the fright and then flight instinct of horses, the positioning of their eyes, the technique of positive reinforcement and avoiding panic reactions.

In explaining the strong effect of the equine social system on behaviour, she talked about the hierarchy within a group where the 'top dog' makes all the decisions. Humans have to work within this social system and relate to horses as they relate to each other, as well as being the 'top dog' when training. She also reviewed the dos and don'ts of rewarding horses. According to Grice, timing is everything with horse training.

For further information on Lindsay Grice's training and communication techniques, check out her website at www.lgrice.com

—Lynda Rivington

ADVERTISEMENTS

FOR SALE – Antique Ladies drop front phaeton buggy. Recently completely restored. A ribbon winner at Walnut Hill in 2006. Black with straw pin striping. A very comfortable ride. Can be seen at 6120 Rideau Valley Dr. Manotick Price: \$3900. Call Ian Mulligan at 613-692-3296

AD FOR SALE – an elegant, 5 year old, 14:3 hand, bay Morgan mare who rides and drives. A wonderful disposition! Can be hitched alone and is very willing to please. Can be seen or tried at 6120 Rideau Valley Dr. Manotick . Very reasonably priced to a good home. Call 613-692-3296

FOR SALE

Smucker's Pleasure Harness. Beautiful condition. Almost new. Black biothane with brass fittings. Includes three sets of reins. Fits 15hh horse. Perfect for everyday use and shows. Asking \$1,300.00. Call Jennifer Rennie 613-831-2154. Email Jennifer_rob_rennie@sympatico.ca

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Directors	2006-2008	2007-2009
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EASTERN ONTARIO PLEASURE DRIVING SOCIETY INC.
Membership Application Form

NAME _____ Phone Res. _____ *I(We) are interested in the following aspects of Driving*

Name of Spouse _____ Address _____

City _____ PROV. _____ POSTAL CODE _____

Before participating in driving events with horses, proof of current liability insurance for \$1,000,000.00 to be forwarded to the Treasurer. Include Expiry date of Policy
 I (We) agree that in consideration of acceptance of my membership in the Eastern Ontario Pleasure Driving Society and on payment of the membership fee, without qualification to waive any and all claims for legal liability arising out of the operation of this incorporated Society as against the Society and/or its members that may come into existence during the period of my membership in the Society during the Calendar year 20___. Further, I (We) agree to be bound by the BY Laws and rules of the Society.

Driving for Pleasure	[]
Helper at Event	[]
Contribute to Newsletter	[]
Clinics	[]
Shows	[]

I (We) Drive:

Single pony	[]
Single Horse	[]
Pair Ponies	[]
Pair Horses	[]
Tandem	[]
Unicorn	[]
4 in Hand	[]

Signed at _____ This _____ Day of _____ 20__

Signature (Member) _____

Signature(Spouse) _____

Membership Fee is: \$25.00
 Family Membership 35.00

Email Address _____

Ontario Equestrian Federation Membership Number if applicable _____

Please send cheque to: Mary Mulligan,
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Manotick , Ontario
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