

# WHIPS & WHEELS DRIVING CLUB

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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER:

Whips and wheels has started off 2012 with some great events. The January general meeting was well attended, and the weather has been wonderful for both of the driving events: the annual Valentine Drive in Salisbury and the St. Paddy's Day competition at TLC Farms were both a lot of fun! It's good to meet new people becoming interested in driving, and great to catch up with old friends from previous years.

It is therefore with quite a bit of sadness that I have to announce that Kai Ehnes has asked to be relieved of his place on the WWDC board of directors. As many of you know, Kai suffered an accident (not horse related) earlier in the year. We hope that his recovery will be rapid and complete, but in the meantime, must honor his wish to withdraw from the board. Please offer Kai your best wishes and support.

That being said, there is now a vacancy on the board of directors for the remaining 21-months of the current term. Anyone wishing to run for that office should contact me or Trish Hardy as soon as possible. We will vote on candidates at the April event at TLC farms. If you cannot attend on April 21 and wish to vote, again please contact me or Trish (only paid members to vote, please).

I really appreciate the camaraderie shown by all of the members of our club: coming out to participate, volunteering to help with events, and showing support for one another. This is a great group of people who share an enthusiasm for the sport of carriage driving. Come out to TLC in April for the Driving Essentials workshop--I'll see you there.

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## APRIL 21, "DRIVING ESSENTIALS" & MORE

We will talk about, maintenance, spares kits, lots of other info. Also BRING your horse and carriage or saddle, Tommy will set up the Scurry Weaver course I used for St Patty, and you will be free to drive or ride the TLC Farm trails. Don't forget a chair for the morning session and your lunch. Tommy & Kai to host.

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## ST PATRICK'S DAY DRIVE AT TLC FARM



Although the forecast called for rain, we had an absolutely beautiful day on St Patrick's Day for our drive at TLC Farm. Tricia and Jeff Hardy invested many hours into planning the event and marking trails.

Attendance was good, and everyone had a great time.

Competition started out with a cones course titled "Lucky Cones" which proved more unlucky for some. The object was NOT to knock the balls off! Winners were Chris Peckham and Cheyenne for the mini division, Polly Hixson and Charm for pony, Faith Bradshaw and Crescent for horse, and Stephanie Burtch and Brasco as rider. I'm not sure who had the most balls down, but that competition was pretty steep.

Following Lucky Cones was a gambler's choice version called "St. Paddy's Choice." Obstacles included a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow, several things involving zigging and zagging, and Tommy's perpetual tunnel. Some of the newcomers had issues with the tunnel, but most of the club horses have been there, done that, and just enjoyed the shade. Winners in St. Paddy's Choice were Chris and Cheyenne for mini, Antonio Rudea for pony driving Nancy Faller's vannaloosa pony Red, Faith and Crescent for horse, and Stephanie and Brasco for rider.

Everyone decided to postpone lunch and take to the trail while the horses were already harness. Tommy always has his place in good shape for cross country driving, and the sheep behaved and stayed in their pen--for the most part. Jeff Hardy

had been out on the gator putting out prizes, and the competitors returning with the most prizes were Faith and Crescent, followed by Stephanie and Brasco.

Finally, everyone who wasn't completely exhausted by the workout and the weather, went out to the upper field for a round of "Poteen Cones." Winners there were Nancy Faller and Red for pony, Faith and Crescent for horse, and Stephanie and Brasco for rider. Faith and Crescent won the overall trophy for best scores in all of the day's events.

Other exhibitors who came out and put in a good show were Penny Godbey & "Calvin O'Leary", Meghann Moore & Zip, Meghann's sister Leah Jones and Meghann's mini Sierra, Susanne Valla & Magic, Susan Emmert and Carraugh, Marilyn Colvin & Jasmine, and Martine Sherrill & Flo. Karen Apple was also there with Miss Victoria, who came out just to see the sights and get used to the traffic.

All-in-all it was a great day to be outdoors and do some carriage driving. We've had two good driving events so far this year, and have another scheduled for April 21. Tommy has invited everyone back to TLC Farm for a workshop called "Driving Essentials." With a little help from Kai Ehnes, Tommy will tell us what we need to know to keep our turnouts in top shape. I hope to see everyone there.

By Penny Brandon

## THANKS TO ALL

I would like to thank all those who attended my St Patty Event. I had a blast organizing it, and running it, and it sounded like those who participated had fun too....which is the whole purpose of doing it!

I would ESPECIALLY like to thank my volunteers, one who actually PAID to help me, and those who just jumped in to help without my asking. There is one person in particular who was brave enough to come near all those carriages after I tried to maim him. When I overturned my carriage on Thursday doing a dry run of the trace pace, he was invaluable helping calm Precious, getting her unhitched, fix the twisted shaft and saddle, then re-hitch, AND THEN get back in the carriage with me to drive back to the barn! Jeff you really are my SUPER HUSBAND.

Tricia

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## SCHEDULE FOR 2012:

\*Regardless of the event riders, visitors and spectators are ALWAYS welcome. Please come and check us out! \*

**APRIL 21, 2012** "Driving Essential" TLC Farm. Maintenance, spares kits, lots of other info as planning takes place Tommy & Kai to host.

**MAY 26, 2012** **please note** the date has changed from the 19<sup>th</sup>. ADT at Paradox Tonya to host. Get a sampling of an ADT without the pressure of a real show! You will need to PRE Register since we will be scheduling Dressage tests. ADS Training level Test # 2 so start practicing! We are planning on the judge being able to talk to everyone immediately after their test, then you will go on to the cones course, then you are free to drive on the property. Tonya & I will be working on finding a judge.

**JUNE** is open for suggestions.

**JULY 21, 2012** Picnic (at Tanglewood?) Tommy will be looking into renting the shelter.

**AUGUST 11, 2012** Something INSIDE with air conditioning! I will check into renting the Ellis Park Rec Center in Salisbury. The room is booked \$50.00 for ½ day 11:00am-3:00pm. We have to confirm the speakers

**SEPTEMBER** is open for suggestions

**OCTOBER 27, 2012** Halloween at Paradox

**NOVEMBER 17, 2012** Thanksgiving Drive at TLC Farm. Tommy & Karen to host

**DECEMBER 2, 2012** Christmas Dinner at Tuckers. Tommy to make the reservations.

***\*BYOL= Bring Your Own Lunch!***

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## CLASSIFIEDS:

None at this time

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