

# SPOKES AND SPURS NEWSLETTER



## March 30 - Saturday

### CHANGE IN THE FUN DERBY DAY

**Colton Parker** will serve as our clinician for derby driving and navigators. Due to the recent rains, the arena at the Harrison County 4-H Fairgrounds is not in good shape. We are moving the venue to Fonda and Tom Eigel's place, 1646 Cook Rd., Cynthiana, KY. If you don't have GPS, send me a message [spokesandspursky@gmail.com](mailto:spokesandspursky@gmail.com) and I will send you directions. Beginning at 9:00 a.m., Colton will begin with a group talk then he will coach derby drivers and navigators. BRING A PICNIC LUNCH or you can eat at one of the many restaurants in near by Cynthiana. After lunch, we will have a fun derby to try out all of your morning knowledge! This event is provided by Spokes and Spurs and is **no cost to members!** Non-members may participate for \$25, which applies to membership.

### From the President

#### Sometimes Changes Work Out For the Best

I visited the Harrison County 4-H Fairgrounds again before our March 30 Fun Derby Day. After the recent rains, I was sadly disappointed by the shape of the arena. Then comes Fonda Eigel to the rescue! Read the whole article adjacent to my column, but by moving to Fonda's and Tom's place, we not only have a nice arena with excellent footing, but there are wonderful places to drive, as well. If the weather holds and isn't muddy, she has trails to drive! We are also now including bringing a picnic lunch to the venue! If you don't desire picnicking, Cynthiana is close with many places to eat. Oh, and bring folding chairs or blankets to sit on. David Gaston



## Dressage Clinic with Leslie Berndl

We are getting several responses, but need more in order for the dressage clinic and lesson day to take place on Friday afternoon, May 31 and Saturday, June 1 with Leslie Berndl, Whispering Oaks, Harp Innis Drive, Lexington, KY 40511. Lessons will be \$75 for Spokes and Spurs members, \$85 for non-members, and \$15 for auditors. I have notified those that have signed up to send in their payments. If you have not signed up and wish to have a lesson (or more), please notify me at: [spokesandspursky@gmail.com](mailto:spokesandspursky@gmail.com) as soon as possible. I will direct you where to send your payments. Auditors will pay the day of the event. At this point, we need two more entries (and payments) to make this a reality!

If you have been following Leslie's career, she took home the bronze for the 2017 USEF Single Horse National Championships. She promises a unique and rewarding perspective to dressage drivers. We hope there will be many participants and auditors for this event!

## Fun Drives at Shaker Village 2019

So many of you have participated in the drives at Shaker Village in Harrodsburg, Kentucky. This year, Ohio Valley Carriage Club and Middle Tennessee Carriage Club are joining us for two events: June 8 and November 9, both beginning at 10:30 a.m. The cost is a mere \$10 per carriage or rider which is paid at the Shaker Village on the perspectives dates. If you are a rider, a word of caution, you will want to make sure that you have a horse or pony that will tolerate being around carriage drivers. We do not wish to have any unfortunate situations. Spokes and Spurs was originally founded as a carriage driving and **riding** organization, thus the "Spurs" part of our name.

## Games Day, May 18

We are planning a fun day for games! The morning will be for fun games with the afternoon, there will be a set up of a cones course for fun driving. Due to the recent weather damages to the arena at the Harrison County 4-H Fairgrounds, we will be moving the event. I will send out the new place very soon. We will share ideas with one another on the best strategies for driving a cones course, which should also serve to help drivers prepare for future driving events. This day will be provided at no cost to Spokes and Spurs members. Non-members may participate for \$25, which can be applied to a Spokes and Spurs membership.

## Lexington Carriage Classic at the Kentucky Horse Park, June 20-23

This wonderful event will be having several of our members that will be participating. For those of you not driving in this event, we need many volunteers to run this show! **We cannot begin to express the need for volunteers to make this a success!** Send a message to [spokesandspursky@gmail.com](mailto:spokesandspursky@gmail.com) if you would like to volunteer.

## Mark Your Calendars

**May 2-5 and October 1-6**, National Drives at the Indiana Horse Park, Edinburg, Indiana

**July** (date to be determined) Kate and Katie Whaley will sponsor a fun mini-CDE. More details as information becomes available!

**June 11, September 4 (All Tuesday's at 7:00 p.m.)** Executive Officers' Meetings - Any Spokes and Spurs members are encouraged to attend!

**December 3 (Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.)** General Meeting and Pot Luck Dinner for Spokes and Spurs  
This meeting will be designated as the Annual Meeting. Our goal is to take care of general business before the end of the year so Spokes and Spurs may hit the ground running in January 2020!

**June 8 and November 9** Drives at Shaker Village in Harrodsburg.

**August 3 and September 7** Fun Driving and Riding Days with private lessons for drivers and riders. More details on this later.

Caveat! All of the above dates and details can be subject to change, mainly due to weather! In the event of changes, we will notify the membership as soon as possible.

### April 27 - Open House at Charlotte's Creek Farm

There will be an open house from 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at Jennifer Harber's new place: Charlotte's Creek Farm, 3176 Newtown Pike, Georgetown, Kentucky. RSVP by April 1 to [RSVP@LEXFECKY.COM](mailto:RSVP@LEXFECKY.COM) or call (859) 230-5365. Jennifer said wine will be served!

### A Special Thank You

Jack Goodman has been busily updating our website. Soon there will be a special members portal! You can see it at [www.spokesandspurs.com](http://www.spokesandspurs.com).