

Vermont

Green Mountain Draft Horse



□ Spring 2021

2021— Let's see how it goes

I know it has been too long since we have had any news and I honestly don't have much to share now, but will give some updates.

The driving clinic did not happen in April at Shelburne Farms. We are hoping that it will happen in the summer or fall. I have had a lot of interest as we usually do, maybe we should hold it some place else?

The Auction did not happen in May at the fairgrounds. We are talking about perhaps finding another place to hold it, as we have a pile of things to sell from Meader Supply.

One shining light might be having the summer meeting at Ted and Josie's if gathering rules lighten up.

It looks like Addison Fair is going to happen. This is exciting. We will have teams in the field and the usual tent with some of our merch for sale. If the fairgrounds does not grow corn for us, we need to decide if it is worth it to get some from the Scott's farm, as we have in the past.

The Draft Horse show at Champlain Valley Fair is being planned. Hopefully the other shows are in the works too.

The officers met via zoom and we have all agreed that there will be no dues due in 2021. If you have paid already, they will be good through 2022. Nothing happened in 2020.

If you know of any events happening that you think would be of interest to the group, please let us all know.

Jean Cross

Calendar of Events

June 6th Annual Meeting, Shelburne Farms, Shelburne VT

July 2 - 3 Horse Progress Days, Mt Hope, OH

July 16th Summer Meeting/Hay day, Ted Russell, Sudbury, VT

July 17 Bonnie Roleau memorial, Addison Fair Grounds, New Haven, VT

August 10 - 12 Addison Fair and Field Days, New Haven, VT

August 27 - Sept 5 Champlain Valley Fair, Essex Junction, VT

Oct 1 - 3 Draft Animal Powered Field Days, Sanborn Mills, Loudon New Hampshire

A pony goes to the doctor and tells him, "Doc, I think I'm dying. I have this terrible sore throat."

The doctor assures him, "It's okay—you're just a little horse."



From the Editor

I am one of the lucky people who was not effected much by the pandemic. My new job has me working from home. This allows me to be able to spend more time with my animals. I am not sure how Hank will survive if I have to go back to working in the office. I am not sure how I will survive, I will miss being able to look out my window and seeing all my ponies in the barnyard.

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Tandem Class - Pat Palmer driving

The Highlight of 2020

One member of the club took it upon her self to make sure that people had a chance to get out and show off with their horses. The showing members were going a little stir crazy over the summer, they didn't have a reason to get out the show sheen, or do their horse's tails up in pretty bows, nobody needed to get the big fancy shoes on. Taffeta hats and red bow head bands never came out of their boxes. That is until Macey Ross stepped up and said, "I have had it, we are having s show". Some how she pulled it off. It was held on a beautiful fall day at a farm in New Haven, with a large flat ring. Rick was the judge, Ted was the ring master, I was the announcer, and Rose Ann was the secretary. It was fabulous. The teams were spiffed up, the drivers were jittery and the judge was fair. I for one, hopes she is planning another one for 2021.



Youth Cart Class- driving



Tandem Class - Emily Lang driving

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Youth Cart Class– All lined up waiting for the judge to make the hardest choice of the day.



Youth Cart Class - driving



Mens Team - Brian Jewel driving



Youth Cart Class - driving



Walk, Trot, Canter - Emily Lang riding



Womens Team - Macey Ross driving



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