

*ELK CREEK HORSE DRIVING TRIAL &
COMBINED TEST*

June 2nd - 4th, 2023

Fair Hill Natural Resource Management Area
Fair Hill, Maryland

WELCOME TO ELK CREEK CDE 2023

It is with great pleasure that we welcome you to the eighteenth annual Elk Creek Driving Event! For the third year we have included a Combined Test on Friday. We continue to offer the Training and Preliminary levels, the backbone of our sport, an opportunity to share in Combined Driving Competitions here at Fair Hill as well as the Intermediate & Hybrid levels to encourage a smooth step up to Advanced. With your support as a competitor, contributor and/or volunteer, we continue to offer classes for all from the smallest mini to the largest horse, from green to gold.

We are very fortunate to have the privilege to use this wonderful property. While you are here, take a moment to enjoy the beauty of these 5,600+ acres. PLEASE be considerate and stay within the marked paths to protect the hay crops. Hay from the grounds is contracted out and provides income which is essential to the operation and maintenance of the Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area here at Fair Hill. Chris Grieco, Manager of Fair Hill NRMA has kindly granted you provisional permission to use our ATV's to inspect obstacles/ hazards. This is an exception to the rule and may be revoked at any time. Please set a good example, drive slowly and respect other park users who may be walking, biking or riding. Please display your event supplied number and remember that helmets are mandatory at all times when driving ATVs. No two wheeled motorized vehicles are permitted!

This incredible park is a multiuse park. Please keep in mind that you may encounter riders out for pleasure whose horses may not be familiar with seeing a horse attached to a carriage! Please stop and make certain they are safe before you proceed. If you happen to be on course at the time, your calculated time can be adjusted at the end. Cecil County Breeders Fair 4-H will share the stable area with us this weekend. Please consider that some of the 4-H horses in stabling may never have seen a carriage! Please .. Stop & let them look.

As with all events, Elk Creek requires a tremendous financial and volunteer support. We are grateful to every contributor and every volunteer for their generosity! They make it possible for you the competitors and your equines to come to this beautiful park and play this game we love.... the sport of carriage driving.

In 2022 we unveiled the "Devine Foxes" water obstacle redo with a huge thanks to Kathy Devine. Riders in the park actually stop to have their pictures taken there.

Finally, we will watch horses through the new obstacle "Pathfinder" that has taken three years to receive a permit to build. Many thanks to everyone who made this project a reality.

We hope that everyone will drive safely, compete with great sportsmanship, have fun & enjoy your weekend at Fair Hill.

Please THANK A VOLUNTEER! It takes triple the number of volunteers compared to the number of competitors enjoying this weekend. Volunteers make it happen for you & your horse. Send our volunteers home feeling your genuine gratitude!!!

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- To each & every Volunteer for making this event possible!
- Fair Hill Natural Resources Management Area for permitting us to use this beautiful land!
- Mary Coldren/FHI Competitions Committee
- Bryan Racine Cones/Dressage/marathon obstacles mowing!
- The generosity of Allen & Sarah Colenda for opening their home to event Officials for the weekend
- Meredith Fethers for her special fundraising efforts to make it possible to run the event with so few entries!
- Coates & Barbara Bateman for the beautiful "Welcome" display at the stables!
- Karen & Kelly from Triple Crown Feeds for their enthusiastic support & sharing the weekend with us!
- Dennis Stangl & Atlantic Tractor, Newark for Officials Gators
- Jay Breggia, Beth Berlin, Jeff & Kim Stover & John Hoffner for help in setting up the marathon course
- Jay Breggia & Beth Berlin final marathon mowing
- Rich Forfa .. End B "Volunteer Veterinarian"!
- Three ladies jumped into big roles without ever seeing Elk Creek Driving Event:
 - Jolanda Campbell - Volunteer Coordinator
 - Laurie Lopez - Marathon Volunteer Coordinator
 - Rita Benedict - Awards Chairman.
- John Hoffner designed the new obstacle "Pathfinder" & Jay Breggia arrived with all the heavy equipment required for the two of them to put posts in the ground.
- Coates & Barbara Bateman "Devine Foxes" decorations
- The Elk Creek Committee for pulling another event together & their loyal helpers in setting up the event!



2023 Elk Creek CDE Awards Offered

Elk Creek Horse Driving Trial Awards -

**Class ribbons in each Division.

Elk Creek Combined Test Awards - ** Ribbons will be awarded 1st-4th in each class.

Elk Creek Special Awards -

- Best Overall Hybrid
- Best Conditioned
- Best Dressage - Donated by Scott Monroe "In Memory of Mark Borkoski"
- Best Marathon - Donated by Scott Monroe "In Memory of Shadow"
- Best Turnout – In Memory of Bob & Nancy Feters
- Best Navigator
- Best Young Horse - Beale Wright Morris Memorial Perpetual Trophy
- Double Clear Cones Ribbons - Donated by Jeff & Lynn Legg
- "Best" Volunteer - Volunteer of the Year Award
- Cleveland Bay Horse Society of North America, Inc - Best of Breed rosettes to the high point Pure Bred and high point Part Bred for the combined test and the Driving Trial!.

Class ribbons and awards

See ADS Rule Article 912, 7.5.5 "Objections concerning scoring may be raised up to one-half hour after the official scores are posted for each Competition.

Exception: mathematical or transcription errors may be corrected up to 1 hour after the final classification for the event."



Tentative Schedule of Events

Thursday, June 1

2:00 pm – 5:00 pm Secretary Office Open
3:00 pm Stables & Camper Pads Open

Friday, June 2

9:00 am Dressage CT Competition - Gallaher Road
9:30 am Cones CT Competition - Gallaher Road
5:00 pm Competitor Briefing - Stables

Saturday, June 3

9:00 am Dressage HDT Competition - Gallaher Road
9:30 am Cones HDT Competition - Gallaher Road

Sunday, June 4

9:00 am Marathon Start @ Main Arena Gallaher Road
3:00 pm Stables & Camper Pads Close

DRESSAGE TEST INFORMATION:

Training ALL - Training Level B 40 x 80 Singles, Pairs, VSE.

Preliminary ALL - Preliminary Level B 40 x 80 Singles, Pairs, VSE.

Intermediate - Singles - Intermediate Level C 40 x 80; VSE 40 x 80
Pairs & Teams - Intermediate B 40 x 80; VSE 40 x 80 HYBRID

CONES INFORMATION:

Grass surface, clearance/speeds per ADS rules

MARATHON INFORMATION:

Type of Terrain: Gravel roads, tunnels, grass tracks, water crossings, woods, fields with moderately rolling topography

Level: Training: 1 sections, 5km (5 obstacles)

Preliminary: 1 sections, 6km(6 obstacles)

Intermediate & Hybrid: 1 sections, 7 km (7 obstacles)

Miscellaneous Information: ASTM/SEI approved helmet recommended. All dogs must remain on leash. ADS Medical armband for marathon.

***Reminder:** Helmets are MANDATORY when riding on ATV's at all times.

*** The Organizer's rely on your honor to continue to respect & protect those around us.



Many Thanks to Margaret Grillet for her generous sponsorship of the Equine Rescue Ambulance - Fair Hill Division on Marathon day!!

ELK CREEK HDT/CT ENTRIES 2023

Hybrid Single Pony

Amy Cross, from Chestertown, MD driving Troutwalk Farm's "Eulenhof Sopencer" a 2010, 143 cm, grey, liver chestnut, WelshX, gelding

Intermediate Single Horse

Andy Marcoux from Bellingham, MA, driving "Loretta", a nine-year-old, 150 cm, bay, Dutch Harness, mare.

Timothy Palloni from Madison, VA driving "Jurpijn" a 2014, 16.1 hand, bay, ADHH, gelding.

HC - Suzy Stafford from Franklinville, NJ driving "Eelstje", a 2017, 15.2 hand, black, Friesian gelding.

Intermediate Four-In-Hand Horse

James Fairclough from Newton, NJ driving "Jake" a 2014, 16.3 hand, bay, KWPN, gelding & "Lothard I+S", a 2016, 16.0 hand, bay, KWPN, gelding & "Miland", a 2016, 16.0 hand, bay, KWPN & "Hendrik", a 2012, 16.3 hand, bay, KWPN, gelding & "Bento V", a 2006, 17 hand, bay, KWPN, gelding & "Citens", a 2007, 16.3 hand, bay, KWPN, gelding.

Intermediate Single Pony

Damara Gailliot from Alexandria, VA driving "Nick", a 2007, 143 cm, palomino, Haflinger gelding.

Claire Lacey from Ellicott City, MD driving "Severn Rainbow", a 2012, 117 cm, bay, Welsh A, mare.

Donene McGrath from Wernersville, PA driving "Joe Pony", a twenty-one-year-old, 141.5 cm, sorrel, Welsh/Haflinger gelding.

Preliminary Single Pony

Ann Dome from Unionville, PA driving "Beatrice", a 2009, 14.2 hand, black, Dales, mare.

Nicole duPont from Easton, MD driving "Clay Creek Bicker", a 1996, 145 cm, gray, Welsh/Appaloosa, gelding.

Marcy Eades from Mount Airy, MD driving "Willows Aslan", a 2009, 145 cm, bay, Connemara, gelding.

Pam Hess from Chardon, OH driving "Wowser CVA", an nine-year-old, 148 cm, chestnut, Haflinger, gelding.

Claire Lacey from Ellicott City, MD driving "Severn Rainbow", an eleven-year-old, 117 cm, bay, Welsh A, mare.

Scott Nickel from Windsor, SC driving "A Black Tie Affair", a 2000 141.5 cm, black Arabian , gelding.

Preliminary Single Horse

Richard A Close from Birdsboro, PA driving "Mini Cooper", a twenty-three-year-old, 15 cm, bay, mixed, gelding.

Laura DeFazio from Kennett Square, PA driving "Kaven SR", a 2015, 15.3, bay, Dutch Harness, gelding.

Debbie Donovan from Salem, NJ driving "Spring Hollow Brighton", a 2012, 15.1 hands, bay, Morgan gelding.

John Layton from Juliustown, NJ driving "Eric's K", a 2007, 16.1 hand, bay, Cleveland Bay Sport Horse, mare.

Aaron Soldavin from Quakertown, PA driving "Harbor Pilot", a 2012, 16.1 hand, chestnut, DHH, gelding.

Ann Spurgas from Shepherdstown, WV driving "Free Spirit Of Excellence", a 2012, 151 cm, chestnut, Haflinger, mare.

Suzy Stafford from Franklinville, NJ driving "Hamilton DCTF", a 2018, 16 hand, black, Friesian gelding.

Brooke Tadlock from Middletown, DE driving "Jasper", a 2014, 15.3, bay, Dutch Harness Horse, gelding.

Eliza Walbridge from Blue Ball, PA driving "Ivanja", a 2011, 157 cm, bay, Dutch Harness mare.

Preliminary Pair Pony

Wendy O'Brien from Chestertown, MD driving "Dalon", a 2006, 143 cm, chestnut, German Riding, gelding & "Jonny Walker 77", a 2009, 145 cm, bay, German Riding, gelding.

Preliminary Four-In-Hand Pony

Beverly Patrick from Beaver Falls, PA driving "Kimberlake Raphael", an eleven-year-old, 137.16 cm, black, Fell, gelding & "Kimberlake Uriel", a nine-year-old, 142.2 cm, black, Fell, gelding & "Laurelhighland Tabitha", a 2005, 135cm, black, Fell, mare & "Willow trail Mountain Ranger", a nine-year-old, 137.7 cm, black, Fell, gelding.

Training Single Horse

HC - Bliss, Paula from Hillsboro, VA driving Amanda Draper's "Statesman June Jubilee", a 2015, 15.1 hand, chestnut, Morgan, mare.

Josh Gale from Wrightstown, NJ driving "GW Brute Muscles". A 2015, 16 hand, bay, Standardbred, mare.

Margaret Grillet from Lincoln University, PA driving "Old Dominion Odin", a 2011, 167.64 cm, bay, Cleveland Bay, gelding.

Helen Heinzer from Chestertown, MD driving "Red Fire N Ice Cosmos", a 2012, 15.3 hand, chestnut, Morgan, Gelding.

Jenni Johnson from Barboursville, VA driving "Luminoso CF", a 2015, 16.0 hand, perlino, P.R.E, stallion.

Deanna Kehler from West Chester, PA driving "Victoria's Secret", a 2003, 15.2 hand, chestnut, TB/Clydesdale, mare.

Christina Perreta from North East, MD driving Laura DeFazio's "Splash Of Chrome", a 2004, 15.2 hand, chestnut, TB/Morgan, gelding.

Sandra Schwinzer from Spring Glen, NY driving "Rekonnaissance", a 2015, 167.6 cm, bay, gelding.

James Wood from Centreville, MD driving "Zeus", 2003, 15.3 hands, gray, Draft Cross, gelding.

Training Pair Pony

Melody Payne from Berkshire, NY driving "Fiddlemakers Bottlerocket", a 2006, 122 cm, bay, Dartmoor mare & "Meadowlarks Oppulance" a 2016, 123 cm, black, Dartmoor gelding.

Training Single Pony

Beth Berlin from Smyrna, DE driving "Sweet Potato", 2012, 133 cm, palomino, Welsh X, gelding.

Leslie Bottaro from Wilmington, DE driving "Cricket", a 2012, 121 cm, dark bay, Hackney/Welsh, gelding.

Rhonda Gould from Everett, PA driving "Nuttty Buddy LCH", a 2005. 143 cm, sorrel, Haflinger, gelding.

Jamie Guiberson from North East, MD driving "Herman", a 2003, 109 cm, black, Shetland, gelding.

JudithAnn Hartman from Tracys Landing, MD driving "Copper Beech Marigold", a seven-year-old, 113.5 cm, sooty buckskin, Welsh A, mare.

Terry Hawkins from West Chester, PA driving "Rosie", a 2017, 137 cm, bay, Haflinger, mare.

Gail Reipe from Maryland driving "daisy Mae", a 13.3 hand, mare.

Judith Shoemaker from Coatesville, PA driving "Clarwood Mr Wiggles", a 2006, 11.3 hands, gray, Welsh, gelding.

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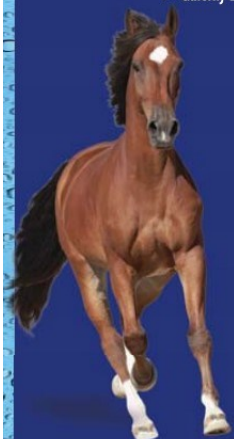
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