

Happy Faces at Squeaky Windmill: Funday 2010

Grey skies did not exactly clear up (completely), but the rain held off and the temperature was temperate, resulting in many happy faces in attendance at Funday on Saturday, August 22 at Audrey and Irving Rose's beautifully groomed Squeaky Windmill Farm. The day began with driving at will, which was, as always, a treat. Whips and passengers enjoyed the rolling hills, wooded trails, covered bridge, and the opportunity to school through water along the route. Equines ranged from the super-sized pairs of Carol Becker and Jim Spangler to the dainty Welsh mare, Desi, driven by Cynthia Lawrence. In fact, all the horse turnouts came in pairs with the exception of Carla Tomasin's single. Ponies came as singles, but, considering the typical pony egos, all those pint-sized marathon vehicles and Meadowbrooks were more than adequately powered.

Everyone enjoyed a convivial picnic at lunch time as members caught up on one another's' summer activities, but it was soon time to view the courses set up in the driving ring for the afternoon's schedule of fun and games. First game of the day, the Ball Toss, required a steady eye and a deft hand on the part the navigator, as well as the whip. It was deceptively difficult to get those balls into the target containers. Dead-eye John Cisler prevailed against all comers in the first game. The Pick-Your-Own Route was a return to more normal expectations, but was soon followed by races requiring contortion-like agility on the part of navigators as they tossed hoops, hooked rings and balanced eggs on spoons in a surprisingly adept exhibition of hand – eye coordination. (Tricia Cecile, Barbara Chapman's navigator, actually managed to balance one egg/spoon combination in each hand (!) but then we all knew about her balancing talent which has been evident in her role as show secretary at recent MCDEs.) The games concluded outside the ring with a very tightly contested cross country obstacle course incorporating the covered bridge and a water splash. In addition to the other prizes all competitors in the cross country received a bottle of wine to make the celebration of the day complete.

A grateful thank you goes to our hostess, Audrey Rose, who was everywhere in evidence checking for successfully completed feats and handing out awards. And it takes a heap of ground crew to make a day of such fun possible. Thanks to every Picket –Terry, Laurie, Jason and Korey- for lots of preparation as well as fulfilling the duties of the day. Kudos also are due to Carol Beens, the Moores, the Pierces, and the Cassises for various supporting roles and Rosemary Herman who steadfastly unmuddled my scoring efforts. I think everyone had fun including the equines.

Games Results

Ball Toss

1 st	Cislars
2 nd	Chapman/Cecile
3 rd	Stephensons
4 th	Yanchos
5 th	Piettes

Pick Your Own Route

Lawrences
Childs
Cislars
Yanchos
Chapman/Cecile

Hoop Toss

Piettes
Yanchos
Lawrence/Stover
Stephensons

Ring Hook

1 st	Lawrence/Stover
2 nd	Piettes
3 rd	Childs
4 th	Stephensons

Egg & Spoon

Cislars
Chapman/Cecile
Yanchos
Stephensons

Cross Country

Yanchos
Chapman/Cecile
Lawrences
Cislars