



# GET READY FOR SPRING

## Mid Winter Driving Conference

February 15, 2020

Verdoy Fire Department Latham, NY

### Richard Nicoll

World Renowned Course Designer

Course Designing and the History of Our Sport

**“How the Sport Developed” and “What it means to YOU and Your Driving Horse”**

Former Chairman of the U.S. Equestrian Federation Driving Sport Committee.

Designing courses for driving since the 1970s, he was WEG Combined Driving Course Designer at the last three FEI World Equestrian Games. Great speaker, lots of information, and you will thank yourself for coming.

### Martha Hanks-Nicoll

FEI Dressage Judge

## Basic Training - Preparing for the New Training Level Tests

Martha presented to the Judges at the Super Clinic in Colorado. Now she is going to tell her secrets to us!

She will present in two parts, taking the Power Point about the Dressage Tests. Next, reference the “yellow pages” in the ADS Rule Book, as they relate to Training Level. Maybe you are not Training Level – the process is the same.

Next she will take one new Training Level tests, working through each movement from the Judge’s viewpoint i.e. what is being looked for as the ideal for a Training Level.

This is a good chance to start absorbing the changes as they relate to your training, preparation, showing and understanding your results. Relevant for all levels.

### Jeff Morse & Betsy Colarusso DVM - Equine Clinic at Oakencroft

Trainer and Chairman of the Pleasure Driving Committee

## Maybe the Problem is Physical? Ow! I got Ulcers!

Always a Super popular speaker – relating a case study he worked on with his vet.

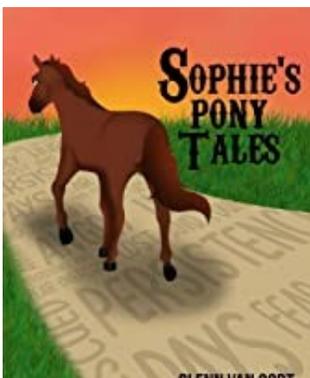
Does Your horse have behaviors that get written off as “He always does that”. Think again!

All about Ulcers and how a Trainer looks at a problem and how the vet treats it.

### Panel Discussion – The New Dressage Tests

What do the changes mean? What is different? How should you adjust your training? How does it relate to Course Design? Get your questions answered. Here’s a good place to start.

**Let’s talk about the new rules on Measuring Ponies**



Each year we hold a phenomenal raffle and we encourage everyone to bring things to contribute. Horsey Memorabilia, slightly used equipment, and this year—lots of big blankets were donated.

In addition the Master of the Raffle, Glenn Van Oortt will be signing his new book Sophie’s Pony Tales. Available for purchase.



The Saratoga Driving Association is delighted to invite all horse enthusiasts to join us near Albany, NY for a quiet day of learning and fun with the experts.

We are a very active group and have members from all over the Northeast

Sponsoring clinics in the warm weather



Super Days of Driving Competition October 3 & 4, 2020



Features Confidence Division to encourage new drivers or horses



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Fund Raiser, Educational, and great for getting together with friends and other Drivers

Look for all the latest updates and register at [www.saratogadriving.com](http://www.saratogadriving.com)

**Convenient.** Join us from 8:30 to 4, 988 Troy-Schenectady Road, Latham, NY. Right off the highway, close to Interstates 90 and 87. Very accessible even in winter weather.

**It is an easy trip, so come and join us.** Snow date February 22, 2020.

Come from out of town—a hotel room close to the conference is cheap! (\$65)

Good food, gifts, raffles, old friends and meet new people. No one goes home empty handed.

Every penny we earn goes into promoting our sport – buying and building equipment, hiring clinicians & judges, underwriting clinics reducing competitor costs.

**Bring stuff to raffle off.** Horse related, objects of interest, things that people like us would like.

**Hot lunch and snacks included. Warm, social atmosphere. Time to talk with other drivers.**

Any questions? Contact Carol Frank 518 459 1235 or [carol.frank@saratogadriving.com](mailto:carol.frank@saratogadriving.com).

Membership \$25

Before January 31 SDA members \$60 a person Couple or family \$110.

Before January 31 Not a member \$65 a person. Couple or family \$120

After February 1 SDA member \$65 a person. Couple or family \$120

After February 1 Not a member \$70 Walk in - \$75 a person Students \$25

We want to make money, but only to Promote our Sport. We don't have sponsors, we raise our funds. Every penny we raised last year was spent on our show and building obstacles.

**Out of Towners - Come as a group—we'll give you a discount**

Go to [www.saratogadriving.com](http://www.saratogadriving.com) to register and for latest updates and PayPal .

Or Send us a check to Cindy Kimmey 204 North Rd, Voorheesville, NY 12186.