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## CARRIAGE MARATHON

The Carriage Marathon is a Devon Horse Show tradition that everyone, from spectators to competitors, looks forward to every year. Every Sunday before Memorial Day, spectators line the streets surrounding the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair for the Carriage Pleasure Drive, also known as the Carriage Marathon. The historic event began in 1966, the carriage marathon is an integral part of the Devon Horse Show's long history.

The driving sport event has several different divisions for horses and ponies including the single harness two wheel, single harness four wheel, double harness pairs and the four-in-hand teams. Aside from the blue ribbons, there is also a Pleasure Marathon Amateur Whip Award that is given to the amateur whip who most exemplifies the traditions of carriage driving at the highest level. The individual is recognized at the Devon Horse Show with the Susie S. Buchanan Perpetual Trophy, donated by Collin and Nia McNeil.

This year, it was Stephanie Woolridge Dahne and Smudge to claim the historic award.



*Tara Miliziano Crowley & Mills & Sons, Gooch Wagon Horse Single Harness, Four-Wheel Vehicles Winner*



*Stephanie Woolridge Dahne & Smudge, Pony Single Harness, Two Wheel Vehicle Winner*

## \$50,000 DEVON ARENA EVENTING

- 1st: Bruce "Buck" Davidson Jr & Erroll Gobey**
- 2nd: Caroline Pamukcu & HSH Blake**
- 3rd: Arielle Aharoni & Dutch Times**

The 2023 Devon Arena Eventing course was, once again, designed by Captain Mark Phillips from Great Britain. He is an Olympic Gold Medalist, former coach of the U.S. Olympic Eventing team, and a renowned international course designer. Captain Phillips served as the course designer for the World Equestrian Games in Tryon, NC in September, 2018 and will be inducted this October as a member of the 2022 Devon Legends class.

The event was set for 7pm to cap the first week of competition at Devon. Something Devon is known for is their tradition of offering unique classes that differ from the other hunter/jumper horse shows across the country such as the Carriage Marathon, the State Fair, the Arena Eventing, etc. These different events provide a unique opportunity for spectators to witness the various disciplines of the equestrian sport.



*Bruce Davidson Jr. and Erroll Gobey*

**Davidson on Arena Eventing at Devon:**

"Mark Phillips is a genius at doing this stuff. He does a really good job of making it exciting. He gives the horses confidence and puts on a good show. It's nice to have a bit of pressure and a bit of fun. I'm from this area so it's cool to have all my neighbors and friends here and it brings eventing to the masses. [Devon] is such an awesome venue and a cool, nostalgic place."

**Davidson on his partnership with Errol Gobey:**

"He's a beautiful horse. He has all the ability in the world, but he has not been terribly easy for me. Gobey is bred to jump, might be just a little short of speed. He's a beautiful mover; just mentally keeping all together for the dressage has been a work in progress. But he's a super cool horse."

# \$10,000 NAL/WIHS CHILDREN'S JUMPER CLASSIC

1st: Alexandra Sica & Quickly Stated | 2nd: Collin Sweetnam & Just Noble | 3rd: Ava Hartman & Bronson CR

The Children's Jumper division took over the grounds at the Devon Horse Show to close out the first week in the Dixon Oval. A total of 25 horse-and-rider combinations anxiously awaited their turn to try their hand at the \$10,000 NAL/WIHS Children's Jumper Classic and take home their very own "Devon Blue."

Similar to the Junior Jumper Classic the night before, the class was set to a Table II, 2(a) format which included a first round that saw all entries compete, followed by a jump-off for qualified contestants that laid a clear effort in round one. Amongst the field, a total of ten had clear first rounds to move on to the jump off. The competitors were challenged to a traditional class style of show jumping with a longer first round course that turned into a shorter more tactical course in the jump off. While the number of obstacles decreased for the jump off, the degree of difficulty increased for the young riders to showcase their skills. In the jump off round, it was a race against the clock to see which combination could put forth a clear rider without sacrificing speed.

Coming off a podium finish in the \$1,500 Children's Jumper earlier Sunday Morning, Sica was prepared and ready for the pressure-filled atmosphere at the Dixon Oval. The pair was one of five to best both the first round and jump off track to lay a double clear effort and at the conclusion of the class, the talented duo took the top spot with the fastest jump off time of 32.911 seconds.

**Sica on her performance:**

"My first round I was so nervous. I haven't been back here [Devon] since 2018 and I just wanted to do well. I wanted to stay consistent and stay within myself; not let the moment get too big."

**Sica on Quickly Stated:**

"I was so nervous, but trusted her. She's been here a million times and I knew the crowd wouldn't freak her out so I was really confident in her."



Alexandra Sica and Quickly Stated  
1st place, Children's Jumper Classic



Alexandra Sica and Quickly Stated



Collin Sweetnam and Just Noble



Ava Hartman and Bronson CR

# DEVON

HORSE SHOW & COUNTRY FAIR

Daily Events

Sunday, May 28

Itty Bitty Tea Party

10:30am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm

Sunday gave tons of kids the opportunity to join us in the Devon Club for a classic "Children's" afternoon! Children 4 years old and over got to take a break from the hot sun and enjoy an afternoon of fun and refreshments and even took home a special gift. This is an event Devon puts on every year, and this year all three sittings were completely sold out.



Photo by: Brenda Carpenter Photography

## Carriage Marathon

A Devon Horse Show classic - the Carriage Pleasure Dive - was set for Sunday afternoon. This is a special event that everyone looks forward to every year. Started in 1966, the Carriage Marathon pays homage to the history of the driving sport, and the Devon Horse Show.



Photo by: Phelps Media Group

## Concrete Charley



The band on site tonight for entertainment was Concrete Charley. This year marked their 10th anniversary performing at Clydesdale Corner. The atmosphere was great and a wonderful time was had by all.

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## VENDOR SPOTLIGHT



**The Boot and Bridle Tack Shop** The Boot & Bridle has been serving the needs of the South Jersey equestrian community since 1984. They grew out of a need to provide quality English riding apparel, equipment and supplies to a small corner of the world. Having been in business for 37 years, we are

confident in our knowledge of products and trends, providing customers with excellent service. We believe our passion, experience and appreciation of our customers have earned us a respected reputation in the horse industry. Generations of riders have trusted our expertise to outfit them correctly for the show ring or schooling.

**Salty Dog & Sweet P's Swag** is a one stop shop for all the needs of your furry friends. The shop exists to help provide the best lives for dogs and their owners. "Our mission is to never walk alone. dogs just wanna have fun. we sell really good stuff and we only walk with animal lovers who walk with a purpose."



**Oh So Rosie Studio and Design** is a privately owned company focuses on custom designs for interior pieces and accessories, while also acting as a boutique and offers many unique items for purchase. The owner also does her own artwork that can be purchased already made, or be custom designed for you and your style. The shop has

everything from interiors, furnishing and accessories, design options, and entertainment pieces for both indoor and outdoor spaces. You can also find items for special occasions such as holidays or parties.

**CWD** is on of the most well known saddlery brands in the equestrian industry. Known for their unique designs and high quality materials, their saddles are the go-to for many top athletes in the sport.

At CWD, sport and performance are an obsession. An obsession which can be translated by a full control from A to Z of our chain of values, from the animal skin via the tannery, the making, the selling, the logistics, the after-sales service. This cross-disciplinary model is unique in the world.



**Lilo Collections** is a company that specializes in the leather industry. It was established in 1997 in Boston, Massachusetts and moved to Midlothian, Virginia in 2001. Founded by Lilo Navales, President and Creative Director, whose family tradition of working in the leather industry in Spain

expands over 125 years. The small leather goods, custom work and belts are made in Spain, while the jewelry is handmade to order in their studio in the U.S.



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