

# Maine Driving Club Spurwink Farm Derby

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The third and last Derby in the MDC series was held in Cape Elizabeth on 9/15/2018. There were ponies everywhere! A Dartmoor, Welsh Cob, and several Shetlands. A mini British invasion it was. There are three pony classes, VSE, Small pony and Pony. These classes held nine of the thirteen competitors.

The course, designed by Barbara Chadwick, and challenging our mostly 'old' memories, consisted of thirteen sets of cones and two obstacles. The grass was a bit wet from the morning fog making a slower pace prudent.

Spurwink Farm Manager, Karen Friedlander, had a beautiful trail drive marked for anyone wishing to extend the day. The drive took just over an hour and wound through fields and orchards and across estates, ending with the last few minutes along the ocean. Making an enjoyable hour, soaking up the scenery with our horses.

## Spurwink Farm Derby Results:

### **Training Division:**

Small Pony:

-1st Anna Bigelow and Zoot

Pony:

-1st Nancy Wines-DeWan and Brenna

-2nd Elizabeth Hamilton and Sky

Horse:

-1st John Lawrence and Ziva

-2nd Paula Leavitt and Rkay's Autumn

-3rd Linda Archer and Impressive Morning Star

### **Preliminary Division:**

VSE:

-1st Judy Chamberlain and Twinkle

VSE Pair:

-1st Kassi Farrar and Jasper & Bentley

Pony:

-1st Hana Poulin and Ashland Seven

-2nd Patsy O'Brien and Alexander

### **Open Division**

Horse:

-1st Bob Giles and Rose

Mary Plummer volunteered to give up three precious summer days to judge our derbies. What an awesome job. Mary, we can't thank you enough.

Barbara Chadwick, organizer extraordinaire, donated many hours getting ready for each of the three derbies. And, her course designs are a blast to drive.

Ansley Newton too, was a regular, volunteering her time wherever needed. A huge thank you to all of you. Also to Karen Friedlander for setting up, taking down, and marking that most enjoyable drive along the water.

To Mary Louise and Phinneas Sprague for opening their spectacular property for our enjoyment, thank you. It is a treat to be there. We hope to see you all, and new faces, next year!