

Club Rides Through Creemore For Horse, Hound And Harvest Parade

Submitted by the Toronto & North York Hunt



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Horses and hounds pass through the Village of Creemore during the Horse, Hound & Harvest Parade.

In England, riders would meet in a small village with their horses and hounds and go off to hunt. Toronto & North York Hunt (TNYH) keeps this tradition alive every Thanksgiving by parading their horses and hounds through the Village of Creemore. With over 1,000 people lining the streets, the parade has become a favourite annual event and a tourist attraction. The parade route was expanded this year to give spectators the best opportunity to view over 40 hounds and over 50 hunt horses and their riders.

TNYH's professional huntsman leads the riders, followed by the Masters of the Hunt, and the club members in their formal attire – most sporting the blue collar of the Toronto & North

York Hunt – as they follow the hounds on a route through the village.

After the parade, people were invited to come to the centre of the village for a Blessing of the Hounds and Horses and a meet-and-greet with the child-friendly hounds, the beautiful horses and their riders.

TNYH would like to thank the sponsors of the parade including the Creemore House Inn, Lavender Hall Estate, The Creemore Echo and Clearview Township. For more information on the TNYH visit www.tnyh.horse, follow us on Facebook, e-mail info@TNYH.Horse or call 416-998-6078.

Percheron Show Season Wraps Up At Royal Winter Fair

Submitted by the Ontario Percheron Horse Association Inc.

The 2015 Percheron show season concluded with the Ontario Provincial Percheron Show held in conjunction with the 2015 Royal Agricultural Winter Fair.

Entries were strong from both the U.S. and Canada. Ontario-bred Glencal Magic's Tiffany took Grand Champion Percheron Mare. Hitch entries were very strong, with 15 entries in the Lady's Percheron Cart Class; Percheron hitches coming 1st and 2nd in the All Breed Six-Horse Hitch - Mares (sponsored in part by the OPHA); and six entries in the Percheron Six-Horse Hitch, with winners from these classes going on to take the 1st, 2nd and 3rd places (out of 10 entries) in the \$25,000 Royal Six Horse Hitch Championship. Youth entries included six in the Percheron Two-Wheeled Cart – Youth Driver. The Percheron Open Under Saddle class had five entries. It was a great Percheron draft horse show!

With the show season wrapped up, the horses have had their shoes pulled, feet trimmed and are taking a well-deserved rest as we prepare for the 2016 breeding season and draft horse sales. The strong U.S. dollar is providing a good opportunity for our Percheron breeders to sell into the U.S. market in the coming months.

The Ontario Percheron Horse Association Inc.'s Annual Meeting and Dinner/Dance is coming up in the near year. Everyone is welcome to join us for a great social evening. Location, date and

ticket information will be available at www.ontariopercherons.ca.

Watch for information on our spring Learn to Harness, Hitch and Drive Clinic. Come out to advance your harnessing and hitching skills or try it for the first time. No experience necessary!

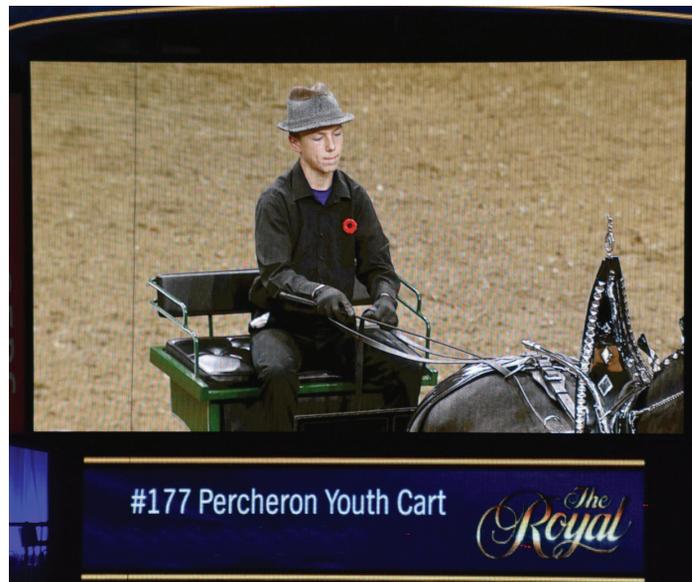


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Dennis Greenwood appears on the jumbotron in the Percheron Youth Cart class at the Royal Winter Fair.