Farm Show Conducts Draft Horse Driving Competition

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) - Exhibitors from across the commonwealth harnessed their horses Sunday for the draft horse driving competition at the 84th Pennsylvania State Farm Show.

In the first set of driving classes, exhibitors could enter a single draft horse hitched to a cart. In the single horse hitched class (gentlemen to drive), the cart and horse entered by Alfred and Donna Rovenolt of Turbotville, Northumberland County, took first place.

In the single horse hitched (ladies to drive) class, Alice Matson of Wyalusing, Bradford County, won the blue ribbon. The horse and young driver entered by Janice Ruhl of Manheim, Lancaster County, took first place in the single horse hitched (junior youth to drive) class, and the entry owned by Richard, Hutch, and Dirk Hamilton won the single horse hitched (senior youth to drive)

Four farms entered the sixhorse hitch contest, with the wagon and hitch owned by Alfred and Donna Rovenolt taking first place. The Rovenolts' entries also won the four-horse and team hitch classes.

In the unicorn hitch class, three horses — a pair hitched directly in front of the wagon and a third horse harnessed in front of them - pull a vehicle. The unicorn hitch entered by Roger and Linda Thoms of Aaronsburg, Chester County, won the class. In the team obstacle course, a precision driving contest, each driver maneuvered a pair of horses and a wagon through traffic cones, drove with the vehicle's wheels aligned with stripes on the arena floor, and drove the wagon across a wooden "speed bump," pausing with the vehicle's rear wheels precisely

atop the obstacle. The two-horse hitch entered by Walter and Lucille Rice of Delta, York County, received the highest score in the DRAFT HORSE HITCHED
Class 0159 Draft Horse Under Saddle: 1.

Walter & Lucille Rice. 2. Marvyn E. Forwood. 3. Aileen O'Connor. Class 0160 One Hitched Horse (Gentle-

men to Drive): 1. Alfred & Donna Rovenolt. 2. Hutch, Richard & Dirk Hamilton. 3. Jerry & Shirley Ray.

Class 0163 One Hitched Horse (Ladies to Drive): 1. Alice W. Matson. 2. Alfred & Donna Rovenolt. 3. Ken & Karen Sandoe.

Class 0166 One Hitched Horse, Div. I (Jr. Youth to Drive): 1. Janice L. Ruhl. 2. Ken & Karen Sandoe, 3. Timothy & Megan Phillips. Class 0167 One Hitched Horse, Div. II (Sr. Youth to Drive): 1. Hutch, Richard & Dirk Hamilton, 2. Jerry & Shirley Ray, 3. Walter &

Class 0168 Six-Horse Hitch: 1. Alfred &

Roger & Linda Thoms.
Class 0169 Four-Horse Hitch: 1. Alfred &

Donna Rovenolt. 2. Ken & Karen Sandoe. 3.

Roger & Linda Thoms Class 0170 Unicom Hitch: 1. Roger & Linda Thoms. 2. Ken & Karen Sandoe. 3. Walter & Lucille Rice.

Class 0171 Team Hitch. 1. Alfred & Donna Rovenolt. 2. Ken & Karen Sandoe. 3. Roger & Linda Thoms.

Class 0172 Team Obstacle Course: 1. Water & Lucille Rice. 2. William E. Wise VMD. 3. Tom & Shirley Young.

Class 0173 Junior Youth Showmanship: 1. Reuben Dourte, 2, Lisa H. Jones, 3, Sam

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