

Join the **Ottawa Valley Light Horse Association** as we present

Stan Bodnar

as clinician at Benhaven Farm, Carleton Place, Ontario – April 28, 2012

This clinic is a fabulous opportunity to get up close & personal with one of the horse show world's best! Stan will cover most aspects of getting a horse to the show ring successfully from starting your yearlings & 2 year olds right up to keeping your seasoned show horse fresh & sound.

Topics include:

- *Biting & long lining the young horse
- *Introducing the young horse to harness
- *Dumb Jockeys, stretchies & other training aids
- *Biting rigs, draw reins & martingales
- *Tricks of the trade – useful exercises & equipment for Hunter/Western and Saddleseat/ Driving horses
- *Turnout! - Make that horse look like a World Champion!
- *What judges like to see (and what they hate)



Stan Bodnar & Merriehill Home Stretch
World Park Harness Champions

An Introduction – Stan Bodnar

Stan Bodnar was born and raised in Thunder Bay, Ontario where he developed a passion for horses of all types. Growing up he worked with Arabians and Quarter Horses. Stan moved to the States in the mid 70's to work at Merriehill Farm, where he would meet and marry his wife Paulette. This team brought Merriehill to National Prominence in quick order. Stan has won Regional, National and World Titles in almost every Morgan Division offered from two year old to open classes, most recently World Champion Park Harness in 2010 and World Champion Pleasure Driving in 2009. In 2011 horses Stan trained won the World Champion 3 year Old Park Saddle, World Champion In Hand Stallion and Reserve Amateur Ladies English Pleasure World Championship. Stan still lives at Merriehill where he and wife Paulette along with sons Mark and Whitney and daughter in law Jessica own a Stable which offers not only training, but also breeding and lessons. Stan has also shown and won with Hackney Horses and Ponies in the United States and at the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto in recent years.

Just a few of the World Champions Stan has been recently associated with are the Hackney Horses Shelburne and Rudolf the Second and the Morgans Mastroianni (WGC Stallion) Merriehill Home Stretch (WGC Park Harness) Narragansett Bay (National Ch Hunter Pleasure) Fox Hollow Talk About Me (WGC Pleasure Driving) & Playmor's Ice Age (WC 3yr Park saddle)

Clinic Details:

Cost: Registration received prior to April 2nd -\$40 per adult, \$20 per Jr. Exhibitor
After April 2nd -\$60 per adult, \$40 per Jr. Exhibitor

Homemade lunch will be available for purchase on site. Hotels are located in close proximity, (less than 10 minutes)
Benhaven Farm is located at 1954 Ninth Line of Beckwith, Carleton Place, Ontario, (just off Hwy 7)

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Registration Forms will be available at www.OVLHA.com
Forms & fees, (made payable to the OVLHA) can be mailed to Rae Ann Brunton, 1353 Drummond Conc 12B, Lanark, ON K0G 1K0