



MIDDLESEX PLOWMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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Township of Adelaide Metcalfe

ATTENTION: MAYOR & COUNCIL

2340 Egremont Drive

Strathroy, ON

N7G 3H6

Dear Council:

You are cordially invited to attend the 77th Annual Middlesex County Plowing Match to be held on Monday, September 4, 2017.

Please find enclosed information regarding the Middlesex County Plowing Match which will be hosted by Duncrief Farms, Hugh, Anthony and Matthew Aerts and families, corner of Charlton Drive and Nairn Road, in the Municipality of Middlesex Centre.

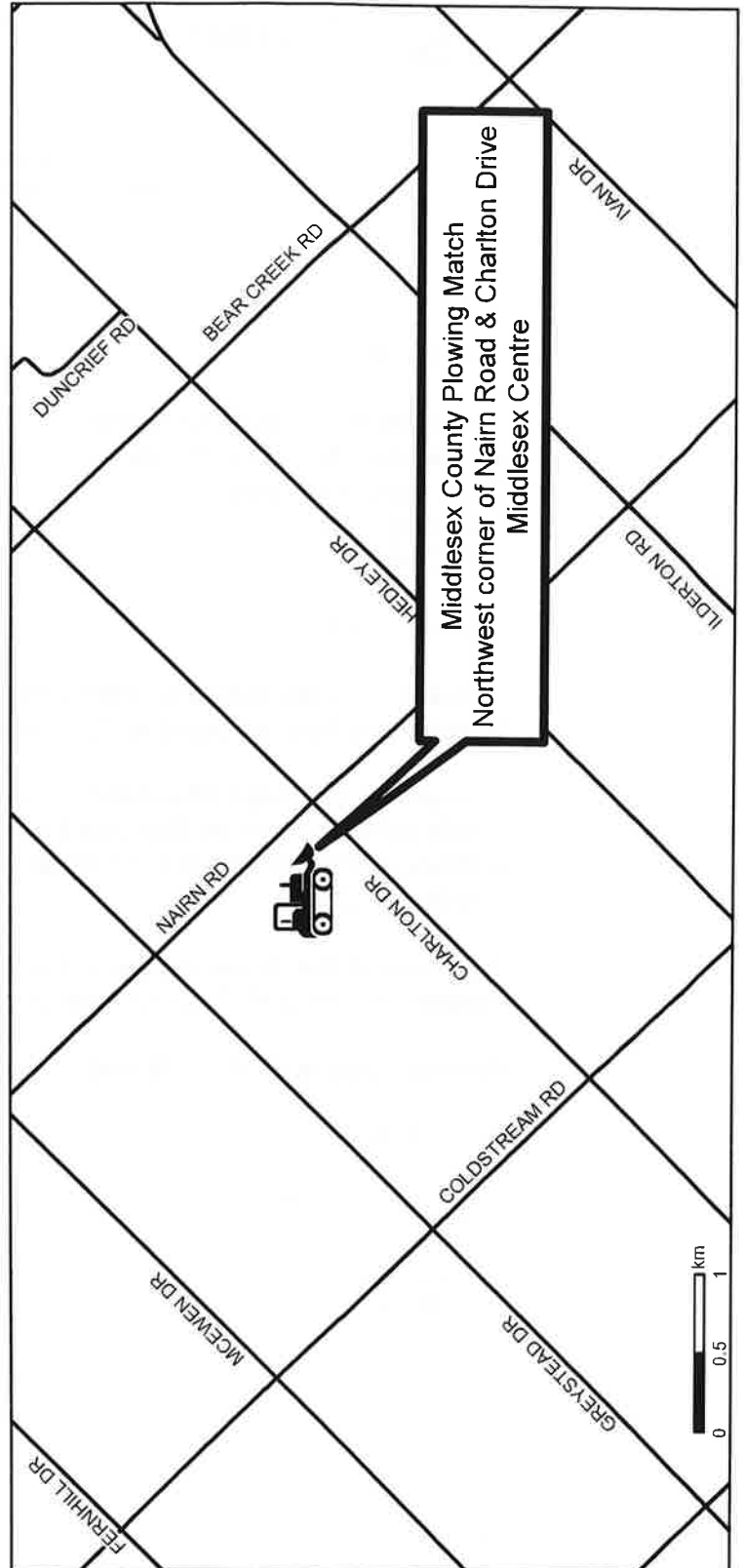
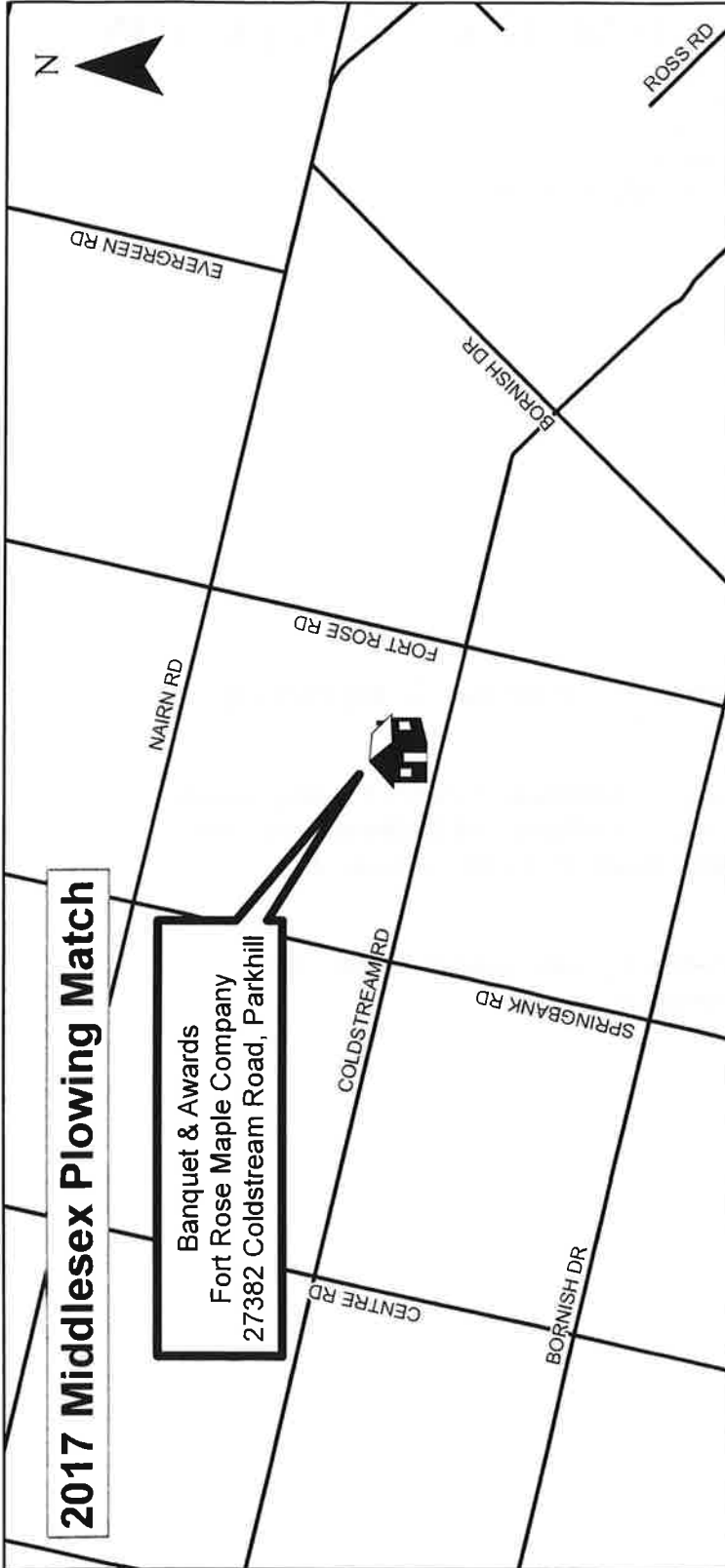
If you would like to participate in the VIP Plowing class, please contact Ian Brebner at 519-294-6442 for further information.

We hope you are able to attend.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Donna Elliott". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Donna Elliott
Secretary



**QUEEN OF THE FURROW
Rules & Regulations**

1. Contestants must be 18 yrs of age and have not reached their 25th birthday by **September 1, 2017**.
2. Entries to be submitted by Monday, August 21, 2017.
3. Equipment for plowing will be provided. However, any contestant may make their own arrangements for equipment if desired. Each contestant will be required to complete three rounds.
4. Basis of Award:
Plowing ability 100 pts
2 – 3 min. speech (match day) 250 pts
Appearance & Deportment 200 pts
Interview 250 pts
5. The topic of the speech will be of the choice of the contestant, usually dealing with agriculture.
6. The winner of the **2017** competition will represent Middlesex County at the **2018 International Plowing Match**.
7. "Queen of the Furrow" contestants will be guests of the Middlesex Plowmen's Association at the banquet on Monday, September 4, 2017.
8. For full set of rules, contact Donna Elliott, Secretary.

**PRINCESS OF THE FURROW
Rules & Regulations**

1. Contestants must be a minimum of 12 yrs of age by January 1st of the current year and less than 17 yrs of age as of September 30th of the current year.
2. All other Queen of the Furrow rules and regulations apply, **except** there will be no plowing.

**QUEEN OF THE FURROW &
PRINCESS OF THE FURROW**

PRIZES

1 st Prize	\$55.00
2 nd Prize	\$50.00
All Others	\$35.00

**TEAM PLOWING
Rules & Regulations**

1. The entry fee will be \$5.00 per entry and must be placed by 12:00 pm the day of the match.
2. Prize money for the first place team will be the total of the entry fees to be divided equally amongst the winning team members.
3. Prize money for second and third place teams will be equal to the total of the entry fees (Middlesex County Plowmen will match the total of entry fees). The second place team will receive 65% of the prize money and the third place team will receive 35% of the prize money.
4. All entrants on each team must participate in the start and completion of the land.
5. A time limit of seventy (70) minutes will be used from start to finish.
6. Judging will be performed by a competent Middlesex County Plowman on an appearance criterion.
7. Teams will be drawn by numbers of entries either in groups of 2, 3 or 4 members and teams drawn by committee members.
8. An open split must be plowed but will not be judged.
9. Drawing of lands will be at 2:00 pm sharp.
10. The competition is intended strictly for fun and fellowship as well as entertainment for the audience.



**2017 International Plowing
Match & Rural Expo**

**SEPTEMBER 19-23, 2017
WALTON
HURON COUNTY
ONTARIO**

**-2017-
Prize List
77th Annual
Middlesex County Plowing
Match**



Monday, Sept. 4, 2017

Farm of:

Duncrief Farms
Hugh, Anthony & Matthew Alerts & Families
Corner of Nairn Road and Charlton Drive
Municipality of Middlesex Centre

Banquet & Awards

Fort Rose Maple Company
27382 Coldstream Road
Parkhill

**Queen of the Furrow –
Valerie Johnson**

President – Patrick Sanders
Strathroy; (519)282-6337

Secretary- Donna Elliott
Strathroy; (519)245-6473
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Advisory Council Member
Clare Paton
Lucan; (519)227-4672

CLASSES

1. Horse Plowing
Group 1 Jointer Plow
Group 2 Sulky Plow
2. Tractor Utility
Group 1 – 1 & 2 furrows
Group 2 – 3 & 4 furrows
Group 3 – 5 or more furrows
3. Tractor Class - Under 19 years of age on day of Match
Group 1 – 15 – 19 years – Coach on headland
Group 2 – 10 – 14 – Coach on land
4. Tractor Class – Ladies 1, 2, 3 or 4 furrows
5. Tractor Class – Novice 1, 2, 3 or 4 furrows
6. Antique Tractor Class
Group 1 2 or more furrows 1958 & older Tractor with trail plow mechanical lift
Group 2 2 or more furrows 1958 & older Tractor & mounted plows mouldboards not to exceed 40 inches overall length and no wider than 12 inch bottoms
7. Tractor Class Reversible Plows
8. Tractor Class – Classic Tractor Open
9. Tractor Class – Member of Middlesex 4-H Plowing Club
10. Queen of Furrow
11. VIP Plowing
12. Team Plowing

PRIZE LIST FOR ALL CLASSES 1 TO 8

First	\$70.00
Second	\$60.00
Third	\$50.00
All others	\$40.00

SPECIAL PRIZES – Middlesex Residents Only
TRI-COUNTY HERITAGE AWARD – Open to all antique participants

MIDDLESEX PLOWING MATCH 2017

Registration	9:00 am to 9:45 am
Lands drawn	9:45 am
Plowing starts	10:00 am
Open Splits Complete	10:20 am
Judges Open Splits	10:20 am
Break for Lunch	After Crown Completed
VIP Plowing	12:00 pm
Queen of the Furrow Plowing	1:00 pm
Plowing complete	2:00 pm
Team Banquet & Awards	2:00 pm to 4:00 pm 5:00 pm

Chief Steward

Clare Paton

Stewards

Ian Brebner
Jack Bycraft
Clare Paton

Judges

Don Dodds
Allen McNeil
Morley Clark

RULES & REGULATIONS

1. Entries will not be accepted after 10:30 am for regular classes and entries for Team Plowing not accepted after 12:00 pm.
2. Entry fee in all classes is \$15.00 with complementary banquet ticket. There is no entry fee for Queen of the Furrow. \$5.00 entry fee per person for team plowing.
3. All classes must supply their own equipment with the exception of the Queen of the Furrow and VIP classes.
4. Each contestant will be required to submit written proof of \$2,000,000 liability insurance minimum. This is a regulation of the Ontario Plowmen's Association. Liability Waiver Form must be completed in order to plow.
5. Average depth of furrows in all classes is six inches. The furrow width will be at least twelve inches except in Horse and Antique classes.
6. After setting and removing stakes, no assistance or coaching will be allowed on the competitor's land in any class except Class 3 Groups 2, Classes 5 and 9.
7. Judges decision is final.
8. Lands must not be touched by hand, foot or stake in all classes.
9. Cast off to highest numbered lot.
10. All boards must be down and in plowing position other than opening split and first or second draw on cast off only.
11. The Crown shall consist of four heavy rounds for two furrow plows and three heavy rounds for three or more furrow plows after which the contestant shall commence to cast off.
12. In the opinion of the judge, if the work of any contestant does not reach a minimum Standard, a prize may be reduced or withheld.

ADDITIONAL RULES & REGULATIONS FOR CLASS 8 - CLASSIC TRACTOR OPEN

13. Two or more furrows.
14. Tractors and plows to be 1976 or older.
15. Any plow, any bottom.
16. No dual tractor wheels.
17. Maximum of four wheels.
18. Maximum of four remote cylinders.
19. All other modifications allowed.

OPA PLOWING RULES WILL BE IN EFFECT & APPLICABLE ON MATCH DAY

- Director in each class will ensure competitors complete lands by required time.
- A penalty of 1 point per minute past designated finish time.
- Absolutely no plowing in regular classes after 2:00 pm. This will be strictly enforced.