



# **NORTHAMPTON DRIVING SOCIETY, INC.**

presents

## **The 23rd Annual Pleasure Driving Competition**

in cooperation with:  
The Monroe County Parks Department  
and  
The Heritage Christian Home

**Sunday June 7, 2009**

at

**Northampton Park**

Corner of Hubbell Rd & Colby Street  
Spencerport, New York 14559

[www.northamptondrivingsociety.org](http://www.northamptondrivingsociety.org)

### **SHOW OFFICIALS**

Judge	Karen Cabic
Announcer	Scott Hecker
Obstacle Course Designer	Robert Heinold
Ringmaster/Scribe	Lindsay LaBella
Paddock Marshalls	John Storer Maureen Kingston Margaret Preston
Show Secretaries	Nancy Beaney Terry Brooks
Show Treasurer, Support	Bob Brunsdon
Ring Crew Coordinator	Don Grentzinger
Trophy/Ribbons Coordinator	Terry Brooks
Prize List/Program	Nancy Murphy
Advertising, Patron/Sponsor Coordinator	Esther Railsback
Hospitality	Allison Brunsdon
Timers	TBA
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## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **7:30 A.M. Show grounds and Secretary's Tent opens**

- Please have your wheels measured before your first Pleasure Driving Class.
- Classes may be divided or combined at the discretion of the show committee depending on number of entries.
- Judging for **Concours D'Elegance and the Best Single Pleasure Turnout** will take place during classes #1-12. Awards will be presented during intermission.
- **REFRESHMENTS** can be purchased from CHARLIE'S FOODS, opening at 7:30 A.M.

### **8:00 A.M. First Class Begins**

#### CLASS ORDER

1. **Single Pony - Working**
2. **Single Miniature & VSE - Working**
3. **Single Pony - Reinsmanship**
4. **Single Miniature & VSE – Reinsmanship**
5. **Single Horse – Working**
6. **Novice Miniature and Small Pony – Working**
7. **Single Horse – Reinsmanship**
8. **Novice Miniature and Small Pony – Reinsmanship**
9. **Novice Horse and Large Pony – Working**
10. **Multiples - Working**
11. **Novice Horse and Large Pony – Reinsmanship**
12. **Multiples - Reinsmanship**

### **INTERMISSION AT APPROXIMATELY 12:00 P.M.**

- **Order of Go** for Obstacles Classes will be posted on the bulletin board by the Secretary's tent.
- **Presentation of Concours D'Elegance and the Best Single Pleasure Turnout Awards**

## TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (CONT.)

### TIMED COMPETITION

- The Course Walk will be before the first Timed Class.
- **ORDER OF GO may be by CLASS, OR by WHEEL WIDTH.**  
The decision will be made by show management based upon the number of entries.
- Prizes will be awarded after the last class.

13. **Single Miniature & VSE**
14. **Novice Miniature and Small Pony**
15. **Single Pony**
16. **Novice Horse and Large Pony**
17. **Single Horse**
18. **Multiples**

### PROGRESSIVE OBSTACLES

- The Course Walk will be before the first Progressive Obstacles Class.
- **ORDER OF GO may be by CLASS, OR by WHEEL WIDTH.**  
The decision will be made by show management based upon the number of entries.
- Prizes will be awarded after the last class.
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19. **Multiples**
20. **Single Horse**
21. **Novice Horse and Large Pony**
22. **Single Pony**
23. **Single Miniature & VSE**
24. **Novice Miniature and Small Pony**

### ~HOSPITALITY ~

**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING DISASSEMBLY OF THE SHOW RING  
Tickets Required.**

See the reverse side of the Entry Form or Web Page for specific details.

## CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

### CONCOURS D' ELEGANCE

The essence of this competition is the word "Elegance". The winner will be the turnout that, in the opinion of the Judge(s), presents the most consistent elegant effect during the Pleasure Driving Classes. This will include the vehicle, harness, appointments, equine(s), the Whip, passengers, grooms, etc., but above all, general impression is most important. Vehicle and harness may be inspected to insure thoughtful restoration and careful maintenance. Attention will be paid to the personal appearance of the Whip, grooms, and passengers as it contributes to the overall picture. Performance will not be judged unless it detracts from the elegance of the turnout.

### BEST SINGLE PLEASURE DRIVING TURNOUT

To be judged during the Pleasure Driving Classes. This trophy will be awarded to the single turnout demonstrating the best suitability to provide a safe and pleasant drive.

### PLEASURE DRIVING – WORKING

- ❖ DESCRIPTION WILL ALSO APPLY TO THE NOVICE CLASSES
- ❖ TROPHY AND SIX RIBBONS

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the equine to provide a pleasant drive. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and a strong trot. To stand quietly on the rail and while lined up and to rein back. All entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge. You also may be asked to execute a figure of eight and/or to perform other appropriate tests.

To be judged: 70% on performance, manners and way of going of the equine, 20% on the condition and fit of harness and vehicle, 10% on neatness of attire.

### PLEASURE DRIVING – REINSMANSHIP

- ❖ DESCRIPTION WILL ALSO APPLY TO THE NOVICE CLASSES
- ❖ TROPHY AND SIX RIBBONS

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the ability and skill of the driver. Equine is to be shown at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and a strong trot. Drivers shall be required to rein back. All entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge. You also may be asked to execute a figure of eight and/or to perform other appropriate tests.

The driver should be seated comfortably on the box so as to be relaxed and effective. Either the one or two-handed method of driving is acceptable. Common to both methods, the elbows and arms should be close to the body with an allowing but steady hand enabling a consistent “feel” with the equine’s mouth. Drivers should not be penalized or rewarded for using one general style over another. In order to evaluate a driver’s versatility, the judge may request a test involving driving with one hand.

To be judged: 75% on handling of reins and whip, control, posture, and overall appearance of driver, 25% on the condition of harness and vehicle and neatness of attire.

#### **OBSTACLE DRIVING – TIMED OBSTACLES**

- ❖ DESCRIPTION WILL ALSO APPLY TO THE NOVICE CLASSES
- ❖ TROPHY AND SIX RIBBONS

To be driven over a prescribed course consisting of no more than **12 obstacles**. Faults on the course will be scored as penalty seconds. The winner will be determined by adding the penalty seconds incurred on the course to the time taken to complete the course. Ties for first place will be decided by a drive-off. Failure to carry a whip in an obstacle driving class incurs elimination. The required pace is a trot. Please note the course walk times on the schedule.

#### **OBSTACLE DRIVING – PROGRESSIVE OBSTACLES**

- ❖ DESCRIPTION WILL ALSO APPLY TO THE NOVICE CLASSES
- ❖ TROPHY AND SIX RIBBONS

To be driven at the trot with a set time over a course of six numbered obstacles which will be adjusted to the following clearances: #1 – 20”, #2 – 16”, #3 – 12”, #4 – 8”, #5 – 4”, #6 – 2”.

After passing the starting line, the driver shall proceed through each obstacle in order, until finishing the course or dislodging an obstacle. Time will be stopped when the rear axle clears the last obstacle or when an obstacle is dislodged.

A disobedience (refusal, run-out, circle) will be scored as a dislodgement of the obstacle at which the disobedience occurs – no time will be recorded at the signal. The score up to the disobedience shall count, but no time will be recorded. Going off course will incur elimination, but the competitor must be placed after those with an equal score. Failure to carry a whip will incur elimination with no score given.

The greatest number of points will determine placing. Time will decide ties. If a tie remains with equal points and time, the winner will be decided by a drive-off.

## **SHOW REGISTRATION PROCEDURE**

Please send:

1. the completed entry form (centerfold)
2. a **COPY** of a valid Coggins (2008-2009)
3. a **COPY** of a current Rabies certificate
4. a check payable to **Northampton Driving Society** for the entry fee to:

Nancy Beaney, Show Secretary  
Northampton Driving Society, Inc.  
PO Box 113  
Hamlin, NY 14464

- Please answer all questions on your entry form. This will help us provide information to spectators.
- To keep our class sizes manageable, we will accept the first 45 entries.
- **CLOSING DATE:** Entries must be postmarked by **May 2, 2009**.
- **POST ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**
- **There will be a \$25.00 fee for returned checks.**
- NDS is seeking Advertisers, Sponsors and Patrons for the show. See page 11 for information.
- **NDS will host a dinner after the show in the hospitality tent.** Sully’s Catering will cater the event. Tickets may be purchased with your entry or by contacting the show secretary **up to 2 weeks before the show.**

See the entry form for information.

## **CLARIFICATION OF GAITS**

The following descriptions constitute the approved standard for performance of the required gaits in the various divisions of pleasure driving competition.

### **WALK**

A free, regular and unconstrained walk of moderate extension is required. The horses should walk energetically but calmly, with even and determined steps.

### **SLOW TROT**

The horse should maintain forward impulsion while showing submission to the bit. The trot is slower and more collected, but not to the degree required in the dressage collected trot. However, the horse should indicate willingness to be driven on the bit while maintaining a steady cadence.

### **WORKING TROT**

This is the pace between the strong and the slow trot and more round than a strong trot. The horses go forward freely and straight; engaging the hind legs with full hock action; on a taut but light rein; the position being balanced and unconstrained. The steps should be as even as possible. The hind feet touch the ground in the footprints of the fore feet. The degree of energy and impulsion displayed at the working trot denotes clearly the degree of suppleness and balance of the horses.

### **STRONG TROT (Trot On)**

This is a clear, but not excessive, increase in pace and lengthening of stride while remaining well balanced and showing appropriate lateral flexion on turns. Light contact to be maintained. Excessive speed will be penalized. The term "trot on" should be used to call this gait.

### **HALT**

Horse(s) and vehicle should be brought to a complete square stop without abruptness or veering. At the halt, the horse(s) should stand attentive, motionless and straight, the weight evenly distributed over all four legs, and be ready to move off at the slightest indication from the Whip.

### **REIN BACK**

Rein back is defined as backward movement in which the legs are raised and set down simultaneously in diagonal pairs with hind legs remaining well in line. To be performed in two parts: (1) The horse must move backward at least four steps in an unhurried manner with head flexed and straight, pushing the carriage back evenly in a straight line. The driver should use quiet aids and light contact. (2) Move forward willingly to former position using same quiet aids.

## **SHOW RULES**

1. The entry fee is \$10 per class for members of NDS as of 3/1/09. The entry fee for non-members is \$12 per class. **Entries close May 2, 2009. Entries postmarked after 5/2/09 will not be accepted.** There will be a \$25 fee for any check returned for insufficient funds.
2. Each whip must sign the release included on the entry form and send legible photocopies of a valid Coggins certificate (dated last year or current year) and proof of rabies vaccination (dated within 1 year prior to show date) for each horse or pony entered.
3. To participate in a **Novice class**, the whip may not have previously won three blue ribbons in driving show classes (such class must have had four entries for a blue ribbon win to be counted). The novice whip may not enter both the novice and open division classes. An equine may be driven in both the novice and open divisions.
4. **Very Small Equine (VSE)** classes are open to any horse/pony **under 39"**.
5. A change of whip constitutes a new entry.
6. A whip is limited to showing one turnout in each obstacle division.
7. We encourage whips driving draft breeds to participate, entering the appropriate single or multiple horse or pony class.
8. Mules and donkeys will be placed in the horse or pony classes according to size.
9. All of our classes are judged in accordance with the rules of the American Driving Society unless otherwise specified.
10. Whips under the age of 18 years of age (as of the date of the show) must have parental consent.
11. Throughout the competition the dress of the whip, passengers and grooms shall conform to the type of vehicle used. Driving aprons, hats, gloves and whip in hand are obligatory for whips. Period costumes are discouraged.
12. **REFUNDS:** If a horse or pony is entered and not exhibited, entry fees will be forfeited. Refunds will be made upon receipt of a Veterinarian's or Physician's certificate attesting to an illness or injury. The certificates must be received by the Show Secretary **prior to the start of the show**. Pre-show cancellations should be communicated to the Show Secretary as soon as possible.
13. **Refunds will not be made due to class cancellations.** If the show must be stopped due to weather or other emergency conditions, the show committee will suspend classes for 30 minutes. If the decision is made at that time to permanently cancel classes, refunds will not be made for the missed classes.
14. The show committee reserves the right to combine or cancel classes or to adjust the time schedule.

15. Whips or passengers under the age of 14 years of age (as of the date of the show) will be required to wear an approved helmet.
16. A knowledgeable adult must accompany whips under 14 years of age (as of the date of the show). No other passengers will be allowed.
17. The whip assumes full responsibility/liability for all passengers.
18. The use of a helmet is encouraged and will not be penalized.
19. It is the responsibility of each competitor to insure that the harness and vehicle are in good repair and structurally sound. In the interest of safety, it is essential that the harness and bridle be fitted properly to the horse or pony and that the vehicle is appropriate for the equine.
- 20. Under no condition should the bridle be removed from a horse or pony while it is still put to a vehicle. At no time should a horse or pony be left unattended while put to a vehicle. Doing so incurs elimination.**
21. Cantering is not permitted.
22. We encourage the use of wooden wheeled vehicles. However miniature horses may be shown to an appropriate wire wheeled vehicle. Antique wire spokes will be permitted at the discretion of the judge and show manager.
- 23. All DOGS on show grounds MUST be properly supervised and restrained by a leash. You MUST pick up after your dog.**
24. **All animals must be serviceably sound**, specifically must not show any evidence of lameness or undue respiratory distress.
25. No whips are to be driving their equine in the area designated for spectators.
26. Please keep a close watch on your children at all times.
27. Pedestrians MUST give the 'Right of Way' to the Horses & Carriages.
28. The show officials will be on the lookout for unsafe conditions/situations. **Any person who breaks any of the above rules will be asked to leave the show grounds.** NDS members are encouraged to also be on the lookout for unsafe conditions and report them to the show manager.
29. It is the responsibility of each whip to be on time for each of their classes. At the discretion of the show manager, the entrance gate will be closed to late arrivals. The entrance gate will temporarily be held open for whips that have notified the Paddock Marshall of unforeseen circumstances prior to the start of the class.

**BECOME A CLASS SPONSOR, SHOW PATRON,**  
**OR**  
**PLACE AN AD IN THE SHOW PROGRAM:**

We offer the following categories: (CHECK ALL THAT APPLY)

- ( ) Business Card Sized Ad (3.25" x 1.25") \$ 10.00
- ( ) Half Page Ad (4.25" x 3.75") \$ 25.00
- ( ) Full Page Ad \$ 50.00
- ( ) Inside Front or Back Cover \$ 75.00

❖ Ads must be copy-ready (black and white copy)

- ( ) CLASS SPONSORSHIP: \$50.00

As a sponsor, you will have an award presented in your name for one class and your name will be listed in the show program for that particular class and announced as the class begins.

- ( ) CONTRIBUTE AS A PATRON: \$25.00

❖ Show patrons will be listed in the program.

 Advertisers will be announced throughout the day.

Please return this form IN A SEPARATE MAILING with your Ad and a check payable to *Northampton Driving Society* by May 11, 2009 to:

**Esther Railsback**  
**Northampton Driving Society, Inc.**  
**PO Box 113**  
**Hamlin, NY 14464**

*Please do not include this with your entry (which goes to a separate address).*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Farm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

## JOIN NORTHAMPTON DRIVING SOCIETY INC.

In June of 1987, the management of Springdale Farm, of the Monroe County Parks Department, organized a carriage driving event for the entertainment of the general public. The following September 17, 1987, a group of 13 people met to organize the event for the following year. The Northampton Driving Society is an outgrowth of that effort.

The Northampton Driving Society (NDS) was formed to promote the equine sport of carriage driving. It began with the novice whip in mind, but strives to reach all members equally.

The NDS is funded primarily by the collection of annual dues and proceeds of an auction held at the annual dinner meeting in January.

Membership is open to any person wishing to become a member. Our membership has grown to over 100. Driving or even owning a horse is not necessary to enjoy the benefits of the organization. Simply fill out our application form below and return it with a check payable to **the Northampton Driving Society**. You will be notified of future club events by mail.

### NDS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

**\$30.00 for membership in NDS (Expires 12/31/09)**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Street** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Correspondence**    E-mail    Regular mail

Please make your check payable to **Northampton Driving Society** and return to:

**Bob Brunson, Treasurer**  
**Northampton Driving Society, Inc.**  
**PO Box 113**  
**Hamlin, NY 14464**

## DIRECTIONS TO THE NORTHAMPTON DRIVING SOCIETY COMPETITION

### From Western NY:

- Take the NYS Thruway to Exit 47, Leroy.
- Follow signs to Rt. 19 North.
- Go through Bergen to Brockport.
- At major intersection turn right onto Rt. 31 East.
- Stay on Rt. 31 past traffic light at Rt. 260, go approximately 1.5 miles
- Turn right onto Hubbell Road (South).
- Watch for signs.

### From Eastern NY:

- Take the NYS Thruway to Exit 46, Henrietta.
- Take Rt. 390 North (staying in 2 left lanes to remain on Rt. 390) until you come to Rt. 490 West (after Chili Ave. Exit) exiting Rt. 390 to the left onto Rt. 490 West.
- Take Rt. 490 West 1 mile (immediately getting into the right 2 lanes) to the Rt. 531 Extension, drive to the very end. Exit left onto Washington Street (Rt. 36 South);
- Turn right at the caution light onto Colby St.
- At the first stop sign, turn right onto Hubbell Road.
- Watch for signs.

**MAP**

