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**Northampton Driving Society, Inc.**

Presents its

**31st Annual Competition**

**Sunday June 4, 2017**

**At Northampton Park**

**Corner of Hubbell Rd & Colby Street**

**Spencerport, New York 14559**

**In cooperation with:**

**Monroe County Parks Department**

**And Heritage Christian Services**

Dear Friends,

The Northampton Driving Society, Inc. is pleased to present the 30th Annual Northampton Driving Society Competition. This show will be held at Northampton Park on Sunday, June 4, 2017. Our judge will be David Remley.

A program describing entries and classes and containing advertisements will be distributed to those in attendance. Please answer all questions on your entry form to aid us in providing information to the spectators.

Details on placing an ad in the program are available elsewhere in this prize list or by calling Esther Railsback at 585-392-3156.

We are also seeking Sponsors and Patrons for the show. If you are interested or if you have any questions, please call Esther Railsback

We hope that you will be able to join us in the hospitality tent at the end of the day for light refreshments.

Sincerely,

The Northampton Driving Society

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

8:00 A.M. Show grounds and secretary's tent opens. Please have your wheels measured before the first pleasure driving class. The show committee reserves the right to combine or cancel classes or to adjust the time schedule.

9:00 A.M. Start of first class.

8:00 A.M. **The Brockport Kiwanas Club food booth will be available.**

### CLASS ORDER

1. **Single Pony - Working**
2. **Single VSE – Working**
3. **Single Pony – Reinsmanship**
4. **Single VSE – Reinsmanship**
5. **Single Horse – Working**
6. **Novice VSE & Small Pony (2.2hh & under) – Working**
7. **Single Horse – Reinsmanship**
8. **Novice VSE & Small Pony (2.2hh & under) – Reinsmanship**
9. **Novice Horse & Large Pony – Working**
10. **Multiples – Working**
11. **Novice Horse & Large Pony – Reinsmanship**
12. **Multiples – Reinsmanship**

11:30 A.M. Order of go for obstacles posted at the bulletin board.

12:30 P.M. Approximate time of intermission.

Judging for Concours d' Elegance and the Best Single Pleasure Turnout will be done during the morning classes. The awards will be presented during the intermission.

### TIMED OBSTACLES

Course Walk will be before the first Timed Obstacles Class.

13. **Single Pony**
14. **Single VSE**
15. **Novice VSE & Small Pony (12.2 Hands and Under)**
16. **Single Horse**
17. **Novice Horse & Large Pony (Over 12.2 Hands)**
18. **Multiples**

### PROGRESSIVE OBSTACLES

Course Walk will be before the first Progressive Obstacles Class.

19. **Multiples**
20. **Single Pony**
21. **Single VSE**
22. **Novice VSE & Small Pony (12.2 Hands and Under)**
23. **Single Horse**
24. **Novice Horse & Large Pony (Over 12.2 Hands)**

## 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. 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.
2. Entries close May 15, 2017. Post entries (postmarked after 5/15/17) will be accepted until June 1, 2017 with no additional fee but will not appear in the program. Post entries received after 6/1/17 will be accepted with a \$20 late entry fee (each horse and whip combination). There will be a \$25 fee for any check returned for insufficient funds. In the case of a horse or pony being 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.
3. The show committee reserves the right to combine or cancel classes or to adjust the time schedule.
4. To participate in a Novice class, the whip may not have previously won three blue ribbons in a driving show class. (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.
5. A change of whip constitutes a new entry.
6. Whips or passengers under 18 years of age (as of the date of the show) will be required to wear an approved helmet.
7. A knowledgeable adult must accompany whips under 14 years of age (as of the date of the show). No other passengers will be allowed.
8. The whip assumes full responsibility/liability for all passengers.
9. The use of a helmet by those over 18 is encouraged and will not be penalized.
10. 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.
11. 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.

13. Cantering is not permitted anywhere on the show grounds or the road running next to the show grounds.
13. 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.
14. All dogs are to be on a leash.
15. The show officials will be on the lookout for unsafe conditions/situations. Any person who breaks any of the 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.
16. 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.
17. All of our classes are judged in accordance with the rules of the American Driving Society unless otherwise specified.
18. **Refunds:** 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 classes missed.
19. The owner, whip/rider takes full responsibility for the safety of any passengers in his/her vehicle. Whips, passengers and grooms must sign the release form included in the entry form.

### **PLEASURE DRIVING - WORKING DESCRIPTION WILL ALSO APPLY FOR 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 FOR 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 FOR THE  
NOVICE CLASSES - TROPHY AND SIX RIBBONS**

To be driven over a prescribed course consisting of no more than TEN 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 FOR THE  
NOVICE CLASSES - TROPHY AND SIX RIBBONS**

To be driven at the trot within a set time over a course of 6 numbered obstacles. Each obstacle will become progressively narrower, with the clearance for each obstacle based on the track width of each competitor's vehicle. After passing the starting line, the driver shall proceed through each obstacle in order until the course is completed or 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, but the score up to the disobedience shall count. Going off course will incur elimination. The score of an eliminated driver shall count up to the point of elimination, but the competitor must be placed after those with an equal score. The greatest number 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. Please note the course walk times on the schedule.

**CONCOURS D' ELEGANCE**

The essence of this award is the word "Elegance". The winner will be the turnout that, in the opinion of the Judge(s), presents the most consistent elegant effect. 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**

This trophy will be awarded to the single turnout demonstrating the best suitability to provide a safe and pleasant drive.

**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, and 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.

## **Northampton Driving Society, Inc.**

The management of Springdale Farm, Monroe County Parks Department organized a carriage-driving event in June 1987 for the entertainment of the general Public. On September 17, 1987, a group of 13 people met to organize the drive 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 was started 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 an auction held at the annual dinner meeting in January.

Membership is open to any person wishing to become a member. Driving or even owning a horse or pony is not necessary to enjoy the benefits of the organization. Simply fill out our application form on the next page and return it with a check payable to the Northampton Driving Society (NDS). You will be notified of future club events by mail.

## **SHOW REGISTRATION PROCEDURE**

Please send the completed entry form, a **COPY** of a current negative Coggins (2016-2017) as well as a **COPY** of a current rabies certificate (since June 2016) and the entry fee to:

**Terry Brooks, Show Secretary  
Northampton Driving Society  
14975 Roosevelt Hwy  
Kent, New York 14477  
(585) 682 4232**

Entries must be postmarked on or before **May 15, 2017**. **POST ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL JUNE 1, BUT WILL NOT BE LISTED IN THE PROGRAM. Post entries received after June 1, 2017 will be accepted with a \$20 late entry fee.**

Make checks payable to:  
**Northampton Driving Society or NDS.**

**There will be a \$25.00 fee for any checks returned for insufficient funds.**

If you have any questions regarding your entry, please contact Terry Brooks at (585) 682 4232, prior to the show.

## **SHOW PATRONS AND CLASS SPONSORS**

Help out NDS with show expenses and be a show patron for \$25 or sponsor a class for \$50.

### **ADVERTISING**

We invite advertising in our show program, with the following categories.

<b>Business Card Sized Ad (3.25" x 1.25")</b>	<b>\$ 15.00</b>
<b>Half Page Ad (4.25" x 3.75")</b>	<b>\$ 25.00</b>
<b>Full Page Ad</b>	<b>\$ 50.00</b>
<b>Inside Front or Back Cover</b>	<b>\$ 75.00</b>
<b>Outside Back Cover</b>	<b>\$ 80.00</b>

Ads must be copy-ready (jpg) and should be submitted by May 8, 2017, to:

**Esther Railsback  
Northampton Driving Society  
2010 Peck Road  
Hilton, NY 14468  
585-392-3156**

**Payment for advertising should be made by separate check made out to Northampton Driving Society or NDS.**