

# NDS NEWSLETTER



Promoting the Equine Sport of Carriage Driving

July 2021

## **LEVEL 1 CAA CERTIFICATION EVALUATION - ACTION REQUIRED**

We are fortunate to have secured the services of Jerry Trapani of the Carriage Association of America (CAA) as an evaluator for CAA Level 1 certification on July 24 and 25, 2021. It will be held at Audrey Cooper's farm a short drive west of the north end of Route 390.

If you wish to be evaluated for this certification, you must complete the attached evaluation form and return it to Audrey Cooper, 279 East Manitou Road, Hilton, NY 14468 with a check for \$75 (CAA member) or \$85 (non CAA member) and indicate whether you prefer Saturday or Sunday, morning or afternoon to be evaluated. In order to determine whether there continues to be enough interest in this program to incur the cost of bringing Mr. Trapani to this area, please respond before July 14. Form is at end of this newsletter and attached to the email.

If you are a CAA member, there is a webinar on CAA Driver Proficiency on the CAA website. The syllabus also contains program resources to assist in your preparation.

### **Whip Clinic**

This will take place in August. More info to follow. It will likely be an event where members can bring horses and the event will probably include a picnic.

### **2021 Pleasure Show**

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY FORM  
BY JULY 14th**

for the  
**CAA DRIVER'S PROFICIENCY  
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

to be held  
Saturday, July 24 and  
Sunday, July 25, 2021

**See Description to the left**

### **Websites**

The Northampton Driving Association  
<http://www.northamptondrivingsociety.org>  
The CAA Driver Proficiency Program  
<http://www.carriageassociationofamerica.com/driver-proficiency-program/>  
New York State Horse Council  
<https://nyshc.org/>

### **Future Events**

#### **July**

13 GVRDC Twilight Dressage  
17-18 Lorenzo Driving Competition  
17-18 GVH Horse Trials, Geneseo, NY  
**24-25 NDS Sponsored CAA Certification**

#### **August**

TBD NDS Whip Clinic/picnic  
17 GVRDC Twilight Dressage

#### **September**

4-5 GVRDC Driving Show  
TBD NDS Pleasure Drive

## NDS SHOW BACK AND BETTER THAN EVER

This year's show was planned with a little bit of trepidation and uncertainty, but most people agreed it was back and better than ever!

Because we were not sure we could get a permit for our usual venue at Northampton Park, the club gratefully accepted Nicole Cable's offer to use her facility. An enormous fenced stone dust arena, sound system, and other amenities eased the burden of setting up for the show. Manicured surroundings, a warm-up area, and ample parking made the setting ideal. Adding a few vendors and a fabulous food truck (Poutine! Fried dough!) really elevated the whole experience.

We were fortunate to have Jeff Morse as our judge. Mr. Morse is the head of the Pleasure Driving Committee of the American Driving Society with many years of experience as a competitor, judge, and breeder and training of Morgan horses at his Massachusetts farm.

There were seventeen competitors. The VSE classes were the largest, while Novice Horse and Large Pony had only one entry. All of the turnouts were of the best quality, making Dee McCartney's award of the Concours d'Elegance and Nick Forysinski's recognition as Single Best Pleasure Turnout special honors. We also had three entries in the multiples division this year; a welcome sight as that class has been hard to fill for the past several years.

The show results are as follow:

1. Single Pony Working
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place - Lisa Koehler with Captain (Welsh Pony)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Liz Murphy with Anya (Haflinger)
2. Single VSE Working
  - 1st place – Nick Forysinski with Bill
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Sharon Baum with Dusty Doolittle
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Amanda Cervini with Bandito's Put It In Park
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place – Susan Israel with Almost Honest
  - 5<sup>th</sup> place – Esther Railsback with Kateland's Dawson Creek
  - 6<sup>th</sup> place – Jen Rogers with Chip
3. Single Pony Reinsmanship
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place – Nicole Cable, with Ninety Knight (Haflinger)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Liz Murphy with Anya (Haflinger)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Lisa Koehler with Captain (Welsh Pony)
4. Single VSE Reinsmanship
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place – Nick Forysinski with Bill
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Sharon Baum with Dusty Doolittle
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Amanda Cervini with Banditos Put It In Park
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place – Susan Israel with Almost Honest

- 5<sup>th</sup> place – Jen Rogers with Chip
- 6<sup>th</sup> place – Esther Railsback with Kateland's Dawson Creek
- 5. Single Horse Working
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place – Chuck Hendershot with LaDot's Dazzle (Haflinger)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Sean Buck with Ameriprise (Haflinger)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Carrie McCauseland with Derwanda Strongwind (Morgan)
- 6. Novice Single VSE/Small Pony Working
  - 1st place – Jen Rogers with Dale
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Jennifer Sparks with Almost Honest
- 7. Single Horse Reinsmanship
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place – Chuck Hendershot with LaDot's Dazzle (Haflinger)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Sean Buck with Ameriprise (Haflinger)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Carrie McCauseland with Derwanda Strongwind (Morgan)
- 8. Novice Single VSE/Small Pony Reinsmanship
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place – Jen Rogers with Dale
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Jennifer Sparks with Almost Honest
- 9. Novice Horse/Large Pony Working
  - Single entry - Mary Crinean with Charles' in Charge (Hackney Pony)
- 10. Multiples Working
  - 1st place – Dee McCartney with Tinker and Pixie (Dartmoor and Welsh)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Phoebe Waller-Sharp with Mercurio and Romeo (VSE)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Paul Buck with Amigo and Gracie (Welsh)
- 11. Novice Horse/Large Pony Reinsmanship
  - Single entry - Mary Crinean with Charles' In Charge (Hackney Pony)
- 12. Multiples Reinsmanship
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place – Dee McCartney with Tinker and Pixie (Dartmoor and Welsh)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Phoebe Waller-Sharp with Mercurio and Romeo (VSE)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Paul Buck with Amigo and Gracie (Welsh)
- 13. Timed Obstacles Single Pony
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place – Lisa Koehler with Captain (Welsh)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Liz Murphy with Anya (Haflinger)
- 14. Timed Obstacles Single VSE
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place – Sharon Baum with Dusty Doolittle
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Esther Railsback with Kateland's Dawsons Creek
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Amanda Cervini with Bandito's Put It In Park
  - 4<sup>th</sup> place – Susan Israel with Almost Honest
  - 5<sup>th</sup> place - Amanda Cervini with Bandito's Put It In Park
- 15. Timed Obstacles Novice VSE and Small Pony
  - No entries
- 16. Timed Obstacles Single Horse
  - 1<sup>st</sup> place – Chuck Hendershot with LaDot's Dazzle (Haflinger)
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Sean Buck with Ameriprise (Haflinger)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Carrie McCauseland with Derwanda Strongwind (Morgan)
- 17. Timed Obstacles Novice Single Horse and Large Pony

- Single entry scratched
18. Timed Obstacles Multiples
    - 1<sup>st</sup> place – Phoebe Waller-Sharp with Mercutio and Romeo (VSE)
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Paul Buck with Amigo and Gracie (Welsh)
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Dee McCartney with Tinker and Pixie (Dartmoor and Welsh)
  19. Scurry Obstacles Multiples
    - 1<sup>st</sup> place – Paul Buck with Amigo and Gracie (Welsh)
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Phoebe Waller-Sharp with Mercutio and Romeo (VSE)
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Dee McCartney with Tinker and Pixie (Dartmoor and Welsh)
  20. Scurry Obstacles Single Pony
    - 1<sup>st</sup> place – Lisa Koehler with Captain (Welsh)
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Liz Murphy with Anya (Haflinger)
  21. Scurry Obstacles Single VSE
    - 1<sup>st</sup> place – Esther Railsback with Kateland’s Dawsons Creek
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Amanda Cervini with Bandito’s Put It In Park
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> place – Sharon Baum with Dusty Doolittle
    - 4<sup>th</sup> place – Nick Forysinksi with Bill
    - 5<sup>th</sup> place - Susan Israel with Almost Honest
  22. Scurry Obstacles Novice Single VSE and Small Pony  
No entries
  23. Scurry Obstacles Single Horse
    - 1<sup>st</sup> place – Chuck Hendershot with LaDot’s Dazzle (Haflinger)
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Sean Buck with Ameriprise (Haflinger)
  24. Scurry Obstacles Timed Obstacles Novice Single Horse and Large Pony  
Single entry scratched

Of course, the show would not be possible without dedicated volunteers. Jerry Lechner was show chairman, ably assisted by Tom Barbato, ring crew coordinator; Terry Brooks, show secretary; and Dawn Ziegler, show treasurer. Thank you to Jim Knauer for designing the obstacle course. Maureen Kingston was our veteran paddock marshal and Leigh Semilof and Dave Fanton manned the out gate. Jess Martin was the ringmaster, assisted by her mother, Erika. Thank you to Nancy Vidler for announcing our show for another year. So happy to see many members of the club as spectators and also pitching in to help where needed. There were a lot of smiles, friendly courtesies and laughs and everyone enjoyed catching up with each other. It made for a really delightful show.

Repeated thanks to the Cable family for use of their farm and their hospitality to all.



## Nick Forysinski wrote us the following letter:

Dear Mr. Lechner,

I hope this email finds you well and you've had a chance to catch up on some rest. My name is Nick Forysinski, and I am writing today to let you know that I exhibited my horse Bill at this past weekend's NDS show at Silver Shoe Farm, and couldn't have had a better time. We had never partaken in an NDS show before and now I can't wait for the next one. While this was only my fifth time exhibiting, I feel you've set a high bar for my personally -- it will be tough for future shows to compare.

The show format was excellent - I enjoyed the VSE division and associated classes. Not only that, but everything was timed well and I never felt like I wasn't absolutely sure when I needed to be ready. In addition, communication on time changes and schedule adjustments was great.

Judging was also an area I was impressed with. Mr. Morse was an exquisite judge who had a keen eye for driving and was happy to share feedback and corrections; something that's often hard to get from a judge, but key to improving. He was especially fond of Bill and gave us plenty of kudos for our work.

Finally, I want to give special recognition to the many people on the showgrounds that made us feel right at home. Whether they were staff of the farm or NDS volunteers; everyone was knowledgeable, polite, excited to meet us, and generally very friendly. I'd also be remiss to not give a special nod to Ms. Nicole Cable for not only opening her property, but for being so visible and so willing to help anyone who needed it.

Again, thank you for hosting this show. I will look forward to future NDS driving events, and you can bet you'll see us there again. While it may be tough to compare, there were faint wisps of Walnut Hill and I think that's something special that you should take pride in. Please continue doing what you're doing, and I will do my best to encourage other drivers to come next time you host an event.

Thank you again,

Nick Forysinski



Congratulations to all participants! It takes an enormous amount of effort and courage to prepare for and compete in a carriage driving competition. We are so proud of everyone who made the effort. You all, together, made the event a huge success. Thank you!!





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**NOTE TO CANDIDATES:** It is strongly advised that some formal training with an approved CAA Instructor be undertaken to achieve the required standard, especially for Level 2 and above.

## EVALUATION APPLICATION FORM: Level 1, Road Driving, Level 2

CAA Member?  yes  no

Name (please print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Post Code \_\_\_\_\_

Tel.# \_\_\_\_\_ Fax.# \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_ Tel.# \_\_\_\_\_

_____	Level 1 (CAA Member).....	\$ 75.00 = \$ _____
_____	Level 1 (CAA non-member).....	\$ 85.00 = \$ _____
_____	Road Driving (combined with Level 1 evaluation above).....	\$ 30.00 = \$ _____
_____	Road Driving (separately - CAA membership required).....	\$ 60.00 = \$ _____
_____	Level 2 (CAA membership required) - Unit 1.....	\$100.00 = \$ _____
_____	Level 2 (CAA membership required) - Unit 2.....	\$ 75.00 = \$ _____
_____	Level 2 (CAA membership required) - Unit 3.....	\$ 75.00 = \$ _____
_____	Level 2 (CAA membership required) - Optional Unit.....	\$ 75.00 = \$ _____
_____	Level 2 (CAA membership required) - Units 5 & 6.....	\$ 75.00 = \$ _____

Fee enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment by  Check # \_\_\_\_\_ or  American Express  MasterCard  Discover  Visa  
# \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CCV \_\_\_\_\_

Billing address  same as above or: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Prov/State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip/Postal \_\_\_\_\_

Planned date \_\_\_\_\_ Preferred location \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Driving Instructor(s) (a) Individual instruction \_\_\_\_\_

And/or (b) Instruction days/seminar (date, instructor, number attending) \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Levels/Units evaluated \_\_\_\_\_

This form must be signed by applicant or the parent or legal guardian of an applicant under 18 years.

Birth date (if under 18 years) ...../...../.....

I, the undersigned, certify that I take the above test at my own risk. In the event of my receiving any injury or sustaining any damage, I have no claim against the Carriage Association of America or its employees or contractors.

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Signed \_\_\_\_\_

**Please Note:** It is the responsibility of each candidate to ensure that both harness and vehicle are in sound, clean and serviceable condition. Candidates will not be evaluated using unsafe or unserviceable equipment. (The Evaluator's decision is final.) Fees will NOT be refunded. Level 3 may be taken at the candidate's premises with the candidate's own turnout or one arranged for the evaluation.