

# NDS NEWSLETTER



Promoting the Equine Sport of Carriage Driving

September 2021

## CAA Certification – Driver Proficiency Program- Saturday, July 24 and Sunday, July 25 –

Jerry Trapani, Chairman of the Carriage Association of America, CAA, was our guest clinician for the Drivers' Proficiency Program for the Level 1 Certificate of Recognition of Proficiency.

### Leigh Semilof wrote this about the event:

*"...I would say that it was a very worthwhile experience. Just looking through the syllabus made me aware that I needed to brush up things I had forgotten, took for granted, or just didn't know. Sometimes you don't know what you don't know. Would strongly recommend doing it for all new and even experienced whips. Am looking forward to getting ready for level II."*

**Lisa Best DVM** - *"I just wanted to send a big THANK YOU to you for your amazing hospitality and NDS for sponsoring the amazing driving certification clinic. I learned so much!"*

**Thank you so much to Audrey Cooper for the use of her farm, hosting our clinician, and for all her hard work in making this clinic a success!!!**

## WHIP AND REIN HANDLING CLINIC WITH TARA DEFENDORF

When: Sept 26, 2021; 10:00 AM –2:00 PM

Where: 279 E. Manitou Rd., Hilton, NY

Including a pleasure drive and/or cones course.

### WHIP & REIN HANDLING CLINIC WITH TARA

Club member Tara Defendorf will be on hand Sunday, September 26 for a whip and rein handling clinic. Tara has successfully competed in pleasure driving competitions in the United States and Canada. She may be best remembered for showing her black welsh cob stallion, "William," in many ADS and breed shows. Tara has a background in competing in, instructing, and judging horse shows in multiple disciplines. She currently works as the director of an all-inclusive lesson barn where she supervises a staff of instructors who teach people of various abilities riding and driving. When at home she teaches more lessons and enjoys raising some welsh cob foals.

The clinic will be held at Audrey Cooper's farm at 279 East Manitou Road, Hilton, New York, right off the Lake Ontario Parkway a few miles west of the northernmost end of 390-N. It begins at 10 a.m.

This will be very helpful instruction for beginning whips in particular, but all members are invited, with or without turnouts. After the clinic, those bringing horses can enjoy an "on your own" pleasure drive and cones course. There is a half-mile track, carriage drive with water crossing, and many acres of recently harvested wheat fields on which to drive. The club will provide cold drinks. Bring a picnic lunch if you wish. Things will wrap up about 2 p.m.

**Note** - For those of you who receive The Carriage Journal, there is an interesting article about whips you may want to read before the whip handling clinic.



Photos from the Second day of the CAA Level 1 Certification Clinic



**Future Events**

**September**

- 4 NDS Board Meeting
- 4-5 GVRDC Driving Show
- 26 NDS Whip and Rein Clinic at Audrey Cooper's farm

**October**

- 2 NDS Board Meeting
- 15 Martin's Carriage Auction – Lebanon, Pennsylvania

**November**

- 6 NDS Board Meeting
- TBD Possible exciting clinic ... Keep posted

