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Connecticut Valley Driving Club

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BUSY MONTH OF JUNE!

Whew - we think we have finally caught our collective breath after the past month's activities! The main event, of course, was our annual Horse Driving Trial at Haddam Meadows on June 11. Sixty-six volunteers, thirty-five sponsors and advertisers, twenty-four turnouts - it truly was a community event! CVDC was pleased to have several entries in the VSE (Very Small Equine) divisions, including two sets of pairs. We also had a couple of junior competitors to turn up the heat on the older adults. ADS Judge Francois Bergeron arrived from Quebec to officiate, and was assisted by Technical Delegate Marcie Quist, of North Carolina. In spite of a severe windstorm during days prior, and brief downpours the afternoon of the event, all participants enjoyed the day in good spirits.

For more information, including full results, go to www.cvdrivingclub.com.

Carrie Wind and her VSE pair

SPECIAL THANK YOU !!

Bill and Nancy Lawson:
They have been the pillars of this event. This year they literally risked life and limb to secure our course and supplies during hazardous weather before the event.

Erica Robb:
For taking over the daunting task of Volunteer Coordinator

Presidents Letter

As we start a new club year, I would first like to thank Jan Frick and Jaye Winkler for their service to the club as president and vice president, respectively. I know it takes a lot of personal time to fill these positions and we appreciate their efforts.

Volunteers, including officers, are the backbone of CVDC. All members have a lot to offer because we need many skills to run this club. The proof is in the 66 volunteers that it took to put on our recent HDT. Thank you all.

The Board of Directors held an informal meeting on Fri June 24th. We shared ideas for the up and coming year. We also discussed a few committees that we thought were necessary for running the club. The committees so far are Pleasure Drives; Programs; Hospitality/Membership; and By-law Review committees. If anyone is interested in serving on any of these, please contact Marguerite (secretary@cvdrivingclub.com or 860-267-6552) and she will share that with the rest of us.

On a sad note, the club mourns the passing of long-time friend and member, John Miller. John was always the first to volunteer and lend a helping hand. He will be greatly missed. I think a good way to remember John would be to step up and volunteer in his memory. I am sure he would like that.

I look forward to serving the club as president in the coming year.

Cynthia Bliven

NOTE:
There will NOT be a CVDC meeting in July
Due to several schedule conflicts

Enjoy your Summer Events and
report back with updates and pictures!

Mary Washburn's new Road Cart

Leona Anastasi Looking Fabulous in Rain Gear

Event photos courtesy of LISA CENIS @ SHOOT THAT HORSE PHOTOGRAPHY

Dave Bomster - Intense Concentration

Peter VonHalem Tearing It UP!

Linda Petersen on Fun Day - Having FUN!
(photo by Rachel P.)

STAYING ON COURSE: The other part of the marathon

Submitted by Erica Robb

When drivers talk about doing a marathon phase, we always seem to concentrate on the obstacles - the order of the gates, which ones are dead, remember to go through the start/finish. When we talk about the course, we talk about calculating the times and which gaits are allowed where. Then at our recent Driving Trial, several competitors were eliminated due to going off course, missing a turn or an obstacle or just plain getting lost. The following steps won't entirely prevent the Big E, but they will help!

MAPS: In the course packet, competitors received two maps, one showing the location of the numbered compulsory turn flags (CTF) and kilometer markers, and one, in color, with the route shown from obstacle to obstacle (one map for the VSE course and one for the "regular" course). The maps can be confusing until you spend a few moments looking at them. So spend a few moments! The time to look at the maps is EARLY. Then proceed to the next step.

WALKING: Take your maps and walk the course. Or ride a bike. Remember, you can do very obstacle perfectly and still get eliminated for going off course. So walk walk walk the course. Proceed from CTF 1 to CTF 2. See where the obstacle is in the sequence. When you are driving, you won't be able to squint at the map, so jot down notes and hints. Go ahead, study the hazards. Then guess what? Walk the course again. Try it without your map and note where you get confused. If you walk the course the day before the marathon, plan to walk it again in the morning.

NAVIGATOR: The course is a good place to let your navigator take charge. Make sure he/she has studied the map and walked the course, either with you or alone or both. Decide in advance what terminology to use. "Go over there" is not helpful, "hard left then straight" is clearer. (Sorry, single VSE's, we know you are alone out there. But at least you won't argue with the navigator!)

CHEAT SHEETS: Write a brief, large and CLEAR TYPE list to help you through the course. Those notes you took come in handy here. Keep it short, you don't want to read it, just glance at it. Tape it to the dash, to your forearm, to the back of the seat for your navigator to see, wherever works for you.

VISUALIZE: Take a minute to review the course mentally. Think through the CTF's, the kilometer markers, the turns to the in/out gates for the obstacles. Go ahead and think about your route through the obstacles but don't lose track of the course. Where did you feel unsure or confused? Check the map, check your notes, or physically walk that section again.

ON COURSE: Some people like to read the CTF numbers out loud to keep track of where they are. If you get confused on course, remember that you can be "lost" but not "off course." You are safe until you actually go through a gate in the wrong order. If that means slowing down to get your bearings, all you are losing is time. And "slow" is better than "eliminated."

What with all the walking and all the remembering, both your figure and your brain will stay in shape! Have fun and good luck at whatever you do!

2011 CVDC COMBINED DRIVING EVENT
OFFICIAL SCORE SHEET

No.	Name	COMP A Dress	COMP A TOT A	COMP A PLC	COMPETITION C Faults	COMPETITION C Time	COMPETITION C TOT C	Total A&C	PLC A&C	PLC Sec E	Misc	Haz 1	Haz 2	Haz 3	Haz 4	TOT B	PLC	Total ABC	PLC
TRAINING HORSE SINGLE																			
67	McNamara, Cathy	54.40	54.40	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	54.40	1	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		54.40	1
												54.06	*66.85*	*34.85*	*59.37*				
56	Mann, Patricia	82.40	82.40	5	6.0	0.0	6.0	88.40	5	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		88.40	2
												52.47	*43.87*	*35.53*	*52.09*				
68	McIntire, Tom	66.40	66.40	2	3.0	0.0	3.0	69.40	2	23.4		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	23.4		92.80	3
												62.03	*77.38*	*54.50*	*68.47*				
70	Gilbert, Patricia	72.00	72.00	4	3.0	0.0	3.0	75.00	4	20.6		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.6		95.60	4
												54.91	*51.32*	*37.88*	*52.25*				
66	Bomster, Dave	69.60	69.60	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	69.60	3	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		69.60	E
												70.19	*56.50*	*34.60*	*0.00*				
TRAINING PONY SINGLE																			
73	Pogwizd, Thomas	80.00	80.00	2	0.0	0.0	0.0	80.00	2	3.0		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3.00		83.00	1
												58.62	*62.38*	*40.25*	*67.41*				
72	Reed, Marcy	84.00	84.00	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	84.00	3	0.0		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		84.00	2
												56.95	*51.66*	*33.03*	*45.00*				
71	Harrison, Diana	76.00	76.00	1	3.0	0.0	3.0	79.00	1	41.2		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	41.20	E	120.20	E
												73.12	*63.56*	*45.10*	*74.90*				
TRAINING VSE SINGLE																			
12	Petersen, Rachel	68.00	68.00	1	3.0	5.5	8.5	76.50	2	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		76.50	E
												56.75	*0.00*	*0.00*	*0.00*				
14	Petersen, Linda	69.60	69.60	2	0.0	0.0	0.0	69.60	1	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		69.60	E
TRAINING VSE PAIR												*49.31*	*0.00*	*0.00*	*0.00*				
15	Wind, Carrie	63.20	63.20	1	0.0	0.0	0.0	63.20	1	1.8		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.8	1	65.00	1
												49.78	*48.19*	*32.75*	*45.34*				
11	Musser, Patricia	67.20	67.20	2	0.0	0.0	0.0	67.20	2	7.6		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.6	2	74.80	2
												48.15	*49.65*	*41.03*	*59.47*				
TRAINING SMALL PONY																			
75	Bigge, Elizabeth	73.60	73.60	2	3.0	8.5	11.5	85.10	1	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		85.10	1
												55.09	*51.57*	*40.44*	*51.07*				
74	Lavoie, Ashley Ann	66.40	66.40	1	3.0	19.0	22.0	88.40	2	15.4		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	15.4		103.80	2
												57.06	*58.47*	*33.63*	*43.10*				
PRELIMINARY HORSE SINGLE																			
28	Tomany, Marguerite	57.28	57.28	1	3.0	0.0	3.0	60.28	1	0.0		45.54	45.35	38.22	59.97	37.82	37.82	2	98.10	1
												0.00	*0.00*	*0.00*	*0.00*	*0.00*			
26	Wilking, Linda	71.96	71.96	3	0.0	0.0	0.0	71.96	2	0.0		53.66	46.78	40.38	52.38	38.64	38.64	3	110.60	2
												0.00	*0.00*	*0.00*	*0.00*	*0.00*			
21	Howard, Lyn	77.96	77.96	4	0.0	0.0	0.0	77.96	4	0.0		60.07	39.63	34.44	40.34	34.90	34.90	1	112.86	3
												0.00	*0.00*	*0.00*	*0.00*	*0.00*			
24	Brownridge, Kent	86.63	86.63	5	0.0	0.0	0.0	86.63	5	0.0		46.41	37.22	31.94	46.56	32.43	52.43	4	139.06	4
												0.00	*0.00*	*0.00*	*0.00*	*20.00*			
27	Washburn, Mary	66.62	66.62	2	6.0	0.0	6.0	72.62	3	0.0		60.35	0.00	52.78	59.50	34.53	34.53	E	107.15	E
												0.00	*0.00*	*0.00*	*0.00*	*0.00*			
PRELIMINARY PONY SINGLE																			
46	Alsop, Christina	51.95	51.95	1	10.0	0.0	10.0	61.95	1	0.0		41.69	34.97	37.53	44.62	31.76	31.76	1	93.71	1
												0.00	*0.00*	*0.00*	*0.00*	*0.00*			
34	Anastasi, Leona	70.62	70.62	2	3.0	4.0	7.0	77.62	2	19.6		64.75	83.00	43.53	72.43	56.66	56.66	3	134.28	2
												0.00	*0.00*	*0.00*	*0.00*	*0.00*			
40	Kane, Jackie	89.30	89.30	3	3.0	0.0	3.0	92.30	3	17.8		53.19	51.15	47.12	58.47	45.55	45.55	2	137.84	3
												0.00	*0.00*	*0.00*	*0.00*	*0.00*			
PRELIMINARY HORSE PAIR																			
29	Von Halem, Peter	75.96	75.96	1	0.0	4.50	4.50	80.46	1	0.0		60.09	42.60	46.28	60.19	41.83	41.83		122.29	1
												0.0	*0.0*	*0.0*	*0.0*	*0.00*			
PRELIMINARY HORSE HC																			
77	Brownridge, Kent	92.63	92.63	NA	3.0	0.00	3.00	95.63	NA	0.0		50.87	60.09	36.62	44.94	0.00	0.00		95.63	
												0.0	*0.0*	*0.0*	*0.0*	*0.00*			

THANK YOU!!!!!

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DRIVING CALENDAR 2011 (always verify information before leaving home!)

Jul 9-10 - 25/25/50 Mile Ride & Drive, So. Woodstock, VT. www.gmhainc.org
Jul 9 - SDA: Pleasure Driving Clinic with Jeff Morse, Valatie, NY. www.saratogadriving.com
Jul 10 - ECDHA Draft Horse Show, No Stonington Fairgrounds, CT. www.easternctdrafthorse.com
Jul 16 - CANCELLED: CVDC meeting.
Jul 16-17 - Lorenzo Driving Competition, Cazenovia, NY. www.lorenzodriving.com
Jul 16-17 - Mt Washington Carriage Road weekend, NH. Drive the mountain (horses must be FIT) or enjoy events at the base. www.horseweekend.mt-washington.com
Jul 16-17 - SDA: Senior Beginner Clinic with Jeff Morse, Richmond, MA. www.saratogadriving.com
Jul 17 - LHDC: Spindle Brook Drive, 11 am. www.litchfieldhillsdrivingclub.com
Jul 24 - Colonial Carriage: Fun Day, Stockbridge, MA. www.colonialcarriage.org
Jul 24 - Waldingfield HDT, Ipswich, MA. Check ADS Omnibus for details or email Waldingfield@gmail.com.
Jul 24 - CHSA Horse Show, incl driving division! 2nd Co Gov Horse Guard, Newtown, CT. www.thehorseguard.org
Jul 29-31 - Suzy Stafford Clinic, Dover Foxcroft, ME. Contact Beth Steinke at lonaskye@aol.com or 207-564-3347.
Jul 30-31 - East Aurora Carriage Drive & Competition, NY. www.EastAuroraDrivingSociety.org

Aug 6 - CVDC meeting, East Haddam Grange. 6:30 pm, potluck. Program TBD.
Aug 7 - Saratoga Classic Pleasure Show & Continuous Driving Event, Kinderhook, NY. www.saratogadriving.com
Aug 7 - Mary Gray Driving Center HDT, Danville, NH. Email mgdrivingcenter@comcast.net or call 603-974-2357.
Aug 10-14 - Walnut Hill Carriage Driving Competition, Pittsford, NY. www.walnuthillfarm.com
Aug 13-14 - Muffy Seaton Clinic, Wales, ME. www.seacoastfarm.com
Aug 20 - Shepard Meadows Pleasure Driving Show, Bristol, CT. Raindate Aug 21. www.litchfieldhillsdrivingclub.com
Aug 26 - RIDC: Rhode Island Carriage Days, Celtic Cross Farm, Dudley, MA. www.ridrivingclub.com
Aug 26-28 - GMHA Combined Driving Event, including Advanced level. So. Woodstock, VT. www.gmhainc.org
Aug 27-28 - RIDC: Rhode Island Carriage Days, Dudley, MA. www.ridrivingclub.org
Aug 28 - LHDC: Litchfield Drive, 11 am. www.litchfieldhillsdrivingclub.com
Aug - The Carriage Barn: Driving Camp weeks for adults and for kids, Merrimack, MA. www.carriage-barn.com

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Connecticut Valley Driving Club

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