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## June 4th CVDC Meeting Annual Meeting ~ Election of Officers and Driving Trial Details East Haddam Grange ~ 6:30 Potluck



*New England Carriage Imports CVDC HDT Hazard Sponsor*

Come enjoy a delicious potluck and discuss final details of the CVDC Driving Trial and Fun Day. Also, our annual election will take place at this meeting, please attend to vote in person or call in your absentee ballot in advance of the meeting (see final page of newsletter).

## CVDC Show Weekend is Not Far Away!

**Driving Trial - Saturday June 11**

**Fun Day - Sunday June 12**

If you are not showing or volunteering at the HDT, come cheer on your fellow members and competitors! We love the audience! And don't forget to come to Fun Day to play with your horse, or watch the lessons! Come join the fun!

## It's Never Too late to Volunteer for the Driving Trial!

We will be setting up the course on Thursday and Friday, June 9 and 10, followed by the HDT itself on Saturday, June 11, and of course, final teardown on Sunday, June 12. Volunteer lists are being finalized and will be posted on the website by the time you read this. If you didn't sign up, we can always use more hands. Stop by when you can for as long as you can. We'll put you to work!

## President's Letter

Our June Event is finally here, and let's all keep our fingers crossed for good weather. We'll have a full house, 30 entries for Saturday, but there are still spaces available for Sunday's clinics. Don't let this chance to get real practical coaching pass you up. Just contact Marguerite Hayber for a time. Also, there are still opportunities to volunteer, so do contact Erica Robb at your earliest convenience. Set up will be on Thursday and Friday, June 9th and 10th, and Bill Lawson would be very glad to have lots of hands to help get everything ready.

Our June 4th meeting will be held at the Grange to talk about any last items to get ready for the Event and also hold the election for CVDC Officers. Please be sure to attend.

Before passing the CVDC gavel to the next Club President, I'd like to extend my heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone for allowing me to serve as President these past two years. I'm especially grateful to the other Club Officers for all their hard work and efforts on behalf of the Members. Jaye, Erica, and Marguerite each care very deeply about this Club.

Please be sure to offer them a word of thanks. Some others deserving of recognition are Randy Sabatino, who through technology, is always helping out behind the scenes even while not in Connecticut. Rita Bellinger volunteered to be our Long Lines Editor this last year, and has done a wonderful job of it, especially being patient with me when I'm late in getting her my article. We have a great Club, and I hope that you'll pitch in to support the new Officers and don't forget about helping out with Club Drives and Programs.

Walk on, be safe, and enjoy the drive,  
Jan Frick, President

### Friday Night Pizza and Course Walk-about

The course will be open to walk on Friday evening (but competitors, remember to walk again Saturday morning as the course is not final until the day of the event). Snacks, pizza and refreshments will be available for competitors and volunteers.

Volunteers will have a chance to walk the course as well, to get an overview of how the day will unfold, the needs of our competitors and our ground jury, and what we will do to keep things running smoothly. Let this walk entertain and enlighten you!

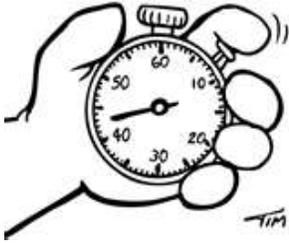
Email Erica at [volunteer@cvdrivingclub.com](mailto:volunteer@cvdrivingclub.com) to let us know you are coming. (Don't worry if you can't make it on Friday, detailed instruction will be given at the event!)



*CVDC member, trainer and volunteer Cynthia Bliven*

## **DOTTIE BILLINGTON'S TEN GUIDELINES FOR CARRIAGE DRIVING COMPETITORS**

1. GUIDELINE NUMBER ONE and the most important guideline of them all: NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, under any circumstances, for any reason try something NEW at a show; not a harness, not a carriage, not a bit, not even a new outfit, EVER! The only exception is guideline number 3.
2. Make sure all your clothing (apron, hat and shoes included) fits well and is comfortable. Uncomfortable clothing will distract you from the task at hand, which is successfully driving the horse in competition.
3. Buy yourself a complete new set of underwear. New underwear fits nicely and makes you feel good. You need to feel good to drive well.
4. Understand the mechanics of the classes you have entered. Many competitors will know the rules but not everyone will actually understand the class and how it works. Preparation is everything.
5. Remember to breathe. It sounds simple, we all breathe, but it is surprising how many people will hold their breath during competition. Breathing a few deep breaths as you enter the ring will help the body to relax during the class.
6. Drive your drive; do not change how you drive because you think the judge is looking for something else. Remember guideline number one.
7. If you get particularly nervous, paint your toenails red. Then when you get nervous, think about your red toenails and you will smile. Smiling will help you relax. This advice has been given out for years, so just look around and think about who else may have red toenails. That alone will make you smile. Again, if you smile you will relax.
8. This is a horse show, not a drive in the park. You are there to show off your turnout to the best of your and your animal's ability. The judge will be looking at you from the time you enter the in gate until the class is pinned. Do not sit in the line-up and chat to your neighbor. It's poor form. Gentlemen, remember to always tip your hat to the ladies.
9. If you did not win it is probably not because you did something wrong. You may have, but more than likely the competitor who did win showed better than you, had a better turnout than you or was overall better than you. You will not lose because the judge didn't like your hat, doesn't like breed of horse or doesn't like Meadowbrooks. IMHO, ADS judges are fair and pin the best performing turnouts.
10. Remember, carriage driving, in its many forms, is just a game. You play that game to have fun. Following these simple guidelines can help make your competition day more fun!



## MARATHON TIMING as explained at May meeting by Henry Tarryk

This is a followup to our May meeting where we discussed much, including how to make a time sheet for the marathon Kilometers. Like everything else, there are a number of different ways to figure this out... Here is the very easy to follow formula to arrive at the correct times without depending on a computer:

I like to have three columns. One is the time allowed kilometer by kilometer. Time allowed is another way of saying this is the maximum time you can use before incurring time penalties. Next is minimum time. That is the least amount of time you can use without incurring time penalties for being early. The third one is ideal time which is right in the middle of minimum and maximum time.

"Time allowed" is given to you at the event by the TD, along with the official length of the course. All you need to do is spread the "time allowed" out over the distance of the course. At 14kph, a Kilometer takes 4 min 17 sec. [How do we arrive at that? You must travel 14 k in one hour. 1 hour is 60 min. Take the time (60 min) and divide it by the distance (14k).  $60 \div 14 = 4.29$ . That is not 29 sec but 0.29 of a minute. Convert the portion of the min into actual seconds: 60 seconds multiplied by the portion we have expressed in decimals.  $60 \times .29 = 17.4$ , rounded to 17.]

Now that we know the maximum length of time for each kilometer (K), we add up the times kilometer by kilometer, each one taking 4 min. 17 sec. What do we do with the partial kilometer at the end? We take the portion of the full kilometer and multiply it by the time it takes to do a full kilometer. Let's say we have half a kilometer (0.5):  $0.5 \times 4 \text{ min } 17 \text{ sec}$ . Convert the time to all seconds: 4 minutes of 60 seconds each = 240, plus an additional 17 seconds = 257. So  $257 \text{ sec} \times 0.5\text{k} = 128.5$ , rounded to 129 sec. Divide that by 60 seconds to convert it back to minutes, and we get 2.15 min, which is 2 min and 9 sec, which with the rounding is half of 4 min 17 sec.

The nice thing about math is that once you have the formula, you can just enter your numbers and work it out. Now that we have the formula, we can get our minimum time by subtracting 3 minutes from the maximum time and spreading it out over the distance we need to travel using the same method. The three minute window is what makes it hard to figure out at home before the event because you don't get the distance until the TD makes it official. That means you are already there at the event.

Now with all that said, I hope you are not more confused than before. Here is the time sheet that Jaye and I had for Gladstone. The info we got was that the course was 4.28 Kilometers long and the allowed time was 18 min and 21 sec. That makes the minimum time 15 min. and 21 sec and the ideal time 16 min and 51 sec. (halfway between maximum and minimum).

<u>MAX TIME</u>	<u>IDEAL TIME</u>	<u>MIN TIME</u>
4' 17" @1K	3' 57" @ 1K	3' 35" @ 1K
8' 34" 2K	7' 54" 2K	7'10" 2K
12' 51" 3K	11' 41" 3K	10' 45" 3K
17' 8" 4K	15' 38" 4K	14' 20" 4K
18' 21" 4.28K	16' 44" 4.28K	15' 21" 4.28K

These are the figures for that length of marathon at Preliminary (horse) speed (14kph) with some rounding of the figures. If you are interested to know the speeds for other divisions, they are in a quick reference guide at the back of the ADS rulebook (Appendix E). If you don't have a print version, you can go to the online version at [http://www.americandrivingsociety.org/ADS\\_Rulebook.asp](http://www.americandrivingsociety.org/ADS_Rulebook.asp)

One final point: Marc Johnson recommends that you keep at least a 10 second cushion with your time from either end. There could be a discrepancy in the stopwatches or your timers. That will give you one less thing to worry about. Remember, this is supposed to be a fun exercise for you and your horse. It is not as they say rocket science, but just the same it is challenging. I hope this helps you to understand the timing a little better. If not let me know and I will try to help clear up whatever I have not cleared up.



*Henry Tarryk, Whippoorwill King Jubilee  
and Jaye Winkler at the Laurels, 2010*

## DRIVING CALENDAR 2011

(always verify information before leaving home!)

**Jun 4 - CVDC Annual Meeting and Election of Officers, East Haddam Grange. 6:30 pm, potluck.**

**Jun 11-12 - CVDC Horse Driving Trial & Fun Day at Haddam Neck**

Jun 12 - GMHA 25 Mile Ride & Drive, So. Woodstock, VT. [www.gmhainc.org](http://www.gmhainc.org)

Jun 17-19 - Colonial Carriage: Pleasure Driving Show, Orleton Farm, Stockbridge, MA. [www.colonialcarriage.org](http://www.colonialcarriage.org)

Jun 26 - LHDC: Platt Hill Drive at Winchester. 11 am. [www.litchfieldhillsdrivingclub.com](http://www.litchfieldhillsdrivingclub.com)

Jul 9-10 - 25/25/50 Mile Ride & Drive, So. Woodstock, VT. [www.gmhainc.org](http://www.gmhainc.org)

**Jul 16 - CVDC meeting, East Haddam Grange. 6:30 pm, potluck. Program TBD.**

Jul 16-17 - Lorenzo Driving Competition, Cazenovia, NY. [www.lorenzodriving.com](http://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](http://www.horseweekend.mt-washington.com)

Jul 17 - LHDC: Spindle Brook Drive, 11 am. [www.litchfieldhillsdrivingclub.com](http://www.litchfieldhillsdrivingclub.com)

Jul 24 - Colonial Carriage: Fun Day, Stockbridge, MA. [www.colonialcarriage.org](http://www.colonialcarriage.org)

**Aug 6 - CVDC meeting, East Haddam Grange. 6:30 pm, potluck. Program TBD.**

Aug 10-14 - Walnut Hill Driving Competition, NY. Entry deadline Jun 14. [www.walnuthillfarm.com](http://www.walnuthillfarm.com)

Aug 13-14 - Muffy Seaton Clinic, Wales, ME. [www.seacoastfarm.com](http://www.seacoastfarm.com)

Aug 20 - LHDC: Shepard Meadows Pleasure Driving Show, Bristol, CT. Raindate Aug 21.

[www.litchfieldhillsdrivingclub.com](http://www.litchfieldhillsdrivingclub.com)

Aug 26 - RIDC: Rhode Island Carriage Days, Celtic Cross Farm, Dudley, MA. [www.ridridingclub.com](http://www.ridridingclub.com)

Aug 26-28 - GMHA Combined Driving Event, incl Advanced. So. Woodstock, VT. [www.gmhainc.org](http://www.gmhainc.org)

Aug 28 - LHDC: Litchfield Drive, 11 am. [www.litchfieldhillsdrivingclub.com](http://www.litchfieldhillsdrivingclub.com)

Aug - The Carriage Barn: Driving Camp weeks for adults and for kids, Merrimack, MA. [www.carriage-barn.com](http://www.carriage-barn.com)

Sep 10- Colonial Carriage: Lenox Tub Parade, [www.colonialcarriage.org](http://www.colonialcarriage.org)

Sep 10-11 - GMHA Fall Driving Classic, So. Woodstock, VT. [www.gmhainc.org](http://www.gmhainc.org)

**Sep 17 - CVDC: Bits & Biting, East Haddam Grange. 6:30 pm, potluck.**

Sept TBD - LHDC: Drive at Loon Meadow. [www.litchfieldhillsdrivingclub.com](http://www.litchfieldhillsdrivingclub.com)

For a complete regional calendar of events for the full year, please go to [www.cvdrivingclub.com](http://www.cvdrivingclub.com).

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Send membership form and dues (\$25 per year/ \$20 for seniors 65+) to:  
**CVDC, c/o Erica Robb, Treasurer, 62 Shore Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371**

**2011 Youth Driving Camp with Peter Tischer**



Youth driver may be eligible for a need-based grant of up to \$500.

The deadline to apply is June 15th.

For more information, please contact Jamie  
Email [adsfund@aol.com](mailto:adsfund@aol.com) or ph 484-832-4365.



**Nancy Altrui**, a long time horsewoman and member of CVDC, has retired from riding and driving and has many horse items for sale, including harnesses and saddles. I'm sure there are many items of interest and a visit could unearth some real treasures. Nancy's son Christopher is taking care of the sale for Nancy and has supplied the following contact information:

Christopher Altrui 22 Swift St., Branford, Ct.  
H- 203-481-6653 C- 203-710-6604



SO, WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN UP TO? SEND YOUR NEWS & PHOTOS TO [EDITOR@CVDRIVINGCLUB.COM](mailto:EDITOR@CVDRIVINGCLUB.COM)!

**FINAL Absentee Ballot: 2011 CVDC Election of Officers**

**IMPORTANT: DUE TO A DELAY IN SENDING OUT THIS MONTH'S NEWSLETTER, WE ASK THAT YOU EMAIL OR CALL-IN YOUR VOTE TO RANDY SABATINO, NOMINATING COMMITTEE CHAIR. EMAIL AT COWHILL@HUGHES.NET OR CALL 860-873-3894**

Nominees listed have agreed to serve if elected.

If you would like to propose other candidates, call Nominating Committee members **Randy Sabatino (860-873-3894)** or **Jaye Winkler (860-657-9595)**

If you will not be attending the June meeting to vote, please EMAIL cowhill@hughes.net or CALL Randy at 860-873-3894 by NOON, JUNE 4.

**PRESIDENT: CYNTHIA BLIVEN**

OR: your suggested nomination-

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**VICE PRESIDENT: RITA BELLINGER or SYLVIA CROSBY**

OR: your suggested nomination-

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**TREASURER: ERICA ROBB (incumbent)**

Or: your suggested nomination-

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**SECRETARY: MARGUERITE HAYBER (incumbent)**

Or: your suggested nomination-

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## **YOUR VOTE COUNTS!**



*Pat McNamee and Sassy at CVDC HDT 2010*



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