



CVDC SPRING 2022 DRIVING CLINICS –

2 chances to improve your driving skills!

Clinic #1 with John Bennett – Sunday, April 10

WHERE: John Bennett Stables 32 Pierce Rd., Putnam, CT (860) 928-7098

TIME: 8am – 4pm Time blocks of 50 minutes

FEE: \$70 per driver for CVDC members, \$85 for non-members

In this clinic, participants can choose their lesson focus from basic harness horse manners, exercises for precise aids, driving outside the arena and pleasure show driving with both singles and pairs. This clinic will be held outside unless inclement weather dictates moving to the indoor arena.

John Bennett is a CVDC member and has been training horses for over 40 years. He became a trainer of carriage horses about 20 years ago when a customer asked for help with a young horse. Although brought up with Morgan horses, John Bennett Stables accepts all breeds. Mr. Bennett has been a part of the UConn Morgan breeding and training program for over 35 years and has won numerous awards with horses he has shown which include: Greywoods Lancelot, UC Chili Pepper, UC Romeo and Stilwell Suma to name a few.



Clinic #2 with Cynthia Bliven – Saturday, April 23, rain date - Sunday, April 24

WHERE: Woodland Farm 194 Beaverbrook Rd., Lyme, CT (860) 333-4055

TIME: 8am – 4pm Time blocks of 50 minutes

FEE: \$70 per driver for CVDC members, \$85 for non-members, \$60 for both clinics

This clinic will be tailored to the specific needs of you and your equine in a fun, relaxing atmosphere regardless of skill level or style of driving. Cynthia works with both singles and pairs, and offers long-lining sessions as well. Clinic will be held in the outside arena (if rain date is needed, the call will be made on Friday, April 22).



Cynthia Bliven, one of the founding members of the CVDC, has been riding/driving, training and instructing for over 40 years. She has successfully competed in Pleasure Shows and Combined Driving Events, won championships including 2018 ADS North American Preliminary Small Pony Championship with Stonecroft Fancy Package ("Spencer"), and trained numerous horses and ponies to happy careers both in the show-ring and for recreational pursuits. She is a talented clinician, clearly explaining basics to beginners and challenging more experienced whips to improve their performance in logical ways. Cynthia is highly skilled in the use of longlining as a training and performance-enhancing tool. For more info. visit: cynthiabliven.com



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Entry Form

Driver: _____

Daytime phone: _____

Driver's email address: _____

Groom's name: _____ Phone: _____

Name of horse(s): _____

Emergency contact name: _____ Phone: _____

Please indicate your clinic ___ #1 John Bennett ___ #2 Cynthia Bliven

___ \$70 fee for current CVDC members

___ \$85 for non-CVDC members (see CVdrivingclub.com for membership details/events)

___ \$120 for both clinics for current CVDC members–Discounted Price of \$60 each

___ \$140 for both clinics for non-CVDC members–Discounted Price of \$70 each (see CVdrivingclub.com for membership details/events)

Preferred time (circle one): *morning* *afternoon* *undecided*

**What would you like to work on during this clinic?* _____

Auditors are welcome–Please consider making a donation to audit either clinic, both clinics or free-will donation. Thank you!

Please include certificates within the past 12 months from April 2022 for:

___ Rabies ___ Coggins

Please make clinic checks payable to *CVDC* and mail with Release Form (below) to: Judy Zimmer 128 Wawecus Hill Rd., Norwich, CT 06360

Time slots will be scheduled and held for ***completed applications that include certificates for proof of vaccinations and payment.*** Times will be filled on a first come, first served basis and

waiting list will be developed if warranted. Time table will be emailed to the address you list above.

Questions? Call Carrie Wind 860 961-4151

CVDC - AGREEMENT FOR RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY:

Disclaimer

I understand that neither this CVDC Spring Driving Clinic event, Event officials or organizing committee nor the property owners Cynthia Bliven or John Bennett accept any responsibility for accidents, damage, injury or illness to the horses, owners, riders, drivers, grooms, passengers, attendants, spectators or any other person or property in connection with this Event. I understand that the club does not provide health, accident, or liability insurance to participants, spectators, volunteers or by-standers of horse related activities.

I hereby expressly agree for myself and my principals, representatives, employees and agents: (1) to be bound by any local rules of this event; (2) that every horse, driver, attendant, groom, and/or passenger is eligible as entered; and (3) to accept as final any decision of the event officials, and agree to indemnify and hold harmless the Connecticut Valley Driving Club, event officials and organizing committee, for any damage, injury or death which occurs at a club event involving myself, or any horse or equipment that I own.

I am fully aware that horse sports, including driving, and this Event involve inherent dangerous risk of serious injury or death, and by participating, I do so voluntarily and expressly assume any and all risks of injury or loss, and I agree to indemnify and hold the Event officials and organizing committee, harmless from and against all claims including any injury or loss suffered during or in conjunction with the Event, whether or not such claim, injury or loss resulted, either directly or indirectly, from the negligent acts or omissions of the Event officials and organizing committee.

I have read and agree with the terms of this agreement. THIS SECTION MUST BE COMPLETED IN FULL

Driver/Rider SIGNATURE: _____ (or guardian, if driver is under 18)

DATE: _____

PRINT NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

If you will be bringing a groom/passenger on this carriage

Groom/Passenger SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____