



**1st Annual Carriage Driving
Competition**
Saturday & Sunday July 30 & 31, 2022
at
Avon Driving Park
350 Spring Street
Avon, New York 14414

Presented by:



Dear Friends,

The Town of Avon, in conjunction with the Western New York Combined Carriage Association, is proud to announce the first annual Avon Driving Park Pleasure Show, to be held on July 30th and 31st, 2022 at the Avon Driving Park.

We thank Town of Avon Mayor Tom Freeman for making this venue available for us.

We are pleased to have Marcia Himler as our judge for our inaugural event.

Participants with Utility vehicles are especially invited to join our competition.

We are presenting a Scurry Obstacle as well as several fun classes. Read the course descriptions presented in this prize list for further information.

Details on becoming a **Sponsor or Patron** for our show are shown on page 14. If you are interested, or if you have any questions, please call Bruce Jones.

A show program will not be available.

The Avon Fire Department will provide food concessions.

Robin and Rae Lombino from OAK Imagery will be our **Show Photographers**. They will make photographs available for purchase and may be contacted at oakimagery.com.

**Thank you,
Western New York Combined Carriage Association**

Introducing the 2022
WNY Pleasure Driving Series Championship

Championship points accumulated from the following pleasure shows will be used to award a year-end Series Champion and Reserve Champion.

Northampton Driving Society Competition (June 13)
Barneveld Horsemen's Assoc. Pleasure Show (June 26)
Avon Driving Park Pleasure Show (July 30-31)
Silver Shoe Pleasure Show (Sept 24)

SHOW OFFICIALS

Judge	Marcia Himler
Announcer	Deb North
Show Organizer	Julie Kirchhoff
Show Secretary	Chuck Kirchhoff
Obstacle Course Designer	Bruce Jones
Ringmaster/Scribe	Kim McGann
Stable Manager / Parking	Kevin Scutt
Technical Delegate	Gracie Seeley
Show Photographer	OOAK Imagery
EMT / Ambulance	Avon Fire Department

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday July 29, 2022

5:00 P.M. Grounds open for stabling

Saturday July 30, 2022

8:00 A.M. Show grounds and secretary's tent opens.
The show committee reserves the right to combine or
cancel classes or to adjust the time schedule.

8:30 A.M. **Whips Meeting**

10:00 A.M. **Start of first class.**

CLASS ORDER

- 1 Turnout VSE (ring 1)**
- 2 Turnout Pony (ring 1)**
- 3 Turnout Horse (ring 1)**
- 4 Turnout Novice (ring 1)**
- 5 Picnic (ring 1)**
- 6 Timed Obstacle VSE (ring 2)**
- 7 Timed Obstacle Pony (ring 2)**
- 8 Timed Obstacle Horse (ring 2)**
- 9 Timed Obstacle Novice (ring 2)**
- 10 Timed Obstacle Utility (ring 2)**

LUNCH BREAK

- 11 Working VSE (ring 1)**
- 12 Working Pony (ring 1)**
- 13 Working Horse (ring 1)**
- 14 Working Novice (ring 1)**
- 15 Working Utility (ring 1)**

Saturday (continued)

- 16 X Country VSE
- 17 X Country Pony
- 18 X Country Horse
- 19 X Country Horse
- 20 Scurry Obstacles (ring 1)

5:00 P.M. Wine and Cheese Social

6:00 P.M. Dinner (details TBA)

Sunday July 31, 2022

9:00 A.M. Presentation Parade Drive (class 21)

10:30 A.M. Start of Classes

CLASS ORDER

- 22 Reinsmanship Novice (ring 1)
- 23 Reinsmanship Pony (ring 1)
- 24 Reinsmanship VSE (ring 1)
- 25 Reinsmanship Horse (ring 1)
- 26 Reinsmanship Utility (ring 1)
- 27 Pick Your Route Obstacles Novice (ring 2)
- 28 Pick Your Route Obstacles Pony (ring 2)
- 29 Pick Your Route Obstacles VSE (ring 2)
- 30 Pick Your Route Obstacles Horse (ring 2)
- 31 Pick Your Route Obstacles Utility (ring 2)

BREAK

- 32 Grooms (ring 1)
- 33 Dog (ring 1)
- 34 Costume (ring 1)

Division Championships presented at the conclusion of class 34

CLARIFICATION OF GAITS

The following descriptions constitute the approved standard for performance of the required gaits in the various divisions of pleasure driving competition.

WALK

A free, regular and unconstrained walk of moderate extension is required. The horse should walk energetically but calmly, with even and determined steps.

SLOW TROT

The horse should maintain forward impulsion while showing submission to the bit. The trot is slower and more collected, but not to the degree required in the dressage collected trot. However, the horse should indicate willingness to be driven on the bit while maintaining a steady cadence.

WORKING TROT

This is the pace between the strong and the slow trot and more round than a strong trot. The horse go forward freely and straight; engaging the hind legs with full hock action; on a taut but light rein; the position being balanced and unconstrained. The steps should be as even as possible. The hind feet touch the ground in the footprints of the fore feet. The degree of energy and impulsion displayed at the working trot denotes clearly the degree of suppleness and balance of the horse.

STRONG TROT

This is a clear, but not excessive, increase in pace and lengthening of stride while remaining well balanced and showing appropriate lateral flexion on turns. Light contact to be maintained. Excessive speed will be penalized.

HALT

Horse and vehicle should be brought to a complete square stop without abruptness or veering. At the halt, the horse should stand attentive, motionless and straight, the weight evenly distributed over all four legs, and be ready to move off at the slightest indication from the Whip.

REIN BACK

Rein back is defined as backward movement in which the legs are raised and set down simultaneously in diagonal pairs with hind legs remaining well in line. To be performed in two parts: (1) The horse must move backward at least four steps in an unhurried manner with head flexed and straight, pushing the carriage back evenly in a straight line. The driver should use quiet aids and light contact. (2) Move forward willingly to former position using same quiet aids.

SHOW RULES

1. Any questions or dispute not covered by these rules and regulations will be referred to the technical delegate to be brought to the judge or show organizer for a decision. The judge's decision shall be final.
2. Under no condition should the bridle be removed from a horse/pony while it is still put to a vehicle. At no time should a horse/pony be left unattended while put to a vehicle. Doing so incurs elimination.
3. Entries must be postmarked on or before 7/18/22. **Day of the show entries will be accepted with a \$25 late entry fee** (each horse and whip combination). There will be a \$25 fee for any check returned for insufficient funds. In the case of a horse/pony being entered and not exhibited, entry fees will be forfeited. Refunds will be made upon receipt of a Veterinarian's or Physician's certificate attesting to an illness or injury. The certificates must be received by the Show Secretary prior to the start of the show. Pre-show cancellations should be communicated to the Show Secretary as soon as possible. Refunds will **not** be made due to class cancellations. If the show must be stopped due to weather or other emergency conditions, the show committee will suspend classes for 30 minutes. If the decision is made at that time to permanently cancel classes, refunds will not be made for the classes missed.
4. The show committee reserves the right to combine or cancel classes or to adjust the time schedule.
5. To participate in a Novice class, the whip may not have previously won three blue ribbons in a driving show class. (Such class must have had four entries for a blue ribbon win to be counted.) The novice whip may not enter both the novice and open division classes. A horse/pony may be driven in both the novice and open divisions.
6. A horse/pony may be permitted multiple times in the same obstacle class with different whips.
7. Whips or passengers under 18 years of age (as of the date of the show) will be required to wear an approved helmet.
8. A knowledgeable adult must accompany whips under 14 years of age (as of the date of the show). No other passengers will be allowed.
9. The whip assumes full responsibility/liability for all passengers.
10. The use of a helmet by those over 18 is encouraged and will not be penalized.
11. There will be no schooling on any obstacle course under penalty of elimination.
12. Throughout the competition, the dress of the whip, passengers and grooms shall conform to the type of vehicle used. Driving aprons, hats, gloves and whip in hand are obligatory for whips. Period costumes are discouraged.

13. It is the responsibility of each competitor to ensure that the harness and vehicle are in good repair. In the interest of safety, it is essential that the harness and bridle be fitted properly to the horse/pony and that the vehicle is appropriate for the equine.

14. Cantering is not permitted anywhere on the show grounds, including the racetrack.

15. We encourage the use of wooden wheeled vehicles. However miniature horses may be shown to an appropriate wire wheeled vehicle. Antique wire spoked and marathon vehicles will also be permitted at the discretion of the judge and show manager.

16. The show officials will be on the lookout for unsafe conditions/situations. Any person who breaks any of the rules will be asked to leave the show grounds.

17. It is the responsibility of each whip to be on time for each of their classes. At the discretion of the show manager, the entrance gate will be closed to late arrivals. The entrance gate will temporarily be held open for whips that have notified the show organizer of unforeseen circumstances prior to the start of the class.

18. All of our classes are judged in accordance with the rules of the American Driving Society unless otherwise specified.

19. The owner, whip/rider takes full responsibility for the safety of any passengers in his/her vehicle. Whips, passengers and grooms must sign the release form included in the entry form.

20. To be eligible for Division Championships and Awards, a competitor must enter in every class of that division. Participation in the Presentation Parade Drive (class number 21) is REQUIRED for eligibility for Division Championships. No championship points will be awarded for entries in classes 20, 32, 33, and 34.

21. **Stabling** – Stalls will be available on the show grounds at \$75 each. The full stall rental must be included with your entry. All equines stabled on the show grounds must use these facilities. All stalls must be **totally emptied and cleaned** before leaving the show grounds on Sunday evening. The number of available stalls may be limited. Send entries and stalls requests by the July 18 deadline.

PLEASURE DRIVING - WORKING
Trophy and six ribbons presented

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the equine to provide a pleasant drive. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and a strong trot. To stand quietly on the rail and while lined up and to rein back. All entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge. You also may be asked to execute a figure of eight and/or to perform other appropriate tests. To be judged: 70% on performance, manners and way of going of the equine, 20% on the condition and fit of harness and vehicle, 10% on neatness of attire.

PLEASURE DRIVING – REINSMANSHIP
Trophy and six ribbons presented

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the ability and skill of the driver. Equine is to be shown at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and a strong trot. Drivers shall be required to rein back. All entries chosen for a workout may be worked both ways of the arena at any gait requested by the judge. You also may be asked to execute a figure of eight and/or to perform other appropriate tests. The driver should be seated comfortably on the box so as to be relaxed and effective. Either the one or two-handed method of driving is acceptable. Common to both methods, the elbows and arms should be close to the body with an allowing but steady hand enabling a consistent “feel” with the equine’s mouth. Drivers should not be penalized or rewarded for using one general style over another. In order to evaluate a driver’s versatility, the judge may request a test involving driving with one hand. To be judged: 75% on handling of reins and whip, control, posture, and overall appearance of driver, 25% on the condition of harness and vehicle and neatness of attire.

OBSTACLE DRIVING – TIMED OBSTACLES
Trophy and six ribbons presented

To be driven over a prescribed course consisting of no more than 12 obstacles. Faults on the course will be scored as penalty seconds. The winner will be determined by adding the penalty seconds incurred on the course to the time taken to complete the course. Ties for first place will be decided by a drive-off. Failure to carry a whip in an obstacle driving class incurs elimination. The required pace is a trot. Please note the course walk times on the schedule.

PLEASURE DRIVING - TURNOUT
Trophy and six ribbons presented

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the performance and quality of each turnout. To be shown both ways of the arena at the walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot. To stand quietly and rein back. To be judged; 70% on condition, fit and appropriateness of harness and vehicle, spares and appointments, neatness and appropriateness of attire and overall impression. 30% on performance, manners and way of going.

OBSTACLE DRIVING – PICK YOUR ROUTE
Trophy and six ribbons presented

To be driven over a course of obstacles with no set route. After passing through the start markers the driver proceeds through each obstacle to the designated finish markers choosing his own route. Each obstacle and the start / finish lines may be driven from either direction. Driving an obstacle more than once or through the start / finish lines out of sequence will be considered off course.

PLEASURE DRIVING – X COUNTRY
Trophy and six ribbons presented

The distance of the cross country course is not to exceed 3 miles. The winner will be determined by the whip who comes closest to the ideal time regardless of being over or under time. All parts of the cross country course are to be driven blind. No cantering will be allowed. A marker (~300m) from the finish line will designate the “no deviation from the trot” area.

OBSTACLE DRIVING – SCURRY OBSTACLES
Trophy and six ribbons presented

To be driven over a course of unnumbered obstacles consisting of cones and balls, not to exceed 12 obstacles. After passing through the Start markers from any direction, the driver shall proceed through each obstacle from any direction, in any order. Each obstacle must be driven once. The “off course” rule will apply to any obstacle driven twice and the driver will be eliminated. Upon completion of the course, the driver must pass through the Finish markers from any direction, where time will be taken. The dislodgement of an obstacle will be scored as penalty seconds and added to the driver’s elapsed time. Refusals and run-outs will not be penalized. Placings will be determined on a low total time basis.

PLEASURE DRIVING – PICNIC
Trophy and six ribbons presented

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the performance and quality of turnout as well as the presentation of a picnic. Competitors will be asked to work their turnout, then retreat to a designated picnic area. The horse will be unhitched. Participants will prepare their picnic for viewing. The judge will visit competitors who will describe the type of picnic they are presenting.

PLEASURE DRIVING – DOG
Trophy and six ribbons presented

Judged primarily on suitability of the dog to serve as a companion (maximum 1 dog per vehicle). To be judged both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot and working trot. The dog must be sitting or standing on the vehicle at all times while being judged. The driver should not hold the dog, and the dog should not interfere with the driver in any way.

PLEASURE DRIVING – GROOMS
Trophy and six ribbons presented

To be judged both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot and working trot. The Groom will be solely responsible and in control of the turnout.

PLEASURE DRIVING – COSTUME
Trophy and six ribbons presented

To be judged both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot and working trot. 75% to be judged on originality and costume theme. Upon close inspection, the judge may inquire as to the theme of the costume.

**DIRECTIONS TO THE AVON DRIVING PARK
COMPETITION**

Set your GPS to:
350 Spring Street, Avon NY 14414

Western New York Combined Carriage Association (WNYCCA)

We promote horse-drawn carriage driving through scheduled recreational drives, competitions, and clinics with safety and fun in mind. Don't let the name fool you as many of our events such as ECHO and Recreational Drives are for riders, drivers or even passengers! The fun with driving is you can bring a friend!

WNYCCA likes to keep its members busy year-round with events not only in fair weather but winter as well. As long as it's safe we don't let mother nature ruin our fun and often you can see our crew out on a fun drive in rain gear or even bundled up in snow flurries. If snow and cold isn't your thing don't worry, with as many as 2-3 planned events most months you're sure to find something to enjoy. What kind of events do we do?

Professional Driving Clinics – We host top named driving clinicians so you can freshen up your driving skills before the show season gets into full swing. And as true to our social fun form, a member BBQ too.

Recreational Drives – WNY is loaded with trails safe enough for a horse and carriage. Join us on a day trip to a new trail complete with social hour dish to pass after of course.

ECHO – Up to 10 events planned throughout the year. Year end competitor and volunteer awards

Competition Support – Pleasure shows, Combined Trials, Horse Driving Trials and CDEs. Our members go to many events and we all work to support each other.

Promotional Events – our goal is to get folks interested in driving.

Volunteer with us to work the WNYCCA booth at seminars, EquiFests, or even to drive, ride, long-line an ECHO demo!

Quarterly Forums – While board meetings and Show committees keep the group on track, we need member input too. The board is available 4 times a year in person to listen to member suggestions and requests on how to better our organization.

Annual Meeting/Auction – Year end awards meeting and silent auction. Awards given to both competitors and volunteers who qualify.

SHOW REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

Please send the completed entry form, the signed waiver, a **COPY** of a current negative Coggins (2021-2022) as well as a **COPY** of a current rabies certificate and the entry fee to:

**Bruce Jones
9096 County Rd 14
Honeoye Falls NY 14472**

Entries must be postmarked on or before **July 18, 2022**.

Entries are non-refundable unless the show is canceled.

Day of the show entries will be accepted with a \$25 late fee.

Make checks payable to:

WNYCCA

There will be a \$25.00 fee for any checks returned for insufficient funds.

If you have any questions regarding your entry, please contact Chuck Kirchhoff at (585) 346-0596, or Bruce Jones at (770) 870-9600 prior to the show.

CLASS SPONSORS & SHOW PATRONS

The success of our show depends on support from people like you who enjoy and appreciate horses.

If you would like to help us provide more competitions like this in the future, please consider sponsoring a class in our show. And if you cannot sponsor a class, please consider being a show patron.

Recognition of your participation as a Sponsor or Patron will be announced throughout the day.

Sponsor a class for \$50

Sponsor a Division for \$100

Be a show Patron for \$250

Make checks payable to

WNYCCA

Please be sure to specify the class or division you wish to Sponsor

Then mail to

**Bruce Jones
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