

VILLA LOUIS CARRIAGE CLASSIC
2011 OFFICIALS

2011 Prize List



September 9, 10, & 11, 2011

on the lawn of the

**Villa Louis Historic Site
Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin**

Organized by: Villa Louis Carriage Classic, Inc.

www.carriageclassic.com

Thank you to all the individuals who make this show possible. Special thanks should be given to the following officials who have aided in making our show a success.

Judges:	Mrs. Debra Banfield <i>Georgetown, Kentucky</i> Mrs. Joanne Bellion-Povenski <i>Quakertown, Pennsylvania</i> Mrs. Ruth Graves <i>Greenville, Texas</i>
Technical Delegate:	Mr. Theodore Campbell <i>Long Beach, California</i>
Veterinarian:	Southwest Veterinarian Services
Farrier:	Dan Tesar
Emergency Services:	Interstate EMS of PdC, Inc.
Site Director:	Michael Douglass
Site Curator:	Susan Caya-Slusser
Facilities Manager Emeritus:	Ken White
Show Manager:	Mike Rider
Show Secretaries:	Shelly Rider, Stacy Rod, Laurie Hampton
Patrons Club Hospitality:	Shirley Feuerhelm
Hospitality:	Sue Rider, Peggy Miller Pat LaBonne
Obstacles Courses:	Michael Higgins, Shane Hesselberg
Paddock Marshall:	Debbie Polkinghorn
Stabling:	Todd Folyer, Larry Folyer
Marketing:	Patti Walker, Carolyn Sand

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mike Rider, Chairman
Villa Louis Carriage Classic, Inc.
P.O. Box 117
Prairie du Chien, WI 53821-0117
Ph: (608) 326-4436

www.carriageclassic.com info@carriageclassic.com

CHANGES IN BRIEF

1. Again in 2011, competitors will have the option of driving the Pick Your Route cones classes on either Friday (see schedule for times) or on Saturday or Sunday at the times specified for their division.
2. The Villa Louis Carriage Classic committee would like to encourage turnouts to consider participating in the Saturday noon Picnic class. A cash prize will be offered – see the class description for more information.
3. The use of motorized vehicles will be strictly forbidden on any obstacle course between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Individuals that must use motorized vehicles for disability reasons must obtain a permit from the show secretary and operate such outside of the above listed hours. Individuals are not permitted to operate vehicles through course markers on any obstacle course. The technical delegate will be available to take those needing assistance on a “tour” of the cross county courses at 6:30 a.m. both Saturday and Sunday.
4. To offset fuel expenses associated with participation, the Villa Louis Carriage Classic will reimburse one competitor's fuel expenses associated with competing. Each complete entry postmarked on or before August 19, 2011, will be entered into a drawing. The drawing will take place at the Awards Party.
5. The Friday schedule will include a “Sporting Day of Traditional Driving” based upon the guidelines published by the Carriage Association of America. Please see the class description for more details.
6. A trade/commercial class has been added to the schedule. Please refer to the class description for additional details.
7. A cocktail reception will be held on Friday, September 9, 2011, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m., in the recently renovated Dousman House Hotel, adjacent to the show grounds. Hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available.
8. The Haflinger Owners Promotional Enterprise will be honoring the Haflinger(s) with the highest points at the 2011 Villa Louis Carriage Classic.

GENERAL RULES

1. The Villa Louis Carriage Classic is approved by the American Driving Society and every class offered herein which is covered by the current rules and specifications of the society will be conducted and judged in accordance therewith.
 2. The Committee reserves the right to decline any entry and/or return any entry fee before or during the competition without being liable for any compensation. In case of horses/ponies being entered and not exhibited, entry fees will be forfeited, unless a veterinarian certificate attests to the inability of the animal to participate due to injury or illness. The certificate must be received before the beginning of the show, September 9, 2011. A \$25.00 administrative fee will be assessed to refunded entries. Stall fees are not refundable.
 3. The Committee reserves the right to combine or divide or cancel classes or divisions if the number of entries warrants such a change. If classes are cancelled (by the Organizing Committee), entry fees will be refunded by mail by October 1, 2011.
 4. Ribbons will be awarded to five competitors in each class. Points will be awarded towards Division Championships in this manner:
 - 6 points to 1st Place
 - 4 points to 2nd Place
 - 3 points to 3rd Place
 - 2 points to 4th Place
 - 1 point to 5th Place
- CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONS and their respective classes are listed elsewhere in this prize list. In divisions that offer three obstacle classes (cones, cross country and gambler's choice), only the two highest placings will be used for scoring championship totals. In the event of a tie for divisional points, placing in the reinsmanship class shall be used to break the tie. If a tie remains, placing in the working pleasure class will be used to break the tie. In the event that two individuals remain tied at that point, a drive-off may be utilized to break the tie. Appropriate awards and recognition will be given.
5. For division championships, an entry is defined as the driver, the equine(s), and the vehicle; any change in the above within a division requires the turnout to carry a different number.
 6. Our hosts, the State Historical Society – Villa Louis, has requested that drivers and their passengers be allowed to introduce period costumes that are appropriate to their turnout in the Picnic class. The use of wire wheeled vehicles is not allowed. Permission may be granted from the show committee for antique vehicles with wire wheels.
 7. **Under no condition shall a bridle be removed from a horse while it is put to a vehicle. Failure to comply will incur elimination or disqualification.**
 8. Obstacle competitors are reminded that there is no posted “time of go.” Within each division, competitors will be taken in ascending numerical order. If a competitor is not present when it is his turn to run the course, he may be asked to drive the course after the other drivers in his

respective division. Friendly consideration will be afforded to those turnouts with schedule conflicts involving arena competition.

9. No dogs will be allowed on the show grounds unless under control or restrained by a leash. Any dog not restrained will be detained and turned over to the city animal control officer and the City of Prairie du Chien will assess any regular penalty fees.
10. Cross country obstacle course maps will be available Friday, September 9, 2011, upon approval of the courses by our officials. Pick your route cones and gambler's choice obstacles will have a map posted at both the course and the official scoreboard. There will be NO OFFICIAL COURSE WALKS. A question and answer session will be held at 7:30 p.m., Friday, September 9, 2011, in the Club Tent with the judges and technical delegate present – all are encouraged to attend.
11. Country vehicles shall include those that would have been used in an everyday rural setting. This division is open only to four-wheel vehicles that are not cut-under (runabouts, democrat wagons, doctor's buggies, surreys, etc.) that are put to a single horse or pony. Lap robes are optional.
12. The Villa Louis Carriage Classic defines very small equines as those less than 39 inches (9.3 hands high). The Small Pony Open division is intended for single pony of height 9.3 hands high but not taller than 13.2 hands high. Large ponies are those taller than 13.2 hands high but not taller than 14.2 hands high.
13. The Draft Horse division is a single horse division with horses that meet the criteria outlined by the American Driving Society Article 70. Gloves, hat, whip and lab robes are optional.
14. The entry fee for all classes is \$10. **Entries close August 19, 2011.** Post entries will be accepted up to the closing of the office the day before the class provided the class has not been closed, for a fee of \$20 per class. All entries must be paid before entering the class.
15. All horses must be serviceably sound and not show evidence of lameness, broken wind, physical distress or impairment of vision in both eyes. Wisconsin Regulations provide that all animals must have proof of negative Equine Infectious Anemia test taken during the current calendar year. Please submit with registration. Out of state horses that need official health papers may present these at the show office.
16. The "water obstacle" may consist of six to eight inches of water. Animals may be schooled only in the water obstacle area in halter only. No schooling will be allowed on any other part of any obstacle class. No schooling is allowed from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on either Saturday or Sunday.
17. All of the classes listed as "cones" shall be "Pick Your Route". The starting markers of the course may be driven from either direction at the start and may be driven from either direction at the finish without regard to the direction taken at the start. Paired markers will be set at 2 meters for all turnouts.
18. It is the responsibility of each driver (or guardian) to ensure that all passengers on his or her turnout have signed the ADS disclaimer on

the reverse of the entry form. Failure to do so could disqualify the turnout.

19. **No motorized vehicles are allowed on the lawn of the Villa Louis** without special permission of the show management or host. Permission will be granted to those individuals with physical handicaps. All operators of motorized vehicles assume liability for their actions and must be insured and licensed accordingly. Only show official vehicles will be allowed on any obstacle course between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m..
20. In combination classes (Drive and Ride), the same person need not complete both the driving and riding sections. Please indicate on the entry form the name of the person riding if different from the driver.
21. The Villa Louis Carriage Classic is an American Driving Society (ADS) approved show; therefore, all drivers must be either ADS members or pay a \$30.00 ADS non-member fee. ADS insurance coverage is extended only to ADS members.
22. The multiples division is open to horses and ponies shown in a multiple hitch, including, but not limited to, tandem (park, road, or sporting), randem, trandem, unicorn, and four-in-hand.
23. Competitors are allowed to utilize bicycles to walk the cross country obstacles. Bicycles will not be permitted on the pick your route or gambler's choice courses.
24. All competitors are required to deposit \$10.00 for the reusable number. The deposit will be returned upon receipt of the number before 6:00 p.m. on September 11, 2011.
25. All exhibitors are automatically entered into the Concours d'Elegance class. Competitors will be selected based upon the overall turnout as presented throughout the show. The class winner will be selected from these individuals in the final class of the show.
26. Competitors and equines may enter more than one division, provided their schedule allows timely participation in events. Please contact show management for permission to "cross-enter". Competitors and equines may not cross-enter in gambler's choice obstacles.
27. The Carriage Dog class will be conducted according to the American Driving Society rules. The judge may ask for assistance from the audience in judging by way of applause for entries. As a "house rule", at the Villa Louis Carriage Classic, more than one canine may accompany one turnout.
28. Any turnout of single horse or pony may compete in the Novice Driver or Novice Horse/Pony division provided said driver or equine has not won three or more first placings in an ADS-recognized and/or USEF-licensed Carriage Pleasure driving competition. Events with less than 3 entries do count toward advancement from the novice division (ADS Article 31).

CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONS

COUNTRY VEHICLE

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

DRAFT HORSE

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

JUNIORS

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Working

LARGE PONY OPEN

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

MULTIPLES

Cones
Cross Country
Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

NOVICE DRIVER HORSE

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

NOVICE DRIVER PONY

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

NOVICE HORSE/PONY

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

PAIR HORSES

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

PAIR PONIES

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

SINGLE HORSE OPEN

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

SMALL PONY OPEN

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

VERY SMALL EQUINE

Cones
Cross Country
Gambler's Choice
Reinsmanship
Turnout
Working

American Driving Society Advertisement

www.americandrivingsociety.org

608-237-7382

2010 Villa Louis Carriage Classic Division Champions

Division	Champion	Reserve Champion
Country Vehicle	Debra Sauer	Wes Licht
Draft Horse	Jennifer Thompson, DVM	Paula Thompson
Juniors	Jared Radcliffe	Luke Dahlberg
Large Pony Open	Michael Scott	Samantha Poirier
Novice Driver	Kriss Timpe	Kyle Rhinehart
Novice Horse/Pony	Michael Scott	Amy Hartwig
Pair Horses	Aaron Achenbach	Leanne Schwickerath
Pair Ponies	Phillip Odden	Dave Kraus
Single Horse Open	Debra Sauer	Mary Jo Stockman
Small Pony Open	Mallory Gorman	Donna Crossman
Tandems	Mark Dahlberg	James Block
Teams	Dean Achenbach	Jeremiah Markham
Very Small Equine	Myrna Rhinehart	Margot Ashley

The Dousman House Hotel



Guests for the 2011 Villa Louis Carriage Classic are offered a spectacular opportunity to visit one of Prairie du Chien's gems.

Built in 1864 by the Milwaukee & Mississippi Railroad Company, The Railroad Hotel was touted as the premier hotel on the Upper Mississippi. By 1867, Hercules Dousman was one of the more prominent stock-holders in the railroad, and as such, the hotel name changed to The Dousman House Hotel. During the hotel's heyday, most of its fifty rooms were regularly filled with guests.

To attract guests to the area, The Dousman House Hotel offered live entertainment nightly. Cabaret girls were imported from Minneapolis, Milwaukee, and Chicago. In the dining room, guests were entertained by a variety of musicians including pianists, clarinetists, and violinists.

The hotel's stature faded as travel by rail and steamboat became replaced with travel by automobile and airplane. By the 1930's the hotel closed. The next phases of the buildings evolution were far less glamorous. The spacious hotel was used as a slaughterhouse by a major meat packing company and then a warehouse complex. During the time that the building was owned by the Rybarcyk Brothers of Prairie du Chien, it was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

The building is now owned by Prairie du Chien magnate Mr. Blair Dillman. Mr. Dillman and his employees have been working for a number of years to refurbish the building. In 2011, the refurbished hotel was opened for use by various events. Mr. Dillman has graciously offered to allow the competitors of the Villa Louis Carriage Classic a glimpse at the inside of the hotel. The competitor's reception will be from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. on Friday, September 9, 2011. A cash bar and hors d'oeuvres will be available.

Patron's Club Membership

Please consider joining our Patron's Club, members will enjoy the following amenities

Gold (\$500)

Obstacle Sponsorship
2011 VLCC Artwork
Four 2011 VLCC Lapel Pins
Six tickets to:
Friday Fish Fry
Saturday Night Dinner
Exhibitor Reception & Dessert
Use of Patron's Pavilion for four
Listing in Program

Silver (\$250)

2011 VLCC Artwork
Two 2011 VLCC Lapel Pins
Four tickets to:
Friday Fish Fry
Saturday Night Dinner
Exhibitor Reception & Dinner
Use of Patron's Pavilion for four
Listing in Program

Bronze (\$100)

One 2011 VLCC Lapel Pin
Two tickets to:
Saturday Night Dinner
Exhibitor Reception & Dessert
Use of Patron's Pavilion for two
Listing in Program

Associate (\$50)

Two tickets to:
Friday Fish Fry
Use of Patron's Pavilion for two
Listing in Program

Class Sponsor (\$30)

Use of Patron's Pavilion for two
Listing in Program

SPECIAL CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

ANTIQUÉ TURNOUT

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the performance and quality of each turnout. To be eligible for this class, vehicles must have been built before 1940. All appointments of the turnout will be considered in judging. Turnouts are to be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot, to stand quietly and to rein back. To be judged 30% on performance, manners and way of going, 70% on the condition, fit and appropriateness of harness and vehicle, neatness and appropriateness of attire, and overall impression.

PICNIC

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on performance and quality of turnout, dress of passengers and presentation of the picnic itself. Competitors will be asked to briefly work their turnout in the arena. The horses will be expected to stand quietly during the picnic and must be removed from the vehicle. Safety is of utmost importance.

All picnic participants and their amenities must be a part of the turnout during the arena portion of the class. They will be dismissed to travel on the Villa Louis' property to the assigned picnic location.

After an appropriate period of time has elapsed, the judge(s) will visit the picnic areas (honorary judges may be used for this class).

Placings will be based on the following: 20% on performance, manner and way of going; 20% on condition, fit and appropriateness of harness and vehicle; 60% on overall impression including presentation of the picnic. The picnic class awards will be presented during the awards party. Assistance is available via local contacts to help competitors with planning, preparing and storage of picnic necessities.

A cash prize will be awarded to the winner of this class; 1st place - \$250.00

COMMERCIAL VEHICLE

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the performance and quality of each turnout. To be eligible for this class, vehicles must have been intended for trade or commercial purposes and turned out accordingly. All appointments of the turnout will be considered in judging. Turnouts are to be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot, to stand quietly and to rein back. To be judged 30% on performance, manners and way of going, 70% on the condition, fit and appropriateness of harness and vehicle, neatness and appropriateness of attire, and overall impression.

SPORTING DAY OF TRADITIONAL DRIVING

The Villa Louis Carriage Classic will utilize the guidelines published by the Carriage Association of America regarding the Sporting Day of Traditional Driving.

The purpose of a Sporting Day of Traditional Driving is to preserve and celebrate the carriage-driving style of bygone days, which encompasses horsemanship, driving acumen, care and preservation of carriage and harness, and the intangible qualities of good sportsmanship. The Sporting Day focuses on traditional driving and includes three phases: a Turnout Inspection, a Country Drive, and the Cones Course. Traditional driving, as we define it, makes use of one of the recognized styles of driving--English Classical (or its German modification, known as Achenbach), Hungarian, or American--whichever is appropriate for the type of carriage, horse, and harness being used. All types of carriages are accepted, but antique vehicles or traditional reproductions of the same are preferred. In the same vein, traditional leather harness that is appropriate to the vehicle is preferred over synthetic harness.

Drivers must carry a whip throughout the day while driving.

Although intended for participants and spectators alike more as a celebration of traditional driving than a competition, the Sporting Day of Traditional Driving does contain competitive elements. Each turnout, however, is competing against an ideal, rather than against the other turnouts in attendance. The optimum score of 100 is broken down among the three phases as follows: a possible 50 points for the Turnout Inspection, 25 for the Country Drive, and 25 for the Cones Course. Any situation not covered in these guidelines will be referred to the judge(s), and the judges' decision is final. Anyone who is clearly unqualified to drive in company or who is driving dangerously or recklessly will be asked to leave.

All vehicles must carry a slow-moving vehicle (SMV) sign for the country drive section. The country drive will take place on hard-surfaced roadways and relatively flat fields. All rules of the road must be obeyed during the drive. The cones course will follow immediately at the conclusion of the country drive. All pairs of cones in the cones competition will be set at 2.0 meters for all turnouts. A traditional start and finish lines will be used.

CROSS COUNTRY OBSTACLES - PACE

To be driven, at the prescribed pace (trot), over a prescribed course of natural and artificial obstacles designed to simulate those that might be encountered on a country drive (e.g. bridges, water crossing, gardens, etc.)

After passing through the starting line, the driver shall proceed through each obstacle, in order, keeping within the limits of the designated course markers and passing through the designated finish markers. Walking to ensure safety will not be penalized when approaching an obstacle; however, walking, stopping, circling, or driving serpentines between the last set of course markers and the finish line are not permitted under penalty of elimination. Mandatory stops may be required when crossing a city street. The entire turnout must stop before the stop sign or penalties will be incurred. After the road has been deemed clear of traffic, a road guard will permit the turnout to proceed. If a turnout is held at the road crossing, the held time will be deducted from the overall time on course.

Placings will be determined on a low course fault basis. An "ideal time" will be established for each class based on the pace and distance of the course. The speeds will not exceed 15 kilometers per hour for horses, 14 kilometers per hour for large ponies, 12.5 kilometers per hour for small ponies, 11.5 kilometers per hour for very small equines. In the event that there is a tie in course faults, the winner will be the entry that finishes closest to the "ideal time." A passenger/groom may offer directional assistance to the driver in a discreet verbal manner. A passenger/groom may only serve once per course in that role. If a tie occurs in both course faults and time faults, the winner will be determined by a drive-off.

Course Penalties:

- | | | |
|----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|
| a. | Knocking down or dislodging an obstacle or course marker | 5 faults |
| b. | Break in gait to canter | |
| | 1 st break to canter | 5 faults |
| | 2 nd break to canter | 5 faults |
| | 3 rd break to canter | 5 faults |
| | 4 th break to canter | Elimination |
| | Prolonged canter | Elimination |
| c. | Disobedience or groom(s) dismounting anywhere on course (cumulative over course) | |
| | 1 st incidence | 3 faults |
| | 2 nd incidence | 6 faults |
| | 3 rd incidence | Elimination |
| d. | Failure to stop before the stop sign | 6 faults |
| e. | Failure to wait at the stop sign until directed by the road guard | 6 faults |
| f. | Starting before the signal | Elimination |
| g. | Failure to cross starting line within one minute | Elimination |
| h. | Off-course | Elimination |
| i. | Exceeding time limit (2X ideal time) | Elimination |
| j. | Outside assistance | Elimination |
| k. | Failure to carry a whip | Elimination |
| l. | Use of a tie-down or overcheck | Elimination |
| m. | Breakage of harness or vehicle | Elimination |
| n. | Deviation from the trot, circling, driving serpentines, and walking or stopping from the last set of course markers to the finish line | Elimination |

GENERAL INFORMATION

ADMISSION FEES

Admission is \$9.00 adults and \$4.50 children ages 5-17. The admission fee allows visitors to tour the Villa Louis mansion complex and to participate as spectators at the weekend Carriage Classic. A \$24.00 family package is available and includes two adults and their dependent children. Exhibitors will receive three "show only" passes. Additional passes are available in advance at a cost of \$3.50 each. Please order the needed passes on your registration form.

LODGING & CAMPING

A complete listing of area lodging is available via the Prairie du Chien Chamber of Commerce (800-732-1673 or www.prairieduchien.org). When booking your lodging, please speak to the manager and encourage him or her to support your sport and this event by donating to the show. Primitive camping on the grounds is available to competitors only; please register with the show office and submit your \$20.00 fee with your show registration. Fire pits are allowed but must be replaced upon departure.

STABLING & STORAGE

We have made arrangements for on-site covered box stalls. The cost of \$110 per stall includes Thursday through Sunday evenings. For those wishing to work from trailers and not reserve a stall, a grounds fee of \$20 per competitor is applicable. Limited storage space may be available for carriages offered on a first come-first served basis. The organizers cannot accept responsibility for stored items or stabled horses. Please note that the water system has high pressure at times. If you bring a hose to attach, you must turn it off at the base so as to not destroy your hose. Emergency contact information must be posted on each stall door as well as trailers.

FARRIER SERVICES

Dan Tesar of Wauzeka, Wisconsin, will be on call for emergency shoe repair only. You may contact him at (608) 874-4428 or (608) 412-1501.

VETERINARIAN

Southwest Veterinarian Services, SC., shall serve as official veterinarian. They may be called at (608) 326-6464.

SHOW PHONE NUMBER

Beginning Thursday, September 8, 2011, and continuing throughout the event, the show phone number will be (608) 326-2721.

PARTY PAGE

PARTY PASS

We offer a party pass, including admission to each of the parties listed below and lunch for Saturday and Sunday. The cost of the pass is \$50 for adults and \$35 for children under 12 years of age.

FOOD STAND

Lunch will be provided on the grounds Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. Breakfast will also be served on Saturday and Sunday. Your party pass will include a box lunch and drink for Saturday and Sunday.

WELCOME RECEPTION

Competitors are welcome to take a glimpse into the recently renovated Dousman House Hotel. The hotel is adjacent to the show grounds and hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available Friday, September 9, 2011, from 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY \$16.50 ADULTS \$12.00 CHILDREN

Please join us for our "Fish Fry" served from 6:30 – 7:45 p.m. under the Club Tent. The menu will include fresh Mississippi catfish, chicken, au gratin potatoes, coleslaw, roll and butter and choice of beverage.

FRIENDS OF THE VILLA LOUIS RECEPTION

The Friends of the Villa Louis will host a reception and open house in the Villa Louis Mansion complex on Saturday evening beginning at 5:30 p.m. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. An adult must accompany children under 18 years of age. **Business attire is expected.**

SATURDAY DINNER \$24.00 ADULTS \$16.00 CHILDREN

Saturday night dinner will feature a 10-ounce prime rib, baked potato, salad bar, roll and butter, choice of beverage, and dessert. Vegetarian lasagna is also available to those who request this in advance. Serving will begin at 6:30 p.m. Entertainment will be provided.

AWARDS PARTY

Following the competition on Sunday, there will be an Awards Party under the Club Tent.

Villa Louis Carriage Classic
Frequently Asked Questions – Obstacles

Q: Please describe the “disobedience” rule?

A: A disobedience penalty is given on an obstacle course when the turnout evades, passes or steps backwards or sideways in front of an obstacle. If the turnout stops briefly in front of an obstacle without backing a single step then proceeds through, no penalty is assigned (ADS Article 54)

Q: What is the definition of break of gait?

A: Canter is not allowed at the Villa Louis Carriage Classic. The ADS rulebook (Article 28A) defines a break to a canter as three strides if an advantage has been gained or six strides if no advantage has been gained. The judge will determine whether or not an advantage is gained. Walking in obstacle classes is not penalized except in cross country obstacles between the last course markers and the finish line. In multiples, all equines must break gait in order for penalty to be assessed.

Q: Is a salute required before starting an obstacle course?

A: In pleasure driving, a salute is not required before starting on an obstacle course. The turnout should enter the ring at the direction of the steward, when the bell or whistle sounds, the turnout must cross the starting line within one minute.

Q: On Gambler’s Choice and Pick-Your-Route cones, how do I negotiate the start and finish?

A: In both of these courses, you may start from either direction; you may also finish from either direction, regardless of the direction taken at the start.

Q: In cross country obstacles, which gates are on my course?

A: As in the past, the cross country obstacles will be “color coded”. Only those markers that have the color of your division will be considered on your course. All other markers do not exist in terms of your course. Any knockdowns, however, will remain knockdowns. Also, unlike combined driving, you may never negotiate a course marker more than once in pleasure driving.

Q: Can my groom help me on the courses?

A: In Pick-Your-Route cones and Gambler’s Choice, the groom may not “help” in any manner under penalty of elimination for outside assistance. However, at the Villa Louis Carriage Classic, the passenger/groom is allowed to give discreet verbal directional assistance on the cross country obstacle course without penalty. Please note that this is a “house rule” and may not apply at other American Driving Society events.

Q: Where do I obtain a copy of the American Driving Society rules?

A: The American Driving Society website (www.americandrivingsociety.org) contains a current copy of the rulebook; a copy of the same can be obtained via the Villa Louis Carriage Classic website (www.carriageclassic.com) via the “Competitors” page.