

# Villa Louis Carriage Classic Visitor's Guide – 2011



## Event & locations

### **Main Arena – hosts arena classes including**

- **Reinsmanship** – the emphasis of the judging is on the performance of the driver
- **Turnout** – the judging is focused on the look of the horse, driver, vehicle and tack
  - **Working** – the spotlight is on the performance of the horse(s)
- **Pick Your Route cones** – drivers must negotiate each set of paired cones in the fastest time, selecting the route he or she feels can accomplish the task
  - **Picnic** – turnouts present in the arena for a brief viewing, followed by the presentation of a picnic on the front lawn of the Villa Louis – spectators are welcomed to attend and cast your vote for the “Spectator’s Choice” – the awards are presented at the Awards Party.
- **Carriage Dog** – the judging for this class is on the canine attendant of the carriage – audience participation is invited to assist in the judging
  - **Antique Turnout** – a class for antique vehicles, be they restored or in original condition
- **Drive & Ride** – a class in which horses are shown in harness followed by a tack-change in the arena where the same horses are shown under saddle
- **Concours d’Elegance** – an invitational class in which the most elegant turnouts are shown for the top honors

### **Obstacle areas**

- **Gambler’s choice obstacles** - just north of the main arena is the “Gambler’s Choice” obstacle area – in this class, the drivers are given 2 minutes to accumulate points for negotiating obstacles. The driver may do each obstacle twice, but not in succession. Higher point values are assigned to obstacles that are more difficult or take more time.
- **Cross country obstacles** – this obstacle course consists of colored numbers along with a pair of red and white markers. Turnouts drive on a simulated country drive with the red marker on their right-hand side. An ideal time is established and the driver that completes the obstacle course without any penalties and comes closest to the ideal time is the winner. Obstacles include laundry lines, a bridge, a water crossing, and trails through the woods.

### **BRIEF SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:**

#### **Saturday, September 10**

- 7:45 a.m.** –Competition begins & continues through day, main arena
- 9:00 a.m.** – Cross-country obstacles begin (best viewed near red brick building)
- 12:00 p.m.** – Picnic class, main arena followed by Villa Louis lawn presentation
- 1:00 p.m.** – Gambler’s Choice obstacles begin (viewed north of main arena)
- 4:00 p.m.** – Drive & Ride class, main arena

#### **Sunday, September 11**

- 7:45 a.m.** –Competition begins & continues through day, main arena
- 9:00 a.m.** – Cross-country obstacles begin (best viewed near red brick building)
- 12:00 p.m.** – Carriage Dog class, main arena
- 1:00 p.m.** – Gambler’s Choice obstacles begin (viewed north of main arena)
- 4:00 p.m.** – Concours d’Elegance class, main arena