

2023 Prize List



September 8, 9, & 10, 2023

on the lawn of the

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

Organized by: Villa Louis Carriage Classic, Inc., and
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VILLA LOUIS CARRIAGE CLASSIC 2023 OFFICIALS

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****Photographs of the 2022 division champions and reserved champions
by Bob Mischka Photography****

CHANGES IN BRIEF

1. On Friday, September 8, 2023, the main arena will host three non-divisional obstacle classes which are optional for all competitors. The Reverse Psychology Obstacles, Progressive Obstacles, and Your Route/My Route Obstacles will take place simultaneously with the optional divisional Timed Obstacles in the morning and Gambler's Choice Obstacles in the afternoon. **Competitors will need to utilize the sign-up sheets at the show office for time slots for both the Timed Obstacles and Gambler's Choice sessions – first come, first served.** The Sporting Day of Traditional Driving and the Progressive Obstacles will run concurrently, so participation in both is not allowed.
2. A very limited supply of golf cars will be available for rent. Reservations will be taken on the entry form in the order received at the show office. A waiting list will be established after all available carts are reserved.
3. The Picnic Class has been reintroduced to the show schedule – please consider participating and supporting this crowd-favorite!
4. Wood shavings bags (3 cubic feet) are available to purchase in advance on the entry form. Stripping of stalls is compulsory; however, a “stall cleanup fee” of \$50.00 per stall is available for those wishing to forego stripping their stalls at the end of the competition.

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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 unless house rules are noted in this Prize List.
2. The American Driving Society, the Carriage Association of America, Villa Louis Carriage Classic, Inc., Villa Louis Carriage Classic Foundation, Inc., their committees, directors, officers, officials and staff, the State of Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Historical Society, the City of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, and any property owners of any such land which may be used for any aspect of the competition will not be responsible for any claim resulting from injury or illness (including communicable disease) to any person, horse/pony, or loss or damage to property incurred on the show grounds, staging/stabling area, or on any course. Furthermore, in all situations the driver assumes the responsibility and the liability for any injury or damage to himself/herself, to groom or grooms, and/or to passenger/passengers riding with them in the vehicle. All persons riding on any vehicle must sign a waiver which must be on file with the show secretary. Competitors in violation are subject to disqualification from the show. Please note that exposure to any communicable disease is an inherent risk in any public location where people are present; we cannot guarantee you will not be exposed during your visit.
3. The entry fee for all classes is \$15. The entry deadline is August 11, 2023. Class entries may 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 \$25 per class. All entry fees must be paid in full before entering the class. Additions and scratches may be made on the show grounds; however, new entries will not be taken on the show grounds.
4. 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 or medical certificate attests to the inability of the equine or athlete to participate due to injury or illness. The certificate must be received before 8:00 a.m. on September 8, 2023. A \$50.00 administrative fee will be assessed to refunded entry fees. Stall fees are not refundable.
5. The Committee reserves the right to combine, 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, 2023.

6. 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 all divisions only the two highest placings in the obstacle classes (Timed Obstacles, Cross Country-Pace, Gambler's Choice) 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 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.

7. Juniors are those individuals that will not be 19 years of age on or before December 31, 2023. All junior drivers and/or passengers in all competitions must wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds current American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM)/Safety Equipment Institute (SEI) standards for equestrian use and carry the SEI tag. Headgear must be properly fitted with harness secured. Failure to comply will result in elimination.
8. Drivers are required to wear a hat or protective headgear, an apron, or knee rug, and gloves with the exceptions noted for the Country Vehicle division. An appropriate driving whip should be carried at all times while driving. The whip thong should be able to reach the shoulder of the farthest horse/pony. A driver not in compliance with the above should be severely penalized. Failure to carry a whip in an obstacle class incurs elimination. A person who is unable to carry a whip may obtain special permission from the Technical Delegate to drive without one. In all classes drivers and their passengers should be dressed conservatively according to the style of the present day. Dress for driver, passengers, and attendants should conform to the type of turnout, i.e. formal, park, sporting, or country. In all classes, gentlemen must wear coat or jacket unless excused from doing so by the chairperson, manager, or judge and are requested to remove their hats when accepting awards. Ladies must wear a conservative dress, tailored suit, or slacks. Floppy hats are inappropriate for driving and are discouraged. Grooms of either sex may wear stable livery in any but the most formal vehicles where formal livery would be appropriate.
9. All horses must be serviceably sound; specifically, they must not show evidence of lameness, broken wind, physical distress, or impairment of vision in both eyes. In the case of any appeal on this

ground, the Judge will have the animal examined by the official show veterinarian or his/her designee, and his/her decision will be final. Wisconsin Regulations provide that all animals must have proof of a negative Equine Infectious Anemia test taken during the previous year. Please submit this with registration. Certificates of veterinary inspection (CVI) are required for horses from states other than Wisconsin and Minnesota. CVI papers may be presented at the show office upon arrival. At American Driving Society recognized events, all equines entering the event location must be accompanied by documentation of Equine Influenza Virus and Equine Herpes Virus (Rhinopneumonitis) vaccinations within the six months prior to arriving at the competition venue. Equines not in compliance with this rule are required to leave the driving event location upon request of competition management. The frequency of vaccine administration should be as recommended by the vaccine manufacturer or a veterinarian. It is recommended that vaccines be administered by or under the direction of a veterinarian. Documentation should consist of one of the following:

- a. In the case of vaccines given by a veterinarian, the person responsible, upon request by competition management, must provide documentation from the veterinarian, documenting that the equine in question received the vaccinations, the date administered, and the name of the vaccine.
 - b. In the case of vaccines administered by a person other than a veterinarian, the person responsible, upon request by competition management, must provide a receipt of the vaccine purchase which is signed by the person responsible, the equine's name, the serial number and expiration date of the vaccine, and the date of administration.
 - c. In the case of an equine that is unable to receive either of the vaccines due to a history of adverse reactions, the person responsible, upon request by competition management, must provide a letter from a veterinarian on official letterhead stating that the equine in question cannot be vaccinated due to medical concerns as well as a log of the equine's temperature taken at least twice daily for the seven days prior to arrival at the competition grounds. These equines must also have their temperatures taken and recorded twice daily while on the competition grounds. The log of temperatures taken must be provided to the competition management, steward, or technical delegate when requested.
10. No dogs will be allowed on the show grounds unless under control or restrained by a leash. Any dog not so restrained will be detained and turned over to the local animal control officer; the City of Prairie du Chien will assess any regular penalty fees.

11. The “water obstacle” may consist of six to eight inches of water. Animals may be schooled in the water obstacle area in hand and haltered only. No schooling will be allowed on any other part of any obstacle course. Schooling is not allowed from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on either Saturday, September 9, 2023, or Sunday, September 10, 2023. Schooling may be allowed at the discretion of show management in the main arena when not in use for scheduled competitions.
12. All competitors are required to deposit \$10.00 for a reusable number. The deposit will be returned upon receipt of the number before 6:00 p.m. on September 10, 2023. A turnout without a number or displaying an incorrect number for that turnout will not be awarded a placing.
13. 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.
14. There will be a posted “order of go” for the Timed Obstacle classes, Reverse Psychology Obstacles, Progressive Obstacles, Your Route/My Route Obstacles, and the Sporting Day of Traditional Driving. If a competitor is not present when it is his/her turn to run the course, he/she may be asked to drive the course after all other drivers in his/her respective division. For obstacle classes without a posted order of go, first come, first served will be utilized. Friendly consideration is appreciated and will be afforded to those turnouts with schedule conflicts involving arena competition.
15. Our host, the Wisconsin Historical Society – Villa Louis, has requested that neither the use of wire wheels nor pneumatic-tired vehicles are permitted, except in the Utility Vehicle division. Permission may be granted from the show committee for antique vehicles with wire wheels.
16. In the event of a breakdown in any obstacle class, either to harness or vehicle, which necessitates a halt for repair, the competitor is to make only those adjustments/repairs necessary for the safe removal of their turnout from the obstacle course.
17. The pleasure-driving horse may be of any breed, color, or size. As a **HOUSE RULE** - The Villa Louis Carriage Classic measures all equine at the highest point of the withers. Very Small Equines are those less than 99 centimeters with or without shoes (9.3 hands high). The Small Pony Open division is intended for single pony of height 99 centimeters (9.3 hands high), with or without shoes, but not taller than 137 centimeters with or without shoes (13.2 hands high). Large ponies are those taller than 137 centimeters with or without shoes (13.2 hands high) but not taller than 148 centimeters with or without shoes or 149 centimeters with shoes (14.2 hands high). All animals taller than 149 centimeters (14.2 hands high) are horses. If exhibiting an animal that is of pony or VSE height, please submit a copy of the American Driving Society Measurement Card.

18. A pair, tandem, trandem, or randem of horses/ponies or VSE/Miniature Horse Multiples (four-in-hand and unicorn turnouts) must carry a groom or passenger capable of lending assistance in case of difficulty; a unicorn/four-in-hand of horses/ponies must carry two grooms or passengers capable of lending assistance in case of difficulty. Failure to comply entails elimination.
19. Gullet straps are encouraged, and bridles should fit snugly to prevent catching on a vehicle or other pieces of harness and **under no circumstance or condition should a bridle ever be removed from a horse or pony while it is still put to a vehicle.**
20. Cross Country - Pace Obstacle course maps will be available Friday, September 8, 2023, upon approval of the courses by our officials. Timed Obstacles 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 8:00 p.m., Friday, September 8, 2023, in the Club Tent with the judges and technical delegate present – all are encouraged to attend. Escorted course inspections for the Cross Country-Pace Obstacle courses will occur at 6:45 a.m. on Saturday, September 9, 2023, and Sunday, September 10, 2023. Those wishing to partake in the inspection should meet at the Show Office.
21. The Country Vehicle division shall include those vehicles 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.) and that are put to either a single or pair of horses or ponies. Lap robes are optional.
22. The Utility Vehicle division is a division for singles or pairs driven to two-wheeled or four-wheeled training, marathon, or contemporary vehicles. Conservative attire is considered appropriate.
23. The Antique Vehicle division is open to entries shown to vehicles built before 1940. Vehicles can be in original, conserved, or restored condition. This division does not offer any obstacle classes.
24. All the classes listed as Cones shall be Timed Obstacles. Clearance for all divisions will be 30 centimeters.
25. **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 disabilities. All operators of motorized vehicles assume liability for their actions and must be insured and licensed accordingly. Motorized vehicles are allowed on course for inspection of the course and terrain only; motorized vehicle operators are expected to negotiate around course markers when possible and if not possible, must do so at a walking pace. Only show official vehicles will be allowed on any obstacle course between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.
Motorized Vehicle Notice: At any ADS-recognized event, minors

who do not have a valid driver's license which allows them to operate a motorized vehicle in the jurisdiction in which they reside will not be permitted to operate a motorized vehicle of any kind (including, but not limited to, golf carts, motorcycles, scooters, or farm utility vehicles) at the event location. Minors who have a valid temporary license or learner's permit may operate motorized vehicles only when accompanied by an adult with a valid driver's license. The parent(s), or legal guardian(s) of a minor operating a motorized vehicle in violation of this rule are solely responsible for any damages, claims, losses, or actions resulting from that operation. Violations of this rule will be cause for penalties and/or sanctions against the parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) who are responsible for the child committing the offense. Penalties may include exclusion of the child, parent(s), guardian(s), and/or trainer(s) from the event location for the remainder of the event. Wheelchairs and other mobility assistance devices for individuals with disabilities are exempt.

26. In the Drive & Ride class, 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.
27. The Villa Louis Carriage Classic is an American Driving Society (ADS) recognized 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.
28. 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, pickaxe, and four-in-hand.
29. Competitors may utilize bicycles to "walk" the course for the Cross Country-Pace Obstacles. Bicycles will not be permitted on the Gambler's Choice Obstacle, Timed Obstacle, Progressive Obstacle, Reverse Psychology Obstacle, or Your Route/My Route Obstacle courses.
30. 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.
31. Competitors and equines may enter more than one division, with permission of show management, provided their schedule allows timely participation in events.
32. 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 at least one first placing in each of three ADS-recognized and/or USEF-licensed Carriage Pleasure driving competitions. Events with less than three entries do not count toward advancement from the

- novice division (ADS Article 214). For a visual flowchart of this, see the last page of the booklet, under “Frequently Asked Questions.”
33. Any turnout of single horse or pony may compete in the Limit Driver division provided said driver has not won at least six first placings in each of three ADS-recognized and/or USEF-licensed Carriage Pleasure driving competitions. Events with less than three entries do not count toward advancement from the limit division (ADS Article 214). For a visual flowchart of this, see the last page of the booklet, under “Frequently Asked Questions.”
 34. The status of Novice and Limit entries is as of August 11, 2023.
 35. Canter is prohibited in all classes. Breaks to canter are defined as four or more full strides (ADS Article 211). Prolonged cantering (more than six full strides) will be penalized according to class specifications. In the case of pairs and multiples, all equine in a turnout must break to incur penalties.



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CHAMPIONSHIP DIVISIONS

ANTIQUE VEHICLE

Reinsmanship

Turnout

Working

COUNTRY VEHICLE

Timed Obstacles

Cross Country - Pace

Gambler's Choice

Reinsmanship

Turnout

Working

JUNIOR

Timed Obstacles

Cross Country - Pace

Gambler's Choice

Reinsmanship

Working

LARGE PONY OPEN

Timed Obstacles

Cross Country - Pace

Gambler's Choice

Reinsmanship

Turnout

Working

LIMIT DRIVER

Timed Obstacles

Cross Country - Pace

Gambler's Choice

Reinsmanship

Turnout

Working

MULTIPLES

Timed Obstacles

Cross Country - Pace

Gambler's Choice

Reinsmanship

Turnout

Working

NOVICE DRIVER

Timed Obstacles

Cross Country - Pace

Gambler's Choice

Reinsmanship

Turnout

Working

NOVICE HORSE/PONY

Timed Obstacles

Cross Country - Pace

Gambler's Choice

Reinsmanship

Turnout

Working

PAIR HORSE

Timed Obstacles

Cross Country - Pace

Gambler's Choice

Reinsmanship

Turnout

Working

PAIR PONY

Timed Obstacles

Cross Country - Pace

Gambler's Choice

Reinsmanship

Turnout

Working

SINGLE HORSE OPEN

Timed Obstacles

Cross Country - Pace

Gambler's Choice

Reinsmanship

Turnout

Working

SMALL PONY OPEN

Timed Obstacles

Cross Country - Pace

Gambler's Choice

Reinsmanship

Turnout

Working

UTILITY VEHICLE

Timed Obstacles

Cross Country - Pace

Gambler's Choice

Reinsmanship

Working

VERY SMALL EQUINE

Timed Obstacles

Cross Country - Pace

Gambler's Choice

Reinsmanship

Turnout

Working



PAIRS

Stacey Giere, Champion
Karen Hanson, Reserve



LARGE PONY OPEN

Nichole Jansen, Champion
Aaron Achenbach, Reserve





JUNIOR
Danielle Mauhar, Champion
Bella Alvarez, Reserve



MULTIPLES
Paul Maye, Champion
Dr. Jessica Hunt-Gross, Reserve

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

ATTENDANTS' CLASS

This class is open to grooms, trainers or volunteers that are entering only this class during the competition. The attendant/driver shall be dressed as a driver for this class. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. Drivers shall be required to rein back. All drivers chosen for a workout may be worked at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute 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 horse's mouth. Drivers should not be penalized or rewarded for using one general style over another. To be judged: 75% on handling of reins and whip, control, posture, and overall impression of driver; 25% on the condition of harness and vehicle and neatness of attire.

CARRIAGE DOG (HOUSE RULES)

A pleasure driving class judged primarily on the suitability of the dog to serve as a companion. To be judged both ways in the arena at a walk, slow trot, and working trot. The dog should be standing, lying down, or seated on the vehicle. The dog must be under control at all times. The dog must not be led on the ground from the vehicle or be restrained by being tied to the vehicle, driver, or passenger. The driver should not hold the dog, and the dog should not interfere with the driver in any way. The dog may be of any breed. To be judged 60% on the suitability of the dog to serve as a companion; 30% on the performance, manners, and way of going of the horse(s); 10% on the overall impression of the turnout, including the dog. Entries with a dog clearly not under control may be eliminated. The judge may elicit input from the spectators, in the form of applause to aid in making his/her decision. As a **HOUSE RULE**, the Villa Louis Carriage Classic allows more than one dog to accompany a turnout. An honorary judge may assist with the judging of this class.

CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE

A pleasure driving class in which the essence of the competition is the word "Elegance." The winner will be the turnout which, in the opinion of the judge, presents the most elegant effect. This will include vehicle, harness, appointments, horse(s), driver, passengers, grooms, etc., but above all, general impression is most important. Vehicle and harness may be inspected to ensure thoughtful restoration and careful maintenance. Attention will be paid to the personal appearance of the driver, grooms, and passengers as it contributes to the overall picture. Performance will not be judged unless it detracts from the elegance of the turnout. An honorary judge may assist with the judging of this class.

CROSS COUNTRY - PACE OBSTACLES (HOUSE RULES)

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, stopping, circling, or driving serpentines between the last set of course markers and the finish line is 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



VILLA LOUIS CARRIAGE CLASSIC

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2023

THURSDAY, SEPT. 7

- 1:00 Show Office opens
5:00 Show Office closes

FRIDAY, SEPT. 8

- 7:00 Show Office opens
MAIN ARENA
8:15 Course inspection open
○ *Reverse Psychology Obstacles**
9:00 Reverse Psychology Obstacles*
11:15 Course inspection open
○ *Progressive Obstacles**
12:00 Progressive Obstacles*
1:45 Course inspection open
○ *Your Route/My Route Obstacles**
2:30 Your Route/My Route Obstacles*
4:00 Obstacles stop
OUTSIDE ARENA
8:00 Course inspections open
○ *Timed Obstacles*
○ *Gambler's Choice*
9:00 Timed Obstacles (all divisions optional)
12:00 Sporting Day of Traditional Driving*
1:30 Gambler's Choice (all divisions optional)
5:00 **Welcome Reception** – Lawler Park South Shelter
7:00 **Friday Night Dinner**
8:00 **Question & Answer session**
8:00 Show Office closes

*Non-division Class

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

ARENA

- 8:00 **ND** Turnout
VSE Turnout
CV Turnout
MU Turnout
NH Turnout
SHO Turnout
LPO Turnout
SPO Turnout
AV Turnout
LD Turnout
PRP Turnout
PRH Turnout
12:00 **Picnic Class***
12:30 **UV** Reinsmanship
JR Reinsmanship
ND Reinsmanship
VSE Reinsmanship
CV Reinsmanship
MU Reinsmanship
NH Reinsmanship
AV Reinsmanship
3:00 **Drive & Ride (Drive)***
Gentlemen's Driving*
Drive & Ride (Ride)*
5:00 Show Office closes
5:00 **Villa Louis Reception**
7:00 **Saturday Night Dinner, Desserts, Raffle**

SATURDAY, SEPT. 9

OBSTACLES

- 8:00 **UV** Timed Obstacles
ND Timed Obstacles
VSE Timed Obstacles
CV Timed Obstacles
MU Timed Obstacles
NH Timed Obstacles
10:00 **SHO** Cross Country
LPO Cross Country
SPO Cross Country
11:20 **LD** Cross Country
PRP Cross Country
PRH Cross Country
1:00 **UV** Gambler's Choice
JR Gambler's Choice
ND Gambler's Choice
VSE Gambler's Choice
CV Gambler's Choice
MU Gambler's Choice
NH Gambler's Choice



SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

ARENA

- 7:00 Worship service
8:00 **LD** Reinsmanship
PRP Reinsmanship
PRH Reinsmanship
SPO Reinsmanship
LPO Reinsmanship
SHO Reinsmanship
10:00 **Ladies' Driving Class***
VSE Working
ND Working
NH Working
JR Working
12:00 **Carriage Dog Class***
12:30 **MU** Working
CV Working
UV Working
Attendants' Class*
LD Working
SPO Working
SHO Working
PRP Working
PRH Working
LPO Working
AV Working
4:00 **Concours d'Elegance***
5:00 **Awards Party**

SUNDAY, SEPT. 10

OBSTACLES

- 8:00 **JR** Timed Obstacles
LD Timed Obstacles
PRP Timed Obstacles
PRH Timed Obstacles
SPO Timed Obstacles
LPO Timed Obstacles
SHO Timed Obstacles
11:00 **VSE** Cross Country
ND Cross Country
NH Cross Country
JR Cross Country
1:00 **MU** Cross Country
CV Cross Country
UV Cross Country
2:00 **LD** Gambler's Choice
SPO Gambler's Choice
SHO Gambler's Choice
PRP Gambler's Choice
PRH Gambler's Choice
LPO Gambler's Choice

ABBREVIATIONS

AV = Antique Vehicle
CV = Country Vehicle
JR = Junior
LD = Limit Driver
LPO = Large Pony Open
MU = Multiples
ND = Novice Driver
NH = Novice Horse/Pony
PRH = Pair Horse
PRP = Pair Pony
SHO = Single Horse Open
SPO = Small Pony Open
UV = Utility Vehicle
VSE = Very Small Equine

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 of a tie in course faults, the winner will be the entry that finishes closest to the ideal time. If a tie occurs in both course faults and time faults, the winner will be determined by a drive-off. A passenger/groom may offer discreet directional assistance to the driver.

COURSE PENALTIES:

a.	Knocking down or dislodging an obstacle or course marker	5 faults
b.	Break in gait	
	1 st break	5 faults
	2 nd break	5 faults
	3 rd break	5 faults
	4 th break	Elimination
	Prolonged break	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

DRIVE AND RIDE

A pleasure driving class for single horses and ponies to be shown in two concurrent sections:

1. In Harness: To be shown to a suitable pleasure driving vehicle, both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot. To stand quietly and to rein back.
2. Under Saddle: To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, trot, and canter. To stand quietly and to rein back.
3. To be judged:
 - 50% on performance, manners, way of going, and suitability in harness.
 - 50% on performance, manners, and way of going under saddle.

GAMBLER'S CHOICE OBSTACLES (HOUSE RULES)

To be driven over a course of unnumbered obstacles each carrying a specific point value. Each driver has the same allowed time to negotiate as many obstacles as possible. Each obstacle is assigned a point value according to its degree of difficulty. Each driver tries to amass as high a score as possible within the time allowed. After passing through the start markers, the driver may drive through the obstacles in any order from any direction. Each obstacle may be successfully driven twice, but not in succession. If driven a third time, no points will be awarded. No obstacle may be re-driven once it has been disturbed. (Exception: Obstacles which are designed to be knocked down or disturbed.) No points will be awarded for an incorrectly completed obstacle. If the obstacle is incorrectly driven, but not disturbed, it may be attempted again. If a horse should refuse or run out at an obstacle without disturbing it, the driver may elect not to attempt it and may drive to



SINGLE HORSE OPEN 2 WHEELED

Kimberly Moore, Champion
Dr. Mary Kraft-Lee, Reserve



SINGLE HORSE OPEN 4 WHEELED

Claire Rasmussen, Champion
Sally Lawing, Reserve





ANTIQUE VEHICLE

Eric Smith, Champion
Paul Maye, Reserve



SMALL PONY OPEN

Cynthia Bellis-Jones, Champion
Kottie Hagen, Reserve

another obstacle without penalty. The obstacle may be attempted later. If it is then correctly driven the appropriate points will be recorded. The driver shall pass through the finish markers after completing the course elements he/she wishes to perform or after the signal is given which indicates the allowed time has elapsed, whichever comes first. Passing through the finish markers is where the total time on the course will be recorded. If the driver fails to cross the finish line before leaving the arena, a score will be recorded and "no time" will be assigned. In the event of a tie, the competitor with "no time" shall be awarded a lower placing than those with recorded times. If the signal sounds when the competitor is committed to an obstacle, the competitor may complete the obstacle and receive the appropriate points, then proceed through the finish markers for total time to be recorded. Whether or not the competitor was committed to the last obstacle at the signal will be left to the discretion of the judge. Dislodging a start or finish marker will incur a penalty of 20% of the value of the highest obstacle point value. Break to canter will be penalized as follows (incident penalties are cumulative): 1st incident = 20% value of highest obstacle point value, 2nd incident = 50% value of highest obstacle point value, 3rd incident = 100% value of highest obstacle point value, 4th incident or prolonged cantering = elimination. (Note: This is a modification of American Driving Society Class "Gambler's Choice Obstacles [ADS 249.3]" with modifications indicated above, this will be a high-point class and will follow the rules of Article 246 for other penalties.)

GENTLEMEN'S DRIVING CLASS

Entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the turnout for a gentleman with emphasis on manners. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot. May show a degree of boldness but not excessive speed. Must rein back without resistance and must stand quietly at any location in the arena. To be judged: 50% on manners, performance, and suitability of the turnout for a gentleman; 25% on skill of the driver; 25% on overall impression.

LADIES' DRIVING CLASS

Entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the turnout for a lady with emphasis on manners. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot. Must rein back without resistance and must stand quietly at any location in the arena. To be judged: 50% on manners, performance, elegance, and suitability of the turnout for a lady; 25% on skill of the driver; 25% on overall impression.

PICNIC CLASS (HOUSE RULES)

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. Turnouts may be asked for walk, slow trot, and working trot; they may also be asked to halt and stand quietly and rein back. After the arena portion of the competition, turnouts will be excused and shown to their respective picnic locations on the lawn of the Villa Louis Historic Site. Equine should be unhitched from vehicles for the picnic presentation portion of the class. Safety is of utmost importance. Judges will visit each picnic location. Honorary judges may be used for this class. Placings will be based upon the following: 20% on performance, manners, and way of going; 20% on condition, fit, and appropriateness of harness and vehicle; 60% on overall impression including presentation of the picnic. The awards for the Picnic Class will be presented during the Awards Party. A "Spectator's Choice" ballot may also be conducted.

PROGRESSIVE OBSTACLES

To be driven at the trot over a course of six numbered obstacles which will be adjusted to the following clearances: #1 – 51 cm; #2 – 41 cm; #3 – 30 cm; #4 – 20 cm; #5 – 10 cm;

#6 – 5 cm. After passing the starting line, the entry shall proceed through each obstacle, in order, until finishing the course or dislodging an obstacle. Scoring: Time to be recorded when the rear axle clears the last obstacle, an obstacle is dislodged or a break in gait (walk or canter); points accumulated to that point count. For disobedience, going off course, or a groom dismounting on course, points accumulated to that point count; however, no time will be recorded. Two points are awarded for each set of cones cleared. No points are awarded for a dislodged obstacle. Placings determined on a high-point basis. In the event of a tie, the fastest time will decide ties. Entries with accumulated points and no recorded time are placed after those with equal points and recorded time.

REINSMANSHIP

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the ability and skill of the driver. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot. Drivers shall be required to rein back. All drivers chosen for a workout may be worked at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute 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 horse's mouth. Drivers should not be penalized or rewarded for using one general style over another. To be judged: 75% on handling of reins and whip, control, posture, and overall impression of driver; 25% on the condition of harness and vehicle and neatness of attire.

REVERSE PSYCHOLOGY OBSTACLES

To be driven over a prescribed course of obstacles (paired markers). After passing through the Start markers, all the obstacles must be driven in the correct sequence. After completing the highest-numbered obstacle, the driver will then turn and drive that obstacle in reverse direction and continue to drive all the remaining obstacles in reverse order and in the reverse direction and through the Finish markers where timing will stop. Course faults are scored as penalty seconds and added to the driver's elapsed time. Placings are determined on a low total-time basis. Ties for first place will be broken by a drive-off. Entries may be stopped by a signal from the judge after completing the highest numbered obstacle to allow dislodged/disturbed obstacles to be rebuilt.

COURSE PENALTIES:

a) Knocking over start or finish marker	5 seconds
b) Knocking down or dislodging obstacle	5 seconds
c) Break to canter	
1st break to canter	5 seconds
2nd break to canter	5 seconds
3rd break to canter	5 seconds
4th break to canter	Elimination
Prolonged canter	Elimination
d) Disobedience or groom(s) dismounting (cumulative over course)	
1st incident	5 seconds
2nd incident	10 seconds
3rd incident	Elimination
e) Starting before signal	Elimination
f) Failure to cross starting line within one minute of signal	Elimination
g) Off-course	Elimination
h) Outside assistance	Elimination
i) Failure to carry whip	Elimination
j) Use of a tie-down or overcheck	Elimination
k) Breakage of harness or vehicle	Elimination
l) Exceeding time limit (twice time allowed)	Elimination
m) Entries that overturn	Elimination
n) Failure of entire entry to pass through start or finish markers	Elimination



UTILITY VEHICLE
Dr. Jennifer Peterson, Champion
Jordyn Anderson, Reserve



VERY SMALL EQUINE
Bridget Edgar, Champion
Olaf Edgar, Reserve





NOVICE PONY
 Luke Dahlberg, Champion
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SPORTING DAY OF TRADITIONAL DRIVING

The Sporting Day of Traditional Driving was developed by the Carriage Association of America. The Villa Louis Carriage Classic will utilize a format which includes a turnout inspection, a country drive, and a cones course. Turnouts compete against an optimum score of 100 points (50 points for the turnout inspection, 25 points each for the country drive and the cones course). Turnouts participating should carry an appropriate slow-moving vehicle sign as the country drive section will be approximately 3-4 miles on hard-surfaced roads with required "Drivers' Test" locations along the route. The cones course will use a traditional start/finish line with no more than 10 numbered pairs of driving cones. Cones will be set at 2 meters for all turnouts. Please refer to the Carriage Association of America (www.caaonline.com) for additional scoring information and turnout recommendations. The country drive section of the competition will not be timed.

TIMED OBSTACLES – (CONES)

To be driven over a prescribed course of obstacles, not to exceed 20 obstacles. After passing the starting line, the driver shall proceed through each obstacle in order to the designated finish line. Course faults are assessed as penalty seconds and are added to the driver's elapsed time. Placings are determined on a low total time basis.

PENALTIES

a) Knocking over start or finish marker	5 seconds
b) Knocking down or dislodging obstacle	5 seconds
c) Break to canter	
1st break to canter	5 seconds
2nd break to canter	5 seconds
3rd break to canter	5 seconds
4th break to canter	Elimination
Prolonged canter	Elimination
d) Disobedience or groom(s) dismounting (cumulative over course)	
1st incident	5 seconds
2nd incident	10 seconds
3rd incident	Elimination
e) Starting before signal	Elimination
f) Failure to cross starting line within one minute of signal	Elimination
g) Off-course	Elimination
h) Outside assistance	Elimination
i) Failure to carry whip	Elimination
j) Use of a tie-down or overcheck	Elimination
k) Breakage of harness or vehicle	Elimination
l) Exceeding time limit (twice time allowed)	Elimination
m) Entries that overturn	Elimination
n) Failure of entire entry to pass through start or finish markers	Elimination

TURNOUT

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 a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot. To stand quietly and to rein back. To be judged: 70% on the 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.

WORKING

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the horse to provide a pleasant drive. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot. To stand quietly, both 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 and may be asked to execute appropriate tests. To be judged: 70% on performance, manners, and way of going of the horse(s); 20% on the condition and fit of harness and vehicle; 10% on neatness of attire.

YOUR ROUTE/MY ROUTE OBSTACLES

To be driven over a course of 10 numbered obstacles. Paired markers will be set at 200 cm (2 meters) for all turnouts. **Your Route:** After passing through the start markers, the driver shall drive through all 10 obstacles in the correct sequence and direction. **My Route:** After completing the #10 obstacle, the competitor will continue, without passing through the start/finish markers by driving all obstacles a second time in any sequence and in either direction. Time will be taken when passing through the Finish markers in either direction. Entries may be stopped by a signal from the judge after completing the #10 obstacle to allow dislodged/disturbed obstacles to be rebuilt. Course faults are assessed as penalty seconds and are added to the driver's elapsed time. Placings are determined on a low total-time basis. In the event of a tie, the competitor with the lowest course fault total will be placed ahead of competitor with higher course fault totals.

PENALTIES

a) Knocking over start or finish marker	5 seconds
b) Knocking down or dislodging obstacle	5 seconds
c) Break to canter	
1st break to canter	5 seconds
2nd break to canter	5 seconds
3rd break to canter	5 seconds
4th break to canter	Elimination
Prolonged canter	Elimination
d) Disobedience or groom(s) dismounting (cumulative over course)	
1st incident	5 seconds
2nd incident	10 seconds
3rd incident	Elimination
e) Starting before signal	Elimination
f) Failure to cross starting line within one minute of signal	Elimination
g) Off-course	Elimination
h) Outside assistance	Elimination
i) Failure to carry whip	Elimination
j) Use of a tie-down or overcheck	Elimination
k) Breakage of harness or vehicle	Elimination
l) Exceeding time limit (twice time allowed)	Elimination
m) Entries that overturn	Elimination
n) Failure of entire entry to pass through start or finish markers	Elimination

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GENERAL INFORMATION

ADMISSION FEES

Weekend admission to the Villa Louis Historic Site is \$27.50 for adults and \$15.00 for children ages 5-12. The admission fee is for spectators at the Carriage Classic and includes a guided tour of the Villa Louis Historic Site. Daily rates are also available. Exhibitors will receive three weekend grounds only passes; additional weekend passes are available in advance at a cost of \$5.00 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 our 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 \$40.00 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 \$140 per stall includes Wednesday through Sunday evenings. For those wishing to work from trailers and not reserve a stall, a grounds fee of \$30 per competitor is applicable. Limited covered 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. Emergency contact information must be posted on each stall door as well as on all trailers.

FARRIER SERVICES

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

VETERINARIAN

Southwest Veterinary Services shall serve as official show veterinarian. They may be called at (608) 326-6464.

PARTY PAGE

FOOD STAND

Breakfast and lunch will be provided on the grounds on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

FRIDAY WELCOME RECEPTION

Competitors and their guests are invited to relax and enjoy the Mississippi River at the Lawler Park South Shelter. The park is adjacent to the show grounds. Hors d'oeuvre and refreshments will be served. Friday, September 8, 2023, 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm.

FRIDAY NIGHT FISH FRY *\$26.00 ADULTS \$17.00 CHILDREN*

Please join us for our Fish Fry served from 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. under the Club Tent. The menu will include freshly fried Mississippi catfish, chicken, potatoes, coleslaw, roll and butter, choice of beverage, and dessert. Beginning August 12, 2023, prices will be \$29.00 for adults and \$20.00 for children 12 and younger.

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 5:00 pm. Wine and hors d'oeuvres will be served. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Business attire is expected.

SATURDAY DINNER *\$36.00 ADULTS \$27.00 CHILDREN*

Saturday night dinner will feature a 10-ounce prime rib, baked potato, salad, roll and butter, choice of beverage, and dessert. Vegetarian lasagna and grilled salmon are also available to those who request either of these entrees in advance. Serving will begin at 7:00 p.m. Beginning August 12, 2023, prices will be \$39.00 for adults and \$30.00 for children 12 and younger.

AWARDS PARTY

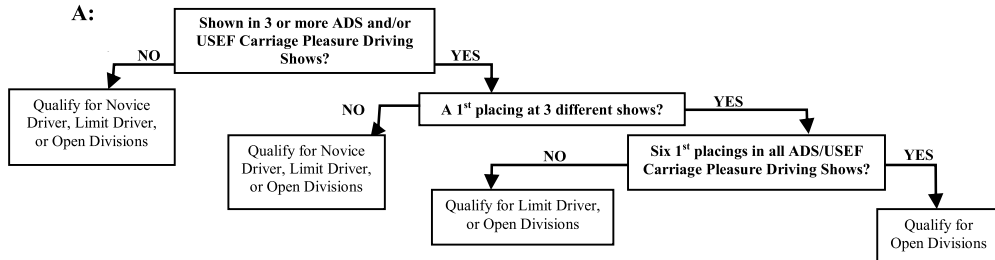
Following the competition on Sunday there will be an Awards Party under the Club Tent for competitors and their guests.

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Get-Away on the River	605 N Prairie St Prairie du Chien, WI	602-741-1030
Orchard Manor LLC	32195 Ambro Rd Prairie du Chien, WI	608-412-1300
Area Motels/Hotels		
Captain's Cove	13389 Highway 18 Prairie du Chien, WI	608-994-2860
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Fenmore Hills Hotel	5821 US Highway 18 W Fennimore, WI	608-822-3281
Frontier Motel	302 S 1 st St Marquette, IA	563-873-3497
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Cave Courtyard Guest Studio	214 A St McGregor, IA	563-873-2759
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Spook Cave Campground & Cabins	13299 Spook Cave Rd McGregor, IA	563-539-4114
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Villa Louis Carriage Classic *Frequently Asked Questions*

Q: How do I know if I qualify for the novice driver or limit driver divisions?

A:



Q: In the Cross-Country - Pace Obstacles, which gates are on my course?

A: The Cross-Country - Pace Obstacle course 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. All obstacle elements that are dislodgeable, however, will incur penalty if dislodged. Also, unlike combined driving, in pleasure driving you may never negotiate a course marker more than once.

Q: Can my groom or passenger give me direction on any of the obstacle courses?

A: In any class *except for the Cross Country - Pace*, 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 can give discreet verbal directional assistance on the Cross Country - Pace Obstacle course without penalty. **Please note:** this is a house rule and may not apply at other American Driving Society or United States Equestrian Federation events.

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

A: The American Driving Society website (www.americanandrivingsociety.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.

Q: At what age do junior drivers no longer need to have a knowledgeable adult horseman riding in the vehicle during competition?

A: Junior drivers that are or will be 10 years old or younger on December 31, 2023, are required to carry a knowledgeable adult horseman in all competition. Junior drivers that are or will be 11, 12 or 13 years of age on December 31, 2023, are required to carry a knowledgeable adult horseman provided the junior is not showing a Very Small Equine (see General Rule #17). Junior drivers who are or will be 14 to 18 years of age on December 31, 2023, are not required to carry a knowledgeable adult horseman for single turnouts. (ADS Article 2.7).

Q: Can you please explain the optional obstacle classes on Friday?

A: The non-division obstacle classes on the Friday schedule include the Reverse Psychology Obstacles, Progressive Obstacles, and Your Route/My Route Obstacles. These courses will be set and driven in the main arena. Competitors also have the option of driving their divisional Timed Obstacles (Cones) on the North Lawn on Friday morning, or a driver may elect to drive the Timed Obstacle class when the class is scheduled for their division on either Saturday or Sunday morning. The same is true for Gambler’s Choice Obstacles except this course is open for driving for all divisions Friday afternoon. The option to do these classes early is intended to allow for cross-entry of individuals and alleviate schedule conflicts with the main arena during the Saturday and Sunday show.