



VILLA LOUIS CARRIAGE CLASSIC VISITOR'S GUIDE – 2024



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)
- **Carriage Dog** – the judging for this class is on the canine attendant of the carriage – audience participation is invited to assist in the judging
- **Drive & Ride** – a class in which horses are shown in harness followed by a tack change where the same horses are shown under saddle
 - **Attendants' Class** – a chance for the “behind the scenes” folks to take the stage and show off their skills at driving in the class
 - **Concours d'Elegance** – an invitational class in which the most elegant turnouts are shown for the top honors
 - **Picnic Class** – turnouts show their horses and ponies in the arena, then set up a picnic on the lawn of the Villa Louis – judging of both sections is combined for a winner – spectators also get to vote for their favorite to win the Spectator's Choice Award

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 120 seconds 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 technically more difficult or take more time. The driver who accumulates the highest points is the winner; time is used to break ties.
- **Cross Country-Pace Obstacles** – this obstacle course consists of colored numbers and 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 based on the size of the equine; the driver that completes the obstacle course without any penalties and closest to the ideal time is the winner. Obstacles include laundry lines, bridges, a water crossing, and trails through the woods.
- **Timed Obstacles** – for this cones course, turnouts must drive between paired cones (#1-#12) set about a foot wider than the width of their carriage. Knocking the balls from atop the cones adds 5 seconds to their time on course. The fastest time wins.

BRIEF SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

Friday, September 6, 2024

- 9:00 a.m. – Obstacle competition in the main arena (Reverse Psychology Obstacles) and North Lawn (Timed Obstacles)
11:00 a.m. – Lecture: *What is a Pleasure Driving Show?* by Mary Chris Foxworthy– Club Tent
Noon - Obstacle competition in the main arena (Progressive Obstacles); Concours d'Attelage de Tradition – Presentation judging – Paddock Area
1:30 p.m. – Gambler's Choice Obstacles on the North Lawn
2:00 p.m. - Stable Tour – Meet under the Visitor Center
2:30 p.m. – Obstacle competition in the main arena (Your Route/My Route Obstacles)
7:00 p.m. – Friday Night Dinner– reservations required

Saturday, September 7, 2024

- 8:00 a.m. – Arena competition begins & continues through the day; timed obstacles begin on North Lawn
10:00 a.m. - Stable Tour – Meet under the Visitor Center
10:00 a.m. – Cross-country obstacles begin (best viewed near water crossing)
Noon – Picnic Class – main arena and Villa Louis gardens
1:00 p.m. – Stable Tour – Meet under the Visitor Center
1:00 p.m. – Gambler's Choice obstacles begin (viewed north of the main arena)
4:00 p.m. – Drive & Ride class (main arena)
7:00 p.m. – Saturday Night Dinner – reservations required



Sunday, September 8, 2024

- 8:00 a.m. – Arena competition begins & continues through the day; time obstacles begin on North Lawn
11:00 - Stable Tour – Meet under the Visitor Center
11:00 Cross-country obstacles begin (best viewed near water crossing)
Noon – Carriage Dog Class (main arena)
1:00 p.m. – Lecture – Lecture: *What is a Pleasure Driving Show?* By Mary Chris Foxworthy– Club Tent
2:00 p.m. – Gambler's Choice obstacles begin (viewed north of the main arena)
4:00 p.m. – Concours d'Elegance (main arena)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW – SEPTEMBER 5-7, 2025



VILLA LOUIS CARRIAGE CLASSIC

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2024

THURSDAY, SEPT. 5

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

FRIDAY, SEPT. 6

- 7:00 Show Office opens
MAIN ARENA
8:15 Course inspection open
o *Reverse Psychology Obstacles**
9:00 Reverse Psychology Obstacles*
11:15 Course inspection open
o *Progressive Obstacles**
12:00 Progressive Obstacles*
1:45 Course inspection open
o *Your Route/My Route Obstacles**
2:30 Your Route/My Route Obstacles*
4:00 Obstacles stop
OUTSIDE ARENA
8:00 Course inspections open
o *Timed Obstacles*
o *Gambler's Choice*
9:00 Timed Obstacles (all divisions optional)
12:00 Concours d'Attelage de Tradition*
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. 7

ARENA

- 8:00 ND Turnout
VSE Turnout
MU Turnout
NH Turnout
NP Turnout
LPO Turnout
SHO Turnout
SPO Turnout
AV Turnout
LD Turnout
PRH Turnout
PRP Turnout
12:00 **Picnic Class***
12:20 UV Reinsmanship
JR Reinsmanship
ND Reinsmanship
VSE Reinsmanship
MU Reinsmanship
NH Reinsmanship
NP Reinsmanship
AV Reinsmanship
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, Auction**

SATURDAY, SEPT. 7

OBSTACLES

- 8:00 UV Timed Obstacles
ND Timed Obstacles
VSE Timed Obstacles
MU Timed Obstacles
NH Timed Obstacles
NP Timed Obstacles
10:00 LPO Cross Country
SHO Cross Country
SPO Cross Country
LD Cross Country
PRH Cross Country
PRP Cross Country
12:40 UV Gambler's Choice
JR Gambler's Choice
ND Gambler's Choice
VSE Gambler's Choice
MU Gambler's Choice
NH Gambler's Choice
NP Gambler's Choice



SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

ARENA

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

SUNDAY, SEPT. 8

OBSTACLES

- 8:00 JR Timed Obstacles
LD Timed Obstacles
PRP Timed Obstacles
PRH Timed Obstacles
SPO Timed Obstacles
LPO Timed Obstacles
SHO Timed Obstacles
10:40 VSE Cross Country
ND Cross Country
NH Cross Country
NP Cross Country
JR Cross Country
MU Cross Country
UV Cross Country
1:40 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*
JR = *Junior*
LD = *Limit Driver*
LPO = *Large Pony Open*
MU = *Multiples*
ND = *Novice Driver*
NH = *Novice Horse*
NP = *Novice Pony*
PRH = *Pair Horse*
PRP = *Pair Pony*
SHO = *Single Horse Open*
SPO = *Small Pony Open*
UV = *Utility Vehicle*
VSE = *Very Small Equine*