

# VILLA LOUIS CARRIAGE CLASSIC

## VISITOR'S GUIDE – 2021



### 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)
- **Carriage Dog** – the judging for this class is on the canine attendant of the carriage – audience participation is invited to assist in the
- **Drive & Ride** – a class in which horses are shown in harness followed by a tack-change where the same horses are shown under saddle
  - **Attendant's 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

#### 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 along with a pair or 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.
- **Timed obstacles** – for this cones course, turnouts must drive between paired cones (#1-#12) that are set about a foot wider than the width of their carriage. Knocking the balls from atop the cones adds 5 seconds for each ball down to their time on course. The fastest time wins.

#### BRIEF SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

##### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

- 9:00 a.m. – Obstacle competition in arena (Reverse Psychology) and North Lawn (Timed Obstacles)
- 11:00 a.m. – Lecture: “FIRE!!!! Horses Save the Day!” by Mary Chris Foxworthy – Club Tent
- 12:00 p.m. - Sporting Day of Traditional Driving – main arena
- 1:00 p.m. - Stable Tour – meet under the Visitor Center
- 1:30 p.m. – Obstacle competition in arena (Your Route/My Route) and North Lawn (Gambler's Choice)
- 3:00 p.m. – Lecture: “Driving Basics” by David Saunders – Club Tent
- 7:00 p.m. – Friday Night Dinner – reservations required



##### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2021

- 8:00 a.m. – Competition begins & continues through day, main arena
- 10:00 a.m. – Cross-country obstacles begin (best viewed near water crossing)
- 11:00 a.m. - Lecture: “Life of a Royal Coachman” by David Saunders – Club Tent
- 12:00 p.m. – Carriage Dog Class – main arena
- 1:00 p.m. Stable Tour – meet under the Visitor Center
- 1:00 p.m. – Gambler's Choice obstacles begin (viewed north of main arena)
- 2:00 p.m. – Carriage Showcase Commentary (Carriage Showcase tent)
- 3:00 p.m. – Lecture: “Coaching in the Gilded Age” by Mary Chris Foxworthy – Club Tent
- 4:00 p.m. – Drive & Ride class (main arena)
- 7:00 p.m. – Saturday Night Dinner – reservations required

##### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

- 8:00 a.m. – Competition begins & continues through day, main arena
- 11:00 a.m. – Cross-country obstacles begin (best viewed near water crossing)
- 11:00 a.m. – Lecture: “Iconic Women and Horses” by Mary Chris Foxworthy – Club Tent
- 12:00 p.m. – Ladies' Driving Class – main arena
- 1:00 p.m. – Stable Tour – meet under the Visitor Center
- 1:20 p.m. – Gambler's Choice obstacles begin (viewed north of main arena)
- 3:00 p.m. – Lecture: “Questions Answered” by David Saunders – Club Tent
- 4:00 p.m. – Concours d'Elegance – main arena