



March 4-5, 2023

Join us for the inaugural

Black Prong Equestrian Village *Classic Under the Oaks*



ADS Carriage Show

Black Prong's Classic Under the Oaks is an American Driving Society recognized competition and will be held in accordance with the ADS rules. We recommend that all competitors familiarize themselves with the current ADS rule book.

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LEGEND

9 COTTAGES WITH ATTACHED STALLS

 RV PADS

 PADDOCKS

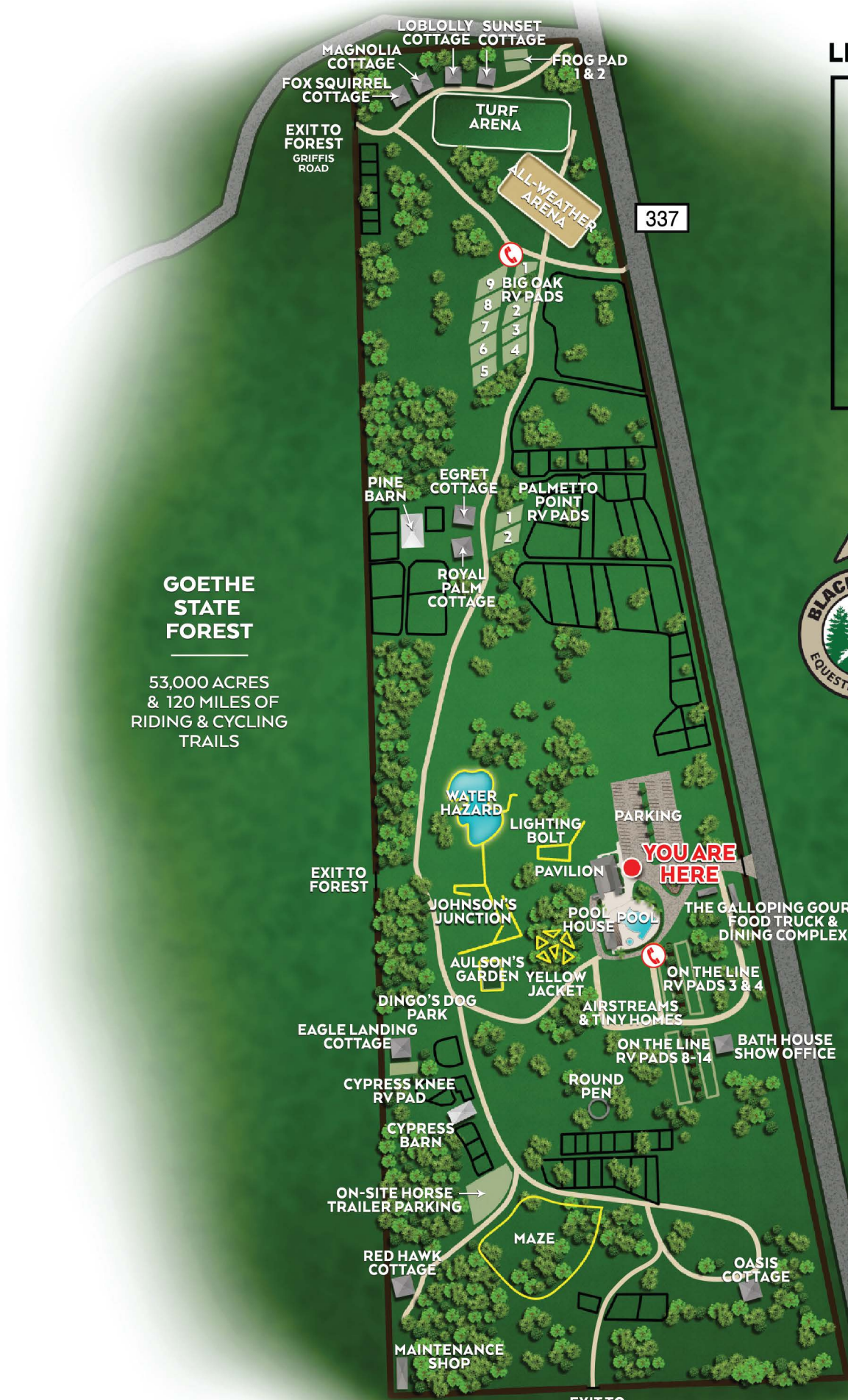
 OBSTACLES

 EMERGENCY PHONE

APPROXIMATE SCALE:
1 INCH = 500 FT

GOETHE STATE FOREST

53,000 ACRES
& 120 MILES OF
RIDING & CYCLING
TRAILS



BLACK PRONG
RV & SELF
STORAGE

337

EXIT TO FOREST
BLACK PRONG
BLUE TRAIL

ARTIST'S CONCEPTION

The American Driving Society, Inc. Code of Sportsmanship

Our sport of Carriage Driving has the valuable reputation of being welcoming to all, a sport where the welfare of the horse is foremost, and the thrill is in the partnership with our equines (regardless of the results). Protecting these ideals is of paramount importance to the health of driving.

In order for the sport of driving to prosper, our expectation is that every participant knows the rules, plays fairly, graciously accepts the final results, and always conducts themselves in a composed manner. It is the duty of all to behave in a manner that creates a positive environment.

Therefore, any infringement of the common principles of good behavior, fairness or good sportsmanship will result in disciplinary action. Sportsmanship infractions include, but are not limited to, the following:

- a) Abusive, or intimidating language at ADS Recognized Events.
- b) Refusal to accept Officials' final decisions.
- c) Intentional circumventing of the rules.
- d) Unsafe behavior while on event grounds.
- e) Damaging land or property.
- f) Actions detrimental to the welfare of the horse.
- g) Negative interaction with volunteers.
- h) The use of social media, or any public platform, to personally attack the character or reputation of fellow competitors, organizers, volunteers, or Officials.

We all have a duty to each other and to our sport to display good sportsmanship.

When our members display good sportsmanship, it not only makes driving more enjoyable for all, but presents a positive impression of the driving community to the general public.

Let us always do the right thing for our equine companions, our sport, and our fellow ADS members

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 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. As per Article 126.14, of the ADS Rulebook



Schedule of Events

Friday - 10:00 AM Secretary's Office Opens
Friday – 10:00 AM Stabling Opens
Friday – 5:00 PM Competitors Briefing
Saturday - 8:00 AM Pleasure Driving Competition
Sunday - 8:00 AM Pleasure Driving Competition

OFFICIALS

Pleasure Driving Judge	Muffy Seaton
Technical Delegate	Jim Thomas
Announcer	Deb McCarthy
Ring Master	TBA
Photographer	Pics of You
EMS	SOS
Farrier	On Call
Veterinarian	On Call

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Organizer & Show Manager	Janet Carswell	(912)266-2629
Scorer	Ellen Ettenger	(352)615-6460
Volunteer Coordinator & Secretary	Lia Dourdis	(352)486-1234
Award Presenters	Michele Markward, Lia Dourdis	

Show Office

Black Prong Equestrian Village
450 SE CR 337
Bronson, FL 32621

Classic Under the Oaks Dog Policy

This policy will be strictly enforced for the safety of all our competitors and spectators.

All dogs must be on a leash while on show grounds. If your dog is caught running loose by any show official or Black Prong employee, you will be fined \$50.00 per incident.

All dogs must remain under control, especially at the show rings. Please no excessive barking.

Please clean up after your dog.

Thank you for helping us keep this show safe and clean.



Information on Fees, Rules, and Regulations

Per class	\$30.00
Late fee (after February 6, 2023)	\$10.00 per class
Stall fee	\$100.00
Haul In fee	\$50.00
Shavings per bag	\$6.42
Stall stripping fee charged to your credit card	\$50.00
Non-member ADS fee	\$30.00

LIABILITY

The American Driving Society, Black Prong Equestrian Village, Classic Under the Oaks, Officials and Staff will not be responsible for any claim resulting from injury or injuries to any person, equine, or loss/ damage to property incurred on the show grounds. All persons riding on any vehicle MUST sign both an A.D.S. waiver as well as a Black Prong Equestrian Village waiver and be on file with the Show secretary. Competitors in violation are subject to disqualification from the show.

ENTRY

An Entry consists of a driver, horse and carriage. Any changes in this combination requires a separate entry and number.

ENTRY DECLINED

The Committee reserves the right to decline any entry, and to return any entry fee before or during the competition, without being liable for compensation.

FORFEIT OF FEES

In the case of horses/ponies being entered and not exhibited, entry fees will be forfeited. Refunds on entries* will be made only on receipt of a Veterinary or Medical Certificate attesting to the inability of the animal or person to participate due to illness or injury. This Certificate must be received prior to the beginning of the show, March 4, 2023. (*stalls fees are not refundable)

VEHICLE WIDTH

Measurements for the obstacle courses will be taken at the tread width, as cones with balls on top will be used. The tread width of each vehicle should be taken at the ground on the widest part of wheels. If the single tree or splinter bar proves to be too wide for this arrangement, the cones may be adjusted accordingly. This is the decision of the Technical Delegate and must be done during the initial measurement. Please make sure all vehicles have numbers displayed to identify carriages for wheel measurements.

COMBINE CLASSES

The Judge and/or the Organizer reserves the right to combine any classes should the limited number of entries warrant such action.

SPLIT CLASSES

The Judge and/or the Organizer reserves the right to split any class, in the interest of safety, should the number of entries warrant such action.

NEGATIVE COGGINS, EQUINE INFLUENZA & EQUINE HERPES (EHV-1)

A copy of a Negative Coggins Certificate must accompany each entry stating that each animal was submitted to a test for equine infectious anemia during the last year. The EHV-1 form provided by your veterinarian or information stating that the animal has been given the vaccine within the last 6 months or reason why it was not given. If not vaccinated a log of temperature is required twice daily while on the show grounds. The log is to be posted on the front of the stall.

JUDGE'S DECISION

A Judge's decision representing their individual preference are not protestable. Objections must be made to the Technical Delegate no more than one hour after the posting of class results.

QUESTIONS OR DISPUTES

Any question or dispute not provided for in these Rules and Regulations will be referred to the Technical Delegate for her ruling and/or decision. Should a competitor wish to protest the Technical Delegate decision and/or ruling, she may do so at the time such decision is rendered by filing a formal protest with the Competition Committee.

SECURITY

The Committee will not accept responsibility for items lost or damaged on the grounds. Please provide the Show Secretary with your hotel name or a cell phone number to assist with the security and safety program. Competitors exhibiting stallions are responsible for providing any additional screening or wall board, etc. and responsible for any damages.



Paul Van Sickle, Driver, and Elmo

Pics of You

TENTATIVE CLASS/TIME SCHEDULE

SATURDAY

8:00 AM Starting Time

Class Number

Class Name

3	Single Pony Turnout
8	Pair Ponies Turnout
13	Single Horse Turnout
18	Pair Horses Turnout
23	VSE Turnout
28	Marathon Vehicles Turnout

BREAK

33	Multiples Turnout
38	Junior Driver Turnout
46	Non-Traditional Turnout
41	Gentlemen to Drive Working
42	Ladies to Drive Working
37	Junior Driver Working
48	Picnic Class Performance

LUNCH BREAK

48	Picnic Class Staging
4	Single Pony Scurry Obstacle
9	Pair Ponies Scurry Obstacle
14	Single Horse Scurry Obstacle
19	Pair Horses Scurry Obstacle
24	VSE Scurry Obstacle
29	Marathon Vehicle Scurry Obstacle
34	Multiples Scurry Obstacle
39	Junior Driver Scurry Obstacle
52	Non-Traditional Scurry Obstacle

BREAK

45	Non-Traditional Working
49	Junior First Timer Class Working
50	Adult First Timer Class Working
43	Trade and Commercial Turnout

TENTATIVE CLASS/TIME SCHEDULE
SUNDAY

8:00 AM Starting Time

Class Number

Class Name

44	Non-Traditional Reinsmanship
36	Junior Driver Reinsmanship
31	Multiples Reinsmanship
26	Marathon Vehicles Reinsmanship
21	VSE Reinsmanship
16	Pair Horses Reinsmanship

BREAK

11	Single Horse Reinsmanship
6	Pair Ponies Reinsmanship
1	Single Pony Reinsmanship
32	Multiples Working
27	Marathon Vehicles Working
47	Carriage Dog Class

LUNCH BREAK

51	Costume Class Creativity
5	Single Pony Fault & Out Obstacle
10	Pair Ponies Fault & Out Obstacle
15	Single Horse Fault & Out Obstacle
20	Pair Horses Fault & Out Obstacle
25	VSE Fault & Out Obstacle
30	Marathon Vehicles Fault & Out Obstacle
35	Multiples Fault & Out Obstacle
40	Junior Driver Fault & Out Obstacle
53	Non-Traditional Fault & Out Obstacle

BREAK

22	VSE Working
17	Pair Horses Working
12	Single Horse Working
7	Pair Ponies Working
2	Single Pony Working

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS CEREMONY

ADDITIONAL CLASSES – DESCRIPTION

Turnout

The 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

The 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, and 10% on neatness of attire.

Ladies' Driving Class

The 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, and 25% on overall impression

Gentlemen's Driving Class

The 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, and 25% on overall impression

Reinsmanship

The 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 are 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.

Picnic Class

A picnic appropriate to the turnout and number of participants must be carried on the vehicle. All picnic participants must be on the carriage during the ring section of the class and be present in the staging section. A class in two sections: a performance section and a staging section.

Performance section – 25% • To be judged both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot and working trot. Not to be asked for a strong trot. May be asked to rein back. To stand quietly in the lineup. To be judged on performance, manners, overall impression.

Staging section – 75% • At the conclusion of the ring section, competitors will be directed to the staging area to unhitch and set up a picnic. Horses to be taken to the stable area. The picnic will then be judged as part of the class. Staging area may include tables and chairs for use by each turnout. To be judged on quality of picnic presentation.

Scurry Obstacle

To be driven over a course of unnumbered obstacles consisting of cones and balls, not to exceed 10 obstacles. After passing through the Start markers from any direction, the driver proceeds through each obstacle from any direction, in any order. Each obstacle must be driven once. Upon completion of the course, the driver must pass through the Finish markers from any direction, where time will be taken. Refusals and run outs will not be penalized. Course faults will be scored as penalty seconds and added to the driver's elapsed time. Placings will be determined on a low total time basis. Ties for first place will be broken by a drive-off.

Fault and Out Obstacles

A timed course of numbered obstacles to be driven at the trot. The number of obstacles to be proportionate to the dimensions of the driving area and not to exceed 10 obstacles. After passing through the Start markers, the driver proceeds through each consecutively numbered obstacle, in order, until the allowed time expires (suggested time, 90 seconds to two minutes), or until an obstacle is dislodged or a disobedience occurs. If all the obstacles are driven cleanly before the allowed time expires, the driver will begin the course again, starting with obstacle #1, without having to pass through the Start markers. Passing through the Start markers more than once is not considered "off course" and is not penalized. Two points will be scored for each obstacle cleared before the allowed time expires, a disobedience occurs, or an obstacle is dislodged. When the allowed time expires, a disobedience occurs or an obstacle is dislodged, a signal will be given. The driver then proceeds through the next consecutively numbered obstacle. The time will be taken when the rear axle clears this obstacle. If that obstacle is cleared, one point is scored. If it is dislodged, no points for that dislodged obstacle are scored, but the time is still taken. g. The score of a driver who fails to drive the next consecutively numbered obstacle after the whistle is blown counts, up to the point where the signal is given, but the competitor must be placed after those with an equal score and time. Placings will be determined by the greatest number of points.

Costume Class

The entries in this class are judged primarily on overall creativity of the costume.

To be judged:

25% on the overall impression of the turnout and on the performance, manners, and way of going of the horse(s) 75% on the overall creativity of the costume

Carriage Dog Class

The entries are judged primarily on suitability of the dog to serve as a companion (maximum one dog per vehicle). To be judged both ways in the arena at a walk, slow trot and working trot.

a. The dog should be standing, lying down or seated on the vehicle. **b.** The dog must be under

control at all times. **c.** The dog must not be led on the ground from the vehicle or be restrained by being tied to the vehicle, driver, or passenger. **d.** The driver should not hold the dog, and the dog should not interfere with the driver in anyway. The dog may be of any breed. Entries with a dog clearly not under control may be eliminated.

Concours D' Elegance

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. Period costumes are prohibited. Performance will not be judged unless it detracts from the elegance of the turnout. To be judged by overall impression throughout the competition.

First Timers Class

There is no entry fee for this class. You cannot show in any other classes at the show if entered. You will be required to meet with the show TD prior to competing in the class to have your harness and carriage/cart inspected. Casual attire – helmet, gloves and whip are required. The general regulation rules of the ADS will be followed for Junior drivers in this class.

CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

You must compete in ALL classes listed in your division to compete for the Championship.

6 entries or more:

6 points-1st, 5 points-2nd, 3 points-3rd, 2 points-4th, 1 point-5th, 1/2 point-6th

If class size is less than 6 entries, points are awarded as follows:

5 entries:

5 points-1st, 3 points-2nd, 2 points-3rd, 1 point-4th, 1/2 point-5th

4 entries:

3 points-1st, 2 points-2nd, 1 point-3rd, 1/2 point-4th

3 entries:

2 points-1st, 1 point-2nd, 1/2 point-3rd

2 entries:

1 point-1st, 1/2 point-2nd

1 entry:

1/2 point-1st

CHAMPIONSHIP CEREMONY:

All Championships will be awarded at the time of the Championship Ceremony the last class. Please have your turnouts ready for presentation.

DIVISION CHAMPION AWARDS

JUNIOR CHAMPION: To be awarded to the combination of vehicle and horse or pony driven by a JUNIOR having won the greatest number of points in Classes 36, 37, 38, 39 and 40 Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons

VSE CHAMPION: To be awarded to the combination of vehicle, Very Small Equine, and driver having won the greatest number of points in Classes 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25. Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons.

SINGLE PONY CHAMPION: To be awarded to the combination of vehicle, Single Pony, and driver having won the greatest number of points in Classes 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons.

SINGLE HORSE CHAMPION: To be awarded to the combination of vehicle, Single Horse, and driver having won the greatest number of points in Classes 11, 12, 13, 14, and 15. Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons.

PAIR PONIES CHAMPION: To be awarded to the combination of vehicle, Pair Ponies, and driver having won the greatest number of points in Classes 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons.

MARATHON CHAMPION: To be awarded to the combination of vehicle, horse/horses, pony/ponies, and driver having won the greatest number of points in Classes 26, 27, 28, 29 and 30. Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons.

PAIR HORSES CHAMPION: To be awarded to the combination of vehicle, Pair Horses, and driver having won the greatest number of points in Classes 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20. Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons.

MULTIPLE HORSES/PONIES CHAMPION: To be awarded to the combination of vehicle, multiple horses/ponies, and driver having won the greatest number of points in Classes 31, 32, 33, 34, and 35. Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons.

NON-TRADITIONAL CHAMPION: To be awarded to the combination of vehicle, horse/horses, pony/ponies, and driver having won the greatest number of points in Classes 44, 45, and 46. Champion and Reserve Champion Ribbons.

CHAMPIONSHIP TROPHY AWARDS

CONCOUR D'ELEGANCE: To be awarded to the best overall impression of the show.

LADY CHAMPION: To be awarded to the combination of vehicle and horse or pony driven by a LADY which has accumulated the greatest number of points throughout the competition. Does not include carriage dog class and costume class. Champion Trophy and Reserve Champion Ribbon

GENTLEMAN CHAMPION: To be awarded to the combination of vehicle and horse or pony driven by a GENTLEMAN which has accumulated the greatest number of points throughout the competition. Does not include carriage dog class and costume class. Champion Trophy and Reserve Champion Ribbon

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This is an approved Driving Competition, conducted in accordance with the rules and regulations of the American Driving Society, Inc.

Every person who participates in the show is responsible for knowledge of, and is subject to, the ADS Rules and Regulations. Spectators will better enjoy the show by knowing them.

The ADS Rulebook includes rules for pleasure driving, combined and dressage standards for competition, as well as lists of licensed officials and copies of current dressage tests. Go to www.americandrivingsociety.org for a free download of the Rulebook.

I would like to become a member of the American Driving Society:

- Life - \$1,800 • Family - \$95 • Individual - \$75 • Junior (under 18) - \$40 • Club - \$60 • Commercial - \$100
- Canadian members, please add \$30 shipping charge to all annual memberships.

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