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Vice President's Message

Springtime is upon us, if a little soggy, so get ready to drive!

Our Greenland Open Space Trail Drive is on May 9.

The Derby is a GO! Eric Jensen has generously agreed to be the organizer, and he welcomes all the help he can get to prepare and set up the course.

Rita Nothstein has graciously volunteered to host a beginning dressage clinic, scheduled for June 7, with instructor Laura Ware.

The April Cones Clinic was rained out, and has been rescheduled for June 27 as a Cones and Hazards Fun Day organized by Marie Harrity.

Some of you may know that Fred Wehrli has been in the hospital and has had some surgeries. Jan says that he is in good spirits. I'm certain that he is enjoying your cards and letters. Fred is at Porter Hospital in Denver. He was recently moved to his *ninth* room. Cards can be sent to his home at 5450 E. Best Rd., Larkspur, CO 80118.

Cathy Allen-Shinn

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Time to pay your CDS dues and renew your membership for 2015 !

Please print and fill out the form on the back page. Make your check payable to the *Colorado Driving Society*



and mail to: Colorado Driving Society, c/o Marie Harrity, PO Box 1565, Elizabeth, CO 80107

CDS Schedule for 2015

Please check the CDS website and monthly newsletter to confirm event details

Month	Day	Time	Event	Location	Coordinator
May	9	10am—1pm	CDS Greenland Open Space Drive (p 4)	Greenland Open Space	Bob Ripple
May	10		RMCC Super Sunday Funday weather permitting	Silver Whip Acres, 1205 N. County Road 3, Ft. Collins, CO*	Gina Jones 205-369-2493
May	14	7pm	CDS General Membership Meeting	Franktown Firehouse	CDS Board
May	30	9am	CDS Derby Driving Competition (pgs 5-6)	Salisbury Equestrian Park, Parker,	TBD
June	6		RMCC Beginning Dressage: X where is it?	rockymountaincarriageclub.org/march_newsletter_2015.pdf	Nancy Bruckhauser 303-776-6246
June	7	9am	CDS Beginning Dressage Clinic – (p 7)	Salisbury Equestrian Park, Parker,	Rita Nothstein
June	11	7pm	CDS General Membership Meeting	Franktown Firehouse	CDS Board
June	13		RMCC Beginners' Driving Clinic	Jasma Acres 970-344-5096	Jack Bloss
June	14		RMCC 2nd Sunday Drive, weather permitting	Silver Whip Acres, 1205 N. County Road 3,	
June	14	10am—1pm	CDS Highlands Ranch Fun Drive (p 8)	Highlands Ranch Wilderness Area	Carla Baca
June	20		RMCC Fun Driving Competition		Roberta Kanstad 970-231-1622
June	27	10am—2pm	CDS Cones and Hazards Fun Day (p 9)	Salisbury Equestrian Park	Marie Harray
July	9	7pm	CDS General Membership Meeting	Franktown Firehouse	CDS Board
July	18	c	CDS 20 Mile House setup day (p 10)	Salisbury Equestrian Park, 11920 N Motesenbocker Rd, Parker, CO 80134	Susan Tyler
July	19	8am—4:30pm	CDS 20 Mile House HDT (p 10)		
Aug	8		CDS Pleasure Driving/Reinsmanship Clinic	TBD	TBD
Aug	13	7pm	CDS General Membership Meeting	Franktown Firehouse	CDS Board
Aug	30		CDS Non-a-Thon	Salisbury Equestrian Park, 11920 N Motesenbocker Rd, Parker, CO 80134	Fred Wehrli
Sep	10	7pm	CDS General Membership Meeting	Franktown Firehouse	CDS Board
Sep	13		CDS Greenland Open Space Drive	Greenland Open Space	Bob Ripple
Sep	26		CDS Blue Jeans Show	Salisbury Equestrian Park, 11920 N Motesenbocker Rd, Parker, CO	Susie Haszelbart
Oct	8	7pm	CDS General Membership Meeting	Franktown Firehouse	CDS Board
Oct	11		CDS Highlands Ranch Fun Drive	Highlands Ranch Wilderness area	Carla Baca
Oct	31		CDS Halloween Poker Run Drive	Salisbury Equestrian Park, 11920 N Motesenbocker Rd, Parker, CO 80134	Heike Bartlett
Nov	14		CDS Planning Meeting	TBD	CDS Board
Dec	12		Parker/CDS Christmas Parade	Parker	Parker/CDS
Dec	13		CDS Christmas Party	TBD	CDS Board

*Silver Whip Acres is the boarding and training facility of Geir and Roberta Kanstad, located east of Ft. Collins, where the RMCC holds some of their driving events. Directions: Take I-25 North to the Ault exit (Hwy 14 East) to County Road 3, (Approximately 1.5 miles) turn left (North) go 1.5 miles, property is 3rd on the left after you cross County Road 48. www.rockymountaincarriageclub.org/

Colorado Driving Society
May 14
General Membership Meeting
 7:00 PM

All members are encouraged to attend monthly general membership meetings. A guest speaker will be featured. Coffee and desert will be served.

Get to know fellow club members, learn more about carriage driving and help plan club events.

Please call Cathy Allen-Shinn 303-660-9567 to tell her you are coming so we will have enough dessert and coffee.

Location:

Franktown Firehouse
 1959 S State Highway 83
 Franktown, CO 80116
 Southwest of the intersection of Hwy 83 (Parker Rd) and Hwy 86.



A G E N D A

Call to Order
 Introductions all around

Past Events:

- Apr 4 Easter Egg Hunt
Nina Shilodon
- May 9 Greenland Open Space Drive
Bob Ripple/Pat Lamprey

Upcoming Events:

- May 30 Derby Driving Competition
Eric Jensen
- June 7 Dressage Clinic
Rita Nothstein/Laura Ware
- June 14 Highlands Ranch Fun Drive
Carla Baca
- June 27 Cones and Hazards Fun Day
Marie Harrity

Other New Business

Board opening filled: Sandy Clayton

Committees

Event Coordinator - Pat
 Membership - Susan/Pat
 Education - Cathy
 Marketing - Needed
 Volunteers - Susan
 Newsletter - Susan
 Facebook/Social Media - Ruth
 Equipment - Marie
 Parker Christmas Carriage Parade - Jim Rihaneck
 Website - Steve Allen-Shinn

Correspondence

Dessert for Next Month:

Adjourn

CDS EVENT: GREENLAND OPEN SPACE TRAIL DRIVE | SUNDAY, MAY 9 | PARKER, CO



CDS Greenland Open Space Trail Drive - 10 am—1 pm, May 9, 2015

Greenland is part of the vast expanse of Douglas County open space you see along I-25 between Larkspur and Monument hill. It is easily accessible at exit 167 from both north bound and south bound I-25. Lots of drive-through trailer parking, a port-a-potty and a covered picnic area with really nice tables are all provided at the trailhead.

Directions: From I-25 exit 167, go west .2 mile to where road turns south. Entrance to Greenland Open Space will be straight ahead .4 mile.

The organizers will be there **before 10:00 AM**. Please plan to **arrive early enough to complete your drive by 1:00 PM**. Our picnic will follow, so **bring your lunch**. If you have any questions, give us a call.

Bob Ripple: 303-681-2574 rcjbripp@aol.com
Pat Lamprey: 303-429-7525 pat.lamprey@gmail.com
Please call so we know who is planning to come.

When you arrive, please see Pat Lamprey to sign a release before the drive.

Your drive can be as long as 9+ miles or as short as you want it to be. Almost everywhere along the trail you will be able to move off the trail to rest your equine and/or circle around to reverse direction.

Everyone from VSE to draft drivers can enjoy an interesting drive in an awesomely huge area of open space. After the first .9 mile, you will have choices. [1] You can plan to drive the entire Kipps Loop for a 8.2 mile RT drive. [2] You can plan to drive only the lower trail. That would be a RT drive of 2.0 miles to 7.0 miles depending on when you decide to reverse direction. [3] You can plan to drive only the higher trail. That would be a RT of from 2.0 to 9.4 miles.

On all the trails, none of the inclines or declines are steep. There are not any scary drop-offs. Most of the trails were originally graded and spread with gravel. Over time, some erosion and re-growth of the original vegetation has occurred. As a consequence, in some areas one wheel path may be obscured and the ride can be a little rough. The trail is some what comparable to a marathon course without hazards. However, you will have no need to go fast.

Although this drive has traditionally been hosted by Bob Ripple, Pat Lamprey will be standing in for Bob this year, while he recovers from hip replacement surgery.

Each drive participant will be using the Greenland Open Space facilities as individual members of the general public. Each of us will be obligated to obey the applicable trail and parking lot user rules and to respect the rights of others to use the facilities on an equal basis. CDS has no control over and assumes no liability with regard to the condition of those facilities or the behavior of other people in or near those facilities."

Colorado Driving Society Driving Derby Competition

Salisbury Equestrian Park Parker, Colorado

9 am Saturday, May 30, 2015

THE DERBY IS ON!
Send in your registration
by May 15.

Here's how it works:

Each driver will be timed through a numbered course of obstacles and gates in the proper direction and in correct numerical order to the finish line. Drivers may enter horses of any breed and size, from minis to drafts, in different divisions and classes. A round is run as a timed competition with penalties converted into seconds. There will be two rounds for each competitor.

The times plus penalty scores for both rounds are added to produce final scores and placing.

RULES

There will be two divisions. Training Level Division and Open division.

Training level is Trot only. Open division is any gait.

Event classes will consist of **VSE/Small Pony** (less than 12.2 hands), **Large Pony** (12.2 to 14.2 hands), & **Horse** (over 14.2 hands) turned out as singles, pairs, and four-in-hands. Other combinations may be considered as determined by the event organizer.

A course diagram will be available upon check-in and a walk through of the course will be done the morning of the event so drivers can decide on their best route to obtain their best time.

All entries except VSE are required to have a navigator on the vehicle. Navigators may ride with more than one entry.

Age restrictions as follows:

Drivers under the age of 18 years must be accompanied by a navigator of 18 years and older with the exception of VSE. Youth drivers over the age of 14 may drive single in VSE class.

Drivers over age 18 must be accompanied by navigator 14 years and over with the exception VSE

All persons on the course must wear properly fitted ASTM/SEI protective headgear with chin strap harness secured. Protective vest and medical armbands are not required but recommended.

Only the driver may handle the reins, brake and whip.

A whip of suitable size to reach all horses must be carried in hand while on the course. If the whip is dropped, the driver or groom can retrieve a spare whip or the carriage must be stopped so a groom may dismount and retrieve the whip. In the case of drivers without a groom, the whip can be restored to the driver by an outside party. The penalty is the time lost.

Cone/Obstacle widths will be common width of 175 cm.

Hazard widths will be 3 meters minimum

Obstacle will be numbered with the correct direction to enter each obstacle/gate indicated by a red sign or flag on the right.

Enter an obstacle with the red flag on the left or out of numerical order is an error and cause for elimination

Driving hazard gates out of order is "off Course" and may be corrected by returning to the missed gate and resuming the course.

Hazard gates completed are considered dead and can be driven in any direction.

Horses and riders must be turned out in the best manner possible, poorly presented or unmanners from the competition.

The judges' interpretation of the rules is final.

SCORING

Course time begins and ends when the horse's nose crosses the start and finish line.

Penalties are added to the elapsed time for total time.

Entry with lowest total time wins. This can be a combined time if multiple runs are used.

Ties will be broken by the fewest penalty seconds or a drive off at management discretion. (Continued on page 7)

To Enter the Driving Derby. Take the following Steps:

Fill out the entry form on page 6.

Entries must be submitted no later than May 15, 2015. Full payment to be made at time of submitting entry.

If you are under 18, your parent or legal guardian must sign the application form along with you.

All drivers and navigators (parent/guardian if applicable) must sign a CDS Release form before participating.

Confirmation email will be sent upon receipt of application.



COLORADO DRIVING SOCIETY

Derby Driving Competition

Saturday, May 30, 2015 **Entry Closing Date: May 15, 2015**

Salisbury Equestrian Park, Parker, Colorado

Competitor briefing – 9:00 a.m.

Competition start time – 10:00 a.m.

Entry fee: \$25 (\$50 non-CDS members includes single CDS membership)

Make checks payable to Colorado Driving Society. Mail entry form, release and payment to:
CDS Derby Driving, c/o Eric Jensen, 2072 Summit, Franktown, CO 80116

Derby Driving Entry Form

Driver: _____

Please submit a duplicate form for your navigator, if applicable.

Telephone numbers Home: _____ Cell: _____ Other: _____

Email address: _____

Street address: _____ City: _____ State: ____ ZIP: _____

Horse (1) name: _____ Sex: ____ Age: ____ Height: _____

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Division (please check one on each line): _____ Training (trot only) _____ Open (any gait)

_____ Horse (over 14.2 hands) _____ Large Pony (12.2 to 14.2 hands) _____ VSE/Small Pony (less than 12.2 hands)

_____ Single _____ Pair _____ Other (please specify) _____

Divisions will be split or combined based on the number of entries received.

Colorado Driving Society Release

The undersigned fully assumes all responsibilities and risks from or arising out of the transportation, handling, use, and driving and/or riding of horses at any and all Colorado Driving Society activities, and at adjacent arenas that may be owned or controlled by the Colorado Driving Society, and further agrees to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the Colorado Driving Society (the "Premises"), their respective trainers, employees, agents, independent contractors, and members of boards of governance ("Indemnities") from all damages, losses, expenses or liabilities for any injury to the person or property of the undersigned, third parties or said horses at the Premises by the undersigned. I understand that there are risks involved in the use of the Premises, and I fully assume all such risks, and knowingly waive any and all specific notice of existence of such conditions.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Doctor's name: _____ Dr.'s phone: _____

Medical conditions we should be aware of: _____

If the individual is a minor, please complete the following: On behalf of the above-named minor, I waive and release all claims for damages, losses or expenses to person or property, which may be caused by an unreasonable act or failure to act of the Indemnities names above. I understand that there are risks involved in the use of the Premises, and I assume that risk of all conditions in and about said facility for myself and the above from all damages, losses, expenses or liabilities for any injury to the person or property of the above-named minor, third parties or said Indemnities caused by or arising out of the transportation, handling, use or riding of horses at the Premises by the above-named minor.

Parent/guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

In addition to the Release provided above and any release in any other agreement, the following warning is given in accordance with Colorado Law. **WARNING: UNDER COLORADO LAW, AN EQUINE PROFESSIONAL IS NOT LIABLE FOR AN INJURY TO OR THE DEATH OF A PARTICIPANT IN EQUINE ACTIVITIES RESULTING FROM THE INHERENT RISKS OF EQUINE ACTIVITIES, PURSUANT TO SECTION 13-21-120, COLORADO REVISED STATUTES.**

Colorado Driving Society Driving Derby Competition *Continued*

PENALTIES

Excessive use of the whip	Disqualification
Starting before the signal	10 seconds
Failing to pass through start or finish gates	Elimination
Numbered cones obstacle driven backwards, out of order, or more than once	Elimination
Corrected course, lettered gates	20 seconds
Wrong course, not corrected	Elimination
A dislodged element is knocked down by any means	5 seconds
Preventing a ball or knockdown from falling	10 seconds
Causing an obstacle to be rebuilt (clock stops)	5 seconds
First or second disobedience	No penalties; time lost
Third disobedience	Elimination
Loss of effective control	Elimination
Groom not on carriage when passing Finish Line	Elimination
Dismounting while carriage is in motion	10 seconds
Groom(s) or Athlete intentionally dismounting, first or second time	No penalties; time lost
Groom(s) or Athlete intentionally dismounting and remounting after next numbered gate or finish or carriage does not halt for remount	Elimination
Driver unintentional dismount	Elimination
Carriage turnover	Elimination
Cantering in Training division per occurrence	20 seconds

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Mail application form to:

**CDS Derby Driving
c/o Eric Jensen
2072 Summit
Franktown, CO 80116**

CDS EVENT: DRESSAGE CLINIC | SUNDAY, JUNE 7 | SALISBURY EQUESTRIAN PARK | PARKER, CO

COLORADO DRIVING SOCIETY

BEGINNING DRESSAGE CLINIC

Salisbury Equestrian Park
Parker, Colorado

Sunday, June 7, 2015

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Presented by dressage judge and instructor

Laura Ware

*Begin to understand the benefits of dressage training
and how it fits with other phases of the carriage driving sport.*

Please direct all questions and inquiries to Rita Nothstein 719-683-2691 RNNN1969@ elpasotel.net
Members \$20.00 Non-members \$45.00 (includes single membership to CDS)

This is a NO HORSE clinic, covering the basics of dressage, with lecture and demonstration.

The lecture will include:

- What dressage is - how it teaches the horse to be relaxed, rhythmic, supple and obedient.
- The tests - how to read and understand them.
- Demonstrations of the movements and where they occur.
Suggestions on how to practice movements.
- Etiquette of the test and presentation.

There will be lots of handouts and demonstrations.

Remember to bring a lunch and chairs.

PLEASE REGISTER ON THE FORM BELOW **BEFORE MAY 22.**

REGISTRATION FORM

Beginning Dressage Clinic
June 7, 2015 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Fees:
CDS member \$20.00
Non-member \$45.00
includes a single membership

Name: _____

Number attending: ____

Address: _____

Total enclosed \$ _____

City: _____ State: ____ ZIP: _____

Make Checks payable to
Colorado Driving Society

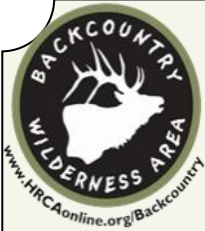
Phone: (H) (____) _____ (C) (____) _____

Please mail this registration form
with fee to:

Email: _____

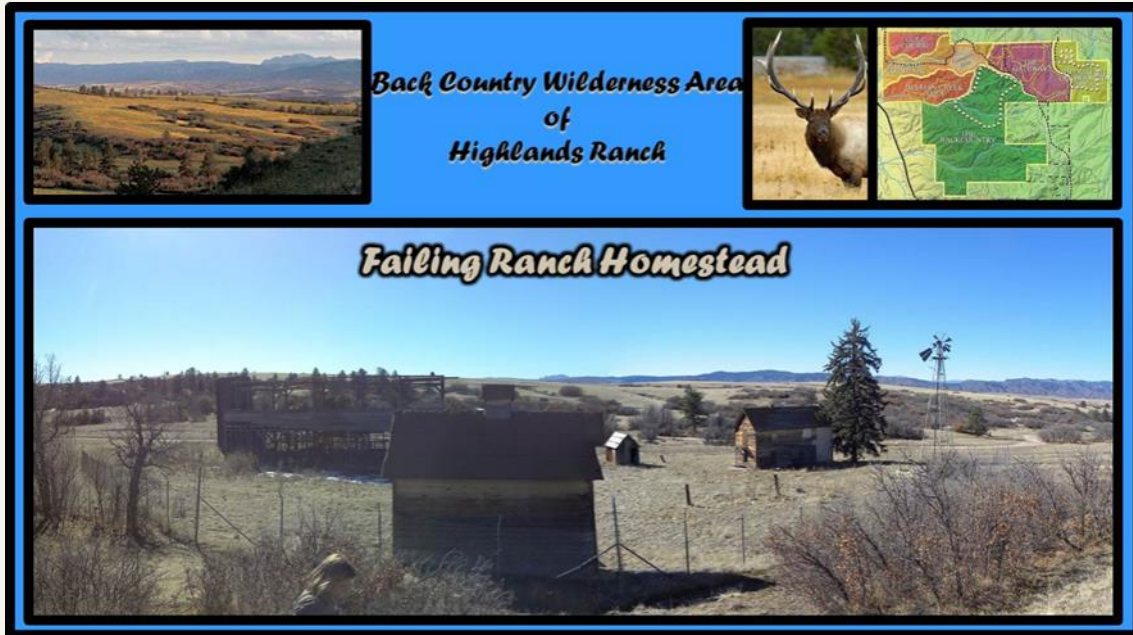
Rita Nothstein
4085 Meridian Road
Falcon, CO. 80831

Your dressage experience if any: _____



Historic Highlands Ranch Fun Drive

Sunday June 14, 2015, 10am - 1pm



Join us with your carriage or ride along with other CDS members. Take a beautiful scenic leisurely tour of the Failing Ranch Homestead in the wildlife sanctuary of the Backcountry Wilderness Area. **This is an exciting opportunity to tour an area not open to the general public.** Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the spectacular views of the Front Range, wildlife and a cozy campfire.

Meeting location: 6001 Ron King Trail, Littleton, CO 80125 (Law Enforcement Training Facility) That is on the east side of 85 about halfway between Chatfield Reservoir and Sedalia.

There is parking for trucks and trailers and turn around areas. The route is approximately a 4-6 mile loop with sloping hills on a dirt/gravel road. We will be stopping for a picnic. Picnic area has a limited number of ties.

**Please RSVP to Carla A. Baca
303-471-7078**

www.hrcaonline.org/Backcountry
www.facebook.com/HRCABackcountry



NOTE: This is a wildlife conservation area and donations are encouraged.

Colorado Driving Society

Cones & Hazards Fun Day

Host: Marie Harrity

Salisbury Equestrian Park,
Parker, CO.

(Rescheduled due to rain)

New Date:

Saturday, June 27, 2015

10:00 AM -2:00PM

MEMBERS: \$10.00 NON-MEMBERS: \$35 (\$10.00 + membership = \$35)

Come have fun practicing driving a cones course and some hazards.

Remember to bring a lunch and chairs.

Please register on the form below as soon as possible.

Volunteers needed.

Call Marie Harrity

303-841-6142



REGISTRATION FORM Cones & Hazards Fun Day

Saturday, June 27, 2015

10 AM - 2 PM

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: (H) (____) _____ (C) (____) _____

Email: _____

Fees: \$10 for a .CDS member
\$35 for a non-member includes a
single membership.

Number attending: ____

Total enclosed \$ _____

Make Checks payable to
Colorado Driving Society

Please mail this registration form
with fee to:

PO Box1565
c/o Marie Harrity
Elizabeth, CO 80107

CDS EVENT: 20 Mile CDT | SUNDAY, JULY 19 | SALISBURY EQUESTRIAN PARK | PARKER, CO

Divisions and Class Specifications:

TRAINING: Recommended for competitors beginning combined driving competition. It is an introduction to the sport for horse and driver. The tests acquaint competitors with the basic gaits, figures, and obstacles that are the foundation of all Combined Driving Events. Entries will drive ADS [Training Level Dressage Test 4 1994](#).*

The marathon will consist of no more than 4 obstacles with 3 gates each. Obstacles will not be timed individually, but time in the obstacles will count towards the total marathon time. Marathon speeds: Horses 13 kph; Ponies 12 kph; Small Ponies 11 kph; VSE 9 kph. Cones speeds: Horses & ponies 180 mpm; VSE 160 mpm. (No cantering in any phase of the event, including cones.)

PRELIMINARY: Recommended for horses and drivers with some prior competition experience and who would like to further their training experience and training program. The tests encourage development of basic gaits, obedience, suppleness and balance. Entries will drive ADS [Preliminary Level Dressage Test 3, 1994](#).* The marathon will consist of up to 4 timed obstacles with up to 4 gates. Marathon speeds: Horses 14 kph; Ponies 13 kph; Small Ponies 12 kph; VSE 9 kph. Cones speeds: Horses & Ponies 200 mpm; VSE 180 mpm.

*The dressage tests are available on the CDS website.



Sixteenth Annual 20 Mile House Combined Driving Trial

Sunday, July 19, 2015

[Entries close July 5, 2015](#)

Salisbury Equestrian Park

11920 N Motsenbocker Rd, Parker, CO 80134

This is a one-day competition for any size and number of equines using any safe carriage driving at training or preliminary level. We start with a dressage test, then a cones course, followed after lunch by a cross country marathon course with three or four obstacles to negotiate along the way. Premium book will be posted on the CDS website.

APPROXIMATE SCHEDULE

- 8:00 A.M. Secretary's Office open, competitor packets available
- 8:30 A.M. Cones course open for inspection
Marathon course open for inspection
- 9:00 A.M. Dressage starts
- 9:30 A.M. Cones starts
- Noon Lunch
- 1:30 P.M. Marathon starts (Please be at start gate for safety check 15 minutes before your scheduled start time.)
- 4:00 P.M. Awards

Call for Volunteers *Receive training on the spot.*

Come spend a day or two outside with fun people and their horses. If you're just starting to drive, this is a great way to learn about competitive driving.

If you are planning to compete in this event, volunteer to help set up the course on Saturday. It's a great chance to see the course ahead of time.

On Sunday, we need volunteers to be wheel measurers, cones setters, gate stewards, timers, hazard observers and judges, and runners. See page 12.

To volunteer, contact Susan Tyler
303-232-1742 or susanhtyler@gmail.com.

This illustration (artist unknown) was made from a photo of the 20-Mile House. See history at www.parkerhistory.org/#!20-mile-house/cuyi



Photos by Ruth Johnson
CDS 2013 20 Mile CDT

Volunteers Needed!

Please pick up the phone and call Susan at 303-232-1742 to volunteer for at least one of the jobs below. You can also sign up on the volunteer clip board at the monthly membership meetings.

Volunteers for April, May, June and July events:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Organizer</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>VOLUNTEERS NEEDED</u>	<u>Volunteers signed up so far.</u>
May 30	Derby Driving	TBD	Salisbury	Organizer 2 cone setters 2 timers 2 hazard observers Announcer, Scorekeeper, Judge	Eric Jensen Abby Andriesen, _____ Rita Nothstein, Emily Andriesen Norb Nothstein, _____ Jan Wherli Pat Lamprey , Joe Johnson
June 7	Dressage Clinic Instructor: Laura Ware	Rita Nothstein	Salisbury	2 to help to set up	_____.
June 27	Cones Clinic	Marie Harrity	Salisbury	4 cone setters 3 timers	_____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____
July 18	20-Mile-House Set-up Day	Susan Tyler	Salisbury	8 people to set up arenas, mark kms, mark in & outs, put up hazard letters	Kristen Ferron, Al Senzamici Norb Nothstein, Joan Senzamici Rita Nothstein, _____, _____
July 19	Combined Driving Trial	" "	Salisbury	6 cones setters, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, 4 timers 2 gate stewards: 2 scribes, 2-3 runners, 9 Hazard observers, Score keeper, cones judge	Kristen Ferron, _____, _____, _____ Norb Nothstein, Sandy Clayton _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, _____, Sandy Clayton, Beverly Ramsey, Margie Liliestedt _____, _____, _____, _____; _____, _____ Pat Lamprey, Jack Bloss

Conditioning the Driving Horse, Part Two

Nancy Van Deen

As we start our horses back from their winter off, it's important to remember a few basic things about conditioning.

There are three systems which need to be addressed in conditioning the horse; cardiovascular (heart, lungs), digestive and skeletal (bones, muscles, tendons and ligaments). These systems must be monitored and dealt with individually.

Digestive Tract (Continued).

Your horse needs to consume as much water as possible. (25 gallons a day would be nice). Water is vital to every system and a horse cannot perform to the limit of his physical ability without it.

Feed supplemental electrolytes and salt. A free-feed salt block will not be enough. Keep sugars to a minimum in the diet. They are not productive to the gut health of a horse, and can actually cause problems with nutrient balance and absorption.

When horses are working, they don't get fat. Most of the time, the problem is the other way around, and you find you have to back off your work program to let the horse gain weight.

The Plan -

Research has found a horse cannot be worked forever without becoming over-conditioned. A horse's condition peaks between 200 and 230 days after the start of conditioning. After 250 days, most horses will be over-conditioned and will start a downward spiral.

When to start your conditioning program must be determined by your driving event calendar. Check the date of your last competition of the coming season and count back 240 days. This is when you want to bring your horse in to start work.

A good working program, for a horse coming off winter lay-up, is to start with 20 minutes of work every other day, adding 5 min per week to each work session, working the horse just

to a sweat. It is very important not to over-do. If your horse suffers an injury during the conditioning program, the time needed for your horse to heal will haunt you for the rest of the competitive season. (If you break your toys, you don't have toys to play with!)

A horse must have 60 days of good solid work for the muscles and ligaments to gather sufficient strength to avoid being torn. This does not mean your horse is close to being fit, but he's at a point where the injury risks are reduced.

After 60 days of steady conditioning, you can start pushing your horse a little. Try not to give your horse more than two days off in a row. If you do, the work you've done will have already started to degenerate, and you will have gained nothing in fitness and condition.

Don't put your horse into competition until he has been in a conditioning program for 90 days. This will ensure your horse is reasonably fit enough for the task.

Being Wise -

Horses get sore and tired, just like people do. Just because you know how to do a sit-up doesn't mean you can do 200 of them starting today. If you work hard, you might be able to do 200 sit-ups after a lot of steady work.

Your horse is the same. Pushing your horse beyond what he can physically give you will only discourage him from wanting to come out and work again the next day.

Give your horse every chance you can. Get his teeth floated and make sure his worming and immunizations are up to date. Care, condition and feed him for a successful driving season, and enjoy the results!

Nancy Van Deen owns a professional training and boarding facility in Enumclaw, Washington and has trained and driven horses, mules and ponies, singles, pairs and fours, competing and winning to Advanced level.

Easter Egg Hunt



Fourteen turnouts participated in the April 4th CDS Easter Egg Hunt at the Indiana Horse Park in Arvada. The weather was beautiful. After a potluck brunch, with chili provided by Sharon and Michael Pizzuto, every size, breed and color of equine paraded for the judges. By 1:30, we set our Easter baskets at the starting line and impatiently awaited the signal to start. Off we went gathering one egg at a time for 45 minutes. Then the signal was given to allow unlimited egg gathering. Go, stop, stand, and go again — excellent spring training!

Nina and her crew had hidden hundreds of boiled & dyed eggs including five beautifully colored goose eggs. Many prizes were given: friendliest greeter to Sharon Pizzuto; most eggs boiled and colored to Pat Lamprey. Best bonnet, best-decorated carriage, finders of goose eggs, and a few other bests also received prizes. Special thanks to the judges Rhonda, Dee-Dee, Moe, and Joe, and to Nina Shilodon, our most generous hostess.

Photos are selected from the many available for purchase at www.GillAllenPhotography.com

Why are Driving Events and Shows being Cancelled?

Al Senzamici

An interesting question and topic thread was posed to the “Carriage Driving Online” Facebook group members on April 18, 2015.

The thread went as follows:

Driving events/shows are being canceled left, right and center. What are your thoughts to why this is happening? Is it cost, distance, time? What are your reasons for not entering events? And tell us what would make you change your mind and make you enter an event and go that extra mile to support a venue.

There were about 200 replies to the thread.

The predominant responses as to why people are not showing seemed to be around cost, travel and time.

The three items actually overlap. Because the distance people had to travel to get to a show was five or more hours they had to spend at least two days of their time for travel. Three days for a Combined Driving Event and you have a total of 5 days needed to compete. Many people have to expend vacation time for a competition like that. Add in hotels and food and the costs continue to mount. Then the long travel distance adds to the overall expense because of fuel costs. We haven't even covered entry fees and stabling your horse.

Some common comments:

“200 dollars in Diesel to get there and back”

“\$45 a night to camp in your own trailer, 25-35 a night for a stall...per horse...shavings extra \$10....plus entry fees...and most CDE's start on Friday...I work 5 days a week and can't take off

most of the time.”

But is it really an issue of cost and time?

Others say,

“I will say that our one day, low cost events don't bring in the entries either, like an ADT or even just a pleasure drive. We just don't have the numbers that we did a few years ago.”

“Three years ago we did an all-day clinic for \$100 - had about 20 people. Now trying to have a clinic for \$50 and only have 5 people.”

Even many of our 1 day events sponsored by Colorado Driving Society last year were cancelled due to lack of participation whether it be participants or volunteers. We see the same 12-15 participants at most events. We constantly struggle to get volunteers to help facilitate and manage events. Club membership was over 75 people last year and 80 the year before.

With that many members, why is it so difficult to get people to either compete, participate or volunteer?

Inquiring minds want to know.



Reminders for Event Organizers:

1. Guidelines for organizers, a sample budget, and reimbursement forms are available on the CDS web site. They're on the right hand side in the "Documents" section below the newsletters.
2. Three months before your event, submit a budget to the CDS board: No publicity for an event will be released until the *board* has approved the budget for the event, so get that in first!
3. Two and a half months before your event, submit a description of your event to the newsletter. Include title, date, time, location, rain date, fees, organizer, details of the event, closing date for registration, a registration form and where to send it.
4. If you need help recruiting volunteers, send a list of the volunteers you need (scribe, timer etc.) to the volunteer coordinator, Susan Tyler.
5. After your event, Please send results and a report to the newsletter editor: SusanHTyler@gmail.com; or Susan Tyler, 755 Vista Lane, Lakewood, CO 80215
6. Sending a few pictures is very desirable!
7. If you incur an expense that needs to be repaid out of the club's checkbook you must provide a receipt. There is a form available for this on the website, and we will have them at the membership meetings. We will also provide copies in the Organizer's Packet. Receipts are required to keep our books in order.
8. Items that are donated require a receipt for the value of the item and the word "Donated" written on the receipt for tax purposes. This can include judge's fees if the judge normally charges for their service, but chooses to donate it to CDS.

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