***STONE BRIDGE CARRIAGE DRIVING CLUB***

***Eagle Ridge HDT***

***2 Day Back to Back Horse Driving Trials***

***August3rd – August 4th, 2024***

***SHOW OVERVIEW***

***Levels*: Training, Preliminary, Intermediate**

***Location*: Eagle Ridge Carriage Driving Venue (35057 Range Rd 40)**

**Kevisville, Alberta (west and south of Innisfail Alberta)**

*(From the north, via QE 2, at Innisfail, travel west on Hwy 54 to Range Rd 40 – Kevisville sign – turn south 12 km. Watch for signs and flags.*

*From the south, via QE 2, at Bowden travel west on Hwy 587 to Range Rd 43, turn north 3 km to the “Y” intersection, turn right (east) for 5 km. Watch for signs and flags.”*

This will be a two-day Horse Driving Trial, sanctioned by AEF (Alberta Equestrian Federation), under the Wild Rose Competition portion of AEF.

This event will run under the 2024 ADS (American Driving Society) rules, unless otherwise stated.

For a complete list of rules and regulations governing this competition, please download the 2024 ADS Rulebook at **www.americandrivingsociety.org**.

***OFFICIALS***

Head Judge Teresa Bonny-Bron, Eastern Washington State

Technical Delegate Byron Crook, AB

Show Secretary Dani-Lynne Rutschke, AB

Event Chairperson Jody Saarela & Kees Muilwijk

Show Committee Board Members Attending Event

Entries are limited and a $25 deposit is required in order to secure a place. Late entries may be accepted subject to space available, and a $25 late registration will be charged along with the original entry fee(s). There is a Non-Refundable cancellation Fee of $25, unless a note from a Vet/Doctor is provided that the equine/participant is not available to compete.

Entry deadline is June 29th, 2024, and any mailed-in entries must be post marked on or before June 21st, 2024.

Payments can be mailed to: PO Box 3928, Olds, AB, T4H 1P6 c/o Dani-Lynne Rutschke

**or** e-transfer to treasurer.sbdc@gmail.com.

**Please make your password to your security question *Driving.***

Stone Bridge Carriage Driving Member Fee: $175 plus a $10 Medic Fee

Non-Member Fee: $200 plus a $10 Medic Fee

One Day Event: SBCDC Member: $125, Non-Member $150

Saturday Evening Catered Meal: $25 per person. Please advise of any food allergies.

***\*\*\* We will be having a Silent Auction. Please feel free to bring anything you would like to donate for this. \*\*\****

***Division Levels***

***Training:*** Open to new/novice drivers or equines, just beginning in Combined Driving.

Please note Driving Obstacles are not timed.

***Preliminary*:** This is suitable for beginning competitors with some prior competition experience. Driving Obstacles will be timed.

***Intermediate*:** Competitors that have successfully completed at least 3 Combine Driving events at a Preliminary Level or higher, are encouraged to enter this Level.

***Equine Classes***

***Horse:*** *any equine over 148 cm without shoes or 149 cm with shoes.*

***Pony:*** any equine 120 cm to 148 cm without shoes or 149 cm with shoes.

***Small Pony:*** any equine 99 cm to less than 120 cm with or without shoes.

***Very Small Equine (VSE):*** any equine under 99 cm with or without shoes.

***Prizes***

1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded in each Division and overall, for each Division for both Saturday and Sunday.

***Rules and Information***

* Stone Bridge Carriage Driving Club, Officials, Volunteers, all Landowners and Affiliates on whose property this competition will occur on, will not be held accountable for any accident, injury, illness or death of a horse, owners, driver, grooms, ground personnel, spectators, or any person the properties whatsoever. They will also not be responsible for any theft.
* Please note Family Members of the officials may be competing in this event.
* **Stone Bridge Carriage Driving Club requires all competitors, grooms and any person riding upon a carriage, to sign the clubs Liability Waiver Documents, which will be available at the Show Office.**
* A Certified First Aider will be available on-site during the competition. Local paramedic and veterinary personal will be available on an on-call basis only. Contact information will be posted.
* The Organizing Committee has the right to limit entries, combine classes or refuse any entry. Please note that some competitors may have participated in organizing this event/and or course construction.
* Any equine 4 years old or over is eligible to compete. **(See ADS Article 929)**
* Well-behaved, experienced driving stallions will be permitted at the discretion of the Organizing Committee. The Organizing Committee must be notified of this prior to the show, in order to have them review and approve/not approve said Stallion Entry.
* Both days are preferred as entries, but we are willing to accommodate.
* Carts/Carriages: A spares kit is optional at this event but is encouraged to be carried on the cart/carriage at all times. Any safe vehicle is acceptable. Slow-moving vehicles signs or reflectors are not required unless driving on a public road. Rubber, solid or Pneumatic tires are acceptable at all levels. Wire Spoke Wheels are acceptable for Training Level only but must be designed for carriages.
* JUNIORS: Any competitor that are 18 years or younger are considered Junior Drivers and must be accompanied in the carriage at all times by a Groom who is an experienced, adult horseperson. Junior competitors must be a minimum age of 12 years in order to enter Training or Preliminary Classes, and a minimum age of 14 years in or to enter Intermediate Class. **At all times while on a carriage, Junior Competitors and Grooms must wear a body/back protector and securely fastened Protective Headgear. (See ADS Article 928.3).**
* Bridles should be adjusted to fit snuggly to prevent catching on a vehicle or other piece of harness. A bridle with reins attached and passed through the saddle terrets **MUST** be in place whenever a horse(s) is put to a vehicle/carriage. The horse(s) must **NEVER** be left unattended while put to a vehicle/carriage. Failure to comply with any of the above will incur in immediate DISQUALIFICATION, and the competitor will not be allowed to proceed/compete.
* **Approved Protective Headgear and body/back protector MUST be worn by all persons on a vehicle during the Marathon competition, other than Dressage (Please note: Juniors must still wear a helmet during dressage). Protective Headgear must also be worn for cones.**
* All competitors (except for Single VSE’s and Small Ponies <120cm) must be accompanied by a groom/navigator during the Marathon competition. All multiple hitches (pairs, 4-in-hand, etc.) must be accompanied by a groom(s) in all competitions (see ADS Rules Article 937.3/943.2.16 for groom requirements). Please arrange to have a groom/navigator prior to the show and alert the Show Office Secretary if scheduling issues may arise (i.e., drivers grooming for another driver or a groom attending multiple drivers) – please make note of this on your entry form. (Minimum for grooms/navigators is **12** for training and **14** for prelim, **No Exceptions**).
* Entry numbers must be displayed at ALL times in the warm-up areas, as well as the competition rings and course.
* **Stone Bridge Carriage Driving Club encourages competitors/grooms to carry medical information on them, including conditions and requirements. This information will be used by the Medical Personnel in the event of an accident.**
* Competitors are not permitted to pack up and leave during an event without prior approval.
* Competitors may only enter one turnout at a specific level. If approved by the show committee, the competitor may enter a second entry at the same level; however, it must be Hors Concourse, be driven after the first entry and not cause any scheduling conflicts.
* Any complaints/questions should be directed to the Technical Delegate. Questions/concerns will be address in consultation with the Organizing Committee.

**\*\*\* There will be *NO TOLERANCE* for any person(s) verbally/physically abusing our volunteers. If you have any questions or concerns, they must be taken to the TD, do not approach the volunteers. Anyone found to be in non-compliance of this, will be disqualified from the event and asked to leave the premises immediately! \*\*\***

* No DRONES on property.
* Dry camping is available on site (there are no hook-ups), at no cost. Outhouses are available, there are no showers on site.
* There is no long lining of equines allowed or tying to trees, as this is a safety concern. You must provide your own fencing to corral your equines in. There will be water available on site for your equine.
* Dogs are welcome as long as they are well behaved, quiet and under the control of their owner at all times by leash, cages or confined to your trailer. They are not allowed on the course while the competition is under way. There are also no dogs allowed in the Club Building, where the kitchen and show office are located. Unattended loose dogs are a safety risk and will not be tolerated.
* ***We will have a small concession on site for the weekend.***
* Please insure you clean up after yourself, your equine and dog. Haul your garbage out with you.
* Generators are to be turned off by 10:00 p.m. unless otherwise arranged.
* The club property gate on Range Road 40 is to be closed at night if there are equines on the property.

***Dressage***

***Tests***

Training: New ADS Training Test B

Preliminary: New ADS Preliminary Test B

Intermediate: New ADS Intermediate Test B

Dressage tests can be obtained from [**www.americandrivingsociety.org**](http://www.americandrivingsociety.org). Please note: Training Level Drivers are not permitted to have their test dictated to them (as per ADS Rulebook Article 945.2 / 2.1.2 ).

Presentation will be judged “on the move”, any style of dress that is typically recognized at driving events will be accepted, appearance, and cleanliness. Jackets or national dress, gloves, driving apron and whip in hand are mandatory for this event.

Protective head gear is encouraged but not mandatory in Dressage, **except** in the event of a Junior Competitor. All Junior Competitors must wear approved protective headgear and body/back protector. If you choose not to wear protective head gear during Dressage, you must have someone responsible for bringing your helmet to you for Cones.

The Dressage Arena sizes will be as follows – **Please note there will be no ring change for dressage, it will be based on the 40x80 m for all levels/turn outs.**

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|  | Training | Preliminary | Intermediate |
|  VSE (Singles/Pairs) | 40x80 m | 40x80 m | 40x80 m |
| VSE (Tandems/4-Up) | 40x80 m | 40x80 m | 40x80 m |
| Pony & Horse (Single/Pairs) | 40x80 m | 40x80 m | 40x80 m |
| Pony & Horse (Tandem/4-Up) | 40x80 m | 40x80 m | 40x80 m |

***Cones/Obstacles***

***Length of Marathon*:** The total marathon distance will be up to 10 km with up to 6 obstacles.

Approved Protective Headgear and body/back protector MUST be worn by all persons on a vehicle during the Marathon competition, other than Dressage. Protective Headgear must also be worn for cones. (Please note All Junior Competitors must wear approved protective headgear and body/back protector).

***Dress Code:*** Gloves are recommended, and any style of dress is accepted. A whip in hand must be always carried by drivers while on the marathon course. **Competitors and Grooms must wear Protective Vests and Protective Headgear during the Marathon.**

***Marathon Speeds***

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| SPEEDS | TRAINING(Section B) | PRELIMINARY(Section B) | INTERMEDIATE(Section B) |
| Horse | 13 km/hr | 14 km/hr | 14 km/hr |
| Pony | 12 km/hr | 13 km/hr | 13 km/hr |
| Small Pony | 11 km/hr | 12 km/hr | 12 km/hr |
| VSE’s | 9 km/hr | 10.5 km/hr | 11 km/hr |

There may be a Water Obstacle with a dry route option for Training. Use of breeching is mandatory for singles and those vehicles without brakes.

Training Level only have to complete three gates (A, B & C), and are permitted to walk/trot anywhere on the course. Obstacles are times but not posted for Training. CANTERING IS NOT permitted on the course or within the obstacles by any competitor in Training.

Preliminary Level will complete 4 gates (A, B, C & D) and Intermediate Level will complete 5 gates (A, B, C, D, & E) within each obstacle. Obstacles are timed and these times will be posted.

Preliminary and Intermediate Competitors can travel at any pace while on the course; however, must walk or trot the last 300 meters of the course and after the last obstacle if less than 300 meters from finish.



***Show Office Times***

The Show Office will open Friday at 3:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Competitors and Grooms must report to the Show Office upon arrival to pick up their Competitor’s Package and to sign any required waivers.

***Tentative Schedule of Events***

Official start times and “Order of Go” will be posted at the Show Office

**Friday, August 23, 2024**

3:00 p.m. Show Office Opens

4:00 p.m. Competitor’s Meeting/Official Course Walk

 All competitors ***must*** attend the Competitor’s Meeting. The Show Office will be

closed during the Competitor’s Meeting.

7:30 p.m. The Safety Officer will visit your campsite to obtain wheel measurements for the

cones competition.

8:30 p.m. Show Office Closes

**Saturday, August 3, 2024**

7:30 a.m. Show Office Opens

8:00 a.m. Event Meeting for course volunteers.

8:15 a.m. Safety Check and Wheel Measurements (if required) to be done 15 minutes before

your start time.

8:30 a.m. Dressage & Cones begin – Competitors proceed directly to the Cones Course after your Dressage Test.

11:30 a.m. LUNCH

12:45 p.m. Marathon Volunteers Briefing

1:15 p.m. Safety Check and Wheel Measurements (if required) to be done 15 minutes before your start time.

1:30 p.m. Marathon begins.

5:30 p.m. Daily Scoring will be posted and available on location, near the Show Office.

**Evening Catered Meal.**

**Sunday, August 4, 2024**

7:30 a.m. Show Office Opens

8:00 a.m. Event Meeting for course volunteers

8:15 a.m. Safety Check and Wheel Measurements (if required) to be done 15 minutes before

your start time.

8:30 a.m. Dressage & Cones begin – Competitors proceed directly to the Cones Course after your Dressage Test.

11:30 a.m. LUNCH

12:45 p.m. Marathon Volunteers Briefing

1:15 p.m. Safety Check and Wheel Measurements (if required) to be done 15 minutes before your start time.

1:30 p.m. Marathon begins.

5:00 p.m. Scoring available and award presentation.

***There will be a small concession on site for the weekend***