

Prize List, General Rules and Regulations, and  
Tentative Schedule for the



# Summer Carriage Classic

**August 28-29, 2010**  
**Hamilton County Fairgrounds**  
1200 Bluff Street  
Webster City, Iowa

An event recognized by the American Driving Society

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## 2010 Show Officials

### BITS Carriage Classic Show Committee

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Kathy Kuehl

Judges: Audrey Bostwick, Perkasio, Pennsylvania and Dana Bright, Felton, Pennsylvania  
Technical Delegate: Kail Palmer-Miller, Elverson, Pennsylvania  
Show Organizer: Mary Winter, Ames, Iowa  
Show Secretary: Kathy Kuehl, Ames, Iowa  
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Veterinarian: Webster City Veterinary Clinic, Webster City, Iowa, 515-832-1700  
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Kathy Kuehl, Show Secretary, 515-290-9271, [kkuehl@iastate.edu](mailto:kkuehl@iastate.edu)

**Secretary's Office** will be open 4-6 PM Friday, and at 7:30 AM on Saturday and Sunday, closing at the end of the last class of each day. The office is located in the Richardson Pavilion.

**Directions to the show grounds:** From I-35, take exit 142B (US 20 west toward Fort Dodge) 12.5 miles to exit 140 for IA highway 17 South. At the bottom of the exit ramp, turn right (north) onto Superior Street. At the second stoplight, turn right onto Bank Street, which becomes Dubuque Street. Turn right on Bluff to the Fairgrounds entrance. Or follow the signs from Superior Street to the Hamilton County Fairgrounds.

**Lodging:** The Executive Inn of Webster City, 1700 Superior Street is offering a special rate of \$52 a night for the weekend. Call 1-800-322-3631 and ask for the BITS block of rooms. Must be reserved by August 15, 2010, to get the special rate.

The BITS Carriage Classic Classic relies heavily on the generosity of our donors, sponsors and volunteers. Please remember to thank those people and businesses who have given their time and resources so that we may have a place to enjoy our horses and carriages.

About our officials:

***Judges:***

**Audrey A. Bostwick**, a founding member of the American Driving Society, Inc. is currently a member the Licensed Officials Committee, and Chair, Trustee of the Hoopes-Addis Education Trust. She is a member of the USEF Carriage Pleasure Driving Committee. Audrey has been an ADS Pleasure Driving Judge and Technical Delegate since 1974 and is also licensed by USEF. She has officiated as Judge or Technical Delegate at Walnut Hill Carriage Driving Competition, California and Florida State Fairs, Grand National Morgan Horse Show, Grand National Friesian Horse Show and Canadian Carriage Driving Classic among numerous others. Audrey has successfully competed at Devon, The Royal Winter Fair, Walnut Hill Carriage Driving Competition, The Canadian Classic and Spring Gladstone. Her Shetland ponies were North American Reserve Champions in 1998 and Champions in 2000. Her pair of Welsh ponies were Champions at the Brandywine Driving Show in 2005 and garnered ribbons in pair and tandem classes at Lorenzo and Walnut Hill. In 2009 her pony, Socks, was Large Single Pony Champion at Walnut Hill Carriage Driving Competition. Audrey has instructed for more than 15 years throughout the United States. She has taught in the Equine Studies Program at Delaware Valley College, Doylestown, PA, since 1988.

**Dana Bright** was born in New York City and spent her childhood plotting to move to the country on her own farm. She has lived in York, PA, for almost 30 years where her husband and son are farriers. Her daughter and husband own an Irish Draft and Irish Sport Horse breeding farm. She has 3 grandchildren and too many Jack Russell Terriers. Although driving is Dana's major interest now, she started riding early on and competed and instructed Combined Training and Three Day Eventing. She was a USPC District Commissioner and camp organizer. That background helped her organize the Mid Atlantic Regional Recreational Driving Weekend, which celebrated its 11th anniversary in 2009. Dana is an American Driving Society "R" Pleasure Driving Judge, Combined Driving judge, Dressage Judge, and Pleasure Driving TD. She also holds an "R" with the USEF in Carriage Pleasure and Combined Driving. She has been a board and committee member of the ADS for many years. She is currently the Chair of the Licensed Officials Committee with a special interest in providing officials with ongoing education and the chance to support each other as peers. Dana is currently competing a pair of homebred Welsh Section A's by her stallion at the Intermediate level at CDE's and in pleasure driving shows as a pair, tandem, and unicorn with their sire.

***Technical Delegate:***

**Kail Palmer-Miller** is a licensed official with American Driving Society and USEF, holding "R" status in Pleasure Driving, Combined Driving, and Dressage judging. Kail has been involved with carriage driving horses her entire life. She has competed since the age of eight, driving singles, pairs, tandems, unicorns and four-in-hands in both pleasure and combined driving. Upon graduating high school, she studied ridden dressage with Robert Hall at Fulmer International in Aiken, South Carolina. She is a member of the World Coaching Club, an invitational club formed by women who are proficient in driving their own four-in-hand and coach. In August 2006, Kail served as Chef d'Equipe and Coach for Team USA at the World Championships for Drivers with Disabilities, held in the Netherlands bringing home an individual gold medal. She also has been the organizer of the Carriage Racing at the Pennsylvania Farm Show since its formation in 2005. Most recently, Kail has focused her efforts on her family's team of Hackney horses, which she enjoys showing in the Coaching divisions at the Devon Horse Show and the Royal Winter Fair in Toronto, Canada. She has numerous wins driving in pair, tandem and unicorn classes as well. Kail is the 2009 Multiple Division Champion at the Brandywine Carriage Driving Show.

## Divisions and Classes Offered

All horses and ponies must be at least three years of age to compete at the BITS Summer Carriage Classic (BSCC).

Six divisions are offered at the BSCC:

- I. Open Pony, equines 14'2" and under
- II. Open Horse, equines over 14'2" hands; a registered equine in a breed that permits animals 14'2" and under (Morgan, Arab, Quarter Horse) may show as a Horse
- III. Novice Driver, driver has won fewer than three first-place ribbons in ADS competitions
- IV. Novice Horse or Pony, equine has won fewer than three first-place ribbons in ADS competitions
- V. Multiples, more than one equine in the turnout.
- VI. Junior Driver, a driver who is 18 years of age throughout 2010. See Chapter 3, Article 2(7) of the ADS Rulebook. All Junior Drivers must wear properly fitted and fastened protective headgear that meets or exceeds current ASTM/SEI standards for equestrian use. See ADS Rulebook, Article 25B-1-a. Drivers under 14 must be accompanied by a knowledgeable adult.

Within each division except Junior Driver, six classes count toward the division championship:

- A. Turnout
- B. Working Pleasure
- C. Reinsmanship
- D. Timed Obstacles
- E. Pick Your Route
- F. Cross Country Obstacles

In the Junior Division, four classes count toward the division championship (Junior drivers 11 and older may compete in Pick Your Route and Cross Country Obstacles, but those classes do not count toward the Junior Division Championship):

- A. Turnout
- B. Working Pleasure
- C. Reinsmanship
- D. Timed Obstacles

A championship and reserve championship is awarded in each division, calculated by summing placings in the classes included in the division championship. Five points are awarded for a first place finish, 4 points for second place, 3 points for third place, 2 points for fourth place, and 1 point for fifth place.

BSCC also offers six other classes:

- Gentlemen to Drive, open to any male driver, judged as a Working Pleasure class
- Ladies to Drive, open to any female driver, judged as a Working Pleasure class
- Reverse Psychology, open to any driver 11 years of age or over
- Gambler's Choice, open to any driver 11 years of age or over
- Double Jeopardy, open to any two drivers 11 years of age or over
- Cone Weaving, open to any driver

## Class descriptions

### Turnout, Reinsmanship, and Working Pleasure

In each of the "arena" or "rail" classes, the horse and driver work both directions of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot, and are required to reinback. *Turnout* is judged primarily on the overall impression of horse and driver: condition, fit and appropriateness of harness and vehicle, neatness and appropriateness of attire. *Reinsmanship* is judged primarily on the skill and ability of the driver. *Working pleasure* is judged primarily on the

suitability of the horse to provide a pleasant drive. Both **Ladies to Drive** and **Gentlemen to Drive** are judged as Working Pleasure classes. For additional information, see the ADS Rulebook, Articles 35, 36, and 37.

### **Timed Obstacles**

Driven over course consisting of up to 20 paired cones. After crossing the starting line, the driver proceeds through the cones in numerical order to the finish line. For additional information, see the ADS Rulebook, Articles 57 and 58.

### **Pick Your Route**

After passing the starting line, the driver proceeds through each obstacle to the designated finish line, choosing his or her own route. Each obstacle is negotiated once and only once, but may be approached from either direction. Course faults are scored as penalty seconds and are added to the driver's elapsed time. Placings are determined on a low total time basis. For additional information, see the ADS Rulebook, Article 58E.

### **Cross Country**

This class is driven at a trot through a designated course of obstacles that is approximately 1 kilometer in length. Obstacles are both natural and artificial and are designed to resemble those that might be found on a country drive. Placings are determined on a low fault basis. Time faults and course faults will be added together for a total score. Time will decide ties. For additional information, see the ADS Rulebook, Article 60.

### **Reverse Psychology**

After passing through the Start markers, all the obstacles shall be driven in the correct sequence. After completing the highest-numbered obstacle, the driver turns and drives that obstacle in the reverse direction and continues to drive all the remaining obstacles in reverse order and in the reverse direction and through the Finish markers where timing will stop. Course faults are scored as penalty seconds and are added to the driver's elapsed time. Placings are determined on a low total time basis. For additional information, see the ADS Rulebook, Article 58D.

### **Gambler's Choice**

Driven over a course of unnumbered obstacles, each with a specific point value. Each driver has the same amount of time to negotiate as many obstacles as possible. Each obstacle can be driven twice but not in succession. No obstacle can be redriven once it has been disturbed unless it is meant to be knocked down. A signal will sound at the end of the time and the driver must then exit through the finish markers. If the signal sounds when the driver is committed to an obstacle, the competitor may complete the obstacle and then proceed to the finish marker for total time to be recorded. For additional information, see the ADS Rulebook, Article 59C.

### **Double Jeopardy**

To be driven over a prescribed course of obstacles (paired markers) by an entry with two drivers. After passing through the Start markers, the first driver proceeds through each obstacle and through the designated Finish markers, for the first course and comes to a halt. The second driver then takes the reins and whip. Only after there is complete control of the reins and whip may the second driver proceed, beginning with the designated Start markers for the reverse course, continuing through the obstacles in reverse order and in the reverse direction and through the designated Finish markers for the reverse course, when the second driver's time stops. Course faults are scored as penalty seconds and are added to the driver's elapsed time. Placings are determined on a low total time basis. For additional information, see the ADS Rulebook, Article 58C.

### **Cone Weaving**

Six markers, set in a straight line, 24 feet apart. After passing through the Start Markers, the competitor drives around the marker that is furthest from the Start line, in either direction, and proceeds by driving, i.e., weaving, around each marker in the line in alternating directions, turning around the marker closest to the Start Line and weaving back around each marker in alternating directions. After rounding the last marker, the driver must pass through the Finish markers. Fastest time wins. Straddling an obstacle marker, regardless of an actual disturbance, will be scored as a dislodgement (5 seconds added to the time). Cone Weaving is not an ADS event.

To enter the BITS Summer Carriage Classic, use the American Driving Society entry form for Pleasure Driving shows , available at [www.americandrivingsociety.org/entry\\_forms/ADS\\_PD.pdf](http://www.americandrivingsociety.org/entry_forms/ADS_PD.pdf), or request a form from the Organizer. Complete both sides of the entry form, using the numbers of the classes in the following chart for "Entry Class Numbers" and mail, along with a check for the entry, stabling, and other fees, to:

Kathy Kuehl  
 55787 175<sup>th</sup> Street  
 Ames, IA 50010

No.	Division	Class	No.	Division	Class
1A	Open Pony	Turnout	4C	Novice Horse/Pony	Reinsmanship
1B	Open Pony	Working Pleasure	4D	Novice Horse/Pony	Timed Obstacles
1C	Open Pony	Reinsmanship	4E	Novice Horse/Pony	Pick Your Route
1D	Open Pony	Timed Obstacles	4F	Novice Horse/Pony	Cross Country
1E	Open Pony	Pick Your Route	5A	Multiples	Turnout
1F	Open Pony	Cross Country	5B	Multiples	Working Pleasure
2A	Open Horse	Turnout	5C	Multiples	Reinsmanship
2B	Open Horse	Working Pleasure	5D	Multiples	Timed Obstacles
2C	Open Horse	Reinsmanship	5E	Multiples	Pick Your Route
2D	Open Horse	Timed Obstacles	5F	Multiples	Cross Country
2E	Open Horse	Pick Your Route	6A	Junior Driver	Turnout
2F	Open Horse	Cross Country	6B	Junior Driver	Working Pleasure
3A	Novice Driver	Turnout	6C	Junior Driver	Reinsmanship
3B	Novice Driver	Working Pleasure	6D	Junior Driver	Timed Obstacles
3C	Novice Driver	Reinsmanship	7	Gentlemen to Drive	
3D	Novice Driver	Timed Obstacles	8	Ladies to Drive	
3E	Novice Driver	Pick Your Route	9	Reverse Psychology	
3F	Novice Driver	Cross Country	10	Gambler's Choice	
4A	Novice Horse/Pony	Turnout	11	Double Jeopardy	
4B	Novice Horse/Pony	Working Pleasure	12	Cone Weaving	

## General Rules and Information

1. The BITS Summer Carriage Classic is recognized by the American Driving Society (ADS) and all classes offered are covered by the current rules and specifications of ADS. All classes, with the exception of Cone Weaving, will be conducted and judged in accordance with ADS rules.
2. The Show Committee reserves the right to decline any entry and/or return any entry fee before or during the competition without being liable for any compensation. If horses/ponies are entered but not exhibited, entry fees will be forfeited, unless a veterinarian certifies in writing the inability of the animal to perform due to injury, illness, or death. If a competitor is unable to compete because of injury or illness, a physician must certify this in writing as well. In either situation, the statement must be received before August 25, 2010. Stall fees are refundable with vet certificate or statement of a physician if the statement is received before August 25, 2010
3. Competitors may stable horses in a portable pen provided the competitor is staying nearby in a tent, trailer or camper. A \$20 fee is charged for working out of a trailer, and there is a \$50 deposit to assure that the area is cleaned at the end of the event. Contact organizer in advance for further information and reservations. Camping fees apply to trailers with portable pens if electricity is used.
4. The Show Committee reserves the right to combine or divide classes or divisions, if the number of entries should warrant, and to limit entries if necessary.
5. Classes will begin promptly at 8:30 am both days.
6. Entries open July 1, 2010, and close with an August 15<sup>th</sup> postmark.
7. There will be no additions to classes or divisions after the Secretary's office closes on Friday, August 27.
8. Competitors may enter classes in different divisions, but should recognize that cross-entering may be difficult because of the class schedule.
9. FEES:
  - Entries are \$12 per class. Post entries are \$17 per class and will be accepted up until the secretary's office closes on Friday.
  - Stalls are \$75 with first bedding (2 bags of shavings) included. Additional bedding may be purchased for \$8.00 per bag. NO STRAW IS ALLOWED.
  - There is a \$50 deposit for each stall or area on which a horse or horses are penned. The deposit is returned if the area is left clean.
  - Tack stalls are \$50 for the weekend, **depending on availability**.
  - Camping is \$15 a night with electrical hookups. Primitive camping is free.
  - Working out of a trailer is \$20.
  - Saturday evening dinner is \$17 a plate.
10. Stabling is in permanent 10 x 10 stalls in the Vegors Horse Barn. Carriages may be stored in the center aisle of the Vegors Horse Barn. Stabling opens Thursday at noon; **check with Organizer if arriving before Thursday noon or staying over Sunday evening.**

11. Ribbons will be awarded to five competitors in each class. There are no cash prizes.
12. Ring classes and obstacle classes will run simultaneously. Ring classes will have precedence. Each competitor will be asked to sign up for the time he or she wishes to drive each of the obstacle courses.
13. All courses are to be driven at a trot. Canter is not allowed and may be penalized.
14. Tentative course maps will be available Friday at approximately 4 p. m. at the Secretary's office but will not become official until final inspection by show officials. There will be a Question & Answer session Friday evening at 5:00 PM in the Richardson Pavilion or the Plaza, depending upon the weather. All competitors are strongly encouraged to attend this meeting. There will be no official course walk but courses will be open to walk in accordance with the times outlined on the tentative show schedule in this document. Horses are only allowed on the courses when they are competing.
15. The gates to the Hamilton County Fairgrounds will be closed at 10:00 P.M. Friday and Saturday evenings and opened at 6:00 A.M. Saturday and Sunday mornings. The gates will not be locked, merely closed.
16. All pertinent information will be reviewed, and if necessary, distributed, at the Question & Answer session Friday at 5:00 p. m. Any last minute revisions will be announced at this time as well. It is your responsibility to attend this session because the information only will be presented once.
17. Yield to pedestrians. The fairgrounds are open to the public throughout the weekend and many people will be coming to see the horses and carriages. However, many visitors DO NOT UNDERSTAND horse behavior, so drivers are to use EXTREME caution while traveling in areas where there are visitors. Many visitors will ask questions of drivers about their horses, carriages, and the show, so this will be a great opportunity to promote carriage driving to the general public and give them a glimpse of another time. Competitors in the BITS Summer Carriage Classic are NOT allowed to give rides to the general public. If anyone rides in your carriage, including anyone in your entourage, you must have a written release, signed by each person riding in the carriage, on file with the Show Secretary prior to the ride.
18. All drivers may be subject to a safety check by show officials. See Article 5.2.
19. Animals must be sound and in good health. ALL horses must present a health certificate (within 30 days of the show) and a negative Coggins within 12 months of the show. A copy of the Coggins must be sent with the show entry. Health certificates are to be presented upon arrival. Failure to provide required health papers for competing horses may result in losing the privilege to show and all paid fees will be forfeited.
20. Dogs are welcomed at this show if they and their owners are good citizens. Others may be asked to leave. Please clean up after your dogs. Dogs are to be on a leash or in a crate at all times. Owners who allow dogs to run off leash may be fined \$50.00 per occurrence. Remember! The behavior of your animals and the consequences of their actions are your responsibility.
21. Bridles should be adjusted to fit snugly to prevent catching on a vehicle or other pieces of harness. **A bridle with reins attached and passed through the saddle terrets must be in place whenever a horse is put to a vehicle.** Failure to comply will result in elimination for the remainder of the show.
22. Horses / ponies are not to be tied up or left unattended in any way while they are put to vehicles. Failure to comply will incur elimination for the remainder of the show.
23. All drivers shall be members of the American Driving Society or pay a \$30 non-member fee, which DOES NOT PROVIDE INSURANCE COVERAGE.

24. Remember, **safety is everyone's concern at all times!**

Obstacle Course Walks:

- Cross Country: Saturday late afternoon until dark. Sunday until 9:00 A. M.
- Timed Obstacles: Saturday late afternoon until dark. Sunday until 8:30 A.M.
- Pick Your Route: Friday late afternoon until dark. Saturday until 9:00 A.M.
- Cone Weaving: Saturday noon-1 P.M.
- Reverse Psychology: Saturday approximately 10-11 A.M.
- Double Jeopardy: Saturday noon to 1:30 P.M.
- Gambler's Choice: Saturday late afternoon until dark; Sunday until 10:15 A.M.

Tentative Schedule

**Thursday, August 26, 2010**

noon Stabling opens

**Friday, August 27, 2010**

4:00 PM Secretary's Office opens in Richardson Pavilion  
5:00 PM. Competitors' Meeting, Plaza  
6:00 P.M. Wine and Cheese Reception, Plaza

Key to the schedule on the next page:

M	Multiples	OP	Open Pony
ND	Novice Driver	OH	Open Horse
NH/P	Novice Horse or Pony	JD	Junior Driver

**Saturday, August 28, 2010**

**Outdoor Arena**

8:30 A.M.

ND Turnout  
NH/P Turnout  
OH Turnout  
OP Turnout  
JD Turnout  
M Turnout

Gentlemen to Drive

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00 Cone Weaving

M Reinsmanship  
ND Reinsmanship  
NH/P Reinsmanship  
OH Reinsmanship  
OP Reinsmanship  
JD Reinsmanship

6:30 P.M., Dinner, Van Diest Building

**Sunday, August 29, 2010**

**Outdoor Arena**

8:30 A.M.

Timed Obstacles, all divisions  
Ladies to Drive  
M Working Pleasure  
ND Working Pleasure

11:30-12:30 Lunch

12:30

NH/P Working Pleasure  
OP Working Pleasure  
OH Working Pleasure  
JD Working Pleasure

**Cones Area**

8:30 A.M.

Pick Your Route, all divisions

11:00 A.M.

Reverse Psychology

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:30 P. M.

Double Jeopardy

**Cross Country Course**

9:00 A.M.

Cross Country Obstacles, all divisions

**Cones Area**

10:30 A.M.

Gambler's Choice

**The Plaza**

~3:00 P.M.

Awards Ceremony