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The Bucks County Horse Park
Presents

Pleasure Driving In the Park

Sunday, June 11, 2017
Rain or Shine



Judges

Jessica Axelsson & Sharon Ross

Announcer: Allison Black

Show Secretaries: Rebecca Merritt & Judy Hohmann

Light Lunch Items Available for Purchase

8934 Easton Road ~ P.O. Box 386 ~ Revere, PA 18953

610-847-8597 ~ BucksCountyHorsePark.org

**A Day at the Horse Park ~ Dinner at the Ferndale
PERFECT!**

Welcome to the Bucks County Horse Park

The Bucks County Horse Park, part of the Bucks County Park System, is a unique facility dedicated to the preservation of a natural environment for amateur equestrian pursuits. Located in Revere, PA, the Park provides a variety of competitions and trail riding for all ages and disciplines of riding. The Bucks County Horse Park, Inc. is a non-profit 501c3 corporation that manages the Park for the Bucks County Parks and Recreation Dept.

Directions to the Park

The Park is located on rte. 611 between Revere and Ferndale, PA., approximately 15 miles north of Doylestown and 18 miles south of Easton. From the south, it is on the left 1/2 miles north of Revere. From the north, it is on the right just less than a mile south of Ferndale.

From Chester, Lancaster, PA, and South Jersey on the PA Turnpike:

Take the PA Turnpike to Exit 343, Willow Grove. This exit is rte. 611. Head north on 611—the Park is approximately 30 miles north of the exit. Your halfway point will be Doylestown. Continue north on 611 following the signs to Easton. Rte. 611 becomes more rural as you continue north through the small towns of Plumsteadville, Pipersville, and Ottsville. You will come to a traffic light at the intersection of rte. 611 and rte 412. Stay to the right and continue on 611 for another 1 1/2 miles to Revere. Rte. 611 makes a sharp left in Revere. Stay on 611. At this point, the Park entrance is about 1/2 mile ahead on the left.

From Central New Jersey: Cross the Delaware River to PA on the rte. 202 toll bridge and continue south on 202 through Lahaska to Buckingham, where you will pick up rte. 413 north. Continue on 413 through Mechanicsville and Gardenville to Pipersville where you will see signs at a stop sign for rte. 611 north. Due to hilly terrain, you will be directed to turn left and then right and then right again onto 611 north. Continue north on 611 for 6 to 8 miles, and you will come to a traffic light at the intersection of rte. 611 and rte. 412. See directions above.

From North Jersey, Easton and I-78: Exit I-78 at rte.611—pick up rte. 611 south in Easton. Go south on 611 for approx. 14 miles through Riegelsville and Kintnersville along the Delaware River—a narrow scenic road. At Kintnersville, rte 611 south bears to the right, while rte. 32 becomes the river route. Stay on 611 for 3 to 4 miles and you will come to a traffic light in Ferndale. Continue on 611 for less than a mile. The Park entrance will be on your right as you come around a slight curve.

GPS Directions: 8934 Easton Road, Ottsville, PA 18942

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Utility Vehicle

Margaret Grillet

Carriage Dog Class

Jessica Nogradi

Old Guard Class

Albert & Katrina Wieand

Concours D' Elegance

Julia Thomas

Division Champions

Bucks County Saddlery

Exhibitors' Bags

Straight Arrow and Karen Schell

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Single Horse Division

Kendalwood Farm
PJ and Tara Crowley

Single Pony Division

Turnout
Albert & Katrina Wieand

Working/Reinsmanship/Cones
Eliza Walbridge

Very Small Equine

Regency Performance Minia-
tures

Novice Driver

Rita Michalenko
Weymouth Walk

Class List and Numbers

Ring 1 Starts at 9 am

Jessica Axelsson Judging

1. Single Horse Turnout
2. Single Horse Reinsmanship
3. Single Pony Turnout
4. Single Pony Reinsmanship
5. VSE Turnout
6. VSE Reinsmanship
7. Novice Turnout
8. Novice Reinsmanship
9. Utility Vehicle Turnout
10. Utility Vehicle Reinsmanship

Break

11. Carriage Dog Class
12. Single Horse Working
13. Single Pony Working
14. VSE Working
15. Novice Working
16. Utility Vehicle Working
17. Old Guard Working Class

Ring 2 Timed Obstacles starts at 9 am

Sharon Ross Judging

18. VSE
19. Single Horse
20. Single Pony
21. Utility Vehicle
22. Novice Driver

*Thank You
To
All of Our
Wonderful
Volunteers*

*We couldn't do this without
Your help.*

Division Championship Classes

Single Horse = 1, 2, 12, 19
Single Pony = 3, 4, 13, 20
VSE = 5, 6, 14, 18
Novice Driver = 7, 8, 15, 22
Utility Vehicle = 9, 10, 16, 21

Non-Championship Classes = 11, 17



This is not an American Driving Society Recognized Pleasure Driving Show, however, we will follow the ADS Rules.

General information / Rules & Regulations

ADS rules are used as guidelines for the show

Entries

1. \$15.00 per class .
2. A separate entry form is required for each driver. For additional prize lists and entry forms, please go to BucksCountyHorsePark.org and look under Driving.
3. All drivers, grooms, navigators, passengers and attendants must sign a disclaimer when they register the day of the show.
4. Negative Coggins (current within 12 months of the show) required for all horses entering the show grounds. Please include copy with entry form.
5. Please make entry fee checks payable to BCHP.

Refund Policy

Refunds will be made only upon receipt of a veterinarian's certificate attesting to the inability of the animal(s) to participate due to injury or illness. The certificate must be received prior to the opening of the show on June 11, 2017.

General Participation

1. Each turnout may compete only once in the same cones class.
2. Numbers are assigned on a Turnout basis (i.e. animal, vehicle and driver). When any of these components change, it is considered a different turnout requiring a different number. Always display the correct number for your turnout. Competitors wearing the incorrect number will be eliminated.
3. Failure to cross the starting line of the cones classes within one minute of the signal from the judge may incur elimination.
4. A two-minute gate rule will be in effect for all classes.
5. The judge may excuse from the ring any unsafe vehicle, harness or animal. Exhibitors may be asked to leave the grounds for un-sportsmanlike conduct, failure to control an animal, or for abusing an animal.
6. **The removal of the bridle while the horse is put to the carriage will result in elimination.**
7. All Juniors in all competitions must wear properly fastened protective headgear which meets or exceeds current ASTM (American Society for Testing and Materials)/SEI (Safety Equipment Institute) standards for equestrian use and carry the SEI tag. It must be properly fitted with harness secured. Failure to comply will result in elimination.

Schedule

Show Secretary opens at 7:30 am. Light food and drink will be available on the grounds throughout the day. The Show Managers reserve the right to adjust the timing and length of the lunch break. Management will make every effort to ensure turnouts make their class.

To be judged: 70% on the condition, fit and appropriateness of the harness, vehicle, spares and appointments; neatness and appropriateness of attire and overall impression; 30% on performance, manners and way of going.. Class nos. 1,3,5,7,9.

Timed Obstacle Driving: To be driven over a prescribed course of obstacles. The number of obstacles to be proportionate to the dimensions of the driving arena. Not to exceed twenty obstacles. After passing the starting line, the driver shall proceed through each obstacle, in order, to the designated finish line. No cantering will be permitted. Course faults are assessed as penalty seconds and are added to the driver's elapsed time. Placings are determined on a low total time basis. Class nos. 18,19,20,21,22.

Carriage Dog Class: (1) Judged primarily on suitability of the dog to serve as a companion. (one dog per vehicle) To be judged both ways in the arena at a walk, slow trot & working trot. **(A)** The dog should be standing, lying down or seated on the vehicle, or should run behind, beside or at the axle of 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, & the dog should not interfere with the driver in any way. **(2)** The dog may be of any breed. **(3)** To be judged 60% on suitability of the dog to serve as a companion; 30% on performance, manners & way of going of the horse(s); 10% on overall impression of the turnout, including the dog. Entries with a dog clearly not under control, may be eliminated. **(4)** As a variation, the spectators, in the form of applause, may judge this class. This class will be judged by the judge. Class no. 11.

Old Guard Working Class: This class is open to exhibitors 60 years of age and older or, to entries with a combined age of rider and equine of 60 and older, wishing to show a Single or Pair (Horse, Pony, VSE). The class will be judged both ways of the ring at the Walk, Slow Trot and Working Trot. Entries will be expected to stand quietly on the rail and while lined up and may be asked to rein back. Class no. 17.

Concours D'Elegance: This will be judged throughout the morning classes. 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 elegance 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 all contributes to the overall picture. Period costumes are definitely prohibited. Performance will not be judged unless it detracts from the elegance of the turnout.

3. Bridles should be adjusted to fit snugly to prevent catching on a vehicle or other pieces of harness. A throatlatch, noseband or cavesson are mandatory. Removing the bridle or detaching the reins from the bit before unhitching the horse from the vehicle, anywhere on the grounds, will result in instant elimination.
4. Dress for the driver and passenger(s) should conform to the type of turnout (i.e. Park, Country, Sporting, etc.). Period costumes are prohibited. Hard hats or helmets are acceptable (and encouraged) in all classes. Driving aprons or lap robes, hats, gloves and driving whips are required while driving in **all** classes.

Grooms and Passengers

Grooms must be with the turnout and available to assist at all times; even outside the ring, warming up, etc. All passengers/grooms must have a signed waiver on file with the Show Secretary. Waiver forms will be available at the show.

Class Description

Working Classes: A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the horse to provide a pleasant drive. To be shown both ways of the ring 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 ring at any gait requested by the judge and may be asked to execute appropriate tests. To be judged: 70% performance, manners and way of going of the horse(s); 20% on the condition and fit of harness and vehicle; 10% on neatness of attire. Class nos. 12,13,14,15,16.

Reinsmanship Classes: A pleasure driving class to which 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 shall be required to rein back. All drivers chosen for a workout may be judged 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. Driver should not be penalized or rewarded for using one general style over another. To be judged: 75% on handling of reins, whip, control, posture and overall impression of driver. 25% on the condition of harness, vehicle and neatness of attire. Class nos. 2,4,6,8,10.

Turnout Classes: A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the performance and quality of each turnout. To be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot, working trot and strong trot. To stand quietly and rein back.

Points and Awards

Six ribbons will be awarded in each class. Champion and Reserve ribbons will be awarded in each Division. Points towards Division Championships will be awarded as follows:

1st - 7 pts; 2nd - 5pts; 3rd - 4pts; 4th - 3 pts; 5th - 2 pts; 6th - 1 pt.

Class Size

Three entries constitute a class. In the event there are two or fewer entries per class, the Show Managers reserve the right to combine or cancel any class. Classes may be split when entries exceed ten.

Horse Eligibility

1. Classes are offered in five divisions: Single Horse, Single Pony, VSE, Utility Vehicle and Novice Driver. Classes in the Novice Driver are open to horses and ponies.
2. The show Committee has divisions/classes to accommodate different sized animals as follows
 - a. Animals 14.2 hands and under will show in the Pony Division, with the exception of registered breeds which may show in the Horse Division at the owner’s discretion, but may not cross enter.
 - b. Animals 39” and smaller will show in the VSE Division. If entries warrant, the VSE Division will be split between singles and multiples.
 - c. Animals over 14.2 hands will show in the Horse Division.
 - d. Draft Type may show, as appropriate, in the Novice Driver and Single Divisions. Trace chains are allowed; however, they must be muffled. Draft Type horses will be judged per ADS general rules.
3. The minimum age for an animal to compete in harness is three.
4. Cross Division entries are not permitted.



Turnout, Attire and Appointments

1. Entries in all classes must be shown to a suitable pleasure driving vehicle. Wire-wheeled & pneumatic tire vehicles are permitted only in VSE classes. Fore-carts, stirrup-type carts, chariots, and racing sulkies are not permitted. Any turnout deemed unsafe by the judge will not be allowed to compete.
2. Entries must be shown in pleasure driving harness. Breaching is strongly recommended. A bridle with a rein attached and passed through the saddle terrets must be in place whenever put to a vehicle. ***Failure to comply will result in elimination. The horse must never be left unattended while put to a vehicle.***

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BCHP SPRING PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW
JUNE 11, 2017

Name of Driver: _____

Address: _____

City : _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Class Numbers: _____

Name of Horse|Pony|VSE: _____

Age: _____ Height: _____ Sex: _____ Breed: _____

Groom's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Type of Carriage: _____

\$15 per Class

Permission for Minor (under 21) to show:

I hereby consent to the entry of my child in this horse show and certify that I have read and agree to the disclaimer of liability, and hereby accept responsibility for the participation of my minor child.

Signature of Parent or Guardian: _____

Return to: Becky Merritt
1003 Whitehall Drive
Doylestown, PA 18901

Make checks payable to: Bucks County Horse Park.
Please include all fees and copy of negative Coggins test.
Please do not send the entries by email. Thank you.

I agree that any photo taken of me or my turnout at the BCHP may be used by the BCHP for publicity or news release purposes—_____ Signature.