

THE NORTHWOODS HARNESS CLUB LTD OF NORTHWEST WISCONSIN INVITES YOU TO A

HORSE DRIVING CLINIC and LEARN ABOUT DRIVING Event

May 5th and 6th, 2018 at the
Bayfield County Fairgrounds in Iron River Wisconsin

Whether you are an expert driver or have just thought about driving a horse but weren't sure where to start this event is for you. We have scheduled two clinicians for individual lessons, driving opportunities for beginners, displays and demonstrations for auditors, a harness tack sale, and camping for the weekend.

Our Clinicians include:

Jada Neubauer from Ames Iowa who is nationally known for her success at combined driving and owns and manages an equestrian center where she hosts the Skunk River Driving Trial each year. Jada has helped drivers by offering lessons at her facility while keeping a busy schedule showing and training driving horses. You may have met Jada at the Ashland Sleigh rally when she judged the event in the past.



Phil Odden has long been known for his finely trained Norwegian Fjords. Phil excels at dressage and focuses on conformation and the forces that balance not only the horse but you as a driver. Phil also competes in combined driving and Pleasure driving when his weekends are not occupied by his work as a wood carving artist. Listen closely because this man has a lot to say that will improve your driving skill.



Along with our clinicians several experienced club members will offer demonstrations and driving opportunities throughout the weekend. For this reason we have several different levels of participation from which to choose. Below are some of your choices.

Individual lessons: (75.00) These are held on the hour with either Jada Neubauer or Phil Odden and are for all skill levels. You must have your own horse and carriage and be a member of the Northwoods Harness Club. If you sign up for one of these lessons auditing fees are included for you and your immediate family.

Beginner driver: (35.00 for individuals, 25.00 for 4H groups who sign up more than one member.) Lessons with Candy Hankins, Julie Dahlberg, or another of our club members. These are designed for first time drivers who want to get a feel for the art of driving. You do not need a horse of your own for these basic lessons as you will be driving the instructor's horse. There will be a limited number of lessons available. The Beginner Driver level will also be allowed to participate in the ground driving group lesson. If you plan to drive your own horse you may want to consider a lesson with either Jada or Phil, or you can talk to Candy Hankins for special consideration if you have a well trained horse and a carriage. This is a new idea for our club members, but we expect a lesson covering basic reinsmanship and safety.

Auditors: (10.00 a day or 15.00 for the weekend) You are welcome to join the event and attend all demonstrations as well as watch the lessons others are taking. This level does not include any hands on driving or training.

Super achiever weekend package: (175.00) This includes one lesson each with Phil Odden and Jada Neubauer, overnight camping, and stabling for one horse. Good deal!

Camping: (15.00 per night) The fairgrounds committee charges us for camping so there will be a camping fee. There are showers on the grounds, modern bathroom facilities, and electric hook ups.

Permanent covered box stalls: (25.00) are available beginning late Friday night (if you have an early lesson or are volunteering) through Sunday afternoon and may include a clean up kid. We will look for a source for shavings but it would be safe to bring your own bedding and plan on cleaning your stall. All stall fees will go to the club to offset the expense of renting the fairgrounds.

Pot luck meals will be available to any participants who bring a dish to pass. There are restaurants nearby.

A family club membership is just 20.00 a year and includes all of our fun events. We ask that anyone taking an individual driving lesson with Phil or Jada be a member and have a signed waiver on file. Membership applications are available when you fill out your driver profile.

Notes to drivers: We encourage anyone who is taking a lesson by offering a rebate of a percentage of lesson fees based on total income from the clinic. It is not our goal to profit from this adventure. For this reason we encourage each of you to promote this project by encouraging auditors, beginner drivers, silent auction donations, and stall rental because these are the main areas where income exceeds expense. Another way you can lower your cost is to volunteer one hour to give a demonstration or set up a display on your favorite driving subject. Talk to Candy for details.

Contact Candy Hankins for more information or to sign up: kesscan@gmail.com

Helmets are required at all times when driving, riding, or assisting turnouts. This is an insurance requirement and will be enforced.

Things to remember:

- *When you arrive please follow the parking signs and remember to allow space for those who work off the side of the trailer.*
- *You must pre-register to take a lesson at this event. There will be a name tag for you and any other paperwork you need to sign. Only auditors may sign up the day of the event.*
- *Those who bring a food offering may participate in our pot luck meals. Our food attendant will be the one to ask if you have questions. When deciding what to bring try to limit pots that have to be plugged in for a long time or food that has to be kept ice cold unless you talk to Nancy Block first. Nancy may be reached at 715 446 5624 blockmorgans@aol.com*
- *Stabling will be reserved ahead of time. Talk to the stabling manager if you plan to use your own pen. A fee may apply.*
- *Schedule: All lessons are 45 minutes plus 15 minutes divided between the beginning and end of your lesson. Timing will start on the hour. If the driver ahead of you has left the arena you may warm up inside the arena before your scheduled time. Drivers are expected to be in the warm up area near the arena and ready to go at least 15 minutes before the hour. Please warm up far enough away to not distract other students. The Harness and safety crew will be available for assistance during this time. Lessons start on time, so don't be late or your lesson will be shortened.*
- *Horses and carriages have the right of way at this event. Auditors should stay out of traffic areas. General rules apply including a navigator if you drive two or more horses at a time, helmets for anyone on the carriage and preferably for any ground crew handling horses. There will be a 15 minute safety review right after each pot luck meal. Please make every attempt to attend at least one session before your lesson.*
- *Auditors are expected to stay out of the arena or any other enclosed area where horses are working except where seats or standing areas are marked. It is very important that you give the drivers their space and use common sense when approaching, making loud noises, or driving a motorized vehicle close to a horse. Please keep conversation to a minimum while in the auditor area.*

We also would like you to participate and have fun with the other activities this weekend:

- *Perimeter trails will be open to club members all weekend.*
- *There will be a 50/50 raffle at the registration desk with proceeds going to a driving education project*
- *Please bring items for a silent auction of donated items in the carriage house. Bidding will end at 4:00 Saturday and you can pay for your item before leaving. All proceeds go toward clinic expenses.*
- *Feel free to bring items for sale or trade on your own. A space will be provided to display your labeled sale items. All sales are between individuals and not monitored. We invite you to bring carriage driving equipment, harness, and apparel for sale or trade. We welcome donations to help cover expenses so if you sell something consider donating a small amount.*
- *Auditors especially: Pot luck food for meals or snacks is welcome.*

For information about our club and event or to sign up for a lesson please talk to any of our members or contact Candy Hankins at kesscan@gmail.com or call 715 413 1049.

We need volunteers for many areas. Please let Candy know if you can help out. kesscan@gmail.com

Volunteer coordinator

stabling

parking

Food (Contact Nancy Block)

Scheduling (Candy Hankins)

Clock keeper,lesson line up

Safety and harness checks (Mark Dahlberg)

Silent Auction, Drawings (contact Marti Peterson)

Tack sale

Registration, name tags, waivers, membership (contact Candy Hankins)

Displays (Connie Johnson)

Speaker system Mark Dahlberg

Registration

Keep Tidy and clean up supervisor

'on call' Volunteers to be assigned

Set up and take down (All members)

Demonstrations that we expect:

Jim Block, Harness logistics, Group lead safety review, Roger StalvigDraft horse driving differences, Bobbie Kleffman, trail driving and dressing for the weather, Connie Johnson, display of handouts for driving clubs and events, Phil Odden, Form and function in the carriage horse, Mark Dahlberg and others, elements of the driving derby or combined driving, Candy Hankins and others, ground driving as a start to driving. We have room for many more.

We would like displays about turnout, carriages, for advanced and beginner interest

This gives you an idea of our plans. Three things will be going on at any given time.

New This Year:

A Northwoods Harness Club Driving Derby.

This is a competition to be held Saturday afternoon. The exact time will be scheduled based on entries for this event. The event is open to club members whether they sign up for a lesson or not. A course walk and information will be available as a demonstration scheduled during the clinic. All drivers will compete at the same level with a division of classes by size. (The number of entries will be equally divided between large and small to complete at least two divisions)

Be ready for some fun!

Prizes too!

More information will be available at the clinic.