



## NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER



October 18 saw the first club day of the season, with a good turnout of members and ponies. Also welcoming some new folk and ponies to the world of carriage driving at the Clareville Showgrounds.

The Wairarapa A&P was reduced to equines only this year with Covid 19 once again having an impact on sporting events. There did seem to be a good number of horses and ponies on the grounds over the three days of the show. The carriage driving schedule was reduced some what from previous years but still attracted the required number of entries to proceed. The corner ground is an ideal position for driving and well away from the riding disciplines. Bob Macfarlane took out the champion entry driving Mahi, a nice tidy consistent demonstration of driving there, Bob. As always - thank you for those who set up the course and ran the class on the day. Unfortunately results were not available at this time but will try and have them for the next issue.



In this issue you will find a copy of the “Club Rules” as well as “The Beginners Guide to Combined Driving” (CD) - a heads up for our new members and trust you will find both helpful.

Hope you have your entry in for the Christmas Graded Dressage two day event entries close on the 27 November. Schedule and entry form on pages 8-10 of this document.



*Pictured above - Busy parking area with new pony in foreground. Below - two young ponies experiencing a day out. Left Debbie Phelps and the beautiful Patches.*





# Photos from Wairarapa A&P



*Overall winner on the day - Bob Macfarlane driving Mahi*



*All lined up for presentation time*



*Debbie Phelps driving Ivanhoe Apache Warrior*



*Jane Chirnside driving Cotswold Anthelia*



*Cathy Venn driving Sherwoods Lady Lollipop*



*Jody Cutelli driving Harley*



*Harley greeting some of her favourite humans*



*Amy Blok driving Aubrey Park Winter*

# WAIRARAPA SHAFTS & WHEELS DRIVING ASSOCIATION



## RULES

***The name of the association shall be the Wairarapa Shafts & Wheels Driving Association.***

### **OBJECTIVES AND AIMS:**

1. To foster and encourage carriage driving.
2. To hold rallies where members can share their skills and learn from each other to Improve their driving performance.
3. To develop and encourage new members.
4. To generally promote good fellowship, friendliness and understanding among all Members and loyalty to the Association.

### **CONDITIONS PERTAINING TO MEMBERSHIP:**

1. The membership shall be composed of individuals interested in promoting carriage driving.
2. Application for membership shall be made to the Secretary of the Association. The applicant agrees to be bound by the rules of the Association. Each application for membership must be accompanied by the annual subscription.
  - (a) Junior members of the Association are those under the age of 16 years.
  - (b) Junior members are required to give their birth date.
  - (c) Junior members shall not be required to vote at any general or special meeting.
3. Any member may be expelled from membership upon written charges endorsed by two or more members, made to the committee and consequently a majority of the committee ruling that continued membership is not in the best interests of the Association.
4. Annual subscription of the Association will commence on the 1st July each year.
5. The Association at its Annual General Meeting shall set the annual subscription.
6. No member of the Association shall have the power to commit the Association in any way without the authority of the committee.
7. Member privileges will not apply to unfinancial members after the 30th June.

### **COMMITTEE:**

1. The Associations management committee shall comprise of four executive officers:- President, Vice-President Secretary/Treasurer Plus Immediate Past President and further officers one of whom will be the Publicity Officer, all of whom shall be elected by majority vote at the AGM.
2. If necessary the committee has the right to co-opt or replace committee members who have resigned during the year or to fill vacancies not filled at the AGM.
3. Financial members only are eligible for election as a committee member. A financial member is deemed to be:- A fully paid member for the past year upon payment of subscription for current year.

### **MANAGEMENT:**

1. The general affairs of the Association shall be managed by the committee, comprising members duly elected under section 1. Above
2. The management committee shall keep minutes of meetings and proceedings and for all general meetings.
3. Cheques must be signed by any two of the three committee members appointed as signatories namely: - Secretary/Treasurer and President and Immediate Past President.
4. Treasurer may pay any known accounts without reference to the committee.

## MEETINGS:

1. The AGM for all members of the Association shall be held in the month of June each year.
2. Notice of any general, AGM or special meeting shall be given to each financial member no less than seven (7) days prior to the date of the said meeting, stating date, place, time and agenda of the meeting. Eight (8) financial members or more shall constitute a quorum at any of the above meetings, which will include at least four (4) committee members.
3. Four (4) committee members shall constitute a quorum at any committee meeting.

## WINDING UP:

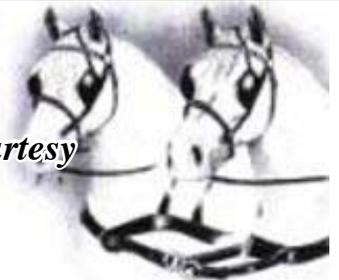
1. The Association may be wound up voluntarily if the Association at a general meeting of its members passes a resolution. A resolution to wind up the Association may be passed by simple majority of the members present provided a quorum is present.
2. If a resolution is passed to wind up the Association a further special general meeting shall be called for in accordance with the rules of the Association not less than 14 days after the first meeting passing the resolution, to confirm passing the resolution winding up the Association.
3. All members shall be notified by memorandum of the winding up and the proposals governing this step. A special general meeting will be called not less than 14 days prior to the final 'wind up' meeting.
4. Upon winding up the Association will pay debts and settle all liabilities.
5. In the event of any monies etc. remaining after settlement of the item (4) above, they will be presented to a reputable charity as decided by a majority of members present at the special general meeting.

## DRIVING: DO'S & DON'TS

### SAFETY DO'S

- DO** be certain that the vehicle fits
- DO** check that the vehicle balances properly
- DO** spend plenty of time training your horse/pony for the work which you want it to do
- DO** pay attention to your horse/pony at all times when driving
- DO** carry an active and capable person to assist when driving a green horse
- DO** carry your whip as it may be needed quickly to avert an accident
- DO** carry sensible spares with you. At least head-collar and lead, and a sharp knife in your pocket for emergencies
- DO** remember when driving on the road to give clear signals of your intention to turn or stop to other road users

*Article courtesy  
NZCDS*



### DON'TS

- DON'T** try to back a horse/pony between shafts that are lying on the ground
- DON'T** dismount from the carriage before the passengers or let them mount before you are seated
- DON'T** forget to check your vehicle and harness regularly for soundness and safety
- DON'T** take a green horse/pony to a major event. Get it used to its job at low key events first
- DON'T** drive past another carriage at a fast trot
- DON'T** drive too close to the carriage in front
- DON'T** drive after dark or in poor visibility on public roads

### 2020-21 MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

**Patron:** Pat Dutton  
**President:** Cheryl Weir  
**Vice President:** Maree Leete  
**Secretary:** Dianna Behrns  
**Treasurer:** Pat Dutton  
**Delegate:** Debbie Phelps

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**Auditor:** Andrew Bichan

# A Beginners' Guide to Combined Driving or *Handy hints for a Happy day!*



Article courtesy New Zealand Carriage Driving Society Inc.  
Compiled by Isabel Cochran

Combined Driving trials are modelled on ridden eventing and are basically a triathlon for horses, ponies and donkeys in harness. Modern Driving trials came into existence in 1968 when Prince Philip initiated the rules for this new sport. Particularly in Europe, the sport is booming and the Big Boys and their teams of four are something to see and aspire to!!

In New Zealand, the parent body for carriage driving, the New Zealand Carriage Driving Society is affiliated to the New Zealand Equestrian Federation, which gives us associate membership of the FEI who run equestrian sports world wide.

There are local clubs based throughout the country, who run carriage driving events, and New Zealand Combined Driving competitions are run largely using the FEI International Driving Rules.

The Rules are available from the NZCDS Secretary and new competitors should get a set and read them. This manual gives only introductory guidelines.

## *The competition consists of Three Phases*

- **Competition A Dressage**
- If you are completely new to equestrian events, ask your local club where you can get a copy of the NZ Driven Dressage Manual from. This will be very helpful.
- For training and novice competitors there is also Competition A1 which is a presentation class judged at a halt. This is used as a safety check as well as a turn out competition
- **Competition B** Cross country marathon with up to eight special obstacles/ hazards.
- **Competition C** Cone driving the driven equivalent of Show Jumping.

Penalties are incurred in each phases of the event and the winner in each class is the competitor who completes all three phases with the fewest penalty points. Horses and ponies are divided up into several height classes, and there are separate classes for multiples i.e. pairs, teams or tandems, and for donkeys and mules.

Although it is allowed to use different vehicles for Competition B, most Kiwis use one vehicle for all sections of a competition.

Drivers must make sure that their animals are fit

enough to complete the marathon distance, approx. 18kms for 3 phase.

When you get to an event and well before the start time, get your competitor's number from the secretary and establish where you should be and when.

## **OFFICIALS:**

### **The Ground Jury**

Consists of the President, who is the Judge at C in the Dressage and two or four other knowledgeable people. They should be the other Dressage Judges, and are the first people who handle any problems that may arise with the running of the event. If they cannot resolve an issue, it is then referred to a panel called the Appeal Committee.

### **The Technical Delegate**

This person is responsible for making sure that the technical side of the event conforms to safety and technical standards. Any concerns the competitors have regarding the course should be raised with the T.D. usually at a briefing held after the marathon course has been viewed.

## **COMPETITION A1:**

### **Presentation**

In Novice Competitions, the competitor presents his turnout to the judges who are looking for cleanliness and correctness of turnout. The balance of the vehicle is very important and this is usually checked by the judge with both the driver and groom in the vehicle. In open classes, Presentation is judged on the move as part of the dressage test.

## **COMPETITION A**

### **Dressage**

Dressage is not an ordeal put on especially to confuse and terrify drivers, but is a sequence of movements which show how obedient the horse is, how supple it is, how it moves and the skill of the driver in handling the reins. The test is driven from memory and is judged on the accuracy and skill of driving and command of the horse, as well as the way the horse goes. It can be very frustrating as what the horse performs outside the arena is frequently quite different from what it does inside the arena. Nerves may have something to do with this!!

The arena itself is based on the same layout as a rid-

den one but is much bigger, i.e. normally 80m by 40m, for some tests it is 100m by 40m, which looks enormous. There are usually three judges based at C, B and E, although for some Championships, five judges are used in which case they are at C, R, S, V and P.

In all but very small ponies and single donkey turn-outs, a groom is carried, hopefully purely as decoration, but their role in life is not to speak or help in any way unless the driver has a major safety problem.

The movements in a driven test are restricted to variations of walk and trot, and include a series of circles, turns and usually a halt and rein back and are driven from memory. The driver uses his reins, voice and whip as his aids and the horse relies on these to guide him and tell him what to do.

Dress for this competition is formal i.e. the driver must wear a hat, gloves, driving apron and carry a whip in hand. Women drivers usually wear a tailored jacket and skirt or trouser suit which gives them neatness and mobility as they must be able to get on and off the carriage with ease. Gentlemen usually wear a suit.

Grooms are dressed either in riding clothes or in a neat and tidy outfit, which compliments the driver's.

The total marks awarded by the judges are added together, averaged and calculated into penalty points. The fewer penalty points the higher the placing.

### **COMPETITION B THE MARATHON**

This is in most cases, the part of the event that is enjoyed most by drivers, grooms and horses.

It is divided into three sections, each of which has a maximum and sometimes a minimum time allowance, and the speeds required for each section and size of animal are set.

The competitors are usually driven around the course on the day before the marathon to view it and take note of the terrain and any landmarks or natural hazards to be aware of. They also need to learn the route they intend to take through the obstacles/hazards.

The groom's job is to assist with directions, keeping times in each section and helping the driver go correctly through the hazards, as well as providing moral support and sweets for blood sugar when required!!

Essential to be carried on the marathon are the plan of the route and hazards (a waterproof sleeve can be

*useful*), a pencil or pen and one if not two stopwatches. A halter and lead per animal should be carried and a sharp pocket knife, a piece of binder twine and some electrical tape can be useful. Drivers and grooms must wear suitable hard hats.

At the start of Section A you will be given a time card on which times for each section will be recorded by the start and finish stewards. Keep your own record as errors can be made and only you can dispute it if you get given time penalties unjustly.

#### **The Course Section A**

Driven at any pace, consists of a drive over varied country. There is an allowed time, which is set to a speed taking into account the type of conditions.

There is also a minimum time set, two minutes slower than the allowed time and the driver needs to get within this two minute window so not to get any time penalty points. Coming in under or over time is penalized.

#### **Section D**

A walk of up to 1 km. The driver must walk the horse in this section and penalties are given for sustained breaks of pace.

This is also timed and an allowed time is given but there are no time penalty points given if you come in under the allowed time.

After this there is a 10 minute halt and a vet check. The horse's heart rate and respiration are checked as is its general wellbeing. After approximately five minutes, the heart rate is checked again to ensure a suitable drop has occurred.

You can be held back here if the horse does not have a significant drop in heart rate.

#### **Section E**

*This is the fun part.*

Included in this section are the marathon obstacles/hazards, which are a series of gates (*red & white flags*), which have to be driven in sequence and as quickly as possible. There are up to 8 of these MO's/hazards, which can be made from natural obstacles such as trees or water, and flagged to show the route required. The driver needs to go as fast as possible from the start flags through the MO/hazard to the finish flags, as the less time spent means less penalty points. There are several different routes in each MO/hazard some requiring more skill than others, some quicker and some safer. There are penalties given for various mistakes made in the MO's/hazards.

Section E is also timed and this time there is a three minute window where there are no time penalties awarded.

*When you walk the MO's/hazards, take careful note of*

the terrain, position of gates etc, and use your course plan to make notes of how you will drive each one. This is where your groom comes into their own as a navigator. They can refer to the course plans of each MO/hazard to be driven and make sure that you drive them correctly.

Everyone driving an MO/hazard incurs penalty points from the time their horse's nose goes through the start and accrue at the rate of 0.2 for each commenced second until you go through the finish flags. All the careful thought and planning when walking the hazards should, with your horse's co-operation, ensure that you finish each hazard with the minimum of penalties.

If you take the wrong course in an MO/ hazard you are allowed to go back and correct the mistake from where you went wrong. You may take any route to get back to this point but you will be given 20 penalty points for each corrected error by the stewards. Uncorrected errors, however, incur elimination. It is useful to shout "course error" to the stewards to ensure that they notice the correction.

On the marathon course you will find a variety of marker flags. Yellow flags are directional markers and are there to show you the planned course. On sections A – E you will find kilometre markers to help you judge your speed.

Where it is necessary to make sure that competitors go to a certain point, you will find compulsory markers. These consist of a pair of red and white flags with a number on them. Compulsory markers are numbered consecutively in each section and it helps to make sure you mark them on your course plan. Failure to go through compulsory marker flags and MO/hazards in the correct sequence will result in elimination.

Where you find red and white flags on the course, they must be driven with the red flag on the right.

### Competition C -Cones

The driven equivalent of show jumping, this requires the drivers to go through a series of cones and basic obstacles with the cones set slightly wider than the gig wheels. The driver gets to walk the course, as in show jumping, but the groom does not and also cannot assist the driver during the round. Penalties are given for knocking the balls off from the cones, going too slowly and also for things such as the groom indicating the course to the driver.

This competition is driven in formal dress again.

If there is a steward, they will tell you when to enter the "arena", and then you present yourself to the

judge, salute and the bell will then be rung for you to start. It is etiquette to halt and salute the judge again after finishing the round.

### Definition of a groom.

Someone who owes you a favour who when trained and is really good, gets hooked and buys their own animal!!

At a **Two Day Event**, the dressage and cone competitions are usually run on the first day with the marathon on the second.

At a **Three Day Event**, the competitions are usually run in sequence, A, B and C.

A Salute for lady drivers is to come to a halt, put reins in one hand and raise the whip horizontally about the level of the hat and nod the head slightly. Alternatively, the whip hand can be extended out to the side. Men may salute the same way as ladies, or put the reins in one hand take off the hat, drop the hat hand to the side and nod the head. Return to normal with reins and whip and off you go.

In competition A and C, the rules state when you must carry a whip in hand but you can drive with the reins in one or both hands at any time.



## WAIRARAPA SHAFTS & WHEELS DRIVING ASSN

Saturday 12 December 2020, from 6pm  
At the Wairarapa Hockey Pavilion (upstairs)

Clareville A&P Show grounds, Chester Road, Carterton

We cordially invite you to attend our **Christmas Dinner!**  
The cost is \$15 per person. If you would like to take part in our **Secret Santa**, please bring a gift for the tree up to \$10 value. Only those who bring a gift may take part. Drivers will be competing all weekend at our Graded Dressage Event also at the Clareville grounds and you are welcome to come to that too, of course.

Season's Greetings!

Please RSVP to

Pat Dutton by phone: 027-711-2735



## Wairarapa Shafts and Wheels Driving Association



# Graded Dressage Christmas Event



Clareville Showgrounds Carterton.

**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2020: Graded Dressage starts from 8.30am**

**Ungraded/Unregistered** competitors one training class only

**Registered** competitors two tests allowed

<b>Training:</b>	1	ADS Training Level Test 2 1994
	2	NZCDS Training and Novice Dressage Test
<b>Preliminary:</b>	3	ADS Preliminary Level Test 3 1994
	4	BCD Test Novice 80/100 (2013)
<b>Intermediate:</b>	5	ADS Intermediate Level 3
<b>Advanced:</b>	6	BCD Driven Dressage Test 1B (2009)

**Scurry:** Any pace

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020: Starts from 8.30am**

**Cone Obstacle course (timed), and Bogey Time Trial with Marathon Obstacles (timed)** including Water Obstacle.

**Entry Form.** Use NZCDS Generic form. Entries Close 27<sup>th</sup> November. No late entries accepted. Please email completed entry form to [secretary.wswda@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.wswda@gmail.com)

**\$5 Per Dressage Test**

**\$5 Scurry**

**\$15 Cones and Bogey Time Trial**

**\$15 Ground and Yards Levy per horse.** One paddock, open yards, and a few covered yards. Specify requirements on entry form. Showers available at additional cost.

**Christmas Dinner** Saturday Evening 6.30pm Hockey Pavilion on the Grounds.

**\$15 per person:** Please don't forget to include grooms and support persons.

**Secret Santa:** If you want to take part in the Secret Santa, please bring a gift valued **up to \$10** for placing under the Christmas Tree. Only those that have brought a gift may take part.

**Please make payment to:** WSWDA 03 0687 0313694 00

Ensure you add your name and Graded Dressage on reference details.

### **Terms and Conditions**

*I understand that I enter this event at my own risk and that the organisers will not be held responsible for any damage to persons or property. I also agree to abide by the Rules of this event and that the information I have provided is correct. Dogs permitted but must always be on a leash.*



**SPECIAL ATTENTION:**

Any new or junior driver (under 16 yrs.) Must have their Assessment of Capability form lodged with the convenor of the Combined Drive Committee before the start of this competition. Contact Lloyd Weal for details if in doubt, ph 07 871 8024 or email l.y.weal@xtra.co.nz

**COMPETITOR'S DECLARATION**

I agree that the information I have given is correct, and I will abide by the rules and conditions of the conduct of this event. I also give my permission for my name to be published in the results and that any animal entered by me is over 4 years of age.

**OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY ACT 1992:**

Please remember that competitors, grooms, officials, spectators etc. who come onto the venue property are asked to supervise their children at all times and are not to climb onto machinery etc. They are not to go into any paddocks containing livestock, or wander through paddocks being used for competition. This disclaimer applies to all properties as a whole. If competitors or grooms are under 16 years of age, (**SEE BELOW**) written parental permission is required to accompany the entry form or must be produced on the day prior to commencement of competition.

**DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: To be signed by all Competitors**

The event organising committee of any Horse Driving Trial, the New Zealand Carriage Driving Society Inc., any agent, employee or representative of these bodies (including independent contractors) will not be liable for any (a) loss or damage to any possessions, goods or property, or (b) accident, loss, injury or illness to any person or animal of any kind, due to any cause, resulting directly or indirectly from any act or omission of the event organising committee of any Horse Driving Trials, the New Zealand Carriage Driving Society Inc., or any agent, employee or representative of these bodies (including independent contractors).

Signed: ..... Date: ...../...../.....

**The following Consent is to be signed only by a Parent or Guardian of a Driver or Groom less than 16 years of age:**  
TO THE COMBINED DRIVING COMMITTEE OF THE N.Z.C.D.S.Inc.

I/We .....

Address .....

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Being the Parent/Guardian of ..... Aged ..... years

Hereby agree to allow ..... to drive/groom at .....

In case of an emergency or accident I/we acknowledge that NO Executive or Committee Member of the New Zealand Driving Society Inc. will be held responsible or accountable in any way or form.

Signed ..... This ..... Day of ..... 20 .....

Witnessed by (name & address) .....

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Witness' signature ..... Date ...../...../.....

# NZCDS 2020 - 2021 Calendar of Events

Sat/Sun Dates	Event 1	Event 2	Event 3
<b>SEPTEMBER 2020</b>			
5th - 6th	Taranaki Carriage Drivers Winter Series, Waverly		
12th - 13th			
19th - 20th	Training Camp and Seminar, Taupo	Saturday 19th - NZCDS Special General Meeting - Taupo	
26th - 27th			
<b>OCTOBER 2020</b>			
3rd - 4th	Scurry, Mokutuku		
10th - 11th	Taranaki Carriage Drivers Graded Dressage and POD, Waverly		
17th - 18th	Gisborne A&P Show weekend		
24th - 25th	CDDA Labour Weekend - Graded Dressage, Training OHCDT, POD, Foxton Racecourse (3 Days)	Hawkes Bay A&P Show (Thursday 22nd)	
31st - 1st	Waikato A&P Show, Hamilton	Wairarapa A&P Show, Wairarapa	
<b>NOVEMBER 2020</b>			
7th - 8th	Scurry, Mokutuku	Clevedon A&P Show, Clevedon	Taranaki Carriage Drivers Quiz Drive
14th - 15th			
21st - 22nd	WHDVS Graded Dressage, POD, OHCDT, Te Awamutu		
28th - 29th	Stratford A&P Show, Graded Dressage, Scurry, Stratford.	Equifest, Taupo	
<b>DECEMBER 2020</b>			
5th - 6th	ACDC All Harness, POD, Auckland		
12th - 13th	WHDVS All Harness Show, OHCDT, POD, Obsthathon Challenge, Te Awamutu	WSWDA Graded Dressage, Cones, Bogey Time Trial, Masterton	
19th - 20th	NZCDS All Harness Show, POD Championships and OHCDT, Venue TBC		
26th - 27th			
<b>JANUARY 2021</b>			
2nd - 3rd			
9th - 10th	NZCDS Dressage Champs, Napier		
16th - 17th	WHDVS January CDT, Te Awamutu		
23rd - 24th			
30th - 31st	CDDA CDT, Tangimoana		
<b>FEBRUARY 2021</b>			
6th - 7th	WSWDA CDT, Clareville	North Kaipara (Paparua) A&P Show, Paparua	
13th - 14th	Te Puke A&P Show, Te Puke	Masterton A&P Show, Solway	
20th - 21st	Gisborne CDT, Gisborne	Tauranga A&P Show, Tauranga	Franklin A&P Show, Franklin
27th - 28th			
<b>MARCH 2021</b>			
6th - 7th	Mokutuku CDT, Mokutuku	Morrinsville A&P Show, Morrinsville	
13th - 14th	Horse of The Year, Hastings	Kumeu A&P Show, Kumeu	
20th - 21st			
27th - 28th			
<b>APRIL 2021</b>			
3rd - 4th	Easter Show, Auckland		
10th - 11th	WHDVS April CDT, Te Awamutu		
17th - 18th			
24th - 25th	NZCDS NI CDT Championships, Taupo		
<b>MAY 2021</b>			
1st - 2nd			
8th - 9th			
15th - 16th			