

**Teddy Bears Picnic      Combined Test, Horse Trials and Teddy Bear Trot**  
**Fair Hill International, Elkton, MD      Sunday, October 22 (Oct. 21 Clinic 9AM) - Rain or Shine**

**GPS Address:** 500 Gallaher Road, Elkton, MD **From North:** I-95 South thru DE into MD; off at exit 109A (Route 279). Route 279 toward Elkton; then right on Route 213 North to Route 273. Right onto Route 273 to Gallaher Rd; right onto Gallaher Rd then follow signs. **From South:** I-95 North to Exit 100 then Route 272 North for 5 miles to Route 273. Right on Route 273 East for 6 miles. Go thru intersection of Routes 213 and 273 passing the Fair Hill Inn. Turn right onto Gallaher Road and follow signs.

**Organizer/Secretary:** Bobbi Hager 201-572-3425 [Bobbi@DSFGroup.org](mailto:Bobbi@DSFGroup.org)

**Entries:** Online at [www.bvdc.org](http://www.bvdc.org) OR Mail to: Bobbi Hager, TBP, 293 Diamond Spring Road, Denville, NJ 07834

**Divisions:** Training, Preliminary & Intermediate for Horses/Ponies; Single/Multiple; Training & Prelim VSE (Intermediate VSE on request).

**Officials:** Dressage: Anne Councill and Hannah Polson Cones: Lore Homer TD: Joanne Bellion-Povenski

**Designers:** Marathon Course: Lisa Singer Cones: Lisa Singer Teddy Bears Trot: Bobbi Hager

**Clinicians:** "Walking and Thinking a Winning Test" – Tracey Morgan "Walking a Safe and Winning Hazard" – Dana Bright

**Awards:** Combined Test (Dressage & Cones) – 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>/division. Teddy Bear Trot (Whimsical Country Drive) – 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>/division. Horse Trials (Dressage, Cones & Marathon) – 1<sup>st</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup>/division. **An entry may do Teddy Bear Trot OR Horse Trials but not both.**

Best Dressage; Best Teddy Bear Trot and Best Marathon for each Division; Best Young Driver; Best Conditioned

**Entry Fees:** \$75 for Horse Trials; \$75 for Combined Test/Teddy Bear Trot; \$60 for Combined Test Only; \$30 for Clinic (includes both topics)

*BVDC Full Members get \$5 off Event and \$5 off Clinic. Associate Members pay full price.*

**Stabling:** Only 20 stalls; at Fair Hill barns. \$40 Sat/Sun; Extra Nights \$20. **BYOBEDDING -STRAW; NO SHAVINGS OR PAPER!**

**Camping:** Stabling Area ONLY; no overnights in Trailer Parking. 10 pads/Hook Up: \$40/Night **PAID by Oct 6!** Unlimited/No Hook Up: \$20/Night.

**Entries:** **Open September 13; Must be to Bobbi no later than October 13! Drivers must be BVDC Members. Limit 50 entries – based on date payment is received.** We will waitlist. Entries received after October 13 may not be accepted; if they are, the late fee is \$20.

**Rules:** Though not an ADS show, we follow ADS rules related to safety – *especially paces allowed for each level.* (see [www.americandrivingsociety.org](http://www.americandrivingsociety.org)) Some turnout technicalities may be ignored; Judges are not bound by the ADS 30-day rule for instructor/student activity; Training Hazards are timed & scored. TB Trot has its own, whimsical rules.

**Sharing:** Only the first 5 pairs (10 entries) of sharing requests will be accommodated in the schedule. "Sharing" is a driver going twice or sharing carriage, gator, helper, etc. Equines can only go once. No 3-way sharing. Both shared entries in a pair must be PAID by the closing date to be scheduled. We will waitlist. Why: This is a fun show; complex, tight scheduling is no fun for anyone.

**Age:** Assumes a Jan 1 date of birth. Drivers/Navigators under 18 need signed parental consent. Drivers under 14 must be accompanied by a knowledgeable, adult horseperson. Navigators: at least 14 for Intermediate; 12 for Training/Prelim. Equines: at least 4.

**Parking:** Trailers park near Dressage and Cones. Drive carriage over from stabling (30min) or trailer over. **Please carry out your trash!!**

**Times:** **Times may be posted on [www.BVDC.org](http://www.BVDC.org) as early as 7PM Tuesday, October 17 but no later than Wednesday night.**

**Packets:** Packets will be available from Noon, Saturday, October 21 at the Secretary's Stand.

**Food:** No food vendor onsite. So bring your own or **chip in for the \$8 Bear Picnic Table** – a variety of warm and cold picnic foods with healthy and vegetarian choices and hot tomato soup!

**Vehicles:** ATVs and scooters allowed for licensed drivers, wearing helmets & displaying TBP numbered permits (\$10). Golf Carts/Gators allowed without a permit. You may drive cars/trucks on the **Stone Roads** near hazards. Marathon/Trot are blind drives.

**Water:** There is NO WATER available on site, but there is water at Stabling. Bring your own water and ice (if needed).

**Scoring:** Competitors are asked to read your scores to the Score Bears or input them yourself if you are able. The more help we get, the faster everyone will see their scores. Scoresheets available as soon as they are copied. Ribbons available 30 minutes after scores are posted, barring protests. Best Awards will be post late in the day. Scores will be on [www.bvdc.org](http://www.bvdc.org) within 24 hours. We will mail what you don't pick up. **Score Bears Wanted!** The Bears are looking for Score Bear Volunteers! Practice scoring screens will on the TBP Home Page mid-September. Try out the practice screens and see if you have what it takes to be a Score Bear at the Picnic! Then sign up online or email Bobbi.

**Dressage & Cones Highlights:** (Please get your wheels measured **After** Dressage – in the Cones Warmup Area)

**Dressage:** **Training -Test 2** (40x80M) **Preliminary -Test 2** (40x80M); **Tandem/Team** (please call) **Intermediate: Test 3** (40x80M)

We offer an extra "you pick it" test (40x80M ring) for an extra \$5. Score will not count for any class – just practice!

**Cones:** ADS Minimum Clearances - set for each competitor

**Arena:** Dressage: Level Grass Cones: Grass Natural Terrain

**Dress/Eq:** Low key but correct: whip, gloves, hat, and apron. Driver's choice of spares - see ADS website for recommendations.

**Marathon and Teddy Bear Trot Highlights:**

**TB Trot:** **Runs After Marathon!** Walk/Trot **Only!** **Not scored like CDE:** Check your packet for the TBT Scoring Rules.

**Navigator:** Required for both events except for single VSE/Small Pony. Must be in 14<sup>th</sup> year (12<sup>th</sup> Tr/Pre). Able to provide quick, reliable help.

**Course:** Rolling terrain, wooden bridge & maybe mud! **Horse/Pony** - No more than 5K; **VSE** - No more than 3K; ADS Speeds

**Course Walk:** No course walk. Both Trot and Marathon are to be driven blind. You may inspect hazards and some of the tasks.

**Rule Notes:** **Helmets required for BOTH Driver and Navigator for Trot and Marathon.** Juniors must wear helmets and vests while on a carriage anywhere on the grounds. Driver must carry a whip in hand while on course. Spares as required by Driver. **Pace rules will be strictly enforced for the safety of all!** Training Hazards will be scored! Teddy Bear Trot Task List will be in your packet.