

# Horse Driving Clinic

## Class Syllabus

### With Reg Behrends

Four two hour classes

What to bring: Your horse – or you can use mine.

Your horse should be halter broke, have had some ground work and accept a bridle.

Your horse must have coggins and vaccines up-to-date.

If you have a harness, driving whip, long lines, saddle and cart, bring them too.

Class 1. Ground driving your horse.

Two people will work with each horse. If you each have a horse, you will work with one horse the first hour and the second horse the next hour. One person will be at the side of the horse with the lead line and the other person behind the horse driving with reins and whip. Training the horse to follow the commands, walk, trot, whoa and stand. We will also work on left and right turns. The driver will learn the proper use of reins and whip. Home work - Practice this every day.

Class 2. Pulling an object

We will start with one person driving the horse and the other person pulling a tire next to the horse. When your horse is comfortable with this, the horse will be hitched to the tire and will be driven at a walk, practicing left and right turns and stand.

Home work - Practice this every day.

Class 3. Simulated shaves

Hitch the horse with complete harness and simulated shaves. Ground drive, add the tire and ground drive, practicing left right turns, whoa and stand.

Home work - Practice this every day.

Class 4. Putting your horse to the cart.

This will be done in a controlled environment, (Hayward Arena)

Four people will work with each horse. One person will ground drive the horse and another person will pull the cart next to the horse. The horse will be hitched to the cart.

One person driving, one person on lead line, and two people walking beside the cart.

Practice driving left and right turns at a walk, whoa and stand.

The lessons will vary based on the amount of training your horse has had to start with. It will vary on the ability of your horse, and on the ability of the driver to accept the training. It will also vary by the amount of time spent doing your ground work at home.