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Ryan Hall wins opening round of Maine Amateur Driving Club

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Scarborough, Maine – One month removed from his 18th birthday and with a freshly upgraded “Provisional License” in hand, Ryan Hall served notice that he would be a force to be reckoned with in 2008 as the Maine Amateur Driving Club made its seasonal debut at Scarborough Downs on Sunday (4-13).

Having served his requisite time driving qualifying races and competing at Maine’s agricultural fairs, Hall made his first official drive at an extended pari-mutuel meet a winning one by patiently guiding Falcor N around the seaside oval for The Ben Bill and Will Stable of Carmel, Maine.

The rookie pilot expertly tracked the early pace, biding his time in fourth, before quickly pouncing past the leaders at three-parts then extending off to a 7-3/4 length victory over Steph’s Pretty Hat (Fred Ward) and Just Macki (Kevin Pillsbury).

“It felt great to win today” said a humble Ryan Hall. “I’ve won other races at the fairs and such but it’s nice to get this win at Scarborough under my belt. The other guys were all happy for me – we’ll have fun driving against each other in the amateur club this year.”

While Sunday’s win was Hall’s first at a major pari-mutuel track, the state of Maine native now holds 10 lifetime wins to his credit.

Maine Amateur Driving Club races will be carded every Sunday afternoon this season at Scarborough Downs. For more information regarding the club, including how to join, please contact Buddy Burke at www.buddy.burke@verizon.net .

In other action on Sunday at Scarborough, American Village took top honors in the \$6000 Open Distaff Pace with Shawn Gray steering the daughter of Village Jove to a three-quarter-length margin over Sheeza Shady Lady (Rob Dinning) and I Got Your Trouble (John Beckwith).

Owned by Kyle and Robert Gibbs of Brooks, Maine and trained by Jamie Gerard, American Village now holds the distinction of being the first 2008 campaigner to score Open-class victories at both Plainridge and Scarborough Downs.

Scarborough Downs proudly features live harness excitement every Friday and Saturday at 4:15 PM (EDT) with the popular Sunday matinee cards rolling in behind the gate quite promptly at 1:30 PM.

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