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World Champion Among Eight Women Drivers Confirmed for Sunday's Mildred Williams Driving Series at Scarborough Downs

Scarborough, Maine – July 30, 2009: Eight women harness race drivers, one of whom was named the fastest woman driver in the world, are slated to drive two races on Sunday's card for *The Mildred Williams International Driving Series for Lady Drivers*, Sunday, August 2nd at Scarborough Downs. They are:

1. Ann Curran – Ontario, Canada
2. Elisabeth Jansen – Quebec, Canada
3. Kelly Case – Pompano, FL (originally from Maine)
4. **Stacy Chiodo**- New Jersey – Currently holds the world record for a woman driver with a pacer.
5. Alison Hynes – Cumberland, ME
6. Stacy Lord – Sebago, Maine
7. Donna Smith – Saco, ME
8. Charlene Cushing – Farmington, ME

While competing in the Mildred Williams Driving Series at Chester Downs last September, female pilot **Stacy Chiodo** posted a strong six-length victory in 1:52.3 with her pacer, **Riki Road N**. The two lowered the previous World Record for a female driver on a five-eighths mile track, which had had been set in 2005 by driver Leah Vandervort aboard **Atenothnbutdscootr** (1:53.1) at Dover Downs. In addition to the five-eighths of a mile World Record, Chiodo's performance also reset the World Record on any size track. Unbelievably, the record only stood for 24 hours when Chiodo broke her own record on the same track the very next day when pacing 1:50.3 (5ths) aboard **Mighty Joe Young**.

"We're so excited to have the women drivers back again this year," said publicity director Mike Sweeney. "This year's group is really top-notch and we're looking forward to introducing the series to a whole new set of fans."

The series, comprised of all-female drivers, races for local Breast Cancer Charities at 26 tracks across Canada and the United States. Coupled with on-track fundraising, the Mildred Williams Series has raised over \$50,000 for charities across North America. For a list of participating tracks and race dates, go to <http://mildredwilliams.ca/schedule/>).

Scarborough Downs will once again support *Ribbons for Ribbons*, a charity for breast cancer research developed by 18-year-old Bonny Eagle High School graduate, Meaghan Martin, along with Maine Medical Center. Meaghan's 8-year-old retired Standardbred race horse, Charlie, will be at the track wearing his pink ribbons.

For more information on Ribbons for Ribbons log on to <http://ribbonsforribbons.tripod.com>. For information on the Mildred Williams International Driving Series, log onto <http://mildredwilliams.ca/index.html>

Sunday post time is 1:30 and features the 5th annual Family Fun Day, a day of harness racing education and fun for the whole family. Festivities begin at 12:30 pm trackside.

Sunday also features the first elimination leg of the Joseph Ricci Memorial Trot. Purse is \$10,000. The Joseph Ricci Memorial Trot \$50,000 final is slated for Saturday, August 15th

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Photo: Driver Kelly Case in the 2008 Mildred Williams Driving Series at Scarborough Downs. Case was the winner of the series at Scarborough 2 years in a row. Photo by Derek Davis.