



# Let's Drive !

April, 2022



Delmarva Driving Club,  
Inc

## Bits and Pieces—Club Information

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### Attention!!

\* DDC Board Meeting on **Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting is open to the Membership—members may speak on a subject, but they may not vote. This will be a Zoom Meeting—look for an invitation one week prior.

A DDC Board Meeting was held on March 10, 2022 and the minutes from the January 6th Board meeting were approved as submitted. Due to the recent passing of George Parris, the Board elected Stan Vonasek to assume the Treasurer's position thru 2022. As of February 28th, the current balance of the treasury is \$9026.41. A more detailed Treasury report and Audit will be completed by May 5, 2022.

Our Pleasure Show will now be dedicated to the memory of George Parris and in his honor a Perpetual Trophy to the High Point Scorer will be awarded. As the Show continues to grow, so do the duties, hence Michele Brauning was appointed Co-Show Manager. Plans for the May 14th Show are moving along and the Prize List is available on the DDC webpage or contact Pam Gray or

Michele Brauning for more information. All club members are encouraged to solicit advertising and sponsorships. These forms are available on the DDC web page and will be available in this newsletter.

Michele Brauning has evaluated the existing Club merchandise and made a proposal regarding adding a wider variety of items. Samples of these items will be available at the Annual Pleasure Driving Show and orders for the items will be taken.

As always volunteers are needed and welcomed. Please contact either Pam Gray at 410-819-6113 or pgray59@hughes.net or Michele Brauning at 410-422-3387 or j.brauning@mchsi.com if you would like to help with the Show Committee. As the Club continues to receive donations, a question arose as to the DDC's status with the IRS. The Club is in good

standing, unfortunately the IRS is behind on updating its web site. Kim Baklarz will draft a letter thanking donors for their contributions to the DDC.

A General Membership Meeting was held on March 24, 2022 and the minutes from the December 11, 2021 were approved as submitted. Deposits of membership renewals, donations, show sponsorships and advertising resulted in a Treasury balance of \$10,005.72. A more detailed report will be available once the bank paperwork has been completed. With Stan stepping into the position of Treasurer, there is a vacancy for a Board Member. There were two options: 1) move ahead with a vacant position until the next election, or 2) try to find someone to fill the position and hold a mid-term election. It was decided to move ahead with a vacant position until the next election.

## Bits and Pieces, cont.

### General Membership Meeting News, cont.

**Sunshine Report:** Kudos to Frances Baker for all her Sunshine messages. If you know of a Sunshine need, please contact Frances.

**By-Laws Update:** Currently the DDC by-laws call for the President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary to serve one-year terms. During the General Membership meeting it was decided to change the terms of these offices as follows: extend the term to two years with terms staggered so only two officers are up for election each year. The initiation of this change will be determined by the Board at a future meeting. Also according to the current DDC by-laws, new members must be approved. This has not been done for many years and a change to the by-laws may be warranted. More discussion of this topic, as well as a planned review of the entire by-laws, will be taken up at the next DDC Board Meeting.

As Covid restrictions are finally lifting, the Club is now planning more 'face to face' activities. Frances Baker is planning a pleasure drive at her Hollyville Farm in Harbeson, DE on June 18 (rain date June 19th). There will be both short and longer driving routes available with a 'picnic' following the drive. More information will be in the May and June DDC newsletters. Diane and Rick Savage would like to invite members to their home, by the water, for a crab feast/fish fry in July. This may include a speaker and/or a mini tack swap/sale, but this is a non-horse event. Watch for particulars in upcoming DDC newsletters. Anna Klumpp is working with the owner of the truck scales in Kennedyville, MD to set a date for weighing carriages. The scales will give you the weight of your carriage within 20 lbs. Watch the DDC newsletter for more information.

**George Parris' Driving Equipment—:** Elizabeth Parris asked Stan Vonasek to help her divest George's driving and farm equipment. Stan asked members for ideas on how best to handle this as there are A LOT of items. After much discussion and brainstorming of ideas, the best option seems to be an on-site auction. Stan will explore this further and keep DDC members informed.

Some clubs have been conducting informational driving clinics via Zoom. John Layton has compiled a list of topics and possible speakers. The subjects range from nutrition, commercial driving, turnout, harness fitting, gamblers' choice etc. This may be another idea to do in the heat of summer when it is too hot and buggy to do much driving.



## Mt Hermon Plow Day in Salisbury, MD

On April 2, 2022, the 15th Annual Mt. Hermon Plow Days was held at the Adkins Farm Market in Salisbury, Maryland. This event has grown from 150 people watching a few teams plow to having over 2400 people observing real horsepower at work. The purpose of Plow Days is to increase interest in the knowledge of how farm work was done with horses and mules in past years. Plowing is the highlighted work demonstration, with teams coming from many states. But the main goal is to create an appreciation for the contribution rural America made in the early days of our country. Besides trying your own hand at plowing, there were many live displays such as cooking on a woodstove and on an outdoor fire, making butter, gathering eggs, and quilting to name a few. This is always a great experience and many DDC Members enjoyed their day there. On Friday, April 1st over 600 Wicomico County, Maryland 4th grade students were able to enjoy and learn first hand about farm life at Mt. Hermon Plow Days. The students are studying this in their American History class and many were very impressed, but most stated they were glad they had indoor plumbing and were able to get their food from the grocery store!



# Mt Hermon Plow Day in Salisbury, MD, cont.



# Members Out and About



Colleen Layton and Jazz



Anna Klumpp's VSE Jerry



Linda Thomas



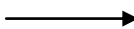
Don Stewart, Jr.



Jess Tanglao



Claire Lacey



## Members Out and About, cont.





## Sunshine Corner

***The Sunshine Corner is Back!*** It was established to express congratulations, sympathy or concern to members of our Club in the event of illness, bereavement or milestone events. Frances Baker has graciously volunteered to be our Sunshine Coordinator—if you know of someone needing “Sunshine”, please contact Frances at 302-381-2979 or email her at francesbaker65@gmail.com. This month **Sunshine** has been sent to:

**Thinking of you/Get Well Wishes were sent to:** Kevin Wallis who is experiencing a few health issues, Anna Klumpp who has been hospitalized in Christiana Hospital in Delaware. Sherry Harris underwent back surgery and is now recovering.

**Congratulations were sent to:** Mary Pines—she is now officially in remission!!! She is also back to riding and driving again. Judith Hartman has two Welsh pony foals (a boy and a girl!) from her stallion Copper Beech Cardiff. Martha Duchnowski’s VSE (very small equine) Desi received All Star National Recognition in the AMHR Draft Harness Stake in her first year of driving!

**With heartfelt Sympathy to:** Michele Brauning’s dog Tank passed away. He was 10 years old and loved participating in Carriage Dog Classes.

## George Parris Memorial Scholarship

On March 12th the Delaware Equine Council Foundation Scholarship Dinner & Auction was held at the Moose Lodge in Harrington, DE. Each year, the Foundation, supported by the Delaware Equine Council, awards scholarships to a few high-achieving students, pursuing their education in fields that will enhance the equine or agricultural industry. This year the George Parris Memorial Scholarship was presented to Alexa Johnson.



## Upcoming Events

Due to the Covid 19 virus, many events have been canceled for everyone's safety. Always call ahead to ensure an event is still scheduled to be held as many events have been cancelled or rescheduled.

- 4/8-10/22 SOUTHERN PINES CT & CDE - Carolina Horse Park, Raeford, NC - Info: Omnibus 04-04-2022 Southern Pines CDE & CT
- 4/10/22 Horse Park of New Jersey will host a Cones and Obstacle Driving Day. More details soon
- 4/16-17/22 AIKEN CARRIAGE CLASSIC AND DRESSAGE - Aiken, SC - Info: Omnibus 04-16-2022 Aiken Carriage Classic and Dressage
- 4/22/22 Martins Auction in Lebanon, PA
- 5/14/22 **Annual DDC Pleasure Show at the Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury, MD The Judge is Jessica Axelsson**
- 5/14/22 Harlequin Farm ADT (with a rain date of May 15th). 37720 Legard Farm Rd, Purcellville, VA
- 6/3-5/22 ELK CREEK CDE & CT - Fair Hill NRMA, MD - Info: dltrefry@gmail.com
- 6/18/22 Hollyville Farm Drive—Join hosts frances and Wayne Baker for a pleasure drive around their Hollyville Farm. Watch for more information next month.
- 6/23-24/22 Lancaster County Carriage and Antique Auction in Bird-in-Hand, PA—Mud Sale

Please help us fill in the Upcoming Events page with things you would like to see the club participate in. All you need to do is contact any Board Member or the Editor of the Newsletter/Facebook and we can help make your idea a reality. We have club members with experience that can help you plan/host a drive or event. This is your club—so let your voice and ideas be heard.



# Managing Mud on Horse Farms

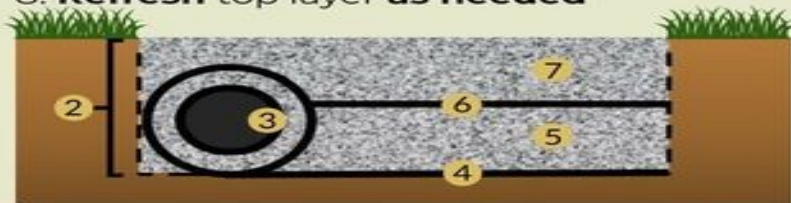


## Drainage

Pile snow strategically and use **gutters, terrain** and **drainage ditches** to direct precipitation away from **buildings** and **paddocks**

### High traffic pad construction:

1. Identify **location** and **size**
2. **Excavate** 8 inches of topsoil
3. Install **drainpipe** parallel to pad to aid in water drainage (optional step)
4. First layer of **geotextile fabric**
5. Add 4 inch layer of **crushed limestone** (stones 1.5 to 1.75 inches) and compact
6. Second layer of **geotextile fabric**
7. Top with 4 inch layer of **dirty pea gravel** (with fines) and compact
8. **Refresh** top layer as needed



High traffic pads in heavy-use areas offer long-term drainage solutions if constructed and managed correctly



Photo credit Dr. Betsy Greene

Alternative footing materials such as wood chips **are not** recommended due to **breakdown** and **maintenance needs**



Create spots that are "**high and dry**" for **temporary** drainage solutions by adding gravel, dirt or sand

Remove **manure** and **soiled hay** daily as both will eventually become mud



## Horse Health

Check horses **daily** for signs of...

- **Thrush:** black tissue with a foul odor on the bottom of the hoof near the frog
- **Cellulitis:** warm, swollen and tender lower limbs
- **Pastern dermatitis (aka Scratches):** raw, irritated skin on the back of the pastern →

Wet environments are breeding grounds for **bacteria** and **fungus**



### Treatment:

- **Remove** horse from wet environment if possible
- **Clean** and **dry** daily
- Apply **topicals**
- Follow veterinary directions



# The DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB, Inc

cordially invites you to advertise in our Annual Pleasure Driving Show



On Saturday, May 14, 2022 the Delmarva Driving Club, Inc. will host its 15th Annual Pleasure Driving Show at the Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury, Maryland. This traditional driving show features divisions for VSE, Pony, Horse, Multiples, and Green Horse and Driver as well as several additional classes. The event draws competitors from the Delmarva region and beyond! Each participant receives a professionally printed, distinctive brochure which provides the advertiser an opportunity to reach diverse members of the equine community with their message.

While we believe that your advertising and sponsorship is the best way for you to reach the equestrian market, your contribution is also helping to keep the sport of pleasure driving shows alive. We appreciate your support in this effort.

**The following ad sizes are available:**

**¼ page (Business card size = \$25;**

**½ page (approximately 5" x 4") = \$50;**

**Full page (approximately 5" x 8") = \$75.**

**Class Sponsorship = \$10**

Please complete the attached advertising agreement and return it along with your camera-ready artwork or send a digital file of your artwork to:

**Linda Thomas**

**31384 Melson Road**

**Delmar, Maryland 21875**

**Email: [glassmanlpt@aol.com](mailto:glassmanlpt@aol.com)**

If you need assistance with artwork or have other questions, please feel free to call me at 410-430-6943 or Pamela Gray at 410-819-6113.

**All ads must be received by April 15, 2022.**

*Thank you in advance for your support and generosity!*

# The DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB, Inc

## Advertising Agreement

Advertisement for: \_\_\_\_\_  
Business or Individual Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name of person placing advertisement

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone:

Size of Advertisement: \_\_\_\_\_ 1/4 page \_\_\_\_\_ 1/2 page \_\_\_\_\_ Full Page

Class Sponsorship:

Turnout: \_\_\_\_\_ VSE \_\_\_\_\_ Pony \_\_\_\_\_ Horse \_\_\_\_\_ Multiple

Super Reinsmanship

\_\_\_\_\_ VSE \_\_\_\_\_ Pony \_\_\_\_\_ Horse \_\_\_\_\_ Multiple

Working

\_\_\_\_\_ VSE \_\_\_\_\_ Pony \_\_\_\_\_ Horse \_\_\_\_\_ Multiple

Cones

\_\_\_\_\_ VSE \_\_\_\_\_ Pony \_\_\_\_\_ Horse \_\_\_\_\_ Multiple

Cross Country

\_\_\_\_\_ VSE \_\_\_\_\_ Pony \_\_\_\_\_ Horse \_\_\_\_\_ Multiple

Gambler's Choice

\_\_\_\_\_ VSE \_\_\_\_\_ Pony \_\_\_\_\_ Horse \_\_\_\_\_ Multiple

Green Horse and Green Driver

\_\_\_\_\_ Turnout \_\_\_\_\_ Working \_\_\_\_\_ Cones \_\_\_\_\_ Cross Country

\_\_\_\_\_ Gamblers Choice

\_\_\_\_\_ In Hand \_\_\_\_\_ Command Class \_\_\_\_\_ Ladies to Drive Class

\_\_\_\_\_ Gentlemen to Drive \_\_\_\_\_ Carriage Dog Class

**Total Cost of Ads and Sponsorships:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please attach advertisement copy and/or graphics and return with payment to:

Linda Thomas 31384 Melson Road Delmar, Maryland 21875

Make Checks payable to: **Delmarva Driving Club**

**All Advertisements must be received no later than April 15, 2022**

# WHY SPONSOR OR ADVERTISE?

By becoming an advertiser or a class sponsor for the Delmarva Driving Club Pleasure Show, you are allowing yourself or your business to gain exposure with an important market group and become affiliated with equine customers who are loyal to quality brands and services that support their sport and horses.

## **What actual benefits do you receive from your donation?**

**Show Program:** The Show Program is an official competition publication. The publication includes competition information, schedules, facility rules and regulations, and advertising opportunities for sponsors. These programs are mailed to trainers and competitors, made available to stores, shows, events, and areas where equine customers frequent, and can be downloaded from the Delmarva Driving Club website. Through these methods, carriage/horse enthusiasts are reached in a multi-state area which includes Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Virginia.

**Website:** Sponsor Logos and their website links will be placed on the home page of the Delmarva Driving Club website for one month prior to and after the Driving Show.

**Social Media:** Delmarva Driving Club utilizes Facebook and Instagram (Delmarva\_Driving\_Club) to inform carriage drivers, horse enthusiasts, businesses, and spectators of horse show news, special event information and sponsorship announcements. Beginning at least one month prior to the Show, your information will be displayed on our pages.

## **At the Showgrounds:**

**Signage:** Custom signage will be displayed in a highly visible area of the horse show facility, next to the competition ring or pavilion.

**Vendor Space:** Complimentary vendor space will be available in vendor row for those sponsors seeking product advertising and sales.

**Public Address Announcements:** The Show Announcer will make several public address announcements regarding your information throughout the day of the competition.

**Arena Banner:** small approved banners (2x6 or 3x8) can be displayed on the fencing of Ring 1.

Any questions, please feel free to call Pam Gray, Show Manager at 410-819-6113



We're on Facebook  
and Instagram!  
Check us out

**Board of Directors**

**President** Anna Klumpp  
**Vice President** Frances Baker  
**Treasurer** Stan Vonasek  
**Secretary** Kim Baklarz

**Board Members:**  
Michele Brauning  
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John Layton  
Diane Savage

**Facebook/Newsletter Editor**  
Linda Thomas

**Membership Chair**  
Deb Dawkins

**Sunshine Chair**  
Frances Baker

**If you need to contact the Board of Directors/Officers or Committee Chairs, please use our new Club Email: [delmarvadrivingclub1983@gmail.com](mailto:delmarvadrivingclub1983@gmail.com)**