



# Let's Drive !

April, 2023



## Bits and Pieces—Club Information

### Delmarva Driving Club, Inc

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#### Attention!!

A DDC Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 4th, 2023 at 7:00 pm 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.

The DDC Pleasure Show Committee remains busy with organizing and planning the final details for the May 13th Show. The Prize List is available on the DDC Webpage and there are a few printed copies on hand (please contact Linda Thomas). This year electronic payments thru PayPal will be accepted for the entry fees, etc. The Early Bird fee of \$10 per class ends on May 8th. You can fax your entry to 410-213-7440, mail it to either Michele Brauning (10634 Piney Island Dr. Bishopville, MD 21813) or the DDC P.O. Box 415 Delmar, DE 19940. There is plentiful permanent stabling for \$30 and eight (8) camper hookups.

We encourage everyone to solicit advertising and sponsorship for our Show (information and forms are available in this newsletter). We hope to see you participating or volunteering. Contact

Michele Brauning (410-422-3387) or John Layton (609-556-9749) for more details on ways to help.

As equine owners, we all realize the importance of accessible equine emergency services when our animals experience entrapments, ie: trailer wrecks, ditches, mud, barn fires, etc. Since there is a need for this service in lower Delaware and on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, the Delaware Equine Council has begun a \$20,000 Fundraising Drive for the necessary equipment. Donations via cash, check, credit card, or PayPal are now being accepted. You can mail a donation to the DEC (attention: Rescue donation) at the following address: P. O. Box 158 Harrington, DE 19952, email to: [delawareequinecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:delawareequinecouncil@gmail.com) or utilize DEC PayPal.

Now that Spring is here, the calendar is beginning to fill with clinics, shows,

and other equine driving related events. This Newsletter, Facebook, and the Delmarva Driving Club webpage are excellent resources to see what activities are available. Clinics are a great method for learning. A groundwork clinic, geared towards building trust, creating softness in your horse's mouth, neck and rib cage, and building correct muscle is being proposed. This is great for horses needing more experience of out and about, older horses needing to learn to soften, or if you just want to improve your horsemanship. See more details in this Newsletter.

Several County Fairs are re-instituting Driving Classes this year and information will be forthcoming. The DDC is in the process of planning a Driving Derby as well as several pleasure drives—watch for the dates for these neat events.

## From the President



Hello everyone!

Spring is finally here and the calendar is filling up with driving dates! So there's no better time to get out and drive. Our Club's attitude is to have fun driving activities for everyone's skill level, lending a helping hand when needed. We're working on planning Clinics, pleasure drives, Derby Driving, and Fun Days of Driving. And don't forget our great Pleasure Show in May!!! Both participants and volunteers are always needed. Remember—Come Drive with Us!

## Welcome New Members

The DDC is happy to welcome a youth driver, Dakota Soethe-Auer and his family. They are from Churchville, MD and the family is very actively involved in equestrian activities! Dakota and his sister have mustangs, but he has had the opportunity to try several different disciplines—most recently carriage driving. Dakota enjoyed his carriage driving lessons with Tanglao Carriage Driving so much, he was able to participate in the recent Cone and Obstacle Clinic at the Horse Park of New Jersey. Hopefully we will see the Soethe-Auer family at upcoming Delmarva Driving Club events.





## George E. Parris, Jr. Scholarship

On March 25th, the Delaware Equine Council Foundation held their annual Scholarship and Fundraiser dinner in Harrington, DE. Each year they award five \$1500 Scholarships to deserving individuals. These students must be enrolled and in good standing at an agricultural or equine course of study or related field, or a veterinary or vet tech program in the United States and have completed, or are about to complete, one full semester. The George E. Parris, Jr. Scholarship was awarded to Kaitlyn Collins and DDC Member Elizabeth Parris and her daughters were in attendance to present the Award.



## Groundwork Clinic with Kirsten Willey Moore

Below are the detailed objectives for a proposed groundwork Clinic with Kirsten Moore. She's been involved with horses for over 20 years now, taking lessons at an early age. In her teens, she had 5 horses of her own that she started training. Kirsten has had experience with liberty & trick training, rides both English, Western, & bareback and does vaulting & Roman Riding. She's worked at Dancing Horses theater, she apprenticed with Tommy Turvey, and even worked with carriages with Desiree Hermann at Prospect Stable in Florida. Besides her riding and training skills, she is also a farrier.

### Clinic Prospectus

**Join us for a groundwork clinic, geared towards building trust, creating softness in your horse's mouth, neck and rib cage, and building correct muscle. This is great for horses needing more experience of outand about, older horses needing to learn to soften, or if you just want to improve your horsemanship and put some more tools in your box!**

**Relaxed atmosphere**

**Clinic is limited to 6 participants; 4 participants minimum**

**Two-hour clinic**

**\$60.00 per horse/handler combo**

**Location: 4033 Powellville Road, Pittsville, MD 21850**

**Outdoor grass ring and round pen**

**Easy access trailer parking**

**What to bring:**

**Dressage whip**

**Bridle**

**Rope halter and 12 ft. lead rope, if available**

**Spectators are welcome, and should bring their own chairs.**



**A rain date might be needed if holding the clinic at Kirsten's. If an indoor arena is available, the clinic price would have to be adjusted to factor in the cost of renting the arena.**

**If you are interested in this clinic, please contact any Board Member, so that a date may be secured.**



# Members Out and About



**Frances Baker's 4-in-Hand Team on Cape Henlopen Beach**



**Adriane Baker and Marley, the Gypsy Vanner getting ready to show**



**Nancy Offen taking a break from driving to ride to ride her mare Stormy**



**Jess Tanglao driving into her driveway**



**Diesel Baker enjoying a carriage ride**



# Members Out and About, cont.



Shannon Gandee and Beau



Katelin McConkey Cook driving Yara



Martha Duchnowski's VSE Desi getting ready for this years Show Season



Jess Tanglao driving Savannah and Dancer







## 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:** Ed Evans who spent a few days in the hospital, but is now on the mend; Kaye Purnell is now feeling better after a short hospitalization

**Congratulations were sent to:** Kate Pantelione welcomed a new equine family member named Maui; Jess and Rainier Tanglao named their Farm—Timeless Farm and they will be offering both riding and driving lessons. Their new trainer’s name is Madeline Kurtz. Erin & Josh Gale’s standardbred named Two More Dreams came in 2nd on the second time the Gales have raced her; Charlie Purnell has a new equine family member—a Welsh D—barn name to be determined

**Sympathy was sent to:** Tammy Carpenter on the passing of her young Clydesdale named Harnessed Hope Rubicon’s Asher

## Cone and Obstacle Clinic at the Horse Park of New Jersey



As Trustees of the Horse Park of New Jersey, DDC Members Erin Gale and John Layton, are always looking for carriage driving ideas and events to utilize and support the wonderful property at the Park. On March 25th and 26th, they hosted a Cone and Obstacle Clinic with Sarah Bates. For over 25 years Sarah has co-owned High Hopes Farm in Honeoye, New York with Bruce Jones and her specialty is training anything

with four legs to drive. With this amount of experience, Sarah and Bruce were able to give each driver invaluable input and feedback, which helped make the clinic so successful. Even the weather was no deterrent for the facilities at the Park - when the forecast for Saturday was not the greatest, the Cones Course portion of the event was simply moved to the huge indoor arena. The Horse Park relies on sponsors, members, and volunteers to help keep its gates open. M & N Farms, LLC of Chesterfield, NJ helped sponsor the event and even provided great lunches for everyone as well! But most of all, thanks go to the participants who took advantage of the opportunity to learn. The DDC was well represented with ten members (Colleen and John Layton, Erin and Josh Gale, Jess and Rainier Tanglao, Katelin Cook, Kate Pantelione, Dakota Soetha, and Caitlyn Reardon) taking part. Hopefully this can become an annual event at the Horse Park of New Jersey ! Thanks to all that made this happen!



# Cone and Obstacle Clinic at the Horse Park of New Jersey, cont.



**Josh Gale & GW Brute**



**Colleen Layton and Ideal Kiss**



**Katelin Cook and Freya**



**Rainier Tanglao and Dakota Soetha with Savannah**



**Kate Pantelione with Maui**



**John Layton with Eris K**



## 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.

- 4/16/23 Driving Derby at the Horse Park of New Jersey - Two Divisions—Training and Open—check out the Horse Park of New Jersey webpage for more details \$50 Entry Fee
- 4/21/23 Martin's 52nd Annual Spring Auction at the Lebanon Fairgrounds in Lebanon, PA
- 4/29/23 Intro to Driving Clinic with Emily Langer at Focus Forward Driving Center 1838 Glenarvon Dr. Bremono Bluff, VA 23022 [www.ne4horse.org](http://www.ne4horse.org) for details
- 5/7/23 BUXMONT PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW - Website:  
<https://www.buxmontridingclub.com/copy-ofmini-horse-shows>
- 5/13/23 Annual DDC Pleasure Driving Show will be held at the Wicomico County Equestrian Center in Salisbury, MD. The Judge will be Craig Kellogg**
- 5/20/23 GLADSTONE Horse Driving Trial, Gladstone, NJ. Contact: [joshilohjo@yahoo.com](mailto:joshilohjo@yahoo.com)
- 5/20-21/23 (TBC) HARLEQUIN FARM DERBY & ADT. 37720 Legard Farm Road, Purcellville, VA 20132. Contact Paula Bliss at Harlequin Farm 540 668 7227
- 5/25-6/4/23 DEVON COUNTRY HORSE SHOW, Devon, PA. Website:  
<https://www.devonhorseshow.net/>
- 6/2-4/23 ELK CREEK CT & CDE, Fair Hill NRMA, MD. Check out ADS Omnibus link: <https://americandrivingsociety.org/docs.ashx?id=1041691> for more information
- 6/24-25/23 CAA SPORTING DAY OF TRADITIONAL DRIVING, Morven Park, Leesburg, VA. Info:  
<https://www.carriageassociationofamerica.com/travel-with-the-cao/>
- 6/29-30/23 LANCASTER COUNTY CARRIAGE & ANTIQUE AUCTION, Bird-in-Hand, PA. Info:  
[www.bihfire.com](http://www.bihfire.com) or email [amywissing@birdinhandfire.com](mailto:amywissing@birdinhandfire.com)



## Upcoming Events, cont.

- 7/9/23 Conesapalooza at Stafford Carriage Driving beginning at 9 am.
- 7/13-15/23 Talbot County Fair in Easton, MD would like the DDC to provide information on or do a carriage demonstration—Contact Deb Dawkins @ 410-310-9569 if you are interested
- 7/14-16/23 LORENZO DRIVING COMPETITION, Cazenovia, NY. Check out ADS Omnibus link: <https://www.americandrivingsociety.org/docs.ashx?id=1038061>

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.

## Upcoming Zoom Presentations

Zoom Technology is a neat and interesting way to learn from the comfort of your own home! Listed below are upcoming equine related talks that may interest you. The DDC will soon be hosting a few of their own 'talks'. Look for our schedule soon!

- 4/14/23 NEW BOLTON LECTURE: EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED: WHAT'S IN YOUR EMERGENCY KIT - virtual. Speaker: Dr. Katy Sullivan. Registration: <http://www.vet.upenn.edu/firsttuesdaylectures>
- 4/11/23 VA TECH LECTURE: "EQUINE RESPIRATORY DISEASE: IT'S A LUNG STORY" 7:00 pm. Zoom link: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/82277582595>





## Time Saving Tips for Feeding and Watering your Equines

Horses play a big part in our lives. You might even say horses are our life. But that doesn't mean you can't have a life of your own while still taking good care of your equines.

Sorting out various feeds and lugging buckets around are part of any daily horse care routine. These chores become particularly time-consuming when you're caring for more than just a few horses. Here are some ways to make feeding and watering easier:

### **Pre-Portion Your Horse's Grain and Supplements for the Week**

Every weekend take the time to pre-portion your upcoming week's grain and supplements into Ziploc bags, so you won't have to spend time measuring when you're in a rush. Be sure to check supplement labels before doing this, however, to ensure the manufacturer doesn't warn against it and store everything in spoil-proof containers. You can do the same for hay—simply tie portions together with baling twine, snip the twine when you're ready to feed, and distribute your hay.

### **Post Feeding Instructions for Each Horse in Case of an Emergency**

Keep a dry erase board or chalkboard at your barn with up-to-date feeding and/or medical instructions for each horse, as well as emergency numbers, so you can easily call on someone else to feed if you have an emergency or must leave town last-minute. Placing a current photo of the horse next to their name on the Board is also a good idea.

### **Soak and Prepare Horses' Meals While Performing Other Barn Chores**

If you have to soak any components of your horse's feed (e.g., hay for the horse with respiratory problems, feed pellets for the horse with few teeth), do so ahead of time so you're not waiting around at breakfast or dinner. For example, preparing beet pulp requires a lot of time, so go ahead and add water to the next feeding's ration while you're at the barn. And to be sure you don't waste all that food after it spends 12 hours soaking, store it in a refrigerator to prevent it from spoiling in warm temperatures.

### **Clean Feed Tubs Daily**

Stick around after your horse's meal to not only ensure he's eating normally but also hose out feed tubs when he's finished. It might seem like you're adding a step to your routine, but it will save you from spending excessive amounts of time and elbow grease if you don't have to scrub them (for what seems like hours) on a less frequent basis. Spend the time doing other chores while your horse eats.

### **Use Trash Cans to Help Fill up Haynets**

Do you find haynet-filling cumbersome? Use a trash can to help hold haynets when filling them. Place the haynet in the can as if it's a trash bag, and stuff with hay.

### **Save Time While Filling Up Water Buckets and Tanks**

If possible, install automatic waterers (and tank heaters for winter). They're chore-efficient and offer the peace of mind of knowing your horse always has a supply of fresh water available. If you don't have the luxury of automatic waterers, here's a trick for staying productive while filling buckets and tanks: Set the timer on your cell phone to find out how long it takes for the tank to fill. Then, next time, clasp or clip the water hose to the edge of your water tank, set an alarm on your phone for the appropriate time, and get another task done while waiting. In the winter, unhook and drain your hoses after each use so they're ready for the next time you need them—no thawing required.



# 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 Michele Brauning, Show Manager at 410-422-3387

# The DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB, Inc

cordially invites you to advertise in our Annual Pleasure Driving Show



On Saturday, May 13, 2023 the Delmarva Driving Club, Inc. will host its Annual Pleasure Driving Show at the Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury, Maryland. This traditional driving show features divisions for VSE, Pony, Horse, Multiples, and Novice 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 20, 2023.**

*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

\_\_\_\_\_ 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 21, 2023**



We're on Facebook  
and Instagram!  
Check us out

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