



Let's Drive !

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Delmarva Driving Club,
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Bits and Pieces—Club Information

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The Lorenzo Driving Competition was held July 15th through July 17th on the scenic grounds of the Lorenzo State Historic Site, overlooking the beautiful Cazenovia Lake in Cazenovia, New York. Since its beginning in 1977, the Lorenzo Driving Competition has offered a variety of classes for the pleasure driving enthusiast including ring work, obstacles, driven dressage and a cross country marathon. The Delmarva Driving Club was well represented at this event this year. DDC Members Charlie Purnell, Karen O'Day, Mike and Dawn Pontz, Paul Maye, and Sandy Lerner showed everything from single equine entries to unique multiple hitches. Dawn Pontz drove her Fell pony named Porter in the Large Single Pony Turnout Class, Charlie Purnell drove her pony Olive Oyl in the Small Single Pony Division and the Carriage Dog Class. Mike Pontz drove his Fell Pony in the Novice Whip Division and was Champion in that Division. In the Multiples Division, Paul Maye was the Champion driving Sandy Lerner's Ayrshire Farms Shires. Karen O'Day drove Charlie Purnell's pony Olive Oyl in the Groom's Class. Special Congratulations go to Mike Pontz who was the recipient of the George Hoffman Outstanding Sportsmanship Award. Paul Maye and Sandy Lerner presented a special exhibition driving a Tandair or a 'Mad Man Hitch'. This hitch consisted of a tandem (one horse in front of another) hitched in front of a pair. It was quite the demonstration with the beautiful Shire horses.

Attention!!

* DDC Board Meeting on **Thursday, September 1, 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.



Mike and Dawn Pontz with Porter



Charlie Purnell and Karen O'Day

Lorenzo Driving Competition, Cont.



Dawn Pontz driving Porter the Fell Pony



Charlie Purnell's pony Olive Oyl on the Cross Country Course



Sandy Lerner and Paul Maye driving a pair of Shires from Aryshire Farm



Paul Maye driving a Tandair or Mad Man's Hitch. The Shire Horses are from Aryshire Farms



Members Out and About



Claire Lacey (right) at St. George's Society charity polo match.



Frances Baker's 4-in-hand on the trails at Hollyville Farm



Judith Hartman hitched Sangria for the first time to the tire. It was Successful!!



Linda Thomas driving Bob

Kim Baklarz enjoying a carriage ride at Hollyville Farm with Frances Baker



Members Out and About, cont.



Anne Adams helping the future generation learn about driving—the lead VSE is Anna Klumpp's Robin



Driving the Baker's Canadian Crossbreds at Hollyville Farm arena



The Hales and the Gales celebrating Erin and Winnie Gales successful dressage day



Mike Pontz and Porter at Lorenzo



Linda Thomas, with Anibal Escalante, Driving Frances Baker's Cooter and Duke



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:

Congratulations were sent to: Mike Pontz on being the recipient of the George Hoffman Outstanding Sportsmanship Award at the recent Lorenzo Driving Competition; Katelyn McConley Cook and family celebrated their new arrival—a daughter;

Sympathy was sent to: Marcy and Mark Eades—her father passed away



Let's Get Quizzical!

Just for fun—answer the question below without using the internet!!! Question supplied by Anna Klumpp (answer can be found in this newsletter)

Who was Old Bob—also known as Old Robin?

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.

- 8/11-14/22 Orleton Farm Driving Competition—Stockbridge, MA. For information email:westgate@taconic.net
- 8/27/22 Harlequin Farm Driving Derby in Purcellville, VA
- 9/8—11/22 MID-ATLANTIC RECREATIONAL DRIVE (MARD) - Fair Hill, MD
- 9/4/22 RESCHEDULED DATE: Conesapalooza at Stafford carriage Driving in Franklinville, NJ. Additional information and registration materials are available at <http://www.staffordcarriagedriving.com/Stafford/Events.html> or email: ponydriverss@aol.com
- 9/9-11/22 Villa Louis Carriage Classic in Prairie du Chien, WI Find more details at www.CarriageClassic.com
- 9/25/22 Delaware Equine Council's Membership Appreciation Ride and Drive at the Redden Forest (north of Georgetown, DE) **A DDC General Membership Meeting** will be held following this event
- 9/25/22 Buxmont 2022 Driving Show—the Judge is Jessica Axelsson For more information and a Prize List check out their website: www.buxmontridingclub.com
- 10/6-9/22 Garden State Combined Driving Event at the Horse Park of New Jersey
- 11/4-6/22 Super Clinic at Focus Forward Driving Center in Central Virginia—DDC Member Jess Tanglo will be one of the Clinicians

Location & Contact Information

Focus Forward Driving Center 1838 Glenarvon Drive, Bremo Bluff, VA 23022
 For questions & reservations: Emily 860-942-4955 Emily_langer@yahoo.com
www.FocusForwardDriving.com
www.TCarriage.com
www.LeadersWorldwideUSA.com
www.WellHorseAndRider.com

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.

Caring for Horses during Hot Weather

Air temperature (F) + Relative humidity (%)	Horse cooling efficiency
Less than 130	Most effective
130-150	Decreased
Greater than 150	Greatly reduced
Greater than 180	Condition can be fatal if the horse is stressed

Cooling an overheated horse - Hose down the horse



To cool an overheated horse (rectal temperatures are above 103° F):

- Spray the horse's head, back, neck, rump and legs with a steady stream of cool water.
- Repeat this continuously until the horse is cool.
- You can add ice to the water to speed-up cooling for very hot horses (rectal temperatures above 105 F).
- Research shows using ice to cool a hot horse is safe.

- Ice baths reduce core body temperature and lower heart rates after hard exercise.
- Horses were also found to trot more freely after an ice bath.
- Don't directly apply ice water over the hind end (large gluteal muscles). Focus on areas where the blood vessels are more prominent: head, neck, back and rib area.

Don't place a sheet or blanket on the horse when trying to cool it. Blanketing will block water evaporation from the skin. Don't blanket during hot and humid conditions.

Always provide unlimited access to clean, cool (45 to 64 F) water. At rest, an adult horse in a cool climate will drink about 6 to 10 gallons of water daily depending on feed. They'll drink much more while working or in hot conditions. A horse's stomach can hold between 2 to 4 gallons of fluid without becoming over distended.

Allowing a hot horse a few swallows of cool, fresh water every few minutes is key to combat the effects of heat stress.

Clean water buckets and tanks more often in hot weather to prevent algae and bacteria from growing. Blue algae toxicity is more common in ponds or slow running streams during hot, dry weather.



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Answer to Quiz: He was Abraham Lincoln's carriage horse in Illinois. When Abraham Lincoln was elected President, he sold him to a drayman named John Flynn. After Lincoln's assassination, he was sent to DC to participate in the funeral procession led by Henry Brown, a black Methodist Episcopal Minister. It has been said that Robert Lincoln and Old Bob were the only members of Lincoln's family present at his funeral. A statue depicting Lincoln and Old Bob is present in front of President Lincoln's Cottage at the Soldiers'

