

Let's Drive !

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Delmarva Driving Club, Inc

2017 Year in Review

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February, 2017—
New Driver Safety Talk

July, 2017—Annual DDC Driving Show (Michele Brauning, Debbie Morris, and James Woods)



Attention!!

* DDC Board Meeting on Thursday, February 1, 2018 at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to the Membership—members may speak on a subject, but they may not vote. To participate call: 1-877-216-1555 and enter 290535#

August, 2017—General Membership Meeting and Redden Forest Drive (shown is Kim Baklarz and Richard Graves)



2017 Year in Review (continued)



September—
Furnancetown
Drive
(pictured Diane
Savage and George
Parris)



December—Annual
Membership Meeting



September—George
Parris Appreciation
Day & Freestyle Demo
by Nancy Offen &
Salem

Sunshine News:

Darlene Logan reported the following Sunshine sent:

Chris Bailey was sent best wishes/get well soon due to the possibility of an upcoming surgery.

Call Darlene at 410-200-0960 or email her at maneship@yahoo.com to have Sunshine sent!



Winter Horse Care Tips That You and Your Horse Will Love!!!

Our horses can live outside in comfort year round with a just a few amenities provided by their owners. Winter horse care requires feed modifications, attention to detail, mud and ice management, and shelter from the elements.

Here are a few Tips or Guidelines:

1. **Increase Caloric Intake**— The average horse needs to consume 2% of his body weight per day to maintain body condition. The bulk of the horse's diet should consist of forage (either hay or pasture). Even in areas not affected by snow cover, grass often stops growing and the nutritional quality may decrease. As pasture quality or accessibility declines consider increasing hay and concentrates. That way, your horse won't lose weight during the winter or lack important nutrition. Continue providing free choice access to a trace mineral salt block through the winter, or supplementing your horse's feed with a small amount of salt,
2. **Provide Appealing Water**—Check your horse's water source twice daily and remove all ice, or provide a safe tank or bucket heater. Horses prefer to drink water that is slightly warm in the winter and their water consumption typically increases if water is kept de-iced either with an automatic de-icer or manually. Make sure your trough heater is the correct type for the material of which your trough is made. An Easton horse person came home to a smoking, melted plastic trough in December! Extension cords must be heavy gauge, outdoor rated and free of breaks or frayed wiring. Keep them away from curious pony lips and heavy hooves.

NOTE: Make Cleaning Frozen Water Buckets Easier: Rubber buckets are easier to knock the ice out of if they become frozen than plastic ones. Plastic buckets used for water can shatter when they freeze. This can create a hazard and wastes money when replacing them. Rubber buckets may cost more initially, but last longer

3. **Provide Shelter**—Horses need shelter from the elements. Shelter comes in a variety of forms and the type you use largely depends on your facilities and finances. Trees and low places act as a natural wind barrier and can also provide some protection from precipitation. A three-sided constructed shelter provides the best protection from winter precipitation for pastured horses. It is important to ensure that your shelter offers adequate space for your animals and allows for their natural behavior and accommodates their hierarchy so that even the lowest horse in the pecking order can benefit from the shelter. If you do stall your equine, be sure to allow adequate ventilation in order to prevent respiratory problems.
4. **Try to Provide Safe Footing** — Mud can be a real pain during the wetter months. Not only is it harder to maneuver around, it can also be a health risk to you and your horse. There are some things you can do to reduce the impacts of the mud such as:
 - good guttering and downspouts on any sheds
 - some form of firm footing installed
 - regular removal of manure
 - rotating water and feed containers to avoid one area having all the traffic and becoming a muddy mess

If you have the space, think about using a 'sacrifice area' like a smaller paddock that can be used for turnout when the larger field or paddock is too wet.
5. **Check Hooves Carefully**—Even if you're not driving your horse during the winter, it may be easy to let their hoof care slide. You still need to check your horse's hooves carefully to make sure there is no debris, rocks, etc. lodged in the hooves

Winter Horse Care Tips That You and Your Horse Will Love!!! (continued)

6. Consider Blanketing Your Horse—Horses that sweat during winter drives/rides need to be dried out completely before they are put away for the day. A thick winter coat can hold moisture for a long time and drying can be a time consuming task. Horses that are wet can be dried by rubbing with a towel, feeding hay, keeping the horse under cover, and applying a water-wicking cooler. Once the horse is dry remove the cooler and fluff up his hair before turn out, which will aid the insulating effectiveness of his coat. Or you might consider trace- or body clipping horses that will be worked throughout the winter months to reduce the areas of thick winter hair that could trap moisture. This will not eliminate the need for returning your horse to dry but can reduce the time it takes to accomplish a dry horse. However if you clip a horse's winter coat (which is his natural defense against winter weather), you must blanket accordingly. You may also want to consider blanketing an older horse or one that seems to grow only a thin coat.



A few tips for safe blanketing:

- Only apply blankets to clean, dry horses.
- Use the appropriate blanket for the appropriate use. A stable blanket is for use in a stable and it is not waterproof. Therefore a horse should not wear a stable blanket when he is in the field or pasture. A turnout blanket is for use during turnout and is designed to be waterproof. Horses that live out in the elements wearing blankets should wear waterproof and breathable turnout rugs. A blanket that isn't waterproof will quickly become saturated make your horse cold, which is the opposite of the desired effect of blanket use.
- Use the blanket that is most appropriate for your horse's needs and the weather conditions. If it's 40 degrees your horse probably only needs a lightweight blanket. If it's -10 degrees he might prefer a heavy weight blanket.
- Remove or change blankets as weather appropriate. Sweating in a blanket on a hot day can be just as problematic as wearing a stable blanket in wet weather.
- Ensure the blanket properly fits your horse and that the straps and surcingles are appropriately fitted.
- Check horses wearing blankets at least twice daily. Check the shoulder area for rubs and sores caused by the blanket. Also check to ensure that the straps and surcingles are all safely and securely in place.
- Repair rips as soon as possible.
- Remove your horse's blanket and groom him on a regular basis.
- When removing the blanket for any length of time be sure to fluff up the horse's hair to allow it to work to properly insulate.

DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB, INC. 2018 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

To be considered for membership, submit this completed application each year, with a check made payable to The Delmarva Driving Club, Inc. or cash in the amount of the current annual membership dues payment to the address shown below. As an applicant, your signature on the line below declares that you will abide by all Club rules, regulations and by-laws. You will be notified of your acceptance, at which time you will receive your copy of the by-laws, a membership roster and newsletter. Feel free to join in the Club activities while your membership is being processed. Your signature below shall serve as consent to allow your photographic image taken at any DDC event to be used on any and all DDC publications.

Type of memberships: _____ (\$20/individual or _____ \$30 family)

Name of member _____

USPS address _____

Newsletters will arrive via Email unless otherwise indicated:

CHANGE from last year's Renewal Form! _____yes _____No

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I do not/cannot receive my newsletter via email and thus request a hard copy be mailed _____

The best number to reach me by phone is _____

I would like to donate \$ _____ to the Delmarva Driving Club.

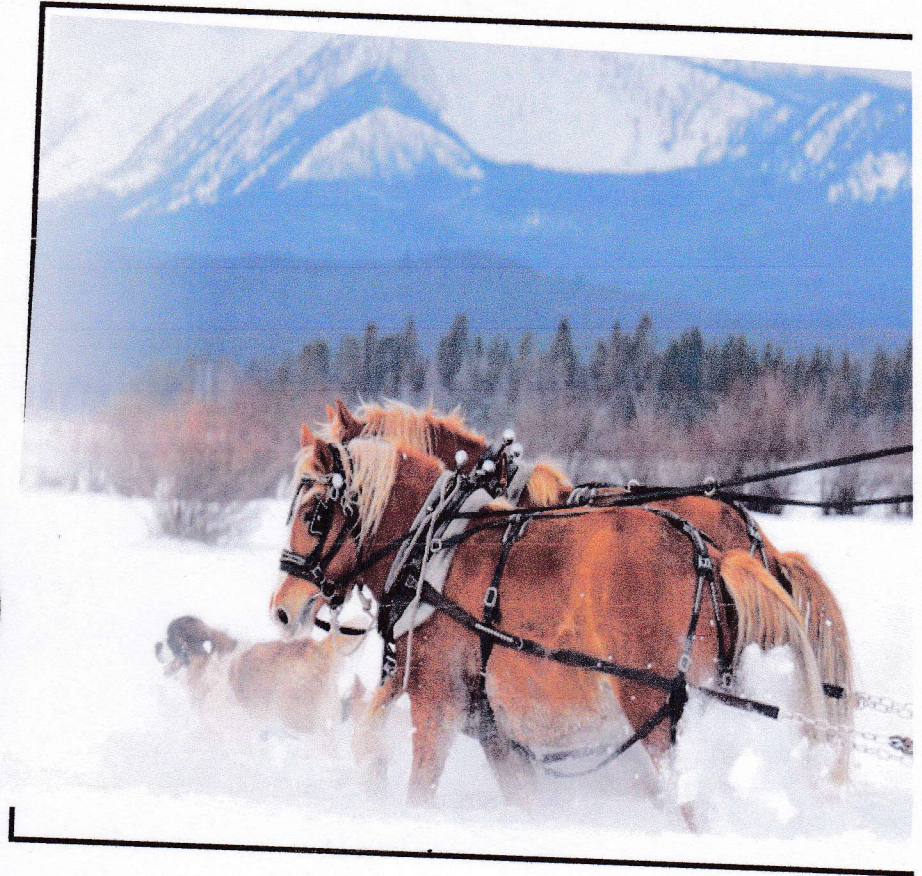
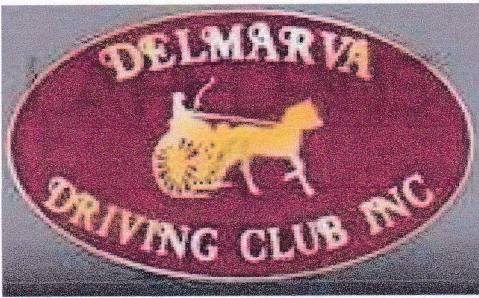
VOLUNTEERS: Please mark as many items which you are interested in volunteering for during 2014. This information will be used by the various event coordinators to reach-out for your help!!

- _____ Leading a Casual Drive
- _____ Horse Show Volunteer
- _____ Clinic Volunteers
- _____ Administrative help
- (e.g. Serving on a committee, mailing, printing and sending show information out, etc.)
- _____ Serving as a member of the DDC Board or future Officer
- _____ Offering a clinic on an equine related subject

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____
Make Check payable to Delmarva Driving Club Inc. in the amount of \$20.00 per individual/ \$30 family. C/o Deborah Dawkins (Membership Chair) 25460 Dodd Lane Denton, MD 21629

Upcoming Events

- 1/6/18
CANCELLED
- From a Cart to a Coach***— Members Frances and Wayne Baker will host a panel discussion at their home. They will share their driving experiences as they evolved from a two-wheeled cart to driving a Four-in-hand Coach. (Lunch provided—Bad Weather date is 1/13/18).
- 1/27/18
- Learn how to back and drive your trailer confidently at a Trailer Driving Clinic held at 4528 Saddle Up Circle; Bridgeville, DE 19933 from 1 pm to 4 pm. This will be a 3 hour clinic going over safety, maintenance, hitching, backing and much more. The fee for the clinic is \$25.00 and is limited to 10 participants. Bringing your own trailer it is up to you (big or small) 302-228-7859. (This is full—next one is 2/24/18)
- 2/1/18
- DDC Board Meeting—see front of Newsletter for details
- 2/2018
- Beginner Driver Clinic—to be announced—Watch for upcoming details
- 2/24/18
- Trailer Driving Clinic in Bridgeville, DE (see 1/27/18)
- 3/1 to 3/4/18
- PA Horse World Expo at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA
- 4/2018
- Furnace Town Drive is being planned by Diane Savage—Look for details
- 5/2018
- Annual DDC Pleasure Driving Show to be held at Caroline County 4-H Park. Details will be forthcoming
- 5/24 to 6/3/18
- Devon Horse Show in Devon, PA (Driving and Coaching classes)
- 6/2/18
- Elk Creek Combined Driving Event at Fair Hill
- 8/8 to 8/12/18
- Walnut Hill Farm Driving Competition in Pittsford, NY (One of the oldest, continuous driving-shows in North America)



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