



Let's Drive !



December, 2022

Delmarva Driving Club,
Inc

Bits and Pieces—Club Information

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Attention!!

* DDC Board Meeting on **Thursday, January 5, 2023 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 General Membership Meeting was held on December 3, 2022 at Hollyville Farm in conjunction with the DDC Christmas Party. The minutes of the September 25, 2022 General Membership Meeting were approved as presented. The Treasury report showed a balance of \$11,131.67 (deposit of \$1,780 from the Hoppes-Addis Grant and \$100 withdrawal for cash for DDC merchandise sales). The report was accepted as presented. The proposed 2023 DDC Budget was presented and it will be revamped per suggested changes.

Committee Reports:

Show Committee: The next focus will be on the Prize List. The committee would love input on classes be offered. Volunteers are needed and welcomed for everything from Show setup to help on the day of the Show. Donations of Gift Baskets

are needed for the Show Raffle and members are encouraged to start selling advertisements for the Show Program and solicit Sponsorships for the Show (see pages 10-11 for more information). Please contact either Michele Brauning or John Layton with your thoughts and recommendations.

By Laws: The proposed By Laws changes were approved by the Membership. Members will receive a copy in January. The By Laws will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Membership: Dues and membership renewals will be due in December. There will be no increase in the dues fee.

Sunshine: Cards and notes have been sent to many members for the loss of family members or equines, as well as special accomplishments.

The perpetual Driving Trophy for the Combined Eastern Shore Horse Show has been retired and

the membership decided to sponsor this once again by purchasing a new Trophy.

Frances Baker will be hosting an educational event on the Sporting Day of Traditional Driving at her Hollyville Farm on January 7, 2023 (bad weather date: January 14th). The clinician will be David Saunders, a well known carriage driver, instructor, and Former Coachman to Prince Phillip. More details can be found on page 8.

A Newbie Driving Clinic entitled from Tail to Mane will be held on February 25th at Stan and Laurie Vonasek's farm in Ellendale, DE. The Clinician will be Laura DeFazio. See page 9 for more details.

The DDC will be 40 Years old in 2023! The Board is looking for ideas and volunteers to work on celebratory events for the year. Members wishing to serve on this committee should contact Linda Thomas at 410-430-6943.

Merry Christmas

Election of 2023 Officers and Board of Directors

The DDC is pleased to announce the results of this year's election. The following members have been elected to serve as Directors and Officers for 2023, starting immediately. Please feel free to contact them with any concerns through the Club email: delmarvadivingclub1983@gmail.com. The first Board Meeting is Thursday, January 5, 2023, starting at 7:00 pm.

President: John Layton

Vice President: Frances Baker

Secretary: Kim Baklarz

Treasurer: Stan Vonasek

Board of Directors: Michele Brauning, Josh Gale, Anna Klumpp, Colleen Layton, and Charlie Purnell



John Layton



Frances Baker



Kim Baklarz



Stan Vonasek



Michelle Brauning



Josh Gale



Anna Klumpp



Colleen Layton



Charlie Purnell

Special Thanks goes to Outgoing Director Diane Savage for being such great team members. Her cooperation and dedication, especially during Covid kept the business end of our Club together!

Looking forward to an active 2023!

It's Membership Renewal Time

It's that time of year again to renew your membership in the Delmarva Driving Club! We hope you'll be back to join in and enjoy the many activities that we are working on for 2023. Once again we will offer our Pleasure Driving Show in May as well as many other educational, recreational, and social activities. Some benefits of

DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB, INC. 2023 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

For continuing 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 a member, your signature on the line below declares that you will abide by all Club rules, regulations and by-laws. Copies of the by-laws may be downloaded from the Club website. Newsletters are distributed monthly by email. Please 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 _____

Farm Name _____

USPS address _____

CHANGE from last year's Renewal Form! _____ Yes _____ No

Newsletters will arrive via Email unless otherwise indicated:

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I do not/cannot receive my newsletter via email and thus request a hard copy be mailed (\$15 donation suggested to defray mailing costs). _____

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 for which you are interested in volunteering. This information will be used by the various event coordinators to reach out for your help!!

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| _____ 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 | |
| _____ Hosting a clinic (on any 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

Members Out and About



Rainier Tanglao and Dancer



Mike Pontz at Reindeer Run



Michele Novack in Kentucky



Colleen Layton and Kiss at NJ Horse Park



Charlie Purnell, Linda Thomas & Michele Brauning



Linda Thomas and Macy

Members Out and About, Cont.



Erin & Josh Gale at the World's



Julianne Simpson and Julie



Don Stewart, Jr. at the Safari Drive



John Layton in Chestertown



Dawn Rise Ekdahl

Frances & Wayne Baker with their team at the PA Hunt Cup



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: Michele Brauning, Charlie Purnell, and Linda Thomas for their impressive wins during the Combined Eastern Shore Horse Show season. Judith Hartman on her wins with her Welsh Ponies during the Maryland Pony Breeders Show season. Colleen Layton on her win in the Jackpot Cones Course at the 2nd Annual Reindeer Run (she donated her winnings back to the Horse Park of New Jersey. Mike and Dawn Pontz on their new equine family—a Fell Pony named LaurelHighlands Polka or Austin

Thinking of You was sent to: Mike Pontz who is continuing to recover from a stroke

Sympathy was sent to: Mary Pines on the loss of her beloved pony Ladybug

Make Your Life Easier with this Barn Hacks

With colder temperatures and wintry weather now upon us, here is a suggestion to keep your water trough from fully freezing. Naturally if you are able to have water heaters in your troughs, they obviously work best, but it never hurts to share tips and tricks to get thru the freezing months. Here's a trick to keeping water available to your horses with no power needed. Simply fill a milk jug or soda bottle half to three-quarters full of salt water and place it in the water trough. The jug will float and move the water around, plus, if the surface freezes, the horses will push the jugs down leaving an opening to get a drink! For large troughs you can put more than one jug. . You don't have to measure the salt, just place a good layer on the bottom of the jug add warm water, shake it up and place in the trough.



Upcoming Events

Always call ahead to ensure an event is still scheduled to be held as events do get cancelled or rescheduled.

- 12/10/22 Poplar Hall Christmas Parade of Horses in Chesapeake City, MD from 10 am to 4 pm
- 1/7/22 Sporting Day of Traditional Driving Seminar at Hollyville Farm—check out the Flyer in this newsletter
- 2/25/23 Tail to Mane—Newbie Driving Clinic in Ellendale, DE with Clinician Laura DeFazio
- 3/2-5/23 Horse World Expo and Theatre Equus at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA. For more information: <http://www.horseworldexpo.com>
- 4/21/23 Martin's 52nd Annual Spring Auction at the Lebanon Fairgrounds in Lebanon, PA
- 5/13-14/23 GLADSTONE Horse Driving Trial, Gladstone, NJ. Contact: joshilohjo@yahoo.com
- 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
- 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
- 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.



Don't miss this interesting and interactive workshop! Call Frances Baker today to reserve your spot—as there are limited participation spaces available.

Understanding



Presented by
Delmarva Driving Club, Inc.

January 7, 2023 beginning at 10 am
(Bad weather date: 1/14/23)

At Hollyville Farm
23430 Hollyville Road
Harbeson, DE 19951

Workshop Clinician is David Saunders
Limited Participant Spaces Available

Please **R.S.V.P.** to Frances Baker at **302-381-2979**
or **francesbaker65@gmail.com** by **12/29/22**



From Tail to Mane—A Newbie Driving Experience

*Interested in learning how to drive your horse?
Or do you have a horse broke to drive and are a
beginner?*

The DDC is offering a Newbie/Refresher
Driving Clinic

When: Saturday February 25, 2023
beginning at 10 am

Where: Stan & Laurie Vonasek's Farm
22146 Reynolds Pond Rd,
Ellendale, DE 19941

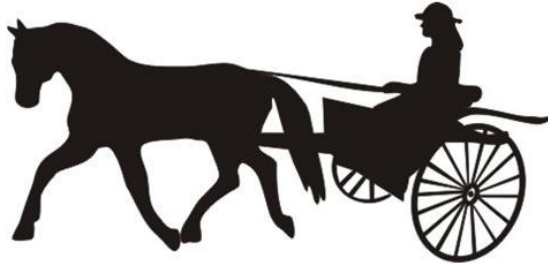
What: The Clinic will review harness
parts, harness fitting, learning
to handle the lines, line driving,
safety measures, hooking to a
cart, and so much more.

Clinician: Laura DeFazio from Whistle Hill
Farm in West Grove, PA.

**Please R.S.V.P. to
delmarvadrivingclub1983@gmail.com**

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

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!

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 Show Managers Michele Brauning at 410-422-3387 or John Layton at 609-556-9749.



We're on Facebook
and Instagram!
Check us out

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