



Let's Drive !



December, 2023

Delmarva Driving Club, Inc

Bits and Pieces—Club Information

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Attention!!

* A DDC Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2024 at 7 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 General Membership Meeting and Christmas Party was held on Saturday, December 2, 2023 at the Redden Forest Lodge outside Georgetown, DE. In conjunction with this meeting, the DDC also celebrated the 40th Anniversary of the founding of the Club. (There will be a special newsletter regarding this event.) The minutes of the September 24th General Membership were approved as read and the Treasury had a balance of \$6,679.16 as of December 1st. (the checking balance was \$1,667.44 and Money Advantage account was \$5011.72). The Treasurer's report was accepted as presented. A proposed 2024

Budget was also presented and approved by the membership.

The 2024 DDC Pleasure Show Committee continues to meet regularly and their next scheduled meeting is Thursday, December 7th at 7 pm via Zoom. The Prize List will be available in January, 2024. Volunteers are always needed and welcome. Contact John Layton at 609-556-9749 if you would like to be involved!

Don't forget it is now time to renew your DDC Membership—look for a renewal application in the newsletter or on the webpage. You can also renew your membership via the convenience of PayPal!

In order to plan activities and clinics for 2024, members will be emailed a Poll in mid December to determine their interests. This will aid in arranging the calendar, so please be sure to complete the Poll. If you have an idea for an activity or event, please contact any Board Member to put the plans in motion.

Elections for the vacant Director positions were held at the General Membership Meeting. Meet the new Directors on page 2.

Volunteers are also needed for several committees. We would love to have you involved! Call any Board Member for information.



Merry Christmas





From the President

Hello everyone!

Welcome to the Holiday season. I really enjoyed our 40th anniversary celebration and meeting some of our original members. It was a great event! Even though driving slows down a little for some people, it seems to get quite busy for our commercial members. So far the weather has not been too cold, so drive as long as you can and enjoy it!

**Hope that everyone has a great Holiday Season and a Happy New Year.
Looking forward to Driving together in 2024!**

Welcome New DDC Directors

During the December 2nd General Membership Meeting, an election was held for three vacant Board of Directors positions. The DDC welcomes members Mary Bashtarz, Shannon Gandee, and Helen Heinzer to the 2024 Board. They will each serve a two year term. *Thank you all for volunteering to serve our club in this important way!*

Please feel free to contact them with any concerns through the Club email: delmarvadrivingclub1983@gmail.com. The first Board Meeting is Thursday, January 4, 2024, starting at 7:00 pm.

Special thanks go to Anna Klumpp for her dedicated service to the Board of the DDC.



Mary Bashtarz works with Balance Saddling System and manages Riding by Design.com. She frequently volunteers at many DDC events



Shannon Gandee continues to work with her rescue horse named Beau who she is both riding and driving.



This year Helen has been very busy showing and driving her Morgan named Cosmos Fire N Ice or 'Red'. They have had a terrific time, even her dog is getting involved with driving by participating in the Carriage Dog Class.

DDC Holds Driving Derby on November 11

Hollyville Farm in Harbeson, Delaware was the site of the Club's second Driving Derby and a nine acre field offered plenty of room for the 16 cone course and two driving obstacles. Prior to driving the course, participants, volunteers, and spectators were able to perform a course walk in order to understand the course and plot their strategies. There were entries in both the Training and Preliminary Divisions and two of the entries were Junior Drivers! In honor of Veteran's Day, the Junior Drivers respected their retired Military parents with a display of flags on their vehicle and patriotic attire. It was a great day for the all the participants, volunteers, and horses. Everyone had a safe and fun time and even showed improvement from their first run to their second run! The winner of the Training Pony Division was Alex Driscoll and Josh Gale won the Training Horse Division. John Layton was the winner of the Preliminary Division. Thanks to Frances and Wayne Baker for sharing their farm and hosting this event!



Charlie Purnell & Jay Wilson



John Layton and Eris K



Josh Gale won Training Horse



Alex Driscoll won Training Pony



Erin Gale driving Brute

Josh Gale driving Brute



Alex Driscoll & Hayden Swartz with Jazz

Under 25 Emerging Driver Clinic

What a great event for young drivers!!! The recent Garden State CDE at the Horse Park of New Jersey had a record number of Junior drivers participating. So the United States Equestrian Federation decided to help promote their driving interests by hosting an Under 25 Emerging Driver Clinic at the US Equestrian Team training facility in Gladstone, New Jersey on November 9th and 10th. Two DDC Members, Alex Driscoll and Kate Pantelione, were able to participate. On the first day the clinic was instructed by Tracey Morgan, both a national and international champion driver and each clinic participant received an hour dressage lesson with Tracey. Then the group gathered for a dinner in the US Equestrian Team trophy room, followed by a tour of the trophy room and a history lesson on equestrian sports given by James Fairclough (also a national and international champion driver). On the second day there were sessions on how to navigate the cones and marathon courses in a flowing and smooth manner (where smooth equals fast). Both DDC Members had an amazing time and were so glad to be chosen for the opportunity! Many thanks go to DDC Members Colleen and John Layton for their support and dedication in making this happen!



Members Out and About



Ken Lehberger and Big Ronda at Buxmont



Mayvis Baker and Phoebe Drury at the DEC Show



Dennis Baker riding Toffey



Judith Hartman and Sangria



Erin and Josh Gale and her horse I'm Willy Hot or Winnie Gale. (getting their last needed points for their AQHA Western Dressage Superior!)

Members Out and About, cont.



Linda Thomas in Rock Hall, MD



Jess Tanglao at Dickens of a Christmas in Chestertown



Dakota Soethe with Jammie at Bel Air, MD



Adriane Baker in foreground with her horse Marley (background) being driven by Maddie Kurz



Linda Thomas and Howie in Berlin, MD



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: Carol Seilor on her recent hand surgery; Frances Baker is recovering from hip replacement surgery

Congratulations were sent to: Charlie Purnell and Michele Brauning on their Year End Driving Awards from the Combined Eastern Shore Horse Show; Katelin McConkey Cook has a new equine family member named Genderose; Charlie Purnell’s Welsh Stallion is having a successful Show season in Florida, Oklahoma, and Toronto, Canada

Helpful Hacks



This idea is a great space saver and unique way to utilize plastic buckets/tubs for hanging your harness and storing related items. You can even use tin cans for bridle holders. However it doesn't work as well for western saddles and certain full horse collars. Food grade white buckets and their lids work particularly well since you can drill a hole in the edge of each bucket and lid and tie a piece of baling twine to each. This allows you to store your harness saddles and breast collars on top of the bucket and pads, gloves, etc. inside of each bucket. This keeps the items inside of the bucket together, clean, and vermin free. Since the lid is attached to the bucket, it won't get easily lost. To attach the buckets to the wall use can use wood in the bottom of the bucket to increase the strength. You can also use wall anchors.

Upcoming Events

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

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| 1/4/24 | DDC Board Meeting via Zoom |
| 2/29-3/3/24 | World Horse Expo in Harrisburg, PA |
| 5/11/24 | DDC Annual Pleasure Driving Show at the Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury, MD. Judges are Suzy Stafford and Susan Koso |
| 5/18-19/24 | GLADSTONE SPRING HORSE DRIVING TRIAL, Gladstone, NJ. 2 day event. Contact: joshilohjo@yahoo.com |
| 5/31-6/2/24 | ELK CREEK CT & CDE, Fair Hill NRMA, MD. ADS Omnibus link: https://americandrivingsociety.org/docs.ashx?id=1218200 |

Free Virtual First Tuesday Lectures from University of Penn TIME: 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Join a free virtual series for horse owners and enthusiasts. Learn about equine veterinary medicine on the Zoom platform. Register above to receive the zoom link for this year's lecture series. The zoom link will be the same for all lectures and you will receive it in a confirmation email. Keep an eye out for a reminder email before each lecture as well!

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Age is Not a Disease: Best Practices in Caring for your Senior Equine Liz Arbittier, VMD, CVA

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

Making Waves – Advanced Imaging for Injury Prevention and Early Intervention

Elizabeth Acutt, BVSc, DACVR - Kathryn Bills, VMD, DACVR - Timothy Manzi, VMD, DACVR

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

A Primer on Primary Care – Vaccinations and Parasite Control Meagan Smith, DVM, DABVP

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

Rehabilitation in Animal Athletes Kara Brown, VMD, DACVSMR

Questions? Contact Margaret Leardi at mleardi@vet.upenn.edu

Free Zoom Chats—Hot Chocolate and Horses with the Garden State Horse and Carriage Society at 7:30 pm on:

1/9/24 Rare Breeding Driving—Part II with Sterlin Graburn and Undra Jeter

2/13/24 Miniature Horses with Sandy Croote

All the programs are free via Zoom, but require an access code and password. To obtain the access code and password, please email: reinslady@gmail.com.

Members Shine in the 'Show Ring'



November 4th, Atlantic County 4-H Fairgrounds was the site of a Driven Dressage Show.

Paige Horine participated in a driving demonstration organized by My Lady's Manor with Wellspring of Life Farm in Monkton, Maryland.



Showing at Autumn Grove Stables in Berlin, MD. Mayvis Baker won in Leadline and Michele Brauning Charlie Purnell, Linda Thomas & Diane Savage performed in In-Hand and Driving Classes



Members Shine in the 'Show Ring', cont.



L to R: Charlie Purnell & Olive Oyl, Diane Savage & Twinkie, Linda Thomas & Cricket, and Michele Brauning & her pair

Mary & Ken Lehberger competed at the Fall Buxmont Driving Show in PA



Scotchmans Glen Gypsies had a fantastic Show Season with their Gypsy Vanners named Marley and Cammy. They showed successfully up and down the East Coast! During Winter Break, Marley is doing Commercial Carriage Work



DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB, INC. 2024 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!!

_____ 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. Mail form to: **Delmarva Driving Club, Inc. P. O. Box 415 Delmar, DE 19940**

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<http://www.delmarvadrivingclub.com>



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Treasurer Stan Vonasek
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Josh Gale
Charlotte (Charlie) Purnell
Mary Bashtarz
Shannon Gandee
Helen Heinzer

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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

or P. O. Box 415 Delmar, Delaware 19940