



# Let's Drive !

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Delmarva Driving Club, Inc

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### Attention!!

A DDC Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 2, 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.

A DDC General Membership Meeting was held on February 2, 2023 via Zoom and the minutes from the January 5th Board Meeting were approved as submitted. The Treasury report had a starting balance of \$11,067.30 on January 1st. Expenses totaled \$2144.44 and deposits were \$925.00, leaving an ending balance of \$9847.86. The report was accepted as presented. The General Membership Board reviewed and approved the 2023 Budget as presented and the completed Treasury Audit had no identified issues.

A motion was made to make a donation in the amount of \$150 to the Delaware Equine Scholarship Program. Each year the DEC awards a \$1500 scholarship to one or more individuals who meet the required criteria and are

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 US.

Based upon the recent results of a Club poll, the DDC will now accept electronic payments for everything from membership to clinic fees. The Club has setup a PayPal Business account and more information will be sent to members via an email.

The Club has a new address. It's Delmarva Driving Club, Inc. P. O. Box 415 Delmar, Delaware 19940.

The Newbie Clinic will be held on February 25th at Harmony Hollow Farm (Stan & Laurie Vonasek's Farm) in Ellendale, DE. The Clinician is Laura DeFazio and a Registration Form is available on page 16. Complete your registration today!

The DDC Pleasure Show Committee is busy with organizing and planning the final details for the May 13th Show. The Prize List will be available shortly and you can obtain copies from our webpage and the PA Horse Expo ADS Booth March 2nd thru 5th. Electronic payments will be accepted for the entry fees, etc. We hope to see you participating or volunteering. Contact Michele Brauning (410-422-3387) or John Layton (609-556-9749) for more information.

Watch for a listing of DDC educational Zoom Talks throughout the winter months.

Clinics are a great method for learning and feedback from our members is requested. What is your interest in clinics? and What are you willing to pay for a clinic? Please let a Board member know how you would answer these questions.

## From the President

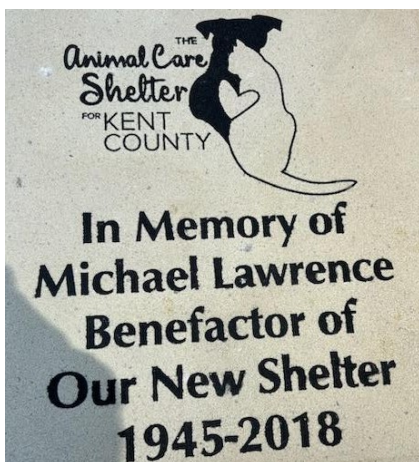


Welcome to 2023. We have some fun Events planned and some new ideas for the club. It is going to be a great year being our 40th Anniversary. We will be posting some things about our history as a club and enjoy our celebration. Come and enjoy our Pleasure Driving Show, it is becoming one of the go to shows in the Mid-Atlantic region! We have a great new board of directors and if you have any ideas of things that you would like to see our club do please

Caitlyn's introduction reminds me that I've been wanting to add to our database the breeds or types of equines owned by our members and what they do to pay for hay. Perhaps you Caitlyn writes, "Hello! My name is Catilyn Reardon. I am a certified

## Welcome New Member

Welcome to Caitlyn Reardon. She is from New Jersey and is a Speech Therapist and Therapeutic Riding Instructor. She loves sharing horses with individuals of differing abilities. Her horse's name is Possessed Fashion (lovingly called Archie.) He is a 12-year old ex-trotter who won over half a million dollars on the track. Caitlyn and Archie have competed in a number of different competitions including mounted archery, Hunter-Jumper, Western Gaming, and most recently Driving. She and Archie have also participated in Fox Hunting and Archie has been used for therapeutic riding and speech therapy utilizing Hippotherapy (utilizes the natural gait and movement of a horse to provide motor, and sensory input) for children and adults. Driving is their most recent endeavor and they are currently using a quick hitch cart and harness. But Caitlyn would like to explore more of the driving world since she and Archie have only been driving for less than a year. So far they have competed at two shows and placed at both of them! Archie seems to really love cones. Their goal this year is to compete in the Standardbred Exhibition Division at the Garden State CDE."



## Tribute to Past Member



Deceased DDC Member Michael Lawrence loved all animals and he was a generous benefactor, especially to the Kent County Humane Society. With his monetary help, the new Shelter is now open with a plaque in his memory.

## 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 this group are: informative monthly newsletter, active Facebook and web page, and a great way to meet and interact with other carriage driving enthusiasts.

### 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:

\_\_\_\_\_ @

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. C/o Deborah Dawkins (Membership Chair) 25460 Dodd Lane Denton, MD 21629

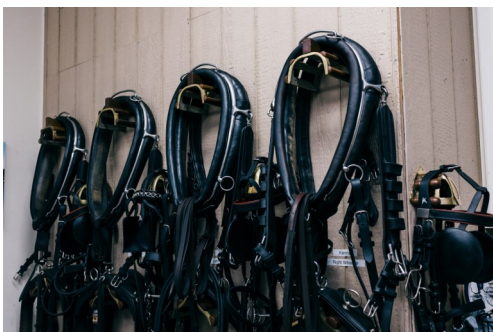
## Understanding a Sporting Day of Traditional Driving

Many thanks go to DDC Members Frances and Wayne Baker for hosting the Understanding the Sporting Day of Traditional Driving Workshop on January 7th at their Hollyville Farm in Harbeson, DE. Sporting Day of Traditional Driving is based on the very popular European event called Attelage de Tradition. Recently the Carriage Association of America was designated as the United States

Representative to this organization and since the Attelage de Tradition competition format is strictly set and governed, the DDC decided to learn more about their format. Through a grant, the DDC was able to secure David Saunders as the Clinician. David, who has judged and participated in many North American and European events, shared his vast knowledge in an interesting and entertaining way. This interactive workshop allowed the over thirty participants to see different vehicles 'put to' and gain first hand knowledge of how fun and special this event is. DDC Member Michele Brauning and her pair of VSEs and Jane Oehler, from PA, with her Florida Cracker Pony presented their turnouts for inspection and the participants were able to see what a Judge looks for in the Presentation Phase. A Power Point allowed the group to learn about what is expected in the other two phases: Road Driving and Cones Driving. Each turnout is competing against an ideal, rather than against the other turnouts. Be sure to mark June 24th - 25th on your Calendar for the CAA sponsored Sporting Day of Traditional Driving, which will be held at Morven Park in Leesburg, VA - Come Participant or Volunteer!



# Sporting Day of Traditional Driving, cont.



## Members Out and About



Katelin McConkey Cook driving a pair of Jess Tanglao's horses



Jess Tanglao promoting Youth driving by giving an 11 year old a driving lesson



Shannon Gandee 'back in the saddle' after a knee replacement

Linda Thomas and Jake the Haflinger participated in Daddy-Daughter Day at Chick-fil-A in Seaford, DE





## 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:**

Shannon Gandee received a total left knee replacement;

### **Congratulations were sent to:**

Frances Baker received a Lifetime Membership in the Brandywine Valley Driving Club for providing instruction for a unit of the Driver Proficiency Program; Martha Duchnowski's VSE named LovBug overcame some health issues and won Grand Champion Miniature Horse and a belt buckle at the end of the Cheery Acres on-line Fall show series; Martha Duchnowski was also named the new chair of the AMHA Mini Hours Program; Adriane and Dennis Baker are ensuring their Gypsy Vanners have a well rounded education and their Vanners named Cammy and Marley participated in their 1st Dressage show and it was a great success; Michele Novack and her horse Epiphany Bay Independence (or Penny) on winning 2022 Horse of the Year at the North Carolina Dressage and Combined Training Association's Awards Dinner. Penny won First Level.

### **Sympathy was sent to:**

Michele Brauning on the loss of her mare Cricket and her unborn foal; Frances Baker on the loss of her senior horse named Rickie;

## Online Electronic Payments

As technology continues to change, electronic payments have become a fast and simple way for making payments. In fact you can easily make payments at any time from anywhere across the globe and they have eliminated the need for going to the banks to make payments. The Delmarva Driving Club now has a PayPal Account which will help streamline our records and make accounting easier by lessening the possibility of errors. As the technology has advanced, so has the security of this type of account. Now you can electronically pay for your membership, pay your entry fees to our Pleasure Show or clinics. Look for us on PayPal as delmarvadrivingclub.

How do you use PayPal?

Download the free app and create an account.  
Enter and confirm your number.  
Link your card or bank account.  
Explore the app or get started right away

## 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.

- 2/25/23 Tail to Mane—Newbie Driving Clinic in Ellendale, DE with Clinician Laura DeFazio—see more information on page 15-16
- 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>. Check out the ADS Booth
- 3/25-26/23 Cones and Obstacle Clinic with Sarah Bates at the Horse Park of New Jersey; : <https://www.horseparkofnewjersey.com/resources/2023%20Sarah%20Bates%20Clinic%20Entry%20Form%20.docx>
- 4/21/23 Martin's 52nd Annual Spring Auction at the Lebanon Fairgrounds in Lebanon, PA
- 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)
- 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-caa/>
- 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!

- 2/7/23 NEW BOLTON LECTURE: SUBTLE SIGNS OF STRESS: WHAT TO LOOK FOR AND HOW TO HELP - virtual. Speaker: Dr. Sue McDonnell. Registration: <http://www.vet.upenn.edu/firsttuesdaylectures>
- 2/8/23 VIRTUAL HORSE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR SERIES - 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Rutgers Equine Science Center. Topic TBA. Info: Email [carey.williams@rutgers.edu](mailto:carey.williams@rutgers.edu)
- 2/14/23 LECTURE: Sarah Bates on Cones - Sponsored by GSH&CS driving club. Free to attend but require a Zoom access code and password; to get this info send e-mail to [reinslady@gmail.com](mailto:reinslady@gmail.com) and the information will be emailed to you.
- 2/14/23 LECTURE: "LET'S GET MOVING! REGENERATIVE MEDICINE FOR ORTHOPEDIC INJURIES" . Zoom link: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/89425271455>
- 2/15/23 BVDC LECTURE: GREGG HUNT: HOW TO FIT A HARNESS - 7:00 pm Online Zoom Presentation. No RSVP req'd. More info: Tracey Freeman [TCVF@me.com](mailto:TCVF@me.com) or 484-437-5200
- 2/15/23 VIRTUAL HORSE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR SERIES - 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Rutgers Equine Science Center. Topic TBA. Info: Email [carey.williams@rutgers.edu](mailto:carey.williams@rutgers.edu)
- 2/22/23 VIRTUAL HORSE MANAGEMENT SEMINAR SERIES - 6:30 - 8:30 PM. Rutgers Equine Science Center. Topic TBA. Info: Email [carey.williams@rutgers.edu](mailto:carey.williams@rutgers.edu)
- 3/7/23 NEW BOLTON LECTURE: 24/7 CRITICAL CARE: WE'RE ALWAYS OPEN - virtual. Speaker: Dr. Janet Johnston. Registration: <http://www.vet.upenn.edu/firsttuesdaylectures>
- 3/14/23 LECTURE: "THE SCOOP ON LOOSE POOP: EQUINE DIARRHEA" 7:00 pm. Zoom link: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/87322791180>
- 3/15/23 BVDC LECTURE: THE CARRIAGE DRIVING PICNIC CLASS - 7:00 pm Online Zoom Presentation by Gail Aumiller. No RSVP required



## Guilt Free Advice

This is an option that works on a lot of horses when needing to take medication in tablet form. Buy a cheap coffee/ herb grinder and add peppermints in with the tablets you're grinding. You can use other flavored hard candy if your horse isn't fond of peppermint. Takes only seconds to grind and the nasty taste of the pills is masked by the sticky peppermint candy. Always discuss with your Vet any medications and possible interactions that may be of concern.



An inexpensive and easy to find way to store your harness— hose holders. They can also be bent for smaller sized harness. Another bonus is that decorative patterns are available on hose hangers now.

# 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**

# From Tail to Mane

## A Newbie Clinic

Sponsored by the Delmarva Driving Club, Inc.

**When:** Saturday, February 25, 2023 beginning at 10 am

**Where:** The Indoor Arena at Stan and Laura Vonasek's Farm  
22146 Reynolds Pond Road  
Ellendale, DE 19941

**What:** 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. 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.

**The Clinician is Laura DeFazio from Whistle Hill Farm in West Grove, PA.**

**Cost:** No Charge to current DDC Members, \$20 for non-members





Delmarva Driving Club, Inc  
P. O. Box 415  
Delmar, DE 19940

PAID \_\_\_\_\_

Waiver Form \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Form for  
Tail to Mane—A Newbie Clinic  
Clinician Laura DeFazio from Whistle Hill Farm  
February 25, 2023**

**Harmony Hollow Farm—The Vonasek's  
22146 Reynolds Pond Road  
Ellendale, DE 19941**

**Participant Information:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of Attendees in Your Group:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Fee:** \_\_\_\_\_

***DDC Members: Free; Non-Members: \$20*** (payable to Delmarva Driving Club—this can be applied to a DDC Membership)

**Please Bring Your Own Chairs and Dress Appropriately for the  
Weather**

**For more information or questions:  
call John Layton at 609-556-9749 or Stan Vonasek at 302-249-5158**

**Mail completed applications to DDC P.O. Box 415 Delmar, DE 19940**



We're on Facebook  
and Instagram!  
Check us out

*Happy Valentine's Day*

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## Board of Directors

<b>President</b>	John Layton
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<b>Secretary</b>	Colleen Layton

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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](mailto:delmarvadrivingclub1983@gmail.com)**