



Let's Drive !

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Bits and Pieces—Club Information

Delmarva Driving Club, Inc

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From the 2/1/18 Board Meeting: As per our Bylaws, the Board will prepare a proposed budget as well as complete an Audit of Finances and Inventory of the Trailer.

-Upcoming club events (Dressage 101, Pleasure Show, and Furnace Town) were reviewed/discussed and details about these events can be found in the Upcoming Events section.

-Michele Novak

shared some of her recent travels which included a visit to the USEF Annual Meeting in Lexington, KY. They are offering a new membership level entitled Fan for \$25 which has all privileges except for showing. She also attended the Equus Film Festival which replaced the MD Horse Expo. On 1/30/18 she attended the MD Horse Industry Day 2018 where the Department of Natural Resources

presented information on riding and driving areas in the state. While attending the CAA International Carriage Symposium in Williamsburg, she learned the DDC had been accepted as a recognized Chapter of the CAA.

-Treasury Report— Balance is \$6995.63. A more detailed report will be available in the next newsletter.

-Guidelines for sending Sunshine were discussed. There will now be a 'In Memory Of' section

Attention!!

* DDC Board Meeting on Thursday, April 5, 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#

Anna Klumpp takes on the National Preliminary Driving Championship in Florida (and Wins!)

In December of 2016, I saw the American Driving Society Omnibus announcement for the Preliminary Combined Driving Championship to be held at Grand Oaks Resort in

December of 2017. Since the championships are rotated around the country, this appeared to be my opportunity to try to qualify and compete in this event, and possibly obtain

the title for one year. So we started to make preparations. I felt that my girls and navigator, Donna Hurst were up to the challenge, but then began to wonder if my health would allow us

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to go. I could not participate at Gladstone, because of carpal tunnel surgery, but we made it to Elk Creek. . Then I had a bout of Lyme's disease which had me hardly able to move for about 2 months, and by the time Garden State CDE was held, I had to call and cancel. I was beginning to wonder if I would be able to qualify.

Fortunately, the qualification is based on a 2 year period, in which the driver had to successfully complete 3 ADS CDE, and I had attended Garden State and Elk Creek in 2016, and completed both as well as Elk Creek 2017. Another qualification was that the Driver could not have competed in any World Championships for the last 5 years (hardly a worry for me) and no more than one intermediate event. I had only competed and completed in one intermediate event in Gladstone in 2016. For those of you who may not be aware of the levels in combined driving, it is training (where everyone starts) preliminary, intermediate, and advanced. The advanced level is now divided into two sub levels, but Miniatures are only allowed to compete to intermediate, so not a concern for me. So I was able to qualify to go.

I put in my application, was accepted, and then planned to

go. Donna agreed to come with me, as navigator, and we tried to get the girls in shape. Due to being unable to work them as consistently as I would have liked, I was a bit concerned about their fitness.

I missed the DDC Christmas party, as it was held Dec 1-3, but I knew that Jane, George and the other DDC officials and board member would keep everyone on task.

We first travelled down to Aiken, and stayed at Cair Paravelle South, and took two lessons from Lisa Singer. The Preliminary dressage test was #6, which included a new to us move of the "Stretchy trot" not to be confused with the working trot, collected trot (an intermediate level expectation) or lengthened trot. There is a very subtle difference between the stretchy trot and lengthen trot. Lisa showed me that the girls could do it, and with some coaching I could as well. However, Lisa the coach would not be there to help when the time came.

So with a prayer, we set off, went to Ocala Florida, found Great Oaks Resort and then eventually the stalls for the horses. I was a bit disappointed at how the resort felt that everyone knew where things were. I had to look for the "museum stalls" which of course were only about 75 stalls behind the museum that Donna was able to locate.

The ponies were happy to be off the trailer. I took Ditty and Sky, and Cricket as backup. Something permitted if you "declare" a horse as a potential spare. More on that later.

The first day was "inspection day" Something that I had never had to do before. Donna learned the pattern, as I was still too lame to run the horses in front of the committee. Donna dressed the part, as there were dress expectations for the driver and groom, and then proceeded to present each horse. Sky went well, as did Cricket. It was hot, and Donna had on a long sleeved coat, so one of the judges, Nancy Tomlinson, told her to rest so that she didn't pass out. After that, Ditty was presented and gave a few trot steps, but not much. But all three passed inspection!

Donna worked very hard to keep all horses clean and tidy, which was not easy with Sky, being mostly white., Sky seemed to be purposefully trying to put manure marks anywhere that wasn't covered with a stable sheet, neck wrap or tail wrap. At one point, we were wondering if Ditty or Cricket might be helping to take off her sheet, put poop on her haunches, and help rub it in.

Dressage day was next, and we were the first go. A person that I had met on at the National Drive in 2009 came up to me to watch, Beth Reisman. She has since moved to Florida, and as a mini driver

National Preliminary Championship (cont.)

mini drivers present. We started our dressage test, and it went smoothly, going for accuracy always helps. I was a bit thrown off by the smaller mini ring (not the standard 40mX80m, but 30mX60m) so some of our 15 m circles were a bit off.

Our lengthened trots were good and earned good scores, but our first stretchy trot, the one that Ditty really had to do, was not that great. The next stretchy trot was Sky's moment to shine, and shine she did. Our walk and lengthened walk earned us really good marks because of the clear transitions from one walk to the other, and our other nemesis, is the back which was surprisingly good, and without any jack knifing. Beth told us we did really well, and at the social, the dressage judge's scribe told us that we had one of the better marks of the day, and really did well for minis. The girls were awesome and did their job well, after all, what could go wrong?

That evening when we checked on the ponies, we noticed that Sky's one eye was swollen shut, and the other was partially swollen. I called the vet who gave her some cortisone in the eye, a shot, and then said she really couldn't be shown the next day due to the shot. I wasn't certain what the ADS

rules on such meds are but knew that the USEF would have banned her for the rest of the event. So at this point, I was so glad to have Cricket. Otherwise, I would have been disqualified! Next day, I checked with the Technical delegate about the rules, and there are no prohibitions for steroids for an ADS event, but I declared Cricket to go in the cones as Sky still had a partially swollen eye. Cricket and Ditty make a great pair, and I think that Cricket's excess energy helped to propel us over the course in good time. I would like to say we were double clear, but I had a moment lapse about where #15 was located, and that took us two seconds over time. We also had a ball down. My navigator is not allowed to help with cones at and there were a total of 24 cones, so I feel we did really well with just that small lapse. There were also three cones that were tighter than the others, but we went through them clean, and then knocked one down in one of the wider sets

Last day was marathon, all three sections. Sky was well enough to go, which was a relief for me, as sometimes Cricket can get a bit spooky, and there were some spooky things on that course. Real mini eaters! Fortunately it had cooled down some, and I had the lighter carriage, and

and hoped for the best. First section was the faster trot section. We had a time frame, and finished just over the slower time. Then the walk—we went slowly, especially since by midway, I figured that I was going too fast. We slowed down to a crawl, and still finished under time. I was concerned about penalties, but found out that others had problems coming in under time, so the committee decided not to penalize any one for this part. Then to the vet. I was worried the girls would show signs of stress, but both had almost normal body temps, and heart rates and respirations were acceptable. We had gone about 2 miles (1.8KM and 1.0 KM) and the next sections was section E or obstacle section at over 6KM, the total course was about 7 miles. We started off, and the first obstacle was a water hazard, and yes, Sky even got her feet wet. She doesn't care for water, when she sees dry land close by, but we had to do it. We continued on and the next 4 obstacles went smoothly. We were also making time, and the Girls weren't showing any signs of stress. Obstacle 6 was also a water hazard, but when walking it, it was clear the water was way too deep for minis and fortunately we had a land route to complete all 4 gates. Well, it also had a fountain shooting poison that killed only small bay mares, and Ditty wasn't going to tangle with it. IN one of her rare moments of spookiness, she stopped, and froze and looked

as if that was it. Sky came through and coaxed Ditty through her fear, and we were able to complete the hazard, and also the section.

The next vet check had me concerned, the girls were not up to this stress, and I hadn't gotten them fit enough by my standards. The vet cleared them both, again, temps good, as was heart rate and respirations.

I stayed by the Results Board, and saw that we had earned the American Driving Society's Preliminary Championship for VSE pairs for 2017.

All thanks to Donna's hard work, the Mighty Aphrodite, and Jiminy Cricket I received a plaque, and big ribbon, but most of all I have that experience forever.



Sunshine News

Darlene Logan reported the following Sunshine sent:

Frances Baker was sent a Get Well Card following recent surgery.

Charlie Purnell was sent a Sympathy Card due to the death of her Uncle.



Sunshine Cards are sent for:

- *Serious illness/surgery
- *Loss of immediate family members
- *Congratulatory wishes for an equine accomplishment
- *Loss of an equine.

A new feature will be the inclusion of 'In Memory Of'. Members can memorialize other losses here.

CAA Chapter News

The Carriage Association of America (CAA) is the leading U.S. and world resource for educating its members and the public about carriage makers, carriage restoration, carriage

and driving related history, traditional standards of turnout, and so much more. The CAA has Chapter clubs, which are located throughout North America and any group, club, society or

association with a minimum of 10% of its membership as active CAA members may apply to be a chapter. GUESS WHAT! - We applied and we are now a CAA Chapter. The CAA highlights one of their chapters each week on Facebook. Look for us to be highlighted!!!!!!

DIY Corner—Projects for Your Barn Using Recycled Materials

Tip from Saddle Up Stables (Grace Poe): take an old horse shoe and place it over the side of your trough to keep the hose in when filling.



If you need an inexpensive way to soak your horse's hooves—consider using disposable shower caps



Meet the Members!

The DDC welcomes new members Billy 'the Kid' and Paula Klein. They have had horses since 1978, showing mostly astride in the show ring for 20 years. Now they've been out of the show ring for 15 years and they just SHOW OFF. The Klein's got the driving bug after a severe horse accident and Billy couldn't drive his truck and he didn't have enough balance to sit on a saddle. So he drove a cart around his village, bank drive thru, auto parts store (for lights and mirrors), farm stands and visiting. Since then we've had a blast collecting a few carriages, driving in parades (with Victorian outfits), doing exhibitions and some private affairs. Billy's been back in his truck now for 15 years, but they try to make the Acadia Park trails once a year, often with the Granite State Carriage Association. They have lived on their farm - Back Acres Farm - for 42 years. They don't compete in driving but try to take a pair, carriage, dog, food and drink in their new LQ trailer which they refer to as their Winter Home. They said they look forward to pleasure drives with y'all.

WELCOME BILLY 'the KID' and PAULA!

The DDC also welcomes back Karen (Kay) Mildon and Edwina Daschuck!!



Upcoming Events!

- 2/10/2018 Beginner Driver Clinic—beginning at 10 am, join experienced carriage driver George Parris at Stan & Laurie Vonasek's indoor arena - 22146 Reynolds Pond Road in Ellendale, DE. The clinic will cover safety and harnessing. Items needed to attend: the willingness to learn. Please dress warmly - harness and equine will be provided for the demonstrations. Call George Parris at 302-846-2189 or 302-236-7357 or Stan Vonasek at 302-684-3966 to let him know you are coming or for any additional information.
- 2/24/18 Trailer Driving Clinic in Bridgeville, DE - Learn how to back and drive your trailer confidently—Call 302-228-7859 to register. The fee is \$25 for a 3 hour clinic held at 4528 Saddle Up Circle, Bridgeville, DE 19933.
- 3/1 to 3/4/18 PA Horse World Expo at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg, PA
- 4/2018 Dressage 101—date to be announced—An all day clinic held by Anna Klumpp at her farm in Still Pond, MD— will include hands on classes with participants able to bring their horse. A small fee will be charged and donated back to the club.
- 5/12/2018 The 11th Annual DDC Pleasure Driving Show will be held at Caroline County 4-H Park. It is a traditional driving show featuring divisions for VSE, Pony, Horse, Multiples, and Novice Driver. Some additional classes included are Costume Class, Ride and Drive Class, Carriage Dog Class, Cones Course, In Hand Class, and Command Class. Division Championships and Reserve Championships will be awarded. Volunteers are always needed!! Contact George Parris at 302-846-2189 for additional information. The judge will be Jessica Axelsson from New Jersey. More details will be forthcoming.
- 5/24 to 6/3/18 Devon Horse Show in Devon, PA (Driving and Coaching classes)
- 6/3/18 Come join DDC members for a leisurely drive through the beautiful trails at Furnace Town Living Heritage Museum. This venue is located just outside of Snow Hill, Maryland. The event will feature a drive from 11 am to 1 pm followed by dinner (Pig Roast). Each DDC Whip (driver) and groom will receive a free dinner voucher. Additional meal tickets can be purchased at a cost of \$35.00. Traditional driving dress is recommended (but not required). For more information, contact Diane Savage (410-641-1837 or savagepearl@aol.com) or George Parris (302-846-2189). More details to follow!!!



We're on
Facebook!
Check us out

This year the Delmarva Driving Club will celebrate 35 years in existence. We are a group of members with diverse interests and backgrounds. It has been said that what most members want is to safely participate with like minded equestrians in driving related activities. Thus, what the Board of Directors attempt to provide is a variety of opportunities for all persons, all members and all levels. We can't offer exactly the same opportunities each year but at least every few years there will be clinics and talks on a variety of subjects and almost every month of the year, there is at least one DDC event scheduled. We hope to see you at one of these events! Membership is available - and joining is easy!

Let's continue to promote the Sport of Driving!!!

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