

Jan 2011

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DRIVING CLUB INC

**DDC Meeting  
Schedule**

Jan 5, 2011  
BOD meeting  
via conference  
call  
6:00 pm  
Call in #  
877-216-1555  
Pw # 290535

Feb 2, 2011  
BOD meeting  
Via conference  
call  
Call in #  
877-216-1555  
Pw # 290535

March 2 BOD  
meeting via  
conference call  
6:00 pm

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*Upcoming DDC Events:*

Jan 15, 2011- Selecting the Suitable Driving Horse @ 3048 Hartley Rd. Hartley, DE. RSVP with Pao Lin **(240) 274-6180** or paoball2000@yahoo.com. Day of event-Donna @ 302-492-3932 Bring a friend! Bring a potential new member!

Feb No DDC events have been finalized and confirmed at the time of this printing.

March 19 Grassymeade Drive, Chestertown, MD. POC: Michael Lawrence **410-810-2997**

Delaware Equine Council meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at the Harrington, DE Public Library. Special meeting locations may vary. For more information check <http://www.delawareequinecouncil.com> Or phone Stan 302-684-3966

**Jan 2011 Newsletter Contributors**

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**Delmarva Driving Club  
General Membership Meeting  
Minutes December 11, 2010**

DDC Membership Meeting Minutes  
December 11, 2010  
Nutter Marvel Museum  
Time: 7:38 pm to 8:05 pm

With a quorum of the membership present, the following subjects were discussed:

1: Election of Officers for 2011 - With only one person running for each of the Officer positions the one Director position, the group elected to vote by motion and show-of-hands. The vote was unanimous to elect Donna Hurst for President, Frances Baker as Vice President, Martha MacDonald as Secretary, John Bolinski as Treasurer and Sherry Harris as Director.

2: Dues for 2011 - A discussion was held on whether to raise the dues for 2011 in accordance with the by-laws, which state that dues will be set, as a minimum, to cover operating expenses. If we did this, it would mean individual membership would go from \$20 to \$24 and family membership from \$30 to \$36. Since the club is in a good financial state, due mainly to past Fall Harvest Festivals, our Spring Horse Show, contributions and many other cash generating efforts, the board recommended no increase. A motion was made and passed by unanimous vote to maintain our present dues level.

3: Dues By-law Change - A motion was made and carried by unanimous vote to change the by-laws such that the yearly dues will not be tied into the "Proposed Operating Budget".

**Delmarva Driving Club Treasurer's Report**

January 1, 2011

Submitted by John Bolinski, treasurer

Beginning Balance (checking)	\$1,871.09
<u>Deposits</u>	
Calendars	\$185.00
<u>Payments</u>	
Newsletters	\$51.75
Christmas Party	\$134.33
Postage	\$44.00
Miscellaneous Printing	\$4.20
Ledger Error	\$211.00
Ending Balance	\$1610.81
CD #1	\$2,245.64
CD #2	\$7,500.00
Grand Total	\$11,356.46

The future dues will be determined by the membership at December membership meetings.

4: Plantation Driving Club Liaison - DDC member, Michelle Novack has volunteered to be our liaison for the Plantation Driving Club for the DDC. The PDC is interested in 'shared events' with DDC.

5: Conference Calls - Jane Ramsey reminded the membership that they are encouraged to sit in on board conference calls at no expense to them. Please call or email Jane for Th. telephone number and entry code.

6: Spring Horse Show - Jane Ramsey updated the group on plans for our Spring Pleasure Driving Show. Our judges will be Joann Provinski and Jessica Snyder. Our show will once again lead off the "Whip Challenge", a 4-part series of shows. The whip is once again being donated by Coachman's Delight. Our show will be advertised more widely this year in several area horse magazines

### Sunshine:



There is \$90.95 remaining in the Sunshine fund.

One card was sent: Congratulations to John Williams about his team of Oxen.

Please remember to contact Lois Evans if you know of any sunshine items. Input is important.

### Helpful Horse Column

#### *Winter Care for the Older Horse*

Owners need to consider how they will meet their older horses' (or their younger, hard-keeping horses') nutrient requirements during the winter. Providing adequate energy is the prime concern, and how you will provide those extra calories depends on available feed and each horse's individual needs.

A good place to start is assessing your horse's body condition score (BCS). Horses with a BCS of greater than 5 will have some extra fat stores that can provide insulation and serve as a readily available source of energy when the daily ration falls short as the temperature drops.

In developing your feeding strategy, consider increasing your horse's hay intake to meet his energy needs. Hay is digested in the gastrointestinal tract by fermentation, which produces heat that the horse can use to maintain core body temperature. There is a limit as to how much hay he can consume daily. In most cases, he will consume 2.0-2.5% of his body weight per day. If he can't consume enough hay, then adding grain to the diet will also provide calories.

Temperatures well below freezing, or wet snow or freezing rain conditions, greatly increase a horse's energy requirements, especially if he's maintained outside. Rain and wind can cause the horse to lose the insulating capacity of his hair coat, and he'll use body reserves to maintain core body temperature, often resulting in weight loss. Owners must increase the daily feed to meet these increased demands, but they play catch up with the feed unless they can accurately predict the weather or can put horses in the barn when things turn nasty. Assess BCS regularly to ensure you've provided enough feed to maintain weight; also check BCS of pastured horses after a particularly cold, wet spell, when they can lose weight rapidly. Be thorough: get your hands on

### Out and About— Members' News

Some great news about three of our members getting active with their equine partners. Carol Seiler, after having a few setbacks with her two other potential driving horses, Carol has hit the jackpot with her little Hackney pony. Many of the club members saw her and her 'groom', Squire George Parris, whizzing around at the recent DDC drive at Redden Forest. Her huge smile told it all-what a blast!

Sherry Harris is working hard with her new Halfinger mare and hopes to be driving soon.

Pao Lin Hatch has finally realized a personal goal of getting her Draft X pair driving. Although both had been trained to drive single, pair driving is a different challenge all together and this pair are working out beautifully.

Sharon Little and family went for a cold but very fun sleigh ride the day after X-Mas! Oh what fun! She plans to hook up again today since the snow isn't too deep. I know sleighs are a pain to store but oh what fun when the conditions are right!

Jane Ramsey is retiring her Warm blood show horse to a new life of 'bon-bons' and horse cookies and broodmare status. We wish her all the best on this new chapter of her life.

Many members enjoyed the annual

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## 100 years ago Drag Racing on High Street!

High street, Chestertown was alive with merry sleighs this week and the sleighing was as fine as ever seen here. Tuesday afternoon at the height of the sport, Mr. and Mrs. G.W. Rash, riding behind West Morrell, was coming down High street *racing* their chestnut gelding, "Boxer", driven by Mrs. J. Hossinger when J.E. Morris' carriage crossed the road at Voshell House and caused an accident. Mr. and Mrs. Rash were thrown out and both suffered strained ankles. The shaft of the sleigh was broken, and the safe horse trotted down as far as the post office, where he was caught and returned to the owner.

*Courtesy of the Kent County Journal Dec 16, 2010.*



Frances Baker says "the pastime of sleigh riding is so quiet, that's why they added sleigh bells back in the 1800s so they could be heard coming down the road, to avoid crashes!"

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each horse, because a winter hair coat can hide a lot. You don't want to find an overly thin or fat horse when he sheds his winter coat in the spring.

Conduct an inventory of how much hay you have on hand (in tons, not bales) and its nutrient content. Consult your county extension agent about hay sampling and testing. Analysis will give you an estimate of energy content, and it will help you determine how to supplement effectively. Ensure older horses and hard keepers have some form of shelter to protect them from the winter precipitation and wind. For the older horse or the hard keeper, losing weight is not an option, as getting that condition back during the winter is difficult and often impossible. Consider supplementing the older, harder-keeping horse's high-quality hay with a suitable concentrate, such as a senior horse feed that has been specifically formulated to meet the older horse's nutrient needs.

In addition, adequate water intake ensures adequate feed intake. Keep the water source warm to prevent freezing. Researchers have noted that water warmed to 39°F (4°C) resulted in greater water intake. If the horse drinks less, he might eat less, or, more importantly, he's at an increased risk of impaction colic.

For horses unable to consume enough long-stem hay, consider adding beet pulp to the diet. This is an easily digested fiber source that can help meet the horse's energy needs. For other hard keepers, you might need to supplement the diet with vegetable oil to increase calorie intake.

Consult your veterinarian or equine nutritionist with specific questions.

*Support our DDC Advertisers: Bryan & Brittingham and Standlee Hay*



**"But Mom, we want to stay out and play in the snow!"**

## Calendar of Events—DDC Items are in Bold

More information about activities will be available in future issues. Check for changes and additions. If you plan to attend a DDC sponsored event, PLEASE contact the host before the event.

All members are welcome to attend the monthly BOD meetings, but we would appreciate a heads-up if you plan to attend so that we can phone in case of any change in time or location.

- **Jan 15— Selecting the Suitable Driving Horse Talk . FREE! 11-1 3048 Hartley Rd Hartley, DE. Bring a friend interested in joining the club or starting to drive! RSVP with Pao Lin 240 274 6180, day of event w/ Donna 302 381 2979.**
- Jan 20-23—Horse Exposition, Timonium Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD
- Feb 5 & 6 BVDC Junior Driver Clinic at Kendlewood Farm. POC Margaret Grillet margaretgrillet@yahoo.com
- Feb 12 BVDC Intro to Driving Part I Goucher College, Towson, MD. Marjorie Richmond 410 323-- BVDC March 19 Intro to Driving Part II Goucher College, Towson, MD Marjorie Richmond 410 323-3827 margiebr@earthlink.net
- **March 19 DDC Drive - Grassymeade, Chestertown, MD POC Pao Lin Hatch 240 274 6180 or Mike Lawrence 215-287-4048**
- April 3— "Wheels meet Carriages" TEC sponsored event which will allow horse people to introduce their saddle horses to the joys of carriages and horses and provide an educational outlet for carriage owners. All DDC members invited to come and bring their equines and carriages for the day! POC Pao Lin Hatch 240-274-6180. Organized drive after the event. Event begins at 10; Drive afterwards.
- April 2nd—rain date April 9th; Mt. Hermon Plow Days, Salisbury MD. Contact Oren Perdue 410-749-1723
- **April 9 Cair Paravelle Continuous Drive, Still Pond, MD. Rain date April 10. Lessons offered by Samea Baker on grounds but not a DDC event. Separate divisions for VSE, Pony and Horse. POC Anna Klumpp (410) 708-3588**
- April 10 BVDC Long Lining Suitable Horse Clinic. Kathy Schmitt 717 235-7061 kawschmitt@att.net
- **April 30, 2011-DDC Clinic—Long Lining Clinic— Ann Rawls-Smyrna, DE; Fee for participants, auditors free. ramseyjb@yahoo.com, 302-540-4683**
- **May 7, 2011—DDC Pleasure Driving Show, Caroline County 4-H park. More info to follow.**
- April 16,17 BVDC Junior Clinic POC Pam Kister 717 779-4542 Greyhorsestable@hotmail.com
- April 19, 20 Martin's Carriage Auction, Lebanon, PA 717 354 6671 http://martinauctioneers.com
- May 15 My Lady's Manor Driving Club Show— Spring Valley Park; Winterstown PA. Open to non-members, Dana Bright 717-246-2351, Anne Council 717 993 8956
- June 4, 5 Elk Creek CDE Fair Hill, MD www.Fairhillinternational.com dtfrey@equestriaire.com
- June 12 Brandywine Driving
- **June 26 DDC Pleasure Drive – Location TBD. Hosted by Sherry Harris 410 482 2402 or and Pao Lin Hatch 240 274 6180**
- August 5 Southern Maryland Plantation Carriage Show— PG Equestrian Center, Upper Marlboro, MD www.showplacearena.com, Mari 410-533-1406
- June 25 Susquehanna Valley Whips and Wheels Show Lycoming Fairgrounds, Lycoming, PA

Club Show Fair Hill MD. Margaret Grillet <http://bvdc.org>

### Editors Column

Hey DDC members and friends! Welcome to the first issue officially written by moi! I appreciate the opportunity to assist where I can lend my talents. What I'll need from DDC members is content. It need not be all driving related but what you feel is appropriate to share with your equestrian friends on the mid-Atlantic shore. Currently, there is a Lyme outbreak on the eastern shore and we will be reminding folks about the dangers, causes and cures related to Lyme Disease. We recently saw two of our members get out and about with their new equines and another few members achieve the goal of driving a pair. I know they are all excited about this and I urge those folks to write up a little article to share. No.. You're not bragging, nor are you boring us! A few issues back I inserted a story by Jane Bailey about a very scary incident she had more than a few years ago. Several members emailed me to tell me how riveted they were to the story and that they could not put it down until it was finished. Wasn't that a story!

I want to conclude my introduction to you all with a hearty Happy New Year 2011 and a reminder to get those stories, events, classifieds, photos, etc. in by the 27th of each month. If you want to save the club some postage expense, be sure to provide your email address.

Please have items for the next 2011 Delmarva Driving Lines to Pao Lin Hatch, 240 274 6180; [paoball2000@yahoo.com](mailto:paoball2000@yahoo.com) before the 27th of each month

Delmarva Driving Club -  
Proposed Operating Budget for 2011

Basis: Operating expenses, insurance, newsletter, etc.

Income: Family and Individual memberships, Newsletter Ads.

Projected Income

Memberships: Individual (34)	\$680.00
Memberships: Family (41)	\$1230.00
Newsletter Ads (8)	\$350.00

Total Proposed Income \$2260.00

Projected Expenses

Liability Insurance	\$1431.00
Website	\$1600.00

Newsletter: Postage & Printing \$400.00

Association Dues:

American Driving Society	\$60.00
Carriage Association of America	\$55.00
Delaware Equine Council	\$20.00

Trailer Tags \$40.00

Postage \$350.00

Conference Calls \$168.00

Total Projected Expenses \$2624.00

Net Profit/Loss -\$364.00

**Membership Renewal Forms for 2011**

Membership Renewal Forms 2011 have been sent to all current members. Please complete and return before March 1st to continue in good standing. A copy of this form is available on our website as well at

**<http://delmarvadrivingclub.com>**