



Let's Drive !



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Delmarva Driving Club,
Inc

Bits and Pieces—Club Information

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Combined driving (also known as horse driving trials) is an equestrian sport that has three phases: dressage, cross-country marathon and obstacle cone driving, and is most similar to the mounted equestrian sport of eventing. It is one of the ten international equestrian sport horse disciplines recognized by the Fédération Équestre Internationale (FEI) and it was acknowledged as such in 1970. On June 3rd thru 5th the Elk Creek CT (Combined Test which includes only Dressage and Cones) and a CDE (Combined Driving Event which features Dressage, Cones, and a Marathon) were held at Fair Hill, MD. The marathon is the most thrilling phase to watch. There are obstacles or "hazards" throughout the course to test the speed and agility of the horses, and the driving ability of the whip. Obstacles may include water, tight twists through trees or man-made obstacles, steep hills, or fences and pens. Drivers are scored on how quickly they can negotiate the obstacle, and must find the fastest route through each. Penalty points are given if too much time is spent in an obstacle, or if the team comes in off the optimum time for the whole course. However the marathon is not a race for speed. The DDC was well represented at this event. On Friday, June 3rd Judith Hartman, Claire Lacey, James Wood, and John Layton competed in the CT (unfortunately Kate Pantelione had to scratch).

Attention!!

* DDC Board Meeting on **Thursday, July 7, 2022 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.



Judith received First Place in the Training Single Pony Division with her Welsh Pony Copper Beech Marigold.



Claire Lacey took home a Second Place in the Preliminary Single Pony with Judith Hartman's Welsh Pony Severn Rainbow.



Elk Creek CT and CDE, cont.

John Layton and his Cleveland Bay mare and James Wood and his horse Zeus both competed in the CT Training Single Horse Division. Each of these drivers had a great time and learned a lot.



On Saturday and Sunday, June 4th and 5th, John and Colleen Layton competed in the Elk Creek CDE and were First Place winners in the Training Single Horse Division. John and his Cleveland Bay Eris K. were the only team to have double clear rounds on the cones course for both days! John also won The Best Cleveland Bay Award from the Cleveland Bay Horse Society of North America. Linda Thomas was the groom for Pam Hess from Ohio and they won Second Place in the Preliminary Single Pony Division driving Wowzer the Haflinger. And Pam Hess won the Preliminary Dressage Award for having the best overall Dressage scores for both days. Congratulations to all!



The Devon Horse Show

The Devon Horse Show and Country Fair is the oldest and largest outdoor multi-breed horse show in the United States. It began in 1896 and continues each May for 10 days. This year it runs from May 26th to June 5th. This show features all types of equine disciplines - especially driving!!! On Sunday, May 29th, the Carriage Pleasure Drive Class took place. Competitors assembled at St. David's Church where Preliminary Judging took place. It began with the Horse divisions, followed by the Pony, Light Commercial and Farmers' divisions. The entrants then left the Church grounds for a carriage drive through the local residential area, returning to the Dixon Oval for final judging and awards. DDC Members Frances and Wayne Baker with DDC Member Linda Thomas (as one of their grooms) participated in the Horse Unicorn and Four in Hands while DDC Members Mike and Dawn Pontz drove in the Pony Two wheeled Division and they won First Place! Many DDC Members were also seen spectating! It was a beautiful day! Photos courtesy of James Wood, Brianne Reynolds and Don Stewart.



The Devon Horse Show, cont.



DDC Michael and Dawn Pontz won First Place in the Pony Single Harness Two-Wheeled Vehicles and were presented with the Martin Auctioneers Inc. Perpetual Trophy. Below are Mike's comments From the Devon's Winner's Circle

On winning at The Devon Horse Show:

"It's just an honor, it truly is. It's always been on our list and it's the first year I've done it, and we just had a fantastic time and it's incredible to be here and part of the whole Devon experience. We will definitely be back next year!"

On his horse:

"My wife and I own him together – his name is Chappelows Reserve Porter and he's a 5 year-old gelding Fell Pony who's fantastic. He's been a little excited today. This is more action than he normally gets at our farm, but he's done fantastic and we couldn't be prouder."

On his carriage:

"This is a Carriage Machine Shop vehicle out of Lancaster [Pennsylvania] and it's about 10 years old. We actually bought it from a Martin auction a few years back. It rides like a dream, it's fantastic."



On Monday, May 30th, DDC Bill Venditta participated in the Horse Pairs Pleasure and Scurry Driving with his Gelderlanders. Congratulations on his 3rd Place win!

Members Out and About



Michele Brauning at the WEC Show



Linda Thomas driving Cricket at the WEC Show



Tammy Carpenter driving Peggy



Frances and Wayne Baker at Winterthur

Members Out and About, cont.



Martha Duchnowski and Mr. Red



Michele Brauning's VSE Domingo participating in the Costume Class



Michele Brauning and her siblings enjoying her Welsh pony Kemba

Jess Tanglao and Deb Dawkins participating in the Chestertown Tea Party Parade





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: Colleen Layton who had a difficult time after receiving a change in her medications. Stan and Laurie Vonasek are recovering from Covid. Diane Savage’s pony Twinkie is under the weather after having a reaction to a shot. Karen O’Day is recovering after having some hardware removed from her ankle from some previous surgery.

Jess Tanglao’s favorite mare Savannah has some collateral ligament damage on a front leg which may be career ending and her Friesian mare Mina suffered a career ending foot fracture (but they both have a forever home).

Congratulations were sent to: Kaye Purnell and Wayne and Frances Baker have new puppies as members of their families. Kaye has a new English Springer Spaniel and the Bakers have an American Hunt Terrier

Pam & Steve Gray were finally able to move into their new home.

Phoebe Drury has a new equine family member named Slick Trick who is a Shetland pony.

Tammy Carpenter Clydesdale named Peggy graduated from the Tanglao School of Driving.

Michele Novack’s Cleveland Bay mare named Penny is having a great show season and is well on her way to the Achievement Award Program she has entered in.

Mike and Dawn Pontz won 1st Place at Devon in the Single Pony Two Wheeled Division

From Donna Hurst: Thank you to all my DDC family for your thoughts and prayers. I very much appreciate all, and would like you to continue. I’m hoping to be more involved with our Driving Club and see everyone soon!

Let's Get Quizzical!

Just for fun—answer the question below without using the internet!!! Question supplied by Anna Klumpp (answer can be found in this newsletter)

Which horses received full military honors upon their death?

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.

- 6/18/22 Driving Day at Hollyville Farm in Harbeson, DE. Come join DDC Members for a fun day of pleasure driving through the trails at Frances and Wayne Baker's Farm. Starting at 11 am , there will be marked trails of varying lengths. The address is 23450 Hollyville Rd Harbeson, DE Call Frances at 302-381-2979 for details and to RSVP
- 6/23 –25/22 Lexington Carriage Classic Show in Lexington, KY.
- 6/23-24/22 Lancaster County Carriage and Antique Auction in Bird-in-Hand, PA—Mud Sale
- 6/25/22 Auction of Farm items from the collection of Ed and Lois Evans on 35913 Fall Harvest Dr. Laurel DE. The auctioneer is A. Curtis Andrews.
- 7/10/22 Ladew Polo Grounds 3633 Fallston Road, Jarrettsville, MD 21084 Drivers will circle the polo field and line up in front of the main tent so that spectators can stop by and talk with drivers and see the turn-outs. After driving and before the match starts, drivers will return to the trailers. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Paige Horine phorine1812@comcast.net or 410-409-8633
- 7/15- 17/22 LORENZO DRIVING COMPETITION - Lorenzo, NY. Info: ADS Omnibus
- 7/24/22 Conesapalooza at Stafford carriage Driving in Franklinville, NJ. Additional information and registration materials are available at <http://www.staffordcarriagedriving.com/Stafford/Events.html> or email: ponydrivers@aol.com
- 9/8—11/22 MID-ATLANTIC RECREATIONAL DRIVE (MARD) - Fair Hill, MD

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.

7 Items to Have in Case of An Equine Emergency

Wire Cutters-

In case your horse ever gets tangled in a wire fence. Great for at home or Travel.



Tourniquet-

To stop bleeding in case of a serious lower limb injury. Any stretchy material would work But Bicycle tubes work great too.



Rope-

To help a horse that may have cast themselves among many other reasons.



Bandaging Materials-

Cotton, Non-Stick Gauze Pads, Vet wrap, elastic tape are all very useful items to always have with you in case of an injury.



Saline-

Great for flushing an irritated eye Or cleaning out wounds.



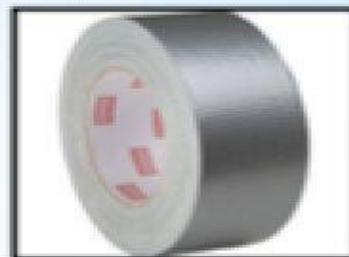
Leg Wraps-

Great for treating wounds or Supporting an injured leg.



Duct Tape-

A Must have! For you, your Horse, your trailer...Great for so many things in An emergency!





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Answers to Quiz: **Comanche**—1891 was the sole survivor of the 7th Cavalry at the Battle of the Little Big Horn
Sergeant Reckless—1968—Korean War Veteran
Chief—1968—Last living Calvary horse
Black Jack—1976—the riderless horse seen at JFK's funeral