



Let's Drive !

March, 2022



Bits and Pieces—Club Information

Delmarva Driving Club,

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On Saturday, February 26, 2022, longtime DDC Member George Parris passed away. George was very active in several equine organizations and was currently the Treasurer of the Delmarva Driving Club. He got his first pony at age 4, which led to a lifetime of love for horses. During the past few days there has been an outpouring of tributes showing how George was such a blessing to so many horses and their people. His love for carriage driving often had him traveling throughout Maryland, Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and the Eastern Shore of Virginia to teach lessons, clinics, and to watch, judge, participate in, and/or assist drivers in carriage shows. Besides training drivers and horses, George was also a 'whiz' in matching equines to the right owners and locating proper tack for equines and their owners. He had an infectious zest for life, especially when horses were involved, and a sparkle in his eye that would just light up a room. George had a wicked sense of humor and a great laugh. How lucky we were to have known him. We all wish we had more time together, but we know we'll always value the time we did have. George - you will truly be missed.



Attention!!

* DDC Board Meeting on **Thursday, March 10, 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.



'Road to the Nationals' Series

This is a series, premiering in March, documenting the journey of several different "teams" of various ages, backgrounds, and with their own unique goals and struggles, united by the common denominator of Standardbreds, as they prepare for the National Standardbred Show, presented by Standardbred Pleasure Horse Organization of New Jersey.

One part of that 'team' are DDC Members John and Colleen Layton.

Tune in for the first episode, and be sure to subscribe for future episodes on Trot-Trot Standardbreds YouTube Channel: <https://youtube.com/channel/UCj6gBRuU8tAWmghkW8HmJ4w>

Here is Colleen's Story:

My name is Colleen Layton and my horse's name is Ideal Kiss. He is an 8 year old pacer, an American Ideal son out of a mare (Ruffles Kiss) who is a Cam Fella great granddaughter. As a teenager, I worked at JEF Standardbreds' breeding farm in Chesterfield, New Jersey, when Cam Fella was standing there. I thought he was one of the most charismatic horses I had ever seen and when I saw his name in Kiss's pedigree I was very excited!

I have had horses, and not been without at least one of my own, since I was 14 years old. Most of the work and learning I did on my own as I did not come from a "horsey" family. At the age of 43 I was diagnosed with a muscle disease, making walking and riding difficult. I decided to try driving and started with a 20 year old Shetland Pony, Jazz. I still have him and compete regularly in shows and driving trials. I moved up to my husband's Standardbred mare, Cora Louise last year and showed her at the 2021 Nationals after helping him show her in the 2020 event. We struggled with some soundness issues resulting in her balking a lot. But we learned a lot from that experience and together my husband John and I decided we would love to look for a war horse, because the concept is amazing to us. We

initially started looking for an age qualified war horse because we felt we could offer a good home and great care to an aged horse. Our oldest horses are 30 and 34 years old!

We are members of Delmarva Driving Club and another member, Jane Ramsey, was simultaneously looking for a retirement home for Kiss, whom she had owned and trained for three years. She was determined that he find a working, non racing home. He had been claimed nineteen times in his career and it was very important to her that he be placed in a forever home. She has a lot of experience in combined driving and felt that he would really enjoy its challenges. My husband is currently competing with our Hackney pony in combined driving events, training level single pony.. We went to meet Kiss in October and it was love at first sight!

We are working on teaching Kiss to trot consistently with a LOT of help from Brielle, and hope to be successful. We are looking forward to competing in the driving division at the 2022 National, with a possible appearance in a hunter under saddle class. In any event, he has proven himself to be an absolute pleasure to drive and we are enjoying the journey!



The Joy of Driving!



Love was in the air during Valentine's Day weekend. DDC Members Jess and Rainier Tangelao and Katelin McConkey Cook provided carriage rides in Easton, MD. On Saturday they collaborated with friends and DDC Members to have three carriages trotting through downtown Easton.



This year the Mid-Atlantic region finally got enough snow that members were able to dust off their sleighs and go sledding! Members enjoying the snow were Claire Lacey, Charlie Purnell, Frances Baker, and Linda Thomas



The Joy of Driving!, cont.

DDC Member Charlie Purnell celebrated her birthday in Southern Pines, North Carolina competing in the Moore County Driving Club's Conesapalooza with her Dutch Harness Horse Illusion. Paul Maye is driving and Charlie is the 'gator' (navigator).



DDC Members John & Colleen Layton attended the recent Standardbred Pleasure Horse Organization of New Jersey Awards Program. Held in Freehold, NJ, this Awards program is designed to encourage members to use their Standardbreds in public shows, competitions, demonstrations, trail rides, parades, hunts, hunter paces, or exhibitions. The Laytons won Best Turnout for 2020 and 2021. Congratulations Team Layton!!!!



DDC Member Jess Tanglao is well on her way to making her dream come true—she is making great progress with her 4-in-hand team.



Members Out and About



Michele Brauning driving Kemba as Tank catches a ride



Frances Baker reaping the benefits from a beautiful day while driving a pair of her Canadian Crossbreds



Savannah staying warm while waiting to give a Valentine carriage ride



Shannon Gandee enjoying a beautiful February day to drive her horse Beau

Members Out and About, cont.



Frances Baker's 4-in-hand hitched and ready to go for a drive



Judith Hartman driving Marigold



Michele Brauning and Dennis and Adriane Baker looking for bargains at the recent South Jersey Carriage Club Tack Swap



Rainier and Millie Tanglao driving Jammie



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:

Kim Baklarz’s father had surgery and is recovering nicely. He is also in the process of moving to the Eastern Shore of Maryland, closer to Kim and Rich.

Congratulations were sent to:

Adriane and Dennis Baker’s daughter Kaiya recently joined the Army

Colleen and John Layton for being selected to participate in a project entitled ‘The Road to the Nationals’. The project deals with retraining and rehoming standardbreds.

Sympathy was sent to:

Carey Miller recently had to euthanize her Morgan horse Spencer

Elizabeth Parris and family on the recent death of her husband George

Useful Hack



If you don't have backup cameras in your truck, put a brick against your truck tire as you unhook you trailer. You know exactly how far to back up when you go to hook up again.

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.

- 3/3-6/22 HORSE WORLD EXPO - Harrisburg, PA. Info: <https://www.horseworldexpo.com/>
- 3/19/22 Let's Get Lucky Recreational Drive! 11am until 4pm. The Schedule for the day:
11:00 - 11:30 arrival & check in, 11:45 - 12:15 Safety Discussion, 1:00 - Drive Off
3:00 - Tail Gate - Covered dish The event is limited to 20 drivers and for 2022 SJCC members - it's FREE. Non-members = \$15. Please find the link below for the registration for the event.
- 3/24/22 Tentative DDC General Membership Meeting
- 3/27/22 Open Driving Show at the 4-H Fairgrounds at Mays Landing, New Jersey. Jessica Axelsson is the Judge. (see additional info on next page)
- 4/8-10/22 SOUTHERN PINES CT & CDE - Carolina Horse Park, Raeford, NC - Info: Omnibus 04-04-2022 Southern Pines CDE & CT
- 4/10/22 Horse Park of New Jersey will host a Cones and Obstacle Driving Day. See additional information on the next page)
- 4/16-17/22 AIKEN CARRIAGE CLASSIC AND DRESSAGE - Aiken, SC - Info: Omnibus 04-16-2022 Aiken Carriage Classic and Dressage
- 4/22/22 Martins Auction in Lebanon, PA
- 5/14/22 **Annual DDC Pleasure Show at the Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury, MD The Judge is Jessica Axelsson**
- 5/14/22 Harlequin Farm ADT (with a rain date of May 15th). 37720 Legard Farm Rd, Purcellville, VA
- 6/3-5/22 ELK CREEK CDE & CT - Fair Hill NRMA, MD - Info: dltrefry@gmail.com
- 6/23-24/22 Lancaster County Carriage and Antique Auction in Bird-in-Hand, PA—Mud Sale

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.



Atlantic County 4-H Benefit

Open Driving Shows

March 27th &
November 6th, 2022
10 AM Start

SUPPORTED BY



5 Classes
3 Divisions
1 Price



David C. Wood 4-H Fairgrounds, 3210 Rt. 50, Mays Landing, NJ 08330





**HORSE PARK OF NEW
JERSEY
OPEN DRIVING SCHOOLING
SUNDAY APRIL
10TH 2022
10AM - 2PM**

**COME OUT AND DRIVE
THE PARK!**

**CONES COURSE AND
OBSTACLES AVAILABLE**

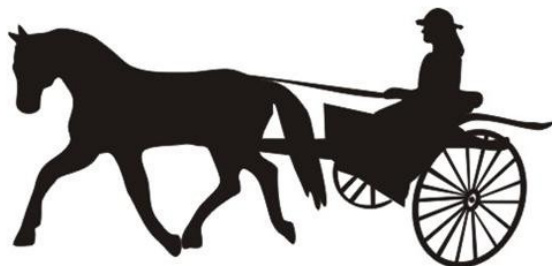
Free for Horse Park
Members
\$25 for non members



Registration information available on the Horse Park of New Jersey webpage

The DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB, Inc

cordially invites you to advertise in our Annual Pleasure Driving Show



On Saturday, May 14, 2022 the Delmarva Driving Club, Inc. will host its 15th Annual Pleasure Driving Show at the Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury, Maryland. This traditional driving show features divisions for VSE, Pony, Horse, Multiples, and Green Horse and 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

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 15, 2022.

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

_____ In Hand _____ 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 15, 2022

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 Pam Gray, Show Manager at 410-819-6113



George Parris—A Man of Great Character
We are honored to have known you and driven with you



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and Instagram!
Check us out

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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