



Let's Drive !

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**Delmarva Driving Club,
Inc**

Bits and Pieces—Club Information

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Attention!!

A DDC Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 4th, 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 Board Meeting was held on March 2, 2023 via Zoom and the minutes from the February 2nd General Membership Meeting were corrected and then approved as read. The Treasury report had a starting balance of \$9,847.86 on February 28th. Expenses totaled \$558.70 and deposits were \$881.26, leaving an ending balance of \$10,170.42. The report was accepted as presented. The Club's PayPal account is being successfully utilized.

The Club's Membership Committee is now being handled by the Treasurer via the use of the Club Post Office Box and PayPal Account. Membership information and forms are available on the DDC webpage. Deb Dawkins was thanked for her many years of organizing and managing this Committee.

The DDC Pleasure Show Committee remains busy with organizing and planning the final details for the May 13th Show. The Prize List is now available on the DDC Webpage and printed copies were taken for distribution at the PA Horse Expo ADS Booth March 2nd thru 5th. Additional copies of the Prize List are available from the Show Committee members. Electronic payments will now be accepted for the entry fees, etc. We encourage everyone to solicit advertising and sponsorship for our Show (information and forms are available in this newsletter). We hope to see you participating or volunteering. Contact Michele Brauning (410-422-3387) or John Layton (609-556-9749) for more details.

As equine owners, we all realize the importance of accessible equine emergency services when

our animals experience entrapments, ie: trailer wrecks, ditches, mud, barn fires, etc. Since there is a need for this service in lower Delaware and on the Eastern Shore of Maryland, the Delaware Equine Council is exploring methods to provide that service. Fundraising for equipment and training will be required. Watch for further information and possible ways of involvement for the DDC to make this a reality.

Clinics are a great method for learning. A groundwork clinic, geared towards building trust, creating softness in your horse's mouth, neck and rib cage, and building correct muscle is being proposed. This is great for horses needing more experience of out and about, older horses needing to learn to soften, or if you just want to improve your horsemanship. See more details in this Newsletter.

From the President



Hello everyone!

It is finally getting warmer and the days are getting longer. So there's no better time to get out and drive. The Club is working on planning a lot of fun driving activities for everyone's skill level. And don't forget our great Pleasure Show in May!!! Both participants and volunteers are always needed. Remember—Come Drive with Us!

Welcome New Members

The Delmarva Driving Club welcomes back Nancy and Keith Offen. Nancy has been a life long equestrian and for the past several years has enjoyed driving her VSEs.



Ann Lioio is originally from New York and now resides in Delmar, Maryland. She recently attended the Newbie Clinic and is looking forward to more driving with her pony Skittles.

Christine Hansen is from New Jersey and has had horses all her life—from her first horse named Commander (a Morgan that I got when I was 16) to her new little driving mini named Stormy. He was raised and trained by the Amish and is a sweet, wonderful little gelding. She is looking forward to sharing Stormy and her driving experiences with her nine young grandchildren! (two more are on the way within the next month).



Christine has been blessed with three wonderful children, nine grandchildren and a wonderful husband of 40 years. They have many interests, including a 38' boat that they took up to Canada through the Hudson River and Erie Canal in 2019. We are also beekeepers. Christine says she is looking forward to getting to know everyone in the club and sharing some wonderful driving experiences!

Also Welcome to Norris Howard from Allen, Maryland.

Tail to Mane Newbie Clinic Was A Success!

On February 25th, Clinician Laura DeFazio shared a wealth of knowledge with the thirty-four attendees at the Tail to Mane—Newbie Clinic. The event was held at Harmony Hollow Farm—the home of DDC Members Stan and Laurie Vonasek. From Pennsylvania, Laura has over 20 years experience showing and training driving horses. She has learned from some exceptional mentors such as Susie Buchanan and Suzy Stafford. Her goal is to teach correctness while keeping the lessons fun, safe and easy to comprehend. Even though there are so many different styles and varieties of harness and carriages involved in the sport of driving, Laura emphasized that safety is the most important concern. This includes everything from mastering the 'stand' command for your equine to wearing a helmet to having adequate spares on your carriage while driving. Attendees were also able to see first hand the effects and outcomes of equipment adjustments. Thanks go to Harmony Hollow Farm (Stan and Laurie Vonasek) for hosting the event and providing York as the demonstration pony, Michele Brauning and Charlie Purnell for providing a wonderful lunch, and the Blue Heron Dog Agility Club for allowing us to use their heaters and portable toilet for the event. It was a great learning experience!



Groundwork Clinic with Kirsten Willey Moore

Below are the detailed objectives for a proposed groundwork Clinic with Kirsten Moore. She's been involved with horses for over 20 years now, taking lessons at an early age. In her teens, she had 5 horses of her own that she started training. Kirsten has had experience with liberty & trick training, rides both English, Western, & bareback and does vaulting & Roman Riding. She's worked at Dancing Horses theater, she apprenticed with Tommy Turvey, and even worked with carriages with Desiree Hermann at Prospect Stable in Florida. Besides her riding and training skills, she is also a farrier.

Clinic Prospectus

Join us for a groundwork clinic, geared towards building trust, creating softness in your horse's mouth, neck and rib cage, and building correct muscle. This is great for horses needing more experience of outand about, older horses needing to learn to soften, or if you just want to improve your horsemanship and put some more tools in your box!

Relaxed atmosphere

Clinic is limited to 6 participants; 4 participants minimum

Two-hour clinic

\$60.00 per horse/handler combo

Location: 4033 Powellville Road, Pittsville, MD 21850

Outdoor grass ring and round pen

Easy access trailer parking

What to bring:

Dressage whip

Bridle

Rope halter and 12 ft. lead rope, if available

Spectators are welcome, and should bring their own chairs.



A rain date might be needed if holding the clinic at Kirsten's. If an indoor arena is available, the clinic price would have to be adjusted to factor in the cost of renting the arena.

If you are interested in this clinic, please contact any Board Member, so that a date may be secured.

Members Out and About



Erin and Josh Gale and Colleen and John Layton attended the recent Standardbred Awards Dinner



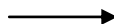
Paul Maye is driving Charlie Purnell's Welsh pony named Bobby



Linda Thomas driving Cricket the VSE



Rainier Tanglao helping out at Tanglao Carriage Driving



Members Out and About, cont.



Colleen Layton in the ADS Booth at the PA Horse Expo



Anna Klumpp & Ditty and Kim Baklarz with Jerry



Judith Hartman (3rd in from the right in red dress) at the Annual Meeting of the Welsh pony and Cob Society in Oklahoma - with the Maryland Pony Breeders Group



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:

Tammy Carpenter who fractured her right arm during a fall (not equine related); Mr. Grey, beloved cat of Frances and Wayne Baker is doing well after recent surgery

Congratulations were sent to:

Judith Hartman on the birth of a filly she named Copper Beech Molly Malone (aka Molly) and her Awards from the Annual General Meeting of the Welsh Pony and Cob Society

Sympathy was sent to:

Kim Baklarz and Rich Graves on the loss of their beloved dog Bradley.

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 and you've eliminated the need for going to the banks or writing a check 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, and pay your entry fees to our Pleasure Show or clinics. Look for us on PayPal as delmarvadrivingclub. So far there have been six membership renewals and an advertisement for the Show completed by PayPal.

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

Pertinent Club Information like Membership Renewal Forms, Waivers, Newsletters, Show Entry Information, and the By-Laws are available on our webpage—www.delmarvadrivingclub.com.

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.

- 3/25-26/23 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>
- 3/25-26/23 INTRODUCTION TO CARRIAGE DRIVING. 9 AM-3PM. My Lady's Manor Driving Club. For the new or aspiring driver. The perfect place to learn how to get started safely and economically. Clinicians: Anne Councill and Dana Bright. Details:
<https://www.mlmdc.org/clinics-events> or Contact Anne Councill, mlmdc2013@gmail.com.
- 4/21/23 Martin's 52nd Annual Spring Auction at the Lebanon Fairgrounds in Lebanon, PA
- 5/7/23 BUXMONT PLEASURE DRIVING SHOW - Website:
<https://www.buxmontridingclub.com/copy-ofmini-horse-shows>
- 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
- 5/20-21/23 (TBC) HARLEQUIN FARM DERBY & ADT. 37720 Legard Farm Road, Purcellville, VA 20132. Contact Paula Bliss at Harlequin Farm 540 668 7227
- 5/25-6/4/23 DEVON COUNTRY HORSE SHOW, Devon, PA. Website:
<https://www.devonhorseshow.net/>
- 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/>
- 6/29-30/23 LANCASTER COUNTY CARRIAGE & ANTIQUE AUCTION, Bird-in-Hand, PA. Info:
www.bihfire.com or email amywissing@birdinhandfire.com

Upcoming Events, cont.

- 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!

- 3/14/23 VA TECH 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 req'd.
- 4/14/23 NEW BOLTON LECTURE: EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED: WHAT'S IN YOUR EMERGENCY KIT - virtual. Speaker: Dr. Katy Sullivan. Registration: <http://www.vet.upenn.edu/firsttuesdaylectures>
- 4/11/23 VA TECH LECTURE: "EQUINE RESPIRATORY DISEASE: IT'S A LUNG STORY" 7:00 pm. Zoom link: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/82277582595>



Hidden Hazards of Horsekeeping

You've had horses long enough to know how to play it safe. You wear boots around the barn and would never consider putting your horse in a trailer with a questionable floor. But there are some safety hazards that aren't so obvious; you may not even notice them until the damage is done. To help keep you and your horses safe, here are some hidden hazards with the associated risks described and suggested fixes.

Closed trailer windows and vents

The risk: A tightly closed trailer can not only cause the horses inside to overheat, but it can trap carbon monoxide gas emissions from the pulling vehicle and kill the occupants.

The fix: Keep the trailer as wide open as possible whenever you ship, blanketing the horses when they need protection from the cold. Stock trailers with their slatted sides allow plenty of airflow, but on solid-sided vehicles you'll have to open the doors, windows and vents to keep the atmosphere inside clear. If you're trailering in very wet weather and must close the back doors of a ramp trailer to keep the horses from getting soaked, make sure the ceiling and side vents are wide open.

Blinding lights

The risk: You might think that a well-lit barn is a safe barn, and, in many ways, it is. However, horses can have problems with intense lighting when entering a building from the outdoors at dusk or after. Their eyes adjust much more slowly than yours to light changes. You might blink a time or two as you enter a bright barn from the dark, but your horse is effectively blinded for a full minute or more. During this slow adaptation, horses might run into objects or their handlers, and some may even be panicked by the temporary loss of perception.

The fix: The ideal solution is to have two sets of lights, with the first one or two strategically placed bulbs providing low-level illumination that allows you to see without blinding your horse. The second set with higher wattage can then be turned on once your horse has adjusted. If you can't install two sets of lights, minimize the risk by taking your horse to the edge of the illuminated area and allowing him to stand for a full two minutes while his eyes adjust before proceeding into the full light.

Lost shoes

The risk: Nearly every horse owner knows the frustration of having a horse come in from the field missing a shoe. Yet the extra farrier visit is the least of your worries. If the wayward shoe is sitting nails up in the field, it can cause a serious puncture wound in the horse who "finds" it.

The fix: Make an effort to find every missing shoe. If your property is large, you may be able to do only a limited search; look in "boggy" areas of shoe-sucking mud and along fence lines where a pawing horse may have pulled his footwear loose. If the grass is long, a metal detector can be useful. Also, make it a habit to scan the ground closely for hazardous objects, including thrown shoes, whenever you walk in your fields.

Stable clutter

The risk: An untidy barn is more than an eyesore. Clutter in horse-handling areas is an invitation to accidents. A loose, frightened horse can injure himself on a pitchfork, and a calm but inattentive horse can whack a knee painfully on an ill-placed tack trunk or step into a bucket.

The fix: Keep horse areas as sparsely furnished as possible. Store stall-cleaning tools where horses can't reach them, and place all tack trunks, harness racks and other such items in a tack room or an unoccupied stall. You'll also need to be vigilant about picking up after yourself: Even a single brush left out can cause a person to trip, and if that person is leading a horse, the result could be painful for everyone.

Hidden Hazards of Horsekeeping, cont.

Parked machinery

The risk: Your tractor, disk harrow, manure spreader and other invaluable farm machinery can pose significant risk to curious horses who are allowed direct access to them. At least one spooked horse running loose has sliced off half a hoof on an exposed disk harrow. Idle farm equipment is also an attractive nuisance to children and even some adults, who might climb aboard and start pulling at knobs without knowing the consequences.

The fix: Store all farm machinery in its own lockable shed. At the very least, park it in a fenced equipment area to keep loose horses out of the vicinity. And never turn a horse out in a field with idle equipment or use cutting machinery, such as mowers, in an occupied pasture.

Fragile tack

The risk: Harness failure while driving can be deadly. Equipment that gives way during a drive leaves the driver with no control or stability. A wreck is almost inevitable.

The fix: Examine key places on your harness each and every time you drive. The high-risk locations include the attachment points and all points where metal meets leather. Check each of these locations for signs of wear, such as deep cracks or peeling, and replace weak pieces before you use that tack again. During regular cleanings, give every inch of your harness close scrutiny, and immediately repair or replace questionable portions.

Dangling hay nets

The risk: A full hay net that hangs well above the range of a horse's hooves sags anywhere from several inches to two feet lower once it's empty. A horse who then paws at an empty net can snag a hoof and panic, leading to serious injury.

The fix: Hang an empty net a few times to get a feel for how it needs to be tied to be out of hoof range. When hanging a full net, leave as little slack as possible, looping the cord through the very bottom of the net several times if need be. As an added precaution, use a loop of old baling twine as a breakaway element between the net and the stall or trailer ring. If the net is tied to the twine it will give way readily if the horse does get hung up.

Discarded yard waste

The risk: Neighbors with good intentions and little horse sense might dump their landscaping debris, complete with toxic trimmings such as yew and red maple, onto your property as a "snack" for the horses. If your pastures are large or have hidden corners, you may not know the clippings are there until a horse colics or dies.

The fix: Inform your neighbors in a friendly fashion that landscaping plants and grass clippings can poison or sicken horses. You don't have to give them a list, just ask them to never feed your horses anything or place any yard wastes on your property. To prevent drive-by dumpings, post signs wherever your property borders a public road. "Caution: Horses can be killed by landscaping waste. Please don't dump" is an effective message.

Treacherous treats

The risk: A treat that's too large to be easily swallowed but too small to require chewing can end up lodged in the horse's throat, causing choke, a serious and sometimes fatal condition in horses. Small apples measuring 2 to 2 1/2 inches in diameter and the butt ends of large carrots represent this in-between size.

The fix: Cut all treats into safe sizes. Nothing larger than golf-ball size is a good rule of thumb for apples and nothing bigger than your thumb for carrots. If you can't cut an apple down to size, smash it under your heel, scoop up the pulpy mess, and offer the "prechewed" treat to your horse. He won't mind a bit of dirt, and you won't have to worry about choke. For big carrots, cut or bite off an inch at a time, and offer the pieces to your horse.

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

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



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