



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, July 13, 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 May 4, 2023 via Zoom and the minutes from the March 2nd meeting were approved as written. The Treasury report had a starting balance of \$9,664.22 on April 28th. Expenses totaled \$936.39 and deposits were \$650, leaving an ending balance of \$9,355.83. The report was accepted as presented. The Show Committee remains busy with organizing and planning the final details for the May 13th Show. The Prize List, Waiver, and Entry Form is available on the DDC Webpage and entries are already coming in. This year electronic payments thru PayPal will be accepted for the entry fees, etc. The Early Bird fee of \$10 per class ends on May 8th. You can fax your entry to 410-213-7440 or mail it to either Michele Brauning (10634 Piney Island Dr. Bishopville, MD 21813) or the DDC P.O. Box 415 Delmar,

DE 19940. Volunteers are always needed, so contact Michele Brauning (410-422-3387) or John Layton (609-556-9749) for more details on ways to help. No experience is needed—we provide on the job training.

The Delaware Equine Council has begun a \$20,000 Fundraising Drive to provide necessary equipment for Equine Emergency Rescue Service. The DDC has received monetary donations in memory of George Parris (who was a long time member of the DEC), so it was decided to contribute \$550 to the Rescue Fund in his honor. If you would like to contribute, donations via cash, check, credit card, or PayPal are now being accepted. You can mail a donation to the DEC (attention: Rescue donation) at the following address: P. O. Box 158 Harrington, DE 19952, email to: delawareequinecouncil@gmail.com or utilize DEC

Now that better driving weather has finally arrived, the calendar is beginning to fill with clinics, shows, and other equine driving related events. This Newsletter, Facebook, and the Delmarva Driving Club webpage are excellent resources to see what activities are available. The Club is planning a drive with a cones course at Hollyville Farm in Harbeson, DE on August 19th (details will be available soon). On October 7th, the DDC has been invited to participate in Celebration of the Horse at Tuckahoe Equestrian Center in Queen Anne, MD. Anna Klumpp is the point person and more details will follow. Several County Fairs are re-instituting Driving Classes this year and information will be forthcoming. The DDC is in the process of planning a Driving Derby as well as several pleasure drives—watch for the dates for these events!

From the President



Hello everyone!

The weather is great, making it a great time of year to drive. The Show Season has started and many of our members are out competing. It is wonderful to get together at different events to drive, see, cheer on, and socialize with our fellow Club Members. May 13th is our Club Show and that date is fast approaching. What a Show it is becoming—one of the go to Shows in the Mid-Atlantic Region! This year is also the 40th Anniversary of our Club. So come celebrate with us at the Show by participating, volunteering, or watching! It will definitely be a great learning experience. As our Club Logo says, "Come Drive with Us!"

Driving Derbies—What Fun!

Driving derbies are a great way to have fun and ultimately are used as practice or 'tuning up' for combined driving events. The components of this event include a cones course and two obstacles. Scores are determined by the time on course plus any course or other penalties (assessed in seconds). Placing is determined by the fastest time including time added for penalties. Derbies usually include different divisions to accommodate a variety of skill levels from rookie drivers (or horses) to those who are very experienced. The four divisions are Training, Preliminary, Intermediate and Advanced. The differences between the levels are the allowed gaits of the horse and the amount of compulsory lettered gates in the obstacles. Training level is only allowed to walk or trot, whereas the other levels allow the entries to canter on course. The number of compulsory gates in an obstacle changes for each division. Training has three gates labeled A through C, Preliminary A through D, Intermediate A through E, and Advanced A through F. You can find these events on many Equestrian Event schedules and the DDC is in the process of planning one for Club Members. On April 16th the Horse Park of New Jersey hosted an event and there were 17 entries. The Delmarva Driving Club was well represented and everyone had a great and safe time!!! Results for DDC Members were: VSE Training - 1st Place - Kate Pantelione and Maui; VSE Preliminary - 2nd Place - Katelin Cook and Freya; Horse Training - 2nd Place - Colleen Layton and Ideal Kiss and 5th Place - Caitlyn Reardon and Archie; Horse Preliminary - 1st Place - John Layton and Eris K (with his son Harrison navigating), and DDC Member Helen Heinzer was the navigator for the 2nd Place entry of Debby Dononvan. The Layton's shared their pony Jazz with a young driver named Alex and she came in 4th in the Pony Preliminary Division!



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



Joshua Gale and Brute



Ken Lehberger



Frances and Wayne Baker in Southern Pines



Caitlyn Reardon and John Layton



John Layton 'helping' youth drivers

Members Out and About, cont.



Martha Duchnowski



Jess Tanglao



Adriane Baker and Marley



Marcy and Mark Eades with Asian



Mary Lehberger teaching and navigating



Members Out and About, cont.



Charlie Purnell's horse Flash Harry

Rainier Tanglao , as groom, with Tanglao's Carriage Driving horse named Dancer



Michele Brauning with her 4-in-hand hitched to a Doctor's



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: Donna Hurst who is battling cancer

Congratulations were sent to: Christina Dayton-Wall on the opening of her new veterinary office, Caitlyn Reardon and Josh Gale are the proud new owners on ‘new to them’

Sympathy was sent to: Katelin Cook on the recent loss of her older mare

Four-in-Hand Club Meet in Southern Pines

On April 21st thru April 23rd, DDC Members Frances and Wayne Baker participated in the Four-in-Hand Club’s Driving Event in Southern Pines, North Carolina. This is an annual event where carriage drivers gather to enjoy some of the most beautiful areas to drive in the United States. Southern Pines has great terrain and it is extremely friendly to carriages and riders. This year there was a wonderful turnout of both 4-in-hand teams and pairs, with many different breeds and vehicles present. DDC Members Frances and Wayne Baker drove their 4-in-hand team of Canadian Crossbreds hitched to an 8 passenger wagonette. DDC Member Linda Thomas was a groom for the Bakers. Driving in Southern Pines is definitely a Bucket List idea!



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.

- 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/>
- 5/28/23 DEVON CARRIAGE MARATHON, Devon, PA. Flyer: h
<https://www.devonhorseshow.net/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-Carriage-Marathon-CC-Email.pdf>
- 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-cao/>
- 6/24/23 Brandywine Valley Driving Club is hosting a Driving Derby at Fair Hill, MD; Link to ONLINE REGISTRATION: www.bvdc.org/derby-registration
- 6/29-30/23 LANCASTER COUNTY CARRIAGE & ANTIQUE AUCTION, Bird-in-Hand, PA. Info:
www.bihfire.com or email amywissing@birdinhandfire.com
- 7/1/23 Trinity Equestrian Center Driven Dressage Show and Clinic 7280 Sterrettania Rd, Fairview, PA 16415; For clinic information contact: Suzy Stafford ponydriverss@aol.com 302-540-5162, For show information: Contact Gail Aumiller gailaumiller@gmail.com 717-372-2650

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>
- 7/22/23 Dressage Clinic with Dana Bright at Canvasback Farm, 1380 Hopewell Rd, Port Deposit, MD 21904; register online (preferred) at <https://www.bvdc.org/dressage-clinic-registration>
- 8/19/23 Drive and Cones Course at Hollyville Farm in Harbeson, DE - details to follow
- 10/7/23 Celebration of the Horse at Tuckahoe Equestrian Center—details to follow

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!

- 5/9/23 NEW BOLTON LECTURE: WHAT LIES BENEATH: THE IMPORTANCE OF SUBCHONDRAL BONE FOR JOINT HEALTH - virtual. Speaker: Dr. Holly Stewart. Registration: <http://www.vet.upenn.edu/firsttuesdaylectures>
- VA TECH LECTURE: "LUMPS AND BUMPS - COMMON EQUINE SKIN TUMORS" 7:00 pm.
Zoom link: <https://virginiatech.zoom.us/j/86146192534>



The Scoop on Poop!

Cleaning pens and stalls is just part of your life. Find out what you can learn about your horse's health by reading his manure. From Horse & Rider

An average horse will produce as much as 50 pounds of manure a day. Fifty pounds a day adds up to nine tons a year. Now that's a lot of poop! And every one of those piles can give you insights into your horse's overall health status. In fact, just like heart rate and gut sounds, poop production really should be considered an important vital sign.

Just like a fine diamond, a pile of poop can be assessed according to "three Cs"—but in this case, the letters stand for color, consistency, and control. Be aware that when it comes to manure, there's a great deal of variation between horses. And, even day-to-day changes can be normal for a specific horse. Most important, you should learn what to expect with your own horse, then pay attention when something changes. Here's a guide to normal, along with important red flags that could alert you when something's not quite right.

Manure is typically a "shade of green." You often can tell something about your horse's diet from the color of his poop. If your horse eats alfalfa, his piles will be a more vibrant green than if he's eating dry grass hay—and lower-quality hay often will result in a brownish tone. Other feed options can lead to normal variations in color as well. For example, beet pulp can make your horse's manure look reddish-brown, while a diet high in oil can cause it to look gray.

Color:

Red flag: *Red (bloody) manure.*

Action: If you're consistently seeing blood in your horse's manure, call your veterinarian for advice.

Red flag: *Yellowish-coated manure.*

What it means: A yellow, stringy coating on your horse's manure is most likely mucus. If you see it, chances are the manure has been delayed passing through your horse's intestinal tract.

Action: Pay close attention. The most common reason for a slowed trip through the intestines is a feed impaction, which can lead to colic. Make sure your horse is consuming plenty of water. To boost water intake, consider soaking his hay or offering him wet beet pulp or a bran mash for a couple of days.

Consistency:

A perfect pile of poop is moist, but not too wet, with formed fecal balls making up the pile. It's perfectly normal for some horses to pass a little bit of water before and/or after they defecate. And your horse's manure may look a little softer (more like a cowpie) after a work session, when he's nervous, or when temperatures soar. The material within a pile of manure should be broken down, with no recognizable chunks of fiber or other feedstuffs.

Red flag: *Cowpie piles in unusual conditions.*

What it means: Although cowpie consistency may be normal for your horse at certain times (like after work or when he's nervous), if it occurs at an unusual time or is especially persistent, it might mean that your horse has a gastro-intestinal (GI) upset.

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Action: Take your horse's temperature and call your veterinarian if he has a fever or isn't feeling well. A virus or bacterium could be the cause. A diet change can cause mild diarrhea, so if you aren't in direct control of your horse's feeding plan, ask whether something's changed. Make sure your parasite-control program is up to snuff; a fecal check for parasite eggs might be advised. Consider adding a probiotic to your horse's ration as a way to boost beneficial flora in his GI tract. If the problem persists, ask your veterinarian for further advice. Just like some people, some horses live with low-grade colitis that can result in chronic, intermittent diarrhea. Your vet may recommend a supplement or medication that will help.

Red flag: Liquid diarrhea.

What it means: If your horse is truly "squirting the walls," he may have a serious problem. Severe diarrhea can be due to a virus, bacterial infection, or some kind of severe inflammation.

Action: Take your horse's temperature and call your vet. If your horse is acting normal otherwise and has no fever, your vet may recommend medications to help control the diarrhea with a "wait and see" approach. If your horse has a fever, your vet probably will want to run fecal tests to check for bacteria or viruses. In either case, you should initiate biosecurity measures in your barn to minimize spread to other horses—just in case a bacterium or virus is causing your problem. (See sidebar on page 58 for information about biosecurity.)

Red flag: Hard, dry poop.

What it means: Your horse may be dehydrated, and an impaction colic could result.

Action: Take steps to increase your horse's water consumption, either by soaking his hay or by offering wet beet pulp or a bran mash. Monitor his behavior for signs of colic, and watch manure output closely to make sure he isn't developing an impaction.

Red flag: Undigested oats or long hay fibers in the pile.

What it means: Although it isn't really supported by science, the belief of many horsemen is that large particles in a horse's manure mean he isn't chewing well. In fact, this finding probably has more to do with the quality of the feed than your horse's ability to chew.

Action: If your horse is normal otherwise, no action may be required. Double-check the quality of his feed, and if it's too dry or stemmy, consider making a change. Whole oats are difficult for a horse to digest in any circumstances. Although it probably doesn't hurt him to pass the oats undigested, they aren't doing him a lot of good, either. Consider changing his concentrate ration to a more easily digestible option, such as a commercially formulated pellet. It never hurts to ask your vet to check your horse's teeth, and to have him perform dental work if it's needed.

Red flag: Worms.

What it means: If you see actual worms in your horse's manure, he's probably carrying a heavy parasite load. (Note: If you just dewormed him, don't be surprised if he passes a dead worm or two. This is especially common in youngsters, or horses that aren't on a regular deworming program.)

Action: Call your vet for advice. He can recommend a deworming program that will help you get control.

Control

Your horse should pass manure between six and 10 times per day—more frequently if he's a stallion or young foal. In some situations, pooping has a social function. When he's in a herd, your horse will pass a pile to send a message to his herd mates that says, "I'm here." In turn, his buddies may poop right back to say, "Me, too." Stallions will pass manure to mark territory, and may even poop on top of other horses' piles. Geldings that

The Scoop on Poop!, cont.

It should take approximately 15 seconds for your horse to pass a single pile. He'll stop, raise his tail, adopt a wide-legged stance, and then push out the manure. When he's through, he'll contract his rectum several times before assuming a normal posture and walking away.

Red flag: Fewer manure piles than normal in your horse's stall or paddock.

What it means: If your horse's manure production is down, he may be eating less than normal because he doesn't feel well. Check to make sure he's being fed appropriately, and that he's cleaning up his meals. It's also possible that something's going on to slow movement through his GI tract, putting him at risk for an impaction colic.

Action: Take your horse's vital signs. If he has a fever or any other sign that he's not feeling well, call your vet. If all seems well, consider soaking his hay or offering him wet beet pulp or a bran mash to help prevent a full-blown impaction colic from occurring. Most impactions start developing days before your horse ever shows actual signs of colic.

Red flag: Your horse is taking longer than normal to pass manure, or straining to poop without producing a pile.

What it means: Your horse could be experiencing GI discomfort due to gas or an impaction. This can be an early sign of colic. He might also have a physical obstruction that's making it difficult to pass manure, such as a mass in his rectum or a foreign body.

Action: Take your horse's vital signs, and call your vet. Soak his hay, and offer wet beet pulp or a bran mash to help soften his manure.

5 Steps to Disinfect

Do you need to disinfect a stall or grooming area because a virus or bacterium has visited your barn? Take the following steps to do a proper job.

Step 1: Remove all feed, bedding, and equipment, such as water buckets or feeders. If equipment will be returned to the stall, set it aside to disinfect separately before re-installing.

Step 2: Wet walls from top to bottom and scrub with a detergent, such as Tide. This will help loosen organic matter and debris, and will emulsify fats to make them easier to rinse away.

Step 3: Rinse with water, and allow to dry.

Step 4: Spray all surface areas thoroughly with an effective disinfectant. The best disinfectants include phenolic-based products (the chemical name ends with "phenol" or "phenate"). Examples include Tek-trol or 1-stroke, or quarternary ammonium compounds ("ammonium chloride" is listed at the end of the active ingredients; an example is Roccal). Note: It may be tempting to use household bleach because of its ease of availability and cost. Unfortunately, bleach isn't always the best choice in a barn. Although it's effective at killing most organisms, it won't work well in the face of organic material, such as manure. However, it can be used on buckets or feeders that have been thoroughly cleaned before you disinfect.

Step 5: Thoroughly clean and disinfect water buckets and feeders before returning them to the stall.



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