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**DELMARVA DRIVING CLUB**

## **Annual Pleasure Driving Show**



**Saturday May 11, 2024  
Beginning at 9:00 am**

**Wicomico Equestrian Center**  
6742 Blue Ribbon Rd, Salisbury, MD 21804

**Judges: Suzy Stafford and Susan Koso**

## Class List—2024

### Ring 3

Dear Driving Enthusiast:

Welcome to the Delmarva Driving Club's Annual Pleasure Driving Show! This event is now being recognized as one of the go to pleasure events in the Mid-Atlantic area. The Wicomico Equestrian Center offers such amenities as three fenced rings with excellent footing, over 30 permanent 12 x 12 stalls, camper hookups, and plenty of parking for all size rigs. Food and lodging are also close by. Each year we continue to offer more and varied classes. This year we will host a Picnic Class which will showcase the competitors' driving skills as well as their ability to set a festive table complete with homemade goodies for the judge to sample and decide a winner.

This year our Judges are Suzy Stafford and Susan Koso. Enclosed in this program you will find all information needed to participate in the Show. We try to offer classes for everyone! To take advantage of our Early Bird Special entry fee, entries can either be mailed to our P. O. Box or emailed to our Club email address. We now accept PayPal as payment.

If you have any suggestions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Show Chairperson.

Please note that any current Covid protocols will be followed and enforced.

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#### Cones Classes

First Come, First Served

22. VSE
23. Single Pony
24. Single Horse
25. Multiple VSE/Pony
26. Multiple Horse
27. Green Horse
28. Green Driver

**Note:** A map of the cones course will be available on the day of the show

#### Break

17. Cont. Picnic Presentation Judging (in area between Sand Ring and Ring 3—marked by cones)

#### Ring 3

##### Gambler's Choice

First Come, First Served

29. VSE
30. Single Pony
31. Single Horse
32. Multiple VSE/Pony
33. Multiple Horse
34. Green Horse
35. Green Driver

**Note:** A map of the course will be available on the day of the show

#### Cross Country Course

41. VSE, 42. Single Pony, 43. Single Horse, 44. Multiple VSE/Pony
45. Multiple Horse
46. Green Horse,
47. Green Driver

**Note:** Classes 41—47 will start after the Break and the start and finish will be near the entry gate to Ring 1.

A map of the course will be available on the day of the show. Obstacles may be skipped with only a small penalty.

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# Class List—2024

Classes begin promptly at 9:00 am

## Ring 1—Devon Ring

1. Turnout—VSE
2. Working Pleasure—VSE
3. Turnout—Single Pony
4. Working Pleasure—Single Pony
5. Turnout—Single Horse
6. Working Pleasure—Single Horse
7. Turnout—VSE/Pony Multiple
8. Working Pleasure—VSE/Pony Multiple
9. Turnout—Multiple Horse
10. Working Pleasure—Multiple Horse
11. Turnout—Green Horse
12. Working Pleasure - Green Horse
13. Reinsmanship—Green Horse
14. Turnout—Green Driver
15. Working Pleasure—Green Driver
16. Reinsmanship—Green Driver  
Concours d' Elegance (No entry Fee)

17. Picnic Class—Ring Work

### Break

18. Lady to Drive Class
19. Gentleman to Drive Class
20. Command Class
21. Carriage Dog Class
22. Ride and Drive

## Ring 2

### Super Reinsmanship

36. VSE
37. Single Pony
38. Multiple VSE/Pony
39. Single Horse
40. Multiple Horse

**Note:** Will be using ADS Super Reinsmanship Test #2

## Entries

1. \$10 per class for pre-entries received by the Secretary prior to May 8, 2024. Junior Driver entry fees are **free**.
2. \$15 per class for entries received by the Secretary on or after May 8, 2024.
3. \$15 per class for entries on the day of the show.
4. Please make all entry fee checks payable to '**Delmarva Driving Club**'. **We now accept PayPal.**
5. Refunds, less \$10.00 Office Fee, will be issued for any refund requests received on or before May 8, 2024. There will be NO refunds after that date.
6. A separate entry form is required for each driver.
7. All entries must include a copy of a Negative Coggins test for each equine from within the previous 12 months of the date of the show.
8. **All drivers, grooms, riders, navigators, passengers, and attendants must sign the Release/Disclaimer Form.** The Delmarva Driving Club, Inc. and the Wicomico Equestrian Center will not be responsible for any claim resulting from injury or injuries to any person, equine, or loss/damage to property incurred on the Showground. Furthermore, in all situations, the driver assumes all responsibility and liability for any injury or damage to himself/herself, groom(s), rider and/or passenger(s) riding with them in the vehicle.
9. Numbers are assigned on a Turnout Basis (equine(s), driver, vehicle). Any changes to any component is considered a new turnout and requires a different number. Make sure that the correct number is always displayed to prevent elimination.

## Rules

1. ADS Rules are used as guidelines for this show. Should an exception be required, consult the Show Managers prior to the class in question.
2. The Judge may excuse any unsafe vehicle, harness, or animal from the ring
3. Competitors may be asked to leave the Showgrounds for un-sportsman-like conduct, failure to control an animal, or abusing an animal.
4. The Show Managers have the right to cancel, combine or split any class.
5. A two minute gate rule will be in effect.
6. Failure to cross the starting line of the Cones, Gambler's Choice or the Cross Country Classes within one minute of the signal from the Judge may incur elimination.
7. Each turnout may only compete once in the same cones or cross country course.
8. Mules and donkeys may compete in the Division compatible with their size or experience
9. The minimum age for any animal to compete is three years of age.
10. **A bridle with the reins attached and run through the saddle terrets must be on any animal put to a vehicle.** Failure to comply will result in elimination from competition.
11. **No animal should be left unattended while put to a vehicle.** Failure to comply will result in elimination from competition.
12. Wire wheeled vehicles with pneumatic tires are allowed for VSE's and in the Green Divisions.
13. Pleasure driving harness with breeching is recommended, but not required. Please note that non Pleasure Harness will be penalized in Turnout Classes.

## Directions to Wicomico Equestrian Center

**From the North or South:** Rt. 13 Bypass to Rt. 50 East exit towards Ocean City. Immediately merge into the far left lane and turn left at the light onto Old Hobbs Rd. Continue on Hobbs Rd to the light and turn right onto MD 346 (Old Ocean City Rd). In one half mile turn right onto Blue Ribbon Rd. Trailer parking is the first right.

**From the East or West:** Follow Rt. 50 to the Hobbs Rd intersection (by the Arthur Perdue Stadium). Turn onto Hobbs Rd. Continue on Hobbs Rd to the light and turn right onto MD 346 (Old Ocean City Rd). In one half mile turn right onto Blue Ribbon Rd. Trailer parking is the first right.

## Nearby Lodging

There are several hotels located near the Showgrounds. Below is a partial listing:

The Atlantic Hotel—401 S Baltimore Ave, Ocean City, MD 21842 Call 800-328-5268 or 410-289-9111. One of Ocean City's most historic hotels. Discount is available when you mention the Delmarva Driving Club.

Microtel Inn & Suites by Wyndham—3050 Merritt Mill Rd, Salisbury, Md 21804 Call 800-337-0050 or 410-742-2626

Country Inn & Suites by Raddison—1804 Sweetbay Dr., Salisbury, MD 21804 Call 800-333-3333 or 410-742-2688

Sleep Inn—406 Punkin Court, Salisbury, MD 21804 Call 877-424-6426 or 410-572-5516

## Class Descriptions continued

### Picnic Class

This class is divided into two sections: a performance section and a staging section.

Performance section – 25% • To be judged both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot and working trot. Will not be asked for a strong trot, however may be asked to rein back. To stand quietly in the lineup. To be judged on performance, manners, overall impression.

Staging section – 75% • At the conclusion of the ring section, competitors will be directed to the staging area to unhitch and set up a picnic. Horses will be taken to the stable area.

The picnic presentation must be appropriate to the turnout and all picnic participants must be on the carriage during the ring section of the class and be present in the staging section. (except for VSE competitors)

The picnic will then be judged as part of the class. The staging area may already include tables and chairs for use by each turnout. • To be judged on quality of picnic presentation.

### Green Horse

A Division for equines just starting their Show careers. VSE's and ponies will work separately from horse entries. The Division includes Turnout, Working, traditional Reinsmanship, Cones, Gambler's Choice, and Cross Country. Entries **may not** enter any other Division.

### Green Driver

A Division for equines just starting their Show careers. VSE's and ponies will work separately from horse entries. The Division includes Turnout, Working, traditional Reinsmanship, Cones, Gambler's Choice, and Cross Country. Entries **may not** enter any other Division.

13. (cont.) Draft Harness chains must be wrapped so as to not disturb other drivers.
14. ASTM/SEI approved helmets are strongly encouraged for all drivers and passengers, but **required** for all riders and junior drivers (under 18 years of age).
15. Juniors (drivers under 18 years of age) must be accompanied by a capable adult acting as a groom whenever driving on the Showgrounds.
16. Only the driver may handle the whip, reins, or brake. Outside assistance unauthorized by the Judge is forbidden under penalty of elimination. This does not apply to Emergency Situations.
17. Dogs must be leashed while on the Showgrounds, are forbidden in food areas, and may not be tied or attached to any vehicle.
18. The method or style of driving is optional.
19. Schooling is not permitted on the Cones Course, Gambler's Choice Course, or the Cross Country Course.
20. Covid Rules in effect at the time of the Show will be enforced. Failure to comply will result in removal from the grounds.

### Turnout and Attire

1. Entries are encouraged to be shown put to a suitable pleasure driving vehicle. Wire wheeled vehicles with pneumatic tires are permitted put to VSE's and the Green Divisions (see Rule 12 above) Marathon type vehicles may be used, but will be penalized in Turnout Classes (except Green Divisions).
2. Pleasure driving harness is recommended (see Rule 13 above).
3. Spares kits are strongly encouraged.
4. Driving aprons/lap robes, whips, and gloves are required. Hats or helmets must be worn. Gentlemen are

4. (cont.) expected to remove their hats when presented with awards.
5. Dress for the driver, groom(s), and passenger(s) should conform to the type of turnout. Period costumes are prohibited.
6. Gentlemen must wear a coat or jacket unless excused by the Judge.
7. Sunglasses are allowed without penalty.
8. Grooms are required for multiple competitors. One groom is required for a pair, two are required for a four-in-hand and must be available to assist the driver at all times while the animals are put to the vehicle. Grooms are optional for single turnouts.

#### **Divisions and Awards**

1. VSE Division is open to any single hitch equine 39 inches or smaller. Classes to count towards the VSE Division Championship are 1, 2, 22, 29, 36, and 41.
2. Pony Division is open to any single hitch equine over 39 inches to 14.2 hands. Classes to count towards the Pony Division Championship are 3, 4, 23, 30, 37, and 42.
3. Horse Division is open to any single hitch equine over 14.2 hands. Registered breeds that are considered horses may compete in the Horse Division (even if they are 14.2 hands or smaller) at the owner's discretion. Classes to count towards the Horse Division Championship are 5, 6, 24, 31, 39, and 43.
4. Multiple Division is open to any turnout with more than one equine. Grooms are required, see 8. above. Classes to count towards the VSE/Pony Multiples Division Championship are 7, 8, 25, 32, 38, and 44. Classes to count towards the Horse Multiples are 9, 10, 26, 33, 40, and 45.
5. Green Driver Division is open to any driver who is beginning their Pleasure Driving career. Competitors may not cross enter into any other Division Classes, but may enter non-divisional classes such as Command, Carriage Dog, Ladies and Gentleman to Drive, and Ride and Drive. Classes

## **Class Descriptions, cont.**

If the signal sounds when the competitor is committed to an obstacle, the competitor may complete the obstacle and receive the appropriate points, then proceed through the finish markers for total time to be recorded. Whether or not the competitor was committed to the last obstacle at the signal will be left to the discretion of the judge. A map of the course will be available on the day of the show at the Secretary's desk.

### **Cross Country Class**

A pleasure driving class in which entries follow a designated route through a series of six (6) to eight (8) natural and/or artificial obstacles intended to simulate situations that might be encountered on a country drive. The course will be approximately 3/4 mile in length, and is intended to be driven at the trot (walking is permitted). Cantering at any point will result in elimination. A break to canter is defined as three full strides if no advantage is being gained. A groom is recommended for single entries and a groom(s) must accompany a multiple entry. Obstacles will be clearly marked and must be driven in the prescribed order and direction. Obstacles must be completed within sixty (60) seconds of entry. Failure to complete any obstacle within sixty (60) seconds will be considered a refusal and incur a one (1) minute time fault. Three refusals will result in elimination. The order of go will be first come—first served. **No schooling is allowed on the course.** To be judged (by Division) on the overall time taken to complete the course plus any time faults incurred for refusals.

A map of the course will be available on the day of the show at the Secretary's desk. Course inspections may be made at any point during the morning classes or lunch break.

## Class Descriptions, cont.

### Cones Class

A pleasure driving obstacle class to be driven over a course of numbered obstacles (paired cones). After crossing the starting line, the competitor will proceed to drive through all obstacles in order, with the red marker always on the competitor's right. Upon completion of the course, the driver must drive through the finish line, where timing will stop. To be driven at a walk or trot only—cantering at any point during the course will incur penalties. A five second penalty will be assessed for every ball displaced from the cones or any part of the obstacle disturbed at any time while on the course. Missing an obstacle will result in elimination. The use of tie-downs, checkreins, and failure to carry a whip will result in elimination with no score given. Drivers will have an allowed time to walk the course prior to the start of the Class and a diagram of the course will be posted as well as available at the Show Secretary's desk. To be judged on the overall time taken to complete the course plus any time faults. Ties for First Place will be decided by a drive off.

### Gambler's Choice Obstacles

To be driven over a course of unnumbered obstacles, each carrying a specific point value. Each driver has the same allowed time to negotiate as many obstacles as possible. Each obstacle is assigned a point value according to its degree of difficulty and each driver tries to amass as high a score as possible within the time allowed. After passing through the Start markers, the driver may drive through the obstacles, in any order, from any direction. Each obstacle may be driven twice, but not in succession. If driven a third time, no points will be awarded. A signal will sound at the end of the allowed time and the driver must then exit through the Finish markers where the total time on the course will be recorded.

- (cont.) to count towards the Green Driver Division Championship are 14, 15, 16, 28, 35, and 47.
- Green Horse Division is open to any horse beginning their pleasure driving career. Competitors may not cross enter into any other Division Classes, but may enter non-divisional classes such as Command, Carriage Dog, Ladies and Gentleman to Drive, and Ride and Drive. Classes to count towards the Green Horse Division Championship are 11, 12, 13, 27, 34, and 46.
- Juniors may enter any Division that they are otherwise qualified for. Points will be awarded for only one entry, although Juniors may enter multiple Divisions. Champion and Reserve will be awarded.
- Championship and Reserve ribbons will be awarded for each Division. In the event of a tie for Championship, the judge will make the final determination.
- Each class will be awarded ribbons to sixth place.
- Trophies will be awarded for the Concour d' Elegance, best Super Reinsmanship score, and George Parris Perpetual Trophy, Versatility Award, and Junior Driver Award.

### Stabling

- Stalls are permanent and on site.
- Cost is \$30/night/stall. Please include stabling fees in the entry.
- Bedding is not provided and stalls must be cleaned prior to departure. Shavings may be purchased on the grounds.

### Camping on Grounds

- Limited (8) campsites available for \$35 per night
- Electric and water hookup available

### Schedule

- The Show Secretary booth opens at 7:30 am.
- Classes begin promptly at 9:00 am
- Lunch Break will be approximately one (1) hour and food and drink will be available on the Showgrounds throughout the day.

## Class Descriptions

### Turnout

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the performance and quality of the turnout. Entries should be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and a strong trot. Entries should stand quietly and rein back. To be judged: 70% on condition, fit, and appropriateness of harness and vehicle, spares and appointments, neatness and appropriateness of attire and overall appearance; 30% on performance, manners and way of going.

### Working

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the equine(s) to provide a pleasant drive. Entries will be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and a strong trot. To stand quietly, both on the rail and lined up, and to rein back willingly. To be judged: 70% on performance, manners, and way of going; 20% on condition and fit of harness and vehicle; 10% on neatness of attire.

### Reinsmanship for Green Divisions Only

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the skill and ability of the driver. Entries will be shown both ways of the ring at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and a strong trot. To stand quietly, both on the rail and lined up, and to rein back willingly. Drivers may be asked to perform individual workouts involving the execution of a figure eight and/or other appropriate tests. To be judged: 75% on driver skill and the use of aids (whip, control, posture) and quality of the transitions (walk, etc.) 25% on condition and fit of the harness and vehicle and neatness of attire.

## Class Descriptions, cont.

### Carriage Dog Class

Judged primarily on suitability of the dog to serve as a companion (maximum one dog per vehicle). To be judged both ways in the arena at a walk, slow trot and working trot. The dog should be standing, lying down or seated on the vehicle. The dog must be under control at all times and must not be led on the ground from the vehicle or be restrained by being tied to the vehicle, driver or passenger. No person should hold the dog, and the dog should not interfere with the driver in any way. The dog may be of any breed. To be judged: 60% on the suitability of the dog to serve as a companion, 30% on the performance, manners and way of going of the horse(s). 10% on the overall impression of the turnout, including the dog. Entries with a dog clearly not under control may be eliminated.

### Ride and Drive

A single horse to be shown in two concurrent sections.  
In Harness: To be shown to a suitable pleasure driving vehicle, both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot. To stand quietly and to rein back.  
Under Saddle: To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, trot (or jog), and canter (or lope). To stand quietly in the lineup and to rein back.  
To be judged: • 50% on performance, manners, way of going and suitability in harness. • 50% on performance, manners, and way of going under saddle.



## Class Descriptions, cont.

### **Command Class**

The judge will call for gait changes, changes of direction, rein back, and halts, etc. All the entries in the class have 3 strides to correctly execute the command, and if they fail to make the change, they are eliminated from the ring/stand in the middle. The last driver/horse left is the winner.

### **Lady to Drive**

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the turnout for a lady with emphasis on manners. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot. Must rein back without resistance and must stand quietly at any location in the arena. To be judged: 50% on manners, performance, elegance and suitability of the turnout for a lady, 25% on skill of the driver, and 25% on overall impression.

### **Gentleman to Drive**

A pleasure driving class in which entries are judged primarily on the suitability of the turnout for a gentleman with emphasis on manners. To be shown both ways of the arena at a walk, slow trot, working trot, and strong trot. May show a degree of boldness but not excessive speed. Must rein back without resistance and must stand quietly at any location in the arena. To be judged: 50% on manners, performance and suitability of the turnout for a gentleman, 25% on skill of the driver, and 25% on overall impression.

## Class Descriptions, cont.

### **Super Reinsmanship**

A pleasure driving class in which competitors enter the ring individually and drive a short course of defined elements in order at prescribed paces. To be judged on the driver's skill: use of aids, control of the horse(s) accuracy, quality of transitions and gaits, with additional consideration of impressions of the turnout and the driver. All entries will use ADS Super Reinsmanship Test 2 and receive numerical scores between 0—10 for each element of the test for a maximum score of 100. Ties are decided by the total of the Overall Impression and General Impression scores.

### **Concours d' Elegance**

The essence of this competition is 'elegance'. The Judge will select the first place winners from each Division to compete. The winner will be the Turnout, in the opinion of the judge, which presents the most elegant effect throughout the entire show. This will include vehicle, harness, appointments, equine(s), driver, passenger(s), groom(s), etc., but above all general impression is most important. Performance is not judged, unless it detracts from the elegance of the turnout. (There is no entry fee for this class)