



# Let's Drive !



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## Bits and Pieces—Club Information

### Delmarva Driving Club, Inc

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#### Attention!!

\* DDC Board Meeting on Thursday, November 7, 2019 at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to the Membership—members may speak on a subject, but they may not vote. To participate call: 1-877-216-1555 and enter 290535#

A General Membership Meeting was held on September 29, 2019 at Redden Forest Headquarters. There were seventeen (17) members present. The minutes from the September 5, 2019 Board Meeting were approved as written, however a treasury report was not available for presentation. The Caroline County 4-H Park was secured as the venue for the May 9, 2020 DDC Spring Pleasure Driving Show. Due to the Park's increased rental fee, planning by the Show Committee will focus on gaining more advertising and sponsorships as well as a Prize List and schedule designed to attract more participants. Any Youth drivers will be able to show without paying any fees. There was also a discussion regarding the possibility of doing a series hosted by the various local driving clubs in order to increase participation, share resources, etc. The Show Committee

would love to have more volunteers and input! Contact Show Manager Pam Gray at 410-819-6113 if you would like to get involved!

The Ruthsburg Community Center, located in Queen Anne, MD, will be the site of the last 2019 General Membership Meeting, Annual Elections, and Christmas Party. Kim Baklarz and Sherry Harris are coordinating the event and always welcome 'additional elves' to help setup and cleanup. The Club will supply the meat and beverages and Club Members will be asked to bring a dish to share (more details will be available in the newsletter, on the website, and through social media).

A Master List of the Club's important information has been compiled and will be stored at our accountant's office and reviewed annually.

An overview of the Drive

to Learn event was presented by Pam Gray and Anna Klumpp. This event will be held on 10/20/19 at Cair Paravel Farm in Still Pond, MD. Dressage times are still available and volunteers are still needed. This is a great way to try dressage (with instruction and comments from a licensed Pleasure Judge) and cones in a relaxed, casual setting. More details are located in this newsletter. Contact Pam Gray at 410-819-6113 to sign up for dressage!

The Nominating Committee presented the following Slate of Officers for 2020:

President: Anna Klumpp  
Vice-President: Sherry Harris  
Secretary: Kim Baklarz  
Treasurer: George Parris  
Board of Directors (need to elect 3):  
 Diane Savage  
 Michele Brauning  
 Charlie Purnell  
 Nominations will also be accepted from the floor on the day of the meeting.

## Meet the Candidates for 2020 Officers



**President:**  
Anna Klumpp

Anna has been involved with horses for most of her life. However she has been

driving since the 90's. Anna started with single ponies but went to the VSE's when she found out a navigator wasn't needed. Lately Anna has been driving preliminary level pairs but she hopes to complete an intermediate level event this October. Anna also likes to dabble in various multiple hitches like tandem three abreast and hopefully four in hand. Anna also participates in clinics and shares her knowledge and farm with others. Anna has been the President of the DDC for the past three years.



**Treasurer:**  
George Parris

George Parris has been a fixture in the equine world for many years. He knows both the inside and outside of horses, as he was the Eastern Shore area Purina Feed Representative. George has also been instrumental in starting and 'fixing' many local driving horses and their owners. He also has been a featured speaker at Beginner Driver Clinics for years. George is no stranger to the Horse Show world either – in his early years he was involved with hunter/jumpers and then later he showed in various driving venues. George has been an integral part in the DDC Driving Show as well.

**Vice-President:**  
Sherry Harris

Sherry & her 18 year old Haflinger named Smart Remarks are a driving team - they are approaching the 500 hour mark for pleasure driving this year. Sherry & Smarty especially like driving in wildlife management areas, but they have been seen driving in many different venues: from shows to clinics to demonstrations. Sherry has been involved with horses most of her life, from riding to grooming for a 4-in-hand team. At present Sherry is serving as Vice President and would like to run for another term.



**Secretary:** Kim Baklarz

Kim recently retired from the Queen Anne's County Library after 34 years of service. This will now give her even more time to enjoy her lifetime love of all things horses. In her younger years Kim participated in 4-H Horse Club and barrel racing in High School. Four years ago she adopted her horse, Silver, from Morgan Safenet Rescue. Kim lives in Queen Anne MD with her husband Rich Graves, their dog Bradley and cat Sargent Clover. She had been a member of DDC for 5 years and has served as Secretary for 3.



**Board of Director:**  
Michele Brauning.

Michele is a dentist in Ocean City, Maryland. She has always been involved with horses and grew up on a large farm in Carroll County. Michele rode and showed hunter ponies and horses until she had children. Then she played horseshow Mom for her two daughters for eighteen years. Now that she is an 'empty nester', she has jumped back into the driving world with both feet. Michele has a team of four VSEs (minis) that she shows. Michele also has a medium welsh pony that she is training and hopes to show next year. Michele would love the opportunity to serve on the DDC Board of Directors.



**Board of Director:**  
Charlie Purnell

Charlie, along with her family, has been involved with some aspect of horses all her life. From riding as a child, to having a breeding stallion, to the present where she is getting more involved with carriage driving and showing. Both Charlie's mom and sister are also members of the DDC and enjoy and share her interest in the sport of carriage driving. When not with her animals, Charlie works in the family run Atlantic Hotel in Ocean City, MD. She welcomes the opportunity to be on the Board of Directors.



# Delaware Equine Council Membership Appreciation Day

For the past six (6) years, the Delaware Equine Council has sponsored a Membership Appreciation Day by hosting a ride/drive at Redden State Forest near Georgetown, DE. This year there were eight (8) carriages and twenty-four (24) DDC Members who enjoyed riding and driving along the beautiful, wide trails. Following the ride/drive, many members stayed to enjoy an awesome lunch provided by Shorty's Catering. It was a wonderful event and many thanks go to the Equine Council for continuing to sponsor this great event.



Diane & Rick Savage with Twinkie



New Members Ray Banks and Jenna Davis with Judy the Haflinger. Alan Poole and Paul Thomas are passengers.



Sherry Harris and Smarty



Zina Hense and her VSE



Shannon Gandee driving Beau with, Martha Zimmerman is riding



# Delaware Equine Council Membership Appreciation Day, cont.



Frances Baker driving Kenny and Echo with Linda Thomas and Anibal Escalante riding along

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Michele Brauning and Scott Wolpin with their Shetlands, Charlie Purnell is 'on the back'



Anna Klumpp driving Ditty, Jerry, and Sky 3 abreast with Alison Kirk riding along

## Members Out and About



**Anna Klupp**



**Bill Venditta**



**George Parris driving Tara  
Bruning's Morgan**



**Linda Thomas doing a wedding**



**Ann Sanders**

# Members Out and About



Colleen Layton and Jazz at MARD



John Layton and Mr. Magic at MARD



Judith Hartman driving a pair of Welsh ponies



Maddy and Oreo are back driving!



Smarty the Haflinger at Idylwild



## Meet the Members

The DDC is thrilled to welcome the following new and returning members! We can't wait to get to know you (or renew your friendship). We look forward to having you join us at upcoming events:



Ray Banks and Jenna Davis are from Georgetown, DE - Ray grew up around horses and he presently drives a pair of Haflingers named Judy and Jane. He was able to drive with the DDC at the DEC Membership Appreciation Day at Redden Forest. His next goal is to drive multiples.



Christina Dayton-Wall is a Veterinarian who owns All Creatures Veterinary Service. She participated in the DEC Membership Appreciation Day by riding her horse.

We are sending **Get Well Wishes/Speedy Recovery** to Deb Dawkins who is still recovering from extensive shoulder surgery.



## DIY Barn Projects

How to thwart a smart equine at a gate? Use a bucket hanger and mount it to your post. Hook your chain and it makes it harder for the equine to let himself out while making it easier for you to close and secure the gate.

## Searching For

Please contact Sherry Harris at 410-482-2402 if you know of, or have for sale, an easy entry lightweight cart that would be suitable for an Arab. The owner of the Arab is having difficulty with the heaviness of her present cart and would like an easier method of access when getting in the cart.



## Drive to Learn Day

### **What:**

Informal day of driving to allow DDC Members the ability to try Dressage Tests, Cones Courses, Gambler's Choice Courses, Obstacle Driving, and a Cross Country Course. Instructor and Judge Jessica Axelsson will be providing instruction and comments for the Dressage Tests (participants can select any dressage test and they will be able to perform it twice with encouragement from Ms. Axxelson).

Pre-registration is required for the Dressage Tests only—a sign up sheet is on page 8; all other activities may be performed at will and driven as many times as you wish

### **Don't drive? - Come Volunteer or Spectate!**

### **When:**

Sunday, October 20th at Cair Paravel Farm (Anna Klumpp's Farm)  
13931 Eagle's Nest Lane, Still Pond, MD 21667 9am to 4 pm

### **Cost:**

\$20 per turnout—Junior Drivers are FREE!

Please bring a helmet as well as a whip.

You are encouraged to bring your lunch in order to socialize and share driving experiences during a midday break.

If you have questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact

**Pam Gray at 410-819-6113 or email her at [pgray59@hughes.net](mailto:pgray59@hughes.net)**





**Registration for Drive to Learn Day  
Dressage with Jessica Axelsson  
Sunday, October 20, 2019**

Pre-Registration is Required for DRESSAGE ONLY

**There are only 12 slots available—every 15 minutes beginning at 9 am. You will perform your selected test and Ms. Axelsson will provide comments. During the lunch break, additional comments and tips will be offered and the 12 individuals will have the opportunity to perform their selected test again to judge their improvement and understanding of dressage.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Turnout: Single \_\_\_\_\_ Pair \_\_\_\_\_

Equine: VSE \_\_\_\_\_ Pony \_\_\_\_\_ Horse \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

Experience Level: Driver: \_\_\_\_\_ Beginner, \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate/Advanced

Equine: \_\_\_\_\_ Beginner, \_\_\_\_\_ Intermediate/Advanced

Time slot requested: \_\_\_\_\_ 9 am, \_\_\_\_\_ 9:15 am, \_\_\_\_\_ 9:30 am, \_\_\_\_\_ 9:45 am

\_\_\_\_\_ 10 am, \_\_\_\_\_ 10:15 am, \_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 am, \_\_\_\_\_ 10:45 am

\_\_\_\_\_ 11 am, \_\_\_\_\_ 11:15 am, \_\_\_\_\_ 11:30 am, \_\_\_\_\_ 11:45 am

We will make every effort to schedule your requested time. You will be notified 4 days in advance of the event with your scheduled time. Please mail this completed registration to: Pam Gray 6479 Wheatley Road Federalsburg, MD 21632. If you have additional questions, please give Pam a call at 410-819-6113 or email her at pgray59@hughes.net.

## Upcoming Events

- 10/6/19 BVDC CONES/HAZARD CLINIC WITH LAURA DEFAZIO - The Riddle's Canvasback Farm, Port Deposit, MD. Open to All. Choose one session or two. Info and Registration to Mary Nelson 1465 Blue Ball Rd, Elkton, MD 21921 mgn136@gmail.com 973-271-2816
- 10/11-13/19 Garden State CDE at the Horse Park of New Jersey—Secretary: Jan Hamilton, (239) 464-6932, janetannhamilton@gmail.com. To volunteer contact Mary Nelson 973-271-2816 mgn136@gmail.com.
- 10/18/19 Martins Fall Carriage Auction at Lebanon Fairgrounds in Lebanon, PA
- 10/19/19 35th Annual Delaware Amish Parochial School Sale 764 Winding Creek Drive Dover, DE 19904
- 10/20/19 DDC Drive to Learn Day at Cair Paravel Farm—practice Dressage, Cones Courses, Gambler's Course, Cross Country Courses, and an Obstacle. Instructor and Judge Jessica Axelsson will be available to help drivers with their Dressage tests
- 10/27/19 BVDC TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC HDT - Location: Fair Hill NRMA, Elkton, MD. Maximum 25 entries. Entries will open 9/16 and close 10/16.
- 11/10/19 Wilson's Auction Annual Fall Drive in Lincoln, DE. Tack and Carriage Sale is on 11/11/19
- 12/7/19 Annual General Membership Meeting, Elections, and Christmas Party will be held at the Ruthsburg Community Center in Queen Anne, MD—more details to come!

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.





We're on  
Facebook!  
Check us out

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Frances Baker has been passionate about horses all her life. From riding her horse as a child to fox hunting and now carriage driving. Her carriage driving has quickly evolved from driving a single horse to driving her 4-in-hand team of Hackney Clydesdale Crossbreds. She and her husband Wayne have been privileged to drive and show their vehicles at many beautiful places in the USA. Frances also had invitations to ride on coaches in England. Education and safety are very important to Frances and she frequently shares her experiences with the Club through events held at her home and barn. At present Frances is serving a two year Director position with the DDC. She is also a board member of two four in hand clubs in the Philadelphia area and a member of the ladies' World Coaching Club.