



Let's Drive !

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Bits and Pieces—Club Information

Delmarva Driving Club,
Inc

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Attention!!

* DDC General Membership Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 3, 2020 in conjunction with the scheduled DDC Board Meeting. To participate call: 1-877-216-1555 and enter 290535#

You still have time to enter the DDC Pleasure Show on October 24th. Entry forms, the Waiver, and a Class List are available on the DDC Webpage (delmarvadrivingclub.com). Volunteers are also needed for setup on Friday and at the Show on Saturday. Remember Covid Policies will be in effect—masks are required and temperatures will be taken prior to entering the Show grounds. A wristband will also be issued. We are encouraging pre-registration, however you can still register on the day of the Show, **just allow extra time.**

Please call Pam Gray at 410-819-6113 if you need more information or would like to help.

Due to current circumstances, in lieu of a Fall General Membership Meeting the November 5th Board Meeting will act as the Fall Meeting. Members are encouraged to use the Conference Call System—to participate, call 1-877-216-1555 and enter 290535#.

The Nominating Committee is gearing up to present a slate of Officers for 2021. Offices are President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and three (3) Board of Director positions.

If you would like to serve or nominate someone, please contact Frances Baker at 302-381-2979. The proposed Slate will be presented for review in the next Newsletter.

Plans for the Annual December Membership Meeting/Holiday Event are still under consideration. Make sure to watch for updates thru email, Facebook and on the DDC webpage.



Volunteer Opportunity

The Pleasure Show Committee is working hard to plan for the 2021 Show, tentatively scheduled for May 8, 2021. No special skills are needed, just the desire to help promote the Pleasure Driving Show. At present, meetings are held via Conference Call. So if you're interested, contact Pam Gray at 410-819-6113. We also need volunteers to assist with the October 24th Show—call Pam or any Board Member for additional details!!! See you at the Show on October 24th!

Driving Shows Abound!!!

DDC Members have been able to enjoy driving classes at numerous Shows offered around the region. Suffolk Stables in New Jersey has offered an entire series and the most recent Show was held on September 13. The C.E.S.H.S. has offered a Driving Division in all their Shows and the latest one was on September 19th. Buxmont Riding Club in Pennsylvania held their driving Show on September 20th and the Autumn Grove Stables in Berlin, Maryland held their Snowflake Driving Series Show on September 27th. Congratulations to all these drivers who were able to get out and enjoy driving their equines in spite of the Covid situation!



Michele Brauning and Scott Wolpin



Linda Thomas



John Layton



Maddy Zacharkow



Tara Bruning



Karen O'Day

Driving Shows Around, cont.



Diane Savage



Linda Thomas



Charlie Purnell



Tara Bruning

Double Down Driving Derby

On September 27th the Double Down Driving Derby was held at Suzy Stafford's Solstice Farm in Franklinville, NJ. A "driving derby" is a combination of cones & 2 hazards that you run through in sequence. This event was a great way to learn - but even better it was two Derby's for the price of one. In the morning all drivers drove a "practice" round first, then the same course again to count in competition. After lunch a new course was set and the drivers then drove a "practice" round, followed by the same course again to count in the competition. DDC Members John Layton, Colleen Layton, and Maddy Zacharkow participated, learned alot, and had a blast! Maddy participated in the Mini Novice (driving Oreo) and drove a 3:02 course in the morning and a 3:06 in the afternoon. Colleen, driving Jazz, participated in the Pony Novice and drove a 3:31 course in the morning and a 3:13 in the afternoon. John, driving Magic in Pony Open, buzzed through the morning in 2:50 and completed the afternoon with a 2:29 (tied for 1st Place!)



Colleen Layton and Jazz



John Layton and Mr. Magic



Maddy Zacharkow and Oreo



Maddy, Colleen, and John celebrating!

Members Out and About



Jess Tanglao driving tandem



Judith Ann Hartman



Bill Venditta



Frances Baker and her 4-in-hand



George Parris driving Tara Bruning's horse



Linda Thomas driving Cricket



A Sporting Day of Traditional Driving



On Saturday, September 26th DDC Members Frances and Wayne Baker generously shared their Hollyville Farm for a Sporting Day of Traditional Driving Show. This competition is a relatively young sport in the United States – it was introduced by the Carriage Association of America over 15 years ago and based on the popular European event known as Attelage de Tradition. It consisted of three phases: Turnout Inspection, a Country Drive with seven driving tests or challenges, and a Cones Course. There were ten entries - the equine entries consisted of a pair of Canadian Crossbreds, two VSEs, four ponies, and three horses. The antique vehicle entries included a Back to Back

Pony Trap, a Spider Phaeton, a Wicker Phaeton, a Gig, and a Road Cart and the other vehicles were a Wagonette Break, a Meadowbrook Cart, and three Easy Entry Carts. DDC Member George Parris was the Turnout Judge, the Cones Course was designed and timed by Lisa and Alan Shiells, and the participants had their grooms to act as Judges during the Country Drive section. After the competition, participants and volunteers enjoyed lunch followed by the presentation of awards (ribbons). With so many positive comments following the competition, maybe this event will become an Annual Affair. Thanks go to the Participants, Volunteers and most of all the hosts – Frances and Wayne Baker who shared their farm as the event site and provided boxed lunches and gift bags for everyone. Their generosity and support is much appreciated and it made this event wonderful on every level!.



Sporting Day of Traditional Driving, cont.





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 was sent to: Ann Sanders who is recovering from a medical procedure

Please know the DDC is concerned about all our members during this trying time of the Covid 19 virus. Stay safe and do your part to slow the spread of the virus by washing your hands often and practicing social distancing. If you're working on the front lines during this crisis, thank you for your role in keeping our communities safe and healthy. This event will pass and we will get back to enjoying our equines with each other.

Congratulations Corner

Congratulations go to:

Bill Venditta who placed 4th in the virtual Royal Windsor Horse Show. There were 10 finalists in Class 6 - Private Driving which was sponsored by the Carriage Association of American. The winners were as follows:

- 1st Kevin Hutchinson and Harry & Robbie 🇺🇸
- 2nd Katie Whaley and Mooney An Tucker 🇺🇸
- 3rd Gilly Chippendale and Stennerskeugh Smoke 🇺🇸
- 4th Bill Venditta and Bullet And Bandit 🇺🇸
- 5th Antonia Gallop and Merioneth Moeson 🇺🇸
- 6th Joanne Dobson and Walseker Mario 🇺🇸
- 7th Antonia Gallop and Brickell Black Supreme 🇺🇸
- 8th Chloe Steward and Blink, Ella, Ted, Vinnie 🇺🇸
- 9th Ben Lawless and Madison Marco 🇺🇸
- 10th Julie Elliott and G.W.M Duchess Of Monico 🇺🇸

