



Let's Drive !

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Delmarva Driving Club,
Inc

Bits and Pieces—Club Information

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Attention!!

* DDC Board Meeting on **Thursday, November 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m.** 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 General Membership Meeting was held on September 25, 2022 in conjunction with the Delaware Equine Council Membership Appreciation Ride and Drive. The minutes of the March 24, 2022 General Membership Meeting were approved as presented. The Treasury report showed a balance of \$9,690.53. The report was accepted as presented.

Committee Reports:

Show Committee: The contract for the venue (Wicomico Equestrian Center) is signed and the Judge (Craig Kellogg) is confirmed. The next focus will be on the Prize List. The committee would love input on the classes to be offered. Please contact either Michele Brauning or John Layton with your thoughts.

Sunshine: Many cards have been sent recognizing momentous

events in our members lives. It was also voted to send flowers to President Anna Klumpp as she continues to recover. By Laws: Work continues on the updating and revising of the DDC By-Laws. Membership: Dues and membership renewals will be due in December. There will be no increase in the dues fee. Nominating: see page 2 for a complete update from this Committee.

Plans are in the works for the following Club Events:

Help is needed to plan the upcoming December General Membership Christmas Affair. It will be held at Wayne and Frances Baker's Hollyville Farm on December 3rd. This important meeting includes the election of Club Officers and Directors. If you would like to be a 'helpful Elf', contact Frances Baker at 302-381-2979 or email: Francesbaker65@gmail.com.

More detailed information will be in upcoming newsletters

Frances Baker will be hosting an educational event on the Sporting Day of Traditional Driving at her Hollyville Farm on January 7, 2023. The clinician will be David Saunders, a well known carriage driver, instructor, and Former Coachman to Prince Phillip. More details will be in upcoming newsletters.

DDC Member Charlie Purnell has volunteered to head up a committee to find a speaker for a new and prospective drivers clinic. Anyone with suggestions or who would like to volunteer to help, please contact Charlie at 443-880-2710.

The DDC will be 40 Years old in 2023! The Board is looking for ideas and volunteers to work on celebratory events for the year. Members wishing to serve on this committee should contact Linda Thomas at 410-430-6943.

Nominating Committee Update

Prior to our December Meeting, the Nominating Committee has been charged with developing a Slate of Officers and Directors for 2023. Positions open for nomination are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and five Director positions which will serve a two year term. John Layton and Kim Baklarz are the Chairmen of this Committee and would appreciate your assistance with nominations. Please contact John Layton at 609-556-9749 or email: JohnLCDEdriver@gmail.com or Kim Baklarz at 410-490-6548 or email: Kimbaklarz@yahoo.com if you would like to serve or have a proposed nomination. To serve, you need to be a member of the Club for at least a year. Listed below are the minimum duties of each office, however additional duties may be assigned.

1. President: Preside at all business meetings, voting only as a tie breaker. Set committee chairpersons, appoint nominating committee, and perform all such duties as prescribed by the current Robert's Rules of Order, the parliamentary authority adopted by this Club. This position serves a two year term.
2. Vice-President: Presides at business meetings in the absence of the President. In addition, shall perform all such duties as prescribed by the current Robert's Rules of Order, the parliamentary authority adopted by this Club. This position serves a one year term.
3. Secretary: Shall keep and preserve the minutes of all meetings of the Club, maintain an accurate and complete record of the membership roster (this responsibility may be delegated to a Membership Chairperson), respond to correspondence as directed and notify new members of their acceptance. An attendance record is to be kept for all meetings. In addition, is to perform all such duties as prescribed by the current Robert's Rules of Order, the parliamentary authority adopted by this Club. This position serves a one year term.
4. Treasurer: Is custodian of all monies of the Club, and handles the disbursement of funds with checks to be signed by the treasurer (or other authorized board member) or by credit card. A verbal (or written) report is to be presented at each business meeting. An accurate written report of the financial condition of the Club shall be prepared for the December meetings, and in preparation for turning over financial records to the incoming treasurer. In addition, is to perform all such duties as prescribed by the current Robert's Rules of Order, the parliamentary authority adopted by this Club. This position serves a two year term.
5. Directors: Contribute to the leadership of the Club and may be requested to fill assorted responsibilities as set forth in Standing Rules, attached to this document. This position serves a two year term.

Board meetings are held bimonthly via Zoom format and as needed to conduct business. The Club also tries to hold three General Membership meetings per year (February, September, and December).

Proposed Slate of Officers and Board of Directors

Officers:

President: John Layton

Vice President: Frances Baker

Treasurer: Stan Vonasek

Secretary: Kim Baklarz

Board of Directors: 5 Positions Available

Michele Brauning

Joshua Gale

Anna Klumpp

Colleen Layton

Charlie Purnell

Diane Savage

James Wood

Nominations will also be taken from the floor at the time of the meeting.

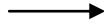
Members Out and About



Bill Venditta and his Gelderlanders



Judith Hartman and her Welsh Pony



Linda Thomas and Harold the Haflinger



Erin and Josh Gale with Winnie Gale



Stan Vonasek



Michele Brauning with her VSE pair in Tulsa, OK



Members Out and About, cont.



Joy of Driving

This past month has been busy for our members who participated in a wide variety of driving classes, events, and competitions. They truly show why driving is such a joy!



On August 28th, My Ladies Manor Driving Club Combined Test was held in Purcellville, VA. DDC Member Claire Lacey, driving Severn Rainbow, were the show stars—winning the Preliminary Level combined horse and pony CT and the best training level test with the extra dressage class they entered. In addition, they won the high score MLMDC member trophy. DDC Member Judith Hartman and Copper Beech Marigold got second in single Pony Training Level by a small fraction of a point and was one of only two that went double clear in cones.

Two events were held on September 4th:

The 79th Annual Horse Show and Country Fair at Ludwig's Corner in Glenmoore, PA. DDC Members Frances Baker, Kim Baklarz, Linda Thomas and Barbara and George Clardy participated in the Carriage Exhibition in the Rosato Oval.



Then the carriages enjoyed an eight mile carriage drive through the countryside. Frances Baker drove her 4-in-hand team of Canadian Crossbreds, while the Clardy's drove their Highland Pony pair.



Conesapalooza was held at Stafford Carriage Driving in Franklinville, NJ. This low key competition tested cones driving skills with fun, friends and prizes! There were around 23 entries and Kate Pantelione, Colleen and John Layton, Josh and Erin Gale, Wendy and Wade Hale, and Dawn and Mike Pontz represented the DDC!! They all did well and had a great time!!!



On September 8th thru 11th, MARD - the Mid Atlantic Recreational Drive was held at Fair Hill, MD. Several Club Members (Marcy and Mark Eades, Louisa Emerick, Kim Baklarz, Martha Duchnowski, Linda Thomas) enjoyed this annual event.



Joy of Driving, cont.



The Villa Louis Carriage Classic is an annual pleasure driving show held on the beautiful grounds of the Villa Louis Historic Site in Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin. This show is typically held the weekend after Labor Day. DDC Member Paul Maye drove the Ayrshire Farm entry and they were Champions in the Multiples Division and won Reserve Champion in the Antique Vehicle Division!.



Several of our Members have qualified to Show their equines at National Shows. In September Michele Brauning went to Tulsa, Oklahoma for the AMHA National Show and came home with several awards and Reserve Champion ribbons. Erin and Josh Gale are in Guthrie, Oklahoma and Erin and her horse Winnie are the new Reserve World Champions in the WDAA



Western Dressage Suitability- Amateur class!

On September 24th, DDC Members Colleen and John Layton spent their afternoon at Brielle Roman's Trot Trot Standardbreds in Colts Neck, NJ. The mission of Trot Trot Standardbreds is all about second careers and aftercare for Standardbreds! They retrain, show, and adopt out this wonderful breed. In preparation for the upcoming Garden State CDE, John and Colleen provided a great Introduction to Combined Driving for Standardbreds. This is the first time there will be a Standardbred Division and either a quick hitch/jog cart or traditional harness and carriage is welcome. The Laytons gave a wonderful, informative presentation on what to expect for the combined event, from the various phases, equipment allowed, and any special requirements or allowances for the standardbred division! Colleen then gave a great driving display through some hazards and a cone course with her standardbred IDEAL KISS!



On September 24th, DDC Members Jess Tanglao and Julianne Simpson attended the Philadelphia Polo Classic benefitting Ride to Work. They drove from Chamounix Stables to the polo field in downtown Philadelphia.



On September 25th, DDC Members Dawn and Mike Pontz participated in the annual Buxmont Driving Show in Telford, PA. The Judge was Jessica Axelsson. Mike drove the Pontz's Fell pony named Porter





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:

Congratulations were sent to: Kaiya Baker recently graduated from Army ‘boot camp’ in Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Her proud parents are Adriane and Dennis Baker. Christina Dayton-Wall is in the process of building a new office at her home. Mary Pines has a new equine family member named Bob who is a Haflinger. Jess and Rainier Tanglao are expecting a baby due in May 2023. Michele Brauning enjoyed a fabulous week at the AMHA National Show and came home with many awards. Erin Gale and her horse Winnie won Reserve Champion at the WDAA World Championship Show (Western Dressage) in Oklahoma. Charlie Purnell is getting a new equine family member named Lonwind Swagger or Bobby who is a Welsh pony from England.

Thinking of You was sent to: Anna Klumpp who is continuing to recover and has now moved to a Rehabilitation Facility

Make Your Life Easier with these DIY Barn Hacks

1. Scrub water buckets and feed tubs with vinegar! Most people have a bottle in their kitchen. It's even helpful in deodorizing stalls.
2. If you need a quick blanket rack, then try making your own. You need a thin piece of PVC piping and some bailing twine. Tie the twine on each side of the pipe and hang it up on a stall!
3. Is your horse rubbing on your fence? Give that itchy horse a scratch post! You can screw some massage mitts and rubber curry combs to a round fence post in the center of your field.
4. From paddock boots to your horse's body, baby wipes are a great cleaning option. They're usually safe for even sensitive horses! A quick wipe over your boots or harness will easily clean up dirt and sweat. Talk about a multi-functional product!
5. Coffee drinkers will have an edge here! Next time you go to the supermarket, buy one of those big plastic coffee containers. After you're done with the coffee, reuse the container as a feed scooper.
6. You can prevent cross-ties from banging on your walls by adding a tennis ball on each end.
7. A pool skimmer is very handy for cleaning water troughs. It can scoop up leaves, hay, and bugs that fall into the water.

Upcoming Events

Always call ahead to ensure an event is still scheduled to be held as events do get cancelled or rescheduled.

- 10/6-9/22 Garden State Combined Driving Event at the Horse Park of New Jersey
- 10/14/22 Martins Auction in Lebanon Fairgrounds in Lebanon, PA
- 10/21-23/22 National Standardbred Show at the Horse Park of New Jersey
- 10/23/22 Teddy Bears Picnic at Fair Hill. This is a Brandywine Valley Driving Club schooling show for DRIVERS who are BVDC members. . .your navigator, groom, helpers do not have to be members; but do have to sign a release. It has Dressage, Cones and Marathon and mostly follows ADS rules.
- 11/4-6/22 Super Clinic at Focus Forward Driving Center in Central Virginia—DDC Member Jess Tanglo will be one of the Clinicians

Location & Contact Information

Focus Forward Driving Center 1838 Glenarvon Drive, Brems Bluff, VA 23022
 For questions & reservations: Emily 860-942-4955 Emily_langer@yahoo.com
www.FocusForwardDriving.com
www.TCarriage.com
www.LeadersWorldwideUSA.com
www.WellHorseAndRider.com

- 11/10/22 Return Day Parade in Georgetown, DE Contact Terry Johnson at 302-542-1363 if you would like to participate
- 12/3/22 DDC General Membership Meeting and Christmas Party (details to follow)
- 1/7/22 Sporting Day of Traditional Driving Seminar at Hollyville Farm—more details to follow

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.



DEC Membership Appreciation Ride and Drive

On September 25th the Delaware Equine Council hosted their 9th Annual Delaware Equine Council Membership Appreciation Ride and Drive at the Redden State Forest outside Georgetown, DE. The beautiful day allowed eight carriages to enjoy a 5 mile loop around the Forest. Following the drive everyone enjoyed lunch provided by Shorty's Catering. A DDC General Membership Meeting was also held in conjunction with this event and there was a great Member turnout!!!





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and Instagram!
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