



Let's Drive !



September, 2019

Bits and Pieces—Club Information

Delmarva Driving Club, Inc

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A Board Meeting was held on September 5, 2019. The minutes from the June 27th were approved as written, however a treasury report was not available for presentation. A motion was passed to keep Caroline County 4-H Park as the venue for the 2020 DDC Spring Pleasure Show. Pam Gray has agreed to chair the Show Committee and is actively seeking volunteers to start planning. The Show is scheduled for May 9, 2020.

A General Membership Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, September 29, 2019 at 1:30 pm at Redden Forest Headquarters (near Georgetown, DE.) following the Delaware Equine Council Membership Appreciation Ride and Drive. This is an important meeting for planning for 2020. A Nominating Committee has been appointed to prepare a Slate of Officers for next year. If you are interested in serving as part of the DDC Board,

please contact Frances Baker (302-381-2979) or Diane Savage (410-641-1837). Descriptions of the job duties for the Offices of : President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Board of Directors are listed in this newsletter.

Details regarding the October 20th Drive to Learn Event were discussed. A sign up sheet for Dressage is located in this newsletter. Pam Gray is the organizer and she is actively seeking

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#

Positions and Duties of the DDC Board

At each December General Membership Meeting, officers for the new year are elected. In preparation for the upcoming year, a Nominating Committee has been selected for 2020. Officers for the DDC consist of: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and five Directors. Each officer will serve a one-year term and must have been a member for at least one year at the time of nomination and each director is elected for a two-year term, and must have been a member for at least one year at the time of nomination. The duties for each office are as follows:

President: Preside at all business meetings, voting only as a tiebreaker. Set committee chairpersons, appoint the nominating committee, and perform all such duties as prescribed by the current Robert's Rules of Order, the parliamentary authority adopted by this Club.

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.

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volunteers to act as scribes, timers, setup, cleanup, etc. Please call her at 410-819-6113 for additional information. This is a fun event, geared towards learning in a relaxed atmosphere. There will be opportunities to drive Cones Courses, a Gambler's Choice Course, Cross Country Course, and an Obstacle. The clinician for Dressage is Jessica Axxelson. All other aspects of the event are to be driven at will.

A Master List of all the Club's important information and holdings has been compiled.

The DDC is happy to welcome nine new and returning members.

The Annual General Membership Meeting and Christmas Get Together is tentatively scheduled for the first Saturday in December. Sherry Harris (410-482-2402) and Kim Baklarz (410-490-6548) will jointly coordinate this event and hope to hold it at the Ruthsburg Community Center in Queen Anne, Maryland. To date there have been no organized drives planned. Drives will continue to

be "quick call" than planned.

Frances Baker would like to host a club event on January 11, 2020 (bad weather date—1/18/20) at her Hollyville Farm in Harbeson, DE. The presentation would focus on driving in Acadia, Maine based on her recent trip there. If you would like to host an event or activity, please call any Board Member. We can help make your idea a reality. We have club members with experience that can help you plan/host a drive or an event.

Positions and Duties of the DDC Board, continued

Secretary: Shall keep and preserve the minutes of all meetings of the Club and respond to correspondence as directed. In addition, is to perform all such duties as prescribed by Robert's Rules of Order, the parliamentary authority adopted by this Club.

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. 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 General Membership Meeting in preparation for turning over financial records to the incoming treasurer. In addition, is to perform all such duties as prescribed by Robert's Rules of Order, the parliamentary authority adopted by this Club.

Directors: Contribute to the leadership of the Club and may be requested to fill assorted responsibilities as set forth in Standing Rules.

Board Meetings are held bimonthly via a telephone conference call and there are usually two General Membership Meetings held during the year.

Being an Officer/Director is a great way to support our Club and its members—making it educational, fun, and a great way to meet like minded individuals.

We need your help—so if this sounds like something you would like to do, please contact Nominating Committee Members Frances Baker at 302-381-2979 (email: francesbaker@gmail.com) or Diane Savage at 410-641-1837 (email: savagpearl@aol.com)

Help our Club by getting involved!!!! A proposed Slate of Officers needs to be presented to the general membership at least one month prior to the December Annual General Membership Meeting. However nominations are welcome and accepted from the floor at the meeting!

Members Out and About



Charlie Purnell and Minny



George Parris and Kemba



Smart Remarks—Sherry Harris' Haflinger



Linda Thomas with Haflingers Bonnie and Jake at a wedding



Members Out and About, continued



↑ Carol Bush and horse Betty



George and Barb Clardy with their Highland Pony pair →



↑ Frances and Wayne Baker with their team in Acadia, Maine



Charlie Purnell and Michele Brauning with Minny and Kemba →



↑ Bill Venditta's pair of Gelderland horses Ben and Elvis

Frances Baker featured in Daily Horse Shots

Daily Horse Shots features images from top rated photos and one of those recent photos was of DDC Member Frances Baker. Sarah Seaman of Equusmaris Art : Fine Equestrian Art took this photo and said "I had the opportunity to visit a good friend of mine who is one of the few women in the coaching community that drives her own four-in-hand horses. This lovely area on her property where she drives her horses is all pine trees and I just love how they naturally frame the horses as they weave in and out among them".



Bill Venditta Wins at Ludwig Corner Show

On September 1, 2019 the Carriage Exhibition and Drive was held at Ludwig's Corner Horse Show in Glenmoore, Pennsylvania. Bill and Liz Venditta (with Don Stewart, Jr. as groom) won the "Concours d'Elegance" Trophy which was awarded to the "best turnout", which is defined as the most pleasing overall appearance and impression of the horse(s), carriage, harness, driver and passenger(s) together.



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:

Welcome Back **Vicki Baturay who lives in Cartharpin, VA**

Welcome New Member (Margaret) **Blair Hayes from Highland, MD**. She has been riding horses since kindergarten but began driving around 1985. Blair has had several 10-12 hand mixed breed ponies and currently owns 2 metal training carts and an Amish built Meadowbrook. She has belonged to TROT since its inception, the Chesapeake Walking Horse Club and the Rose Hill Carriage Society (now inactive.) Most drivers have relocated away from the Baltimore/Washington area and moved to Florida or South Carolina. But she drives as often as possible (usually several days a week). Her interests include auctions, pleasure driving, shows, parades and demonstrations/schooling events. Blair said 'I don't know what I could contribute to the Delmarva Driving Club, but I am certain I would learn something from it and its members.'

Welcome New Members **Joe and Joy Murtha from Denton, MD**. They enjoying riding and the name of their farm is Wind Spirit Ranch.

Welcome Back **Mary Nelson from Elkton, MD** Mary is one of the best Volunteer Coordinators/Hospitality Person you will ever meet!!



Welcome New Member **Stephanie French from Preston, MD**. She owns a horse that she rides and a VSE that she plans to drive!

We are sending **Get Well Wishes/Speedy Recovery** to Mary Pines and Kevin Wallis who have been under the weather. Mary is well on her way back to driving and riding, however Kevin is still recovering from a recent hospitalization for a severely infected foot.

Congratulations to Maddy Zacharkow and her family on the new addition to their family—It's a Boy!!!

DIY Barn Projects

Just a few years ago, purchasing the best salt block for horses was easy. All you needed to do was visit a feed store and get any block of salt that you could find, then get your horse to lick it away. Nowadays, however, there are various choices you will need to choose from. And every equine owner wants what's best for their animal, thus they need to make sure that their horses are getting the right food in order to properly function.



Probably the most popular type is Himalayan salt which is one of the purest forms of salt available, it contains magnesium, potassium, and iron and is useful in replenishing electrolytes. Furthermore, Himalayan salt blocks are tough, thus ensuring that your horse won't attempt to eat the entire salt block.

With a few simple things that are probably in your barn, this salt on a rope will help relieve boredom, keep water away, while also giving your horse the nutrient they need.



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



**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

- 09/12-15/19 MARD (Mid Atlantic Regional Drive) - large recreational drive held at Fair Hill, Maryland—details on ADS Omnibus
- 09/21/19 Beginner Driven Dressage Clinic (driven Dressage for Dummies)
8:30am-5:30pm; Location: 330 Fergeson Ave Franklinville NJ 08322
Sign up info coming soon...
- 09/29/19 Delaware Equine Council Membership Appreciation Ride and Drive at Redden Forest— DDC General Membership Meeting will be held immediately following lunch. More details to follow.
- 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.

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.





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Check us out



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