



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 DDC Board Meeting was held on September 1, 2022 and the minutes from the July 7th Board meeting were approved with a correction. The Treasury report had a starting balance of \$10,384.85. Expenses totaled \$956.80 and deposits were \$300.00, leaving an ending balance of \$9790.53. The report was accepted as presented.

SAVE THE DATE: The 2023 DDC Pleasure Show will be held at the Wicomico Equestrian Center in Salisbury, MD on May 13th and Craig Kellogg will be the Judge. Volunteers are always needed—please contact either Michele Brauning (410-422-3387) or John Layton (609-556-9749) if you would like to be involved.

Work continues on the updating of the DDC By-Laws. The By-Law committee will present their recommendations

in the near future.

On September 25th the Delaware Equine Council will sponsor a Membership Appreciation Ride and Drive at Redden Forest (north of Georgetown, DE). There will be a DDC General Membership Meeting following the luncheon. Watch your email for important details regarding this event, so you can plan to attend.

2023 is fast approaching and it will soon be time for Election of Club Officers. If you have a desire to serve the Club - don't hesitate to volunteer for a position. The Club needs you! You only need to have been a Club Member in good standing for one year and a desire to promote DDC activities. Voting/elections will take place at the December General Membership Meeting. 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 are interested.

Plans are in the works for the following Club Events:

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 HRH the Duke of Edinburgh at The Royal Mews. More details will be in upcoming newsletters.

Help is needed to plan the upcoming December General Membership Christmas Affair. If you would like to be a 'helpful Elf', contact Frances Baker at 302-381-2979 or email: Francesbaker65@gmail.com.

If you are interested in hosting or planning a drive or event, please contact any Board Member to make it a reality!

Coaching in Newport Weekend

Once every three years, for three days in August, Newport, Rhode Island appears and feels like a scene from the Gilded Age! The Preservation Society of Newport County, in-conjunction with the New York Coaching Club, hosts 'A Weekend of Coaching' where authentic 19th-century coaches, pulled by teams of horses, drive through the streets of Newport and on the grounds of some of the Newport Mansions.

Between 1870 to 1910, some of the world's wealthiest people came to the 'City-by-the-Sea' to build summertime "cottages" along the waterfront. They resided for a brief summer social season in grand mansions with elaborate receiving rooms, dining rooms, music rooms, and ballrooms—but with few bedrooms, since the guests were expected to have "cottages" of their own. The tradition of coaching grew out of the 18th- and 19th-century mail runs in England, which later made their way across the Atlantic to the United States. Even though the horse-drawn mail coaches were eventually replaced by railroads, they did lead to the development of coaching as a social and sporting event. The Coaching Club of New York was formed in the latter part of the 19th century, eventually becoming an important part of the social life of Newport in the summer. The Wetmores, the Bells, the Vanderbilts and the Belmonts were all active members, bringing their coaches together to go to the races, the polo games, and the Casino. There are two types of open-air vehicles used in coaching—a Road Coach and the slightly smaller Park Drag—however both are drawn by a team of four horses. All seating is outside, with the driver, known as a "whip," sitting in the slightly elevated right front seat. The rear bench of the coach holds at least two grooms and the two center benches can hold up to 10 passengers.

This year, the New York Coaching Club secured the participation of nine Whips (drivers), who brought their coaches and teams of horses to Newport, to drive along the roads of Aquidneck Island. There were drivers and teams from Canada, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and DDC Members Frances and Wayne Baker from Delaware (DDC Member Linda Thomas was one of the grooms for the Baker Coach). This is the second time the Bakers have participated in this prestigious event. The public is given a wonderful opportunity to get an up close look at each of the vehicles and teams, as well as hear details about the horses and history of each coach when they perform an exhibition on the back lawn of the Elms Mansion (which was built by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Julius Berwind of Philadelphia and New York. Mr. Berwind made his fortune in the coal business).

What is it like getting ready for an event of this magnitude? First you must receive an invitation from the New York Coaching Club. Then the preparation is like executing a Military operation. The Bakers had to coordinate everything from a massive amount of paperwork to packing a car, two trucks, two horse trailers, six horses, a Coach, two sets of four-in-hand harness, clothing for the whip, grooms, and passengers, and everything in between. Upon arrival at the stabling area, setup for the three days of driving begins—the Bakers had eight stalls (six for the horses, one for feed, and one for tack). Even though it is a tremendous amount of work, it was an amazing experience. There were many breeds of horses present, including Canadian Crossbreds, Dutch Warmbloods, Kladrubers, Andalusians, and Polo Ponies. And the whips (drivers) have unique backgrounds as well—two have received Gold Medals in combined driving, two were international lawyers, one was a state veterinarian from Canada, and one is the current President of the USEF. The public was enthralled watching the various coaches and horses. This is definitely an event to watch or participate in—the next Coaching Weekend will happen in 2025.



Coaching in Newport Weekend, cont.



Members Out and About



Judith Hartman & Claire Lacey



Bill and Liz Venditta and Don Stewart, Jr. ↑



← Claire Lacey at the Howard County Fair

↓ Jess Tanglao and Deb Dawkins with Jess' 4-in-hand



Members Out and About, 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:

Congratulations were sent to: Martha Zimmerman on acquiring a new equine family member named Belle. She is a 13 year old Haflinger Cross. Martha Duchnowski’s VSE named Jones 2 Grande 2 Boogie got his Hall of Fame in AMHR and his AMHR Register of Merit.

Thinking of You was sent to: Anna Klumpp is continuing to have some health problems and is back in the hospital. Shannon and David Gandee’s daughter Kristin is very ill. Kevin Wallis is back home after an extended period in a rehab facility.

Elizabeth Parris has moved and her new address is: 1048 West Baltimore Pike L104 Media, PA 19063



More Coaching Weekend in Newport Photos



Upcoming Events

Due to the Covid 19 virus, many events have been canceled for everyone's safety. Always call ahead to ensure an event is still scheduled to be held as many events have been cancelled or rescheduled.

- 9/4/22 RESCHEDULED DATE: Conesapalooza at Stafford carriage Driving in Franklinville, NJ. Additional information and registration materials are available at <http://www.staffordcarriagedriving.com/Stafford/Events.html> or email: ponydrivers@aol.com
- 9/8—11/22 MID-ATLANTIC RECREATIONAL DRIVE (MARD) - Fair Hill, MD
- 9/9-11/22 Villa Louis Carriage Classic in Prairie du Chien, WI Find more details at www.CarriageClassic.com
- 9/25/22 Delaware Equine Council's Membership Appreciation Ride and Drive at the Redden Forest (north of Georgetown, DE) **A DDC General Membership Meeting** will be held following this event
- 9/25/22 Buxmont 2022 Driving Show—the Judge is Jessica Axelsson For more information and a Prize List check out their website: www.buxmontridingclub.com
- 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
- 10/23/22 Teddy Bears Picnic at Fair Hill. Details to follow
- 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

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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
- 1/7/22 Sporting Day of Traditional Driving Discussion 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.

Fall Horse Care Checklist

Keep these 7 fall horse care essentials in mind as you plan your trips to the barn, veterinarian and farrier visits, and nutritional needs.

1. Monitor your horse's caloric intake—Fall is a transition period for your horse's diet. If you're driving more than you did in the sweltering summer, you'll need to increase your horse's calories to compensate for it. However, many horse owners reach a point during the fall when cold weather makes it unpleasant for driving. When that happens, you'll need to reduce your horse's feed to prevent them from gaining too much weight. Autumn is also an excellent opportunity to assess the type of horse feed you give your horse. Choosing feed that is rich in vitamins, minerals, fats, and proteins is critical since grass quality decreases in the fall.
2. Ensure they're up to date on deworming—Parasites have a relentless lifecycle, and their eggs often thrive in feces when the weather cools down. Since pasture grass usually becomes sparse in the fall, this could cause your horse's lips to come in contact with feces more frequently than they do during the summer. If your horse has a parasite infection, they eventually may display symptoms such as: Diarrhea, Colic, Skin sores, Weight loss—Talk to your veterinarian if your horse is showing signs of a parasite infection
3. Add more hay to their diet—Increasing hay to your horse's diet is critical during the fall since they have less fresh grass to eat. Furthermore, because there's less fresh grass, your horse might try eating plants that could upset their stomach. If you're trying to keep your horse's weight down, make sure to increase their hay by using grass hay. Otherwise, legume hay like alfalfa has a higher calorie content that could undo weight loss efforts. The American Association of Equine Practitioners recommends that horses consume 2 – 2.5% of their body weight in food per day. That means you should provide a 1,500-pound horse with 15 pounds of hay.
4. Ensure they have a clean bill of health -Your horse is adept at hiding any signs of discomfort or illness – so being in tune with any changes to their coat, teeth, hooves, habits, and mood are important. Make sure you put these care and maintenance must-do's on your list:
Sheath cleaning, Teeth floating, and Pulling your horse's shoes
Work with your veterinarian, trainer, and farrier to ensure the best care strategies for your horse and their unique needs. Based on the age, health, and fitness level of your horse, you should customize this list to meet your horse's needs.
5. Keep an eye out for laminitis—Laminitis can happen any time of year, but horses in the early stages of Cushing's Disease or with insulin resistance have an increased chance of getting this inflammatory disease in the fall. In fact as veterinarians know, ACTH, a hormone that increases the likelihood of laminitis, naturally increases in horses during the fall. Signs that there's an issue with your horse's hooves due to laminitis include:
Frequently laying down, Rings around the horse's hoof, A bulge in the hoof sole, Moving pressure onto their back legs
Keep an eye on your horse's feet, hooves, and behavior for any early signs of laminitis. Talk to your veterinarian and farrier about how to treat and prevent laminitis.
6. Check for barn or shelter for drafts -Autumn is the ideal time for you check your barn and outdoor sheds for drafty areas. Make sure you check these draft-prone areas:
Windows, Doors, and Roof
Although eliminating drafts is crucial for your horse's comfort, avoid making your barn or shed *too* airtight. Otherwise, your horse won't have access to fresh air, and it could cause respiratory problems.
7. Make gradual exercise changes—Pay attention to how your horse responds to any changes in exercise and scheduling. If your horse shows signs of not wanting to rdrive or seems agitated, these can be indicators your horse is not adjusting to schedule changes. Remember, like us, horses are creatures of habit – go slow with any changes. Regardless of how often you drive/ride your horse, ensuring they have access to some form of daily exercise is critical for the following reasons:
Supports bone and muscle development, Keeps them flexible, Aids with digestion, Improves their circulation, and Promotes joint health by keeping their joints limber



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