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From The Top

In case you missed the annual Club meeting here is a recap of a great evening. Please welcome the new board members. Exciting to move forward with this new group. Remember they are here for you so please contact any of us with thoughts, ideas, and of course a thank you never hurts....

I recognized several folks for their help over the last year. We had some great events last year for your participation as a driver or volunteer and learner at the educational events and a big thank you to all our volunteers.

The newsletter is a great source of information and Renie does an outstanding job keeping us all informed. Plus let's not forget we have a website that everyone can use and a webmaster Karen Marlin.

The club is coming up on 40 years. We are always excited to learn from the past and continue to look to the future. Our membership continues to grow with drivers and non drivers and we look to the future with our diverse membership. The club is in firm financial ground as you can follow with the treasurers monthly report in the newsletter.

We gave the Gerde award to Sue Dougherty. The By laws were pasted with a few spelling corrections that need to be done and it is a more present day document for this club.

There was a great drive at the Audubon on Sunday. It was a little chilly but a perfect sunny day for a drive.


Thanks to Taylor Bradish for her slide show presentation of her trip to the World Singles Championships in France. It was fun to see and hear about.

So, happy thanksgiving and enjoy the holiday season with friends, two legged and four legged, and look forward to a great new year.

Cheers, Peggy

The Holiday Games

Saturday, December 10th, @ 10 AM


The Holiday Games will be held in the Horse District this year. Starting at 10am we will meet in Winthrop Field (*corner of Mead & Sumter*), where you will have the opportunity to meander around for a bit showing off your Holiday Spirit. There will be a cones course to start the drive off. Then you will head out on a pre-marked drive through the horse district returning to Winthrop Field. **TRAILER PARKING is at Green Boundary field (corner of Whiskey & Mead)**

Drivers are encouraged to decorate their carriages & equines and wear festive holiday attire.

Awards for: Best Turnout & Most Holiday Spirit !

After the drive Lunch will be served at the home of Jennifer Blake, Two Trees Farm (*corner of Magnolia & Grace*). There will be a shuttle after "the Games" from the Green Boundary field trailer parking area for those who wish to attend. If you are not driving (a carriage) you may park your car on the road by TTF to attend the lunch.

Please RSVP on ADC website by Dec 5th

Let us know if you're Driving &/or Attending Lunch

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

highlighted items are ADC events

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT / RSVP	WHERE
DEC 2-4	ADS ANNUAL MEETING <i>[SEE INFO ON PG 7]</i>	ADS	SEATTLE, WA
DEC 3-4	GRAND OAKS SHORT FORMAT, USEF	USEF/ EVENT WEBSITE	WEIRSDALE, FL
DEC 4	CELIE WESTON CLINIC <i>[PG 4]</i>	TRACEY HIGGINS	WINDSOR, SC
DEC 10	ADC HOLIDAY GAMES & LUNCHEON <i>[FRONT PAGE]</i>	ADC WEBSITE	AIKEN, SC
DEC 13	ADC BOARD MEETING ALL WELCOME	PEGGY DILS	AIKEN, SC
2023			
JAN 8	ADC DERBY DRIVING #1 @ JUMPING BRANCH FARM <i>[SEE BACK PG]</i>	RENIE GILLIS	AIKEN, SC
JAN 10	ADC BOARD MEETING ALL WELCOME	PEGGY DILS	AIKEN, SC
JAN 12-15	NATURE COAST CDE & CT @ BLACK PRONG	ADS	BRONSON, FL
JAN 18	WT CONES DAY INFO: WINDSORTRACECDE.COM	LISA SINGER	WINDSOR, SC
JAN 21	GOLDEN DRIVING CT <i>[SEE PG 6]</i>	ADS/TAYLOR BRADISH	WINDSOR, SC
JAN 22	MARATHON CLINIC W/TAYLOR BRADISH @ BELLEHAVEN	ADS/TAYLOR BRADISH	WINDSOR, SC
JAN 23	ADC DERBY DRIVING #2 @ THE VISTA <i>[SEE BACK PG]</i>	RENIE GILLIS	AIKEN, SC
JAN 27-30	GRAND OAKS CDE	USEF/ EVENT WEBSITE	WEIRSDALE, FL
FEB 3-5	GRAND OAKS CLASSIC, CT & DERBY	ADS	WEIRSDALE, FL
FEB 8	WT CONTINUOUS DRIVE INFO: WINDSORTRACECDE.COM	LISA SINGER	WINDSOR, SC
FEB 10	BLACK PRONG DRESSAGE FESTIVAL	ADS	BRONSON, FL
FEB 13	ADC DERBY DRIVING #3 @ HIGHFIELDS <i>[SEE BACK PG]</i>	RENIE GILLIS	AIKEN, SC
FEB 14	ADC BOARD MEETING ALL WELCOME	PEGGY DILS	AIKEN, SC
FEB 18	GOLDEN DRIVING CT <i>[SEE PG 6]</i>	ADS/TAYLOR BRADISH	WINDSOR, SC
FEB 19	MARATHON CLINIC W/TAYLOR BRADISH @ ROSENTHAL'S	ADS/TAYLOR BRADISH	WAGENER, SC
FEB 26	ADC AUDUBON DRIVE <i>[DETAILS IN NEXT NEWSLETTER]</i>	ADC	JACKSON, SC
FEB 23-26	SPRING FLING CDE CAI 1,2,3*, CPEAI-PARA, ADV PONIES (ALL), ADV PAIR, PRELIM (ALL) CHAMPIONSHIPS	USEF/ EVENT WEBSITE	OCALA, FL
MAR 11	GOLDEN DRIVING CT <i>[SEE PG 6]</i>	ADS/TAYLOR BRADISH	WINDSOR, SC
MAR 12	MARATHON CLINIC W/TAYLOR BRADISH @ GREENFIELDS	ADS/TAYLOR BRADISH	WINDSOR, SC
MAR 14	ADC OPEN MEETING	PEGGY DILS	TBD
MAR 15-19	LIVE OAK INT CAI 2,3*, & CPEAI-Para, Adv 4's CH	USEF/ EVENT WEBSITE	OCALA, FL
MAR 27	ADC DERBY DRIVING FINAL @ TBD <i>[SEE BACK PG]</i>	RENIE GILLIS	TBD
APR 1	GOLDEN DRIVING CT <i>[SEE PG 6]</i>	ADS/TAYLOR BRADISH	WINDSOR, SC
APR 2	MARATHON CLINIC W/TAYLOR BRADISH @ BELLEHAVEN	ADS/TAYLOR BRADISH	WINDSOR, SC
APR 11	ADC BOARD MEETING ALL WELCOME	PEGGY DILS	AIKEN, SC
APR 14-16	AIKEN CARRIAGE CLASSIC @ HIGHFIELDS	ADS / ADC	AIKEN, SC
APR 19-23	KATYDID CDE @ TIEC CAI 1,2,3*, CPEAI-PARA	USEF/ EVENT WEBSITE	MILL SPRING, NC
MAY 6-7	KENTUCKY CLASSIC @ HILLCROFT CAI 1,2,3*	USEF/ EVENT WEBSITE	PARIS, KY
JUN 2-4	ELK CREEK HDT & CT	ADS	ELKTON, MD
SEP 20-24	TRYON FALL 1,2* INT (ALL CLASSES) CHAMPIONSHIPS	USEF	MILL SPRING, NC
OCT 6-9	GARDEN STATE, ADV SINGLE HORSE CHAMPIONSHIPS	USEF	ALLENTOWN, NJ

Board Meeting Minutes

November 7, 2022

In attendance: Peggy Dils, Karen Marlin, Ann Mitchell, Sue Dougherty, Carol Funderburgh, Jane Hostetter. Absent: Tim Novak

Minutes accepted as written.

Treasurer's report given and accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Kristin Whittington has offered ADC the use of her portable hazards (when they arrive from IN). Thank you Kristin!

December 10th will be our Christmas Games at Whitney field. Thank you Land Conservatory! Luncheon will be at Two Trees Farm (corner of Magnolia and Grace St.) There will be a shuttle after "the Games" from the Green Boundary Club where we will park trailers. If you are not driving you may park on the road.

Tracey Higgins is getting a clinic together with clinician Celie Weston in December.

Annual Meeting is Friday November 11th at Senior Center (the old Boots, Britches and Bridle) starting at 5:30. Social Hour 5:30 -6:15. Annual Meeting to start at 6; New Board announced, proxy for revised By-Laws to be signed. Gerde Award presented. Taylor Bradish will be our guest speaker.

Audubon Drive will be on Sunday the 13th with a drive off at 10:30

NEW BUSINESS:

Derbies for this winter are being organized by Peggy and Janelle.

Taylor Bradish will be having 4 CTs at her place on: January 21, 2023, February 18th, March 11th, April 1st.

Meeting Adjourned 6:40pm

Submitted by Jane Hostetter

Our sincere Thanks to Jane for her past years as our club Secretary.

Treasurers Report

November 7, 2022

The beginning checking account balance for the month of October 2022 was \$17,713.08. The ending checking account statement balance is \$19,356.60.

Deposits for the month totaled \$2,009.60. There were debits totaling \$366.08

There no outstanding checks. This gave the club an actual checkbook balance of \$19,356.60. Expenses for the month were for printing, duplicate membership payment and Annual Meeting.

Respectively submitted,

Karen Marlin

Year End Treasurers Report

November 10, 2022

For Fiscal Year Oct 1, 2021-Sep 30, 2022

The checking account balance for the start fiscal year was \$18,453.95. The balance at the end of the fiscal year was \$17,713.08. Income for the year was \$34,384.58 while expenses were \$34,251.17, giving the club a profit of \$133.41. Club income came from dues, and clinics & shows. Major expenses were for shows and clinics, purchase of a dressage ring and donations

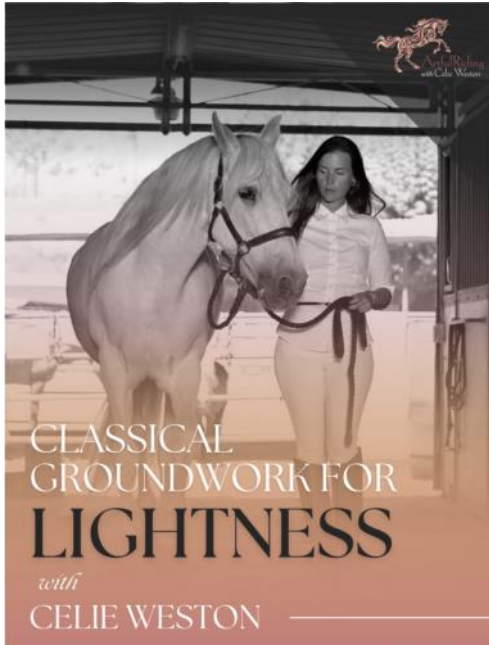
Respectfully Submitted Karen A. Marlin

NEW ADC MEMBERS

Welcome to Aiken Driving Club

Richard Connor of Windsor, SC

If you want/need contact info for a new member not in the club roster please get in touch with Ray Mansur.



Celie Weston Clinic

The ADC is supporting a demo and clinic at Tracey Higgins, Whippetree Farms on **Dec 4th from 9-12.**

Celie is a classical dressage trainer from Denmark and she will demonstrate her methods of ground work to achieve lightness in the bridle through biomechanics for better movement, relaxation and a calm demeanor.

Celie will do starter groundwork with Sherri's new Shetland pony. Then she will work with Muffy Seaton's horse on lateral movements and whip cues.

Club members Sherri Dolan, Tracey Higgins and Muffy have all been working with Celie. Muffy says: "At our first lesson, Juice did his usual Hackney look alike in the round pen with his head in the air and his tail over his back. Soon, though, he noticed

Celie just standing in the middle and he put his head down and came to her. Amazing!

Since then, in 6 lessons, he now can trot slowly with rhythm and balance with his head low and with a long neck. He can also canter on both leads at the end of just one horse length driving rein. He and I have learned to trust each other and he has built the correct muscles to help him balance. Truly amazing! I look forward to every time Celie comes to Aiken."

To sign up or for more info and a brochure please email Tracey, harnessroom@gmail.com. If you'd like to bring a horse for Celie to work with we may be able to accommodate that. BYO chairs and dress warmly! There will be a fire pit going! You can also find more info on Celie's website <http://artfulriding.com/>

From the Education Committee

The first club education afternoon focused on the many ways people could volunteer and be part of club events. Diane Wattson lead the group in a fun game to discuss what was involved in the different volunteer tasks. We hope to see some new club members come join in the fun of club events. Watch for a news blast on the next Education afternoon in January.

Information on new events not available at this time.



Aiken Driving Club's Annual Meeting Minutes November 11, 2022

Peggy opened the meeting at 6:02pm announcing we had a Quorum. There were no Minutes from 2021, as there was no meeting last year due to COVID. Treasurer's report given for 2021. Approved and accepted.

2023 will be the Club's 40th Anniversary!

Peggy gave a synopsis of 2022. Membership is growing and as of now we have 140 members.

Education has had great topics under the leadership of Deb Bevan and her committee. She would like input from members as to new topics you would like to have.

We had 2 Audubon Drives, some CTs and a very successful Pleasure Show under the leadership of Katy Rhinehart, Breakfast drive at Vista, drive in the woods and great clinics. Plus very successful BBQ gatherings this summer.

We were a Sponsor for Windsor Trace CDE. A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS!!!!!!
Peggy reminded the members that they need to RSVP to events by the deadline date.

NEW BUSINESS:

The new Board that was elected:

President – Peggy Dils

Vice President -Tracey Turner

Treasurer – Karen Marlin

Secretary – Susan Gregorio

Members at Large – Sue Dougherty, Carol Funderburgh, Mick Burke.

Judy Chamberlain made a motion to accept the revised By-Laws. Seconded.

Rebecca Gutierrez announced that all ADS members are welcome to come to her office on December 3rd and 4th to watch the ADS Annual Meeting via Zoom. Please RSVP to her.

Peggy gave a big thanks to Joe Roosa, Tim Novak and Carl Zimmerman for helping with putting up and taking down Portable hazards for the Derbies.

There will be 4 CTs at Taylor Bradish's over the winter.

There will be 3 derbies this winter that will be at different venues.

Taylor Bradish gave a wonderful presentation about her experience at the World Driving event in France with videos of her dressage, hazards and cones tests. She thanked ADC members for their support and encouragement.

Peggy presented Sue Dougherty with the Gerde Award.

Adjourned 7:15pm

Submitted by Jane Hostetter

Our sincere THANKS to Jane for her service as our Secretary!



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Club Membership & Newsletter Info

Membership Applications are available on the website, www.AikenDrivingClub.com You can also print the form and mail it in. When you print yours out for renewal make a few extra copies. They are great to have on hand so you can invite old and new friends to join us.

Newsletter Deadlines *Deadline for articles, photos and classified ads is the 20th of each month. Photos must be sent by email in ".JPG" format with name/s of persons and if possible the name of the horse(s). Include photo releases when required.*

Classified Ads *Classified ads for ADC members are free and will run for 3 months unless otherwise noted. Business Card ads are \$100 Yr. Non-members may place ads for \$25 (will run for 3 months). Check can be mailed to Aiken Driving Club, PO Box 271, Aiken, SC 29802, please note what check is for.*

Submissions Send all submissions to: Renie Gillis ponylady2017@gmail.com ?? Call 803-646-1175

Past issues of our Newsletter can be found online at www.AikenDrivingClub.com

**Join the ADS Annual Meeting Watch Party
on December 3rd and 4th
and watch the Meeting via Zoom.
If you are pre-registered with the ADS you can VOTE too!!!**

Please RSVP by Dec 1st to Renie at ponylady2017@gmail.com or 803-646-1175 (call or text)

Here's how it will work . . .

1. WHAT Whoever wants to attend the ADS Annual meeting Via ZOOM needs to register for the Zoom event on the ADS website even though you won't actually be logging in from your personal computer to watch. This way the ADS has a record of everyone who signs up and is expected to be voting. Rebecca will also have a sign-in sheet so she can compare who registered with who actually attended. If you don't have the ability to sign up online, you can call Abbie or Stacy at ADS to register with them. The Zoom participation is Free.

2. WHERE Keller Williams Aiken Partners, 237 Park Ave SW, Suite 101, Aiken - The office is on the ground floor of "The Mill", an office building at the corner of Park Ave and Laurens across from the historic Post Office/the building with the dome. There is a parking lot in front.

3. WHEN Broadcast Schedule: *[Eastern Time, the times posted on the ADS website are Pacific Time]*

Sat - Dec 3rd

1:30-3:00 pm Equine Sports Psychology

4:00-7:00 pm ADS Annual Meeting

Sun - Dec 4th

11:00 2:00 pm ADS Board of Directors Meeting *(open to all members)*

The Keller Williams conference room has two large TV screens and can seat at least 40 people. It will be set up classroom style in rows with tables so people can take notes.

There will be pizza provided by ADC. So sign up early and tell Renie what type of pizza you prefer. Soda & Water will also be available.



FREE [2022 ADS Annual Meeting Zoom Registration](#). Complete the [FREE registration to receive the Zoom login](#) (Although we wish everyone could attend in-person, this option is for those members who will only participate in the Annual Meeting of Members on December 3 and/or the ADS Board of Directors Meeting on December 4 via Zoom)

[Registration is required before Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 9:00 AM](#)

The ADS needs at least 100 members signed up to meet a "Quorum", Sign up now and show your support for the ADS.



2023 ADC Derby Driving Challenge

Derby Driving Qualifiers: #1: Jan 8, #2: Jan 23, #3: Feb 13, **Final:** by invitation, Mar 27.

Divisions: Training (walk/trot only), Preliminary (any pace/open to all). Marathon - type obstacles will have 5 gates. All divisions drive all gates. **Classes:** VSE, Small Pony, Pony, Horse **Turnouts:** Single, Pair, Multiple

This years Derby Series will take place at different venues. Competitors will be grouped depending on Division & Class. Competition will consist of 2 rounds; first round driven in posted order, second round will be in reverse order of standing.

Health Requirements: Current Coggins within 12 months; Flu/Rhino within 6 months; Interstate Health Certificate for all out of state horses; Pony measurement card for all ponies and VSE's.

Once you have entered a Derby you may request that the secretary reuse all valid Forms for subsequent Derbies [*saving paper*]. Releases for each venue will need to be signed. Secretary: Renie Gillis, PO Box 12, Windsor, SC 29856. or Drop off: 3050 Restoration Lane, Windsor.

Awards: Champion, Reserve Champion and Third for all divisions and classes; Athletes are eligible to accumulate points at each of the Qualifier Competitions. The top 3 totals will be counted towards the final placing. The top 3 Training and top 4 Preliminary athletes in each class will be eligible to compete in the Final Derby Driving Competition on March 27, 2023.

Derby #1 Sunday, Jan 8th at Jumping Branch Farm. 179 Fox Pond Rd, Aiken, SC 29801 Entry fee: \$70 Late fee: \$25 USE ADS ENTRY FORM Competition will start at 1PM. Entries Open: Now. Entries Close: Monday Jan 2nd. Directions: Montmorenci Rd to Fox Pond Rd, follow ADC signs to trailer parking area.

Derby #2 Monday, Jan 23rd at The Vista. 859 Old Tory Trail, Aiken, SC 29801 Entry fee: \$70 Late fee: \$25 USE ADS ENTRY FORM Competition will start at 1PM. Entries Open: Now. Entries Close: Monday Jan 16th.

Derby #3 Monday, Feb 13th at Highfields, 118 Gaston St, NE, Aiken, SC 29801 Entry fee: \$70 Late fee: \$25 USE ADS ENTRY FORM Competition will start at 1PM. Entries Open: Now. Entries Close: Monday Feb 6th.

Final Mar 27th, location TBD, Details to follow