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RECOGNIZED CHAPTER

***From The Top***

Happy New Year everyone. For those just joining our club, welcome and to our regulars thank you for being part of the Aiken Driving Club. Keep an eye on the calendar for upcoming events as there are a lot of things listed. So, hang on to your socks and keep driving. Checking the calendar is the key and then reading the blurb about the event . . . and don't forget to check out the club website for updated info.



Everyone is working hard to offer fun things to do . . . and of course if you aren't driving you can always volunteer.

May your new year be Happy and Healthy and Safe for you and your four legged ones.

*Cheers, Peggy*

**Current Covid Protocol**  
**for ADC Sponsored Events**

The ADC Board of directors makes the following recommendations at the present time for Covid protocol. As we are concerned for all our membership and hope you are concerned for each other.

The CDC recommends wearing face coverings if you are not fully vaccinated against Covid.

Our event sponsors, land owners and members putting on club sponsored events may have more specific requirements that you must take into consideration as you are a guest on their property. Please take note in the description of each event. Any special requirements will be noted.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*highlighted items are ADC events*

DATE	EVENT NAME	CONTACT or RSVP	WHERE
JAN 8	DRESSAGE FIX-A-TEST W/JUDGE: SHELLY TEMPLE	HARNESROOM@GMAIL.COM	WINDSOR, SC
JAN 12	<b>ADC CT 1 @ BELLEHAVEN FARM [PG 3]</b>	<b>ADC / RENIE GILLIS</b>	<b>WINDSOR, SC</b>
JAN 14-16	NATURE COAST CT & CDE @ BLACK PRONG	ADS / JENNIFER MATHESON	BRONSON, FL
JAN 19	<b>ADC EDU-EVENT [PG 3]</b>	<b>ADC / DEBBIE BEVAN</b>	<b>WINDSOR, SC</b>
JAN 23	<b>ADC DRIVING DERBY 1 @ HIGHFIELDS [PG 3]</b>	<b>ADS / ADC PEGGY DILS</b>	<b>AIKEN, SC</b>
JAN 26-30	GRAND OAKS CDE	USEF	WEIRSDALE, FL
FEB 4-6	GRAND OAKS CLASSIC CT & DERBY	ADS	WEIRSDALE, FL
FEB 6	<b>ADC DRIVING DERBY 2 @ HIGHFIELDS [PG 3]</b>	<b>ADS / ADC PEGGY DILS</b>	<b>AIKEN, SC</b>
FEB 9	WINDSOR TRACE CONTINUOUS DRIVE	LISA SINGER	CHATEAU LOG
FEB 11-13	BLACK PRONG DRESSAGE FESTIVAL @ BLACK PRONG	ADS / JENNIFER MATHESON	BRONSON, FL
FEB 17	<b>ADC CT 2 @ BELLEHAVEN FARM CANCELED</b>		
FEB 18-20	SPRING FLING CDE @ FL HORSE PARK	USEF	Ocala, FL
FEB 22	WINDSOR TRACE CONES DAY	LISA SINGER	CHATEAU LOG
FEB 28	<b>ADC DRIVING DERBY 3 @ HIGHFIELDS [PG 3]</b>	<b>ADS / ADC PEGGY DILS</b>	<b>AIKEN, SC</b>
MAR 3-6	LIVE OAK INTERNATIONAL CDE	USEF	Ocala, FL
MAR 12	WINDSOR TRACE CT	ADS / LISA SINGER	WINDSOR, SC
MAR 17	<b>ADC CT 3 @ BELLEHAVEN FARM CANCELED</b>		
MAR 18-20	BLACK PRONG CT & CDE @ BLACK PRONG	ADS / JENNIFER MATHESON	BRONSON, FL
MAR 27	<b>ADC DRIVING DERBY FINALS @HIGHFIELDS [PG 3]</b>	<b>ADS / ADC PEGGY DILS</b>	<b>AIKEN, SC</b>
APR 8-10	SO PINES CT & CDE @ CAROLINA HORSE PARK	ADS	RAEFORD, NC
APR 16-17	<b>AIKEN CARRIAGE CLASSIC [PG 7]</b>	<b>ADC / KATY RHINEHART</b>	<b>AIKEN, SC</b>
APR 20-24	KATYDID CDE @ TIEC	USEF / TIEC	MILL SPRING, NC
MAY 5-8	THE SOUTHERN DRIVE @ GRAND OAKS RESORT	GRAND OAKS	WEIRSDALE, FL
MAY 6-8	CARRIAGE CLASSIC IN THE PINES @ BIG SKY FARM	ADS	So PINES, NC
JUN 2-5	KENTUCKY CLASSIC CDE @ HERMITAGE	USEF	GOSHEN, KY
JUN 3-5	ELK CREEK CT & CDE @ FAIR HILL	ADS	ELKTON, MD
AUG 19-21	METAMORA CDE / ADS PRELIMINARY CHAMPIONSHIPS	ADS	METAMORA, MI
SEP	TRYON CDE @ TIEC	USEF	MILL SPRING, NC
SEP 29/OCT 2	CLAY STATION CDE / ADS INTERMEDIATE CHAMPIONSHIPS	ADS	WILTON, CA
OCT 6-9	GARDEN STATE CDE	USEF	ALLENTOWN, NJ
Nov	<b>ADC ANNUAL MEETING</b> <b>SAVE THE DATE</b>		<b>TBD</b>

## Windsor Trace CDE Fund Raising Events:

Feb 9th Continuous Drive. Feb 22nd Cones Day. Mar 12th ADS CT. Details and Entry info for Continuous Drive & Cones Day can be found on **Windsor Trace CDE** facebook page. ADS CT info can be found in the ADS Omnibus.

## Jan 8th Dressage Fix-A-Test

Judge: Shelly Temple. For details see the Nov 13th post on Facebook by The Harness Room. Or contact by email harnessroom@gmail.com

### ADC Schooling CT @ Bellehaven Farm, 494 Pine Acres Rd, Windsor

**Wednesday, 12th Jan Entry Fee: \$50 Entries Close Jan 7th Judge: Lisa Singer**

Use ADS entry form, send entries to: Renie Gillis, PO Box 12, Windsor, SC 29856 (mail or drop off at 3050 Restoration Lane). Please make sure to note any "sharing", we will do our best to make it work. Schedules will be emailed to drivers on Sat., Jan 8th.

Due to a typo in the last newsletter there was some confusion on the closing date. It is FRIDAY January 7th. No refunds after closing. Helmets are required. A minimum of 13 entries is required for this event to happen. So . . . Get your entries in ASAP and join in the fun.

Trailer parking is limited, Trailer-Ins please contact Ronda (747-266-533) about parking prior to the event.

Volunteers are needed, please contact Ronda at the above number.

CTs #2 & 3 have been cancelled . . . **Thursday, 17th Feb: Cancelled** **Thursday, 17th Mar: Cancelled:**

Membership in Aiken Driving Club and vaccination against COVID are requirements.

### From the Edu-Committee

**Next Edu-Afternoon Topic** **Ways to improve your cones driving. January 19th at 2PM**, at Lisa Singer's, Chateau Log Sud Farm, 1070 Curb Chain Lane, Windsor. Lisa will help you to analyze a cones course for a combined driving or pleasure show. She will share driving techniques and how to improve your cones driving. Bring your own chair. See *ADC Club Covid Protocol on page 1*.

### Aiken Driving Club Driving Derby Challenge

A Series of 4 Derby's with the 4th a Finals Highfields Event Center, 198 Gaston Rd, Aiken, SC

1-	1/23/2022	1:00 pm	EO 12/15/2021	EC 1/15/2022
2-	2/6/2022	1:00 pm	EO 12/15/2021	EC 1/24/2022
3-	2/28/2022	1:00 pm	EO 12/15/2021	EC 2/14/2022
Finals	3/27/2022	1:00 pm	EO <i>By Invitation</i>	EC 3/14/2022

**Divisions:** Training (Walk/Trot Only) Preliminary (Open to All)

**Classes:** VSE, Small Pony, Pony, Horse

**Turnouts:** Single, Pair, Multiple

**Entry Fee:** \$75 (an additional \$20 Late Fee for any entries received after closing date)

Current Coggins, Flu/Rhino within 6 months, Interstate Health certificate for all out of state horses.

See ADS Omnibus listing for full details. Use ADS Entry Form.

Competition will start at 1PM. Marathon - type obstacles will have 5 gates. All Divisions will drive ALL gates.

*Tailgating is encouraged, come out and cheer for your favorite "Team"*

**Sponsorships are available for each Derby**

Contact Peggy Dils for details if you are interested in sponsoring a Derby

Our sincerest THANKS go out to the folks at *The Hitch & Tow*. They did a terrific job servicing our club trailer.



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## NEW ADC MEMBERS

### *Welcome to Aiken Driving Club*

Sherman Bixby and Peggy Fairfield of Windsor (new)  
Brenley, Ben and Nola Langston of Windsor (new)  
Cathy and Harry Brock of Windsor (renewal)  
Wendy and Bobby Manos of Gilbert SC (renewal)  
Jacqui Richie of Wagener (new)  
Denise Stephens of Aiken (new)  
Diane Wattson of Windsor (new)  
Cathi Grove of Aiken (new)

*If you want/need contact info for a new member please get in touch with Ray Mansur.*



## NEW HERITAGE FARM CARRIAGES



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## Club Membership

Membership applications are available on the website, [www.AikenDrivingClub.com](http://www.AikenDrivingClub.com) 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 e-mail as a 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*

## Submissions

Send all submissions to: Renje Gillis  
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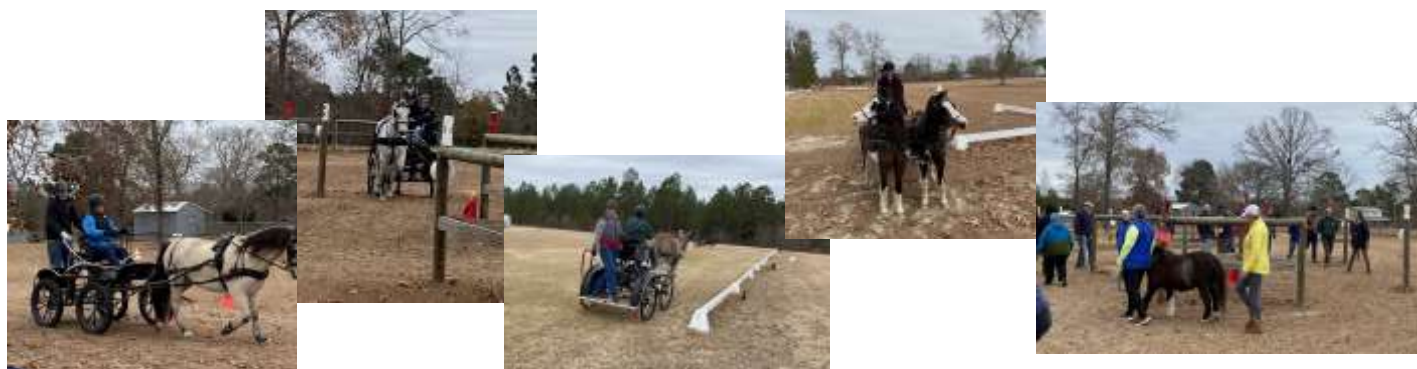
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## Christmas Drive

It was fun to watch all the festively decorated carriages and drivers head out on the course. The volunteers said they had great fun asking their questions and listening to the laughter and answers as the drivers gained points along the way. We had a 4-way tie for top placing on the Fun Drive. With Teri Merry, Judy Chamberlin/Kim Allen, Judy Portmann and Cheryl Rivers all earning 35 points.

The cones course placings were as follows: *1st* Laurel Pyatt, *2nd* Sarah Relyea, *3rd* Cheryl Rivers Pratt. And the *Most Fun went to*: Judith Stanton.



## DERBY CLINIC AT BELLEHAVEN

On December 7th, John and I hosted a beginning derby driving clinic here at our farm in Windsor. Muffy Seaton was the clinician. It was a great learning experience for the drivers as well as several auditors. Muffy not only volunteered her time but organized the well-attended clinic. It began with a meeting where Muffy gave the attendees copies of the rules, discussed the particulars then a 'group course walk'. Drivers hitched and drove the course 2 times, with some coaching by Muffy between goes. The drives were timed and most improved their times on the 2nd go.

Many drivers were sharing their route ideas, as well as what they learned driving this course and how this experience will help them with future derbies. It was a fun day sharing our driving sport.

The course consisted of 8 sets of cones and 2 obstacles gated A-D. Cones 1-3 then 4 was the obstacle, then cones 5-7 with 8 being the 2nd obstacle ending with cones 9 and 10 and the finish.

The format is a simple and fun one. The cones were set at 175cm with balls. Muffy did a great job gating the obstacles all owing for some tight and flowing routes. Being able to drive 2 times with coaching in between was a great learning tool.

I want to thank Muffy for graciously volunteering her time and efforts to putting this together. Also to all the helpers, Evelyn Grau, Sarah Relyea, Diane Mansur as well as Debbie Bevin, Gretchen Schmidt and Diane Wattson for bringing food. John made Chili!

Thank you all for attending and making this a success. Ronda

**Pleasure Driving:**

249c: update to Penalties in High Point Competition chart.

249.2:

- Time to be recorded when an obstacle is dislodged or when the rear axel clears Obstacle #6. Points accumulated to that point count.
- For a disobedience or for going off course, points accumulated to that point count; however, no time will be recorded.
- Two points given for each set of obstacles cleared. No points given for dislodged obstacles.
- Placings determined on a high-point basis. Placings determined by points in descending order, with ties for points broken by fastest time. Penalties have been updated.

250.1 Clarifying and defining language added to Fault competitions.

250.3 Pleasure Driving Combined Test (Officials requirements added to PD-A) The score for any ADS Dressage Test may be combined with the score for a Fault Obstacle class (250.2.2) for the scoring of a Pleasure Driving Combined Test.

- a. The Dressage Test - requires a judge with an ADS Dressage License or an ADS Combined Driving License.
- b. The Fault Obstacle Class - requires a judge with an ADS Pleasure Driving license or a competition knowledgeable person for classes with fewer than 30 entries.
- c. Unless otherwise published in the Omnibus, the same vehicle is to be used in Dressage and Cones.
- d. Width of Cones Obstacles - see Article 238.2 & 238.3
- e. Ties in Pleasure Combined Test determined by Dressage score.

**Combined Driving:**

900.3: The Period of Jurisdiction has changed with an On-Site Preparation Period having been defined.

**928.1.7: At any ADS Recognized Event that is GOVERNED BY THE COMBINED DRIVING RULES, during cones all persons on the vehicle must wear a helmet. Penalty is elimination.**

940.3.3 Only one sort of bit lifter per Horse/Pony may be used at one time.

942.7: Infringement of Safety Rules may result in a Yellow Warning Card being issued.

947.4 At ADS Recognized Events, starter declarations must be made to the Organizing Committee.

960.2.7: Two-Section Marathon speeds were adjusted.

960.7: A Cool Down Area option was added to the end of Section B (964.5.2: in the Cool Down Area, only Grooms may walk beside the Carriage).

962.1: Marathon Course inspection and approval shortened to 48 hours.

962.3.7: No horse may be taken inside any part of an obstacle after it is officially gated by the course designer.

963: Controlled Warm-up language added.

965.7.1: The Athlete will be timed from the moment when any part of the turnout crosses between the entry flags until any part of the turnout passes between the exit flags from the correct direction. Once the clock has stopped, no further penalties from that Obstacle can be incurred and the turnout must leave the Obstacle.

**972.1.2: Size-adjusted arenas for VSEs in cones will no longer be offered.**

973.2: Removed Closed Multiple Obstacles in cones courses.

973.6.1: Plan of Cones Course must be made available two hours before the start of the Competition for each class.

973.7.1: Course must be open for inspection at least one hour and forty-five minutes before the start of the competition.

A 15-minute window must occur between end of inspection and first start. Only Chefs d'Equipe, athletes and one accompanying person per athlete at a time are allowed to inspect the course.

974.1: Cones width changed for Advanced Four-In-Hand Horse to 185cm and for Advanced Four-In-Hand Pony to 160cm.

**974.1.2: (Cones) The width of up to five single obstacles may be reduced by 5 cm for Pairs and Four-in-Hand classes, and up to 10 single obstacles may be reduced by 5cm for Single classes.**

**It is your responsibility to know the rules for the type of competition you are attending.  
Please check the 2022 ADS & USEF Rulebooks for any rule changes that may affect you.**

## Aiken Carriage Classic and Dressage 2022

The Aiken Driving Club will again host the Carriage Classic at Highfields in Aiken on **April 16-17, 2022**. The divisions will be Open Horse, Open Pony, VSE, Multiples (more than 1 horse), Novice Horse or Pony and Junior Driver. There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion in each division. The Gaston Stable Award will be judged throughout the weekend with the criteria of Elegance and Sportsmanship.

Division classes are Turnout, Working, Reinsmanship, Gambler's Choice, Reverse Psychology and Cross Country Obstacles. A driver must compete and complete each class to be eligible for the Championships and Reserve Championships.

The Aiken Carriage Classic will be holding a silent auction starting on Friday and ending Saturday evening at the Gaston Stables. Kim Allen and Peggy Keeler are in charge of the auction. There will be a social hour and evening meal on Saturday at the Gaston Stables. All club members, volunteers, drivers and friends will enjoy a catered meal with a tour of the facility included for the price of \$35.

The event will include dressage on Saturday morning for two hours before the start of the pleasure show portion. The tests will be ADS Training A, Preliminary A and Intermediate A. The committee wants to encourage anyone eligible for the ADS Centennial Club to take advantage of the special pricing of \$50, regular dressage tests are \$60. Space is very limited, so get your entries in early. This price includes the trailer-in fee if you are not participating in the pleasure show. Trailer in fee for the day is \$15 or \$25 for the weekend. Watch for more details coming in future newsletters but all information is in the ADS Omnibus or online at the ADS website. Prize lists will be available in February. Our judge will be Kail Palmer Miller and the TD, Jim Thomas. This event will be run within the current ADS rules and Covid protocol.

## Steeplechase Drive planning in the works

Tracey Higgins tells me a Steeplechase drive is in the planning stage . . . All in the club are invited. We will be able to park and put to in the stabling area. There will be special parking away from the racehorses. Then instead of just going around the track and leaving she has arranged for use to have a picnic area near the track. So everyone can pack lunches and drinks or we can have a caterer do box lunches for a fee. We can stay hitched and watch a few races and leave at will. If a horse is misbehaving it can be unhitched and go in its trailer leaving the carriage in the line up.

All (safe!) carriages are welcome but we ask that each be turned out as if you were doing standing presentation or a pleasure show. Everyone must have someone with them dressed appropriately and capable of rendering assistance if needed. If unable to take a passenger a ground person will suffice. Anyone deemed unsafe will be excused.

Spectators will be able to come over and see the horses and carriages up close and ask questions. Great publicity for ADC and carriage driving.

Drivers who are interested in participating are asked to contact Tracey Higgins for more information. Tracey can be contacted at [harnessroom@gmail.com](mailto:harnessroom@gmail.com)



**Services for John Judson Paul** [12/19/33 ~ 11/26/21] will be held on Thursday, Jan 13th at 10:30am. All Saints Episcopal Church, 305 Williston Rd, Beech Island, SC 29842. Dottie requests in-lieu of flowers a donation to Aiken Equine Rescue.

Our condolences go out to Dottie. We all miss John very much.



RIP Melanie Brooker. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Lee Worsham in the passing of his wife and fellow club member Melanie Brooker. Melanie passed away peacefully in her sleep the morning of December 8th after a courageous battle with cancer.



## Classified Ads

**FOR SALE** Practically New! Black Essential Comfort Plus Presentation Harness. cob size, padded breast collar, breeching, stainless steel, slot end traces, wrap style over girth with regular tugs, French tugs with regular over girth. Patent on saddle, breeching, breast collar, winkers, martingale. Two sizes of winker braces and blinders to accommodate regular bit or large ring/long purchase bit. Used approximately 10 times. Meticulously stored and cleaned. Was \$2200 new, Asking \$1595. Contact Bonnie Fahrner 803-669-1636 bfhh@bellsouth.net 3/1

**FOR SALE** *Price just reduced to \$7200* Gorgeous cob sized presentation carriage! 2014 Bird in Hand Phaeton Sport with all the extras in dark blue with silver pinstripe. Pristine condition and always stored indoors. Removable Dickie seat and basket with custom platform. Lamps also available. Ready to go to CDE or Pleasure show. Weight 400lbs, with dickie seat on 425lbs. Import costs have gone up again, get a nice vehicle for less \$\$\$ Located in Windsor, SC. Contact: www.theharnessroom.com Tracey 908-391-5851 3/2

**FOR SALE** 2015 WCC large pony marathon carriage. Refurbished in 2020 with new parts from Poland under Bob Cook's direction. \$4100 without shafts, \$4400 with stationary chrome shafts. Stored under cover and kept in excellent condition. Contact: ga.wells2010@gmail.com 3/3