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From The Top

Wishing you and your equine partners (and your people partners too!) all the best in 2023. Check out the calendar for up coming events, there's a lot going on. Reach out to a new member and introduce yourself. Call a friend and organize a fun drive or get together. Keep up the great volunteering. Let's Get Driving in 2023.

Cheers, Peggy

Fellow Club Member Wins a Prestigious Award

At the December ADS Annual Meeting our very own Mickie Bowen was awarded the ADS's highest award of **ADS Emeritus Official**. This is a very small select group of terrific people who have donated their time and efforts to the ADS over and over. I've had the wonderful opportunity to know them all, to be judged by them, and especially to have learn from them. I hope you've had the opportunity to learn from them too!

With the help of several ADC members Mickie was tricked into stopping by the end of the ADS ZOOM meeting gathering. ADS Pres Dan Rosenthal and Shelly Temple made the presentation. Reach out to Mickie next time you see her and congratulate her. This is a high honor and well deserved.

Emeritus Status Guidelines:

Officials that retire from active officiating can be considered for this high honor by the ADS Licensed Officials Committee based on their length of service and feedback on performance, as well as their other service and contributions to the ADS such as serving as ADS Officers or Board Members, chairing or serving on committees, mentoring learners, teaching ADS clinics, and assisting with educational material for ADS use.

ADS Emeritus Officials List:

Leslie Kosely

Judd Wright

Natasha Grigg

Tom Hilgenberg

Audrey Bostwick

Jean Kinsella

Mickie Bowen



To celebrate (the best) tiny cakes and champagne were provided by club president Peggy Dils.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

highlighted items are ADC events

DATE	EVENT	CONTACT / RSVP	WHERE
JAN 8	ADC DERBY DRIVING #1 @ JUMPING BRANCH FARM [SEE PG 4]	RENIE GILLIS	AIKEN, SC
JAN 10	ADC BOARD MEETING ALL WELCOME @ KAREN MARLIN'S	PEGGY DILS	AIKEN, SC
JAN 12-15	NATURE COAST CDE & CT @ BLACK PRONG	ADS	BRONSON, FL
JAN 18	CONES DAY @ WINDSOR TRACE	LISA SINGER	WINDSOR, SC
JAN 21	GOLDEN DRIVING CT	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	RENIE GILLIS	AIKEN, SC
JAN 25	ADC EDU-EVENT [SEE PG 3]	DEBBIE BEVAN	WINDSOR, 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	CONTINUOUS DRIVE @ WINDSOR TRACE	LISA SINGER	WINDSOR, SC
FEB 10	BLACK PRONG DRESSAGE FESTIVAL	ADS	BRONSON, FL
FEB 13	ADC DERBY DRIVING #3 @ HIGHFIELDS	RENIE GILLIS	AIKEN, SC
FEB 14	ADC BOARD MEETING ALL WELCOME	PEGGY DILS	AIKEN, SC
FEB 18	GOLDEN DRIVING CT	ADS/TAYLOR BRADISH	WINDSOR, SC
FEB 19	MARATHON CLINIC W/TAYLOR BRADISH @ ROSENTHAL'S	ADS/TAYLOR BRADISH	WAGENER, SC
FEB 26	ADC AUDUBON DRIVE & POT LUCK LUNCH	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	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	RENIE GILLIS	TBD
APR 1	GOLDEN DRIVING CT	ADS/TAYLOR BRADISH	WINDSOR, SC
APR 2	MARATHON CLINIC W/TAYLOR BRADISH @ BELLEHAVEN	ADS/TAYLOR BRADISH	WINDSOR, SC
APR 7-9	So PINES CDE & CT	ADS	RAEFORD, NC
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

The 2023 ADS Annual Meeting will be held in Aiken

CLUB NEWS

BOARD MEETING MINUTES DECEMBER 2022

Peggy called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Those present: Peggy Dils, Carol Funderburgh, Karen Marlin, Sue Dougherty, Susan Gregorio

Minutes from November 14, 2022 meeting approved with 2 corrections.

Karen provided the December 2022 Treasurer's Report. Beginning checking account balance for November 2022 was \$19,356.60. The ending checking account balance is \$17,517.82. Deposits for the month totaled \$680.33. Debits totaled \$2,519.11. There were no outstanding checks. Expenses for the month included printing, duplicate membership payment, Tack Sale and the Annual Meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Christmas Drive was canceled due to poor weather which affected the roads in town.

NEW BUSINESS:

Gaston Livery will have a holiday open house on 12/18/22 featuring Christmas decor.

Gerde Museum will be open until 12/22/22 in conjunction with Christmas Lights at Hopeland Gardens.

Membership booklet for 2023 has been published and is out for distribution.

Driving derby dates have been chosen and will be going forward.

ADC Trailer is at Peggy's and needs organization.

February Drive will be held at Audubon on February 26, 2023. There will be a potluck lunch. Please bring a dish to share and bring a chair. The cost is \$25.

Education: Taylor will present a workshop on Presentation and Janelle will present a workshop regarding proper harness fit. There will also be a presentation by Clemson regarding pasture management.

Suggestions for upcoming educational opportunities were Sport Psychology presentation and a Pleasure Show refresher. Dates and info to follow.

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Sue Dougherty suggested that the club provide a "generic" ribbon as Driving Derby awards.

There is a need for an ADC liaison to provide information for the ADS Southeast region regarding club activities. The club is seeking a volunteer for this position.

The Christmas lunch was enjoyed by those in attendance. Thank you to Peggy for organizing this event. Peggy reported that there were a number of "NO SHOWS" for the luncheon and the club had already paid for these lunches. A reminder to all club members to respond by the RSVP date and be mindful of the cost of the event per attendee if you are unable to attend.

The next board meeting will be on January 10th at 6:00 p.m. at Karen Marlin's.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Susan Gregorio

Treasurer's Report December 2022

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Respectively submitted,
Karen Marlin

Welcome to New (and renewals) ADC Members



Received after 2023 membership brochure was in print:

Kathryn Doetzel of Greenville, SC (renewal)
Robyn Fahnle and family of Gray Court, SC (renewal)
Janet Fram of Aiken (New member)
Robin Kroc of Brunswick, ME (new member)
Lara Smithson of Clover, SC (renewal)
Brooke Tadlock of Aiken (new member)
Ruth Ann and David Adam of Aiken (new members)



Correction to November newsletter:

Richard Cooper a returning former member erroneously listed as Richard Connor – apologies to Richard

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

EVENT INFORMATION

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

From the Education Committee

Mark your calendar for the next club educational afternoon.

January 25 . . . Taylor Bradish will share her Tips and Tricks for presenting a Winning Horse. She will talk about how to get your horse in tip top shape from feeding, grooming, clipping and braiding. Before being an active FEI competitor Taylor groomed for 4NHand and pair drivers. If you want to get your equine ready for your next photo opp, a Pleasure Show, CDE or just to have a pretty pasture ornament, her information will help.

WHEN: January 25th
WHERE: At Taylor's. 308 Bairwood Rd. Windsor, SC
TIME: 3:00-4:30pm
Bring your own chair

February Club Drive

Will be held at Audubon on February 26. There will be a potluck lunch. Drive off at 10:00 am and Lunch at 12:00pm. Please bring a dish to share and bring a chair. The cost is \$25 per turnout (additional donations to the Audubon are always accepted).



Club Membership & Newsletter Info

Membership applications are available on the website, 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 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

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

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The Aiken Driving Club is looking for a person who would like to be the ADC contact for the American Driving Society Southeast representative. You would report the quarterly happenings of our club, along with a picture or two (?) to the SE representative so that she may include that info in the Whips regional news section.

That information can be gathered from your attendance at an ADC event, ADC newsletter listing, ADC website or by speaking to someone who attended an ADC event.

We know the perfect person is out there! We need you!

Contact Sue Dougherty at pauldougherty@att.net.

Organizational Skills Needed

The club storage trailer is in dire need of reorganization. If you would like to help on this project please contact Peggy Dils. The trailer is currently located in Aiken.



IN THE NEWS *FEI, USEF & ADS*



Excerpts from the US Equestrian News . . . Virginia Tech Helmet Lab Releases Equestrian Helmet Ratings.

Blacksburg, Va. – On Dec. 7, the Virginia Tech Helmet Lab released the results of its first-ever rating of equestrian helmets.

If a rider's head hits the ground in a fall, their helmet can determine whether the rider makes it through without an injury. That's why the Helmet Lab wanted to determine which helmets perform better than others. Of the 40 models included in this initial set of ratings, two earned the top score of five stars. Eleven earned four, and the rest earned three or below. Price isn't necessarily a predictor of quality: One of the two five-star helmets retails

for \$460, and the other for \$58.

READ THE COMPLETE Virginia Tech Study at <https://helmet.beam.vt.edu/>

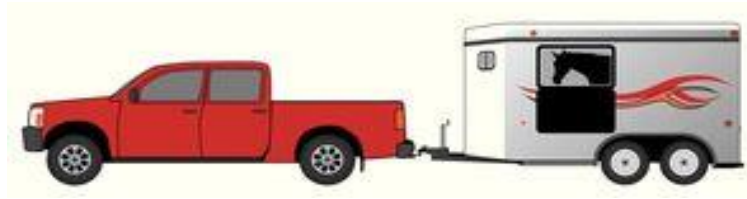
Another club member rates top honors. Making it on the . . .

Combined Driving Elite Athletes list

- Taylor Bradish | Katydid Duchess - owned by Jennifer Matheson

It takes extraordinary dedication to obtain the required results to meet this criteria, and US Equestrian rewarded these efforts with Elite Athlete grants to support continued success at the top level.

The 2023 Elite Athlete criteria is published on the Combined Driving Athlete Pathway Program pages of the USEF website.



FEI, USEF & ADS Rule Changes

There are rule changes coming into play in 2023. For those club members who compete it's important that you read up on each organizations rule changes so you are aware which apply to you. It is especially important if you compete at both ADS & USEF as there are several important differences.



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