

# Aiken Driving Club

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## From The Top

*So much to do, oh my, can I do it all... perhaps! Do enjoy all this great weather and get out there and drive. Thank the volunteers that help make it possible to put on all these events for everyone to enjoy.*

*Keep an eye on March events and be sure to let folks know if you will be joining in the fun - RSVP please, it really helps in planning.*

*Lots going on in Aiken for the Horse Junky. Welcome to Disneyland for horse folks. Enjoy... Don't forget to check your carriages and harness and health papers to be sure everything is in order.*

*Stay well and be safe Cheers, Peggy*



## Aiken Carriage Classic

**April 16-17, 2022**

at Highfields Equestrian Center, Aiken, SC

**Evening at Gaston Stables, Saturday April 16th**

Social hour, meal and trick pony demonstration

**Tickets required, \$35 each**

**Must be paid by April 8th**

Send ticket request and payment to:  
Katy Rhinehart, 1980 Keys Pond Road,  
Ridge Spring, SC 29129



Prize List Available on the Aiken Driving

### Volunteers needed for Aiken Carriage Classic

The Aiken Carriage Classic is looking for volunteers for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Show. Some jobs will just be for a few hours and some will be for the morning and afternoon sessions. Jobs include scribes, cone setters, paddock, timers, traffic, and more. There is also an opportunity for setting up the dressage ring on Friday. Please contact Katy Rhinehart at 641-485-3285 or email to [gkm104@heartofiowa.net](mailto:gkm104@heartofiowa.net) if you can help at the show.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

*highlighted items are ADC events*

DATE	EVENT NAME	CONTACT	WHERE
MAR 2-6	LIVE OAK INTERNATIONAL CDE CAI 3*	USEF	Ocala, FL
MAR 12	WINDSOR TRACE CT [PG 7]	ADS / LISA SINGER	WINDSOR, SC
<b>MAR 14</b>	<b>ADC BOARD MEETING OPEN TO ALL</b>	<b>PEGGY DILS</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>MAR 16</b>	<b>ADC EDU-EVENT [PG 6]</b>	<b>DEBBIE BEVAN</b>	<b>AIKEN, SC</b>
MAR 18-20	BLACK PRONG CT & CDE @ BLACK PRONG	ADS / JENNIFER MATHESON	BRONSON, FL
MAR 26	STEEPLECHASE DRIVE [PG 7]	TRACEY HIGGINS	AIKEN, SC
<b>MAR 27</b>	<b>ADC DRIVING DERBY FINALS @ HIGHFIELDS [PG 3]</b>	<b>ADS / ADC PEGGY DILS</b>	<b>AIKEN, SC</b>
<b>MAR 30</b>	<b>ADC MEET-AND-GREET PARTY [PG 6]</b>	<b>ADC RSVP</b>	<b>AIKEN, SC</b>
APR 8-10	So PINES CT & CDE @ CAROLINA HORSE PARK	ADS	RAEFORD, NC
<b>APR 11</b>	<b>ADC BOARD MEETING OPEN TO ALL</b>	<b>PEGGY DILS</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>APR 16-17</b>	<b>AIKEN CARRIAGE CLASSIC [PG 1]</b>	<b>ADC / KATY RHINEHART</b>	<b>AIKEN, SC</b>
APR 20-24	KATYDID CDE @ TIEC CAI 1*2*3*	USEF / TIEC	MILL SPRING, NC
APR 22	MARTIN AUCTION, COACHES, CARRIAGES AND MORE	MARTIN AUCTIONEERS	LEBANON, PA
<b>APR 30</b>	<b>ADC FUN DRIVE @ THREE WISHES FARM [PG 7]</b>	<b>ADC RSVP</b>	<b>WINDSOR, SC</b>
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
MAY 9	<b>ADC BOARD MEETING OPEN TO ALL</b>	<b>PEGGY DILS</b>	<b>TBD</b>
JUN 2-5	KENTUCKY CLASSIC CDE @ HERMITAGE CAI 1*2*3*	USEF	GOSHEN, KY
JUN 3-5	ELK CREEK CT & CDE @ FAIR HILL	ADS	ELKTON, MD
AUG 19-21	METAMORA CDE	ADS	METAMORA, MI
SEP 21-25	TRYON CDE @ TIEC	USEF	MILL SPRING, NC
SEP 29/Oct 2	CLAY STATION CDE	ADS	WILTON, CA
OCT 6-9	GARDEN STATE CDE	USEF	ALLENTOWN, NJ
<b>Nov</b>	<b>ADC ANNUAL MEETING</b>	<b>SAVE THE DATE</b>	<b>TBD</b>

## ADS Championships

Aug 19-21 All Preliminary Classes @ Metamora CDE, in Metamora, MI  
 Sep 29-Oct 2 All Intermediate Classes @ Clay Station CDE, in Wilton, CA

## USEF Championships

Mar 2-6 Advanced Ponies (all) and Advanced Pair Horses @ Live Oak CDE, in Ocala, FL  
 Apr 20-24 Advanced Single Horse @ Katydid CDE, in Mill Spring, NC  
 Jun 2-5 Advanced Four-in-Hand Horses @ Kentucky Classic CDE, in Goshen, KY  
 Sep 21-25 All Intermediate Classes @ Tryon CDE, in Mill Spring, NC

For those receiving this by e-mail click on the hyperlinks below to go to their sites.

[The Aiken Driving Club - About the Club](#)

[Omnibus - The American Driving Society, Inc.](#)

[Combined Driving Competition Calendar | US Equestrian \(usef.org\)](#)

# Aiken Driving Club    ADS Driving Derby Challenge Finals Highfields Event Center, 198 Gaston Rd, Aiken, SC

3/27/2022    12:00pm    EO *By Invitation*    EC 3/14/2022

ENTRY IS BY INVITATION ONLY BASED ON RESULTS OF DRIVING DERBY 1, 2 & 3.

**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)  
Entry, Releases, Coggins, Flu/Rhino, Interstate HC, VSE/Pony Card, and Payment

See ADS Omnibus listing for full details.    Use new ADS Entry Form & Release.  
Competition will start at 12 PM. Marathon - type obstacles will have 5 gates. All Divisions will drive ALL gates.

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







## **NEW ADC MEMBERS**

### *Welcome to Aiken Driving Club*

Elaine Sulser of Loganville GA (renewal)

Kimball Smith of Morgantown NC (new)

Julie Jenkins of Marietta GA (new)

Kent Sidel of Aiken, SC (new)

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

## **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: Renie Gillis  
[ponylady2017@gmail.com](mailto:ponylady2017@gmail.com) 803-646-1175

**Past issues of the ADC Newsletter can be found online at**

**[www.AikenDrivingClub.com](http://www.AikenDrivingClub.com)**



**The Hitch & Tow**

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Congratulations to our fellow club members who are new inductees into the



**ADS  
Centennial Club**

Anne Hunter  
&  
Paul Dougherty



Happy  
St. Patrick's  
Day!

Congratulations



to

Janelle Marshall & Josh Earhart

they were married on 2/5/2022





## From the Education Committee

40 plus club members enjoyed a jeopardy type game at the recent education afternoon. Rebecca Gutierrez created and hosted the game. Questions in the categories of...Safety first, new rules, must haves, and say who, kept the audience discussing the correct response to give their team leader. Lisa Singer filled in the back story on a couple of say who rules. This was definitely a fun way to review and increase one's knowledge of safe driving practices and ADS rules.

**Mark your calendar for the next club Education afternoon**

**Wednesday, March 16th, 2-3:30 pm**

**Gerde Museum @ Rye Patch**

Muffy Seaton, ADS judge, will share information on showing at a pleasure show. Come learn what the judge is looking for in ring classes, get tips on putting a turnout together, learn about different types of classes offered at a pleasure show.

Prize lists for our local pleasure show will be available...so come bring your questions.



# Meet&Greet

Wednesday, March 30th  
from 5-7pm  
at the Gaston Livery

Let's welcome our new members !!!  
Join us for a Meet-and-Greet Party  
Wine & Cheese will be served



Please RSVP by March 23rd on the ADC website

## Treasurer's Report Jan 2022

The beginning checking account balance for the month of January 2022 was \$20,437.85. The ending checking account statement balance is \$21,790.04.

Deposits for the month totaled \$3992.61. Deposits were from membership dues and the Driving Derby. Debits totaled \$2640.42.

There were outstanding checks totaling \$450. This gave the club an actual checkbook balance of \$ 21,340.04. The majority of expenses were donations and the Driving Derby.

Respectively submitted,

Karen Marlin

## Secretary's Report Jan 2022

*Jan 10 Board Meeting*

*In Attendance: Peggy Dils, Karen Marlin, Sue Dougherty, Tim Novak, Jane Hostetter*

*Member present: Gayle Novak*

*Audubon Drive February 27th. Drive off 10:30. Bring a side dish. Main dish will be provided. RSVP to the website. Donation \$25.00 per turnout.*

*The Driving Club trailer is at Renie's.*

*Organization of Pleasure Show coming along – April 16th.*

*An event to greet and get to know New Members will be on March 30th 5-7pm at Gaston Livery Stable.*

*Adjourned 6:45 Next meeting 14th.*

## April 30th

### Fun Drive at Three Wishes Farm

The drive will start with a 10:30am drive off. Then there will be a BYOLunch gathering at the Coaching Barn at 12:30pm for those interested. Drinks will be provided by the club. Follow PARKING signs (*parking will be in the first field on the left as you come in the main gate*). Please RSVP on the ADC website. Contact: Sarah Relyea



## Aiken Spring Steeplechase

Aiken drivers have been invited by the Steeplechase committee to participate in their 55th running of the **Spring Steeplechase to be held on March 26th**. The invitation was accepted on behalf of drivers by Tracey Higgins. All questions, comments or entry submissions are to be directed to Tracey as this is not an ADC sponsored event.

***Drivers have also been invited to inspect the steeplechase grounds on March 11th at 11 am by Jessica Miller the event manager. Please plan to attend - especially if you'd like to drive so we can see the space and discuss protocol. Please RSVP to Tracey if you wish to attend the inspection.***

The number of carriages will be limited. Our number one criteria is SAFETY! There will be a bigger crowd than ever so only horses and drivers that can manage a great deal of noise and excitement will be permitted. Any unruly horses will be asked to return to the trailers to be put away. Carriages should be clean and horses and passengers turned out as if at a pleasure show or standing presentation. A good impression of the sport of carriage driving is paramount.

Unlike past years we will have an area to drive around prior to going on the track. We will parade after the first race. Upon exiting the track we will be able to line up the carriages and enjoy lunch and the races. Horses may be unharnessed and put away inside their trailers, NOT tied to the side. Spectators will be able to come over and view the turnouts and ask questions.

Please email Tracey Higgins (no phone calls please) [harnessroom@gmail.com](mailto:harnessroom@gmail.com) with your name, horses name and breed and type of carriage you would like to bring. Final decision on who may participate will be Tracey's. All of this information needs to be submitted to Tracey in advance. Once Tracey has your information and your entry is approved you will be given additional details about the event including where to park, gate entrance and lunch etc. It should be a spectacular day and loads of fun!



## **Classified Ads**

**FOR SALE** Brand new Zilco Cob Pair Harness still in the original bags! Never used, owner bought the wrong size. \$500 under retail. \$2100 plus shipping. Sizing and additional info is available on the Zilco website. Contact Tracey at [harnessroom@gmail.com](mailto:harnessroom@gmail.com) 3/2

**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 [bfh@bellsouth.net](mailto:bfh@bellsouth.net) 3/3

**BOARDING NEEDED** Preferably in Windsor for my ride/drive gelding. Rhett is the handsome grey Saddlebred you might remember from parades in town, like Memorial Day and Steeplechase; also CDE's and pleasure drives. He is pastured with supplemental feedings twice daily, and needs full care as I live 20 miles away, at least for now. Would love to half-lease him, too; need a competent horse buddy as I'm aging (84) faster than he is (20). Kitty Corbett (803) 262-5394, [hoofbeat5@bellsouth.net](mailto:hoofbeat5@bellsouth.net) 3/1