

The Latest Draft

Voice of the New Jersey Draft Horse and Mule Association



Message from the President

I hope everyone had a joyous holiday season and a Happy New Year. I would like to start off by thanking Phil Yohe for his service to our club as President and for turning over the lines with the club moving in a positive direction. I would also like to thank our out going Trustees Brian Crocket, Don Gargiulo, and Luana Koplowitz for their service. I am excited that the new year will bring more positive change to our club. We are working on the club's website which should be online by the end of January. We are working on moving our annual field day to the week before Halloween which should significantly increase attendance and revenue. We are even discussing a second field day for the spring. One of my goals as President will be to increase member participation in our club. We have a very good core group of people that regularly attend meetings and events and represent our club very well. Unfortunately this core group can only do so much. I believe to move our club to the next level, we need more participation from other members. Our bi-monthly meetings are held at the Sunset Inn in Clinton, NJ. While we take care of business, we also enjoy the food and lively conversation before and after the meeting. If you've never attended, or it's been a while since you've attended, you should come and join us. I'm looking forward to the opportunity to lead this club. I sincerely hope in a year from now my leadership will have had a significant positive change to our organization.

**Next meeting:
February 20, 2007**

Mission of the NJDHMA

The New Jersey Draft Horse and Mule Association is organized for the education and promotion of draft horses and mules and the draft horse and mule industry in the state of New Jersey.

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Mark Your Calendars

- January 21, 2007 12:00PM—NJDHMA Holiday Party
Sunset Inn, Clinton, NJ
- February 20, 2007 7:30PM—NJDHMA General Meeting
Sunset Inn, Clinton, NJ
- April 16, 2007 7:30PM—NJDHMA General Meeting
Sunset Inn, Clinton, NJ*
- June 19, 2007 7:30PM—NJDHMA General Meeting
Sunset Inn, Clinton, NJ*
- August 21, 2007 7:30PM—NJDHMA General Meeting
Sunset Inn, Clinton, NJ*
- October 16, 2007 7:30PM—NJDHMA General Meeting
Sunset Inn, Clinton, NJ*
- October 28, 2007—NJDHMA Field Day
Ort's Farm*
- December 11, 2007 7:30PM—NJDHMA General Meeting
Sunset Inn, Clinton, NJ*

*Tentative

Annual Holiday Party—RSVP by 1-10-2007

The NJDHMA's annual holiday party will be held at the Sunset Inn on Sunday January 21, 2007 at 12 noon. This year's menu includes sliced flank steak with a mushroom demi-glaze, stuffed flounder with a white wine and butter sauce, chicken marsala, penne pasta with a vodka cream sauce, a medley of vegetables and rice. The cost is \$25/person which includes the tip. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Heidi Ort. Our reservation has a minimum attendance of 20 people. The club's treasury will be responsible for costs if less than 20 people attend. Please try to attend.

2007 Membership Dues are Due!

It's that time of the year again. NJDHMA membership dues are due by March 31, 2007. Dues have been increased to \$25/person beginning January 1, 2007. If you've paid your membership dues for 2007, there is no additional fee.

2007 Draft Horse Journal Ad

The NJDHMA's annual ad in the Draft Horse Journal is due for renewal. Members wishing to have their information included in the ad must contact Heidi Ort by 1-10-2007. The cost to have your information included is \$40. Information that can be included is: farm name, contact name, phone number, e-mail address and specialty.

Classifieds

Marie—registered Haflinger D.O.B 4/7/1996—\$3000

Jake—registered Haflinger D.O.B 5/4/1995—\$1500

A.C.—Haflinger D.O.B ~1997—\$1500

All drive as single or as a team.

Forecart—\$900

Spring Wagon—9' w/cushioned benches & lights—\$3800

2 horse Pole for Spring Wagon—\$90

Harness—Haflinger size w/extra collars—\$1500

2 wheel single cart—\$300

Contact Cindy Drake at **908-534-6063** or at **908-310-7233**

1 buckboard or runabout carriage (circa late 1800's)

1 fringe top 2 seat surrey (circa 1920's)

Both are in good condition, partially restored—\$3000.00 for both.

Contact Fred Englehardt at **215-355-3072**

Euro-Collars— collars are made of Bio-thane. They are adjustable in size and will fit a 16 hand sized draft horse or smaller. I have used my euro-collars for plowing, logging, carriage work and pulling the hay wagon. I power wash them when they get dirty and I never have to worry about getting caught in the rain or getting them damaged from mud or horse sweat. They are much lighter and easier to use than standard farm harness and are ideal for the person who does not want to lift a heavy harness. For more information contact Mary Tolmie at **609-397-9066**

NJDHMA Field Day

The NJDHMA held its annual field day on November 4th, 2006 at Ort's Farm in Long Valley, NJ. We had a terrific turnout of members and their horses, one of the largest ever. Among the breeds represented were Belgians, Clydesdales, Gypsy Cob, Haflingers, Mules, Percherons, and Suffolk Punch. After a slow start the day turned out fairly well. The revenue generated was down from previous years, about \$270. There were several factors that contributed to this. The change of venue was probably the biggest factor even though it was in the same area. Although the cold windy morning didn't help much either. Among the members present we had several conversations about the lack of public attendance. It was generally agreed we liked the venue and want to continue there. The owner of the farm is interested in helping us and we are planning move the date back to the week before Halloween. This is peek time for attendance at the farm. This alone should drive the number of people through our field day up considerably. We also discussed various ways of advertising prior to the event. Regardless, everyone who attended had a good time.

Breed Profile: Clydesdale

History and Origin of the Breed

The Clydesdale is a breed of heavy draft horse developed in and deriving its name from the district in Scotland where it was founded. Its type was evolved by the farmers of Lanarkshire, through which the River Clyde flows. The old name for Lanarkshire was Clydesdale.

It was bred to meet not only the agricultural needs of these farmers, but the demands of commerce for the coalfields of Lanarkshire and for all types of heavy haulage on the streets of Glasgow. The breed thus developed and soon acquired more than a local reputation. In time, the breed spread throughout the whole of Scotland and northern England.

The district system of hiring stallions was an early feature of Scottish agriculture and did much to standardize and fix the type of the breed. The records of these hiring societies go back in some cases to 1837. The Clydesdale Horse Society was formed in 1877 and has been an active force in promoting the breed not only in Great Britain but throughout the world. The Clydesdale Breeders of the United States is the member organization for the Clydesdale horse. The Association was incorporated on December 4, 1879 as the American Clydesdale Association with members from both the United States and Canada. The first volume of the stud book was ready for distribution at the fourth Annual Meeting in the fall of 1882. The Clydesdale alone, of the British breeds of heavy draft, has enjoyed a steady export trade to all parts of the world. The most active trade has been to commonwealth countries and the United States. The Clydesdale remains popular, though not a numerical leader in Canada and the United States.

Breed Characteristics

The outstanding characteristics of this renowned horse are a combination of weight, size and activity, and what is looked for first and last by a Clydesdale enthusiast is the exceptional wearing qualities of feet and limbs. The feet must be round and open with hoof heads wide and springy, for any suspicion of contraction might lead to sidebones or ringbones. To some extent, the further requirements of this breed vary somewhat from the orthodox and should be noted. The horse must have action, but not exaggerated, the inside of every shoe being made visible to anyone walking behind. The forelegs must be well under the shoulders, not carried bull-dog fashion, in fact must hang straight from shoulder to fetlock joint, with no openness at the knee, yet with no inclination to knock. The hind legs must be similar, with the points of the hocks turned inwards rather than outwards, and the pasterns must be long. Distinctive long, silky hair below the knees and hocks draw attention to the stylish lifting of the feet at the trot.

The head must have an open forehead, broad across the eyes, the front of the face must be flat, neither dished nor roman, wide muzzle, large nostrils and a bright, clear, intelligent eye. A well-arched and long neck must spring out of an oblique shoulder with high withers, while the back should be short, with well-sprung ribs, and, as befits a draught horse, the thighs must be packed with muscle and sinew.

The most common colors in the Clydesdale breed are bay, black and brown. Roans (solid body color with white hairs throughout the coat) are also seen with some occasional chestnuts. White is seen on the face and legs with white often running into the body. The show ring does not discriminate on color with light roans and horses with dark legs being considered equally with horses of the more solid colors and traditional markings.

It is claimed of the Clydesdale that they are possessed of quality and weight without displaying grossness and bulk, this is largely true. They are certainly active movers for their size and weight, and in consequence, are very popular in many cities and on numerous farms. The Clydesdale generally stands from 16 to 18 hands, and weighs from 1700 to 2000 pounds. Some of the mature stallions and geldings are taller and weigh up to 2200 pounds.

Modern Clydesdale

The Clydesdale Horse is increasingly popular as a pleasure horse, playing an ever expanding role in the field of recreation. Owners of acreage, businessmen, farmers and light horse enthusiasts are ever more aware of the challenge offered in breeding, foaling, developing and training a Clydesdale. As in all breeds of livestock, the Clydesdale has gone through several changes of emphasis over the years to meet the demands of the times. In the 20s and 30s the demand was for a more compact horse; of late, it has been for a taller, hitchier horse. With the changes in size and type of horse wanted, the Clydesdale emphasis on underpinning has remained paramount.

*Information provided by the Clydesdale Breeders of the U.S.A.
<http://clydesusa.com>*



Win Lake and Heidi Ort with their Clydesdale team Duke and Stanley providing holiday carriage rides in New Brunswick, NJ on December 16, 2006.

www.njdhma.com is coming!

Our website, www.njdhma.com is under construction. It should be on-line by the end of January. We are working with a website designer to get us started. One of our plans is to have a breeder and services directory for members. Information we can include is: farm name, contact name, general location (something like Hunterdon County, NJ) phone number, e-mail address, specialties (breeds raised, services offered) and a link to your personal or business web-site. If you are interested in having this information published on our website, you must contact Tony Vecchiolla and provide the information. We will not include any information unless you request it. All information put on the website will be free to members but must be related to your farm or business. Other information we will include on the website will include information about NJDHMA including our mission, Officers and Trustees, electronic copies of previous newsletters, upcoming events, membership application and dues information. We also plan to include classified ads with pictures in the future. But of course, this will be just the beginning. Check the website often for updates.

2006 Officer and Trustee Election Results

Thanks to all that voted!

President: Tony Vecchiolla

Vice-President: Kevin McMinn

Secretary/Treasurer: Heidi Ort

Trustees: Gene Berliner

Win Lake

Dave Stover

Mary Tolmie

Phillip Yohe



Kevin McMinn and his Belgian team Rusty and Fritz providing holiday carriage rides in New Brunswick, NJ on December 16, 2006.

Newsletter Info

The 'Mark Your Calendars' section of the newsletter has been updated to include dates for the next 12 months. Please take note that all dates marked with an asterisk are tentative and may be changed.

Text only classified ads are free to members.

Articles and classified ads may be submitted to Tony Vecchiolla or Heidi Ort.

The newsletter is published electronically and is available to all that have e-mail. If you did not get the newsletter electronically, we do not have your e-mail address. Contact Tony or Heidi with your updated information.

The deadline for the next newsletter is February 28, 2007.

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