

Wheel to Wheel

Newsletter for the HUB



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A current negative Coggins must be on file with the club secretary in order to participate in any HUB Club event



HUB CLUB



From the Editor As your editor, I ask that you send me photos and anything else that you would like to see in the newsletter. I am more than happy to use anything you want in the newsletter, as it is **YOUR** newsletter. If you want to continue to have an informative newsletter, I need material from the membership. You can send them to me directly at briarpatcheast@aol.com by the 20th of each month. Kris Breyer

From the Webmaster: Please submit items for web page. Include pictures of all our members. Please send names of driver, passengers, horse(s), and description of what you are doing, and where.



Prez' message: Update #1: Our annual meeting will be held from 12-3pm (or 4pm, depending on how lively things get!) at Jimmy's Charhouse in Elgin, IL on Sunday, January 4th. Get your award nominations in, gather up items for the silent auction, and bring your calendars and

checkbooks!

Update #2: The spring clinic featuring Sara Schmitt will be held at Theresa Adam's on Friday, May 1st through Sunday, May 3rd (and potentially Monday the 4th if there's interest). We'll have clinic sign-up sheets available at the meeting so if you liked your lesson last year--or experienced the green-eyed monster of jealousy watching others have great lessons--then sign up ASAP!

Oh, and get your sleighs out, it looks like we're going to have a lot of snow this winter!

Yours Truly, **Dr. Lydia Gray**

Treasury is \$5,468



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SUNDAY JANUARY 4, 2015 ANNUAL MEETING.

TO BE HELD AT JIMMY'S CHARHOUSE, ELGIN, IL.

The HUB Club Annual Meeting will be held from 12 to 4pm
at Jimmy's Charhouse, 2290 Point Boulevard, Elgin, IL.
Located right off the Randall Road exit from Interstate 90
<http://www.jimmyscharhouseelgin.com/>

Their Lunch Buffet includes wood-roasted chicken, steak stir fry, pan-fried tilapia, carrots & broccoli, mashed potatoes, salad and soft drink or coffee. We have reserved their private banquet room which can accommodate 100 people maximum, 80 comfortably, for a buffet lunch at 12 noon, followed by a meeting, then awards and silent auction.

*Your cost (per person) will only be \$15 with the HUB Club
Picking up the rest for current members of the club.*

Please remember to bring silent auction items!!!!

Please RSVP the number attending to Lydia Gray at:
lydiagraydvm@gmail.com or 630-557-0241 or
call/text: 630-701-5903

by Monday December 22, 2014.

If you only come to one meeting a year this is the one not to miss!

Thanks everyone! *Lydia*



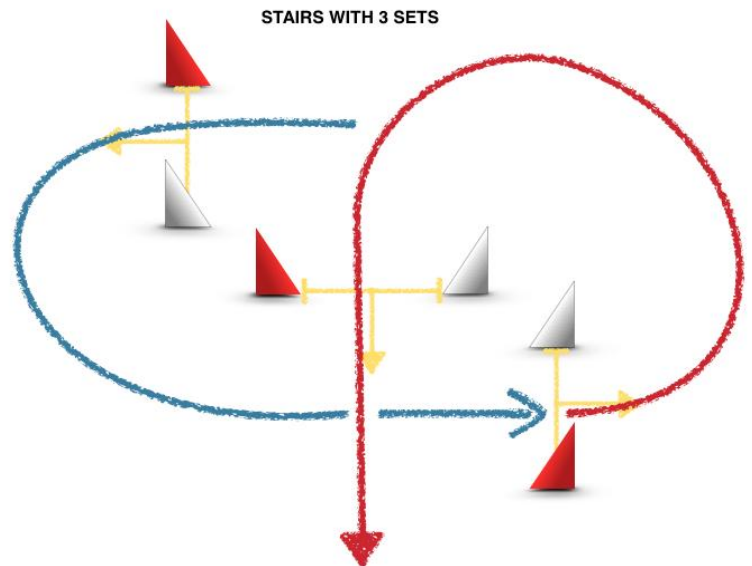
<https://www.dropbox.com/s/iu9f3hc8iem169k/HUBClubLibraryUpdated.xlsx>

This is the link to the updated Hub Club Library – out on Dropbox. For those unfamiliar, Dropbox is a free computer app. that allows files to be shared on the internet. Anyone clicking on this link will get the excel spreadsheet with the most updated library on it.

I would like to remind everyone that we now have a mail out and back program. If you want to check something out from the library you contact Leslye Sandberg lsandberg@permatron.com and include your mailing address. The item will be mailed to you. We ask that you return the item in a timely manner in the preaddressed envelope that will come with it. You will have to pay the return postage.

In upcoming issues I will be showcasing some of the new additions. And again I ask for your suggestions for items to add to the library. Note that any horsey movies or videos you have that you no longer want or need, can be donated to the library as well.

MEMBER NEWS: I bought a new Hackney pony at the Midwest Hackney Sale a couple of weeks ago. It was love at first sight! His name is Regal's Elijah, and I had to go all the way to Springfield to find a pony from Barrington. I think we will probably stay in the pleasure ring for a while, as he will probably have a show foot next summer, but it will be fun to try a new venue. *Judy Dowling*



Cones Exercises

While I do often use cones exercises to help my students get better at driving cones courses (well, duh!), I also use exercises to help develop lots of other skills. Cones exercises are really helpful because they're easy for the horse and driver to focus on and understand.

For example: Think of how many people have trouble driving their horse into and through the corners of a ring. They have trouble getting the horse into the corner, and when they do, the horse is counter-bent and rushing. Yet, if I put a set of cones in the corner, suddenly they have no problem getting through the corner with ease, properly balanced and even with a correct bend. It's like the c

ones are magic corner minders! *Andy Marcoux*

"Shoeing for Winter Driving" by Lyle Petersen

Most horses, like most people, know "Jingle Bells" only as a song on the radio. But for horses who live in warm climates and those whose owners are especially intrepid, winter may only signal a slowdown in driving activity rather than a protracted vacation. In either case, there may be new issues to deal with, primarily traction and snow.

The ideal surface for sleighing is not the pretty, pristine snow, but hard-packed snow. Did you know that in the pre-motor days snow-covered roads were packed with a roller so that sleighs and sleds could be pulled more easily? And a variety of methods were used to give horses the traction they needed. Most of these methods, such as sharpened calks and tarred rope, are now museum curiosities. Modern farriery gives much more satisfactory solutions to the traction problem. The traction enhancement needed for packed snow, frozen dirt, and ice is not greatly different from that needed on pavement. While it is generally agreed that the hoof should slide slightly when landing, the primary concern on these hard surfaces is safety -- whatever it takes to keep the horse from falling or doing a "split". We purposely aim to err on the side of caution.

For hard surfaces, this writer generally prefers the use of small drive-in studs (specifically the Mustad P13) which look much like those formerly used in some snow tires. They have a tungsten carbide core which grips on any surface, and they are unobtrusive and present minimal safety risk from horses stepping or kicking. More aggressive studs are available, but except on packed snow they provide no additional benefit. I use one stud in each heel, but some prefer to add two at the toe quarters. On hills, this might be desirable.

A widely-used alternative is borium or Drill-Tek. Borium is a steel rod in which crystals of tungsten carbide are encased, and Drill-Tek is the same, except that the rod is brass. Borium must be applied with a torch, Drill-Tek can be applied in a forge. Both come in a variety of grit sizes, with the coarsest grit giving the most aggressive traction. Application can range from very sparing to "gobs and gobs", and from artistic to sloppy. My favorite all-purpose traction device is a rim shoe with a small amount of Drill-Tek applied at the toe and each heel. When the brass melts, I tap the Drill-Tek down into the crease of the shoe and smooth it approximately level with the ground surface of the shoe. This arrangement gives the advantage of traction from the rim shoe on soft surfaces and traction from the Drill-Tek on hard surfaces.

Snow is an additional factor at some times and places, and while properly trimmed barefoot horses have little or no problem with snow build-up in hooves, horses that must be shod for traction or for protection from rough frozen ground will invariably get "snowball feet" unless you take additional measures. For the short term, application of greases or oils to the sole of the hoof may help, but there are alternatives that are overall more satisfactory.

There are two basic varieties of "snowball pads" that can be nailed between the shoe and the hoof. One has a raised dome in the middle, facing the ground, that flexes and pops out the snow that tries to pack under the shoe. The challenge when using this style of pad is to keep snow or mud from getting between the pad and the hoof. If this happens, the horse ends up walking on an ice ball. Different types of packing material can be used between pad and hoof, but too much or the wrong kind will make the dome of the pad less flexible and less effective. One alternative is to double-pad, using a thin flat pad next to the hoof, then the snowball pad, then the shoe. Then any of the usual packing materials can be used.

The other variety of snowball pad is a rim pad with a hollow tubular side which follows the inside of the shoe. The tube is slightly larger in diameter than the thickness of the shoe, so the tube flexes each time the hoof lands, and keeps snow from packing inside the shoe. Abrasive surfaces can shorten the life of this style of pad, but new plastic materials have improved its durability. Your farrier may have a preference based on experience in your area.

I will mention in passing some of the other traction and protection methods that can be used: Ice nails, Dura-trac nails, Easy Boots, rubber and neoprene shoes. Each of these can have a place, but I consider them to be short-term or special-case solutions.

In any and all cases, when we ask our horses to pull carriages and sleighs, we are asking them for more than nature intended them to do, and we owe it to them to give them whatever help we can to do the job comfortably and safely.

About Lyle Petersen:

"I have been playing with horses for over 30 years, my wife Barbara and I raised Arabians for quite a few years, then a few warmbloods, then quit breeding horses and just continued with our boarding operation. Started driving in 1983 after an unanticipated opportunity for a driving lesson with Phil Dubois. Bought an antique buggy and Amish harness and just started from there. Since then there have been several generations of carriages and harnesses, and currently I drive a pair consisting of a 19 year old QH mare and an 11 year old TB gelding.

I started shoeing my times by yet another disappearing farrier. After being liberated from salaried employment in 1993 (I used to wear a necktie every day and sit at a desk with a computer, etc.) I decided to become self-employed, and shoeing seemed a viable choice. I attended a shoeing school and learned how badly I had been doing on my own, then returned home and started out on my own.

I have been shoeing for a living ever since, first in Nebraska, then for three years in Tennessee, and now back in Nebraska. I have shod 10 hand ponies and 19 hand draft horses, pleasure horses and race horses, and almost everything in between. Given that my own horses are used almost exclusively for carriage driving, I have a strong interest in what works best for this."



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Top Winter Hoof Care Tips

By [Diane E. Rice](#) Nov 5, 2014

Snow balling up inside your horse's shoes can cause sole-related injuries. Consider pads to limit the amount of snow that can build up.

Photo: Anne M. Eberhardt

Despite the fact that horse owners across the country might be willing it away, winter will be here before we know it. That means it's time to start planning and preparing for cold and

snow. And during planning, it's important to remember the structures that will stand between your horse and the snowy and icy ground: his hooves.

Scott Fleming, DVM, of Rood & Riddle Equine Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky, and Tracy Turner, DVM, MS, Dipl. ACVS, of Anoka Equine Veterinary Service in Anoka, Minnesota—two veterinarians passionate about hoof care—recently shared their suggestions for keeping your horse's hooves healthy this winter:

Plan ahead Discuss shoeing options with your farrier, including scheduling and shoeing needs specific to your terrain and weather.

Beware of foot concussion Turner advises owners to take caution when riding in the cold. "Using thermal imaging in winter, we frequently can't find horses' legs," he says. "There's not a lot of peripheral circulation there. So, if you're going on a trail ride, use common sense about pounding your horse down the trail; foot concussion prevention may be compromised during winter." Fleming adds, "In areas where it gets really cold and the ground frozen, horses that are fine during summer may get sole bruising. Keep that in mind, whether you need to put them in soft-ride boots or, if you're doing conventional shoeing, putting pads in."

Prevent snow balling Snow balling up inside your horse's shoes can also cause sole-related injuries. A variety of pads are available to limit the amount of snow that can pack into the frog and sole areas: flat leather pads to keep snow out; urethane rim-type pads that force snow out; and bubble pads with tennis-ball-shaped centers that pop snow out.

Adjust blanket fit Eliminate your horse's chances of catching a hoof or shoe on too-long straps or ill-fitting blankets. Having a winter hoof care plan in place ahead of time can help eliminate worries during the deep freeze.

ABOUT THE AUTHOR



[Diane E. Rice](#)

Diane Rice earned a bachelor's degree in agricultural journalism from the University of Wisconsin, then melded her education and her lifelong passion for horses in a position at *Appaloosa Journal*. She now freelances in writing, editing and proofreading, and has served on American Horse Publications' board of directors. She spends her spare time gardening, reading, serving in her church and with her daughters, grandchildren and pets.

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A Body Concept Workshop for Equestrians

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Beth Sabor



Jennifer M. Kotyle

Yoga - Saturday, January 17 - Morning Session

8:00 am - 8:45 am Breathing/Yoga Lecture

8:45 am - 9:30 am Breathing/Yoga Mat Work

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Group One Mounted Session - Breathing/Yoga

11:00 am - 12 noon - Group Two Mounted Session - Breathing/Yoga

Pilates - Saturday, January 17 - Afternoon Session

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm - Pilates Lecture

1:45 pm - 2:30 pm - Pilates Mat Work

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Group One Mounted Session - Pilates

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Group Two Mounted Session - Pilates

Tai Chi - Sunday, January 18 - Morning Session

8:00 am - 8:45 am - Tai Chi Lecture

8:45 am - 9:30 am - Tai Chi Mat Work

10:00 am - 11:00 am - Group One Mounted Session - Tai Chi

11:00 am - 12 noon - Group Two Mounted Session - Tai Chi

Balimo - Sunday, January 18 - Afternoon Session

1:00 pm - 1:45 pm - Balimo Lecture

1:45 pm - 2:30 pm - Balimo Mat Work

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm - Group One Mounted Session - Balimo

4:00 pm - 5:00 pm - Group Two Mounted Session - Balimo

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Address _____

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Horse's Name: _____

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(WALK IN AUDITORS will be accepted at a fee of \$125 for 2 days. No lunch included.)

Stabling Fee: \$45 per horse per night. Number of days \$45/day \$ _____

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Please send registration form, a copy of your horse's current Coggins (if riding) and a check made payable to: Lydia Gray

To: Lydia Gray, 43W991 Oakleaf Drive, Elburn, IL 60119

Lunch options: please circle one choice per day

Saturday: (Panera)

Sunday: (Honey Baked Ham)

Chicken Salad Sandwich

Club Sandwich

Greek Salad

Chef Salad

Italian Sub Sandwich

Veggie Sandwich

For questions, or further information, please contact Lydia at lydiagraydvm@gmail.com or 630-701-5903. Details on the workshop will be emailed to participants closer to the weekend of the event!



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The Jaguar

My fellow trakehner driver posted this on the ATA website, which sounds really cool:

ALWAYS RUBY, a 2005 mare by Always out of Granada Rose by Grandos, had an exciting weekend at TREC on May 3, 2014 in Ethel, WA. The mare, bred by Nubby Errickson and owned and driven by Cindy Lee, placed 8th in the Adventurer Class, Single Horse Division.

Cindy had this to say: "This is an event that has a pace marathon. Placement for marathon is based on your accuracy of achieving the correct pace for the distance. This is accomplished with no timing devices. We were 99.264% accuracy on our time. The other phase is skills. Six different driving skills stations are set. You are scored on each one. We were doing quite well, until the wind caught one of the bags of goodies we were throwing to the volunteers at each station (traditional at this event). Just as we entered the task of driving between poles set about 2 inches apart, the bag hung in the air, within Ruby's vision. She moved sideways. That cost ten points. Unfortunately, that cost the difference between first and eighth. The

winning score was 243.18. We had a total of 234.26. It was a fun event." *Lydia Gray*

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HUB CLUB Membership Application Year _____

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HUB CLUB

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INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP: 18yrs or older, 1 vote per membership

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: Couple and any underage children (<18), immediate family, 2 votes per membership.

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP: Child under 18yrs of age, no voting privileges. (Must have an adult member as sponsor).

Also, parent/guardian must sign on application for Junior Members to participate at club events.

I accept the benefits, obligations and responsibilities of membership and agree to abide by the HUB Club bylaws

Signature(s): _____ Date _____

_____ Date _____

_____ Date : _____

Parent or Guardian (if under 18 years of age)

INDIVIDUAL MEMBERSHIP: \$25.00 (Renewing or New)* \$ _____

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP: \$35.00 (Renewing or New)* \$ _____

JUNIOR MEMBERSHIP: \$10.00 (Renewing or New)* \$ _____

*New memberships received after June 30 will be pro-rated for 6 months

Send check with completed forms to: check # _____

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