

# Wheel to Wheel

## Newsletter for the HUB

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# 2021

## Club

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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*

**The HUB Club:**  
**Education &**  
**Comraderie**



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](mailto:briarpatcheast@aol.com) by the 20<sup>th</sup> 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 Letter:** Happy New Year! We finally have snow for all of you snow lovers. It is a bit frigid for sleigh driving right now but wait a day and check it out. I'm line driving my yearling Morgan gelding and will have him pulling a light carriage by Spring, Yippee!!

I hope you and your critters are healthy.

Come One, Come All to the January 30th HUB Club Meeting! Sunday, January 30 at 12 Noon

at The Big Foot Inn located at 11508 Rt 14 Harvard, IL They have a giant buffet so no need to RSVP. Please plan on joining us for food, friendship and celebration. It is conveniently located right on the Illinois/ Wisconsin boarder. Please join us for dining and fellowship followed by a business planning meeting for 2022, installation of new officers and year end awards. This is your chance to have a say in what your club does in 2022. See ya'll there!! **Ann**





# SALE BARN

**FOR SALE:** Wooden driving cart for sale. \$750 OBO Built by Amish - DA Hochstetler & Sons, Topeka IN for a 16H TB. Has been stored inside so the condition is very good – just needs the dust cleaned off. Striking Red with Black pin striping. Wheels are 48". Black leather seats. Rear entry – seat moves forward. Call Nancy Jacoby 847-650-2447 or email [nanookj@comcast.net](mailto:nanookj@comcast.net) for more details. Located in Wauconda, IL.



## PONY HARNESS FOR SALE:

*TEDEX Harness by ZILCO*

This well-designed black TEDEX Single Harness by ZILCO for Shetland/small pony is suitable for all types of driving including lower level competition, pleasure and leisure driving. TEDEX harnesses are known for their lightness, suppleness, easy adjustability and sturdiness---a quality harness that stands up to tough work and continues to look good! Completely washable. 100% synthetic materials; nylon webbing and waffle weave linings. All buckles are stainless steel. Comes with it's own harness bag. Also included: additional pieces made of quality synthetic, leather-like strapping by Colonial Carriage---traces, tugs, hold-back straps. Used with 10-hand pony. Plenty of room to adjust for a bigger small pony.



**\$200.00.**

Donna and Chet Thomas, Brooklyn WI. [stablewoman@hughes.net](mailto:stablewoman@hughes.net) or 608-332-0704

# DRIVING 2022



Midwest Region (and then some...) 2022 Driving Season (10/31/2021)					
Note: The Midwest Region is Region 5...Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Wisconsin, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota & into Canada					
Event	ADS Rec'd	Date	Host	Location	Contact
National Drive		4/28 – 5/1/2022	Nat'l Drive	Hoosier Horse Park 7105 S. Kern St. Ninevah, IN 46164	Linda Sadler <a href="mailto:TheNationalDrive@gmail.com">TheNationalDrive@gmail.com</a>
Raymond Helmuth Clinic		5/14	Mid-Iowa Driving Ass'n.	Helmuth Equine Facility 56124 280 <sup>th</sup> St. Ames, IA 50010	Theresa Burns <a href="mailto:theresadburns@gmail.com">theresadburns@gmail.com</a>
Midwest Regional Drive	X 5	5/20-22/2022	ADS	Jester Park Equestrian Center 11171 NW 103 <sup>rd</sup> Ct. Granger, Iowa	Mary Lu Norland <a href="mailto:midwest@americandrivingsociety.org">midwest@americandrivingsociety.org</a>
Robin Groves Clinic		6/4-5/2022	ENDS	Arlington Training Stable Elkhorn, NE	Garnet Blatchford <a href="mailto:garnetblat@gmail.com">garnetblat@gmail.com</a>
Pioneer Pleasure Show	X 5	6/11-12/2022	ENDS	Seward County Fairgrounds Seward, NE	Garnet Blatchford <a href="mailto:garnetblat@gmail.com">garnetblat@gmail.com</a>
Midwest Carriage Festival & CT	X 5	6/17-19/2022		Walworth County Fairgrounds Elkhorn, WI	<a href="mailto:midwestcarriagefestival@gmail.com">midwestcarriagefestival@gmail.com</a> Also FB Midwest Carriage Festival
41 <sup>th</sup> Annual Villa Louis Carriage Classic	X 5	9/9-11/2022		Villa Louis Prairie du Chien, WI	Mike Rider <a href="http://www.CarriageClassic.com">www.CarriageClassic.com</a>



**Mark Your Calendar!**

**January HUB meeting and Year End Awards**

- **Sunday, January 30, 2022 at**
- **12 Noon for Buffet Brunch**
- 11508 US 14 Harvard at the Big Foot Inn.**

**Conveniently located right on the Illinois/ Wisconsin border.**

**Cost: \$19.95 for a**

**VERY varied selection.**

**NO RSVP needed! Just come**

**and have a great time!!**



# SAVE THE DATE

**Who:** Trish Demers

**What:** Annual HUBClub Spring Clinic

**When:** Sat June 4 and Sun June 5

**Where:** Fox Valley Saddle Association in Hampshire, IL

**Why:** to improve you and your horse's driving skills, to network with fellow drivers, and to support the HUBClub! (don't forget that Trish also teaches English and western riding lessons, starts young horses, fits harnesses and evaluates compete turnouts, and is a Level 1 Evaluator for the CAA's Driver Proficiency Certification Program)

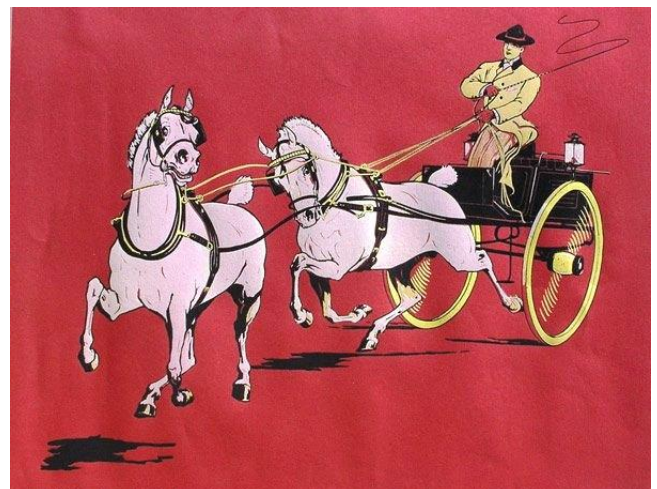


**How:** Register at the annual meeting or watch for a registration flyer email. Or ask one of the clinic organizers – Lydia Gray and Sue West – for the registration form

PLEASE TEXT, CALL, MESSAGE, OR EMAIL LYDIA WITH YOUR RESPONSES, ESPECIALLY IF YOU DO NOT PLAN ON ATTENDING THE ANNUAL MEETING. YOUR RESPONSES WILL DICTATE WHETHER OR NOT WE HAVE THIS CLINIC. **NO RESPONSES = NO INTEREST = NO CLINIC ;(**

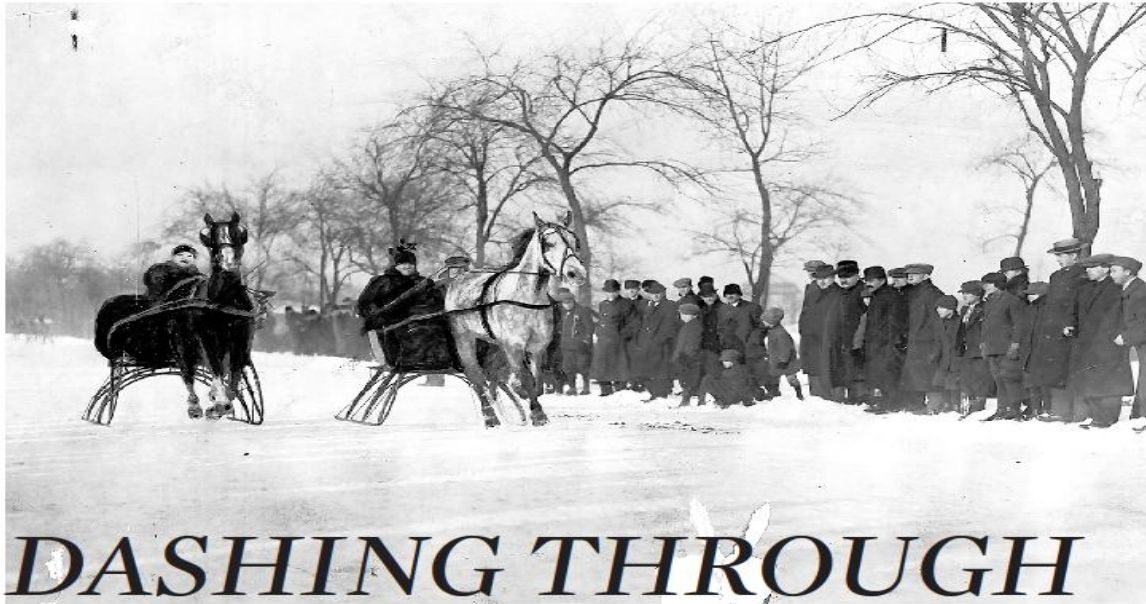
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1. Do you intend to sign up for at least one lesson in the clinic? If no, why not:
2. If not taking a lesson, do you intend to audit at least one day of the clinic? If no, why not:
3. Do you intend to volunteer in any capacity for the clinic (groom for a driver, perform tasks for the HUBClub, etc)
4. If you answered no to all three questions, what would make you change your mind and participate?



# CHICAGO FLASHBACK

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## DASHING THROUGH THE SNOW

Decades before jazz was heard in Bronzeville, sleigh bells rang as horses raced its snow-covered boulevard

By Ron Grossman  
Chicago Tribune

At the turn of the 20th century, Grand Boulevard was renowned for drag-racing trotters and pacers through the snow of a Chicago winter.

A Tribune account of one such horse race on Jan. 27, 1901, said the road — which was subsequently renamed Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard and the neighborhood dubbed Bronzeville — held a “crowd that lined both sides of the boulevard (and) ran well up into the thousands.”

Snow racing came to Chicago from the East Coast. A plaque put up by the Historical Society of Medford, Massachusetts, proclaims that James Pierpont’s song “Ringle Bells” “tells of the sleigh races held on (nearby) Salem streets in the early 1800s.”

In Chicago, the sport spread from one boulevard to another, spawning groups of neighborhood enthusiasts: the West Side Ice Racing Association, the Oak Park Driving Club, the Garfield Park Winter Driving Club and the Lincoln Park Driving Club.

Their rivalries gave Chicago snow racing something of the character of the famed Palio in Siena. For 500 years, jockeys have raced around the Italian city’s square for the glory of the neighborhoods they represent — riding bareback, and carrying the hopes and hatreds of big-money betters.

At the Chicago snow races, wounded pride and grudge matches knew no limits. So when West Side and North Side horses beat South Side racers on their home ground of Grand Boulevard, Billy O’Brien, a South Side state senator, demanded a rematch.

“Mr. O’Brien goes further and says he will bet from \$100 to \$500 that he can pick one horse from his section of the city that will defeat both North Side and West Side horses,” the Tribune reported on Jan. 27, 1902. “Who the horse is he will not say.”

And on Feb. 17, O’Brien drove his horse Billy C. to an impressive victory on Grand Boulevard.

The race that drew thousands on Jan. 27, 1901, featured stable mates Tom and Lotus pulling a sled called a “cutter” down Grand Boulevard, the principle artery of a similarly named neighborhood zealously guarded by its elite residents. White and wealthy, they had the clout to commandeer a public street for private sport.

James A. Murphy, the owner of Tom and Lotus, began as a Loop bookie, became a commodities broker and was worth \$1 million when he started breeding horses on an Indiana farm.

Murphy may have eschewed



TOP: Crowds would gather at Garfield, Washington and Humboldt parks, and along the Chicago River, to see the horses run in cutter races. Editor’s note: This historical print shows damage. CHICAGO HERALD AND EXAMINER  
ABOVE: Ft. Wetzel, 82, rides down a street in Chicago in his prized possession, a horse and sleigh more than 20 years old, in February 1939. Cars had taken over the road from the days when horses and sleighs ruled the winter streets. Editor’s note: This historical print has some hand-painting on it. CHICAGO HERALD AND EXAMINER



A lithograph shows a sleigh race, circa 1859. LIBRARY OF CONGRESS

In the 1890s, the proprietor of Ed Smith’s roadhouse sponsored a race on the opening day of the sledding season that went down Grand Boulevard from 47th to 51st streets, and turned east to Smith’s establishment at Wentworth Avenue. “The prize was a monster mince pie two feet across and a magnum of wine,” the Tribune noted. “There were no second or third prizes.”

bookmaking, but whither horse racing goes, betting surely follows. At a racetrack, wagers are placed with an anonymous teller. On Grand Boulevard, horse owners waving \$100 bills went at it, ego to ego, according to the Tribune story.

Occasionally in that time, a question was posed about the equity of closing a public thoroughfare to work-a-day folk for the benefit of a well-heeled few. A racing sled cost at least \$800 (the equivalent of \$20,000 today).

“The man lying in bed on Washington Boulevard, Sunday afternoon, after a hard week’s work,” a Tribune reader conjectured, “complains that his peace is disturbed by the scenes of the Derby on the street Sunday afternoon.”

The class issue was underscored by the unabashed arrogance of some snow racers. A park commissioner provided an example of their behavior on Washington Boulevard in 1895: “On last Saturday, persons desiring to speed their horses actually ordered others off the boulevard,” he told the Tribune. “When the persons ordered off protested they were, the Commissioner said, hooted and jeered at by the crowd of fast drivers.”

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The motives of such sponsors eventually underwent scrutiny.

In 1905, Chicago’s Methodist ministers proclaimed Sunday snow racing a “disgrace to the city and an offense to the Christian.” One clergyman told the Tribune “the proprietors of several saloons had made an arrangement between themselves to encourage the sport so that they would get more patronage.”

Caught between opponents and proponents, city officials proposed shifting snow racing to less busy streets. Neither party was ready to compromise, but technology and climate intervened.

The automobile captured the imagination of speed enthusiasts, and fewer snowy winters killed sled racing. It was but a memory when a major storm blanketed Chicago in 1934.

“One of these days they’re going to reopen the speedway on Grand Boulevard,” the Tribune wrote, wistfully. “Sporting gentlemen are going to have the old cutter shined up and the races which were discontinued ‘way back when’ will be resumed.”

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# WINTER HORSE CARE

By: [Dr. Lydia Gray](#), SmartPak Medical Director/Staff Veterinarian

Hot chocolate, mittens and roaring fires keep us warm on cold winter nights. But what about horses? What can you do to help them through the bitter cold, driving wind and icy snow? Below are tips to help you and your horse not only survive but thrive during yet another frosty season.



## Nutrition



Your number one responsibility to your horse during winter is to make sure he receives enough quality feedstuffs to maintain his weight and enough drinkable water to maintain his hydration. Forage, or hay, should make up the largest portion of his diet, 1 – 2 % of his body weight per day. Because horses burn calories to stay warm, fortified grain can be added to the diet to keep him at a body condition score of 5 on a scale of 1 (emaciated) to 9 (obese). If your horse is an easy keeper, will not be worked hard, or should not have grain for medical reasons, then a [ration balancer](#) or [complete multi-vitamin/mineral supplement](#) is a better choice than grain. Increasing the amount of hay fed is the best way to keep weight on horses during the winter, as the fermentation process generates internal heat. Research performed at the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine showed that if during cold weather horses have only warm water available, they will drink a greater volume per day than if they have only icy cold

water available. But if they have a choice between warm and icy water simultaneously, they drink almost exclusively from the icy and drink less volume than if they have only warm water available. The take home message is this: you can increase your horse's water consumption by only providing warm water. This can be accomplished either by using any number of [bucket or tank heaters](#) or by adding hot water twice daily with feeding. Another method to encourage your horse to drink more in winter (or any time of the year) is to topdress his feed with [electrolytes](#).

## Exercise

It may be tempting to give your horse some "down-time" during winter, but studies have found that muscular strength, cardiovascular fitness and overall flexibility significantly decrease even if daily turnout is provided. And as horses grow older, it takes longer and becomes more difficult each spring to return them to their previous level of work.

Unfortunately, exercising your horse when it's cold and slippery or frozen can be challenging.

First, work with your farrier to determine if your horse has the best traction with no shoes, regular shoes, shoes with borium added, shoes with "snowball" pads, or some other arrangement. Do your best to lunge, ride or drive in outside areas that are not slippery. Indoor arenas can become quite dusty in winter so ask if a binding agent can be added to hold water and try to water (and drag) as frequently as the temperature will permit. Warm up and cool down with care. A good rule of thumb is to spend twice as much time at these aspects of the workout than you do when the weather is warm. And make sure your horse is cool and dry before turning him back outside or blanketing.

## Blanketing

A frequently asked question is: does my horse need a blanket? In general, horses with an adequate hair coat, in good flesh and with access to shelter probably do not need blanketed. However, horses that have been clipped,

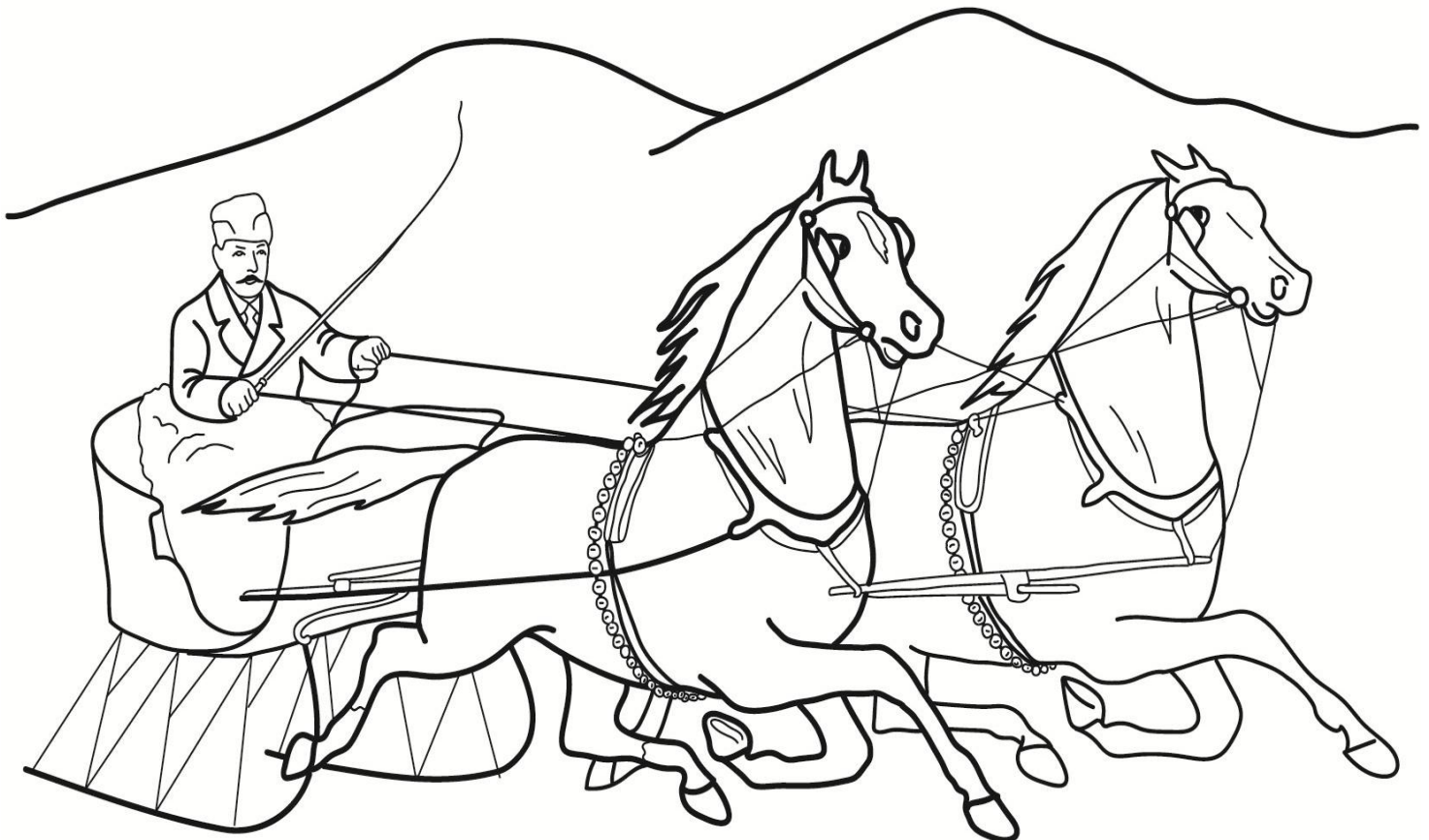


recently transported to a cold climate, or are thin or sick may need the additional warmth and protection of outerwear. Horses begin to grow their longer, thicker winter coats in July, shedding the shorter, thinner summer coats in October. The summer coat begins growing in January with March being prime shedding season. This cycle is based on day length—the winter coat is stimulated by decreasing daylight, the summer coat is stimulated by increasing daylight. Owners can inhibit a horse's coat primarily through providing artificial daylight in the fall but also by clothing their horse as the temperature begins to fall. If the horse's exercise routine in the winter causes him to sweat and the long hair hampers the drying and cooling down process, body clipping may be necessary. Blanketing is then a must.

## Health

There are a number of health conditions that seem to be made worse by the winter environment. The risk of [impaction colic](#) may be decreased by stimulating your horse to drink more water either by providing warm water as the only source or feeding electrolytes. More time spent inside barns and stalls can exacerbate respiratory conditions like ["heaves"](#) (now called recurrent airway obstruction), GI conditions like [ulcers](#), and musculoskeletal conditions like [degenerative joint disease](#). Control these problems with appropriate management—such as increasing ventilation in the barn and increasing turnout time—and veterinary intervention in the form of medications and supplements. Freeze/thaw cycles and muddy or wet conditions can lead to thrush in the hooves and ["scratches,"](#) or, pastern dermatitis, on the legs. Your best protection against these diseases is keeping the horse in as clean and dry surroundings as possible, picking his feet frequently, and keeping the lower limbs trimmed of hair. Another common winter skin condition is ["rain rot,"](#) caused by the organism *Dermatophilus congolensis*. Regular grooming and daily observation can usually prevent this problem, but consult your veterinarian if your horse's back and rump develop painful, crusty lumps that turn into scabs.

*SmartPak strongly encourages you to consult your veterinarian regarding specific questions about your horse's health. This information is not intended to diagnose or treat any disease, and is purely educational.*



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## **HUB CLUB** Membership Application Year \_\_\_\_\_

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**HUB CLUB**

Please check preference: Newsletter sent via email \_\_\_\_\_ U.S Postal Service \_\_\_\_\_  
Also member of: \_\_\_ ADS \_\_\_ CAA, \_\_\_ USEF, Local club \_\_\_\_\_

### MEMBERSHIP DESIGNATIONS:

**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 # \_\_\_\_\_  
date \_\_\_\_\_

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