After a NorEaster caused the May show to be postponed, it was unclear whether we were going to be able to reschedule at all. With the hard work of volunteers and the coordination of the Judge's schedule and the Caroline County 4H Park organizers, the show was eventually rescheduled for July 8th. It was with hopeful fingers crossed that the nature and the weather would cooperate and the temperatures be tolerable for an equine event. In fact, just the week before the weather had reached the 90s and other events had to be modified and or rescheduled! OH MY! We were in luck! The weather was lovely and the turnout numbers, although modest, were a nice mix of singles, pairs, VSEs, full size horses and even a Draft! We had novice competitors and experienced competitors tuning up new horses. What fun! No accidents or issues occurred and it was generally a fun day for all. (Photos on page 7)

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Directory Cover Photo Contest

The Delaware Equine Council’s Equine Industry Directory is due for release in January 2018. In 2017, we honored Jennifer Wilson’s horse, Penny, by placing her photo on the front cover. Penny wins the hearts of all who meet her. Wouldn’t it be cool for your horse to be on the front cover next year! We are looking for a new photo for the 2018 edition. Send in your favorite photo of your horse to:
info@delawareequinecouncil.org

Contest Rules:
1. Horse/Equine must belong to a member of the Delaware Equine Council.
2. Name of horse/equine owner and horse must accompany photograph. Feel free to include any details about the animal. We want to read your horse’s story.
3. No people, advertising, or signage may be in the photograph.
4. Amateur and professional photographs are permitted. Any professional photographs must be accompanied with permission from the photographer for the use of the photograph. Photographer’s name, phone number and email are required.
5. By submitting a photograph or art, you are giving permission for the Delaware Equine Council to use the photograph or art for the purpose of the Equine Industry Directory or any other publication produced by the Delaware Equine Council including posting it on the website, Facebook, newsletters, flyers, etc.
6. Recognition will be given to the winner within the directory.
7. The winning photograph will be selected by the DEC 2018 Directory Committee based on qualifications, attractiveness, and quality of image. The image must be of high enough size and resolution for the directory printer to produce an attractive cover.
8. DEC Board Members and 2018 Directory Committee Members are ineligible to participate.

Contest Ends: October 30, 2017

Delaware 4-Hers: Winners at the State Fair - See page 9.

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Notes from Your Editor

The dreaded heat of summer can certainly drag us down as we try to take opportunities to get out more with our horses. Hopefully all has gone well with everyone of you. As fall approaches rapidly, kids return to school and awards season is upon us. Please send all your events, awards, and article information to info@delawareequinecouncil.org. We can place information on the website and in the newsletter. Help spread the word.

Wendy Lippincott, Editor

President’s Message

Hope your summer has been great. The heat and bugs are finally starting to taper down.

Check out the flier on the annual Member Appreciation Day on September 24. Get all your friends to join you for a ride or drive at Redden Forest Headquarters, enjoy a free lunch and reduced DEC membership dues!

It’s time for the annual DEC Directory planning. See the article on the photo contest and don’t forget to be an advertiser or to thank our present advertisers for their continued support.

Stan Vonasek, DEC President

Newsletter Changes:

Changes are coming for the 2018 Delaware Equine Council Newsletter. During the July 2017 membership meeting, the Council voted to reduce the number of newsletters published on an annual basis.

The Delaware Equine Council is currently publishing six newsletters annually: December/January, February/March, April/May, June/July, August/September, and October/November.

Beginning January 1, 2018, newsletters will be published January, April, July, and October.
5th Annual
Member Appreciation Trail Ride
And Drive!

Sunday, September 24, 2017 - 10:00 am

Redden State Forest Headquarters Tract
18074 Redden Forest Drive ~ Georgetown, DE

Carriages Head Out 10AM—Riders Following Immediately Afterwards
Catered lunch, provided by Shorty’s Catering, from Noon to 2:00 pm.

Members are welcome to set up a table or tack swap/sale.

CURRENT MEMBERS ADMITTED “FREE”

Non-members pay discounted membership rates and automatically become a 2018 DEC member!
Individual $15, Organizational $20, Commercial $30

Please RSVP no later than September 18 to:
Stan: phone 302-684-3966 or email stan22146@hotmail.com
Pam: phone 240-994-2220 or email pnebel@aol.com
2018 Delaware Equine Industry Directory Ad Request Form

Please Select an Ad Size:

☐ ¼ page Black & White Ad (4 ½” wide x 1 3/16” deep)----------------------------- $40.00
☐ ¼ page Color Ad (4 ½” wide x 1 3/16” deep)------------------------------- $80.00
☐ ½ page Black & White Ad (4 ½” wide x 3 11/16” deep)---------------------- $60.00
☐ ½ page Color Ad (4 ½” wide x 3 11/16” deep)---------------------------- $120.00
☐ Full Page Black & White Ad (4 ½” wide x 7 ½” deep)---------------------- $110.00
☐ Full Page Color Ad (4 ½” wide x 7 ½” deep)---------------------------- $220.00
☐ Full Inside Front or Full Rear Cover Ad - Color -------------------------- $350.00
☐ Center Full Page Ad – Color --------------------------------------------- $325.00
☐ Full Back Cover Ad – Color --------------------------------------------- $400.00
☐ Single line listings will be FREE, however we still need the information for the categories you wish to be listed under, as well as location and phone number.

Back Cover, Inside Front & Rear Cover & Center Pages sell first come, first served basis.

Current DEC commercial & organizational members receive a $10 discount for full or half page ads.

Name of Business, Service, or Organization:

Type of Service:

Contact (full name please):

Mailing address:

City: State: Zip Code:

Email: Phone #:

Please give location for your listing(s) and which categories that it needs to be listed under. Ad should be received no later than October 30, 2017.

Ads must be camera ready and can be Emailed (jpeg) to info@DelawareEquineCouncil.org. Ads can be developed for you at an additional charge.

Make all checks payable to: Delaware Equine Council.
Mail to: P.O. Box 158, Harrington, DE. 19952
Calendar of Events

August 2017:

Saturday, August 19: Laurel Saddle Friends Jackpot Barrels and Poles. 5:30 pm, 6309 Phillips Landing Road, Laurel, Delaware 19956

Saturday, August 19 - Sunday August 20: The Kindred Spirit Farm Horse Show at Wicomico Equestrian Center during the Wicomico County fair. Registration and Schooling will start at 7 am. The show will start at 8 am. Negative Coggins required. Contact Kelly Howard by text at 443-783-6776

Monday, August 21: Delaware Equine Council meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm, except June and December. Contact Stan 302-684-3966

Saturday, August 26: Tuckahoe Equestrian Center Crab Feast beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the clubhouse located at 619 Crouse Mill Road, Queen Anne, MD. Members $30, non-members $35 (but must be accompanied by a member), non-crab eaters $15. Contact Linda Middleton for tickets. 410-829-1046 or lamiddleton79@gmail.com. Bring a dish to share. Visit Tuckahoe Equestrian Center on Facebook for more information.

Monday, August 28: American Mustang/Burro Association-Delmarva Chapter meets @ 6PM the 4th Monday of each month. Contact Debbie at 302-653-7005

September 2017:

Sunday, September 3: Pony Pals 4-H Club meeting 4pm. Track View Farm. Contact Joan Siler 302-359-1493 for more information.

Thursday, September 7: Arabian Horse Association of Delmarva meeting first Thursday of each month. Contact: Resi Wolfe 302-856-6048

Friday, September 8: Delaware State University Equestrian Round Up. 4PM 595 Black Swamp Rd, Felton, Delaware 19943. Meet the newest equestrian team class, enjoy demonstrations, food, and fellowship! For information email: sbonneville@desu.edu

Tuesday, September 12: EAAHSC (Eastern Amateur Arabian Horse Show Circuit) Meeting, 2nd Tuesdays of each month. Contact Laura 302-424-1828


Saturday, September 16: Karen’s Shows at Annett Farms. 8 am, 10116 Shawnee Rd, Greenwood, Delaware 19950. Contact Eirita (302) 422-7571 eannett@annettfarms.com

Monday, September 18: Delaware Equine Council meets the 3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 pm, except June and December. Contact Stan 302-684-3966

Tuesday, September 19: Frank Chick's Yearling/Mixed Sale 12PM at Harrington Raceway. Sale of consigned tack and equipment following sale of horses. Contact: Ruth or Robin 302-398-4630

Wednesday, September 20: Tuckahoe Equestrian Center meets the 3rd Wednesday of the following months: Jan, Mar, May, July, Sept. Nov. and Dec at 7:00pm, Contact Joyce Bell 410-820-6002 for location.

Friday, September 22 – Sunday, September 24: Buck Brannaman at the Delaware State Fairgrounds. 9:00AM to 4:30PM. Daily audit has unlimited bleacher seating at $30 per day. Audit tickets are available at the event each day. Seniors 65 and over are free!

~ Welcome New Members ~

New Individual Members
Ruth Noseworthy • Holly Noseworthy • Rebecca Gimenez

★ Next DEC Meetings ★

Monday, AUGUST 21 • Monday, September 18
7 p.m. • Harrington Fire Company Conference Room
20 Clark Street • Harrington, DE 19952

Join us and bring a friend!

Classifieds:

FOR SALE: Aussie Tie Ring: $20 each. New. Allows a tied horse to pull slack in the lead rope when he panics or falls. This releases pressure and the source of pain or panic which dramatically reduces the threat of pain or injury to you and your horse. The Mag-Loc feature holds the tongue in place, making the tie ring more stable so it can be mounted at any height needed. Available: 2 each. Located in Felton, DE. Contact Wendy 302-632-9733.


NOTICE: Dusty Chaps Farm is now Dusty Chaps Farm, LLC. Located at 440 Indian Runner Road, Felton, DE. 19943. Registered Agent is Wendy Lippincott.

DEC Committees: Do you support the mission of the Delaware Equine Council? If so, become involved with a committee. The committee chairs are as follows:

Stan Vonacek - DECF Scholarships
Ken Horeis - Industry Directory
Wayne Nebel - Public Relations
Pam Nebel - Membership
Wendy Lippincott - Newsletter Editor
Julie Warrington - Fundraising
New Conservation Access Pass for Wildlife Areas Now On Sale

DOVER – DNREC’s Division of Fish & Wildlife is launching Delaware’s new Conservation Access Pass July 1. Starting on that date, a Conservation Access Pass will be required for any registered motor vehicle used to access Division of Fish & Wildlife state wildlife areas for recreational activities such as birdwatching, wildlife photography, hiking and horseback riding, as well as hunting.

The annual pass for Delaware-registered vehicles is valid from July 1 thru June 30 and will cost $32.50 when it goes on sale July 1. A three-day pass valid for three consecutive days costs $10. For vehicles with out-of-state registration, an annual pass costs $65 and a three-day pass costs $20. The Conservation Access Pass is assigned to a single registered vehicle, but may be transferred to a different vehicle under the same ownership for an additional $10.

Starting July 1, the pass may be purchased online at Delaware Licenses, at authorized license agents throughout the state, or from DNREC’s licensing desk in the Richardson & Robbins Building at 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE 19901. Also starting July 1, Delaware hunters – residents and non-residents alike – will receive one free annual vehicle pass with the purchase of a hunting license. To purchase a Conservation Access Pass, wildlife area users will need to show the registration card for the vehicle in which they will use the dashboard pass.

Some locations managed by the Division of Fish & Wildlife are exempt from the Conservation Access Pass requirement, including the Michael N. Castle Trail on the C&D Conservation Area near Delaware City, and designated boating and fishing access sites listed in the 2017 Delaware Fishing Guide. Educational and shooting range facilities operated by the Division also are exempt, including the Little Creek Hunter Education Center, Aquatic Resources Education Center at Woodland Beach Wildlife Area, DuPont Nature Center at Milford Neck Conservation Area, and Ommelanden Hunter Education Training Center and Public Shooting Range in New Castle.

For more information about Delaware’s Conservation Access Pass, including a complete list of state wildlife areas that require the pass and locations exempt from the pass requirement, visit www.de.gov/fw or call the Division’s Wildlife Section at 302-739-9912. You may also want to check out frequently-asked questions about the Conservation Access Pass. For questions about purchasing the pass, please call the Division’s Recreational Licensing Office at 302-739-9918.
Delmarva Driving Club  Annual Pleasure Show
Caroline County 4-H Park
July 8, 2017
Pictures courtesy of Pam Nebel

Frances Baker with her Clyde/Hackney team

At left: Anna Klupp

At right: James Wood with his Mini

Debbie Morris

Joan Smith with her Mustang

Marcy Eades

Bill Venditta with his Gelderlander team

Michelle Brauning

James Wood
DOVER – This year’s wet spring weather provided optimal conditions for mosquito breeding, and thus a large population of mosquitoes. Late summer coincides with peak mosquito season, which brings an increased risk of mosquito-borne diseases such as West Nile Virus (WNV) and Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) for humans, but also for horses.

“Owners are encouraged to talk to their veterinarian about having their horses vaccinated against these viruses,” said Delaware State Veterinarian Dr. Heather Hirst. “It may take several weeks for a horse’s immune system to mount a response to the disease after the vaccine is given so owners should have their horses vaccinated as soon as possible.”

In nature, WNV and EEE are maintained in a cycle between mosquitoes and wild birds. Mosquitoes that feed on the infected wild birds may then bite humans or horses, infecting them with the viruses. Neither WNV nor EEE can be transmitted between horses or from horses to people.

Last week, the Delaware Division of Public Health Laboratory reported this year’s first finding of WNV in blood samples taken from DNREC’s sentinel chickens that are monitored for mosquito-borne diseases. The samples are collected as part of a statewide surveillance program conducted by DNREC’s Mosquito Control Section.

Delaware has not had any cases of WNV or EEE in horses, humans, or wild birds thus far in 2017. Illnesses were last seen in one Delaware horse with WNV in 2015 and two horses with EEE in 2013. However, several states south of Delaware have reported cases this year, including Virginia and South Carolina in July.

Both WNV and EEE cause severe, and sometimes fatal, infections in horses. Signs of infection in horses include fever (although not always with WNV), anorexia, head pressing, depression or personality change, wobbling or staggering, weakness, blindness, convulsions, muscle spasms in the head and neck, or hind-limb weakness. If owners notice any of these signs in their horses, they should contact their veterinarian immediately.

Horse owners can take several steps in the barn and around the farm to help protect horses from WNV and EEE. Horses should be kept inside during dawn and dusk, which are peak hours for mosquito activity. Topical insect repellents labeled for use on horses may be applied. The wind generated by fans installed in horse stalls can also help deter mosquitoes. Old tires and containers should be disposed of and standing water eliminated. Water troughs or buckets should be emptied, cleaned, and refilled every 2-3 days if possible to remove any mosquito eggs or larvae. For more information about WNV or EEE:

• Human health questions should be directed to the Delaware Division of Public Health, (888) 295-5156, or (302) 744-4990.
• Animal health questions should be directed to the Delaware Department of Agriculture at (800) 282-8685 (Delaware only) or (302) 698-4500. Ask for the Poultry and Animal Health Section.
• Questions about the state’s mosquito control program or mosquito biology should be directed to the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control’s Mosquito Control Section at (302) 739-9917.
Thirty-five Delaware 4-H Horse project members competed recently at the 52nd Annual State 4-H Horse Show held on July 28, 2017 in the Quillen Arena during the Delaware State Fair. Put on by 4-H volunteers on the State 4-H Horse Advisory Committee, the show offers 4-H members the opportunity to show and learn under the guidance of capable volunteers and judges while having fun at the same time.

Judged this year by Justin Smith of Ridgely, Maryland members competed in the required showmanship classes as well as horsemanship, equitation, trail, pleasure, driving and fun classes like barrel racing, egg and spoon, dollar bareback and costume. Trail classes were evaluated by Ms. Morgan Scuse of Smyrna, Delaware.

**Champion and Reserve Champion** Horse Show awards were sponsored by the Delaware Equine Council and the Delaware Quarter Horse Association respectively and were presented to the following 4-H members:

- **Champion Western Horse** - Sydney Messick exhibiting Zip It Up Charlie- Kent County
- **Reserve Champion Western Horse** – Sydni Brown exhibiting A Country Porsche – Kent County
- **Champion Western Pony** - Alexis Skodinzski exhibiting Lex- Kent County
- **Reserve Champion Western Pony** - Dawson Mitchell exhibiting Fiesta – Kent County
- **Champion English Horse** - Ashley Bullock exhibiting Willie’s Lovely Lady- Kent County
- **Reserve Champion English Horse** - Kassidy Hearn exhibiting Hobby’s Honky Tonk- Kent County

The **Betty Niblett Perpetual Trophy** is presented to the 4-H member who acquires the most points in Showmanship and Equitation/horsemanship classes. Betty was the President of the State 4-H Horse Advisory Committee at the time of her death and helping kids with horse projects was a passion of hers. The winner of the 2017 Betty Niblett Perpetual Trophy was Sydney Messick of the Peach Blossom 4-H Club in Kent County.

The annual horse show is open to any 4-H member on the Delmarva Peninsula or Delaware 4-H members. Major sponsors and supporters of the 2017 show included the State 4-H Horse Advisory Committee and the Delaware Equine Council, the Delaware Quarter Horse Association.

4-H is a community of young people across Delaware learning leadership, citizenship and lifeskills. Join the revolution of responsibility! For more information on becoming a 4-H member or volunteer in Delaware please contact your county extension office:

- New Castle County: (302)831-8965
- Kent County: (302)730-400
- Sussex County: (302)856-7303
Pasture Walk Set for September 7

Mark your Calendar and call (302) 831-2506 to register by Friday, September 1

When: Wednesday, September 7, 2017
Where: Woodside Creamery, 378 North Star Rd, Newark, DE 19711 • Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Credits: 1 NM CEU

Come and learn how Woodside Creamery uses pasture to effectively feed the dairy herd. Learn how to identify weeds and how to control them in a pasture setting. In addition, the topic of integrated pest management on forage fields will be discussed. Hear how to take a proper soil sample and how to pick out the right fence charger for your operation. NRCS will give an update on the programs available for pasture planting. Experts will be on hand to answer specific questions.

The meeting is free and everyone interested in attending is welcome. If you have special needs in accessing this program, please call the office two weeks in advance.

To register or request more information, please call our office at (302)831-2506 - Dan Severson, Susan Garey.

Program

6:00-6:05: Welcome and Introductions
Dan Severson, University of Delaware Cooperative Ext.

6:05-6:20: Tour of Pastures and Pasture Management
Jim Mitchell, Woodside Farm Creamery

6:20-6:35: Soil Sampling Techniques & How to Properly Submit Your Sample
Karen Gartley, University of Delaware Plant & Soil Science Research Manager

6:35-7:00 Weed Identification and Control in Pastures
Quintin Johnson, University of Delaware Cooperative Extension

7:00-7:15: Update on Natural Resource Conservation District Programs
Brooke Jones, NRCS District Conservationist

7:15-7:35: Integrated Pest Management in a Pasture Setting
Bill Cissell, University of Delaware Cooperative Extension

7:35-7:50: Choosing the Right Fence Charger for Your Operation
Dan Severson, University of Delaware Cooperative Ext.

7:50-8:00: Wrap up and Evaluations
Dan Severson, University of Delaware Cooperative Ext.

Returns

Brannaman Returns (Continued from page 1)
Once again, Buck will offer two classes: Foundation Horsemanship at 9:00 a.m. and Horsemanship 1 at 1:30 p.m. While both classes filled as soon as they were announced a year ago, there is a waiting list. If you wish to audit the classes, the cost is $30 per day, and tickets are sold at the entrance to the arena. Auditing is free for those of us that are 65 and older. Quillen Arena has plenty of bleacher seating.

Many thanks to Lucretia Krantz for sponsoring this event. We appreciate all the hard work she does as sponsor. If you have any questions, she can be reached at logcan@yahoo.com.

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Janice Sosnowski, DVM
Michelle Egli, DVM
1008 South Governors Avenue
Dover, DE 19904
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P 302-735-4735 • F 302-526-2749
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Get the best of both worlds...a great adult night out, knowing your kids are having fun and safe, and supporting your local interscholastic Equestrian Team!

Limited to 50 children in grades K-6

We will: Play Games, Face Paint, Do Crafts, Have Pizza and Drinks, and Watch “Smurfs: The Lost Village”.

Cost is $20 for the first child and $10 for each additional sibling from the same household.

Each child will need to bring a beach blanket and/or chair. We will be watching the movie in our 100 x 200 indoor sand arena.

Dress in play clothes that can get dirty, and according to the weather forecast. - Held rain or shine!

Gambler’s Choice Equestrian Center
238 Grey Fox Lane, Dover, DE 19904 • 302-653-0777

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**DDC MEMBERS MEETING**

**WHEN**
Sept 24, 2017
2pm - 4pm

**WHERE**
Redden Forest HQ Pavilion
Redden Forest Rd, Redden Delaware

**FEATUREING** - Ride and Drive open invite; optional ticketed lunch available for purchase at 12:30 for $15 (includes main course, sides, dessert and beverages. Also includes 1 year membership dues to the Delaware Equine Council)

**DELAWARE EQUINE COUNCIL MEMBER APPRECIATION DAY**

**WHO:** CONTACT GEORGE PARRIS FOR DETAILS (302) 236-7357

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**FUNDRAISING SCHOOLING HORSE SHOW**

**SATURDAY,**
September 30

**TEXT**
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