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Area 4-H'ers Compete at 46th Annual 4-H Horse Show

Five Delaware area 4-H Horse project members competed recently at the 46th Annual State 4-H Horse Show held on July 29, 2011, 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 Terry Helder of Evergreen Farm in Wrightsville, Pennsylvania, 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.

Champion and Reserve Champion Horse Show awards were presented to the following 4-H members:

- **Danny and Carol Picard Walk Trot Champion** - Claudia Little, Harrington, Hollering Hooves 4-H Club
- **Danny and Carol Picard Walk Trot Reserve Champion** - Alexis Doughty, Milford, Hollering Hooves 4-H Club
- **Champion English Pony** - Rebekah Baughman, Milford, Hollering Hooves 4-H Club
- **Champion English Horse** - Laura Board, Bridgeville, Sussex Light-houses 4-H club
- **Reserve Champion English Horse** - Morgan Civita, Hartly, Cozy Corner II 4-H Club
- **Champion Western Pony** - Brittany Blacksten, Wyoming, Westville 4-H Club



Delaware Equine Hosts Race at Harrington Raceway!

Delaware Equine Council members were in attendance for the fifth race at Harrington Raceway, Monday Sept. 12, 2011. There were seven horses in the field, all in it to win a purse worth \$15,400. The winner of the fifth race was **#5 Haroun Hanover**, driven by Yannick Gingras and trained by Michael Hall.

What a wonderful experience being there that night! We thank Harrington Raceway for this wonderful opportunity!

**Haroun
Hanover**
Winning Time: 1:55.2
September 12, 2011 5th Race
Purse \$15,400
Driver: Yannick Gingras
Trainer: Michael Hall
Owners: Ira S. Kaplan
& David M. Sheib



Haroun Hanover and driver Yannick Gingras with Delaware Equine Council members in the winner's circle at Harrington Raceway,

- **Reserve Champion Western Pony** - Alivia Scuse, Smyrna, County Line 4-H Club
- **Champion Western Horse** - Brittany Blacksten, Wyoming, Westville 4-H Club
- **Reserve Champion Western Horse** - Dana Dittoe, Milford, Pure Country 4-H Club

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.

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Helping kids with horse projects was a passion of hers. The winner of the 2011 Betty Niblett Perpetual Trophy was Britany Blacksten of Wyoming, DE and the Westville 4-H Club riding Orkies Feature.

The annual horse show is open to any 4-H member on the Delmarva Peninsula or Delaware 4-H members. Sponsors of the 2011 show included the State 4-H Horse Advisory Committee, Dover Saddlery, the Delaware Equine Council, the Delaware Quarter Horse Association, the family of Danny and Carol Picard and Red Hawk Farm.

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)730-4000

Sussex County: (302)856-7303

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Wow, it's been a busy month or so! In this month's issue we are covering topics that are of the utmost importance to us, from storm preparedness to West Nile Virus case sitings — what are the signs and who to report it to. Since we are moving into the fall, it is important that we remind readers to get fall shots...they could save your horse's life!



It cannot go unsaid, "Thank you to Delaware Department of Agriculture and all of the volunteers who worked to get several horses to shelter at the Harrington fairgrounds during Hurricane Irene. A few phone calls, and one goal in site, saved 18 horses. Thank you again."

On a brighter note, you will find that the Delaware Equine Council went to the races! What a wonderful evening amongst friends and a chance to support the racing industry. We look forward to the fall and going to the track to participate in DEC's Barn Tours program.

This issue's letter of concern comes from vice president, Peggy Koster, of the Delaware Equine Council. In her letter, she enlightens us on the trail committee and how important it is to participate in order to save trails now so that future generations will have them also.

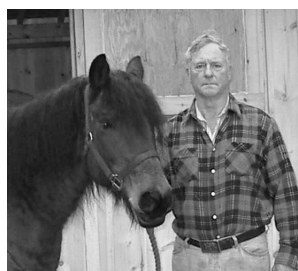
The Newsletter welcomes back, trainer Tara Jones, of Pieceful Solutions. Check out her article and see if it is something you could apply. As always, we look for your feedback; please go to Facebook, or email me at aprlmurray@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you!

Finally, since we are entering the fall, hunting season is upon us, please review the Delaware hunting schedule provided to us by DNREC. Many farms are having trail rides and Halloween gatherings. Please review them on the calendar of events...remember to ride safe and ride smart! Happy Trails...Trick or Treat?

April Murray, DEC Acting Secretary and Editor

President's Message

Finally, we are into cooler weather and fewer bugs for riding! Remember, deer hunting season has started. Not all hunters are horse people, and not all horse people are hunters. We must respect each other and share the woods and trails. See our website and Facebook page for the deer hunting seasons.



Sundays will be the best time to trail ride - that's why we must protect no Sunday deer hunting.

Watch for DEC booth set ups and Liberty at several fall events! Enjoy the fall!

Stan Vonasek, President, DEC

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HELPING HORSE PROGRAM IS A PHONE CALL AWAY

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Helpful Hints In Disaster Preparedness

First, it is with great relief and happiness, there wasn't a single fatality of any horses in the small state of DE, on or after Hurricane Irene hit!! There were 18 horses who were evacuated to Harrington Fair Grounds. A big round of applause goes to all of our Department of Agriculture officials, and all the volunteers who stepped up to help out our friend the horse!

Are you prepared for the worst case scenario for your farm, and the life of your farm animals in an event of a natural disaster?

The following information provides tips to help you in an event of a hurricane, or any other natural disaster.

First and foremost, we suggest you have an emergency evacuation plan on hand, especially your horse's information: up-to-date Coggins and shot information. Also, in the event of having to leave your farm and horses, keep feed cards and individual horse information out so that emergency volunteers can go in and feed without any problems.

Have enough feed, hay and water for at least 7 to 10 days in case power goes out or trees go down, making access to the property difficult.

We also suggest that you follow the news of the storm...either by TV or by your local radio..and have batteries on hand for a battery operated radio.

The Delaware Equine Council has prepared a Disaster Preparedness flier! For quick access, go to www.delawareequinecouncil.com and click on "News".

For additional information, we have listed below other resources for you to check out if you have any questions or concerns: www.state.de.us/dema/index.htm, www.delawareequinecouncil.com, <http://dda.delaware.gov>, www.hsus.org, www.horsecouncil.org

I hope that the above information will be useful to you. Remember to always prepare for the worst, and hope for the best!



LETTER OF CONCERN

Be Pro Active To Preserve Trails

The DEC Trails committee, (Paula Barto, Mary Everhart, and Peggy Koster) continue to meet with the state agencies concerning trails on public lands for equestrians.

Since 2001/2002 when DEC became involved in trail issues, we have not lost any trails within the state. We have ADDED trails in the following locations: Lums Pond State Park, Trap Pond State Park, Redden and Blackbird State Forests, and a short trail in the Nanticoke Wildlife Area. The Proposed trail plan for White Clay Creek State Park will add five plus miles of trails for equestrians. The parking lot at Fresh Pond has been improved and horse trailer parking was provided with signage. Trail courtesy signs and horse trailer parking signs have been placed at Trap Pond State Park on both sides of the pond (main entrance and Cypress Point side). Blackbird and Redden State Forests have made major improvements in their parking areas. There are members of the equine community on the Trails Advisory Working Group, and the Governor's appointed Greenways and Trails Council. For the first time the Horses are being represented!!!!

It is important that we become more proactive instead of being reactive after a trail closure. We must be good stewards of the land. Keep the parking lots clean of manure; carry out what we carry in, (be your brothers keeper - if someone forgets their muck tub and fork help them out). Volunteer some time at your favorite riding spot. Contact the land manager and ask to help. Become part of the

State Park Volunteer Program, or Fish and Wildlife Volunteer Program. If you need help contacting someone just give me a call and I will get you the numbers or a contact person.

There are approximately 140 miles of trails for the equestrians of the 500 total miles of trails in Delaware. Unless we speak up, we will continue to only have minimum access to public lands. The hikers and bikers are volunteering many hours each year and getting involved with Parks, Wildlife, and Forestry to ensure that they have the rights to hike and bike. What are YOU doing? When was the last time you spoke to your State Representative or Senator and told them that you are a horse person and that we appreciate the trails and would like to have more places to ride? With the current economic situation we all need places to ride or drive that are close to home. It is nice to have four hours of riding in one location versus two hours. Remind your Senator and Representative that forty percent of the equine industry in Delaware is Recreational Riders. We are always willing to do the work on the trails; we need the permission from the managers of the public lands. If you would like to help as a committee member or have any ideas give me a call. Peggy Koster 302-629-5233

*Peggy Koster, Member
Trails Committee
Delaware Equine Council*

Emergency Cue to Help Riders Build Confidence

By Tara Jones, *Pieceful Solutions Riding and Training*

We have all been there... Those emergency situations when you are in a panic wondering if you are ever going to regain control of a horse that is slowly unraveling and the situation is borderline out of control. In my experience, fear is nothing more than a lack of knowledge. The more riders learn how to control a situation once it arises, the more confident and calm they become.

Let's face it, horses are horses. They will decide to take



The rein position when walking in between moving the hip. A loose rein is best.

flight when something sparks their interest or brings them back to the survival instinct which is always apparent and never goes away. We can harness that flight instinct and get the horse's mind and attention back on the task at hand using one simple exercise I call "emergency disengaging of the hip".

You have heard of it before with trainers and instructors, but the reality of it is that when a horse is straight it is at full power. Meaning when the spine is straight from the ears to the tail, then you are in for a strong ride. Think of a race horse when it is running down the track. There is no bend apparent in the horse's body, and the hip is where the engine lies. Gaining control of that engine is key to shutting a horse down and stalling that power out.

It is important that any cue you practice is done in a controlled environment first. It would be downright silly to go out on trail and practice this cue if your horse is already jittery and uneasy in that environment. You are never looking to set your horse up to fail. Set your horse up to win and build on the skill until the cue becomes automatic for you and for the horse.

Steps to gaining control of the hip:

Start by walking forward and leaving your reins loose and lying on the horse's neck. You will be teaching this exercise one rein at a time so if you are pulling on two reins by accident, then the signal will not become as clear to the horse and will take longer for the horse to absorb the lesson. Walk forward and count out three steps. You are going to reach down and take the slack out to the right rein with your left hand so you can feel contact with the horse's mouth. You will essentially be reaching across the horse's mane. Take your free hand, which would be the right hand, and place it on the horse's right hip. This will help the horse to feel the rider's seat, and the motion of the rider's body will signal to the horse to move the rib cage and hip over to the left. Bring the hand that is holding the rein in the direction of your belly button. It is common knowledge that any rein pressure that goes in the direction of behind the withers will tell the horse to move the hip.

The horse will momentarily stop the right front foot, and the hip will travel to the left at least two steps. The horse will come to a stop, and the rider can then release the rein pressure and begin to walk three steps forward once again. You will now do the opposite. Reach across the horse's mane with your right hand and pick up the left rein. Your left hand will now move to the horse's hip and you will be looking for the left front foot to stop moving and plant in the one spot as the hip moves over to the left two steps. Once the horse has come to a stop, you can then release the pressure.

Your legs are used strictly to reinforce the forward movement if your horse should stall out before the horse stops the feet. They will also be used to ask the horse to move forward in between the steps over with the horse's hip. If you are sitting with your body square and you are not leaning you will automatically add the appropriate leg in order to encourage the horse's hip to move over because the movement will come when the rider's hip shifts and opens. That will add the correct leg to help initiate movement to the side.

Repeat this exercise alternating back and forth until the exercise is easily attainable in both directions. The three steps of walking in between moving the hips will help to teach the horse to bend the nose off a straight line. This is one major essential that needs to be taught. If a horse is excited, the hardest piece to gain control of is the jaw. A frightened horse will want to pull against the pressure of a nervous hand. Once the bend is started, the rest of the neck will follow smoothly. You are not looking to pull the head to the side; you are looking to ask for the horse to think of bringing the head in the direction of the rein pressure. You are gaining control of movement. That is the most important aspect of this exercise. Look for perfection in this exercise; this is a safety cue. It may save you and help you in a high tension situation.

Always remember that if you pull on two reins when you are scared or in a panic you give the horse something to brace against and to lean on. That will make the situation spiral out of control because the horse can always out pull you no matter how hard you add pressure. The key is to use the horse's body and to create a bend within the spine to shift the balance point.

Once you have practiced this cue by reaching back and touching the hip spot, you can then begin to use the same rein and the same side you are asking for the cue. If you are picking up the right rein, use your right hand and begin to gaze at the hip spot until the horse stops the front right foot and moves the hip over to the left. Vice versa on the other side.

Key points to remember

Some words to remember are that unless you are bringing your hand to your belly button, then the horse will begin to move the shoulder or the rib cage in opposing

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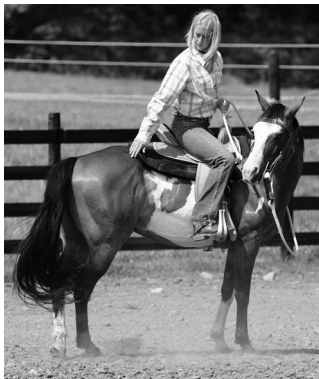
Emergency Cue *(Continued from previous page)*

directions. Find your belly button and physically touch it with your rein. Also practice this exercise until it is automatic so you can use it in an emergency situation.

If, by chance, you pick up the rein and your horse keeps moving, the feet take more slack out of the rein making the rein shorter. Do not bring your hand up higher until it's touching your opposite shoulder. If your horse keeps moving the feet after you have dropped the rein pressure, then immediately pick up the rein again and ask for the hip to disengage once more. Keep practicing until your horse will stand still on a loose rein.

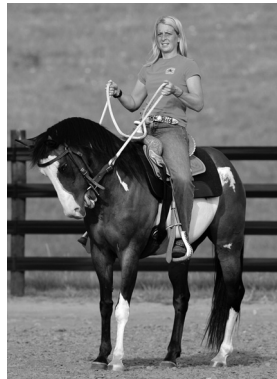
You will also be teaching patience within this cue. You will gain multiple benefits from moving the hip. Be very precise in your asking.

I use this cue for any behavior that I do not like when I am riding. You are always teaching good habits with better hip control and gaining the horse's attention as well. Be confident in your asking and build on this skill.



Hand placement for disengagement of the hip to the left.

Once you move to a new environment, you will essentially have to re-teach this cue again because any change that will heighten awareness brings forth the opportunity to teach your horse again. That is a good thing and a habit to be practiced with all riding skills.



This is a result of pulling too hard on the reins. Phantom has gone behind vertical. This is definitely what you ARE NOT looking for.

Stay safe when performing this cue; a harsh pull that throws the horse off balance completely can cause the horse to fall over. That is why you are practicing slowly and getting the feel for this cue at a walk. You can move on to a trot and then canter, but always keep in mind that higher speed requires slower hands with precise direction. Keep slow until you have mastered it. You will find that this cue will keep you aware of the control you have to build confidence under saddle.

As always, I hope all your puzzling aspects of riding find a "Pieceful Solution." Enjoy your new cue and be safe with yourself and your horses.

Sussex County Horse Shows Clinical Signs of West Nile Virus

Information provided by the DE Dept. of Agriculture

Dr. Heather Hirst, State Veterinarian, announced today that her office received notice of a horse in Sussex County with neurological (nervous system) signs which are consistent with West Nile Virus (WNV) infection. Test results were not conclusive, but showed some evidence that the horse may have recently been exposed to WNV. The horse is improving under veterinary care and is expected to survive. According to Deputy State Veterinarian, Dr. Regina Jensen, this is the first report of a possible West Nile Virus infection in a horse in Delaware since 2003.

West Nile Virus is normally maintained in a cycle between mosquitoes and birds. Occasionally, humans, horses and other animals can contract West Nile Virus (WNV) if they are bitten by a mosquito carrying the virus. However, the virus cannot be transmitted from horses to humans or from human to human.

Most horses that contract WNV are asymptomatic, but clinical cases do occur. Dr. Hirst urges horse owners to contact their veterinarian immediately if they suspect their horse may be showing clinical signs. Clinical signs of WNV may include loss of appetite, aimless wandering or circling, depression or personality change, wobbling or staggering, weakness or paralysis of one or more limbs, convulsions, and muscle spasms in the head and neck. Fever may or may not be present.

The recent rash of wet weather due to hurricane Irene and tropical storm Lee has produced ideal conditions for a dramatic increase in the mosquito population in Delaware.

Horse owners are urged to assist with prevention efforts by making sure their horses are vaccinated against West Nile virus. Vaccines are available through your equine veterinarian. Owners should also keep horses inside during peak mosquito times, i.e., dawn and dusk, and use topical insect repellents labeled for use on horses during mosquito season.

DNREC's Mosquito Control urges citizens to practice good water sanitation by draining or removing water-collecting items around their properties to help reduce mosquito-breeding habitats. Delaware's Division of Public Health (DPH) also urges the public to assist with prevention efforts. Residents are advised to take common-sense precautions against insect bites. This includes wearing long-sleeved shirts and long pants outdoors, applying insect repellent containing 30 percent or less DEET for adults and 10 percent or less DEET for children, and avoiding mosquito-infested areas or times of peak mosquito activity around dusk, dawn or throughout the evening.

For human health questions about West Nile virus, call the Delaware Division of Public Health at 888-295-5156 or 302-744-1033.

For animal-related questions about West Nile, call the Delaware Department of Agriculture at 800-282-8685 (Delaware only) or 302-698-4500, and ask for the Poultry and Animal Health section.

For questions about the state's Mosquito Control program or mosquito biology, call DNREC at 302-739-9917.

~ Equine Calendar ~

October

- Oct. 8th** 10 am - 2pm Tour the Shore, sponsored by HORSE FORCE, will be stopping at Wicked R Western Productions, Wyoming, DE. Visit the Delaware Equine Council booth. . Pony rides, corn maze, lots of fun! Come help support Horse Force's cause and donate money to the Hay Bank.
- Oct. 8th** Fun All-Breed/Arabian Show, Brenda Stewart's farm, Hartley DE. Rain or shine in spacious indoor arena. Cheapest class fees ANYWHERE for a show- pre-entry fee \$5/class or \$25 for all day unlimited classes!! Show packet: www.ahadelmarva.com/fallshow.html
- Oct. 9th** 11 am Halloween Costume Parade; 12 Noon Game Show, Laurel Saddle Friends, Gail 302-841-2063
- Oct. 9th** 11:30am - 3 pm KCSPCA's 3rd Annual Mount Up for Marty, C&R Center - Norman G. Wilder Wildlife Area - Felton, DE, www.kcspca.org for more information.
- Oct. 20th-23rd** Horsemanship Clinic, KathleenLindley.com, IdylwildFarm.com, Federalsburg, MD. idywild@dmv.com. 420-754-9141
- Oct. 15th** The Delaware Equine Council will be represented at the Apple Scrapple Festival, Bridgeville, DE. Look for us in the fire hall!
- Oct. 16th** Southern DE Therapeutic Riding trail ride at Redding State Park, Georgetown, DE
- Oct. 16th** Safe Riding Clinic: Bear Creek Farm, near Roxanna DE. Visit www.wicomicohunt.com for entry forms and more information.
- Oct. 17th** 7 pm Delaware Equine Council monthly meeting at the Harrington Library, Harrington, DE. All are welcome!
- Oct. 20th** Horsemanship Clinic: Kathleen Lindley, Idylwild-Farm.com, Federalsburg, Md idywild@dmv.com 410-754-9141
- Oct. 21st & 22nd** 2nd DPHC Fall Fling & Futurity, Delaware State Fairgrounds, Harrington, Heather 302-233-5137
- Oct. 23rd** 12 Noon Game Show; Year End Awards to follow show. Laurel Saddle Friends, Gail 302-841-2063
- Oct. 30th** 10 am Mustang and Burro Trail Ride, Dinner and Prizes, Redden State Forest, Georgetown, DE. Redden State Forest, Georgetown, DE. Alycia 302-270-7932

November

- Nov. 4th-6th** Yearly Meeting of the American Horse Council, Madison, WI
- Nov. 7th** 10 am rain or shine (indoor arena), Games Show, Wicked R, Wyoming, Jen or Randy 492-3327
- Nov. 13th** 7:30 am Gumboro Acres Horse Show, Gumboro. Schooling, games and awards. Laurie, 302-238-7270
- Nov. 13th** 10 am Kershaw Acres Indoor English & Western Schooling Shows. Milton, DE. CASH AWARDS!! 302-684-1818 or www.kershawacres.com.
- Nov. 14th & 15th** Dave Wilson's Fall Carriage Drive/Auction, Lincoln, Michelle 422-9760
- Nov. 13th** 7 pm DELAWARE EQUINE COUNCIL MEETING — 2011 ELECTIONS, Harrington Public Library, Harrington, DE All are Welcome!

December

- Dec. 3rd-5th** Holiday Open House, (Holiday Auction on the 6th) Chick's, Harrington, 302-398-4630 or 800-444-2441
- Dec. 5th** 10 am rain or shine (indoor arena), Games Show, Wicked R, Wyoming, Jen or Randy 492-3327
- Dec. 11th** 10 am INDOOR English/Western Schooling Series, Kershaw Acres, Milton, DE

Dec. 11th & 12th 1 pm Santa arrives by Horse! Sunset Stables, Bear, DE. Sue 302-834-7588,

DEC. 13th 11 am. Frank Chick's Harness Horse Sale (mixed sale), Harrington Raceway. For information or consignments: 302-270-0088; 302-398-4630; fcsale@chicksaddlery.com sunset2261@aol.com, www.sunsetstable.com588

Dec. 18th Christmas Tack/Hay/Horse Auction, Wicked R, Wyoming, Jen or Randy 302-492-3327

We welcome submissions from our members.



Magazine Recycle Program

Drop off locations:

Rainbow's End Tack, C-Line Stables, Hudson's Farm Supply, Bunny Junction, Milford Southern States and Chick's.

- Magazines should be clean and less than one year old.
- Your help is always needed and appreciated!

For info, call 302-629-5233

Thank you!

Thanks to Steve Shirey of Site One for hosting our Webpage ...www.delawareequinecouncil.com or .org.

Delaware Equine Council members and friends are invited to submit material for review and possible inclusion in the newsletter. Please send your materials to April Murray.

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Additional Ads May Be Purchased

Must be submitted to Editor by 10th of the month, as a photo-ready copy with check made out to DEC.

Send to April Murray, 2465 McKee Road, Dover, DE 19904, 302-735-8540 email: aprlmurray@gmail.com

Rates are as follows:

Full page	\$175	Half page	\$85
Quarter page	\$65	All ads will be in	black & white

The above advertising prices are for members only. Non-members add a 20% premium.



The Delaware Equine Council would like to remind our Equine Industry Enthusiasts that the **deadline for our Directory** has been changed to **January 6th!!**
 If you are interested and need more information, please visit our web page:
www.delawareequinecouncil.com/DECdirectory.htm

Delaware Equine Council 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 Vonasek** **Helping Horse, Barn Tours, Scholarships**
- Peggy Koster** **Trails Committee and Membership**
- Pam Nebel** **Perks/Sales/Shirts**
- Paula Barto** **Directory and Magazine Recycle**
- April Murray** **Newsletter**
- Wayne Nebel** **Public Relations**
- Open** **Scholarship Awards Banquet/Fundraiser**

~ ~ ~ ~ ~ DELAWARE DEER SEASONS & LIMITS ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

SEASONS	DATES***	LIMIT	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION
Archery** <i>Statewide</i>	Sept. 1 - Jan 31	Four*	Hunters may use archery equipment during the muzzleloader, shotgun and handgun seasons provided they wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material displayed on the head chest, and back.
Crossbow <i>Statewide</i>	Sept. 1 - Jan 31	Four*	Hunters may use crossbow equipment during the muzzleloader, shotgun and handgun seasons provided they wear at least 400 square inches of hunter orange material displayed on the head, chest and back.
Muzzle-loader <i>Statewide</i>	Oct. 7-15 Jan. 23-28	Four*	Muzzleloaders may be equipped with scopes.
Shotgun <i>Statewide</i>	Nov. 11-19 Jan. 14-21	Four*	Muzzleloaders may be used during the shotgun season and may be equipped with scopes.
Special Antlerless	Oct. 24, 28, 29, 31 Dec. 10-17	Four*	This season is "any method," including archery, muzzleloader and shotgun. You may only take antlerless deer or deer with both antlers less than 3 inches in length. Archery & crossbow hunters may take antlered bucks in Oct. but NOT during the Dec. antlerless season.
Handgun	Jan. 7-14	Four*	The handgun must be carried openly in a sling or in a holster and not concealed.
Youth Hunt	Nov. 5	Four*	***PLEASE NOTE: Delaware does not allow Sunday hunting; therefore the dates indicated do not include Sundays For complete information, see www.eregulations.com/delaware/hunting/deer-hunting/

*Note on limit: The general bag limit on deer is 4 on license tags. This is by all methods and seasons combined. Additional deer may be taken on special tags.

**Archery hunters may take antlered bucks during the October antlerless deer season, but NOT during the December antlerless season.

It is now legal to hunt deer with a handgun during any shotgun deer season. The handgun must be used in place of a shotgun. You cannot carry both in the field at the same time.

Only 2 antlered bucks may be taken during any license year by all methods and seasons combined. The license year runs from July 1–June 30.

**The Delaware Equine Council
is on FACEBOOK!**

*Follow us on FACEBOOK for
up-to-date news — Go to*

www.facebook.com/delawareequinecouncil
and click on the “LIKE” button.

Did you know . . .

Delaware Equine Council is a member of the **American Horse Council**? Do you know that this entitles YOU to discounts on things like farm insurance and farm products? *Talk to an officer or board member if you have any questions!*



**Upcoming meeting dates for the Delaware Equine Council:
Mondays: October 17 and November 13 (Election of Officers)
Harrington Public Library, Harrington, DE • 7 p.m**

