

# AROUND THE BARN

## Equestrians of Fine Vintage - Chapter of OPRC Quarterly Newsletter

### **BREED SHOWCASE—THE HAFLINGER (PONY):**

**Approximate Size:** Up to 15 Hands

**Color Variations:** Chestnut w/ Flaxen mane and tail

**Place of Origin:** Austria

**Temperament:** Amiable

**Disposition:** Cold

**Uses:** Carriage among other applications.

- The Haflinger is a mountain pony with a chestnut body ranging from rust to gold.
- The breed is based on the now extinct Alpine Heavy Horse with the addition of Arab blood.
- It takes its name from the village of Hafling in Austrian Tyrol.
- It is a very attractive, strong, and sturdy pony, athletic, surefooted, and intelligent.
- Considered coldblooded and well suited for children and novices.
- Haflinger breed has remained pure and is carefully monitored.
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Info from the [A Pocket Guide to Horses and Ponies](#) by Corrine Clark



### **Old Man Winter and Your Horse**

Now that Fall is here, and we've even had our first snow, it's time to ensure our equine friends are ready for the cold months ahead.

With that, it's time to ensure that you decide now whether to trim or clip your horse and get their blankets and sheets ready for the cold days ahead. Or another question is how to keep your horse clean and comfortable if you decide not to clip and blanket.

On November 7<sup>th</sup>, Susan McLean did a great hands-on demonstration on how to clip your horse. This included ways to blanket your horse during times of rest, turnout, activity, and trailering during the winter months. She also discussed types of clips and trims and why they are used, types of blankets to use, and how to keep your horse clean without getting them soaked to the skin.

Great discussion all-around and thank you to the McLean's for opening their farm to the club. Any questions can be directed to Susan and Hoot.

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

- It's that time of year again to renew your membership.
- Returning members will need to sign a release and pay \$40.00.
- New members will need to fill out a New Member form, a release form, and pay \$50.
- If you have not been a dues paying member for one year or more, you will be considered a new member.
- All forms will be available at the December 12, 2011 meeting for your convenience.

**The Equestrians of Fine Vintage Mission Statement:** *"To enrich the equine experience of our members through equine education, networking, and social opportunities. Our focus is on the well being and betterment of the horse and encouragement of the rider at every level and discipline."*

*Jochen Schleese, Master Saddle Fitter from Canada and founder of Schleese Saddlery Service, LTD, is coming out for a visit on November 15<sup>th</sup>, 2011 to Sandy Rybacki's farm. He will be giving a great one-hour presentation on how your saddle should fit and what to look for with your current tack. This will start at 5:30 pm. This presentation is free- as his goal is to educate horse owners so that they don't injure themselves or their horses with long-term damage. Even if you have what you think is a great saddle and a great fitter, it's good to come out and hear his presentation so that you can better talk to your fitter- and your horse too! You will be able to sit in these saddles too if you like after the lecture. There will be all types of door prizes and refreshments so come out and enjoy an evening of learning.*

## CLASSIFIED

This section hosts items for sale by club members to club members.

**Heidi Barker has a Tucker Western Saddle for sale. Please contact her for more info.**

**Tammy Murphy is selling a trailer along with various tack. Please contact her direct for more information.**

**tmurphy69@comcast.net.**

If you have anything you'd like to sell, please email [sabrinaspirito@comcast.net](mailto:sabrinaspirito@comcast.net) with all the details and it will be added to the next Newsletter. Thank you.

### "What Your Horse Wants you to Know" –

**By Gincy Self Bucklin:**

*Bridling: Raises or Throws Head When Removing the Bridle. If your horse had a tendency to throw or react to the bridle being taken out of his mouth and shows no sign of ear or head shyness at any other time, you could have an issue that needs addressing.*

*What your horse wants you to know: You're hurting my ears! Or I'm afraid you're going to hurt my ears! - Many people remove the bridle by putting their hand between the horse's ears are pulling straight forward. This forces the bridle to catch on the muscles on the side of the head. **When you pulled the bridle off, the bit jabbed me in the mouth!** - The combined discomfort of the pull on the ears and the pull on the mouth is really upsetting to most horses. The bit also banged on my teeth suddenly when the bridle dropped. – This makes some horses tense in the jaws so they don't open and let go of the bit.*

*What to do about it: Any time you remove a bridle or halter over the horses head, you should remove it one ear at a time. Slide it down the face slowly while holding onto the bit. Once you know you are not hurting him, you can work on this to train him not to react. Make sure his teeth are not bothering him as well as newly erupted teeth on a youngster or long teeth could cause a reaction. Don't be in a hurry and don't force it!*

#### EOFV OFFICERS FOR 2011 AND 2012

<b>President:</b>	<b>Sandy Rybacki</b>
<b>Vice President:</b>	<b>Carol Muirhead</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Pat Banzhoff</b>
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<b>Membership Coordinator:</b>	<b>Sabrina Spirito</b>
<b>Newsletter Editor:</b>	<b>Sabrina Spirito</b>
<b>Insurance Coordinator:</b>	<b>Julia Foley</b>

### Hold Your Horses

#### Things horses shy at:

***Lions in trees. Tigers anywhere. Helicopters. Large dogs with big teeth. Small dogs with big teeth. Dogs with big teeth. Dogs that weren't there yesterday. Rocks. Thermonuclear devices. Rogue nations. Plastic bags that flap. Bugs. Everything else.***

#### Things horses don't shy at:

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- **Bonnie Timmons**

*"At the end of the day, it's the warmth of a steamy horse, the feel of tired muscles, the smell of clean stalls, the sound of horses eating, the sound of things you didn't hear, and knowing that when you hold your horses, they will hold you back."*

- **Bonnie Timmons, "Hold your Horses"**

## 2011-12 CALENDAR

*Upcoming events hosted by EOFV*

**October 3 – Meeting at Pat Banzhoff's house.** What a great discussion on rider fitness and programs to get us, and keep us fit! Thank you Pat for a lovely and informative evening!

**November 7- Meeting at Stirrup Cup Farm – Susan and Hoot McLean's house.** Great discussion! Thank you again!

**December 12- Meeting at Ken and Sabrina's house.**  
Annual Holiday Party and gift auction fundraiser  
And Annual Renewal.

**January 2- Meeting at Carol's House.** Review the 2012 season and discuss Camp and Camp Committee.

*Go to the [www.oldpeoplesridingclub.org](http://www.oldpeoplesridingclub.org) site and check out our EOFV Photo Album. Submit new pictures of you and your horse to Sabrina to upload any time!*

### Looking for blanket repair?

### Wondering if your fly masks can be repaired and fixed?

You should consider contacting Amy Welker at the Tack Shack. She has a very quick turnaround time and also does custom embroidery too. She also does consignment at a very reasonable price.

Her tack shop is located at 1720 Ritner Highway in Shippensburg, PA 17257. Her email is [thetackshack@hotmail.com](mailto:thetackshack@hotmail.com) and the work number

### **RECIPE IDEAS:**

#### CREAMY CLAM DIP

- **SABRINA SPIRITO**

**2 BRICKS OF CREAM CHEESE  
2 CANS OF MINCED CLAMS  
2 TABLESPOONS OF GARLIC POWDER  
1 TABLESPOON OF WORCHESTER SAUCE  
MILK TO THIN**

**SET OUT THE CREAM CHEESE TO SOFTEN. DRAIN AND ADD THE CLAMS WITH JUST A BIT OF THE JUICE. ADD 1 TABLESPOON OF GARLIC AND WORCHESTER SAUCE. ADD SOME MILK TO THIN AND BLEND WITH A BLENDER. ADD MORE GARLIC TO TASTE AND MORE MILK TO REACH DESIRED SMOOTHNESS. THIS GOES GREAT WITH PRETZELS AND RIPPLED POTATO CHIPS WHICH IS THE WAY MY MOM SERVED IT.**

### December EOFV Meeting and Fund Raiser

***This year, the Annual EOFV December Holiday Fund Raiser and Meeting will be held at Harvest Hunt Farm!***

This year, the event will be at Ken and Sabrina's farm (340 West Old York Road, Carlisle, PA 17015). Here are the details!

- Bring a dish or beverage to share
- Bring a gift-wrapped item worth a minimum of \$15
- Label it with Horse or Non-Horse related
- Guests are welcome when they accompany a member
- Guests are asked to also bring a dish and gift
- All auction gift payments are due that night
- Cash is preferred for all guests- checks are fine for members
- 2012 Membership will be handled as well that evening so please bring your renewal money.
- The evening kicks off at 6:30pm
- Please use the front door
- Park in the grass across from the house if not too muddy.

***Looking forward to seeing you all for a very festive evening! Cheers!***

*If you would like to contribute to the Quarterly Newsletter, please contact Sabrina Spirito at [sabrinaspirito@comcast.net](mailto:sabrinaspirito@comcast.net) or call 717-609-3931. All articles, recipes, event info, or other ideas are more than welcome.*

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