

WNRDC Calendar of Events

March 2006



West Newbury
Riding and Driving Club
POST

March 25 — 9:30AM Barefoot Natural Trim Presentation and Demo

Mike Boucher, from Goffstown, NH, started learning about trimming techniques when trying to help his own horse with navicular disease. A professional trimmer for 2 years now, he trims over 300 horses. Mike's work is based on Jaime Jackson and Pete Ramey's methods (www.hoofrehab.com) and follows the model of the wild horse: "the trim is natural, gentle and healing." He also says that "issues such as navicular, founder and laminitis are all completely curable, not band-aided or masked".

Do bring all your questions because Mike loves to teach owners about their horse's feet. According to Joan Cameron he also has a fabulous treatment for thrush. So come and learn!

For the demonstration Mike will be trimming Joan's horse and her boarder's horse. He would love to do another horse, especially one with laminitic, navicular or other hoof conditions to illustrate his approach. If you are interested in the barefoot method and would like to bring your horse please contact Joan at 978-463-8262.

Location: The Camerons' Barn, 16 Brickett St, West Newbury

Directions: from Rte 113 take Bachelor Street, follow Moulton St. around reservoir then up the hill and Brickett St. is on the right.

Since Mike is planning to make a special journey from NH for our meeting we'd like

to ensure a good attendance. If you plan to come PLEASE call Felicity (978-363-2021) or email her (fbeech@comcast.net) so we can have an estimated head count. THANK YOU.

**March 11—6:30pm
Annual Potluck Dinner/Dance**
Free to members (anyone in household)
\$10 for guests and non-members
Contact: Jill Hazard 978-363-5829
rhazard48@gmail.com

Location: Old Town Hall
Leave a msg with your name, how many people will attend and what dish you are bringing. If you can help with setup in the AM, call Jill for a time.

Upcoming Events

An introduction to Driving
Contact: Nady Peters 978-363-1589
nadyrp@yahoo.com
Date and Location: To be determined

**WNRDC Pleasure Show
July 16**
Contact: Kathryn West McLeod
978-363-1422 k_g@comcast.net
Location: Pipestave
Always wanted to participate in a show? This is your chance! This will be our first pleasure show and a subcommittee has started planning. If you would like to volunteer to help out, please send an email to Kathryn. The show will include pleasure, equitation and fun classes, in other words, there will be fun for everyone. Save the date!

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The Miniature Addiction by Jessica Price

As we drive up the road to a show we see jumpers, halter horses, drivers, lead line, showmanship, and trail. We drive further along to see the horses more clearly. There are bays, sorrels, buckskins, grays, blacks, paints, appaloosas, and many others with the silver gene and cream gene. They look and act like horses, but they really are a different kind. The miniature horse measures less than 38" at the withers, or 9.5 hands for you *big horse* people, in the AMHR (American Miniature Horse Registry) and less than 34" at the withers in AMHA (American Miniature Horse Association). The breed is growing in popularity all over the world, especially the United States of America and Canada.

We got into miniature horses after feeding two young stallions at a local horse boarding stable. They were wild, feisty, and I feared for my life as I entered their pens; I was 10 years old, you know! I was hooked when I volunteered as a ribbon runner at a miniature horse show at the barn I boarded at. We, my mom and I, soon began our search for a miniature horse and found one for sale in Vermont. A cute, fuzzy-wuzzy chestnut gelding with a flaxen mane and tail. Miniature horses grow a good amount of fur all over their bodies in the winter; sometimes their fur grows to be about 2" or longer. We re-named our sweet little gelding Dusty, which soon evolved into the nicknames Muff-Muff, the Dust Man, and also Muffin-Man.

We showed this gelding the year after we bought him. When we got to the show, my mom and I realized we had NO idea what we were doing. Sure we got two first places, but we were the only ones in those classes. There were several miniatures there and I did compete in a class with several miniatures in it. After a few years I got back into showing, but we had a new weapon. A 34" smoky black mare that drove! I showed her in driving, halter, and showmanship and she did very well for me. I showed her in 4-H shows as well as miniature horse shows and she won me my first championship in Showmanship. Dusty was also pulling in some ribbons for me as well.



Dusty and Jessica

People often ask me what you can do with miniature horses. I reply back "What *can't* you do with miniature horses?" I am sure many of you have the same question. Miniature horses can be just pets, or companions for larger horses, but they are also good animals to bring to hospitals and nursing homes as aid animals. The little horses are also being used as guide animals, but it is a controversial issue as of now. Besides being a pet there is the life of luxury, celebrities at their best. Show horses. Miniature horses compete in the following in-hand classes: halter, showmanship, model, obstacle, jumping, hunter, costume get-of-sire, three-by-one owner, and many other classes.



Jessica driving Chantilly

They also show in driving classes which include country pleasure driving, pleasure driving, obstacle driving, roadster driving, roman chariot, multiple hitch driving, tandem driving, fancy turnout driving, and many more. There are also leadline classes for those under 50 pounds. There are three associations for miniatures. The American Miniature Horse Association (AMHA), the American Miniature Horse Registry (AMHR), and the World Class Miniature Horse Registry (WCMHR). AMHA and AMHR are more popular and both hold a large national horse show where thousands of miniatures compete. WCMHR is less popular as it was formed only a decade ago.

Today my family and I own four miniatures, the spunky gelding and mare previously mentioned as well as a new yearling colt and yearling filly. We have decided on the farm name Fox Glen Farm because of our little place on a meadow with foxes appearing every once in a while. We know we will soon have more miniatures, specializing in all different disciplines including halter, performance, and driving. Kind of like that slogan for potato chips: "You can't have just one!", miniature horses are truly an addiction!

Editor's Note: If you would like to highlight the breed of your horse, write it up and send to wnrdcnewsletter.com for future newsletters.

WNRDC Members Urged to Join ECTA

By Mary Lee Mahoney Camp, member of ECTA Board of Directors

Thanks to the joint efforts of West Newbury landowners and the Essex County Trail Association, great strides are being made in formalizing a contiguous trail system throughout our town. Several landowners have granted trail easements to ECTA and others have granted permission for ECTA member trail use.

Using Pipestave Hill as the hub of the trail system, plans are underway to connect trails throughout the town, utilizing public and conservation lands and obtaining permission or easements from private landowners. Some people have visions of creating a trail system that will connect West

Newbury with ECTA trails in the organization's other affiliate towns of Ipswich, Essex, Topsfield, Hamilton and Wenham.

To assist with trail-development efforts, Riding and Driving Club members are urged to join ECTA. Annual individual dues are \$25 and family dues are \$35. Your dues will be welcome to help fund the organization's objectives. But your personal involvement with the organization is equally important. Visit ECTA website at ECTAonline.org or call Executive Director Carol Lloyd at 978-356-5070 for additional information.

WNRDC YAHOO GROUP IS UP AND RUNNING

A yahoo group was created to provide a new communication method to our members. With this group, a member can send a quick email to find a trail riding buddy, a new boarder, or new horse! An invitational message was sent to your email; if you did not receive an invitation to join, send an email to [wnrdnewsletter@yahoo.com](mailto:wnrdcnewsletter@yahoo.com) to request it.

How to join: in order to join the group, click on "Join this group" in the invitation message. If you want to be able to sign on and view archived messages, you will need to have or create a yahoo ID. If you want just to join the

mailing list for the group, send a blank email to wnrdc-subscribe@yahoogroups.com. You do not need a Yahoo ID to sign up for the mailing list only. If you choose this method, you will not have access to all of the group's web features (Photos, Files, Links, Polls, Calendar.).

How to post a message: send your email to wnrdc@yahoogroups.com and everyone who is subscribed to the group will receive it. Remember to add your name at the bottom of the message as we may not know from your email address who you are.

SPRING SHOTS

Here are the dates for the Spring Shot Clinic. Remember that you have to be an active member of the club to qualify for the shot clinic. This means that you volunteer a minimum of 6 hours a year.

- **Thursday March 23** RHINO/FLU \$25 or Nasal FLU \$25 & Rhino \$15. RABIES \$15.
- **Thursday April 6** POTOMAC HORSE FEVER \$20.
- **Friday May 12** E&W ENCEPH/TETANUS \$15. WEST NILE VIRUS \$25.

If you want to have STRANGLES inj.(\$20) or STRANGLES nasal (\$25) it has to be given alone with no other shots. With all the other vaccines you would have to

schedule this on your own or substitute. Teeth floating is \$55 plus extra for the tranquilizer. Sheath cleaning is \$42. Coggins \$30 can be drawn on any of these dates.

Wendy usually hands out the forms on the first visit, but if you want it done on the first date let her know and she will get the form to you so they can be filled out. Please have the forms filled out before the farm visit. We are having the West Nile vaccine done on the last date so that the horses will be covered in the fall. The farm call fee is \$5 per/visit. Billing Fee if not paid in full at time of service is \$15.

Please contact Wendy Keyser to schedule your horse(s) at 978-363-5896 or wlk235@aol.com.

Many thanks to Wendy Keyser for organizing this!

Announcements

- Due to lack of interest and high cost, Judy Wright will not participate in the ECTA tack sale
- The 2006 Local Equine Activities Calendar is now available online at www.wnrdc.com. You will receive a copy by mail soon.
- Subcommittees were formed for the Pleasure show, Driving Event, and Organized Trail Rides, email the key contacts if you would like to help out. Pleasure Show: k_g@comcast.net (Kathryn McLeod West); Driving Event: nadyrp@yahoo.com (Nady Peters); Trail Rides: joanc1130@hotmail.com (Joan Cameron).

WNRDC Member News

Congratulations to Ellen Alden on her new Morgan mare Burkland Suite Inspiration who will be inspirational to Ellen regarding driving!



"I am the lucky recipient of this horse from Burkland Farms --how great for someone who just loves Morgans. Ellen"

Burkland Suite Inspiration
a beautiful filly coming
three in April

Congratulations to Judy Wright on her new 5 year old grey Lusitano gelding, Ufano.



Judy and
Ufano

Congratulations to Jen Brockway on her new Standardbred, Champ.



Amy and Vico

Champ



Congratulations to Amy Bresky on her new 4 year old bay Lusitano gelding, Vico "Victoriano". Vico is having a great winter down south with Amy.

Get better soon wishes to Jean Tatten and Kathleen Fuller recovering from riding related injuries.

Pipestave Adopt-a-Jump Program

In an effort to both keep our facility in tip-top condition and spread the burden of upkeep over more members, in 2006 we are launching Adopt-A-Jump for the cross-country fences at Pipestave. You can work on your adopted jump when you have time, so you can still help even if you can't make the big clean-up day in June.

Here's how it works:

- Individuals or families volunteer. Look for a call for volunteers in the spring when the weather breaks. If you are pumped up and want to volunteer NOW, contact Jane at coopercat99@comcast.net or Mary Lee at maryleemahoney@yahoo.com.
- Mary Lee and Jane, our cross-country gurus, will assign a jump. Requests for a specific jump will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis. A map will be available at the potluck.
- Adopters can work on their jump at their own pace, at a time which best suits their schedule, however there

will be deadlines: the Sunday one week prior to each Pipestave event!

- Adopters are responsible for basic upkeep: weed whacking, removing debris, and in general making the jump look nice. Planting of flowers is optional; if you are so inclined, the Club can reimburse you for plants purchased for the jump.
- Any major problems, such as the jump rail is broken, a tree fell on it, or a gopher hole has appeared in the take off or landing zone, should be reported to Jane or Mary Lee.
- We will find a way recognize jump adopters' hard work with either a recognition board at the event, or, if we can, a mention in the program.

We are looking forward to launching this program this year! See you in the spring.

Meeting Notes January 11, 2006

The first meeting of 2006, held at the home of Chris Phaneuf and Joe Uniejewski, was well attended. Members listened to two guest speakers and received great advice on "Avoiding Worst Case Scenarios". The following summaries cover the highlights of the two presentations. If you have specific questions regarding your own situation, please feel free to contact the speakers directly.

Other business discussed at this meeting: Three sub-committees were formed to investigate three possible new/additional activities for the club. Each group was asked to meet soon, and present their ideas at the next club meeting on February 7. Driving sub-committee: Nady Peters. Organized trail rides: Joan Cameron, Edie McKinnon, Felicity Beech. Pleasure Show: Chris Phaneuf, Julie LeDonne, Kathryn West McLeod.

Many thanks go to Chris and Joe for being gracious hosts and to our speakers: Madelyn Cirinna, Richard Bourgault, and Dale Johnson.

Presentations:

Madelyn discussed what public safety resources are available and what they can do in horse related situations; what sort of emergencies could affect us in this area; how the horse owner can prepare for emergencies; and what to do in an emergency. Our animals depend on us for their well being; we are responsible for planning for these situations.

Public safety resources: Hurricane Katrina has spurred planning. Officials realized that plans for people must also include a plan for pets and animals. Massachusetts has set up teams, which include a veterinarian, vet technician, animal control officer, communications, fire & police officers, and provisions for an animal morgue. These teams may be called into action in any of the following situations this: hurricanes, ice storms, floods, blizzards, chemicals spills (highway or train), disease threats, terrorist threats, or an incident at the Seabrook nuclear power plant.

What can various public safety resources contribute in a horse emergency? First, do not assume police officers, firemen, or public works crews know how to handle a horse, much less one which is under stress. Keep in mind that small animal vets may not be familiar with horses either. Police can control the scene, stop cars, direct traffic and crowds. Firemen have ropes, tools, and manpower. Public works departments have heavy equipment. The MSPCA has a horse ambulance, and the Glide. Be aware that they will not use the Glide unless a horse has first been tranquilized by a vet. Animal control officers have experience with many situations. Vets and vet techs of course can administer medical care.

In the event of large-scale natural or man-made disasters, officials may issue evacuation orders for people and their animals. In some cases we may be instructed to

leave animals behind. Either way, time to react will be limited. The key is to be prepared both to evacuate, or to leave animals on their own for a period of time.

Seabrook nuclear accident: The public safety plan calls for leaving horses in the barn with all doors shut. People would be allowed in once per day to feed their animals.

Leaving your animals behind: Leave enough fresh water and hay for each horse (or animal) to last 48 to 72 hours. It is better to leave the horses out in a paddock or field, than to leave them in a stall in the barn. Out of the barn they have a chance to forage for food and water, especially if human re-entry to the area is delayed. Identify your horses: There is a special pen used to write on animals. Write your name, phone numbers, the horses name on the horse. You can also paint their hooves.

Create an identity package for each horse: Include recent color photos of the horse; age, sex, breed, color, markings; microchip number if applicable; medications; vet's phone number; copy of Coggins test, and vaccination and deworming records; special foods or diet requirements. Also include a brief personality profile of your horse: Does he tie? Is he blind or have other physical limitations? Does he bite or kick? Can't be left alone? Can't be with other horses, or mares, etc? Prone to founder? Keep an identity package in your trailer, in the barn, in your house (to take with you in an evacuation) – i.e., have several ID packages for each horse.

Evacuation: Is your trailer in good working order? (lights, tires, brakes) When was the last time you used it? Towing vehicle: are tires inflated, brakes working, tank full of gas? Do you have enough trailers – and trucks to pull them – to evacuate all of the horses on your property? Are there other animals to consider – sheep, goats, etc? Do you have trailers to transport them? Will you have to leave them behind? Small animals: dogs, cats, rabbits, reptiles, birds: have a carrier for each, especially cats.

First Aid Kit: Should be portable, ready to use. If possible have one in the barn, and one in your trailer. Store items in a plastic bin; include a knife, scissors, wire cutters, duct tape, leg wraps, glo-sticks, ear plugs for horses.

Water: Get your horses used to drinking from different sources and different types of containers. Sometimes powdered cherry Kool-Aid or apple juice added to strange water will encourage horses to drink. So, keep some in your evac or first aid kit!

Rider's ID package: Have your own emergency info handy: name, allergies, address, phone numbers, who to contact and how, medications, health insurance info.

In advance of a weather emergency: Have fresh water and hay on hand for 48-72 hours. Store water in trash bins or stock tanks. Purchase water testing kits and keep them on hand. Rotate your emergency food and water so that it is always fresh.

Contact information: Post your contact information very visibly at your barn entrance. Make it easy for officials to reach you. Include the name of alternate contacts who can be responsible for the horses: a family member, neighbor, or other horseperson. Have a small tag engraved with the horse's name, your name, and phone numbers. Keep it on your horse's halter, and attach it to the bridle when you trail ride. Better yet have two, so you don't forget to switch them back and forth.

Assessing risks: Have a plan, and have a back-up plan. Look at your property, and the location of the barn on your property: are you in a low lying area which can flood? Do you have a well for water? How will you pump water if the electricity is out? Can you develop a buddy system within the community? Do you know someone who has a generator? A trailer?

Keep in mind basic horse behavior: flight (run away, bolt), fight (rear, kick, bite) or freeze (grows roots). When approaching, do not stare at the horse. Talk calmly, as if you are in control. Approach the shoulder at an angle. Move slowly.

What are your fire risks? Where will you put horses in case of a barn fire? Is your paddock far enough away from the barn? Prevention: Keep cobwebs down, wipe away dust. Pick up loose hay. No smoking in or near the barn. Keep the barn cool. Inspect electrical wiring; conduit is best. Be careful with heaters, water heaters, any electrical appliance. Unplug things when you are not in the barn. Dust can accumulate on incandescent light bulbs; use fluorescent instead. Place overhead lights above 14 feet high, have cages around bulbs. A lightning rod for the barn is a good idea. Keep weeds and leaves away from the barn – have a barren zone around the barn. Invite the fire chief to visit your barn, he can make safety suggestions.

Keep halters and leads on each horse's stall door. Nylon will melt in a fire – use leather halters and cotton lead ropes. Stud chains are recommended – your horse will be under stress. Have towels or pillowcases for blindfolds handy at the barn door – not packed away somewhere. Visit your barn in the dark. Can you find your way around? Locate halters and leads; unlatch doors, gates with one hand? This will also get your horses used to being handled in the dark. Get your horse used to being handled with a flashlight in your other hand.

What to do in case of fire: Call 911 FIRST. Be very clear: "I am reporting a fire at (address). It is a stable fire, and horses are involved. To get to the barn..." Give pre-

cise, clear instructions on exactly how to find your property, and your barn on your property.

Now, go to the barn. You may have to prioritize: get the horses closest to the door first. Keep yourself safe first: unfortunately, sometimes there is nothing we can do. You may have to let go of a panicked horse if YOUR life is in danger.

Do not play fireman. Take care of the horses. Water will aggravate an electrical fire. Use dirt to smother a fire, or an all-purpose fire extinguisher.

Trailing and riding accidents: Call 911. Be very clear: "I am reporting an auto accident at (highway mile/exit, or address). I have a trailer, it's a horse trailer, and horses are involved." Give precise, clear instructions on exactly how to find you. Ask that sirens NOT be used. Horse ear plugs are handy in these situations. Rescue equipment such as the jaws of life also make a great deal of noise.

Assess the situation. Do not enter the trailer if a horse is panicked. Do you need a vet? or first aid? Is it safe to unload? Even if the trailer is on its side, the horses may be safer IN the trailer.

If you have engine trouble: Pull over as FAR as you can. Call for help. A trailer with a flat tire can be driven at 30 mph until it is safe to pull over.

Madelyn keeps a list of stables and who has horse trailers for West Newbury. Please contact her if you are new to town or have a new trailer situation. She also inspects stables annually. Let her know if you have recently added horses to your property. Madelyn can be reached at the office 393-1100 ext 134 and Emergencies 978-363-1213 for West Newbury PD or if you live in Merrimac PD 978-346-8321.

Our second speaker was Richard Bourgault, life long horseman and Senior Agent for Farm Family Insurance. He was joined by Dale Johnson, a Farm Family agent based in Topsfield. They addressed various insurance issues including liability, boarding, barn help, and mortality. Farm Family is based in NY State, which has the toughest insurance regulations of all 50 states.

Is your homeowners insurance enough when you have a barn and your horses at home? In most cases, no. Call your company's claims department anonymously. Ask, "How would you handle a claim involving a horse?" What is the response – silence? a series of questions? Find out where you stand: is it premise only coverage? What if you trailer your horse off the property?

Liability: Simply put, you get sued for property damage or personal injury caused by your horse. Standard homeowners policies in MA exclude livestock, including horses. Imagine a worst case: your horse bolts and causes a school bus accident. How many parents and parties will be suing you??

Keeping your horse at home: Now you need a horse watcher, barn sitter when you go away. Maybe you also have someone do chores in exchange for riding or part/all of the monthly board. This person is now working for you, even if no money changes hands. Should this person be injured while working for you, you are responsible for workman's compensation: 2/3 of lost wages (wages earned by working for you) and 100% of their related medical bills. The "wages" are the cost of the board or reduced board, etc. If your barn sitter has their own liability and workers comp (i.e., has set themselves up in business), you will not have to cover the workers comp.

Attractive nuisance: Horses minding their own business in your paddock may attract children or other humans. You can be held liable for injury they suffer when entering your paddock, or interacting with the horses over or through the (electric!) fence. Be sure you have the right coverage for this in your policy.

As soon as you take in a boarder you are in a **business**. You now have non-owned horses on your property. You are not covered for liability or fire by your homeowners policy – business or commercial use is excluded. Now you need a commercial general liability for agricultural or equine business pursuits.

Equine Business Limited Liability Law: The statute (large sign) must be posted in your barn at the entrance and exit. Release forms must have the same wording as the sign. Place it at the end of the release, just above the signature line.

Care Custody and Control: A policy for the person taking in boarders. Stable operators could be held 100% liable for a boarded horse while it is in their "care, custody, and control". Boarders need their own liability for damage their

horse may cause.

Equine Mortality: Should a boarder's horse die, the mortality insurance company will look for someone to blame the horse's death on, to recover the payment made to the insured. They will look at the stable for negligence: did improper feeding cause colic or founder? Did you wrap a horse's legs as a favor? The insurance company may try to attribute an injury to your leg wrapping.

Boarding: Have a boarding contract. Have the owner list vices, special needs, etc., and have them sign the statement. Take photos of the horse when it arrives.

Trail riding: The Massachusetts General Laws contain a provision from the 1800's which states a landowner who allows recreational use of their property without charging fees, has no liability for injury incurred while someone is using their property for recreation. This law allows the Hunt Clubs to use private land for their hunts.

No trespassing and no hunting signs: such signs posted on your property must include your name. Remember, your insurance premiums are paying for your legal defense by the insurance company, should you be sued. Advice is free: please call Richard or Dale to discuss any concerns you may have. Richard: 978-399-0025 Dale: 978-887-8304.

Editor's Note: WNRDC does not provide this as advice merely as notes taken during the meeting. If you have questions, please contact your insurance agency.

The Humane Society Disaster Preparedness for Horses brochure can be found at http://www.hsus.org/web-files/PDF/DIST_DisasterHorseBrochure.pdf

CLASSIFIEDS

For Sale- Stubben Siegfried VSD DL. Barely used in like new condition with leathers and stirrups. 18" 32CM (wide tree) Two-tone hunter brown. Flaps long enough for dressage, or forward enough for jumping and eventing. Retails new for \$1700, Asking \$1,350. Matching Stubben bridle with flash available for \$175. Call Monica Taft at 603-289-5330.

Ponies needed- Pentucket Pony Club is looking for ponies to use for our games rally in June. If you have an under-worked pony, or a pony that needs to be educated please let us know. The ponies would be practicing 1 - 2x weekly until June. Practices will most likely be at Windrush Farm, and Topsfield Fairgrounds. Please call Carol Seale 978-363-5397 or email cseale2@msn.com for details.

For Sale Horse Property- We plan to place our property on the market the end of March, hopefully. It's a 6 year old, 3 bedroom saltbox colonial, 2 1/2 baths, 4 stall barn with

grass and dirt turnouts, on 2 open and flat acres, with access to miles of trails. For more info. contact Joan Cameron at joanc1130@hotmail.com or 978-463-8262.

For Lease- Morgan Gelding. Available for partial lease at his W Newbury location. A fun horse with comfortable gaits, boundless energy, and lots of personality. For those of us who know him-"Everybuddy loves Buddy!" —a great trail horse who has done it all — Pony Club Games, Pipestave Hill 3-Phases, Gymkhanas, beach and trail rides. Offering a reasonable and flexible lease arrangement. For details call Ellen Alden at 978-363-1170 or email at ellenalden@comcast.net

For Sale- Antique sleigh (pung), horse size. Seat can move forward or back. \$200. Call Barbara Hurlid at 978-363-5589

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For Sale -1989 Kingston Dartmouth 2 horse straight load trailer.. It has a new rear ramp including lift spring and back flap. Brakes were recently done. Tires have less than 500 miles on them. It has been well kept and used

lightly. It is considered a Thoroughbred size for that year. Asking \$3800. OBO . Anyone interested call Diane Farnell at 978-363-2272.

West Newbury Community Preservation Act By Deb Hamilton

Townpeople concerned with the purchase, care and renovation of both open space and the built landscape have combined forces to seek passage of a CPA here in town. Club members Ellen Alden and Deb Hamilton have been participating in the planning toward its enactment, together with members of the Open Space Committee, and other interested townspeople.

Many Massachusetts communities are helping to fund local projects using the Community Preservation Act. Passage of such a CPA is funded with up to a 3% tax surcharge, (which will likely average around \$171 per West Newbury household) which would qualify us for state matching funds. Those funds can be used for any projects the Town deems worthy, including open space

acquisition, as well as the purchase and renovation of both public and private historic structures. In the future, the town could be eligible for matching funds from the State for work on the GAR Library, the Mill Pond building, Page School, the 1910 building, or the town apartment building--maybe even infrastructure at Pipestave Hill-- instead of funding those projects all ourselves. Matching funds could have been used in our recent acquisitions of the Dunn and Craven properties, had this program then been in place.

There are exemptions and exclusions for residents with incomes below \$60,000 and on the first \$100,000 of every property's assessed value.

Renew your membership-Don't forget to renew your membership for 2006, if you have not renewed yet, this will be your last newsletter. Your address label lists the year of your membership. **Thanks for your continued support!**

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