

# BVDC Membership Options for 2019 - Same as last year

Over the past 30 years the BVDC membership has become a very diverse and geographically dispersed community of drivers, volunteers, spectators and vendors. We sponsor driving events and offer meetings and social events at many different locations throughout the region. Our newsletter has evolved into a beautiful and informative online and printed publication and our website, Facebook presence, and online directory provide instant access to the latest information for those who are comfortable with using the Web. Many members found these benefits to be worth what they were asked to pay for membership.

In 2013, the BVDC Board created a number of different membership options. These are designed to meet the needs of active drivers as well as members who just want to stay in touch with the driving community, but do not actively participate in the Club's driving events. The membership types are also designed to pass along savings from electronic alternatives to paper newsletters and notices. Other equine clubs have made similar changes over the past couple years (for example: Carriage Association of America and American Morgan Horse Association) so this seems to be a current and appealing trend.

A comparison of the benefits available to each level of membership are detailed in the chart on the following page, but here is a summary of the differences:

**Full Member with Electronic Newsletter** - All of the same benefits provided in past years plus two additional benefits: (1) A 50% discount off the cost of all advertising rates for business ads in the newsletter and on the website (note that personal "classified" ads are still free for members) and (2) a \$5 discount off the cost of BVDC events such as clinics and shows. 2019 rates: \$20 for Individuals, \$30 for Family/Group.

**Full LIFE Member with Electronic Newsletter** - All the same benefits as the annual membership but never pay dues again! 2019 rates: \$250 for Life - Available only for Individual Memberships.

**Full Member with Paper Newsletter** - All of the same benefits provided in past years plus two additional benefits: (1) A 50% discount off the cost of all advertising rates for business ads in the newsletter and on the website (note that personal "classified" ads are still free for members) and (2) a \$5 discount off the cost of BVDC events such as clinics and shows. 2019 rates: \$45 for Individuals, \$55 for Family/Group. This rate includes the additional charge of \$25 to cover part of the cost of printing and mailing the paper newsletter (which now costs the club about \$40 per year).

**Associate Member** - This membership is designed for the less active member who still wants to keep in touch with the BVDC community. All the same benefits as a Full Member EXCEPT for: the 50% advertising discount, the BVDC event discount (\$5 per event), and Trot & Track participation/awards. This membership also includes the paper newsletter at no additional charge. 2019 rates: \$30 for Individuals, \$40 for Family/Group.

## BVDC Membership Year Revised

### **Change to BVDC Membership Year effective as of December 10, 2016:**

Membership runs from March 1 through the following February regardless of the month in which an individual or entity joins. Membership fee is the same price regardless of the month the individual or entity becomes a member. Membership shall automatically terminate for members whose dues remain unpaid after March 1 of any year.

Memberships for current members in good standing will be extended to the last day of February. Each year thereafter, membership fees are due by the first day in March. Dues paid between January 1, and the last day in February will be considered membership for one (1) year. For example, membership would start March 1st and terminate the last day in February in the following calendar year".

These revisions were approved at the General Membership Meeting on 12/10/16 and have been incorporated into the 2017 BVDC Bylaws which can be downloaded from this link: <http://www.bvdc.org/2017BVDCBylaws.pdf>

The table below shows a comparison of the benefits available to each different membership level. The two additional benefits for the “Full Member” are: (1) a 50% discount off the rates for all advertising packages and (2) a \$5 discount off the entry fee for each BVDC event.

The “Associate Member” level includes most of the benefits for a Full Member EXCEPT for the following: the 50% discount off advertising, Trot & Track participation/awards, and the \$5 discount for BVDC events.

<b>Membership Benefits</b>	<b>Associate Member</b>	<b>Full Member - Electronic NL</b>	<b>Full Member - Paper NL</b>
Voting Rights - 1 per membership	X	X	X
Eligible to Serve on Board of Directors	X	X	X
General Membership Meetings	X	X	X
Directory Listing (2nd Listing free on request)	X	X	X
Online Directory Access	X	X	X
Paper Directory (1st copy free; add'l copy \$5)	X	X	X
Electronic Newsletter (d-lines)	X	X	X
E-lines Notifications (optional)	X	X	X
Volunteer Incentive Program Points/Awards	X	X	X
Free Classified Ads (newsletter & website)	X	X	X
Paper Newsletter (1 copy)	X		X
Advertising Discount (50% off all ad packages)		X	X
Trot & Track Participation/Awards		X	X
Member Discount for BVDC Events (shows, clinics, etc.) @ \$5 per event		X	X

The table below shows the membership rates by level for 2018.

<b><i>Annual Membership Dues</i></b>	<b>Associate Member</b>	<b>Full Member - Electronic NL</b>	<b>Full Member - Paper NL</b>
<b>Annual Fee for Individual</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>\$20</b>	<b>\$45</b>
<b>Lifetime Fee for Individual</b>		<b>\$250</b>	
<b>Annual Fee for Family/Group</b>	<b>\$40</b>	<b>\$30</b>	<b>\$55</b>