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# Barre Riding and Driving Club

**Jul - Aug 2025**

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Barre Riding & Driving Club is a 501(c) 3 non-profit club run by volunteers. We provide academic assistance with annual scholarships, promote community events, and bring together the horse community with funds raised through trail rides, camping weekends, clinics and other events.

### 2025 Officers

Lynne Goodnow, President  
Jane Lynds, Vice-president  
Kat Marsh, Treasurer  
Gail Lent, Membership Chair  
Dave Marsh, Corresponding Secretary  
Jill Poulin, Horse Show Series Chair

### 2025 Directors

Rob Lynds  
Marianne Wojcicki  
Stacy Hayes

### Liberty Clinic Highlights

On Saturday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, a Liberty Work clinic was held in Sterling MA with Chrissy Wzorek of CJW Horsemanship. The weather was a bit iffy, but a few diehard BRDC members took a chance and enjoyed learning about the fundamentals of body language communication with their horses.

Participants worked on foundation skills including relaxation, softness, and body control. Many thanks to Stacy Hayes for arranging this clinic for our membership! If you'd like to learn more about the clinic or Chrissy's work, visit <https://www.facebook.com/cjw.horsemanship/>



## June 22 Horse Show Highlights

Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> dawned with a moist and humid mist that may have deterred some riders or drivers from participating in Barre Riding and Driving Club's first horse show of the 2025 season. The mist soon gave way to an increasingly hot and humid breeze that caused the judges to declare that jackets were optional for the 34 riders and drivers who joined a scant two dozen spectators. Fortunately, our show secretary, Jill Poulin, was able to combine some classes so that most of the riding classes were completed by a bit after noontime when the drivers took over the field. This year's June 2025 show attracted more hunter/jumper participants and mini-horse drivers than previous shows.



Judges Amanda Golembeski in Ring 1, Kelli Wainscott in Ring 2, and driving judge Karen Swanberg presided over the classes, giving thoughtful and constructive feedback to many of the day's

participants. The Barre Horse Show Series presents our community with the opportunity to enjoy a local horse show focused on friendly competition and the enjoyment of the sport. Participants and spectators were treated to authentic equestrian enthusiasm and pride. Familiar faces and new friends participated in more than 60 classes in 15 divisions.

Barre Riding and Driving Club would like to thank our sponsors for 2025. Our business sponsors donated

\$1,980.00 toward funding our scholarships this year, matching last year's level. Please consider supporting them so that they can continue to support our mission to provide scholarships. Please see the sponsor pages in this newsletter for links to these generous businesses. Additional and enormous credit goes to Jill Poulin and family who are the backbone of the show series and have been for many years. Without their splendid administrative expertise and their continued hard work in all aspects of putting shows together, we would simply not be able to offer this series at Felton Field.





We owe much of the success of this show to our expert announcer, Rob Lynds, who kept track of the goings-on in two rings, cued entrants for upcoming classes, announced winners and efficiently kept everyone on schedule. Thanks also to our volunteers in the Secretary's booth, our spectacular first time volunteer ring masters Ann Degnan

and Kathy Hunter, gatekeeper Frank Whitney and ribbon table crew Ellie Poulin and family friend Brook. Thanks to our Food Booth crew, who kept us all fed and hydrated for the day: Lynne, Gail, Marianne, and Dave. Special thanks to Claire Barnes for providing the delicious hamburgers, and for donating the classic Adams Farm (<https://adamsfarm.biz/>) hotdogs.



## Barre Horse Show Series 2025

### We have a 4-show series this year!

To be considered a pre-entry the entry form and payment must be received before the Friday preceding the show. Pre-entries save money!

#### June 22nd BRDC show:

Payments to: Barre Riding and Driving Club, PO Box 25, Barre, MA 01005; Checks made payable to Barre Riding and Driving Club or BRDC Venmo: @BarreRidingDrivingClub

#### July 13th Stoney Hill Farm Show:

Entries to: Betsy Johnson, 1510 South Street Barre, MA 01005

#### August 3rd CNEER Show:

Entries to: Betsy Johnson, 1510 South Street Barre, MA 01005; Checks made payable to Central New England Equine Rescue or CNEER

#### September 14th BRDC Show:

Payments to: Barre Riding and Driving Club, PO Box 25, Barre, MA 01005; Checks made payable to Barre Riding and Driving Club or BRDC Venmo: @BarreRidingDrivingClub

#### Year End Awards Banquet - Friday, December 5th - Quabbin Regional High School 6pm Start



More information at: <https://sites.google.com/view/barreshowseries/?usp=sharing>

## September 14th Show Seeking Volunteers!

We need volunteer trainees! Multiple volunteers needed as ring masters and gate keeps to open/close gates between classes and to help organize riders entering/leaving the rings. Concession Stand Volunteers needed to take food orders and process payments, and for preparing and serving food at the food booth. Volunteers are needed for the secretary's booth to collect fees from riders and to help organize show entry rosters. Ring volunteers needed to bring judge's score cards from the judges to the announcer and to hand out individual ribbons in the ring. Ring crew needed to set up jumps when they fall down or move them in height for different classes. Younger horse lovers needed to help run the ribbons from the ribbon table out to the rings. Training and guidance provided on show day! If you are available at any time during the day on Sunday, September 14th please contact us at [BarreRidingClub@gmail.com](mailto:BarreRidingClub@gmail.com)

## Vouchers for Volunteers!

**WE WILL BE AWARDING VOUCHERS WORTH \$25 TO EACH VOLUNTEER WHO WORKS FOUR (4) HOURS OR MORE AT OUR HORSE SHOWS. THE VOUCHER CAN BE SPENT ON HORSE SHOW CLASSES OR THE FALL OR SPRING TRAIL RIDES. EACH VOLUNTEER GETS FREE LUNCH AND BEVERAGES THROUGHOUT THE DAY OF THE SHOW FROM OUR FOOD BOOTH. VOLUNTEERS ARE IN NEED FOR MORNING OR AFTERNOON SPOTS.**

Visit: <https://barreridingdrivingclub.com/volunteer-recording-form> to record your volunteer hours.



# 3 Day Gaited Clinic

Ivy Starnes

## Temple, New Hampshire

When: August 22 - 24, 2025  
Friday-Sunday

Where: Mountain Lane Farm  
11 Stone Ln  
Temple, NH

Time: 9:00 am - 6:00 pm

Featuring one-on-one  
lessons with Ivy Starnes  
Max of 8 Riders  
[www.lvysHorses.com](http://www.lvysHorses.com)

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More info at [www.lvysHorses.com](http://www.lvysHorses.com)

**Hosted by Gaited Horses of New England**

## 2025 Calendar

March 1 (Sat) Cabin Fever Event (snow date March 8)

April 27 (Sun) Felton Field Work Day

May 10th (Sat) Spring Trail Ride at Felton Field – One day ride (camping for the weekend available)

May 24 (Sat) Liberty Clinic

May 26 (Mon) Memorial Day Parade Barre

June 22nd (Sun) Horse Show Series (1) – BRDC Scholarship Show

July 4 (Fri) Parade Petersham

July 13th (Sun) Horse Show Series (2) – Stoney Hill Farm Show

August 3rd (Sun) Horse Show Series (3) - CNEER Show

September 14th (Sun) Horse Show Series (4) - BRDC Show

October 11th & 12th Fall Trail Ride Weekend at Felton Field (optional overnight Fri & Sat) Sat & Sun

December 5th (Fri) Barre Horse Show Series Banquet

December 6<sup>th</sup> (Sat) Barre Christmas Parade

**While you've got your calendar out, make a note that now is a good time to renew your Barre Riding and Driving Club membership for 2025! Please see the 2025 Membership form at the end of this newsletter or visit us online at <https://barreridingdrivingclub.com/membership>**

## Jane Dotchin - Inspirational Rider

For more than 50 years, almost every year, Jane Dotchin, now 84, rides her pony 600 miles from northern England (Northumberland) to Scotland (Inverness). She says she "got the bug" for long distance riding 50 years ago when a friend invited her for a holiday and Jane asked if she could bring her horse along. The original holiday trek was 300 miles from Jane's



home in Northumberland to Bristol, England. Jane faces many challenges during her annual trek: unforgiving traffic on some roads and bad weather, not to mention the challenges of aging. Still, along the way, Jane has made many friends who usually keep an eye out for her and offer her shelter in outbuildings or barns. Jane has not only received an award from the British Horse Society, she has written several



books about her journeys. Sadly, this year may be her last year traveling such a long distance. Thank you Jane, for your inspiration and courage and for demonstrating that no matter how old we are, our resilience, our love for the outdoors, and our love for equines can carry on! Jane Dotchin is pictured here

with her pony, Diamond, and her Jack Russell Terrier, Dinky.

## 1<sup>st</sup> String Quality Merchandise with BRDC Logo

BRDC Merchandise will be for sale at all our events this year! We have a limited inventory of colors and sizes, including t-shirts (long- and short-sleeved), vests, jackets, and sweatshirts.



Men's Quarter Zip Sweatshirt



Hooded Sweatshirt



Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt



**Save the dates for upcoming parades:**

Friday, July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade Petersham

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> Barre Christmas Parade

## Congratulations to our Scholarship Award Winners!

Barre Riding and Driving Club is pleased to announce our 2025 scholarship recipients:

**Christiana Dunn, Orange MA**  
**Irene Stolgitis, Hardwick MA**  
**Kelsey Marsh, Barre MA**  
**Jacob Bushey, Winchendon MA**

Each of these outstanding scholars will receive a check for \$900 upon completion of their first semester at a higher institution of learning.

Barre Riding and Driving Club offers up to 6 \$600 scholarships each year to local high school students, college students, and other adults who are pursuing higher education. Profits from our June horse show each year are reserved for scholarships. Local businesses also contribute toward our scholarship fund.

Barre Riding and Driving Club is proud to support those in our community who wish to pursue higher education goals.

## Join the BRDC Board of Directors and Help Promote Horsemanship and Scholarship in Your Community!

Interested in joining our Board of Directors? Contact BRDC President, Lynne Goodnow [lgoodnow@yahoo.com](mailto:lgoodnow@yahoo.com)

## We Now Take Ads in Hoof Prints

We will now accept ads in Hoof Prints for horse-related items including tack, feed, and supplies. We will also take ads for animals for sale. Please email [BarreRidingClub@gmail.com](mailto:BarreRidingClub@gmail.com) to place, edit, or remove an ad. Ads are free for members and \$25 for non-members.

## Sponsors and Resources

Barre Riding and Driving Club would like to thank the following businesses for their support this year! All donations are tax-deductible and go directly toward the six \$600 scholarships we offer to local students pursuing higher education goals. In addition, EquidDoc Veterinarians sponsor four \$200 scholarships for children and adults who attend a camp or clinic, or who participate in intercollegiate or interscholastic programs (IEA, IHSA, Pony Club, 4H). For Equi-Ships you do not need to own your own horse or pony.

EquidDoc generously sponsors four \$200 scholarships for children and adults involved with horses. Get reimbursed for the cost of a camp or clinic. **August 31th, 2024, is the deadline for Equi-ship applications.** More info on the Barre Riding

and Driving Club website:

[barreridingdrivingclub.com/scholarships](http://barreridingdrivingclub.com/scholarships)



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## Barn Board

Looking for help getting horses ready to Show. If you can and would like showing them yourself. In-hand, Pleasure, and Trail. E-mail me if interested. Larry Underwood [eregtrailride@yahoo.com](mailto:eregtrailride@yahoo.com)

First and Second cutting Hay; picked-up or delivered. 508-867-7855 Larry or e-mail [eregtrailride@yahoo.com](mailto:eregtrailride@yahoo.com)

I have a horse who can't be ridden due to kissing spine. He's well behaved and otherwise healthy. I hate to see him without a job, especially since he loves being with people, and wonder if he'd be a candidate to learn to drive. Call 978-423-3232 or email Joy Livergood [livergoodjoy@icloud.com](mailto:livergoodjoy@icloud.com)

For Sale: A cob harness made by Yonies. It is a black biothane harness. It was only used for ground driving and never hitched to a cart. In excellent condition. Jane Lynds. [janel.hfcx@gmail.com](mailto:janel.hfcx@gmail.com)

**BARRE RIDING AND DRIVING CLUB**  
2025 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*As most of our club notifications are sent by-email, please note here if you need notifications mailed to you.**

Indicate Your Areas of Interest

Show \_\_\_\_\_ Trail \_\_\_\_\_ Dressage \_\_\_\_\_ Gymkhana \_\_\_\_\_ Driving \_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

DUES: \_\_\_\_\_ \$25.00 Individual \_\_\_\_\_ \$30.00 Family

\_\_\_\_\_ \$10.00 juniors (under 18)

New Member \_\_\_\_\_ Renewing Member \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed form and check made payable to: Barre Riding & Driving Club (BRDC) to Lynne Goodnow, PO Box 25, Barre MA 01005

Questions regarding membership contact: Lynne Goodnow – [lgoodnow@yahoo.com](mailto:lgoodnow@yahoo.com)

VISIT US AT – [www.barreridingdrivingclub.com/membership](http://www.barreridingdrivingclub.com/membership)

**BRDC Membership Includes:**

- BRDC Newsletters
- Subscription to Community Horse Magazine
- Discounts on Club Clinics
- Free Member Trail Rides (excluding Spring and Fall Trail Rides)
- Discounts on Spring and Fall Trail Rides
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