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Barre Riding and Driving Club

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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, Membership
Dave Marsh, Corresponding Secretary
Jill Poulin, Horse Show Series Chair

2025 Directors

Rob Lynds
Marianne Wojcicki
Stacy Hayes
Gail Lent

2026 Annual Meeting and Cabin Fever Highlights

On Saturday, March 7th a small group of 18 Barre Riding and Driving Club aficionados gathered at the American Legion Post #2 in Barre, MA for our Annual Meeting and Cabin Fever event. We started off with a potluck supper that included homemade focaccia bread, lasagna, chicken cobbler with biscuits and gravy, pulled pork, southwest chicken casserole, vegetarian lentil soup, vegetarian taco dip, and coleslaw. Desserts included cupcakes, cookies, and donuts. The cash bar at the American Legion Post #2 was available for liquid refreshments throughout the evening.



After giving folks a chance to eat and chat, club treasurer, Kat Marsh called the annual meeting to order on behalf of President Lynne Goodnow. The first order of business was to elect our board members. Board members Rob Lynds, Jane Lynds, Marianne Wojcicki, Stacy Hayes, Kat Marsh, and Dave Marsh were present and a motion to elect the board was made and seconded, followed by unanimous approval. Kat



mentioned the events on this year's calendar, which you can read about in this newsletter or check out on our website and provided details on an equine massage clinic coming up in May. Kat gave a brief treasurer's report, highlighting the club's work in bringing in monies from the horse shows, trail rides, and also from business donations, all to sustain the club and to provide the six \$600 scholarships that the club offers to local high school seniors, college students and adults. Last year we had just four scholarship applicants, so the board had decided to award recipients \$900 each. Kat mentioned the schools the recipients had attended including Columbia University in New York, St. Anselm College in New Hampshire, Sacred Heart University in Connecticut, and Wyoming Technical School in Wyoming. Overall, the club earned about \$1800 profit in 2025 which is slightly above last year's profit despite lower than usual attendance at our horse show series events.

Stacy Hayes then introduced the evening's speaker: Lisa Turcotte, Equine Massage <https://massequinemassage.com/>. Lisa spoke briefly about the benefits and techniques of equine massage. One reason she offers clinics is that not everyone can afford to have a certified equine massage therapist come for a visit. The more horse owners can learn about massage, the better their horses will feel. Lisa said that horses are subtle communicators, and we don't often know exactly how they are feeling. Her clinics focus on the horse as a whole, not just massage strokes. She covers anatomy, basic massage strokes, and signs of when to call in a vet. For the all-day session (which is the one planned in May), Lisa provides further details about how to plan a good sequence of massage strokes that can become a regular routine. She starts with how to learn a horse's consent signals including what they mean and how to approach a resistant horse differently. She mentioned that there is a chain of muscle tissue from back to front that she points out to clinic participants. She also offered to advise folks on massage programs if anyone was interested in learning more about massage or becoming certified. Lisa took several questions from the audience and mentioned that we had a sign-up sheet for anyone who was interested in more information about the clinic which will be held in Barre on Saturday, May 16th. Please see the article in this newsletter for more information about the clinic and how to register.



Following the presentation, Kat and Dave Marsh ran our annual auction, giving out trivia questions to the delight of all attendees. Folks were allowed to help with hints, but they had



to be charade hints (no talking). Everyone helped out, offering mimed hints that sometimes hit the mark, but could also be hard to interpret. Correct answers could select from items on Table A, while incorrect answers sent the person to Table B. The tables were full of the usual horse-related items and gear, mugs, jams, a western boot birdhouse, a dozen fresh organic eggs, many decorative items, and clothing. We also had BRDC merchandise for sale and sold a t-shirts before we wrapped up the evening. Thanks to all who ventured out on the chilly, foggy evening. On a chilly late winter night it was satisfying to enjoy the warmth of good company, good food, and the camaraderie of fellow horse folks!



Scholarships Available

2026 scholarship deadline is Saturday, April 11th, 2026

Mail completed applications to:

**BRDC Scholarship Committee
PO Box 25
Barre, MA 01005**

OPEN TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS AND ADULTS

\$600.00 scholarships are available to local students to help them further their education. Barre Riding and Driving Club members and their families are given first consideration. High school students can get the scholarship applications at the Quabbin Regional High School Guidance Department or follow the link to fill out our easy online application.

<https://barreridingdrivingclub.com/scholarships>



SAVE THE DATE!
Equine Massage Clinic

Saturday, May 16th, 2026 10am to 4pm

Location: Red Dunn Farm, 468 Old Coldbrook Road, Barre MA 01005

Only 8 spots available

Auditors welcome.

Registration and further details coming soon!

Deepen Your Connection: Hands-On Equine Massage Techniques for the Horse Owner

At our clinics, we provide educational opportunities where passion meets expertise, crafting unparalleled experiences for horse owners and enthusiasts alike. As a nationally board-certified equine massage practitioner and esteemed instructor at the Bancroft School of Massage Therapy in Worcester, MA, Lisa is dedicated to empowering individuals like you to deepen your connection with your horse through the transformative power of massage.



Whether you're a seasoned horse owner looking to deepen your bond with your long-time partner or a newcomer eager to explore the world of equine massage, our clinic offers something for everyone. Through hands-on instruction, personalized guidance, and a supportive community of fellow horse lovers, you'll embark on a journey of discovery and connection that will enrich both your life and the life of your horse.

Equine Therapy – Lisa Turcotte

<https://massequinemassage.com/>

2026 Calendar

January	16 th (Fri)	<u>Horse Show Banquet for 2025</u> at Quabbin Regional High School 800 South Street, Barre starting at 6 pm
March	7 th (Sat)	<u>Annual Meeting & Cabin Fever</u> American Legion, Barre. - Pot Luck Dinner at 6 pm Election of Board of Directors & Officers. Barre American Legion Post #2 – Speaker, auction
May	9 th (Sat)	<u>Spring Trail Ride</u> at Felton Field – One day ride (camping for the weekend available)
	16 th (Sat)	<u>Clinic</u> Equine Therapy Location: Red Dunn Farm, Barre MA
	25 th (Mon)	Memorial Day Parade
June	TBD (Sun)	Members Only Trail Ride
	21 st (Sun)	<u>Show Series #1</u> – Barre Riding and Driving Club at Felton Field
July	4 th (Sat)	Petersham July Fourth Parade
	12 th (Sun)	<u>Show Series #2</u> Stoney Hill Farm at Felton Field
August	2 nd (Sun)	<u>Show Series #3</u> - CNEER – at Felton Field
	TBD (Sun)	Members Only Trail Ride
September	13 th (Sun)	<u>Show Series #4</u> Barre Riding and Driving Club at Felton Field
October	10 th & 11 th Sat & Sun	<u>Fall Trail Ride</u> Weekend at Felton Field (optional overnight Fri & Sat) Volunteers are needed contact Lynne Goodnow @ lgoodnow@yahoo.com
December	4 th (Fri)	<u>Horse Show Banquet for 2026</u> at Quabbin Regional High School 800 South Street, Barre starting at 6 pm
	5 th (Sat)	<u>Barre Christmas Parade</u> – contact Jane Lynds: janel.hfcx@gmail.com

*Spring & Fall Trail Rides, Horse Shows, Clinics, All Take place at Felton Field on Old Coldbrook Road
Barre, MA 01005*

BarreRidingDrivingClub.com

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 2026! Please see the 2026 Membership form at the end of this newsletter or visit us online at <https://barreridingdrivingclub.com/membership>

Felton Field Work Day

BRDC is holding our annual Felton Field Clean Up Day on Sunday, April 25th. We will be cleaning up the grounds and secretary's booth, cleaning the Felton Field bathrooms, and preparing the two horse show rings by dragging and rock-picking. Many hands make light work. Please bring gloves.

Join us for an hour or two if you can! Contact: Barreridingclub@gmail.com for last minute details and starting time.



Spring Trail Ride Coming Soon! Saturday, May 9th

Due to nearby road closures, plan to arrive at Felton Field via Fruitland Road off Route 122.

Our spring ride is at Felton Field, 115 Old Coldbrook Rd, Barre Massachusetts 6.6, 10, 13 & 16 Mile Trail Routes. Gravel roads, rail bed, woods trails and a small amount of pavement. Sponsored ride is Saturday only. Ride out by 10am.

Camping available Friday through Sunday, but no hook-ups. Bathroom facilities available.



Hot breakfast and hot lunch provided on Saturday. Friday night 6:30pm Potluck dinner at the Red Food Booth. Please bring a dish to share. Saturday full breakfast served from 7am to 10am. Lunch served in camp from 11:30am to 3pm. Lunch on trail is a bag lunch to take with you. Sign up for bag lunch at breakfast on Saturday.

Pre-Registration by May 6th is appreciated, so we can plan our hot food options! \$25.00 Ride Fee BRDC Members (\$20 junior 18 and under). \$35.00 Ride Fee Nonmembers (\$25 junior 18 and under). Registration upon arrival: Friday 4:30pm to 6pm, and Saturday 7:30am at the Red Food Booth. Be prepared to show a current copy of Coggins.

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COGGINS TEST WITHIN 12**

MONTHS OF EVENT IS REQUIRED Riding Helmets required for all riders 18 years and younger. BRDC STRONGLY recommends helmets to be worn by all riders.

Liability waiver form must be signed before riding.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:

MARIANNE WOJCICKI: WhoaMari@yahoo.com or

LYNNE GOODNOW: lgoodnow@yahoo.com

More information at barreridingdrivingclub.com/spring-trail-ride-1

1st 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:

Memorial Day Parade, Barre
Monday, May 25th

Petersham July 4th Parade,
Saturday, July 4th

Saturday, December 5th Barre Christmas Parade, Barre

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 received a check for \$900 in January or February.

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

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 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 31st, 2026, is the deadline for Equi-ship applications.** More info on the Barre Riding

and Driving Club website:
barreridingdrivingclub.com/scholarships



EquidDoc Veterinarians in Worcester, MA is the premiere ambulatory veterinary practice treating horses, goats, alpacas, sheep and llamas throughout Worcester county, central Massachusetts and beyond. We provide you and your athlete or companion with comprehensive on-the-farm care

for peak health and performance. Our Vets in Worcester, MA provide that care in a collaborative setting, providing you with options from which you select what best meets your animal's unique needs. We are enthusiastic about education and make each visit informative, so you fully understand your animal's condition. Visit EquidDoc at <https://equiddocvet.com/>

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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

First and Second cutting Hay; picked-up or delivered. 508-867-7855 Larry or e-mail 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

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

BARRE RIDING AND DRIVING CLUB
2026 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

VISIT US AT – 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
- 3% Discount at Hardwick Farmer's Co-op