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

2025 Directors

Rob Lynds
Marianne Wojcicki
Stacy Hayes

Fall Trail Ride Highlights

On Saturday, October 11th and Sunday, October 12th the



Barre Riding and Driving Club held its annual Fall Trail Ride from Felton Field. The traditional Friday evening potluck was well attended, and many hot dishes were enjoyed at the Red Food Booth. With lows in the high 40s and clear skies, it was a pleasant and quiet fall evening for those who chose to camp overnight.



Saturday morning dawned clear. Clouds increased through the day, but with temperatures pushing into the 60s it was a gorgeous fall day for a



trail ride. Day riders enjoyed made-to-order complimentary breakfast of Egg McFeltons (fried egg, ham, and cheese on a toasted English muffin) along with freshly made home fries and accompanied by fresh coffee or tea. Most riders tacked up and rode out by 10am.

The well-marked trails began at Felton Field, 115 Old Coldbrook Road, in lovely Barre, Massachusetts, an area where the Barre Riding and Driving Club has operated for 85 years, carrying on the traditions started by an original group of dedicated horse enthusiasts. BRDC offered 6-, 10-, & 13-Mile Trail Routes consisting of gravel roads, rail bed, and wooded trails.



All trails for the day had been marked with colored ribbons to guide the riders along the prescribed routes. Marianne Wojcicki provided riders with a single map page with detailed routes of the trails for additional guidance. Many thanks go to our trail ride crew who helped with clearing trails, marking trails with ribbons or taking down ribbons post-ride.





Returning riders were greeted by our kitchen crew who had set up our lunch. BRDC offers the only local trail ride event that includes hot lunch options including meatballs, stews, chili, and soups along with salads and a variety of sandwich options. Meals were included in the ride fee and included a selection of delicious desserts.

After relaxing in the afternoon, about twenty members and guests opted to stay at the Red Food Booth to have the traditional Saturday night turkey dinner that included all the fixings and sides. Following that, guests mingled around the campfire to enjoy the traditional warming drinks and to share stories.

On Sunday the fickle New England weather promised rain by the afternoon, so after a repeat of the fine breakfast, most riders and guests packed up and headed home. The Club is NEHT affiliated, allowing riders to add miles toward their trail riding goals.



Annual Show Series Banquet

Year End Awards Banquet - Friday, January 16, 2026

Location: Quabbin Regional High School 800 South Street, Barre MA 01005

6pm Start

\$20 per person (Children 5 and under free)

Please mail payments to Barre Riding and Driving Club, PO Box 25 Barre Ma 01005 OR Venmo
@BarreRidingDrivingClub

Please RSVP by January 9th to barreshowseries4@gmail.com or in the VENMO comment section if paying
through VENMO

Please include the rider's name and the number attending the banquet!

Points can be found on the Barre Horse Show Series Website

<https://tinyurl.com/58kxt9zk>

Hope to see you there!

<https://venmo.com/u/BarreRidingDrivingClub>

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: TBD
	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>

Donkeys in the News

And this year introduced something special at Equine Affaire—the Donkey Extravaganza. You read that right: donkeys of exceptional cuteness were on hand for educational presentations. With those long ears and expressive eyes, they captivated young and old alike. Donkey lovers were delighted to shop from vendors catering to donkey-related products and services.

Excerpt from Horse Illustrated's coverage of Equine Affaire which happens each November in Massachusetts

<https://www.horseillustrated.com/equine-affaire-massachusetts-2025-recap/>

<https://equineaffaire.com/>



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 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

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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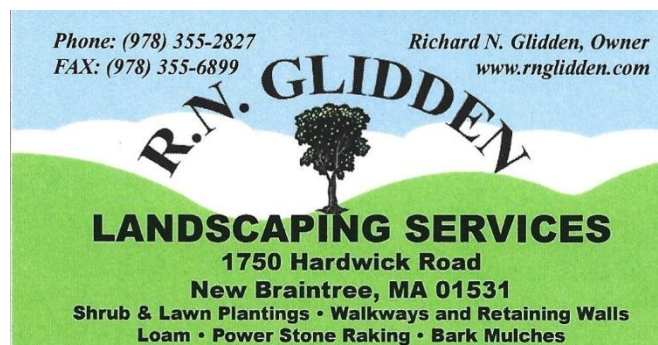
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Barn Board

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