



## Hoof Prints



# Barre Riding and Driving Club

Jan - Feb 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  
Steve Theran  
Marianne Wojcicki  
Stacy Hayes

### Horse Show Banquet Highlights

Last January, we asked what could be better than a catered buffet, long streaming ribbons, and enticing raffle prizes. Well, this past year's Barre Horse Show Series Banquet beat that, hands down! The food was home-grown and disappeared in a

flash. The club's board members headed up the catering duties providing mac and cheese, meatballs with tomato sauce, Greek lemon-garlic chicken and potatoes (a Gluten-free option), salad, cheese and crackers (with Gluten-free options) and fresh fruit, plus soda and water, and from the Wholesome Farmer's Market in Barre, the traditional brownies and blondies for dessert.



It was a thinner crowd this year with about 70 guests gathering in the cafeteria of the Quabbin Regional Middle High School in Barre, Massachusetts on the evening of Friday,

December 6, 2024 to attend the annual Barre Horse Show Series Banquet and Awards Night.

As guests served themselves food and drink and had a chance to chat, they strolled past the abundant offerings of raffle items including new small horse tack items and supplies, and colorful attire, as well as treats and trinkets for equines and humans alike.



After everyone had a chance to eat and decide about their raffle choices, Jill Poulin led the presentation of awards for champion and reserve champions and announced the winners of the raffle items with the customary flair and warmth that all attendees thoroughly enjoyed.

BRDC would like to thank Jill Poulin, Chair of the Barre Horse Show Series, and her entire family for their unwavering support for the horse shows this year. BRDC would also like to thank CNEER for participating in the horse show series, which is geared toward offering a pleasant, competitive yet supportive show environment for horse enthusiasts of all ages and disciplines. Please see our calendar in this newsletter to mark the dates for the 2025 Barre Horse Show Series shows!







## Barre Christmas Parade Highlights

On Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Barre Riding and Driving Club Participated in the annual Barre Christmas Parade. The weather was relatively chilly with highs reaching the low 30s Fahrenheit. The partly sunny day and small amount of snow cover put parade goers and participants in a cheery mood to welcome the holiday season. Enjoy the photomontage provided by Marianne Wojcicki.











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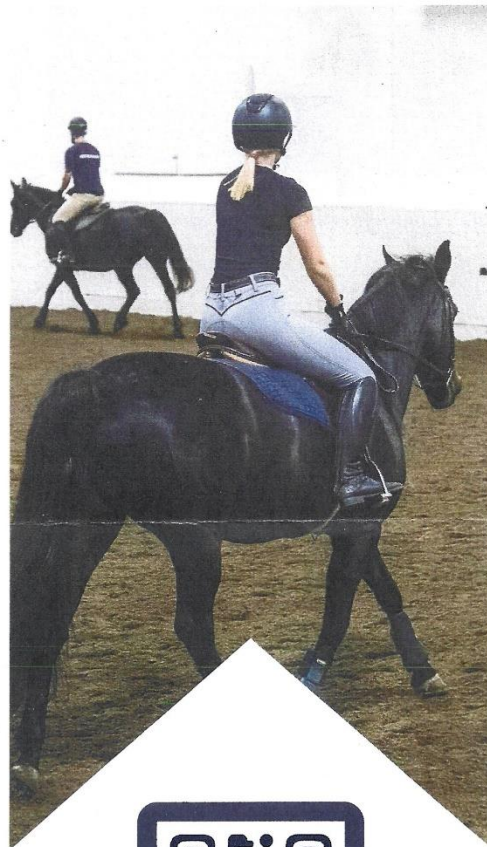
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## Installation of Street Crossing Safety Lights Completed

The RRFBs (rectangular rapid flashing beacons) have been installed at 196 Williamsville Road in Hubbardston, MA where the Ware River Rail Trail crosses Williamsville Road. Thanks go to our Board of Directors and to Mark Kresge for their support of this effort.

However! Although these features will do a great deal to increase the safety of hikers, bikers, and horses and riders making use of the trails, please use extreme caution at this crossing. First, the crossing beacons are new, and it will take time for regular road traffic to become aware of their presence. Notice in the photo the advice to “wait for gap in the traffic”. Second, even when the lights are flashing, the typical speed of vehicles may make it difficult for vehicles to note the flashing lights and respond in time. The Board of Directors urges users of this crossing to proceed with extreme caution, especially since the sign indicates bikers and hikers so traffic may not be expecting horses to cross.





**Cabin Fever Event is Coming!**

**Save the date!**  
**FREE!!!!**

**On Saturday evening, March 1<sup>st</sup>, Barre Riding and Driving Club will hold its **Annual Meeting and Cabin Fever** event to kick off the year's activities.**

**Potluck dinner at 6pm. Bring a dish or dessert to share. Cash bar.**

**Election of the Board of Directors.**

**Auction of many fabulous horse-related items! We can take cash, check, or debit/credit cards.**

**Speaker: TBD.**

**Open to members and non-members. Bring a friend!**

**American Legion Post #2, 450 S Barre Rd, Barre MA**



## 2025 Calendar

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

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

May 26 (Mon) Memorial Day Parade Barre

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

July 4 (Fri) Parade Petersham

July 13th (Sun) Horse Show Series (2) - CNEER

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

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

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>**



## 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:**

Monday May 26<sup>th</sup>, Barre Memorial Day Parade

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

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

## 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

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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:**

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- Free Member Trail Rides (excluding Spring and Fall Trail Rides)
- Discounts on Spring and Fall Trail Rides
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