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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.

2024 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

2024 Directors

Rob Lynds
Steve Theran
Marianne Wojcicki
Stacy Hayes

September 15th Horse Show Highlights

After a bit of morning fog cleared off, the Sunday of September 15th turned into a warm end-of-summer sunny day. The last horse show of the 2024 Barre Horse Show Series season got underway with speed and efficiency as show secretary Jill Poulin organized the two show rings and coordinated with judges Joy Collins in Ring 2, Catherine Shea in Ring 1 and Karen Swanberg for the driving classes. With more than 60 classes in 15 divisions, including driving classes, the Barre Show Series offered, as always, a supportive environment to one and all.

Barre Riding and Driving Club would like to thank our sponsors for 2024. Please consider supporting them so that they can continue to support our mission to provide scholarships.

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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. Much of the success of our shows goes to our 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 ring masters and ribbon runners. Thanks to our Food Booth crew, who kept us all fed and hydrated for the day. Special thanks to Claire Barnes for donating the delicious Adams Farm (<https://adamsfarm.biz/>) hamburgers and hotdogs.



Fall Trail Ride Highlights

On Saturday, October 12th and Sunday, October 13th 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 and later around a fall campfire where some members and guests captured photos of the faint northern lights phenomenon.



Saturday morning's sunrise color was spectacular as captured by Linda Lachapelle! Both overnigheters and those arriving Saturday morning were treated to a 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. This year's Egg McFeltons branched out to include bacon until it ran out and a record-breaking number of riders enjoyed custom-made orders prepared by Rob Lynds and Dave Marsh. Thus fortified, the riders tacked up and prepared to ride out.



Saturday's weather was classic for New England in the fall and included mild temperatures along with sunshine and a brisk wind that gusted through Felton Field for most of the day. The ride 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- & 16-Mile Trail Routes consisting of gravel roads, rail bed, and wooded trails.

All trails for the day had been previously marked with colored ribbons to guide the riders along the prescribed routes (see photo of ribbons drying after being collected at the end of the day on Sunday). Marianne Wojcicki provided riders with a single map page with detailed maps of the trails for additional guidance. Barre Riding and Driving Club had arranged and paid for a police officer from the town of Oakham to be available at a busy road crossing that was





part of the longest trail. Many thanks go to our trail ride crew: Lynne Goodnow, Jane Lynds, Edee McNamara, Stephanie Roberts, Marianne Wojcicki, Margo Petracone, Betty and Colleen Melanson who helped with clearing trails, marking trails with ribbons or taking down ribbons post-ride. Ed McNamara bravely put a stake in the ground below the huge beehive on Fruitland Road to make riders aware of the potential danger.



Returning riders were greeted by our kitchen crew Rob Lynds, Dave Marsh, Kat Marsh, Gail Lent, Jane Lynds and Lynne Goodnow. BRDC offers the only local trail ride event that includes hot lunch options. This year we offered meatball sliders, pasture-raised pulled pork, chicken divan, macaroni and cheese, vegetarian leek and potato soup, chicken chili, and cabbage soup in addition to Caesar salad, tuna salad, egg salad, and ham and cheese. Meals were included in the ride fee and included a selection of delicious desserts.



After relaxing in the afternoon, about twenty members and guests made their way to the White Building for the traditional Saturday night turkey dinner that included all the fixings and sides. Following that, guests mingled around the campfire to enjoy the traditional flights of bourbon and share stories.



On Sunday the fickle New England weather promised rain, 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 earn miles toward their trail riding goals. Linda Lachapelle was the sole Sunday rider, busy adding to her NEHT miles! Unfortunately, there was one further damper on the day when a member's horse became injured during the trailer-loading process. Most fortunately, several BRDC members had taken Bettyann Cernese's Equine First Aid course earlier in the year and even more fortunately, Bettyann herself was still on site. While waiting for the EquidDoc vet to arrive, Bettyann and other BRDC members worked to calm and temporarily bandage the injured horse.

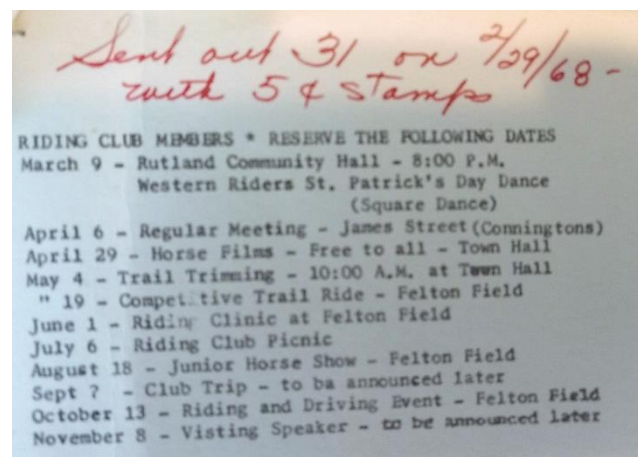
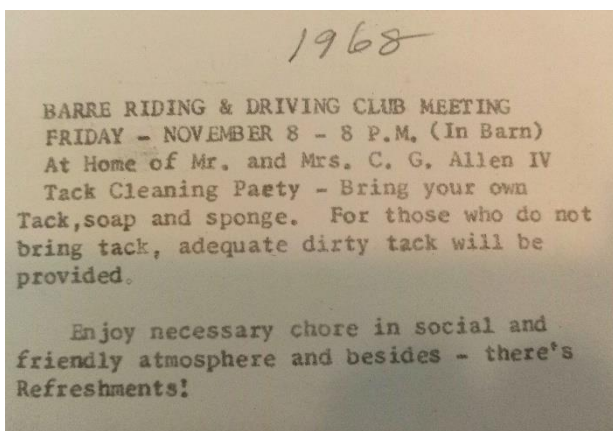


History Spotlight – BRDC Roots – 1960s – Part 4

Continuing to lean on the “History of the Barre Riding and Driving Club” speech given before the club’s birthday buffet on August 7th, 1970, and doing additional research through newspapers.com, we carry on with the saga of BRDC in the 1960s.



In 1968 The Competitive Trail Ride was held again with over 50 horses participating. Mrs. Jeff Wessen was instructor at the 2nd Annual Clinic. Another Public Relations Night was held profiting the USET to which the general public were invited. Correspondence with Representative Wetmore and Quinn was carried on regarding defeat of Senate Bill #52 regarding the use of bucking straps and prods. Another successful Junior Show increased the bank account of the Scholarship Fund. Michael Landry and David Smith were the winners of the two \$250 scholarships. The photo of the 1968 Annual Meeting gives a view of the officers and the calendar of events planned for that year. It seems that the Club sent out postcards to members alerting them to the year’s upcoming events. At the end of the year, the Club’s president hosted a Tack Cleaning Party. We have to wonder how much tack cleaning actually happened, but we suppose that depended on the type of refreshments the Allen’s offered their guests!



At the annual meeting of the Barre Riding and Driving Club the following officers were elected for the coming year.

President - Mrs. Chas. G. Allen IV

1st Vice President - Mrs. Leander Herrick

2nd Vice President - Mrs. Warren Clark

Recording Secretary - Mrs. Arthur Blackmer

Corresponding Secretary - Mrs. Chas. S. Connington

Treasurer - Chas. S. Connington

Ass't Treasurer - Joseph O Sawtell

Historian - Mrs. Herbert Rice

An active program was presented for approval and a busy year was given a rousing send off at a sleighing party for members at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. G. Allen IV. The following activities are listed for 1968.

Apr. 27

~~March 30~~ - Barre Town Hall - Horse Films - Open to General Public

April 6 - Regular meeting

May 4 - Trail Trimming Meeting

(H. Connington, J. Dwelley, H. Rice in charge)

May 19 - Competitive 35 Mile Trail Ride

(V. Herrick - General Chairman)

June 1 - Riding Club Clinic at Felton Field

(J. Dwelley, - Gen. Chairman)

July 6 - Club Picnic

(M. Sawtell, E. Bacon - Co-Chairmen)

August 18 - Junior Horse Show - Felton Field

V. Herrick - General Chairman)

Sept. - Club Trip - *(H. Connington served as local chairman)*
Participation in Western Riders 2 day Trail Ride

October - 13 - Riding and Driving Event

(J. Dwelley - Riding

H. Connington - Driving)

November 8 - Visiting Speaker - To Be Announced

MARCH, 1969



TRAIL RIDING



Janet Nolan and her mount don't look tired after the 35-mile ride in a little over six hours. If horse and rider are well conditioned they can finish like this.

THE BARRE RIDING & DRIVING CLUB TRAIL RIDE

By Virginia Herrick

The Barre Riding and Driving Club will sponsor a 35-mile competitive Trail Ride on Sunday May 18.

This year the 35-mile competitive ride will be limited to 50 riders because of the time required to judge the horses at the end of the day.

We hope that those interested will get their entries in early even if they have to cancel the week before the ride. That will give us time to contact those on the waiting list.

This year we have the good fortune to have as our Judges Mrs. Lee C. Bird, well known Morgan breeder and See-Massachusetts Horseman's Council and Charles B. McCue who has been the official timer for the Vermont 100-mile ride for the past several years.

Morgan owners, remember this 35-mile competitive trail ride will qualify your Morgan for the trail class at the Eastern National Morgan Horse Show and other big shows.

For information contact Barre Riding & Driving Club Box 637, Barre, Mass. 01005.

-CLINIC TO TEACH TRAINING TECHNIQUES-

The Barre Riding and Driving Club will hold its Training Field Day with Mrs. Nancy Caisse of Townshend Morgan Holstein Farm at Felton Field in Barre on April 19th. Rain date: April 20th. The topic of this year's clinic will be Training Techniques. A question and answer period will follow demonstrations.

Felton Field, Barre--10:00 A.M. Apr. 19th--Rain date, Apr. 20th.

In 1969 the annual meeting started off with a bang. Discussions were held on Horse Trail Legislation prompting letters to Representative Wetmore and Quinn favoring passage of the "Trail Bill". The Club voted that if the Club were to sponsor an activity, this activity must have a general chairman to oversee the entire event, choose his own committees etc. This seems to have worked out rather well from the activities successfully carried out. The amounts of the individual scholarships were again increased, this time to \$300. The Club also voted to sponsor two full camperships to the 4-H Horse Club and voted to hold a buffet supper in August before the Junior Show in place of the annual Picnic. The biggest and most successful Competitive Trail ride was held this time with Jean Dorsey, Audrey Stevens and Virginia Herrick at the helm, netting the amount of \$278.28. The Club voted \$56 to Felton Field for lumber used there. Nancy Caisse conducted a very informative clinic in April. Paul Mertzic and Richard Marchette were the recipients of the 2 - \$300 Scholarships.

This article from the Horseman's Yankee Pedlar highlights the success of the 35-mile competitive trail ride by indicating a limit on the number of competitors as well as the prestigiousness of the ride's judges. The following page contains additional information about the competitive trail ride including a rough description of the route and trail conditions and the precautions taken by employing a vet to examine all the horses prior to the ride. The 4-H Club in Petersham was apparently a keen supporter and follower of the competitive trail ride. More details on the 35-mile competitive trail ride will appear in our next newsletter including photos of the trail map as we continue into the 1970s

of Barre Riding and Driving Club's history!



RIDING CLUB WINNER — Jean Nelson of Petersham, who was third place in recent 35-mile trail ride, is pictured riding Nonchalant.

Petersham Entry 3rd In Trail Ride

Miss Jean Nelson, aboard Nonchalant, took third place in the junior division of the Barre Riding and Driving Club's annual 35 mile trail ride recently. Jean, 14, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Nelson Sr. of South street, Petersham.

The ride was conducted with a definite time limit, the trail leading from Barre into Petersham, through the Narrow Lane area, back through the edge of Barre, into and around the old prison camp grounds in Rutland and back along the former railroad embankments with the finish line at Felton Field, Barre. Although termed a trail ride, Mrs. Carol Thompson, club leader, said that the trail consisted in many places of only a spray painted blaze on a tree here and there with the mounts having to push their way through heavy forest growth.

A bumper crop of horse enthusiasts took part, 58 entrants starting and only one non-finisher. A close check of all horses is made prior to the race by Dr. Howard Adams, Athol vet, with all getting the go ahead this year. Among the contestants was a 67-year-old man with

his 18-year-old horse and another faithful equine 22 years of age.

After the ride, horses must trot down a hardtop surface to the judges to show how well they have come through. After an hour's break for the best grooming possible on the spot, final inspection is made and awards on an overall basis are presented.

Mrs. Thompson, who said a five minute lunch break is taken during the ride, competed on her mare, Lizzie Stitch.

In speaking of the 4-H club and their plans, Mrs. Thompson said participation in various horse shows is hampered because no one presently owns a horse trailer and to rent them is beyond the means of the youngsters except for special occasions.

Ford Passes Up Chance With Cinci Royals

CINCINNATI (AP) — Jack Ford, the Cincinnati Royals' No. 1 draft choice, has decided to return to Maryland State College next fall instead of trying out with the National Basketball Association team.

Ford, a guard, had another year of eligibility remaining, although the Royals took a chance on drafting him this spring.

Petersham 4-H Horse Club Will Meet

The Petersham 4-H Horse Club will meet Saturday morning at 10:30 at the home of Mrs. Donald Thompson, Sr.

Dr. Howard Adams, Athol veterinarian, will donate his services at this meeting to inoculate member's horses for tetanus and shipping fever.

Mrs. Thompson has announced that the club is making preparations for the public showing of the film, "Horsemen at Expo 67" in the Petersham Town Hall May 23 at 7:30 p.m.

John Thayer, who is now a junior leader, is chairman of the film program and Nancy Burnham is chairman of poster advertising. All members will compete in a ticket-selling contest.

Miss Jean Nelson and Mrs. Thompson are prepping their horses for participation in the 35-mile competitive trial ride, which is being sponsored by the Barre Riding and Driving Club May 18. Miss Nelson will ride her mare Nonchalant, while Mrs. Thompson rides her mare Lizzie Stitch.

Mrs. Thompson stated that one should ride his or her mount 10 miles for every mile of a competitive trail ride, which in this case would be 350 practice miles.

2025 Calendar Preview

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)

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

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

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>

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:

Saturday, December 7th Barre Christmas Parade

Save the Date! Awards Banquet! Friday, December 6th

Barre Horse Show Series Banquet

QRSD Cafeteria, 872 South Street,
Barre MA



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 31th, 2024, is the deadline for Equi-ship applications.** More info on the Barre Riding

and Driving Club website:
barreridingdrivingclub.com/scholarships



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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
2025 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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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 _____

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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
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