



Barre Riding and Driving Club

May – Jun 2023 NEWSLETTER

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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.

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2023 Spring Trail Ride Highlights



Our annual spring trail ride took place on the weekend of May 13th and 14th, coinciding with Mother's Day because, of course, what Mom wants to do most is trail ride with family! Happy Mother's Day to these mother-daughter pairs and to mothers of all types both near and far.



You may have noticed a young lady roving about with a camera on Saturday morning. Scarlett from S.A.C. Photography was with us to take photos of folks heading out onto the trails. If you would like to talk with her about purchasing any photos she may have taken of you, her contact info is s.a.c.photography99@gmail.com 978 235 5414

Spring Trail Ride Event Highlights



"The new T8 is primo," beamed Bunny Joseph, "terrific." Many of the thirty riders who attended the BRDC Spring Trail Ride said the newly-minted re-route of the old T8 was the highlight of their ride. The gentle grades, smooth footing, and most of all,



lack of mud, rock, and water, was a vast improvement. Views of the beaver lodge in the middle of their pond were icing on the cake. Blue skies, puffy clouds, and a warm breeze made a picture-perfect day for riding.

Though the official event is the Saturday trail ride, the weekend begins with a potluck dinner followed by a campfire gathering on Friday evening. Felton Field boasts plenty of space for campers and trailers large and small. With running water and bathrooms available on site, several folks opted to camp out for the weekend.



Fortified with a breakfast of traditional McFelton ham and egg sandwiches, the riders set out in small clusters. Many thanks to Ed and Edee McNamara for marking the trail and to Margo Petracone and Joan Ballas for unmarking it. A hearty potluck lunch awaited the weary returning riders: meatball sliders, pulled pork, baked beans, chicken divan, and minestrone soup. However, the balmy weather made the eight different cool salads the preferred choices, with watermelon slices for dessert. A tack-cleaning and swap meet was held in the building as day trippers shouted warm goodbyes and promises to attend the fall trail ride, leaving a core group of campers to wrap up their activities on Sunday.



Barre Horse Show Series 2023

We have a 4/5-show series this year!

To be considered a pre-entry the entry form and payment must be received before the Friday preceding the show.

Checks should be made payable to the organization running the show.

June 18th BRDC show:

Entries to: Jill Poulin, 351 Old Petersham Rd. Barre, MA 01005; Checks made payable to Barre Riding and Driving Club or BRDC



July 9th NEECA Show:

Entries to: Terry Lupien, 360 Front St, Winchendon, MA 01475; Checks made payable to New England Equestrian Center of Athol or NEECA

August 6th CNEER

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

August 20th (Tentative)

Entries to:

Checks made payable to:



September 17th BRDC Show:

Entries to: Jill Poulin, 351 Old Petersham Rd. Barre, MA 01005; Checks made payable to Barre Riding and Driving Club or BRDC

More information at: <https://tinyurl.com/barreshow>

June 18 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, June 18th please contact Jill Poulin at barnesj4@yahoo.com.

DCR Opens New Multi-Use Trail

In the Barre woods just north of where the Ware River crosses Rt 122, lies a section of trail fondly referred to as T8. Long used by hikers and equestrians, T8 has for just as long been a problem for all, including the Department of Conservation and Recreation, Division of Water Supply Protection who manages the land. Steep and rocky in places, it is flanked by numerous water crossings and muddy patches. These wet locations have kept Dan Clark (below, left), DWSP Quabbin/Ware River Regional Director, up at night because they drain into the public water supply. Recently, beavers added to the problem by expanding



the watery areas.

Dan worked to devise

a new trail that skirts these problem areas. To pitch his idea, he met with the Ware River Watershed Advisory Committee, Trails Sub-Committee (TSC). This panel of 21 citizen volunteers represents 9 organizations and committees from all four towns in the watershed.

Less than half a mile long, the new trail presents a variety of eye-catching sights. Starting at the single-lane, gravel-topped Granger Rd, the new trail crosses an open field, passes through classic New England style stone walls, traverses the top of a small ridge overlooking a one-acre beaver pond with a magnificent lodge in the middle, and then slopes down past the beaver dam before connecting with the Ware River Rail Trail.

The TSC stepped up to build the new trail. Brett Russ, director of the TSC and president of the Wachusett Chapter of the New England Mountain Bikers Association mapped out the trail's exact GPS coordinates. Lynne Goodnow, president of the Barre Riding and Driving Club, organized volunteers. As soon as all the necessary paperwork was neatly submitted, Dan signed off on the project.

Armed with loppers, rakes, and shovels, the small army of 20 officially-sanctioned volunteers went to work on April 29, 2023. The primary obstacles were numerous blown down trees, scapple left over from previous logging, and what seemed like an endless array of brush and small saplings. Care was taken to leave the ground and stone walls as undisturbed as possible, and no live trees were taken. With the new trail in place, the old trail was blocked off with fallen tree trunks, and the new trail was officially opened for all to enjoy!



Interested in supporting the Barre Riding and Driving Club in a more **direct** way?



The Barre Riding and Driving Club has an opening on our Board of Directors. Join an easy-going but hard-working and dedicated group of folks whose top two cares are fund-raising for scholarships and fun-raising for members! Board Members meet roughly once per month on Wednesday evenings, typically in Hubbardston. Experience is not necessary; the current board members are willing to guide and mentor the interested person. In addition to meetings, board members work to brainstorm activities and organize events, do

Spring clean-up on trails and at Felton Field and volunteer some time for our horse show Sundays. Interested persons should contact BRDC President, Lynne Goodnow lgoodnow@yahoo.com or any board member.

Did You Know?

You can read this newsletter on your phone, tablet, or laptop? Visit <https://barreridingdrivingclub.com/newsletters> and click on the current newsletter to turn through the pages in the built-in PDF reader. You can also download the PDF version of the newsletter to read later when you are offline. Scroll to the bottom of the page to access and download the previous editions of the newsletter.

“Western Dressage, Did You Say?” by Kat Marsh

“You heard me right,” I answered as my National Guard son-in-law scratched his burr-cut head. That doesn’t make sense, right? Dressage is dressage and Western is Western. What ever can she mean? I could see the thoughts churning in his head, and maybe now in yours, dear reader. But, lo and behold Western Dressage is now a “thing” as my young tutoring students might say. Trainer Lester Buckley (lesterbuckley.com) says, “it’s new, and it’s not new” and he repeats what his mentor, Hannes Muller, German Olympian trainer, said “good horsemanship is good horsemanship”. Western Dressage came about when Western trainers recognized that the value of classic dressage training approaches could be brought to the everyday rider. According to the 10-minute introductory video found at the Western Dressage Association website (westerndressageassociation.org), Western Dressage is the art of riding and training a horse in a manner that develops obedience, flexibility, and balance. What rider wouldn’t want that? Want to learn more? Visit the Western Dressage Association of Massachusetts (<https://www.wdama.org/>) or visit <https://www.facebook.com/NEWesternDressageChampionships/> to find out about an upcoming show in June at Mount Holyoke College. Check out the article in this newsletter about a BRDC Western Dressage clinic in August with Cathy Drumm!



**Western
Dressage
is coming
to a barn
near you!**



June 11 Mounted Soccer Clinic



Sunday, June 11th
10am - 3:30pm

If you have seen the videos and would like a chance to get in on the fun, confidence and skill building, this intro to **Mounted Soccer** fun day is for you!

All levels, Breeds, and Ages welcome!

Limited spaces available.

Fees:

AM Session (10am-12pm)	\$60 M	\$70 NM
AM&PM Session (1pm-3:30pm)	\$100M	\$110 NM
Auditors:	\$20M	\$30 NM

Location: Felton Field
115 Old Colebrook Road, Barre, MA 01005

Contact: Kat Marsh at 978 380 0375
or barreridingclub@gmail.com

More info and Sign up at:
barreridingdrivingclub.com/soccerclinic

Picnic lunch included (sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie, water)

Bathroom facilities, running water and plenty of space for cars and trailers.



July 23 Long Lining and Ground Work Clinic with Susan Rainville



Sunday, July 23

Felton Field
115 Old Coldbrook Road
Barre MA

10am – 4pm

Long Lining gives you the chance to work on your horse's forward motion and steering without the added complexities of a rider.

Ground Work is crucial for building a solid rapport with your horse from Go, Whoa, and Steering to Core Strength and Trick Training.

Private 45-minute Long Lining Session

Semi-Private 60-minute Ground Work Session

Fees: Private Session \$80 M \$90 NM

Semi-Private Session \$40 M \$50 NM

Auditors \$10 M \$20 NM

More info and Sign up at:

barreridingdrivingclub.com/rainvilleclinic

Picnic lunch included (sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie, water)

Bathroom facilities, running water, plenty of space for cars & trailers.

Learn more about Susan Rainville at whitesprucefarms.com

Questions? Contact : Kat Marsh 978 380 0375 or

barreridingclub@gmail.com

Western Dressage and Kindful Training with Cathy Drumm Saturday August 12th 10am - 4:30pm

Cathy Drumm attributes her many years of competition successes in the Hunter/Jumper world to her emphasis on correct and thorough flatwork. Cathy's techniques can be used to improve the communication and performance between rider and horse for anything from games, cow work, pleasure, versatility, trail riding, or dressage competitions. Bring your questions! Come learn how Kindful Training and Western Dressage techniques can put you and your horse on the path toward a better partnership!



10:00 Riding in Harmony - What is Kindful Training?

10:30-12:00 1st group

12:00-1:00 lunch/questions

1:00-2:30 2nd group

2:30-3:00 break/questions

3:00-4:30 3rd group

Maximum 4 participants per session. Bonus lunch hour chat with Cathy!

Participants:

\$100 BRDC Members

\$120 Non-members

Auditors:

\$20 BRDC members

\$35 Non-members

Picnic lunch included (choice of sandwich, chips, fruit, cookie, water)

Location: Felton Field, Old Coldbrook Road, Barre MA

Sign up at:

Barreridingdrivingclub.com/DrummClinic



Liberty Work Clinic with Farah DeJohnette Horsemanship

Sunday, September 10th
9am – 3:30pm
19 Hardscrabble Road
Sterling MA

Choose from 4 types/levels of
Liberty:

Ohana Equine Human
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level 1,2,3

Liberty for Fun and Physical rehab

Liberty for Behavioral pattern changes



Individual 60-minute sessions

Fees: \$100M \$120NM

Auditors: \$20M \$30NM

Picnic lunch included (sandwich, chips, fruit,
cookie, water)

More info and Sign up at:

barreridingdrivingclub.com/libertyclinic

Contact: barreridingclub@gmail.com or

978 380 0375 Kat Marsh



BRDC is excited to have a chip and wave reader on hand for many

of our events!

The Zettle card reader takes debit or credit cards and will make it easier for members and non-members to pay for memberships, event registrations, and even food at the Felton Field food booth.



After your purchase you will receive an email of the transaction so you can keep track of your purchases. A small fee is added to your purchase to cover the fees deducted by PayPal, Zettle's parent company.



Next parade opportunities:
Memorial Day Parade, Barre
Monday, May 29, 2023

Meet at the Ruggles Lane Elementary School parking lot in Barre. Parade starts at noon. Arrive well before noon to get ready. Check BRDC website for up-to-date information.

Join in the fun! Contact: Jane Lynds
lyndsrjsb@aol.com 978-257-9322

4th of July Parade, Petersham
Tuesday, July 4, 2023

Parade starts at 10am. Check BRDC website for up-to-date information.

Join in the fun! Contact: Jane Lynds
lyndsrjsb@aol.com 978-257-9322

Name Our Newsletter Contest!

Entries so far: Happy Trails, Trot On, The Hoofington Post, Mane and Tail BRDC Newsletter and Hoof Prints

This year the Barre Riding and Driving Club BOD anticipates providing bi-monthly newsletters to its members. Issues will be emailed six times a year (Jan-Feb, Mar-Apr, May-Jun, Jul-Aug, Sep-Oct, Nov-Dec). We would like to invite you to enter a contest to give our newsletter a name! The winning pick will receive special recognition in the newsletter and on our website and a \$50 gift card to Hardwick Farmer's Co-op! Send your ideas to Kat Marsh katmmarsh@yahoo.com **Deadline for entries is 9:00 am, June 1, 2023.**

Upcoming Calendar Events for 2023

May	29 th	Barre Memorial Day Parade
June	11 th	Mounted Soccer Clinic
June	18 th	Show Series – Barre Riding Club
July	4 th	Petersham July Fourth Parade
July	9 th	Show Series NEECA
July	23 rd	Long Lining and Groundwork Clinic
Aug	6 th	Show Series - CNEER
Aug	12 th	Western Dressage Clinic
Sept	17 th	Show Series – Barre Riding Club



1st String Makes BRDC Merchandise

There will be a short "opening" window to purchase items, followed by the store "closing" for a 2-week processing period. Items, which come in a choice of colors and can be personalized for a small extra fee, can be picked up at the next BRDC event or shipped to you for a fee. Next open period is from May 12th to May 26th. To purchase items with the BRDC logo visit barreridingdrivingclub.com/brdc-merchandise

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 five \$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 five \$200 scholarships for children and adults involved with horses. Get reimbursed for the cost of a camp or clinic. **June 30th, 2023, is the deadline for Equi-ship applications.**



More info on the Barre Riding and Driving Club website:

barreridingdrivingclub.com/scholarships

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BARRE RIDING AND DRIVING CLUB
2023 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 _____

(Add a \$5 late fee if renewing after March 31st)

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

BRDC Membership Includes:

- **BRDC Newsletters**
- **Subscription to Community Horse**
- **Discounts on Club Clinics**
- **Free Member Trail Rides (excluding Spring and Fall Trail Rides)**
- **Discounts on Spring and Fall Trail Rides**
- **3% Discount Hardwick Farmer's Co-op**

PARTICIPANT'S RELEASE AND WAIVER OF LIABILITY
ASSUMPTION OF RISK AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

BY SIGNING THIS AGREEMENT, YOU ARE GIVING UP CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO RECOVER DAMAGES IN CASE OF INJURY, DEATH OR PROPERTY DAMAGES. READ THIS AGREEMENT CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING IT. YOUR SIGNATURE INDICATES YOUR UNDERSTANDING OF AND AGREEMENT TO ITS TERMS.

In consideration of my being provided equine activities and allowed access and use, today and on all future dates of the property, facilities and services for equine and other activities owned and managed by the Town of Barre and the Barre Riding and Driving Club, (hereinafter collectively referred to as MANAGER), the Rider, his heirs, assigns, and legal representatives, hereby expressly agrees to the following:

1. I agree to assume ANY AND ALL RISKS INVOLVED IN OR ARISING FROM MY USE OF OR PRESENCE UPON MANAGER'S PROPERTY AND/OR FACILITIES and to hold Manager and all of its successors, assigns, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, employees and agents completely harmless and not liable and release them from all liability whatsoever and I AGREE NOT TO SUE them on account of or in connection with any claims, causes of action, injuries, damages, cost or expenses arising out of my use of or presence upon Manager's property and facilities, including without limitation bodily injury, property damage, the risks of death, including consequential damages, falls, kicks, bites, collisions with vehicles, horses or stationary objects, fire or explosion, the unavailability of emergency medical care, or the negligence or deliberate act of another person. It is my responsibility and/or the owner of the horse's responsibility to carry full and complete liability insurance coverage on horse, personal property and himself. I agree to indemnify and defend Manager and all of its successors, assigns, subsidiaries, affiliates, officers, directors, employees and agents against, and hold it harmless from, any and all claims, causes of action, damages, judgments, costs or expenses, including attorney's fees, which in any way arise from my use of or presence upon the Manager's property and facilities. I agree to pay reasonable attorneys and expenses incurred by any and all persons benefiting from this document incurred in defending any action I bring against them in violation hereof.
2. I certify that I am fully capable of participating in this activity; therefore, I assume full responsibility for myself, including my minor children, for bodily injury, death and loss of personal property and expenses thereof as a result of those inherent risks and dangers and my negligence in participating in this activity.
3. I agree to abide by all of Manager's rules and regulations. Manger, its management staff, employees, instructors and trail masters reserve the right, at their sole and absolute discretion: (1) to cancel any event or make alterations in the itinerary as they deem necessary and/or appropriate; (2) to refuse to accept or retain any person for participation in any ride; and (3) terminate the participation of any person and any program who does not appear capable of handling the program without danger to the horse or other persons. This activity entails risks of injury to participants and a risk of injury to spectators or third parties.
4. If I am using my horse, the horse shall be free from infection, contagious or transmissible disease. Manager reserves the right to refuse horse if not in proper health or is deemed dangerous or undesirable. I must present a negative coggins upon every entrance upon Manager's land.
5. **USE OF HELMET.** It is mandatory that all riders under the age of 18 MUST wear a helmet and it is recommended that all other riders wear a helmet. I assume all helmet-related risks, including, but not limited to, the risk of injury if I don't wear a riding helmet.
6. I agree that I am riding at my own risk. I understand that horseback riding can involve being in remote areas for extended periods of time, far from communication, transportation and medical facilities. That these areas may have natural hazards which management cannot anticipate, eliminate, modify, or control, and accidents can happen to anyone at any time. Some activities may involve dangers which arise from a great variety of terrain and conditions including steep ascent, meadows, winding forest paths, obstacles, change of terrain and surface on short notice, water, swamp, presence of other animals and the like. Certain risks cannot be eliminated without destroying the unique character of this activity.

Initials

The same elements that contribute to the unique character of this activity can cause loss or damage of equipment, accidental injury or illness, or, in extreme cases, permanent trauma or death. In all instances, I am responsible for applying common sense.

7. This release and agreement applies not only to present claims but also to future claims and future equine activities, unless and until it is revoked in writing. A revocation applies only to claims that accrue after the date of revocation from incidents that occur after the date of revocation. I understand that I am not allowed to enter any land of any person unless this document is in full force and effect without alteration, amendment or change. No person has the authority to alter, amend, or change the provisions of this document insofar as they benefit or might benefit the released person.

If a guardian of a person lacking legal capacity to contract sign this document, the signing person represents and warrants that he has the legal authority to bind the person on whose behalf he signs.

This document is executed as the entire agreement of the undersigned as to the subject matter hereof under Massachusetts law as a sealed instrument.

WARNING

Under Massachusetts law, an equine professional is not liable for an injury to, or the death of, a participant in equine activities resulting from the inherent risks of equine activities, pursuant to section 2D of chapter 128 of the General Laws.

IN SIGNING THIS DOCUMENT, I FULLY RECOGNIZE THAT IF ANYONE IS HURT OR PROPERTY IS DAMAGED WHILE I AM ENGAGED IN THIS ACTIVITY, I MAY HAVE NO RIGHTS TO MAKE A CLAIM OR FILE A LAWSUIT AGAINST MANAGER, ITS OFFICERS, DIRECTORS, AGENTS, HEIRS, SUCCESSORS, ASSIGNS, EMPLOYEES, ASSOCIATES.

PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY AND DO NOT SIGN IT UNLESS YOU FULLY UNDERSTAND IT.

_____ Dated _____
(signature of individual rider)

(printed name of rider)

_____ Dated _____
(signature of parent/guardian for participants under 18 years of age)

BRDC reserves the right to keep and use any likenesses captured during this event for public relations purposes.