



Hoof Prints



Barre Riding and Driving Club

May - Jun 2024

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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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Men's Quarter Zip Sweatshirt



Hooded Sweatshirt



Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt






June 2nd Clinic!

We are excited to announce that on Sunday, June 2nd, BRDC will be holding a clinic on Equine Health and Emergency First Aid with Bettyann Cernese. As a certified equine first aid instructor with Equi-First Aid USA, Bettyann teaches horse owners how to be your horse's first responder.

Stay Calm, Stay Prepared

Essential Equine First Aid Skills for Every Horse Owner

This is a hands-on 1-day course with horses covering:



-  What your vet needs to know when you call
-  Conditioning a horse to accept treatment
-  Taking proper vital signs
-  How to deal with lacerations, punctures, colic, choke, collapse, casting, shock, & hoof issues
-  Recognizing pain in the horse, sources of pain and alleviation, spinal health, injury prevention and much more!



What to expect

You'll learn through a combination of PowerPoint, video, and hands-on practice with real-life scenarios, how to handle even the most extreme emergency with confidence and skill.

What you will receive:

-  Comprehensive Equine First Aid Manual
-  Certificate of Completion



Limited space available!
Held at Hardscrabble Stable in
Sterling, MA

To register, please visit: <https://bettyanncernese.cohere.live/contribution-view/65e0e0bf519e5e52345a2781/about>

Barre Riding and Driving Club Spring Trail Ride 2024



Saturday, May 11th at Felton Field, Barre MA

Choose from 6.6, 10, 13 & 16 mile routes (NEHT affiliated)

\$25 BRDC Members (\$20 for 18 and under)

\$35 Non-Members (\$25 for 18 and under)

Camping available Friday through Sunday, but no hook-ups. Bathroom facilities and running water. Friday night potluck dinner. Fee includes hot breakfast and hot lunch on Saturday.

CONTACT: MARIANNE WHOAMARI@YAHOO.COM OR LYNNE
LGODNOW@YAHOO.COM



FRIDAY NIGHT 6:30PM POTLUCK DINNER AT THE RED FOOD BOOTH. PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE.

MORE DETAILS AT BARRERIDINGDRIVINGCLUB.COM/SPRING-TRAIL-RIDE-1

Barre Horse Show Series 2024

We have a 4-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 23rd 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 14th CNEER Show:

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

August 4th CNEER Show:

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

September 15th 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://sites.google.com/view/barreshowseries/?usp=sharing>

June 23 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 23rd please contact us at BarreRidingClub@gmail.com

Vouchers for Volunteers!

WE WILL BE AWARDING VOUCHERS WORTH \$25 TO EACH VOLUNTEER WHO WORKS FOUR (4) HOURS OR MORE AT OUR HORSE SHOWS. THE VOUCHER CAN BE SPENT ON HORSE SHOW CLASSES OR THE FALL OR SPRING TRAIL RIDES. EACH VOLUNTEER GETS FREE LUNCH AND BEVERAGES THROUGHOUT THE DAY OF THE SHOW FROM OUR FOOD BOOTH. VOLUNTEERS ARE IN NEED FOR MORNING OR AFTERNOON SPOTS.

Visit: <https://barreridingdrivingclub.com/volunteer-recording-form> to record your volunteer hours.

Rider Profile – Abigail Marsh – BRDC Scholarship Recipient

“BRDC was how I started my equestrian competition career,” says Abigail Marsh, one of 2023’s BRDC Scholarship recipients. “My first show was at Felton Field sponsored by BRDC. This is a full-circle moment for me.”



IHSA Nationals 2023 at Kentucky Horse Park in Lexington, KY

Now a Division 1 Competition Rider at Sacred Heart University enrolled in the RN Nursing Program, Abigail’s interest in horses began early. “When I was very young, I used to tell my parents that when I grew up, I wanted to deliver mail on a horse. Essentially, I wanted to bring back the pony express.” When she was five, she met Betsy Johnson, an instructor at Stoney Hill Farm, at a church dinner and has been riding ever since. “Sometimes I think about where I started and how I got to where I am

now. There are so many people, trainers, and horses that have played a role in my development in this sport. Playing for a Division I college team is something that no one I know from this area has done before. It is a privilege, but it’s also something that anyone can achieve if they work hard enough for it.”

When she’s home from school she still visits her childhood pony, Cowboy at Stoney Hill. “He is 33 years old and retired now. I spend time spoiling him with grooming, treats, and quality time.” The other special horse in Abigail’s life was Kyair.

“Every equestrian meets a horse that means the world to them, holds all of their dreams, and they love without bounds. They would call it their heart horse. My heart horse was a chestnut Irish sport horse mare. She had a wide blaze down her face, two tall stockings on her hind legs, a small sock on her left front and a small white patch under belly. Her most unique marking was a light tan handprint-sized patch on her butt to the right of her tail. I have only recently seen another horse with that type of marking. She was a beautiful horse. Kyair had the attitude of the stereotypical chestnut mare under saddle. She was incredibly smart. It took a lot of experience and patience to ride her well. But as tricky as she could be under saddle, she had an incredible floating stride. She was what some horse people call a daisy-cutter hunter. My favorite part about her and what I would argue as her best quality, was her personality on the ground. She was by far the sweetest and most gentle horse I have ever met. We could trust her with toddlers leading her around the barn. She simply loved to be loved. Unfortunately, she passed away in a freak accident six years ago. But I still think about her constantly.”

Riding for a Division 1 college team is not an easy task. Abigail starts every morning at 5:50 for an hour of weightlifting and strength training. “To be a well-rounded rider, we must also be physically strong. Training our core and lower body in particular makes a huge difference in lower body positioning and

strength, as well as core strength during practices and competitions.”

At least twice a week, the SHU team rides out of nearby Silvermine Farm in Norwalk, CT. They practice as teams of 2 to 5 riders and change teams every few months, so they get to know everyone in the program. A weekly team meeting lets them plan upcoming competitions, fundraising, team events, and reflect on how the last week went. They also have team building “pod” meetings, essentially an inspirational book club. If that’s not enough, Abigail maintains top grades in all her courses.

Congratulations to our latest scholarship recipient, and we all wish her all the best as she pursues her outstanding academic and equestrian goals.

Note: Abigail Marsh is not related to Kat or David Marsh, editors of the Hoof Prints newsletter and BRDC Board members responsible for selecting scholarship recipients. There’s still time to apply for a 2024 scholarship. The application is short and can be filled out online at barreridingdrivingclub.com/scholarships



From home
NCEA meet
Fall 2023:
SHU v.
Sweet Briar
College

2024 Calendar

April TBD Members Trail Ride – weather permitting

April 27th Felton Field Clean Up Day (rain date April 28th)

May 11th (Sat) Spring Trail Ride at Felton Field – One day ride (camping for the weekend available)

May TBD Clinic – Parade Ready your horse. For members and non-members, price TBD

May 27th (Mon) Memorial Day Parade

June 2nd Equine Emergency First Aid Clinic

June TBD Members Ride TBD Clinic – for members and non-members, price TBD

June 23rd (Sun) Horse Show Series (1) – BRDC

July 4th (Thur) Petersham July Fourth Parade

July 14th (Sun) Horse Show Series (2) - CNEER

July TBD Members Trail Ride

August 4th (Sun) Horse Show Series (3) - CNEER

September TBD Members Trail Ride – Trail ride

September 15th (Sun) Horse Show Series (4) - BRDC

September 21 (Sat) Barre 250th Anniversary Grand Parade 1pm

October 12th & 13th Fall Trail Ride Weekend at Felton Field (optional overnight Fri & Sat) Sat & Sun

October TBD (Sun) Northfield Mountain Foliage Ride with Hampshire County Riding Club

November TBD Trail Ride out of North Brookfield

December 7th (Sat) Christmas Parade in Barre

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Save the dates for upcoming parades:
Monday, May 27
Memorial Day
Parade Barre

Thursday July 4th
Petersham

Saturday, September 21, 2024, Barre's 250th

Saturday, December 7th Barre Christmas
Parade

Upcoming Calendar Events for 2024

Apr	27 th	Felton Field Clean Up Day
May	11 th	Spring Trail Ride
June	2 nd	Equine First Aid Clinic
June	23 rd	Horse Show
July	14 th	CNEER Show
Aug	4 th	CNEER Show
Sept	15 th	Horse Show
Oct	12 th & 13 th	Fall Trail Ride
Nov	TBD	Trail Ride out of North Brookfield

Join the BRDC Board of Directors and Help Promote Horsemanship and Scholarship in Your Community!

Interested in joining our Board of Directors?
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lgoodnow@yahoo.com

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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. **August 31th, 2024, 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
2024 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 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

Barre Riding & Driving Club Spring Trail Ride Registration, May 11, 2024

For Staff Only BRDC Member ____ New ____ Non-Member ____
Coggins Shown Yes ____ No ____

Rider's Name _____

Owner's Name _____

Address _____

Town _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Horse's Name _____ Breed/Color _____

For each participating horse BRDC requires a negative Coggins dated within 12 months of this event. Please have Coggins available at registration for Saturday at 7:30 am.

Coggins # _____ Date _____

Emergency Contact _____

Name _____ Phone _____

Health Concerns _____

Entry Fees (includes hot breakfast and hot lunch):

	Member	Non-Member	
Adult	\$25	\$35	_____
Junior (18 & under)	\$20	\$25	_____
Total			_____

Pre-registration before May 6th is appreciated so we can plan our hot food entrees.

Make Checks Payable to Barre Riding and Driving Club or BRDC

Must have a current Coggins!

Remember to Sign and Return the Liability Release Form

BRDC Annual Membership Fees: Individual \$25 Family \$30 Junior \$10

While this event is just a day ride, camping is available from Friday through Sunday. You must bring your own food for Friday night, Saturday night, and Sunday. Friday night 6:30pm Potluck dinner at the Red Food Booth. Please bring a dish to share.

For info contact: Marianne Wojcicki whoamari@yahoo.com

Mail Form to: Spring Trail Ride, BRDC, PO Box 25, Barre MA 01005

NEHT Affiliated Visit www.barreridingdrivingclub.com for more info

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.