

# Hoof Prints



## Barre Riding and Driving Club

Sept - Oct 2023

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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.

### 2023 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

### 2023 Directors

Rob Lynds  
Steve Theran  
Marianne Wojcicki

### Gary Lane Clinic Highlights

On Saturday August 19th and Sunday, August 20th Gary Lane returned to Massachusetts. Since he comes our way only every two years, we were excited to have him back!



Gary Lane's lessons were a comprehensive educational opportunity for horses and riders to learn the

academics as well as the equitation of riding. He has coached high level dressage riders, barrel racers to cowboy competitions. Training techniques, saddle fitting and biting were also covered during the lessons. Finding the right Gait is his specialty. Gary is deeply devoted to enhancing the knowledge of both the novice and the professional horse owner. His passion is to help riders develop the "free-going" horse.

You can learn more about Gary at [www.windsweptstables.net](http://www.windsweptstables.net)



## Upcoming Barre Horse Show Series 2023 Shows

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.

### 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 info at: <https://tinyurl.com/barreshow>

Show Banquet to be held in late October or early November 2023 at QRSD Cafeteria.

## 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:

Volunteers needed:

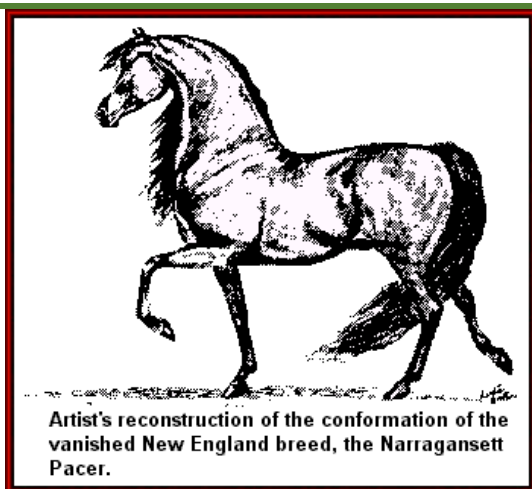
- Ribbon Runners - Bring the judge's score cards from Ring Master to announcer and bring ribbons back to the Ring Master after each class - perfect for the young horse lover. An adult will be on hand to guide the Ribbon Runners.
- Ring Master - Easy and educational - stand next to the Judge and repeat what the Judge says such as "All Walk", "All Trot" - Some Judges share their thoughts of how the horse or rider are doing and how points are scored. A nice way to understand how to compete in a show. Must be 15 years or older
- Gate Keepers - opening and closing gates when riders or drivers are entering or exiting the ring. Must be 15 years or older
- Ring Crew - set up and take down of jumps, works to keep the jumps assembled if knocked down or needs to be moved to a different height
- Secretary's Booth - Advance training would be necessary to help with registration, collecting fees and entering scores.

Training and guidance provided on show day! If you are available at any time during the day on Sunday, September 17th please contact Lynne at [lgoodnow@yahoo.com](mailto:lgoodnow@yahoo.com) Students can log community service hours, if needed.

## 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](mailto:lgoodnow@yahoo.com) or any board member.



## The Narragansett Pacer – Lost Horse Breed of New England

Never heard of the Narragansett Pacer? That would not have been the case in America's colonial days. Back then, the Narragansett Pacer was the gold standard, number-one horse breed in New England. According to Charlotte Carrington-Farmer of Roger Williams University, who did extensive research on the breed, the origins of the breed are obscure. However, evidence of the distinct breed in colonial times is extensive, with the most common characteristics described as a fairly short-statured (averaging 14.1 hands), generally chestnut-colored horse exhibiting a four-beat ambling gate, rather than the expected two-beat pacing gate. Because the ambling gate was more comfortable to ride than other common breeds of the time, Narragansett Pacers became known for both riding and driving. The lively and fast-moving, but even-tempered, sure-footed, and dependable horses made them popular for traveling the rough colonial roads. So, what happened to the breed? As the colonies progressed toward independence and expansion to the west, roads improved and other horse breeds such as the American Standardbred, Saddlebred, and Tennessee Walker became more popular. In fact, the Narragansett Pacer played a significant role in the development of these three breeds. Unfortunately, as these breeds rose in use, purebred Narragansett Pacers became less valuable. Many were sold and sent to the southern colonies or to areas of the Caribbean where their small size, and sure-footed, comfortable gaits were welcomed. By 1800, there were very few Narragansett Pacers left in New England and evidence from horse pedigrees indicates that the breed had all but disappeared by the late 1800s. Once a New England stable staple, the once-beloved Narragansett Pacer has disappeared into history.

## History Spotlight – BRDC Roots – 1940s



The 1940s were busy years for the Barre Riding and Driving Club. Paraphrasing from a “History of the Barre Riding and Driving Club” speech given before the club’s birthday buffet on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 1970: the Barre Riding and Driving Club in its infancy was made up of Mrs. Lillian Paquin, Secretary and Treasurer with George Paquin as President. Other members were

Lewis Paquin, Mrs. and Mr. John Harlow, Robert Davis and daughter, Jennie Blaisdell, Helen Brodmerkle, James Rich, Herbert Rice, Ann Hindley and Thomas Hindley, E. B Stone



and daughters Viola, Eva, and Gaynel, and Frank Cummings. Dues were 50¢ per year. Their first show was scheduled to start in the morning with a break for lunch and the program was written up in the Barre Gazette. However, ill feeling against the group postponed the starting time to 1pm because the program interfered with the Sunday morning worship hours. That show had 11 classes for horses and 4 for ponies. About 50 horses were entered, and ribbons were

the only prizes awarded. The entire proceeds from this show also went to the Red Cross (\$161.35). The Barre Brass Band provided the music, and a first aid tent was manned by the local Boy Scouts.

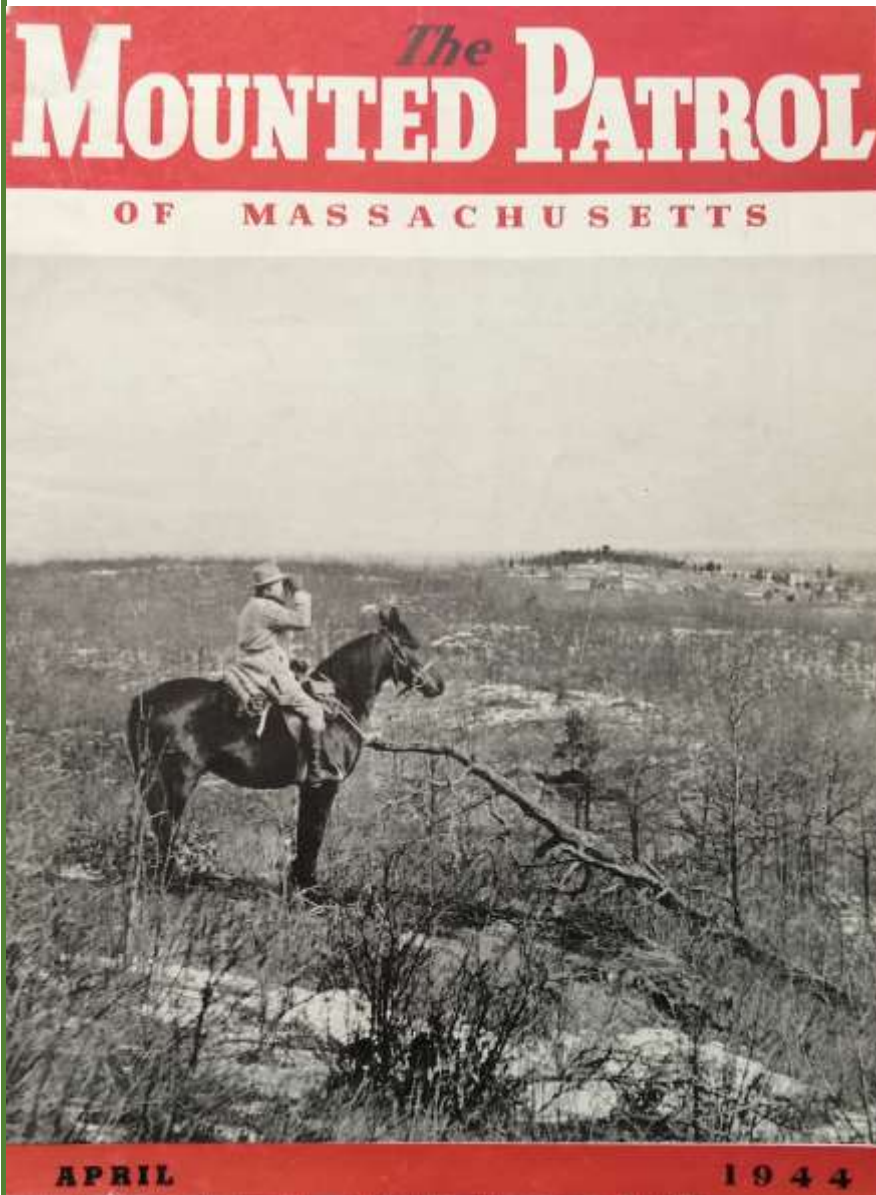


Due to the fact that the early records of the club were destroyed in the fire which consumed the home and furnishings of

Lillian Paquin, we must rely on the Barre Gazettes of the time to fill in the gaps. In 1941, an article written in the Barre Gazette lists the club as a member of the newly formed “Massachusetts Horse How Council” and Fred Hiller again as master of the



ceremonies. Mrs. Lewis Paquin was clerk, and John Harlow was ringmaster. The food tent was managed by the Barre Hotel with a Mr. Sykes of the Barre Hunt Club as manager. Betty (Pollak) Clark won a 3<sup>rd</sup> place ribbon in Children's Horsemanship and also in Musical Chairs. Herbert Rice won a blue in the 5-Gaited class and E.B. Stone, Bertyne Rich, Lewis Paquin, Jr., Norman Keddy, Gaynel Stone, and Helen Brodmerkle, all were listed in the ribbons as an owner or rider.



From 1942 - 1945 a Mounted Patrol was organized. This patrol was recognized by the Massachusetts Committee on Public Safety and considered one of the best units in the state, under the leadership of Herbert Rice, Regional Chairman, Jennie Blasidell, Captain, and E.B Stone as Lieutenant. The patrol cut and maintained trails and assisted police and fire patrols. Units met regularly to maintain trails, and maps were drawn up showing the trails of each area. Many of these trails are still used - one of them is the Rice Ledges Trail.

In an article appearing in the Worcester Telegram in 1948 referring to the 10 years of the riding club, it states that the club turned over to the Red Cross \$600 in 1941 and \$800 the following year and from 42 - 45 over \$1000 was donated to the Service Men's Christmas Boxes.



The checkbook records of November 1944 shows that \$14 was expended for painting the horse sheds at Felton Field, and that meetings were held regularly for a \$5 fee at the hall of the Unitarian Church and the Grange Hall. In 1945 a receipted bill shows we expended \$45.27 for 100 felt emblems with the BRDC logo inscribed on them. In 1946 we have an old invoice for \$143.76 from the Chas. G. Allen Co. for putting a

new roof on the grandstand. In 1946 the club contributed \$100 toward a Welcome Home Day which was planned by the town for Labor Day of that year. The frame for the food stand (forerunner of the present one) was erected in September of 1946. The following year the club sponsored the Down Homers Program – the proceeds of which were split between the Legion Building Fund and the local Boy Scouts.



In 1948, we voted to hire our first professional manager, the minutes of the meeting of March called for the manager to handle all prize money, prize lists, printing, and mailing as well as getting entries recorded and overseeing all things that day, including stabling. In August of that year the Treasurer reported the loss of \$377.39 on the show. In 1949 the club donated \$20 to the Town Resuscitator Fund and that same year the roofs of the stalls were repaired as well as the same amount the year before in 1948.

Although the Barre Riding and Driving Club sponsored a varied array of horse-related activities, it has consistently applied its earnings to contribute to worthy causes for the local community and plans to continue for many years to come.



## Fall Trail Ride

Saturday, October 7th and Sunday, October 8th



Our fall ride is at Felton Field, 115 Old Coldbrook Rd, Barre Massachusetts  
6, 10, & 13 Mile Trail Routes. Gravel roads, rail bed, woods trails and a small amount of pavement.

Camping available Friday through Sunday, but no hook-ups.

Bathroom facilities available on site. Water is available but might need transport by container.

Weekend fee includes camping (Fri, Sat & Sun), 3 meals on Saturday, 2 meals on Sunday.

Saturday only fee includes ride, breakfast & lunch, no camping

Sunday only fee includes ride, breakfast & lunch, no camping

Friday, October 6th, 6:30pm potluck dinner at the Red Food Booth – bring a dish to share  
Bagged lunch with sandwich available upon request the morning of Sat or Sun. Turkey dinner Saturday night with vegetarian option.

Pre-Registration is required so we can plan for meals. Deadline, September 29<sup>th</sup>:

Weekend \$95 Adult M, \$105 Adult NM (\$60 Junior M, \$65 Junior NM)

Saturday only \$30 Adult M, \$40 Adult NM (\$20 Junior M, \$25 Junior NM)

Sunday only \$30 Adult M, \$40 Adult NM (\$20 Junior M, \$25 Junior NM)

Camping Non-riding fee (includes meals) \$60

Guest Dinner (Saturday) \$20

Guest All Other Meals \$10

Check in upon arrival: Friday 4:30pm to 6pm, and Saturday 7:30am at the Red Food Booth.  
Be prepared to show a current copy of Coggins and bring or sign a Liability Release form if you have not already done so.

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NEGATIVE COGGINS TEST WITHIN 12 MONTHS OF EVENT IS REQUIRED

Riding Helmets required for all riders 18 years and younger.

BRDC STRONGLY recommends helmets to be worn by all riders.

Liability waiver form must be signed before riding.

FOR INFORMATION CONTACT: MARIANNE WOJCICKI: [WhoaMari@yahoo.com](mailto:WhoaMari@yahoo.com) or 508 983 4566

LYNNE GOODNOW: [lgoodnow@yahoo.com](mailto:lgoodnow@yahoo.com)

## Save the Date! Awards Banquet!

Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>  
Barre Horse Show Series Banquet

QRSD Cafeteria, 872 South Street, Barre  
MA



Next parade  
opportunities:

Save the date  
for upcoming  
parades:

Barre Christmas Parade December 2023  
Details coming soon!



Save the date September 21 2024 for Barre's  
250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Grand Parade  
More details coming soon!



### Upcoming Calendar Events for 2023

Sept	10 <sup>th</sup>	Liberty Work Clinic
Sept	17 <sup>th</sup>	Show Series – Barre Riding Club
Oct	7 <sup>th</sup> -8 <sup>th</sup>	Fall Trail Ride
Oct	27 <sup>th</sup>	Barre Horse Show Series Banquet
Dec	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Barre Christmas Parade



**1st String  
BRDC  
Merchandise  
Sale!**

1<sup>st</sup> String sample  
merchandise will  
be for sale at our  
Fall Trail Ride!



## 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](http://barreridingdrivingclub.com/scholarships)

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## BARRE RIDING & DRIVING CLUB FALL TRAIL RIDE REGISTRATION OCT 7&8 2023

For staff only: Payment: Check # \_\_\_\_\_ BRDC member: new \_\_\_ non-member \_\_\_  
 Amt. \_\_\_\_\_ Liab \_\_\_\_\_ Coggins: yes \_\_\_ no \_\_\_

Rider 's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Owner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street / P. O. Box: \_\_\_\_\_

Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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 (Fri 4:30pm - 6pm; Sat/Sun 7:30am - 8:30 am)

**Coggins #:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Coggins Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Phone number

Become a Barre Riding and Driving Club member and receive a discount on the registration fee. Individual: \$25.00 Family: \$30.00 Junior (under 18): \$10.00

Fill out BRDC membership form located on website.

<b>Circle choices</b>	Member	Non- Member	Member	Non-member
	Adult	Adult	Junior	Junior
Entry Fees	\$95	\$105	\$60	\$65
Weekend	\$30	\$40	\$20	\$25
Saturday only	\$30	\$40	\$20	\$25
Sunday only	\$60			
Camping non-riding fee (incl. meals)	\$20			
Guest dinner (Saturday)	\$10			
All other extra meals				

Weekend fee includes camping (Fri, Sat & Sun), 3 meals on Saturday, 2 meals on Sunday.

Saturday only fee includes ride, breakfast & lunch, no camping

Sunday only fee includes ride, breakfast & lunch, no camping

Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm potluck dinner at the Red Food Booth – bring a dish to share

No hookups with camping. Water is available but might need transport by container. Bathrooms on site.

Bagged lunch with sandwich available upon request the morning of Sat or Sun. Turkey dinner Saturday night with vegetarian option. \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-Registration is required. Deadline for pre-registration is September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

**Total enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Please send copy of Coggins and signed liability release form with Pre-Registration.**

Mail pre-entry form with copy of Coggins and signed liability form to: Barre Riding and Driving Club P.O.

Box 25 Barre MA 01005 Questions? Contact Marianne at 508 983 4566 [whoamari@yahoo.com](mailto:whoamari@yahoo.com)

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Visit [www.barreridingdrivingclub.com](http://www.barreridingdrivingclub.com) for more info.

**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 31<sup>st</sup>)

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](http://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**
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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.