



NEWSLETTER

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BarreRidingDrivingClub.com

BRDC 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.

THANK YOU members and volunteers. Your support makes our events possible. Please come out and support the club which in turn helps the community, either as a participant, a volunteer, or a spectator. Please let us know of any events/clinics you are interested in.

Like us on Facebook and visit our website. Know someone who would like to be a member? Membership information can be found on the website.

2021 OFFICERS

President-Lynne Goodnow
Vice President-Jane Lynd
Treasurer-Steve Theran
Asst Treasurer-Rob Lynds
Secretary Jill Poulin

2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Lynne Goodnow, Jane Lynds, Rob Lynds, Steve Theran, Alycia Smith, Marianne Wojcicki, Diana Walther, Steve Theran, Douglas Walther, Jane Poulin

2022 Cabin Fever Night and Annual Meeting

The BRDC Cabin Fever Night and Annual Meeting will be held March 5th at the Barre American Legion Post. There will be an opportunity to renew your membership or join as a new member.

Roger Lauze of the MSPCA will speak on equine safety and rescue. Roger is the Equine Rescue and Training Coordinator at MSPCA Angell. He and his team train people nationally in rescuing and transporting trapped and mobility impaired horses. A local New Englander who graduated from Framingham State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Biology and a Minor in Secondary Education, he started working with the MSPCA as the Manager of Macomber Farm in Framingham MA. In 1994 he moved on from teaching the public at the farm to starting the MSPCA Equine Ambulance program.

He helped in field testing the Rescue Glide Board created by Chip Fisher and has years of experience in transporting and rescuing horses in New England. He has draft horse experience and supports his daughter and wife in Eventing. Roger is an amazing educator who teaches using stories from his own experiences.

This event will have a cash bar and potluck. Bring your favorite dish to share. Our auction always brings much enthusiasm for those who wish to stay. We will also hold our 2022 Annual Meeting. The board of directors will be appointed so come have a say in your club and enjoy a good time. This meeting is open to all.

2021 ANNUAL MEETING

Due to COVID restrictions, we were unable to hold our 2021 Cabin Fever Night and Annual Meeting. Let's all make up for lost time by a rousing turnout at this year's meeting

2021 Spring Trail Ride

After a year of not sponsoring any trail rides or horse related club events, Barre Riding Driving Club opened the 2021 season with a Spring Trail ride on Saturday, May 8.

Camping for the weekend was available at Felton Field and all 12 participants took advantage of this and camped for the weekend.

Since we were still under Covid restrictions, we were unable to receive a trail use permit from DCR. The club made the decision to hold the ride but limit it to BRDC members only with a limit of 15 riders. (DCR requires a permit above 15 riders.)

While following MA CDC guidelines, we were able to social distance during meals and around the camping area.



We offered 6, 10 and 13 mile trails for our riders to enjoy. All participants were thankful for the chance to finally get out to ride, camp and socialize with friends after a year in isolation!

2021 FALL TRAIL RIDE

The Fall Trail Ride was held at Felton Field on October 9 & 10. We had a potluck dinner Friday night and our famous turkey dinner Saturday night.



We were entertained Saturday night by the barbershop quartet, HayStack Four with our own Rob Lynds as bass



The campfires were a big hit and great bonding among old and new members took place. The quartet did a fantastic job singing for us. They were so enthusiastic, they joined us at the campfire and continued serenading us there!

Breakfast and lunches were served out of the red food booth. Saturday night turkey dinner and entertainment was held in the historical white barn.

There were 31 participants at this ride. Not our largest number of participants, but the most congenial group of people as the attendance at the campfires confirmed. There were 5 day riders, 6 non riders and 24 people that camped for the weekend. We marked 5 trail options of 6, 10, and 13 miles. The special long ride that we only offer during the fall ride in which equestrians ride on the road across the Oakham / Barre bridge on route 122, was 13 miles. Nine adventuresome horse and rider teams completed this ride.

We are looking forward to our Spring and Fall trail rides in 2022.

Volunteers are always needed and appreciated contact
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Gary Lane Gaited Clinic

Gary's Clinic was held June 12 & 13.



Several people took advantage of a private lesson with Gary on Friday before the Clinic started on Saturday. The clinic wasn't all riding. We had classroom discussions and rein work without the horses. All very informative. Learning to ride a gaited horse is really no different than any other horse. You need proper collection and relaxation. A big thank you to Lynne Goodnow and Steve Theran for hosting the event at their home. Most everyone stayed and camped the whole weekend. Gave us all a chance to get to know each other a lot better.

BRDC Scholarships Awarded

This year BRDC awarded two scholarships to Abigail Marsh and Gabby Arsenault. Each will receive \$600 that can be used for any school related expense.

The 2021 Christmas Parade.

BRDC participated in the 2021 Barre Christmas parade held on December 4th. We had a large turn out of about 20 horses. It was so great to see so many horses.

Most were ridden, one driven (carrying two very cute young boys) and a mini was lead.



Everyone did a great job decorating their horses. They all were very festive. All the horses were exceptionally well behaved. There was a marching band, several floats, fire trucks, ambulances and lots of groups walking that could have spooked the horses but they all took it in stride.



A big thank you to Rob Lynds and Bob Hatch who were our pooper scoopers.

2022 Calendar of Events

March 5 (Sat) 6:00 Annual Meeting and Cabin Fever, Barre American Legion Post

May 7 (Sat.) Spring Trail Ride, Felton Field, One day ride (camping for the weekend available)

May 30 (Mon) Memorial Day Parade

June TBD Members Ride with other Trail Users at Lake Dennison

June 11, 12 Clinic

June TBD Members Weekend Campout at Felton Field with Hampshire Riding Club – members only.

June 19 (Sun) Show Series – BRDC

July 4 (Weds) Peteresham July Forth Parade

July 10 (Sun) Show Series NEECA

July TBD Members Trail Ride

Aug 7 (Sun) Show Series CNEER

Aug 28 (Sun) Show Series 4-H

Sept 18 (Sun) Barre Horse Show

Sept TBD Members Trail Ride

Oct 8&9 (Sat, Sun) Fall Trail Ride

The **2021 Annual Shot Clinic** was held by Dr Linda Eiben and Diana Walther. A big thanks to Diana for her great help.

PARADES FOR 2022

Memorial Day – May 30th Barre
Fourth of July - Petersham
Christmas – Dec 3rd in Barre

BARRE HORSE SHOWS 2021.

The Barre Riding and Driving Club hosted two of the five horse shows in the Barre Horse Show Series in 2021, one in June and one in September. June 20th brought all of our riders, instructors, horses and spectators back to Felton Field for the first time in a year! Seventy riders showed up to embrace a new show season on this day and all of the horses and riders alike seemed happy to be back in the show ring! With nine riders in our Lead Line Division and 13 riders in our Open Flat division we were able to see some of our youngest riders up through our veterans riders compete!



On July 11th 75 riders came to the first NEECA show of the show season, CNEER hosted the August 8th horse show with 71 riders in attendance, NEECA hosted the second show in August on the 29th with 81 riders! BRDC wrapped up the 2021 show season with a final show on September 19th with 81 riders! We are so grateful to all of the organization that run shows, all of the volunteers that help before, during and after the shows, all of the judges that help our riders improve and have wonderful days, all of our instructors and barns that bring and care for the wonderful horses at the shows and finally the riders and the families that make each show possible! The 2021 year end banquet was held at the Felton Field White Building for the first time on October 30th. In total 79 year end awards were given out to the riders and over 150 people were in attendance at the banquet! Everyone in attendance had wonderful food catered by Toupin Catering and the Raffle Auction was enjoyed by all!



We look forward to seeing everyone at our 2022 show series. The first show hosted by BRDC will be on June 19th, NEECA will host a show on July 10th, CNEER will host a show on August 7th, and BRDC will host the final show on September 18th.

The August 28th show is still being discussed at this time.



Thanks to all you for a successful 2021 show season! A special shout out to Jill Barnes for all of her hard work. See you all soon!

2022 BARRE SHOW SERIES.

June 19 BRDC
July 10 NEECA
August 7 CNEER
August 28 4-H

The Barre Show Series Banquet was held Nov. 16th at McCarthy Restaurant in Westminster, MA. It was very well attended with over 130 people. Great to see all the youth get their ribbons.



Huge thank you to Jill Poulin for all her hard work on the show series and the banquet.