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**Celebrating
50 Years**

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50 Years - Pieces from the Past

The first Bay State Trail Ride was run in 1971 out of Silver Lake. It went over to Miscoe Lake, in the rain, and drew 70 riders. Trail master was Dick Gladu, and Bill and I rode sweep and coordinated the whole deal. The ride got split into three segments because of galloping by kids from Blackstone, and we had to hold up on the power lines at Washington St. until we got them all together and headed out on the right trail. The next year we went to Lake Pearl and circled back on the RR through Norfolk. The Savage family had nine horses, count them 9 on the ride in 1972! And there were about 15 horses at Silver Lake alone. *(June 1982 Bugle. All rides back in the day were lead rides!)*

1983 Activities: Spring Shakedown Ride in Blackstone, Campout Natchaug State Forest CT, Level I Distance Trials Blackstone, Streak-In Bellingham, Three Day Ride/Campout Douglas, Rally Uxbridge (under 25 miles), Campout Upton State Forest, Annual Six Day Tour Blackstone-Douglas-Uxbridge, Level II Distance Trials, Campout Brimfield, Three Day Ride/Campout Douglas, Level III Distance Trials Blackstone, Campout Natchaug State Forest, Rally Douglas, Annual Big Pumpkin, and Turkey Shoot. *(Jan 1983 Bugle)*



Joe Travers



Judged Pleasure Winners
Aug. 19, 1979

Volunteers Needed

NANCY MAENZO RIDE

We are looking for people to help with the following: parking, marking the trail route, taking down the markers, registration table, and clean up. If you can help please contact Becky at bstra@charter.net or 508-476-3960.

Upcoming Trail Work Days

April 22nd Park Serve Day Douglas State Forest

Parking location: Parking on Southwest Main Street. Use 363 Southwest Main St. for GPS purposes, then go 1/2 mile past that house. We will be parking on the right hand side (coming from Douglas) to access where we need to work.

Time: check in 8:30 Working 9am to 1pm.

Objective: brushing and cutting back the trail Chicken Wing Trail and possibly part of Chamberlain Pond & Quick Snack.

Please wear appropriate clothing like long pants, heavy duty sturdy work boots and wear work gloves. Ticks are already out this year, so use your tick spray.

Water will be available and lunch will be provided for our volunteers.

If you can join us on this work day, please register via our website (www.bstra.org) or on PointApp.org. Or you can contact Becky at bstra@charter.net so BSTRA has a head count and can plan accordingly.



April 23rd Park Serve Day Upton State Forest

Parking location: 205 Westboro Rd. Upton MA

Time: check in 8:30 Working 9am to 1pm

Objective: cutting and brushing back trails and moving debris off the trail into the woods.

Please wear appropriate clothing like long pants, heavy duty sturdy work boots and wear work gloves. Ticks are already out this year, so use your tick spray.

Water will be available and lunch will be provided for our volunteers.

If you can join us on this work day, please register via our website (www.bstra.org) or on PointApp.org. Or you can contact Suzanne at hc07645@gmail.com so BSTRA has a head count and can plan accordingly.

May 6th Trail Work Day Hodges Village Dam, Oxford MA

Parking location: End of Rocky Hill Road, Oxford.

Time: check in 8:30. Working 9am to 1pm

Objective: cutting and brushing back trails and moving debris off the trail into the woods.

Please wear appropriate clothing like long pants, heavy duty sturdy work boots and wear work gloves. Ticks are already out this year, so use your tick spray.

Water will be available and lunch will be provided for our volunteers.

If you can join us on this work day, please register via our website (www.bstra.org) or on PointApp.org. Or you can contact Becky at bstra@charter.net so BSTRA has a head count and can plan accordingly.



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Update from Mass Conservation Voters

The Healey-Driscoll Administration unveiled its FY24 proposed budget yesterday. This is great news for our parks and all of us who rely on them for our physical and mental well-being. We thank the Administration for supporting our forests, parks, beaches, trails and other Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) facilities and encourage you to do the same.

As you know, Mass Conservation Voters' (MCV) 2021 comments to the Legislative Special Commission on DCR stated the agency needed at least a \$10 million per year increase in its State Parks and Recreation operations account (2810-0100) each year for the next decade. With your help, we succeeded in getting a \$10 million increase in the account for the FY23 operations budget, funded at \$85 million. Our October 2023 state park summit open letter, sent to the Administration and the Legislature, repeated that request for FY24.

We are happy to report that the Administration's proposed FY24 budget for that account is \$107.6 million. Also of note, fee-based anticipated but not guaranteed "retained revenue," eliminated in FY23 in favor of general revenue tax dollars, is again off of the table for FY24.

There is another important side effect of this proposed budget. Candidates to become the next DCR commissioner, now under review, know the Healey-Driscoll Administration is serious about building on the last two years of success in reversing more than a decade of neglect our parks suffered. This should go a long way toward stopping the revolving door on that position, which saw six commissioners over the past eight years.

In their budget letter to the Legislature, Gov. Healey and Lt. Gov. Driscoll wrote: "This budget also invests an unprecedented level of resources into achieving our administration's bold energy and environmental goals, for the first time ever dedicating 1 percent of the overall state budget to the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. This will expand the state's ability to safeguard public health through environmental stewardship, climate adaptation and mitigation, and clean energy expansion, while making sure these efforts are realized equitably across all communities."

We applaud the Healey-Driscoll Administration for fulfilling its promise to bring total state environmental spending to one percent of the total state budget and doing so with its first budget. This is not the first administration to commit to that goal, but it is the first one to actually propose it in real dollars.

MCV and our allies have already begun to ask the Legislature to follow suit when lawmakers take up the budget in the coming months. Please ask your state legislators to support the H.1 (House 1 is the budget bill number) line item for the Parks and Recreation operations account (2810-0100) – find your legislators here.

We convened the state parks summit last October partly because legislators asked us if we could speak with one voice. You helped us do that and together, our voices came through loud and clear. Let us continue our worthy effort to see well-funded, accessible DCR parks, forests, beaches, trails and other facilities. Together, along with our allies in the Legislature, we have begun to reverse the trend that saw Massachusetts, first in so many things, fall to the worst state in the nation (pg.51) in per capita funding for public open space.

BSTRA Bits & Pieces

Division Changes

At our last Board meeting we discussed the ages we had for our divisions. The ages are now changed. So here are the new age brackets.

Senior Division: 65 and older (aka Masters Division!)

Adult Division: 18 to 64 (aka Prime Division!)

Junior Division: 17 and under (aka Youth Division!)

So some of you that were in the Senior Division last year could very well be back in the Adult Division this year.



Nancy Maenzo Memorial Benefit Ride

Saturday, April 29 - 10:30 am

Douglas State Forest

Time: Check in 10am.

Location: 107 Wallum Lake Road.

Length: 5 miles

Registration Fee:

\$25 BSTRA Members

\$30 Non-members

\$15 Lunch only

Juniors 17 and under ride and eat free.

Registration deadline for lunch is April 25th. Post entries welcome, just no lunch included.

NEHT Affiliated

Could be a RAFFLE, so come prepared!

This BSTRA Ride
Sponsored by David Maenzo

Contact: Kelly Shaw for more information 774-276-0260 or
krshaw13@gmail.com

This BSTRA Ride
Hosted by Kelly Shaw

Directions from Route 16 in Douglas: Turn onto Cedar Street opposite Wallum Lake sign. At 4-way intersection go straight onto Wallum Lake Road. Turn right onto Wallum Lake Park Road at 107 Wallum Lake Road and proceed to parking area at end.

Please make checks payable to BSTRA, Inc. and mail with registration form below to:

BSTRA Ride, c/o 24 Glen St., Douglas, MA 01516

| Nancy Maenzo Benefit Ride | Rider #1 | Rider #2 |
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| Rider's Name | | |
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| Rider's Date of Birth | | |
| Street Address | | |
| Town, State, Zip | | |
| Phone Number | | |
| Email Address | | |
| Coggins # and Date (within a year) | | |
| Are you a BSTRA Member? Yes/No | | |
| Optional Donation to Trail Account | | |

Committee Members

Fundraising Committee

Rebekah Nydam, Mary Wood, and Diane Sullivan

Trails Committee

Becky Kalagher, Phil & Jane Rutledge, Ray Hill, and Deb Carlson

We have someone interested in the Events Committee is anyone else would like work on that committee. This would get a few things off my plate like applying for special use permits for any rides on DCR property, other permits as needed, requesting certificates of insurance needed for special use permits, filling out NEHT forms for affiliated rides, exploring/finding different places to hold events

Now, who of you out there is really good at social media? I believe that we can do a much better job of spreading the “word” on what BSTRA does with a goal of increasing membership, volunteers and support. Please hop on the wagon and put your skills to use! Just contact any Board member and let them know how you want to help out.

Members Round Table Meeting

We had 12 people attend this meeting. Out of that number, 7 of those attending were Board members, leaving just 5 at large members. I was a bit disappointed in the low participation.

We tackled two topics and this is what we came up with.

Expand presence east and west. How to do this?

- Approach members in that area to host a ride.
- Joint rides with other clubs.
- Trail work.
- Spread word via Facebook.
- Different rides on same day in different parts of the state.
- Outreach to clubs, offer their rides in our calendar.
- Explore simplifying affiliation category, get BSTRA points.
- Cross pollinate with land trusts/trail groups.

Offer BSTRA memberships for their raffles and asking for them to do the same thing for our raffles.

- Attend other rides and hand out brochures.

Events of interest to the younger generation. How to get them more involved.

- Versatility clinics/class
- Trick clinic (Peter Whitmore)
- Penny Blomgren 4H leader in Brimfield (reach out to)
- Trail work at 4H camp as part of their program with us as mentoring/helping adults.
- For 30 to 40 year old (clinic on marking trails or how to clear trails)
- Check high schools for community requirement service to offer trail work days. Form for what we are looking for and request for guardians.

The ideas are there, but we need the people to implement them. Do you see something on this list that you could take on in your area? Try it. Need some guidance, give us a shout. We have a lot of knowledge that we are more than happy to pass along.

Shop Local

Whenever purchasing horse supplies, before looking to Amazon, Chewy, etc., please shop local! Our “brick and mortar” shops offer so much more: personal know-how, hands-on merchandise, interaction with fellow equestrians, and great customer service. Many of these businesses support Bay State Trail Riders Association and are so deserving of your consideration. Let’s help sustain them and not see more closings. Your loyalty will be so much appreciated. Thank you!

Welcome New Members

Barbara Crook, Douglas MA

Penny Foisy & Caitlin Cunningham, Pomfret Center CT

Dallas & David Keeney, Douglas MA

Jim & Rachel Laliberte, Douglas MA

Philip Lamothe, Northampton MA

Madeline Ostrow McCassey, Worcester MA

Claudine Romano, Stafford Springs CT

Susan Vita, Uxbridge MA

Why Trails?

They are good for the heart & soul. They provide us health benefits. Trails help protect our natural resources. Trails are good for communities. Trails provide an economic benefit. Trails provide a connection to the land and our history. Trails are restorative. Trails are inclusive. Trails can be transportation.

It's amazing what trails do. But trails are not viewed as critical infrastructure. They need to be maintained and they need to be supported financially and politically.

Our National Trails Day fundraiser event helps with some of the financial support because all the proceeds will go into trail projects. Your help in getting sponsors for this event is important. Ask your friends (every dollar helps), family, your dentist, your car mechanic, and everyone else that you do business with.

Last year we put over \$50,000 back into trails! That would not have been possible without fundraising. Help be part of the solution and use the form on the next page to start collecting funds for trails.

The back side of the form gives the benefits for business sponsors, so make sure you point that out to them. **BK**

Trail Projects

Speaking about trail projects. We are pretty familiar with the trails in our area, lower central MA, but as we have members all across the state we would like some input on any trail projects in other parts of the state that need some work.

Obviously, they have to allow horseback riding and be open to the public. Is there an area that has trails but needs a parking area? Trails that need maintenance?

Let us know about it. We would be happy to partner with you to see what we can do about it. And yes I said partner with. You know the area and what needs to be done better than us, so we would need your help to accomplish that goal.

Drop an email or make a phone call to any of our Board members.



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The following people and/or businesses have made their tax-deductible contributions to sponsor me in the BSTRA National Trails Day Fundraising Event, June 11, 2023. Proceeds from this benefit will be used for Massachusetts trail improvement projects. **Make checks payable to: BSTRA, Inc.**

Submit completed form and collections by 11 am at the NTD Registration Table or mail to Mary Wood, 40 Fairway Road, S. Yarmouth MA 02664 to be received by June 8.

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Businesses donating \$100 or more receive business sponsor benefits such as a free listing in business directory with a link to their website and free advertising dependent upon amount of contribution – please refer to and complete Sponsorship Form on reverse.

NTD RIDE JUNE 11, 2023 BUSINESS SPONSORS SPONSORSHIP FORM

Some things you should know regarding business sponsors are:

- * All donations are tax-deductible because BSTR is a section 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and 100% of ALL donations are used for local trail programs
- * BSTR has a sponsor rewards program to say thank you for donations of \$50 or more. It gives those sponsors various benefits.
- * Business sponsors donating \$99 or less are listed in our newsletter and NTD handout.
- * Business sponsors donating \$100 or more get one free business card sized ad in our newsletter in addition to being listed in Business Sponsor Directory on our website.
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***NOTE:** Listings in Business Sponsor Directory will expire as of June 2024

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Member Name: _____

RI Public Hearing

My husband Bill and I attended a Friday, 10am, 3/24/23 hearing at Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management in Providence. It was public comment on proposed revisions to State Law in relation to parks and management areas. As the Deputy Director explained, it was an attempt to streamline the laws and get everyone on the same page.



The uproar by the horse people was specifically aimed at the revisions affecting Goddard Memorial Park in East Greenwich, and the LeGrand Reynolds Horseman's Area (Escoheag). "LeGrand" was established, improved, maintained and used by equine enthusiasts since its inception 50+ years ago. I understand that as times change, a mutual partnership with the State may need updating, but not at the sacrifice of exclusive use by horse people. Equestrians are steadily losing all sorts of land use due to development and promises being broken. LeGrand Reynolds H.A. and the nearby trails of Arcadia Management Area, although offering the least in camping amenities, has always been an appreciated and responsibly used resource by horseback riders/campers.



Although scheduled on a work day, it was gratifying to see nearly 30 horse people in attendance. I noted some organizations being represented: R.I. Federation of Riding Clubs (see the t-shirts they handed out), West Greenwich Horseman's Association, TriState Horsemen, Cross State, Moswansicut Riding & Driving, CT Valley, Steppingstone Ranch, and several Bay State Trail Riders members. *Rose Zariczny*

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Anyone that has any old BSTRA paraphernalia, we would love to borrow it to display at our Aug. 27th event. Do you know anyone that used to be a member of BSTRA ages ago? Ask them to get in touch with us, they might have some old pictures or certificates we would love to see and make copies of.

Tucker Saddle Bags

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Tickets sold online at www.bstra.org/support/raffle through 12 pm on June 23rd

Tickets can also be purchased through the mail using the form below,
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Winner drawn at the Poker Run in Mendon, MA June 25th



TICKET PRICING

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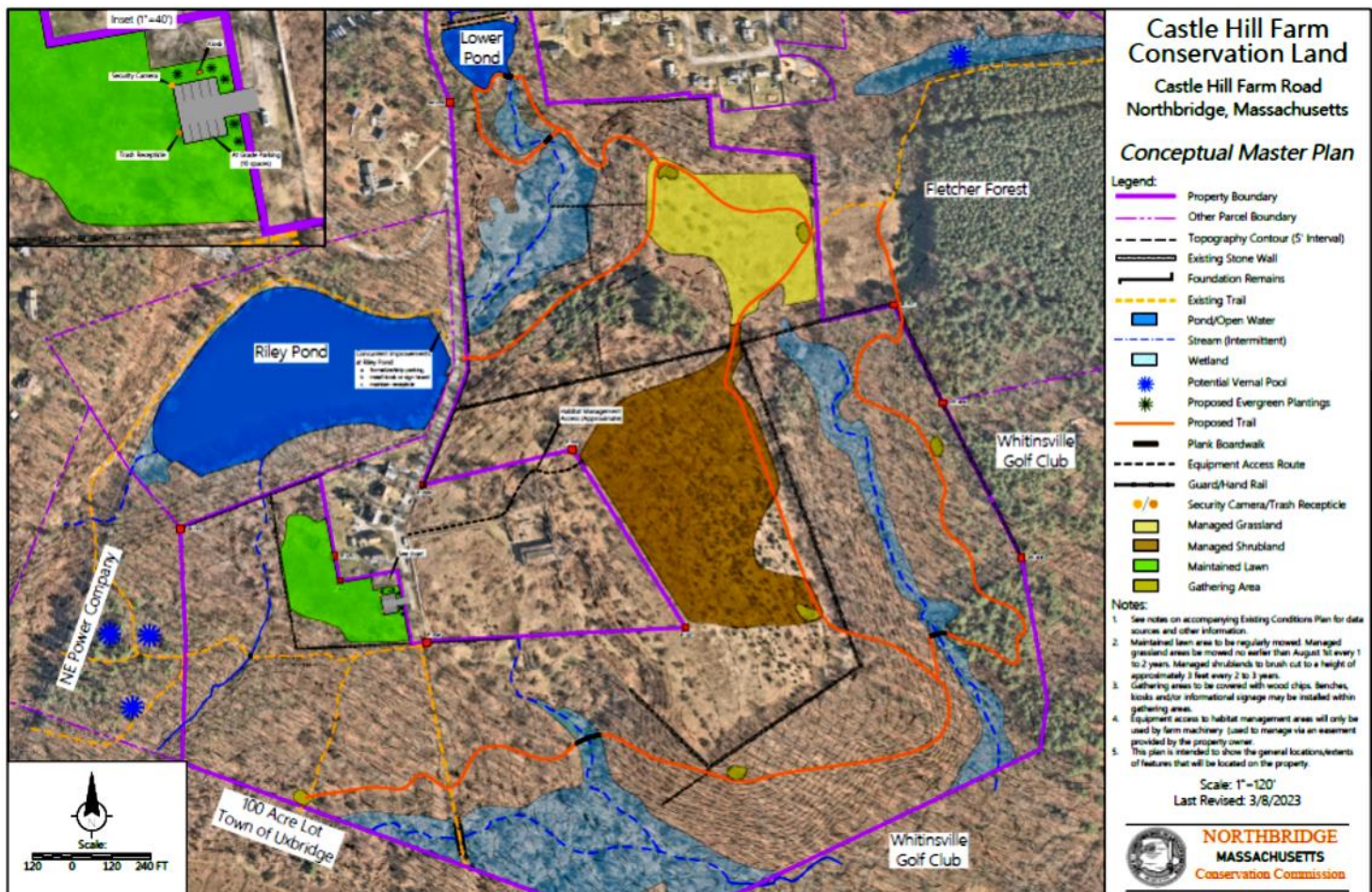
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On March 15th members of BSTRA and the Blackstone Valley Chapter NEMBA attended the Conservation Commission's public hearing concerning the conservation restriction for the Castle Hill Farm.

The town of Northbridge is working to purchase this 96 acre piece of property. It abuts town owned land on both sides, plus it also abuts the 100 acre lot (actually 128 acres) in Uxbridge. If the town buys the property, any conservation restrictions on the property must be held by another entity, in this case it will be Metacomet Land Trust. They serve as the "police" to make sure that the conservation restrictions are being adhered to.

The issue with the conservation restriction was that horseback riding and mountain biking were listed as a prohibited use. Thus our attendance at this meeting.

Both BSTRA and NEMBA presented their "sides" of the argument of why that blanket prohibition shouldn't be included. A person speaking for the owner of the property selling this land to the town made a really good point, he stated that keeping that prohibition in the language would be next to impossible to "delete" once enacted. He pointed out that the town has the tools to deal with any issues if they happen, so approach it from that direction.

We did ask for parking, but with the narrow road and other factors that won't happen. In reality this will benefit local horse people that can ride over there for a short jaunt. Down the road I will have to look into parking on the abutting piece in Uxbridge, but again, it is still short mileage. Same for mountain bikers, it's short mileage, but really appealing for families. Parents can bring their children on their bikes for a short bike ride. Or kids just heading over for a ride on the trails! So there are local uses that would be perfect for residents to utilize.

The Northbridge Conservation Commission were very gracious and did a great job at the public meeting. We won't know their decision until sometime in April. So, stay tuned! **BK**

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Did You Know

What are the BSTRA Year End Awards?

Continued from last month.

Joe Travers Memorial High Point Accumulative

This annual award recognizes the rider attending the most rides overall. Riders receive 1 point for each ride attended. This memorial to Joe Travers was re-established in 2001 to take the place of the Ed Corey Memorial, which existed from 1985-2000. Joe Travers' family began this plate originally for their dad. Joe was a feisty rider who didn't let his age or physical ailments slow him down, he attended many rides on his spirited Arabian well into his 70's. He would sometimes ask for assistance to tighten his girth (arthritis in his hands) and to hold his horse (after being thrown)! Awards: Under 65(Adult), 65 and older (Senior), Junior 17 and under.

Joe Travers Memorial Most Active Senior Rider

Rider with the most points, must be 65 years old as of January 1st (Volunteer work taken into consideration also).

Most Active Younger Rider

Rider with the most points, must be under 12 years old as of January 1st.

Sam's Champ Award

This award is in honor of Ed Whalley's tried and true mount that he rode for many years - Sam. Each horse receives 1 point for every ride attended (no matter who is riding) and at the end of the year, the one with the most points has the horse's name and the owner's name engraved on the trophy.

Awards: Under 65(Adult), 65 and older (Senior), Junior 17 and under. (rider of course!)

Next installment in the next issue!

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VOLUNTEER AWARD PROGRAM

In addition to BSTRA's Volunteerism Program, record your volunteer hours for BSTRA within 7 days at <https://rewardsvolunteer.coop> for chances to win rewards in cash or prizes for your volunteer contributions. Or you can use the direct link on our website to enter your volunteer hours. This secondary volunteer reward program is offered by Cabot Creamery.

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Saddle for Sale: Australian Stock Company Saddle Sheepskin “Bareback” Saddle – sells new for \$1800 plus shipping Despite the name “bareback”, this is really a tree less saddle. Colin Dangaard developed it and it evolved from a real bareback “pad” to a saddle. See it at <https://www.australiansaddleco.com/> This saddle can be used on any shape horse. The top is made with 1.25" Merino sheepskin, the underside is real wool felt. It's built with flex plates on either side of the spine to prevent pressure points. The rigging is very secure, western "D", with a tackaberry cinching system. The poleys (knee pads that are the Australian unique feature for keeping riders on a horse's back) are solid leather. Comes with English leathers and Aussie safety stirrups. Weight 12 lbs!!! This saddle is in great shape and has been lightly used because the owner is a true bareback rider! Size is 15" aka for a smallish person. Sell for \$950. Contact Bob at 508-561-7281 or robert.hatch41@gmail.com

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Essex County Trail Association is hosting the 28th annual Equine EXPO and Tack Sale on Sat., April 22, 2023, Topsfield Fairgrounds, Arena Building, Route 1, Topsfield, MA. Hours - 9 AM to 3 PM, admission \$5. kids under 10 are free. A large marketplace of individuals, organizations and businesses offering a wide variety of goods and services all related to the horse and rider/driver. New and used. Demonstrations, food truck, accessible, plenty of parking. Sales spaces are \$75. For more info or to download a contract- www.ectaonline.org or call 978-468-7715

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Straight Arrow 

| Date (raindate) | Event/Location/Sponsor | Contact | Phone # | email address |
|-----------------|--|---------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| April 22 | Park Serve Day, Douglas MA <i>Event Sponsored by DuraBull Trailers</i> | Becky | 508-476-3960 | bstra@charter.net |
| April 23 | Park Serve Day, Upton MA <i>Event Sponsored by DuraBull Trailers</i> | Suzanne | 508-380-2124 | hc07645@gmail.com |
| April 29* | Nancy Maenzo Memorial Ride, Douglas MA <i>Ride Sponsored by David Maenzo</i> | Kelly | 774-276-0260 | krshaw13@gmail.com |
| May 6 | Trail Work Day, Oxford MA <i>Event Sponsored by JF Cove Insurance Agency</i> | Becky | 508-476-3960 | bstra@charter.net |
| May 21* | Livelark Acres Ride, Thompson CT <i>Ride Sponsored by Kiefer Trailers</i> | Becky | 508-476-3960 | bstra@charter.net |
| May 27-29 | Memorial Day Campout, Carver MA | Rose | 401-487-3190 | rzariczny@verizon.net |
| June 4 | Unicorn ride, Carver MA | | | |
| June 11* | National Trails Day, Douglas MA <i>Ride Sponsored by Whitehorse Truck & Trailer Service & Sales</i> | | | |
| June 25* | Poker Run, Mendon MA <i>Ride Sponsored by McIntyre Materials & Paresky Flitt & Company</i> | Becky | 508-476-3960 | bstra@charter.net |
| July 1-4 | 4th of July Campout, Douglas MA | Rose | 401-487-3190 | rzariczny@verizon.net |
| July 15 | Goddard Brunch Ride, E. Greenwich RI | Rose | 401-487-3190 | rzariczny@verizon.net |
| July 23* | Cabbage Hill Pleasure Ride, Woodstock CT | Becky | 508-476-3960 | bstra@charter.net |
| Aug. 6* | Galloping Gourmet Ride, Royalston MA <i>Ride Sponsored by Bill & Angie Knott</i> | Becky | 508-476-3960 | bstra@charter.net |
| Aug. 27 | 50th Anniversary Ride, <i>Ride Sponsored by Swerling Milton Winnick & Koopman Lumber</i> | | | |
| Sept. 10* | Western Trivia Ride, Upton MA <i>Ride Sponsored by Milford Federal Bank/</i> | Suzanne | 508-380-2124 | hc07645@gmail.com |
| Sept. 17 | Sue Brainard Memorial Hunter Pace, Douglas | Sharron | 413-668-7606 | hiddenhollowacres@comcast.net |
| Oct. 29* | Big Pumpkin Ride, Upton MA <i>Ride Sponsored by Unibank</i> | Joyce | 617-429-1319 | jskanion@charter.net |
| Nov. 5* | Turkey Trot, Carver MA <i>Ride Sponsored by New England Drywall & From the Horses Mouth</i> | Rose | 401-487-3190 | rzariczny@verizon.net |
| Nov. 12* | Thompson Raceway Ride, Thompson CT | Becky | 508-476-3960 | bstra@charter.net |

***NEHT affiliated rides**

1. Unless otherwise noted, all rides start at 10 am and trail work days at 9 am
2. In case of questionable weather, call before leaving home. You will NOT be called if the event is cancelled.
3. Most rides require advance registration and payment to receive lunch.
4. Riders 17 years old and under, accompanied by a guardian, ride **free** (includes lunch if pre-registered). (May be exceptions on some rides)
5. Alcohol is prohibited on State property. No smoking allowed while riding.
6. A current Coggins within a year of the ride date is required.
7. Please leave the trails and parking areas better than you found them and be considerate of others! Clean up your hay & manure at all rides!
8. Year end awards require a member in good standing to have a minimum of 4 hours of volunteer time completed.
Divisions: Pleasure, Competitive, Accumulative. Age as of January 1st: Junior (17 and under), Adult (18-64), Senior (65 or older).
For more Information, visit our website at www.bstra.org
9. PayPal payments for rides will no longer be transferred to another ride. Refunds will be made.

BSTRA board meetings are usually on the first Thursday of the month. If you wish to attend one of our meetings, drop us an email and we will send you the meeting link.

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(effective through end of calendar year)

Please type or print clearly.

Name: _____ phone: (_____) _____
Do NOT release my name for discounts or coupons to benefit BSTR A []

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(# & street) (town/city) (state/zip)

Please check all that apply:

Single \$25 [] \$1m excess liability insurance (single), additional \$20 [] Individual Lifetime Membership \$400 []

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Additional donation to this 501(c)(3) corporation \$ _____. Your tax exempt donation will be acknowledged.

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I can help

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(name of member)

- by volunteering for trail work days []
- by sponsoring a trail ride (\$) []
- by hosting/running a trail ride []
- with other projects that might be needed []
- by serving on the Board of Directors []
- with _____

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