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First Trail Work Day of the Year Jan. 6th



This was a joint effort between the Upton Land Stewardship Committee, BSTR and Blackstone Valley NEMBA.

A 60' bridge was built in 2010 as an Eagle Scout project on town owned property in the Warren Brook Conservation area. The decking on that bridge had seen better days and was in need of replacement.

Time to incorporate some modern technology. The new decking on the bridge is a fiberglass reinforced polymer molded grating topped

with non-woven geotextile material and pea stone. The curbing is also made of the fiberglass reinforced polymer.

We had fifteen people in total, enough so a couple of them went out to clean up some downed trees.

Between people and tractor power we moved all the from the staging area to the bridge. We started at 10am and by 2:15 we had a newly decked bridge that is now safe to use.

Many thanks to the following who helped complete this project. Bob Hatch, Stephanie Frend, Becky Kalagher, Laura Zimmer, Kevin Sylvia, Marcella Stasa, Bill Taylor, Craig McCoskery, Toby Teller, Bill Knott, Mary Overvett, Eric Reustle, Libba Moore, Scott Henderson, and Brian Forestal. All totaled we put in 52.52 hours worth \$2,058.26 (using the MA volunteer rate of \$39.19). **BK**



AGM & Awards Banquet

On February 18th, 70 individuals gathered at the Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton for an afternoon filled with elections, presentations, lunch, awards, raffles, and a delightful opportunity to reconnect. We extend our gratitude to the talented Mary Wood, who crafted the charming centerpieces adorning our tables. The event commenced with a moment of silence, honoring those we lost in the past year—both human and animals. Notably, we remember Donna Johnson, who passed away on February 14th. Donna had been a dedicated member of BSTRA since 2008, serving on the board from 2008 to 2022 and contributing to the fund-raising committee from 2012 to 2021.

The Board and Officers underwent election proceedings, and you can find the current board members listed on the front page. We express our heartfelt appreciation to Christine DiMasi, whose energy and enthusiasm will be greatly missed. She assures us that she will continue to participate in our trail work days—thank you, Chris!

During the event, we honored Linda & Paul Chita from The Mane Place with a certificate of appreciation. However, I must acknowledge my choice of words: I mistakenly referred to Linda as our oldest supporter. Phil playfully corrected me, suggesting that longest supporter would have been a more fitting description!

Our BSTRA members cast their votes, and Valerie Clark emerged as the recipient of the Ambassador Award, a well-deserved recognition.

Lastly, we celebrated the year-end awards, congratulating everyone for their outstanding achievements.. Special mention goes to Bill & Angie Knott, who earned a gold star for perfect attendance—they rode every trail last year!

PLEASURE RIDES

Senior Division

Championship: Bill & Angie Knott
Reserve Championship: Becky Kalagher
3rd: Anna-Maria Paul
4th: Gloria Duhaime & Mary Ellen Coyne

Adult Division

Championship: Valerie Clark & Kathy Rich
Reserve Championship: Kelly Berthiaume
3rd: Rita Ballou
4th: Crysanda Aloia

Junior Division

Championship: Bobbi Enman



Adult Pleasure: Rita Ballou, Valerie Clark, "Kathy Rich", and Kelly Berthiaume

COMPETITIVE RIDES

Senior Division

Championship: Becky Kalagher
Reserve Championship: Gloria Duhaime & Mary Wood
3rd: Anna-Maria Paul
4th: Phil Rutledge

Adult Division

Championship: Darlene Falcone
Reserve Championship: Valerie Clark
3rd: Kelly Berthiaume
4th: Denise Leonard

Junior Division

Championship: Bobbi Enman

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Senior Division

Championship: Bill & Angie Knott
Reserve Championship: Becky Kalagher
3rd: Anna-Maria Paul
4th: Gloria Duhaime

Adult Division

Championship: Valerie Clark
Reserve Championship: Kelly Berthiaume
3rd: Kathy Rich
4th: Rita Ballou

Junior Division

Bobbi Enman

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Bill Knott

SAM'S CHAMP HIGH POINT HORSE

Senior Division: (tie) Townie ridden by Bill Knott

Joe ridden by Angie Knott

Adult Division: MacNicholas ridden by Valerie Clark

Junior Division: Ziggy ridden by Bobbi Enman

LEA MACINNIS MEMORIAL

Nanci Jarvis

HIGH POINT BARN

Bearfoot Farm

RECOGNIZING OUR 2023 VOLUNTEERS

Non-member friends put in a total of 122 hours in 2023: Sheila King, Russ Arnold, Bill Taylor, Susan Barrows, Sara/Justin/Elizabeth and Julia Roussey, Ellen Arnold, Julie Dylan and Ayla McCoskery, Karla Barrows, Christina and Aeva Snyder, Peggy Rotti, Deb Fitzgerald, Sue Perkins, Jesse Samdahl, Sophia Hakkila, Gemma Mullins, Scott Ruskin, Justin Weeks, LouAnn Murphy, Bud Anderson, Donna Michelson, Caila Hansen, Cheryl Young, Elaine Whitney, Jason Hakkila, Linda Horanzy, and Dave Clark.

BSTRA members: Karen Parlin, Jassy Bratko, Steve Sanders, Tom Bratko, Diane Sullivan, Kamryn St. Germain, Celeste Nobrega, Edward Nobrega, Melissa Beagle, Teagan Manchester, Kerry Manchester, Jessica Wornham, Janet Wornham, Kirsten Hodges, Aureore Carriere, Rita Ballou, Angela Authier, Barbara McCumber, David Maenzo, Theresa McGuire, Jim Shaw, Kelly Shaw, Lida Roman, MaryEllen Coyne, AnneMarie Allaire, Cheryl Fitzpatrick, Denise Leonard, Crysanda Aloia, Darlene Falcone, Donna Johnson, Kelly Berthiaume, Lynn Paresky, Bill Knott, Joanne Poldes, Rebekah Nydam, Angie Knott, Lisa Grigaitis, Bethani Chadbourne, Sue Sanders, Debby Foley, Harry Kalagher, Gloria Duhaime, Joan Adams, Deb Carlson, Carolyn Weeks, Kerianne Foley, Bill Zariczny, Raymond Hill, Janeen Rose, Jane Rutledge, Neil Standring, Shirley Standring, Kathy Rich, Anna-Maria Paul, Sharon Cochran, Robert Hatch, Stephanie Frend, Suzanne

Nicholas, Chris DiMasi, Valerie Clark, Phil Rutledge, Sue Quirk, Joyce Sandvik, Mary Wood, Debbie Deschenes, Rose Zariczny, Becky Kalagher.

Thank you to everyone that attended, helped with set up, David Maenzo for taking pictures, your donations to the raffle table (it was epic!) and being a part of BSTRA! **BK**



Becky Kalagher presenting Bill Knott with his Most Active Senior Award.



Linda & Paul Chita from The Mane Place with their certificate of appreciation.

BITS & PIECES

Junior Memberships: At our last board meeting we discussed implementing a junior membership. We currently have juniors riding with other adults so in order to be a member, they had to pay the full single membership. We also have a barn that has a bunch of juniors that want to participate but it's not a family thing.

In order to help promote more juniors to get involved with trail riding, we decided it would be a good idea to offer a discounted membership for juniors 17 and under. You will notice the updated membership form starting with this issue and the website was also updated.

Memberships: And while we are on the subject of memberships, if you have not renewed your membership this will be your last newsletter. Please take the time to renew your membership - Thank you.



Found this on Facebook and considering that we had 4 busted forks last year it might come in handy. Of course I threw away the broken ones before I saw this! This is her comment below.

This particular fix has held up for a couple years so far. Still using the same tube that cost me like \$6 at Walmart



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Horse Camping at LeGrand Reynolds Horseman's Area

Many of us have had the opportunity to take our horses camping at the LeGrand Reynolds Horseman's area over the years and have enjoyed riding the many miles of trails in the adjoining Arcadia Land Management Area in Exeter, RI. This truly a gem of a resource. We personally have enjoyed many holiday weekends there enjoying an overflowing number of horses and people, a virtual parade of different breeds and sometimes some interesting carts and carriages.

Individual horse camping was in danger of being lost last year as new RI state regulations were being proposed to change the horseman's area. Thanks to an overwhelming show of support from the equine community in the form of significant numbers of letters and a large in person showing at a public hearing at the RI Department of Environmental Management (DEM) headquarters in Providence, your voices were heard and regulations were approved ensuring that horse camping there would continue. Thank you all who spoke out on this issue! This included significant support from BSTRA, and many of the horse clubs in RI, MA and CT.

A new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is finishing legal review at DEM where The Rhode Island Federation of Riding Clubs (RIFRC) and the DEM will work together on the camp's upkeep. The MOU should be finalized soon. Reservations for horse camping will be required to be made through the Reserve America website (www.reserveamerica.com) and there will be a nominal nightly charge. The website is now available for viewing online, but further modifications are needed to better reflect horse camping there and is being finalized with DEM and RIFRC.

A little about the RIFRC. Established in 1966, It is an organization that represents the interests of the horse clubs and equine community in RI as well as in the surrounding states. We are a group of volunteers from member organizations, including Bay State Trail Riders Association, West Greenwich Horseman's Association, Moswansicut Riding and Driving Club, Tri State Horseman's Association, L and G, and Cross State Trail Ride. For more information contact [\[tion@hotmail.com\]\(mailto:tion@hotmail.com\). Check out the RIFRC Facebook page and the RIFRC website, also. Membership in the organization is \\$5 per year if you would like to join. We hold monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month at the American Legion Hall in Burrillville, RI and meetings are available on zoom. We intend to hold a number of cleanup days where we will be seeking volunteers to help out. Please enjoy camping this year at the LeGrand Reynolds Horseman's area and support the efforts of RIFRC.](mailto:rifedera-</p>
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There will be a "Join Group Button" on the affiliate page. Select the button to join. Please note, It may take up to a day for your access to the group to be confirmed since we are validating BSTRA membership. If we are not able to validate, a Top Trail Message will be sent asking for your BSTRA membership info (name, email address). Note this message will come from Top Trail not BSTRA.

Uploading your ride to the site.

From your GPS tracker, export your ride (GXP is the common format). This file can then be uploaded to Top Trail by selecting the Add Ride Menu on the web-

site.



Fill out the fields on that page and your ride will be uploaded.

Top Trail has tutorials on how do export your ride by common GPS apps:

<https://www.toptrailhorse.com/category/faq/gps-equipped-riding/>.

The Easy Trails app has an option that allows you to directly load rides to Top Trail, although it is not owned by Top Trail. There is a paid and free version of it. I have used it successfully.

Top Trail has excellent FAQ on their website and programs. They also have a request for help if you need support for their website and other non BSTRA questions. *Anna-Maria Paul*



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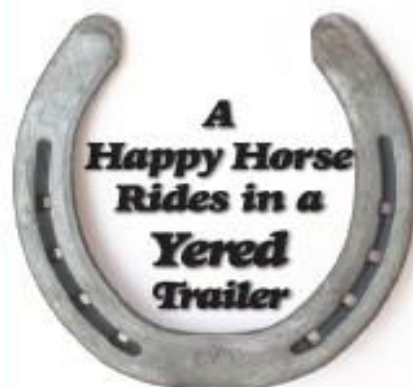
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April 28	Tack Sale, VFW Uxbridge MA	Karen	774-293-0051	kpschip@aol.com
May 4	Trail Work Day Hodges Village Dam Oxford, MA	Becky	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net
May 5	Trail Work Day Thompson CT	Becky	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net
May 11	Nancy Maenzo Ride, Douglas MA	Kelly	774-276-0260	krshaw13@gmail.com
May 19	Livelark Acres Ride Thompson CT	Becky	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net
May 25-27	Memorial Day Campout, Carver MA	Rose	401-487-3190	rzariczny@verizon.net
June 9	National Trails Day TBA			
June 23	Luau Ride Upton Ma, Upton MA	Suzanne	508-380-2124	hc07645@gmail.com
June 30	Red Rail Farm Ride Lincoln MA (pending)			
July 4-7	4th of July Campout, Douglas MA	Rose	401-487-3190	rzariczny@verizon.net
July 20	Goddard Brunch Ride E. Greenwich, RI	Rose	401-487-3190	rzariczny@verizon.net
July 21	Ride for Open Space, Woodstock CT <i>Wyndham Land Trust is running this ride.</i>	Sue. J.		sjackson3773@gmail.com
July 28	Poker Run Hodges Village Dam, Oxford MA	Becky	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net
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Oct. 27	Big Pumpkin Upton MA	Joyce	617-429-1319	jscanion@charter.net
Nov. 3	Turkey Trot, Carver MA	Rose	401-487-3190	rzariczny@verizon.net
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