



The Bugle



August 2024

Officers & Directors
President/Editor Becky Kalagher 508-476-3960 bstra@charter.net
Vice President/Clerk Edward Nobrega 508-754-1012 edward.bstra@gmail.com
Treasurer Karen Parlin 774-293-0051 kpschip@aol.com
Recording Secretary Rose Zariczny 401-487-3190 rzariczny@verizon.net
Valerie Clark 508-864-8432 Valerie.clark@snet.net
Suzanne Nicholas 508-380-2124 hc07645@gmail.com
Sue Quirk 508-883-5821 quirksuzie@comcast.net
Joyce Sandvik 617-429-1319 jskanion@charter.net
Kelly Shaw 774-276-0260 krshaw13@gmail.com
Sharron Cochran 413-668-7606 hiddenhollowacres@comcast.net
Mary Wood 845-264-2946 Fundraising marymariewood@gmail.com

DCR's Wompatuck State Park Circulation Master Plan Project

I attended this public meeting on June 26th as a follow up from the first public meeting that they held regarding Wompatuck.

The slide below shows the proposed curated bridle paths. That means those trails will specifically be built/maintained to specifications required for horseback riders.



They stated that the three loops are about 2 to 4 miles each and that is not an optimal distance for horseback riders.

These loops were designed with trailer parking in mind and access to water. The picture above shows the Orchard Picnic Area where there parking for truck/trailer where the cursor arrow is. They planned a little paddock area where you can put your horse and then sit at the picnic tables to have lunch or just visit a bit.

My questions at the end of the presentation were as follows:

- 1) Comparing the current bridle trails to the proposed, is there a net loss or gain?
 DCR: The proposed overlaps with some of the current bridle trails but much more extensive, so there is an increase.
- 2) Can we connect all the loops? Mentioned during the presentation there was the possibility to connect the upper left to the bottom loop through the campground road. Can we make this definite connection? DCR: would like to work with eques-

(Continued on page 2)

trian users to work out some of these details.

- 3) Can we use some of the other proposed curated trails? Mentioned was the Naval History trail that I would love to check out on horseback. DCR: worried about trail user conflicts, but something that we can look into. If you can currently use the trails now, then they should be open.
- 4) Clarified the presumption that they had to provided water for horseback riders. I let them know that everyone carries water with them to make sure we do have water. So this is not something that they need to worry about.

Wompatuck State Park
Circulation Master Plan

Primary Recommendations

Curated Trails

Bridle Trail

- Loops from 2 to 4 miles
- With bridle trailer parking
- Must have water source nearby



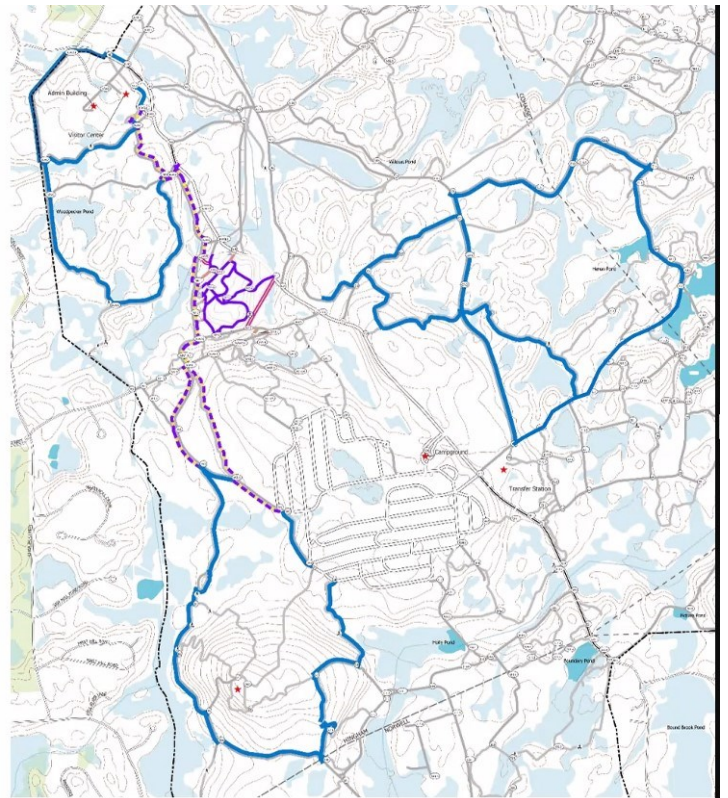
*Bridle trail connection to the campground to be coordinated with campground management

Campground Connector

- Links campground and Visitors Center
- Meet ADA design parameters

Mountain-bike Optimized Trail

- Enhance the mountain bike experience
- Varying in difficulty



35 June 2024

If you go to DCR’s website: <https://www.mass.gov/dcr-public-meetings-information> and click on past meetings you can pull up the June 26th presentation and watch it. This is the first state park to have a Trails Circulation Master Plan done.

Wompatuck State Park
Circulation Master Plan

Project Scope

Circulation Master Plan

- Identify and evaluate trails, connections and environmentally & culturally sensitive areas
- Develop a hierarchical trail network master plan
- Develop new trail typology
- Recommend wayfinding changes to improve visitor orientation

Project Goal

Develop a comprehensive park guide with long-term and short-term trail circulation recommendations that will balance these recreational opportunities with the natural and cultural environment



Wompatuck Visitor Center

BK

June 2024

Goddard Park, RI Brunch Ride Held on July 20th Sponsored by Homefield Credit Union

After a miserable heat wave during that week, we finally caught a break this Saturday with lovely coastal breezes and minimal deerflies. We could have done without our screen house because even the bees and flies had disappeared. So nice to see and talk with old friends as well as new acquaintances. Thank you to all our participants. All 26 riders and 4 volunteers seemed to enjoy the day!

Because I was physically limited due to a back injury, husband Bill did the bulk of the work with the assistance of ever faithful Deb Deschenes (who donated a delicious moist lemon cake) and our Vice-President Ed Nobrega. I took the easy way out, picking up sandwiches from Jersey Mike's, made a cucumber salad, served Valerie's tasty black bean salad, and lemon Italian Ice. Thank you, Deb, Ed, and Bill for all your help. Also, thank you to our ride sponsor, Homefield Credit Union. Happy Trails! *Rose Zariczny*



Ryan Rudy
Owner




Truck & Trailer Service & Sales
508-641-9212
"We come to you"



Sharron Cochran
Realtor® MA
Tel 800.859.2745, ext 722
Cell 413.668.7606
sharron@equinehomes.com

WWW.EQUINEHOMES.COM
NEW ENGLAND AND FLORIDA



Join the Equine Nutrition Revolution

JOIN THE CLUB!

EXCAVATING



CJM
Construction Co. Inc.

Tel: 508-473-2960
Fax: 508-473-9968
43 Quisset Road
Mendon, MA 01756

Chris Manoogian
Cell: 508-400-0719
Mark Manoogian
Cell: 508-400-0720

Galloping Gourmet Pleasure Ride Birch Hill Dam - August 25, 2024



Come enjoy the trails in Winchendon & Royalston on property owned by DCR (Department of Conservation & Recreation), DFW (Division of Fisheries & Wildlife), and ACE (Army Corps of Engineers). There is a permanently marked 10 mile loop on beautiful cart roads throughout the park. This ride is just the excuse to grab a friend and enjoy a nice ride.

Afterwards you will enjoy a one of a kind gourmet lunch while socializing with the other riders!



Please make checks payable to BSTRA and mail to:

BSTRA c/o S. Nicholas, 96 Mountain Gate Rd. Ashland MA 01721

For more information please contact Becky at 508-476-3960 or bstra@charter.net

GPS to get there: use 27 River Road, Royalston MA. Go all the way to the end, it will turn to dirt and stay right. At the end go through gate and park in the field.

Time: 9:30 check in

NEHT affiliated 6/10/20 miles.

Registration Fees:

\$25 for BSTRA members

\$30 for non-members

Juniors 17 and under ride free, if pre-registered they eat free too

Pre-registration deadline to receive lunch: Aug. 21st

Post entries welcome - no lunch

Entry Info. Galloping Gourmet Ride	Rider #1	Rider #2
Rider's Name		
Horse's Name		
Rider's Year of Birth		
Street Address		
Town, State, Zip		
BSTRA member Yes or No		
Optional Trails Donation		
Phone Number		
E-Mail Address		
Coggins # and date (within a		

July 28th Poker Run Sponsored by UniBank

How nice it was to enjoy this ride with no humidity and sunny skies. Yes we still had some deer flies!

Ed Nobrega and myself marked the trails on Friday, Bella is learning to be a trail marking horse.

I was worried about putting the cards out on Friday because Hodges Village Dam is a very high use area. To the rescue was Maria Allard and her grandson Marshall Streeter. They volunteered to go out first and place the cards in each of the three milk jugs out on the trail. Great, problem solved.



They headed out on their merry way while I helped Suzanne get everything set up and in order.

Rita and I headed out next and for the heck of it I grabbed a handful of ribbons. Everything was looking good until we got up to the trails by the main building off of Howarth Road. Most of those markers were gone. The East Side South Trail and the turn to Gasline to the River Loop trail were the target of someone. And they didn't toss them on the ground, they took them with them. Really!

I had barely enough markers to "lightly" remark it to make sure everyone was going where they needed to go. Then I was thinking, how in the world were Maria and Marshall going to figure this out.

They passed with flying colors. They had the map I made up and pulled up All Trails and figured it out from there while also fixing some turns the best they could. Kudos to both of them for a job well done!

Everyone did make it back, YEA! Time to settle in for lunch, talk about the day's adventures and tally up the card hands.

Our winners for the 2024 Poker Run are as follows:

Senior Division:

1st: Phil Rutledge
2nd: Rita Ballou
3rd: Becky Kalagher
4th: Deb Carlson
5th: Angie Knott
6th: Judy Westerling

Adult Division:

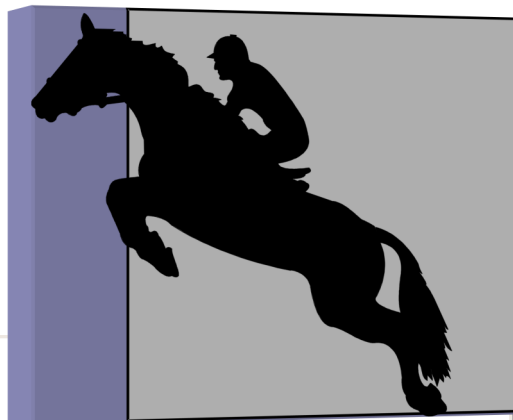
1st: Beth Higgins
2nd: Kamryn St. Germain
3rd: Celeste Nobrega
4th: Sandy Ramsey
5th: Crysanda Aloia
6th: Kelly Berthiaume

Junior Division:

1st: Justin Weeks (Also had best hand of the day)

Huge thanks to Suzanne Nicholas, Sharron Cochran, and Deb Deschenes for handling the set up, parking, registrations, recording and placing the poker hands, picking up the food, and packing everything up while I headed back out to the trails to take down the markers and clean up the poop off the trails. Yes, that was one of the stipulations of an organized ride on this property and I really have no issues with that as it is a very high use area. Just need to figure out some way to do that while on the horse instead of 30 some odd dismounts! I need to have a kid on a pony with me! **BK**

Bay State Trail Riders Association, Inc.
Sue Brainard Memorial Hunter Pace
Sept. 15, 2024



Divisions

- Hunter - Fast**
- Hilltop**– Average
- Trailblazer**– Leisurely
- Junior**– Average, under 18

Rain or Shine

- All jumps optional
- No jumps over 3 ft.
- No changing Divisions after 10am

All Juniors must have a parent or guardian sign and be on the premises. Helmet strongly recommended. REQUIRED for juniors under 18.

Registration starts at 9:00 am You must register before tacking up
 Start times: 9:30 to 11:30am (no late entries, no exceptions)
 Trailblazer's on course by 10:30

NO HORSES AT THE REGISTRATION TABLE

Cleaning up your hay and manure is **REQUIRED**

Awards will be around 2:00

3 ribbons per team. Ribbons to 6th place Lunch starts at 12:30

Pre entries must be received by Sept. 11th.

POST ENTRIES welcome but lunch not included

NO PHONE REGISTRATIONS

For more information call Sharon at
 413-668-7606 or hiddenhollowacres@comcast.net

Please, completely fill in the entry form on the following page.
 This way you will just have to check in and get your time card and
 be on your way. Make sure you take the time to read the ride rules
 that we have posted on how the ride is set up and what to do.

Ride Sponsored by

The Mane Place

Directions to BSTRA HUNTER PACE

Wallum Lake Beach Parking Area: 107 Wallum Lake Road, Douglas MA

From Rt. 146 take Douglas/Uxbridge exit. (Rt. 16 West) Go approximately 5½ to 6 miles to blinking over-head light. Go straight onto Southwest Main St. to next 4 way intersection. Take a left onto Wallum Lake Rd. State Forest Headquarters is on the right after stone bridge. Follow signs to parking.
 From 395 take Exit 2 (Rt. 16 East). After Webster Sturbridge Family Campground go approximately 2½ to 3 miles to first intersection. Take a right onto Cedar St. At next stop sign go straight ahead. State Forest Headquarters is on the right after stone bridge. Follow signs to parking.

Sept. 15 Sue Brainard Memorial Hunter Pace Entry Form

Pre-entries must be received by Sept. 11th and include payment in full to receive meal.

All riders must sign the form. POST ENTRIES welcome but lunch not included.

Make check payable to BSTRA and mail to: Sharron Cochran, 162 May Hill Rd, Monson, MA 01057

Or register & pay on-line at www.bstra.org/events

Entry fees: BSTRA members \$30 non-members \$35 Extra meal \$10

RIDE SPONSORED By THE MANE PLACE

ALL INFORMATION MUST BE FILLED IN

WARNING: Under Massachusetts Law, an equine professional (or "equine activity sponsor") 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 Chapter 128, Section 2D of the General Laws. (Likewise CT & RI). By my signature below, I certify that I understand fully the above statement and further agree to hold harmless Bay State Trail Riders Association, Inc., its representatives, and/or any land or facility owner, or their representatives, where this event is held.

Entry Information	Rider #1	Rider #2	Rider #3
Member Name			
Horse's Name			
Rider's Year of Birth			
Street Address			
Town, State, Zip			
BSTRA member Yes or No			
Division you are riding in			
Phone Number			
E-Mail Address			
Coggins # and date (within 1 year)			
Extra Meal \$10.00			

Rider 1: Signature _____ Date _____

If the rider is under 18, the rider's guardian must sign above and list the under 18 rider's name below:

Rider 2: Signature _____ Date _____

Rider 3: Signature _____ Date _____

Emergency Phone number contact for riders riding by themselves: _____



EquidDoc
Veterinary Services LLC

Dr Caitlin Eaton & Associates

EquidDocVet.com

M-F 8:30-4:30 Office 508-885-4205



THE MANE PLACE

POULIN GRAIN
Leading Animal Nutrition

FIND US ON




FEED, HAY & SHAVINGS,
APPAREL, TACK, GIFTS,
PET FOOD & SUPPLIES

510 West Hartford Avenue
UXBRIDGE, MA. 01569

OPEN: TUES-FRI 9-5; SAT 9-4; SUN 9-1

(508) 278-7563
www.TheManePlace.com
LINDA@THEMANEPLACE.COM



BayState Savings Bank

Member FDIC
Member DIF





Service tailored to you and your unique financial needs!

Maria Heskes-Allard
Executive Vice President - Senior Lender
NMLS# 1522913

508-890-9087 | 508-735-7795
mallard@baystatesavings.com
baystatesavingsbank.com




COWBOY MAGIC®



BRIDLE PATH TACK
for horses, dogs and those who love them

Bridlepathtackllc.com or Facebook.com/bridlepathtack -Live Mondays @ 7PM



Bitten By A Tick? Visit TickCheck.com

TickCheck.com is a university lab that can test your tick for Lyme & other tick-borne diseases. We also provide **FREE** tick identification!

- 1 REMOVE THE TICK AND PLACE IN A SEALED PLASTIC BAG
- 2 VISIT TICKCHECK.COM AND CHOOSE DISEASES TO TEST TICK FOR
- 3 MAIL THE TICK TO THE TICKCHECK LABORATORY
- 4 GET YOUR TICK TEST RESULTS WITHIN 24-48 HOURS

USE COUPON TICKREMOVER FOR 10% OFF ANY TICK TEST



J.F. COVE INSURANCE AGENCY
9 NORTH MAIN STREET, PO Box 346
UXBRIDGE, MA 01569
TEL: 508.278.5544 FAX: 508.278.7200

MICHAEL D. COVE, PRESIDENT
LICENSED INSURANCE BROKER
MCOVE@THECOVEINSURANCEAGENCY.COM

WWW.THECOVEINSURANCEAGENCY.COM
HOMEOWNERS • AUTO • BUSINESS • LIFE



A Stitch'n Good Time

Sewing, Long Arm Quilting and Hand Quilting

Kathy Rich
508-989-9304

Mendon, Ma



POULIN GRAIN PROGRAM

When you buy Poulin grain for your animals, make sure to tell the clerk that you are a BSTRA member. That's all you have to do! We get .25 for each bag you buy. The collected bag amounts are remitted to Poulin and they send us a check. Participating dealers: Mane Place (Uxbridge).

EXCESS PERSONAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

A \$1 million Excess Personal Liability Insurance policy is an optional member benefit. Become an individual or family member of BSTRA and choose this valuable protection. Insurance Agent is Equisure. For details, please visit our website at www.bstra.org or email rzariczny@verizon.net

BSTRA CLOTHING

Please use this QR code to access our site to purchase BSTRA clothing. Or go to our website, click on the Support tab in the top header, then click on Merchandise Sales. There will be a link on that page that takes you to the "store". **NEW ITEMS ADDED**



SHOP iGIVE

When you log in & shop their 2,000+ stores (think Chewy, Walmart, Expedia and so many more), we'll earn donations at least TWICE what we earned through AmazonSmile. The average donation through an iGive store is about 3%, with some offering 25% or higher! Make it all automatic. Download the iGive Button & turn your browser into an automatic donation generating machine! Use the handy link on our website under the Support tab.

VOLUNTEER HOURS

You can now submit your volunteer hours online from our website. Please make use of this throughout the year so you don't forget what you did.

UNIBANK

Find a Banking Solution That Fits You.

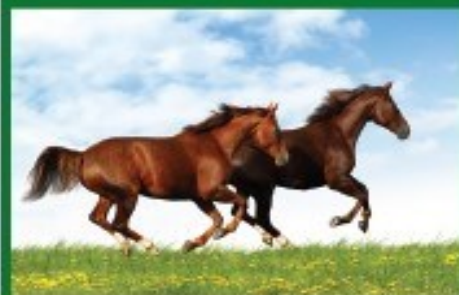
Uniquely.

800-578-4270 customer.service@unibank.com



View our HUGE selection of new and pre-owned trailers on our web site!

www.yeredtrailers.com



Since 1976...
New England's Premiere
Trailer Dealer

11 West Mill Street, Medfield, MA
508-359-7300 •

Classifieds

Free ads are for members and their items only. Please contact the editor for advertising rates for non-member classified ads. Please submit your ad in writing (mail or e-mail) to the editor. Ads will only appear once unless you notify us to run it again. Ads must be received by the 15th of the month preceding publication.

Golf Cart for sale: 4 passenger plus bed seat folds down. Gas motor, windshield, lights, aluminum frame. Asking \$3,500. Call Paul at 508-662-3301.

Trailer For Sale: Super handy, 2007 Sundowner Sunlite Stampede SL, well maintained, in great condition! Aluminum, GN 2 horse slant, telescopes to open stock. 7' 2" tall, 6'6" wide. Carpeted dressing room, 2 saddle racks, several bridle hooks, brush box. Steel frame for strength, undercoated. Step up. 5 newish tires, side walls coated, mats. Loading lights. Title and all keys in hand. Trailer spent most of the time in the south, very lightly used and it shows. Located in Uxbridge, MA. Please text if interested, 508 525 0472. \$11,500 offers entertained.

Wintex Isabella Dressage Saddle: Black, 17" seat, has interchangeable gullets (comes with medium and wide). Girth, irons, working diamond wool pad, and saddle cleaner. \$550. Email bstra@charter.net.

Saddle for Sale: Western 15" Imus Saddle, made for gaited horses. 800.00 or BO Text Aurore@ 410-527-1950 for info and pictures.

Business Classifieds

Short Term/Vacation Boarding: Walking High Farm has two runs in sheds with separate fencing available for your short term needs. Going on vacation? We can take care of your horse, or both if you have two of them. Please call Becky for details at 508-476-3960 or bstra@charter.net

Horse Training, Horsemanship Lessons, Riding lessons If you have a hard time loading your horse on the trailer, or want him to self load. Need help getting your horse to stay out on the lung line, help with stall/food aggression. Hard to catch horse, better whoa. Want a better relationship with your horse learn new horsemanship and riding skills, versatility, liberty training etc. Call Cathie (508-479-5266) bobcatfarm.com and check us out on facebook @ Bobcat Farm

LOOKING TO SELL OR BUY HORSE PROPERTY

I service Central and Western MA from backyard farms to full equestrian facilities helping you to create Life Long memories. Why not have a Realtor that has been in the horse community for over 30 years. Sharron Cochran 413-668-7606
Sharron@equinehomes.com

"The Adventures of BB, the Wonder Pony" is an illustrated, first chapter children's book that will be enjoyed by readers of all ages. My Connemara Pony "BB" tells his life story in his own pony voice. BB talks about life as a foal, learning to be ridden, going to a variety of shows and having adventures with his big brother Cody. The illustrations are by a 12-year-old artist – really cute, on every few pages. You can contact me at sue.perry@charter.net to purchase a book, \$5.00 each plus shipping. You can also order the book on-line from Amazon at \$7.99.

From Mass Parks For All

On Monday, July 29, Gov. Maura Healey and Lt. Gov. Kim Driscoll signed a \$57.8 billion FY2025 budget into law, which contains a reasonable increase for the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). The budget is retroactive to July 1, when the new fiscal year began.

The document contains an \$8.4 million increase for DCR's day-to-day operating expenses. The Parks and Recreation Operations account (2810-0100), which funds general operating expenses, jumped from \$105.6 million to \$110.0 million, a 4.2 percent increase. The Seasonal Employees account (2800-0501) received a \$4.0 million bump to \$28.5 million, a 15.7 percent increase. DCR uses these funds to staff campgrounds, beaches, pools, and other facilities that see peak summertime use.

The Administration has approved DCR to spend \$152 million on capital projects for FY2025, a \$5.0 million increase over FY2024.

Date (raindate)	Event/Location/Sponsor	Contact	Phone #	email address
Aug. 25*	Galloping Gourmet Ride, Royalston MA <i>Ride sponsored by Bill & Angie Knott</i>	Becky	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net
Sept. 15	Sue Brainard Memorial Hunter Pace Douglas MA <i>Ride sponsored by The Mane Place</i>	Sharron	413-668-7606	hiddenhollowacres@comcast.net
Sept. 29	Northfield Mt. Pleasure Ride, Northfield MA <i>Ride sponsored by Yered Trailers</i>	Rose	401-487-3190	rzariczny@verizon.net
Oct. 6*	Mt. Jefferson Pleasure Ride, Hubbardston MA <i>Ride sponsored by Mill Valley Veterinary Clinic & Savers Bank</i>	Becky	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net
Oct. 20*	Lea MacInnis Versatility & Pleasure Ride, Lincoln MA <i>Ride sponsored by Yered Trailers</i>	Becky	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net
Oct. 26	MassTrails Conference DCU Center Worcester MA			
Oct. 27*	Big Pumpkin Upton MA <i>Ride sponsored by Swerling, Milton, Winnick Ins. Adjusters/UHY Advisors, Northeast</i>	Joyce	617-429-1319	jskanion@charter.net
Nov. 3	Turkey Trot, Carver MA <i>Ride sponsored by EquidDoc Veterinary Services</i>	Rose	401-487-3190	rzariczny@verizon.net
Nov. 17*	Thompson Raceway Ride, Thompson CT <i>Ride sponsored by EquidDoc Veterinary Services</i>	Becky	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net

***NEHT affiliated rides**

- Unless otherwise noted, all rides start at 10 am and trail work days at 9 am
- In case of questionable weather, call before leaving home. You will NOT be called if the event is cancelled.
- Most rides require advance registration and payment to receive lunch.
- Riders 17 years old and under, accompanied by a guardian, ride **free** (includes lunch if pre-registered). (May be exceptions on some rides)
- Alcohol is prohibited on State property. No smoking allowed while riding.
- A current Coggins within a year of the ride date is required.
- 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!
- 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
- 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.

Welcome New Members

Charlene Quinn, North Easton MA

Proud to Sponsor BSTRA!



JOHN DEERE



UNITED
Ag & Turf

Millbury - (508) 865-3800
www.UnitedEquip.com

Bay State Trail Riders Association, Inc.

24 Glen Street
Douglas MA 01516



AUGUST 2024

We are on the web!

www.bstra.org

Bay State Trail Riders Association, Inc. Membership Application (expires December 31st)

Mail this form with check payable to **BSTRA, Inc.** to: Rose Zariczny, 216 Grand Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895

Name: _____ phone: (_____)_____

Do NOT release my name for discounts or coupons to benefit BSTRA []

Address: _____ email: _____
(# & street) (town/city) (state/zip)

Please check all that apply:

Single **\$25** [] \$1m excess liability insurance (single), additional **\$20** [] Junior (17 and under) **\$12** []
Family **\$35** [] \$1m excess liability insurance (family), additional **\$40** [] Individual Lifetime Membership **\$400** []

Additional Barn Membership **\$35** [] Barn Name _____

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

I'd like to receive your free monthly bulletin *The Bugle* via email [] or printed copy in black & white []

I'd like to receive **Community Horse**, published *Spring & Fall*, at no cost to me []

I can help

- 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 [] Committee []
- with _____

Questions? rzariczny@verizon.net or 401-487-3190

Thank you for your support. Happy Trails!