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Sue Brainard Memorial Fall Hunter Pace sponsored by The Mane Place

The Sue Brainard Memorial Fall Hunter Pace was held on September 15th in Douglas State Forest. Cooler weather, few bugs, and the start of fall foliage made for a perfect riding day. The pace route included the Southern New England Trunkline Trail, the Grand Trunk Trail, as well wooded trails. Riders had the option of going over or around jumps. I admit, my horse and I popped over a few.



turned safely to her trailer. We are lucky to have such great support from DCR!

Returning riders were treated to a scrumptious lunch from Willow Brook restaurant along with a slew of home made desserts as they awaited results for the day!

Huge thank you to ride sponsor, The Mane Place and all the volunteers! Putting on a hunter pace requires a lot of hands, from setting up and taking down jumps, marking the route, directing trailer parking, registration, and so much more. Thank you to all for making this a fabulous ride.

Our gratitude goes to the following volunteers for making this ride possible:



There was a bit of excitement when a rider was unseated, and their horse escaped into the forest. Department of Conservation and Recreation rangers quickly arrived to aid the rider and search for the horse. Thankfully she was located further down the trail and re-





Sharron Cochran, Cheryl Fitzpatrick, Valerie Clark, Becky Kalagher, Billy Grigaitis, Phil Rutledge, Bill Knott, Darlene Falcone, Lisa Grigaitis, Rose Zariczny, Diane Sullivan, Sherry Perry, Suzanne Nicholas, Joyce Sandvik, Sue Quirk, Karen Parlin, Deb Deschenes, Ed Nobrega, Celest Nobrega, and Kelly Berthiaume.

Before we awarded the ribbons we drew names for door prizes. We had four lucky people that went home with gift certificates for Yucc' It Up donated by David Maenzo - thank you David for your support.

And now we have our ribbon winners. Congratulations to the following:

Hunter Division

1st: Roberta & Erin Wooldridge
 2nd Tie: Stephanie Frend, Liana Burton, Julia Lawrence, Bob Hatch, Gemma Mullins, Sophia Hakkila
 3rd: Sherry Perry, Abby Gervias
 4th: Annie Kononchik
 5th: Ann Degnan, Frank Whitney, Stephanie Tessier
 6th: Mary Wood

Hilltop Division

1st: Suzanne Panagopoulos, Melissa Pierce, Amy Kuo
 2nd: Rita Ballou, Becky Kalagher
 3rd: Bonnie Bielefeld, Nancy Wyrman, Jill Dierx
 4th: Kathy Rich, Anna Maria Paul
 5th: Trish Acure
 6th: Ericka Cote, Perry Harrison

Junior Division

1st: Bobbi Enman

Trail Blazer Division

1st: Denise Leonard
 2nd: Sue Perry, Emma Milford
 3rd: Bill & Angie Knott, Gloria Duhaime
 4th: Phil Rutledge, Deb Carlson
 5th: Maria Allard, Valerie Clark

Until next year's pace! *Anna Maria Paul*

Did You Know You Can Get a Senior Parking Pass?

DCR Senior Parking Passes now available online! Massachusetts residents aged 62 or older are eligible for a discounted lifetime parking pass. This pass covers the cost of parking at most state parks. The cost - \$10!

And that covers you if you are hauling a trailer too.

We have a link directly to the senior parking pass on our website under links. You can apply on line or download the form to get it by mail.

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Trail Work Day on BSTRA Property sponsored by Yered Trailers

September 9th: The day began with a mission—moving gravel to the 16-foot bridge to complete the ramp on one side. Armed with Alex’s tractor (thanks, Alex!), I spent three hours placing rocks to secure the gravel. The project received a generous boost with a load of gravel donated by WHP Trucking & Excavating, a gesture that was greatly appreciated.



September 19th: Another 2.5 hours were dedicated to moving gravel to the opposite side of the bridge, making significant progress on that ramp. The transformation was becoming more evident with each passing hour.


September 29th: With a small but mighty crew consisting of myself, Valerie Clark, and Cheryl Fitzpatrick, we tackled the installation of 4x4 PT posts for signs and points of interest along the trail. As we dug holes, our neighbor Alex once again came to the rescue. He used his tractor to move gravel to the bridge and brought more rocks for the sides.



We managed to dig and install three posts and were working on the fourth when Alex surprised us with his skid steer equipped with a post hole auger. Digging holes in New England is no easy task, so this was a delightful surprise! Alex finished the fourth hole, and I guided him to the locations of the remaining two holes. We installed one more post, completing the five I had brought with me, and called it a very productive day.

In total, we put in 14.33 hours of hard work. The combined efforts amounted to 19.83 hours, valued at \$777.14, not including the invaluable donated gravel. **BK**

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Trail Work Day Upton MA - Mechanic Street

On Sept. 18th I attended the work day scheduled by the Sudbury Valley Trustees lead by Dan Stimson.

We had six people working today and we started out at the new parking lot on Mechanic Street. This lot is just for cars for those of you wondering about that.

We headed into the woods at 2pm and was back at the parking lot at 4:30.

We worked on clearing out the new trail and worked until we met up with where we had been. We came back down the hill and while some of the others headed right to clear up the trail in that direction, Laura Zimmer and myself worked on some water bars and swales to get the water going off the trail instead of down this fairly steep section that was already getting washed out.



We finished up what Dan had for the plan for that day and then some. It's always nice when you get some extra work done. **BK**



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Tickets can also be purchased through the mail using the form below, but ticket orders must be received no later than Oct. 18th.

TICKET PRICING

\$10 for 5 tickets, \$20 for 15 tickets,
\$40 for 35 tickets, \$60 for 55 tickets,
\$80 for 75 tickets, \$100 for 100 tickets.

Proceeds from ticket sales will help fund BSTRA's trail improvement projects.

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BSTRA Quilt Raffle Ticket Order Form

Make checks payable to BSTRA and mail to BSTRA, 40 Fairway Road, South Yarmouth MA 02664

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Stop in for our 36th Anniversary Celebration October 18th and 19th!

Sincerely, Linda Chita



Above and below are what the paths look like around the edges of the hay fields in Mendon



Lea MacInnis Versatility & Pleasure Ride

Bay State Trail Riders Association, Inc.

Oct. 20, 2024

Location: 22 Red Rail Farm Road, Lincoln MA

Check in: 9:00 **Ride out:** 10:00

Price: BSTRA members: \$30 Non-Members:\$35

Meal Only: \$10

Entry deadline for pre-entries is **Oct 16th.**

Post entries welcome but meal is not included.



NEHT Affiliated 6+/- miles

Versatility: This is an option for riders. If you wish to ride the versatility course, please make that indication on the entry form. Riders can do the course before they ride out or after you come back.

Ribbons will be awarded after lunch in the following divisions: Senior (over 65), Adult (64 and under), and Junior (under 18).

Contact: Carolyn at 508-839-1902 or bigt_weeks@msn.com



Please make checks payable to BSTRA and mail to: Suzanne Nicholas, 96 Mountain Gate Road, Ashland MA 01721



Entry Information Lea MacInnis	Rider #1	Rider #2
Rider's Name		
Horse's Name		
Rider's Year of Birth		
Street Address		
Town, State, Zip		
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Optional Trails Donation		
Phone Number		
E-Mail Address		
Coggins # and date (within a year)		
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THE BIG PUMPKIN RIDE

RIDE DATE Sunday - October 27, 2024.

Location: Upton State Forest



This ride is held in conjunction with the Friends of the Upton State Forest . We would like to thank them for all their hard work and dedication .

Ride: check –in 9:30am Ride out by 10:00 Lunch served after the ride.



Ride the lands and trails of the Upton State Forest, and private connections opened for this event.

Cost: BSTRA Members \$25, Non-member \$30, 17 and under ride and eat free. Lunch only \$10

Lunch assured for those who register by Oct. 23rd

No Post Entries No rain date. RAIN OR SHINE as we believe we would be absolutely batty to cancel or reschedule!!!

Directions: Mass Pike west to Rt. 495 south (Upton exit 54B) right off ramp, go straight 3.5 miles and take hard right onto Westboro Rd. Forest is 2 miles on the right. Address is 205 Westboro Road, Upton MA.

Ride Sponsored by

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Costume attire is HIGHLY encouraged -after all the Big Pumpkin will be watching on this 7-10 mile route. Prizes for the scariest, funniest, most creative costumes. / Pre-registration is REQUIRED. Once trailer limit is reached, ride will be closed.

NEHT Affiliated

Contact Joyce for further information. E-mail correspondence preferred. jskanion@charter.net or 617-429-1319

Please mail entry forms to Joyce Sandvik, 103 Ariel Circle, Sutton MA 01590 along with payment made out to BSTRA.

Big Pumpkin Tradition: Bring a pumpkin dessert

Entry Information Big Pumpkin	Rider #1	Rider #2
Rider's Name		
Horse's Name		
Rider's Year of Birth		
Street Address		
Town, State, Zip		
Are you a BSTRA member Yes/ No		
Are you bringing a trailer? Yes/ No		
Phone Number		
E-Mail Address		
Coggins # and date (with in a year)		

Mendon Trail Project - Hay Field Trails

The work is now finished on the Hay Field Trails. The signage probably won't be up until next year as the town of Mendon will be supplying and installing the signage.

So for those of you that want to use it now, please stay on the path, it's nice and wide so there is no need to go onto the hay fields.

This project cost \$10,700 with 24.76 hours of project

oversite and work worth \$970.34

As you can see by the map below, there is plenty of room to park trailers in the field that is circled in red. The new hay field trails are in green and the red line is the old field cart road to access the new trail. Once you are back onto Inman Hill Road, just follow it back to where you are parked (the blue dotted line).

This project added 1.2 miles of new trails at Inman Hill Wildlife Conservation Area. **BK**



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Bay State Trail Riders Association, Inc. ANNUAL TURKEY TROT RIDE

November 3, 2024

Myles Standish State Forest (Carver, Massachusetts)

9:00 a.m. - Sign In

Ride your choice of 5,10, or 15 mile permanently marked trail loops.
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1:00 p.m. - Hunt for "turkeys" on horseback!

Directions: Rte **495S** towards Cape Cod, **Exit 2** Carver, go **left** at end of ramp. Stay straight until a **right** on Cranberry Road. **Left** at detour sign just before park ranger station. Take **left** at Equestrian Parking sign (dirt road), cross over bike path (paved) and take next **left**.



Pricing: BSTRA members \$20, Non-members \$25, Juniors 17 and under free.
Lunch included for those that pre-register. Deadline for pre-registration (postmarked) is **Oct. 29th**.
On line is Oct. 31st.

Post entries welcome, but lunch not included. Everyone must sign in upon arrival.

Please complete, cut and mail reservation form below, **postmarked no later than 10/29/24** with check payable to BSTRA, Inc.

Rose Zariczny, 216 Grand Street, Woonsocket, RI 02895
(Information: 401-487-3190 or rzariczny@verizon.net)

Entry Information Turkey Trot	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 (with in a year)		

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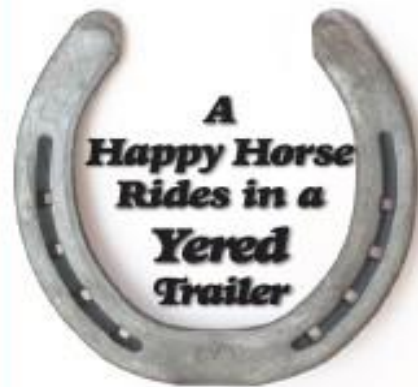
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The Thompson Raceway Ride

The ride is mostly on private property which has parts of the former Thompson Raceway, located near, but not related in any way to the Speedway.

November 17, 2024

Check in opens at 9 am Ride out at 9:30

Length: 5 to 7 miles, repeat for double miles. Rest assured, the route planned for this ride avoids deep mud!
NEHT Affiliated Hot lunch served after the ride.

Location: A field on Baker Road, Thompson CT. From route 193S (coming from Massachusetts), take the sharp, hairpin left downhill onto East Thompson road, heading toward the Speedway.

After about 1/2 mile, take the first paved right onto Alm Road. If you pass the Speedway, you've gone too far. Follow Alm Road to the end. Take a left onto Baker Road. There will be a BSTRAsign to direct you to the left turn into the field. For GPS use: 165 Baker Road Thompson, CT. That will get you close. Watch for signs!

If you're coming from the Douglas end of East Thompson Road, please swing wide when you are taking that left onto Alm Road so you don't have any issues with your trailer.

Registration fees: \$20 for BSTRAmembers, \$25 for non-members, Juniors (17 and under) ride free. Lunch included free is pre-registered.

Registration deadline for lunch Nov. 13th.

For more information please contact Valerie at 508-864-8432 or Valerie.clark@snet.net

Make checks payable to BSTRAnd mail to Becky Kalagher, 24 Glen Street, Douglas, MA 01516



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Raceway Ride	Rider #1	Rider #2
Rider's Name		
Horse's Name		
Rider's Year of Birth		
Street Address		
Town, State, Zip		
Phone Number		
Email Address		
Coggins # and Date (with in a year)		
Are you a BSTRAMember? Yes/No		



Hunting Dates: An informed rider is a safer rider. Listed below are the seasons for Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island. Most of the year we can ride on land that hunters use,

now it is our turn to let them enjoy themselves safely.

Massachusetts: NO HUNTING ON SUNDAY

Deer: Archery Oct. 7 to Nov. 30.

Deer: Shotgun Dec. 2 to 14.

Deer: Muzzle Loader Dec. 16 to 31

Bear: Nov. 4 to 23 & Dec. 2 to 14.

Connecticut: NO HUNTING ON SUNDAY

Deer: Archery Sept. 15 to Dec. 31.

Deer: Shotgun Nov. 20 to Dec. 10.

Deer: Muzzle Loader State Lands: Dec. 11-24. Private

Lands: Dec. 11 to 31.

Rhode Island: HUNTING ALLOW ON SUNDAY

Deer: Archery Sept. 15 to Jan. 31, 2025.

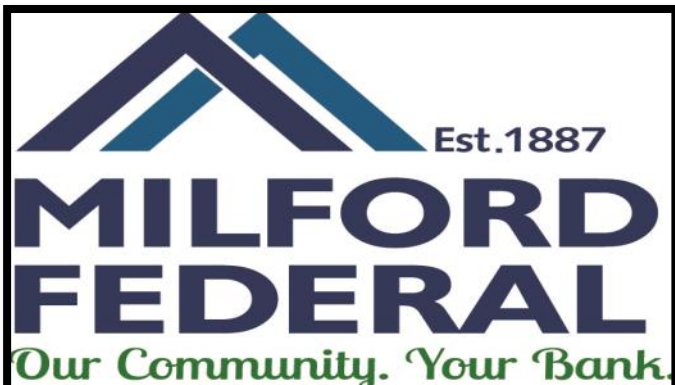
Deer: Muzzle Loader Nov. 2 to Dec. 1, Dec. 26 to Jan. 2, 2025

Deer: Shotgun Dec. 7-22. Dec. 26 to Jan. 2, 2025.

Rhode Island regulations require all other users of State Management Areas and designated undeveloped State Parks, including but not limited to: hikers, bikers, and horseback riders are required to wear two hundred (200) square inches of solid daylight fluorescent orange from the second Saturday in September to the last day of February (September 14, 2024 - February 28, 2025) and the third Saturday in April to the last day in May, annually (April 19, 2025 - May 31, 2025). During the shotgun deer season, five hundred (500) square inches are required to be worn by all users.



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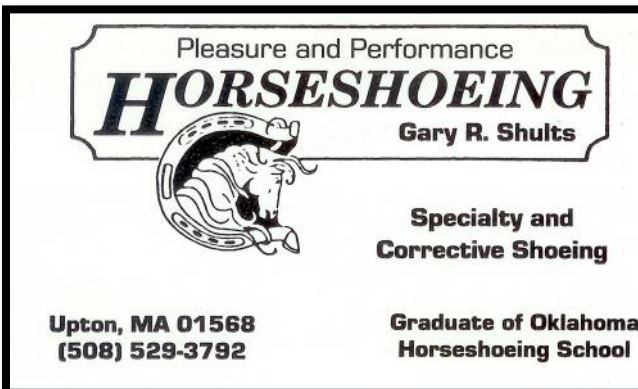
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Oct. 6*	Mt. Jefferson Pleasure Ride, Hubbardston MA <i>Ride sponsored by Mill Valley Veterinary Clinic & Savers Bank</i>	Becky	508-476-3960	bstra@charter.net
Oct. 20*	Lea MacInnis Versatility & Pleasure Ride, Lincoln MA <i>Ride sponsored by Yered Trailers</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.



Welcome New Members

Kelly Conlan, Marlborough NH
Sharon Dunkin, Marlborough MA

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.

Bay State Trail Riders Association, Inc.

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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!