

Bay State Trail Riders Association Inc.

Betsy MacDonald

The Bugle October 2026

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Sue Brainard Memorial Fall Hunter Pace

Sponsored by EquiDoc Veterinary Services

After canceling the event once because of rain, we were grateful to finally hold the ride. Karen Parlin's sunshine dance worked—at least well enough to keep the predicted rain away until everyone had returned from the ride. Although the sun never appeared, we made it through lunch and the ribbon awards with nothing more than a light mist. The forecast may have discouraged a few participants, however, and this year riders competed in just two divisions: Hilltop and Trailblazers.

The Hilltop winners were:

- 1st place Maria Heskens-Allard
- 2nd place Tanya Sweet, Amber Viear, Erica Kalkut and Laura Fyfe
- 3rd place Anna-Maria Paul
- 4th place Patricia Chaudhuri

The Hilltop riders ranged from 4 minutes to 17 minutes off the pace.

The Trailblazer winners were:

- 1st place Bill and Agnita Knott
 - 2nd place Denise Leonard
 - 3rd place Valerie Clark and Kelly Berthiaume.
- The Trailblazers riders ranged from 2 minutes to 43 minutes off the pace.

Dave Maenzo generously donated four Whittier Farms gift cards as door prizes. The winners were Maria Heskens-Allard, Joyce Sandvik, Amber Viear, and Anna-Maria Paul. Willow Brook Restaurant in Mendon catered an awesome lunch of chicken parmesan, eggplant parmesan, pasta, and chicken-and-broccoli alfredo, accompanied by a side salad and Italian bread.



Hilltop Winners



Trail Blazer Winners

Rescheduling created challenges for volunteers who already had commitments on the new date. Even so, we are grateful to Sherry Perry, Laurie Casavant, and Diane Gryniewicz for marking the trails; Sharron Cochran for timing the pace and helping riders cross the street safely; Karen Parlin and Deb Deschenes for timing riders out and in, respectively; Rose Zariczny for parking the trailers; Gloria Duhaime for picking up the food; Deb Carlson and Barbara McCumber for unmarking the trails; Suzanne Nicholas for handling registration; and Denise Leonard for parking lot clean-up. Becky Kalagher for unpacking the jumps and setting them up for each truck to be loaded. Bill Knott, Kelly Berthiaume, Joyce Sandvik, and Lisa Grigaitis—despite her broken wrist—set up the jumps. Lisa and her family, Rose Zariczny, and Joyce Sandvik retrieved them after the ride. Organizing a hunter pace truly takes a village – thanks to all who helped. Special thanks go to Sue Jackson, whose expertise was invaluable in organizing the teams, calculating rider times, and determining the winners. *By Joyce Sandvik*



Door Prize Winners
Anna-Maria Paul, Amber Viear, Maria
Heskes-Allard, Joyce Sandvik

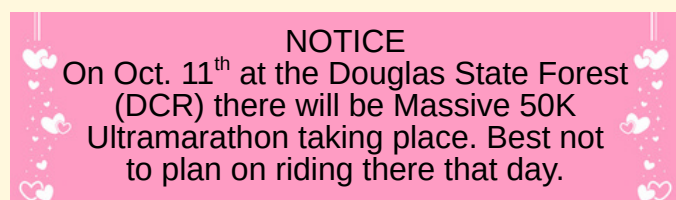


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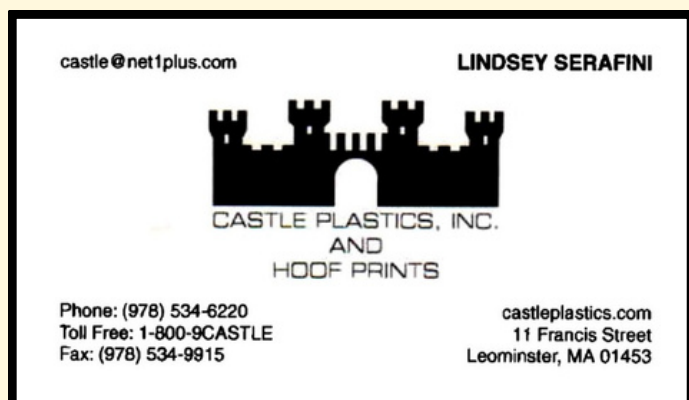
Venmo. We can now take Venmo payments for entries, raffle tickets, and merchandise items (like t-shirts). This is our Venmo "handle": @BSTRA

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Welcom New Members
Liz Martinez, Sturbridge MA
Elaine Gallagher, East Taunton MA





Pleasure Ride

Mt. Jefferson Conservation Area, Hubbardston MA

October 11th (Sunday)

Bay State Trail Riders Association, Inc.

Location: 53 Mount Jefferson Road, Hubbardston.

Directions: From Hubbardston Center (Rt.68) turn onto Williamsville Road. Turn right onto Mt. Jefferson Road. Malone Road is 1st road on right. Mt. Jefferson parking is on left after Malone Road.

Check in: 9:30 | Ride out: 10 am | Length: 8+/- miles
NEHT affiliated

Cost: BSTRA members \$30 | Non-members \$40 | Juniors 17 and under ride & eat free

Lunch for those that have pre-registered.
Registrations must be postmarked by Oct. 7th.

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

Contact Becky for information Phone: 508-476-3960
E-mail: Becky.BSTRA@protonmail.ch

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only option. Come reconnect with
friends, enjoy the horses, and soak up
the atmosphere you have always loved.

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Mt. Jefferson 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		
EMAIL ADDRESS		
COGGINS # and DATE (within 1 year)		

Red Rail Farm Pleasure Ride

Bay State Trail Riders Association, Inc.

Oct. 18, 2026

Location: 22 Red Rail Farm Road, Lincoln MA



RIDE SCHEDULE:

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



PRE-ENTRY NOTES:

Entry deadline for pre-entries is Oct 14th.
Post entries welcome but meal is not included.
Ride sponsored by NEHT Affiliated 6/- miles



PRRICING:

Price: BSTRA members: \$30
Non-Members:\$40 Meal Only: \$10
Juniors 17 and under ride free.
If pre-registered meal included.



REGISTRATION:

Use this form to register or go to our website at www.bstra.org and register online.



CONTACT:

Mary (845)264-2946 or marymariewood@gmail.com



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



★ Ride Sponsored by Yered Trailers ★



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ENTRY INFORMATION RED RAIL FARM	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		
PHONE NUMBER		
EMAIL ADDRESS		
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BSTRA'S BIG PUMPKIN RIDE

UPTON STATE FOREST

Sunday, October 25, 2026

CHECK-IN: 9:30am | RIDE OUT: 10:00am.

ABOUT THE RIDE

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

Cost: BSTRA Members \$30 | Non-members \$40

17 and under ride and eat free! Lunch only: \$10

Lunch assured for those who register by Oct. 21st.

No post entries. No rain date. Rain or shine.

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 .

REGISTRATION & CONTACT

Pre-registration required. Once the trailer limit is reached, the ride will be closed. NEHT affiliated.

Contact Joyce: jskanion@charter.net | 617-429-1319

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

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:** 205 Westboro Road, Upton MA.

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COSTUME & PRIZES

Costume attire is highly encouraged. The Big Pumpkin will be watching on this 7-10 mile route. **Prizes for: the scariest, funniest, and most creative costumes.**

PUMPKIN TRADITION

Bring a pumpkin dessert.

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STREET ADDRESS		
TOWN, STATE, ZIP		
BSTRA MEMBER YES or NO		
OPTIONAL TRAILS DONATION		
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North Brookfield Fall Ride

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November 1

At the North Brookfield Sportsman's Club

Location: 20 Boynton Rd, North Brookfield, MA 01535
NEHT Affiliated between 7 and 8 miles

Price: non-members \$50 | BSTRA members \$40 | Juniors 17 and under free, if pre-registered they eat free too!

Meal only \$15

Must pre-register by Oct 28 to receive meal.

Post Entries Welcome (no meal included)

Make check payable to BSTRA and mail with this form to:
S. Nicholas 96 Mountain Gate Road Ashland, MA 01721

Or register online at BSTRA.org/events

Contact : Stacy [413-668-4405](tel:413-668-4405)

stacyhayes006@gmail.com



Check-in 9:30 Ride out at 10:00

Sponsored by:

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BAY STATE TRAIL RIDERS ASSOCIATION, INC. 2026 TRAIL SUPPORT & THANK YOU DRAWING

10 DRAWINGS - 15 CHANCES TO WIN WITH EACH \$25 DONATION YOU MAKE

CHOOSE WHICH DRAWINGS YOUR ENTRIES GO INTO

DRAWINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE THOMPSON RACEWAY RIDE NOV. 15TH. WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PICK UP PRIZES

DRAWING #1



ARROWPOINT
HARMONY
QUILT 53.5 X 68
BY KATHY RICH
A STITCH'N GOOD
TIME
\$400 VALUE

DRAWING #2



ANNIE'S MESSAGE
CHILDREN'S BOOK
WITH ORIGINAL
WATER COLOR
ILLUSTRATION BY
BETSEY
MACDONALD
\$300 VALUE

DRAWING #3



SWEETIE
ORIGINAL WATER
COLOR
ILLUSTRATION BY
BETSEY
MACDONALD
\$300 VALUE

DRAWING #4



COSEQUIN GIFT
BUCKET
\$160 VALUE

DRAWING #5



CANDLE
LOVERS BASKET
\$132 VALUE

DRAWING #6



KERRITS ARENA
K-PRO KNEE
PATCH
BREECHES XL
\$119 VALUE

DRAWING #7



5/A BAKER FLY
SHEET SIZE 80"
\$110 VALUE

DRAWING #8



BROKE SUPPLY
COMPANY GIFT
CERTIFICATE
\$100 VALUE

DRAWING #9



PRI
CONTINENTAL
SWALLOWTAIL
DRESSAGE PAD
AND CASHEL
COMFORT EARS
SIZE L
\$100 VALUE

DRAWING #10



CHESHIRE
HORSE GIFT
CARD
\$50 VALUE

All proceeds raised from
this fundraiser will go to
improving trails.

Bay State Trail Riders
Association Inc. wish to
thank the following donors
for their support. Kathy
Rich, Betsey MacDonald,
Nutramax Labs, Becky
Kalagher, Deb Cataldo,
Broke Supply Co., Saddle
Shed and The Cheshire
Horse.

DRAWING ENTRY INFORMATION

NAME: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

ADDRESS: _____

EMAIL: _____

ENTRY CHOICES: (PLEASE INCLUDE # OF ENTRIES FOR YOUR CHOICES)

____ DRAWING 1 ____ DRAWING 2 ____ DRAWING 3

____ DRAWING 4 ____ DRAWING 5 ____ DRAWING 6

____ DRAWING 7 ____ DRAWING 8 ____ DRAWING 9

____ DRAWING 10

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO BSTRA AND MAIL TO 92 OLD WESTBORO
ROAD, NORTH GRAFTON MA 01536

ENTER ONLINE AT [HTTPS://BSTRA.ORG/SUPPORT/RAFFLE/](https://bstra.org/support/raffle/)

BSTRA 2026 Events Calendar

DATE	EVENT/LOCATION/SPONSOR	CONTACT	PHONE	EMAIL
Oct. 11*	Mt. Jefferson Pleasure Ride, Hubbardston MA <i>Ride Sponsored by Webster First Federal Credit Union/ Castle Plastics Inc.</i>	Becky	508-476-3960	Becky.BSTRA@protonmail.ch
Oct. 17	Trail Work Day Thompson CT	Becky	508-476-3960	Becky.BSTRA@protonmail.ch
Oct. 18*	Red Rail Farm Ride, Lincoln MA <i>Ride Sponsored by Yered Trailers</i>	Suzanne	508-380-2124	hc07645@gmail.com
Oct. 25*	Big Pumpkin Ride, Upton MA <i>Ride Sponsored by EquidDoc Veterinary Services</i>	Joyce	617-429-1319	bstra.org@gmail.com
Nov. 1*	North Brookfield Fall Ride, N. Brookfield MA <i>Ride Sponsored by Fidelity</i>	Joyce	617-429-1319	bstra.org@gmail.com
Nov. 15*	Thompson Raceway Ride <i>Ride Sponsored by Dean Bank</i>	Valerie	508-864-8432	valerie.clark@snet.net

*NEHT Affiliated Rides

1. Unless otherwise noted, all rides start at 10:00 am and trail workdays at 9:00 am.
2. Most rides require advance registration and payment to receive lunch.
3. Riders 17 and under, accompanied by a guardian, ride **free** (lunch included if pre-registered). (Some rides exempt.)
4. Alcohol is prohibited on State property. No smoking allowed while riding. A current Coggins within a year of the ride date is required.
5. Please leave the trail & parking areas better than you found them. Clean up your hay & manure at all rides. Be considerate of others.
6. Year end awards require a member in good standing to have a minimum of 4 hours of volunteer time completed.



Matching Gifts Program (Charter Oak Credit Union in CT)

We will match all qualified* charitable donations YOU make between Wednesday, August 12, 2026 and Thursday, November 19, 2026 or until our 2026 Matching Gifts funding limit is met.

We're committed to giving back to charitable entities within our field of membership, as well as charities elsewhere that are meaningful to our members.

It's simple – we give back because it is part of the foundation from which credit unions were built on... people helping people – and we're proud to offer our members the opportunity to maximize their charitable donations through our Matching Gifts Program.

We hope our program will inspire you to make a donation to your favorite 501(c)(3) charity, so they will in turn be able to further their meaningful mission to positively impact the world we live in. Donations must be at least \$25 and will be matched in increments of \$25. Charter Oak will match up to a maximum of \$500 per member.

If you are a BSTRA member and a member of Charter Oak, we hope that you will consider making a donation and choose BSTRA as you favorite 501(c)(3)!



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Alert from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, West Hill Dam

The West Hill Dam recreation area will be closed for two months for construction... The entrance and parking lots at West Hill Dam in Uxbridge, Massachusetts, will be closed to vehicles and pedestrians from Sept. 15 through Nov. 15.

The closure is necessary to complete a construction project. Work includes repaving the entire entrance from the street to the top of the dam and expanding the parking lot by up to 25 spaces. West Hill Dam officials ask the public to use alternative recreational areas until the project is complete.



TRAIL WORK DAY THOMPSON CT

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

Location: Parking in the field we use for rides. For GPS use 165 Baker Road, Thompson CT. Follow signs to parking field.

Tools: hand saws, lopes, pole saws, chainsaws, etc.

Objective: we will be cleaning up the trails for the fall ride.

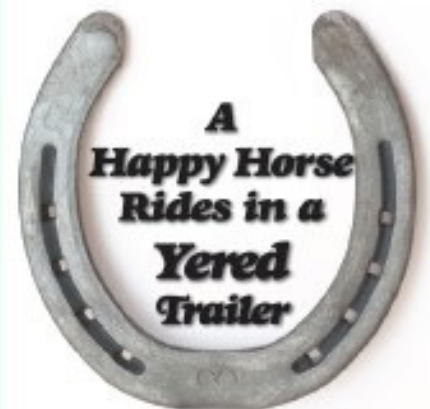
Please wear appropriate clothing like long pants, heavy duty sturdy work boots and wear gloves. Ticks are out, so use your tick spray.

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

If you can join us please register via our website (www.bstra.org) or send an email to

Becky.BSTRA@protonmail.ch so we have a head count and can plan accordingly.


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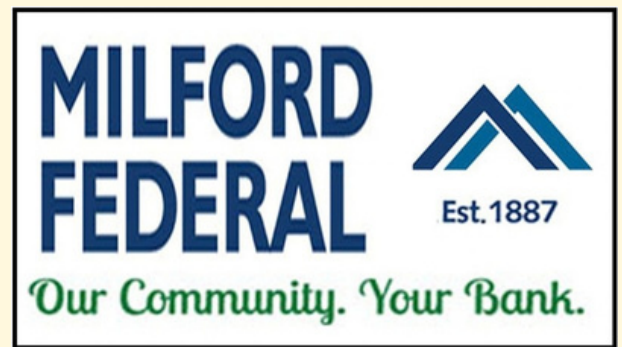
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For Sale: #1 SmartPak Rockin Classic medium weight waterproof turnout blanket. Navy with mint trim. 220 fill, 600 denier. Size 82. Has been cleaned. \$45. #2 Dover Saddlery lightweight blue/gray trim turnout blanket. 100 fill, 1,680 denier. Size 82. Just had it professionally cleaned. \$45. Contact Suzanne at HC07645@gmail.com

Saddle for Sale: Custom Circle Y. Older, but in great shape. The fully hand tooled saddle leather is a mahogany color. It is accented with a rope edge with silver lacing. The horn is braided rawhide with silver lacing. The gullet is 6-3/4" wide which is considered semi-quarter horse bars. Set up for double rigging. The sheepskin is really good. 15" seat. Floral engraved conchos and matching pieces on saddle. One of a kind saddle. \$1,000. Pictures available. Email Becky.BSTRA@protonmail.ch

Women's Lace Up Packer Boots: Size 8 M. Oil Resistant sole. Worn once. Golden tan color. \$50. Becky.BSTRA@protonmail.ch



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"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.

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