

# RIDING CLUB NEWSLETTER

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#### HORSE SHOW



The Riding Club will be hosting a combined **DRESSAGE SHOW/WORKING EQUITATION SHOW** on September 19. The dressage portion has an added exciting new class **PRIX CAPRILLI** which has jumps included in the dressage test.

The dressage show will offer Intro level, Training level, First level, Beginner Novice, Novice and Training tests and Prix Caprilli with a high point ribbon awarded in each division!



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Because **WORKING EQUITATION** is a new(ish) concept here in Barrington Hills, we will be hosting a **WORKING EQUITATION CLINIC** the day before the show (September 18), where you will learn how to navigate the obstacles safely and correctly.

Our clinicians are **KAREN AND MIKE BOSO.** Karen has earned her Judging and Technical Delegate licenses for Working Equitation through the Confederation for Working Equitation.

We will only be doing the introductory level this year, so everything is done at a walk or trot. If you would like to find out more about working equitation, please go to <u>https://usawe.org</u>

We will be hosting **SUNNY SUNDAYS** on the same day as the show, so please come out and enjoy breakfast while you watch horses navigate through the various obstacles in the Working Equitation, which will be held down at the Hunt House, or wander up to the dressage ring in the sand arena to watch the dressage.

For those of you who wish to enter, this is intended as a fun, stress-free show. To enter, just go to the **RCBH** website (https://www.ridingclubofbarringtonhill-s.org/shows-clinics/) and follow the instructions there.

As always, we are looking for **volunteers** to help us. If you would like to volunteer, please call Katy Boldt or Jane Clement. We will welcome you with open arms.



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### SUNNY SUNDAYS



Sunny Sundays is a community outreach hosted by the Riding Club of Barrington Hills for anyone who appreciates the beauty of this community.

We invite you to this special weekly brunch overlooking the beautiful Equestrian Vista of the Riding Center of Barrington Hills.

With so few community events in Barrington Hills, The Riding Club founded Sunny Sundays as a community social gathering. It's casual with a neighborly feel at the picnic tables.



We often have in person SOUL miniature horses for the kids as well as it's been known for an impromptu car show to surface when some of the residents arrive in their vintage cars and motorcycles.

This is not a profit-making event, but donations are appreciated to achieve a breakeven point.

Be sure to check for dates on the Club's calendar on the website: <u>https://www.rid-ingclubofbarringtonhills.org/calendar/</u>

#### VILLAGE EQUESTRIAN NEWS

The Equestrian Commission met on the 19<sup>th</sup> of August to discuss the continued need for the Equestrian Trail Licenses issued by the Village for the purpose of riding on the Village deeded easement trails.

By Ordinance in June in 2005, certain trails traversing private land in the Village exist as easements recorded in favor of the Village. The easements are generally in and around the newer subdivisions in the Village where the Village and the Equestrian Commission worked successfully with developers subdividing tracts of land to protect the continuity of the trail network and to maintain the unique character of the Village. Easement trails are maintained by the RCBH. As set forth in Title 6 and Section 8-5 of the Village Code, equestrian use of easement trails is allowed solely by licenses issued by the Village of Barrington Hills.

There is an ongoing discussion with a need for further information. As soon as the Equestrian Commission has that information a date will be determined for the next meeting.



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#### **NEW MEMBERS**

The Riding Club of Barrington Hills is happy to welcome our newest members joining in August and September of 2021:

We have new members who board at Oakwood Farms: Lisa Hickey, Ashlee LeCompte Lazic, and Gus Pablecas. Also Ashley Hirsch who boards her horse at Deerwood Farm. Welcome!

### **STATE OF THE TRAILS**

We have only had to mow the trails twice this year as it has been a dry summer, however, there were many trees down which made it a little tricky for Steve Gregory who has been mowing the trails for us for many years. So far, we have spent around half of our budget, but there is a lot of trimming left to do.





The challenge we are facing at the moment is the area north of the Riding Center and south of Lake Cook Road. It has become very swampy and is dangerous to ride through, which is why the trails in that area have not been mowed. We met with the Forest Preserves of Cook County and they are looking into ways to make the trails accessible and to give them access to the area to do conservation work. In the meantime, the RCBH is looking at ways to reroute the trails so we can connect the northwest and southwest sectors to ride to the Riding Center and the trails behind it.

### WALK ONLY TRAIL RIDES

Walk only trail rides are scheduled every Saturday when possible to help familiarize RCBH members with the trail system and are a great time for members to meet each other and socialize. It also allows the horses to become more comfortable riding in groups in a low pressure, friendly atmosphere.

