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Annual Year-end Awards and luncheon will be on January 14, 2023, 11:30 AM to 3 PM at the Yard of Ale at 3226 Genesee St (Rte 63) in Piffard.



Not only is this event a chance to collect your year-end ribbons, but it's also a chance to hear about the club's previous year and what is to come for 2023! We have many exciting things in the works, and we need your help to make these events GREAT! Save the date and keep an eye on our website and Facebook page for more information!



Check the GVRDC website for the latest information on COVID19 protocols at our events, and for information.

Swag!



Need to get a head start on your gift shopping? GVRDC apparel and NEW Genesee Valley Riding and Driving club saddle pads are available for order! Check out our website for more information!












<https://gvrdc.org/gvrdc-merchandise.html>



Square pad \$45.00



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<p>Sport-Tek Sport-Wick Textured 1/4-Zip Pullover</p>  <p>2 Colors \$46.00</p>	<p>Sport-Tek Posicharge Strive Hooded Pullover</p>  <p>\$55.00</p>	<p>Port Authority Heather Microfleece Full-Zip Jacket</p>  <p>\$45.00</p>	<p>Port Authority Ladies Heather Microfleece Full-Zip Jacket</p>  <p>\$45.00</p>	<p>Sport-Tek Posicharge Competitor Tee</p>  <p>2 Colors \$24.00</p>	<p>Sport-Tek Ladies Posicharge Competitor Tee</p>  <p>2 Colors \$24.00</p>
<p>New Era Ladies Heritage Blend V-Neck Tee</p>  <p>2 Colors \$25.00</p>	<p>New Era Heritage Blend Crew Tee</p>  <p>2 Colors \$25.00</p>	<p>Sport-Tek Flexfit Performance Solid Cap</p>  <p>2 Colors \$28.00</p>	<p>New Era Adjustable Structured Cap</p>  <p>2 Colors \$25.00</p>	<p>Port Authority Outdoor Wide-Brim Hat</p>  <p>\$30.00</p>	



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Proposed Bylaw Changes!



The GVRDC Bylaws were examined in depth by your Board, with the following changes **in bold** approved by the Board of Directors. The proposed changes will be voted on by the general membership at the annual meeting in January, so plan to attend and make your voice heard!

BYLAWS OF THE GENESEE VALLEY RIDING AND DRIVING CLUB

Article I: NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Genesee Valley Riding and Driving Club, hereafter referred to as GVRDC.

Article II: MISSION

The Mission of the GVRDC is exclusively to educate riders and drivers residing in and visiting the Genesee Valley of New York State and to promote the awareness and appreciation of riding and driving through educating the community. The goal in accomplishing this Mission is to educate our members and the public about safety around horses, the welfare of horses, the value of sportsmanship, and the beauty of riding and driving horses.

A. The education of riders and drivers will be accomplished by teaching them about the health and welfare of horses and providing opportunities to develop skills in equine sports, care, and management.

B. The promotion of and community education about riding and driving horses will be accomplished by providing open educational opportunities through training seminars, demonstrations, and competitions. These educational programs will include, but are not limited to, proper equine care, equine and horse handler safety, equine breeding and training, developing skills in the equine sports of riding and driving for pleasure and for competition, and equine sport history, etiquette, and management. GVRDC seminars, demonstrations, and competitions will promote the awareness and appreciation of riding and driving through exhibitions of safety, sportsmanship, and good horsemastership.

Article III: MEMBERS

Section 1: Membership Eligibility. Five types of membership shall exist:

A. Individual. Any person eighteen years of age or older shall be eligible for individual membership and one vote.

B. Family. Any one or two adult parents and their minor children shall be eligible for family membership and one vote.

C. Junior. Any person seventeen years of age or younger shall be eligible for junior membership. This is a non-voting membership.

D. Lifetime. Any person eighteen years of age or older who chooses to pay the dues for lifetime membership shall be eligible for lifetime membership and one vote.

E. Honorary Life. Upon the recommendation of the Board, honorary life membership may be conferred upon an adult person who shall have rendered notable service to the organization. An honorary member shall have no obligation to pay dues, but shall be entitled to all of the privileges of membership, including making motions, voting, and holding office.

Article IV: OFFICERS

Section 1: Officers and Duties. The officers of GVRDC shall be a President, a Vice President, a Corresponding and/or Recording Secretary, a Treasurer, **and six Directors.**

Section 2: Nomination Procedure, Time of Elections. **At the September Board meeting, a Nominating Committee of three members shall be elected by the Board. It shall be the duty of this committee to nominate candidates for the offices to be filled at the annual meeting in January. The Nominating Committee shall report at the Board meeting in November. Before the election at the annual meeting in January, additional nominations from the floor shall be permitted.**

Section 3: Election, Term of Office. **The officers shall be elected by the general membership at the annual meeting in January.** The President and Treasurer shall be elected for a term of two years in even-numbered years. The Vice-President, Corresponding and/or Recording Secretary shall be elected for a term of two years in odd-numbered years. **Directors shall be elected for a term of three years, with two Directors elected each year. Any vacant position shall also be filled by election at the annual meeting. In the event that a position is not filled at the annual meeting, the officer in that position shall serve until their successor is elected. Officers' terms of office shall begin at the close of the annual meeting at which they are elected.**

Section 4: Office Holding Limitations. No member shall hold more than one office at a time, and no officer shall be eligible to serve more than three consecutive terms in the same office, after which such person is barred from candidacy for that office for one year.

Section 5: Removal of Officers. If an officer has four or more unexcused absences from Board meetings in a year, they may be removed from office upon a two-thirds vote of the Board. If an officer is negligent in their duties, unable to perform them, or displays any action which is a direct violation of these bylaws, they likewise may be removed from office upon a two-thirds vote of the Board. The person involved will be extended an opportunity to present their case before such a vote is taken.

Section 6: Vacancies. In the case of the death, incapacity, resignation, or Board removal of the President, the Vice-President automatically becomes President for the unexpired term. In the case of the death, incapacity, resignation, or Board removal of any other officer, the vacancy may be promptly filled by temporary appointment by the Board. In any case, vacant positions shall be filled by election by the general membership at the annual meeting.

Section 7: Duties of Officers.

A. The President is the official spokesperson of GVRDC. The President presides over all GVRDC meetings and is responsible for the agenda of all meetings and accountable to the membership for all actions and statements on behalf of the organization. **The President, in collaboration with the Treasurer, will prepare annually a proposed budget which will be submitted for approval by the general membership at the annual meeting.**

B. The Vice-President is the alternate and substitute of the President in case of absence or disability of the President. The Vice-President may take on any assignment concerning the business of the organization as deemed appropriate by the President.

C. The Treasurer keeps concise and accurate financial records of GVRDC, consistent with generally accepted accounting and business rules, safeguards all financial assets of the organization according to generally accepted standards of practice, receives all monies payable to the organization and pays all debts upon approval of the Board. The Treasurer submits at least one annual financial report or as requested by the President or the membership. The Treasurer shall open the financial records of GVRDC to an independent audit **at least once every two years. The Treasurer, in collaboration with the President, will prepare annually a proposed budget which will be submitted for approval by the general membership at the annual meeting.**

D. The Recording Secretary records transactions of meetings concerning the business of GVRDC in sufficient detail to be meaningful and submits minutes of meetings for review and approval by the Board in a timely fashion.

E. The Corresponding Secretary compiles and maintains an updated current membership roster and is responsible for all mailings to members, pertinent to the business of GVRDC and function of the organization as directed and approved by the President, the Board and the membership.

ARTICLE V: BOARD

Section 1: Board Composition. The officers of the organization, including the Directors, shall constitute the Board.

Section 2: Board's Duties and Powers. It shall be the duty of the Board to: A. Conduct the business affairs of GVRDC so that its mission is achieved and these By-Laws are followed.

B. Manage the GVRDC monies in a way that is consistent with its mission and the laws governing a non-profit organization **and arrange an audit of the organizations finances on a biennial basis.**

C. Establish the membership dues for the following year at the November Board meeting.

D. Accept donations, grants, bequests, and devises from any source, and accept property subject to special limitations or directions as to the application thereof, provided that such limitations or directions are not inconsistent with the mission of this organization or the events that it sponsors, and educational nature consistent with the mission of GVRDC.

E. Appoint all committee chairpersons.

F. Appoint a successor for any elected position where a vacancy occurs, until the next annual meeting when a nominee is elected by the membership to fill the unexpired term.

Section 3: Board Meetings. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, regular meetings of the Board shall be held on a day and at a time and place as set by the Board, on a monthly basis from April to November, inclusive. Special meetings of the Board may be called by the President or by three Board members in case of urgent business. The Corresponding Secretary shall notify all Board members in due time. Six voting Board members constitute a quorum. Board meetings are open to the general membership, but only Board members may make a motion or vote.

Section 4: Voting by Electronic Mail. When deemed necessary by the President, a vote of the Board may be taken by electronic mail. In this case, the entire membership of the Board shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VI: MEETINGS OF THE MEMBERSHIP

Section 1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the membership shall be held in January, on a date and at a time and place set by the Board and announced in the GVRDC newsletter or by other appropriate notice sent to the members no later than ten days prior to the meeting. This meeting shall be for the purpose of electing officers, receiving reports of officers and committees, approving a budget, and conducting any other business that may arise.

Section 2. Special Meetings. Special meetings may be called by the President or by the Board, and shall be called upon the written request of ten members of the organization. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the call. Except in cases of emergency, at least three days' notice shall be given.

Section 3: Quorum. The quorum for a meeting of the membership shall consist of those who attend the meeting.

Section 4: Meetings Held Remotely. When circumstances dictate, any meeting of the Board or the membership may be held remotely via a video conferencing platform.

ARTICLE VII: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the organization in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these bylaws and any special rules of order the organization may adopt.

ARTICLE VIII: ADOPTION/AMENDMENT

These By-Laws shall be adopted, amended, **and/or revised** with the approval of two thirds vote of the members present at either the annual or a special meeting, or two thirds vote of the total membership when responding by mail or electronic mail. The contents to be voted on shall be communicated to all members by any appropriate means and in a timely fashion prior to the vote.

The Certificate of Incorporation of GVRDC may be amended in the same manner as amendments to the By-Laws of GVRDC may be effected.

ARTICLE IX: DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution, all of the remaining assets and property of GVRDC, after all debts are settled and capital contributions repaid, are to become the property of The Genesee Valley Conservancy, Geneseo, New York, which is exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. If, in the event of dissolution and at such time, The Genesee Valley Conservancy is no longer in operation or at such time no longer is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, then the assets and property of GVRDC, after all debts are settled and capital contributions repaid, are to become the property of a similar organization, which, at such time, is exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE X: EXEMPT ACTIVITIES

Notwithstanding any other provision of these By-Laws, no member, director, officer, employee, or representative of GVRDC shall take any action or carry on any activity by or on behalf of GVRDC not permitted to be taken or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of such Code and Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

AMENDMENTS

1. GVRDC By-Laws were amended at the Annual Meeting on January 18, 2014 to set aside the term limit for President for one year. It was voted on and approved with no dissenting votes.



Volunteer Hours Need to be Logged!

Thank you to all our hard-working volunteers! Just as a reminder, this year we are asking you to log your hours. Please submit your hours worked on our website. These need to be completed and submitted to be qualified for year-end awards! <https://gvrdc.org/submit-volunteer-hours.html>





2023 Area 1 USEA Championships will be held at the Genesee Valley Riding and Driving Club's Fall Event, held August 19-20 in Geneseo, NY. Riders from all over New England and New York State will gather to contest levels from Beginner Novice through Preliminary,

John Williams will join us again in 2023 as our cross-country course designer and we look forward to his continuing innovation to our courses! We will be expanding our footprint, using a third dressage ring at neighboring Fox Run Farm. Additional on-site temporary stabling is also planned for to accommodate an anticipated doubling of entries. The patron tent will be back and we will have numerous sponsorship, patron and vendor opportunities.

We're so excited and proud that our efforts to host great events have been recognized and we look forward to welcoming competitors to our beautiful Genesee Valley. There will be many volunteer jobs available and the preparations will be hard work, so please consider joining the GVRDC efforts for awesome Area 1 Championships!



Fall Horse Trials

Training

- 1- Peytyn Geer on Dublin Red (Jennifer Geer)
- 2- Holly Shine on Daniel Craig
- 3- Barbara Lyons-Sprouse on Silver Lining
- 4- Claire Mulligan on Silent Glider
- 5- Anna Brugmann on Crescendo (Samantha Yates)
- 6- Daisy Trayford on Patriot Game
- 7- Michelle Summers on Think
- 8- Julieann Overholt on Summersault
- 9- Jaclyn Mauser on Acqua Cat
- 10- Kate Vacca on Black Minotaur

Novice B

- 1- Jennifer Treacy on Bene
- 2- Aliyah Luccitti on Run the World (James Carter)
- 3- Erica Hutten on Felony
- 4- Julie Anne McElhaney on Sublime
- 5- Jennifer Coniglio on Phaedra
- 6- Jackie Smith on Morrissey
- 7- Jenna Chornobil on Sneesels Weakens
- 8- Olivia Wallace on Tedesco (Colleen Flora)
- 9- Taylor Wing on Time To Tango (Troy Wing)

Beginner Novice B

- 1- Emilija Zygelyte on Sydney
- 2- Laura Schumacher on Sue Blue By You
- 3- Julianne Pangal on Car Czar
- 4- Carol Kozlowski on Elodon Zodiac (Dr. Jill McNicol)
- 5- Janice Hoover on Its Now or Never
- 6- Jennifer Treacy on Anita
- 7- Diane Carroll-Yacoby on Gabriel
- 8- Suzanne Chang on Waquoits Dandy Dude
- 9- Beth Walkowicz on Ruby One

Modified

- 1- Carol Kozlowski on Welbourne (Juli Sebring)
- 2- Lucien Rouse on Stravinsky

Novice A

- 1- Carol Kozlowski on Kieran (Linda Walnes)
- 2- Laura Kosiorek-Smith on Star Quality CSF
- 3- Corrinne Lauze on Anam Cara (Suzanne Adams)
- 4- Regan Green on Timber (Bevin O'Donoghue-Green)
- 5- Amy Burrows on Chant de Ciel
- 6- Troy Wing on The Sorcerer's Star (Holly Habeck)
- 7- Lila Junko on Growin' Wild
- 8- Brenda Buck-Smith on Saranac Tramonay
- 9- Alyssa Ardillo on Roaring Vixen
- 10- Sharla Englerth on Holy Land

Beginner Novice A

- 1- Kimberly Crane on Princess Buttercup
- 2- Meredith Junko on Danielle Sinclair
- 3- Meredith Junko on Danielle Sinclair
- 4- Gayanna Gilbraith on Posh
- 5- Helene Chevalier on Born A Hero
- 6- Carolyn Wehle on Odea (Daniele Burke)
- 7- Kellie Rowekamp on Aces High
- 8- Kathleen E. Hart on Jack's Killinick Robin (Doug Hart)
- 9- Allie Russell on Electric Stride

Novice C

- 1- Kaitlyn Gallagher on Sailin Shoes (Claire Maywalt)
- 2- Taylor Wing on Altair's Bennigan (Troy Wing)
- 3- Clara Bond on Beaverwoods Dandelion
- 4- Allison Howard on Here's Wattever
- 5- Clare Shelby on Red Stripe Rogan (Jillian Valint)
- 6- Ian Kenney on Ferguson
- 7- Ava Ciravola on My Wooddraw



Combined Driving Event



Preliminary VSE

- 1- Kim Ciulla-Sassy

Preliminary Horse

- 1- Carrie McCausland-Strongwind

Training Large Pony

- 1- Diane Vickery-Tommy
- 2- Tina England-Red

Intermediate Horse

- 1- Margaret Shenker-Flash Back **Int. Dressage CH**
- 2- Michele Johnson - Hummer

Preliminary Large Pony

- 1- Sarah Reitz-Onyx Star
- 2- Jillian Stroh-Cat King Cole
- 3- Jessica Clark – Finn **Preliminary Dressage CH**

Training Small Pony

- 1- Tricia Anselm – Chip **Training Dressage CH**

Training Horse

- 1- Jennifer Gaylor-Jordy
- 2- Ken Estes Jr-Ike



Pumpkin Derby

Intro Rider

- 1- Aylen Torrey - Beau
- 2- Paige Slater – Divine Notion
- 3- Chloe Tews – Eagle Scout
- 4- Zoey Shedden – Fiona
- 5- Scarlett Tasseff – Captain Squirrel Biter
- 6- Haleigh Pollock - Echo

Beginner Novice A

- 1- Kali Maher – Bruce
- 2- Ryan Lefkowitz – ES Mastermind
- 3- Julianne Pangal – Kona
- 4- Megan Bond – Honey Locust Finch
- 5- Wendy Sisson – Lookover Hapi
- 6- Audrey Clarke - Moneymeister

Beginner Novice B Open

- 1- Lauren Rogers – Jericho IFS
- 2- Emilia Zygelyte – Sydney

Novice Open

- 1- Claire Mulligan – Silent Glider
- 2- Kellie Rowekamp – Aces High

Training Rider

- 1- Lucien Rouse - Stravinsky

Intro Horse

- 1- Paige Hungerford – Rainer
- 2- Rebecca Blackburn - Rudolph
- 3- Amy Detweiler – Her Majesty

Intro Open

- 1- Paige Hungerford – Rainer
- 2- Aylen Torrey - Beau
- 3- Kali Maher – Bruce
- 4- Ella Detweiler – Gone with the Wind
- 5- Cailyn Leo – Syncopated Rhythm
- 6- Sophia Tews – Jax in the Box

Beginner Novice B Horse

- 1- Lauren Rogers – Jericho IFS
- 2- Emilia Zygelyte – Sydney

Beginner Novice B Rider

- 1- Jessica Falkowsky - Cup of Cee

Novice Horse

- 1- Alyssa Ardillo – Roaring Vixen
- 2- Carol Koslowski - Kieran
- 3- Kellie Rowekamp – Aces High

Training Horse

- 1- Olivia Wallace – Tedesco

Training Open

- 1- Claire Mulligan – Silent Glider
- 2- Lucien Rouse - Stravinsky





Call for Raffle Baskets!

Our raffle will be held once again at the end of year luncheon. We would love to have members put together equestrian themed baskets, or equestrian themed items, for our raffle. Please consider having your barn collect items to put together a basket for this great fundraiser. Members could also call a couple friends to go in on a basket! Ideas could include a grooming kit, braiding kit, treat basket, shampoo/wash basket, tack care, home decor gift basket, be creative! We are looking to make these items useful and fun for the typical horse owner. Baskets can be brought that day or dropped off in the tack room at Dave Chugg's farm anytime the week of January 8. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Berger (karen.berger126@gmail.com)



Introduction to Carriage Driving Clinic

Saturday April 29, 2023 Nicole Cable will be presenting an introduction to Carriage Driving Clinic at Fox Run Farm in Geneseo, NY. More information will be available soon. Contact Danny Harter with any questions! Dharter412@gmail.com



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Joan Alliger Scholarship

The Joan Alliger Memorial Scholarship Fund was established by the Genesee Valley Riding and Driving Club (GVRDC) in 2014 to benefit young riders and adult amateurs in Western New York.



A Joan Alliger Scholarship Grant will be awarded annually to an amateur rider, aged 16 years or older as of December 1st of the current year, who is a current resident of Western New York.

Recipients of this grant will receive \$500 which can be used to cover the recipient's personal expenses associated with attending a specific educational equestrian event of their choice. There will be one or two annual \$500 grants during a calendar year. Applications are due at any time during the year. A selection committee will review applications and announce a decision.

To apply for the Joan Alliger Scholarship, go to the GVRDC website: www.GVRDC.org or directly to https://drive.google.com/file/d/1h_8OJfmRzVnZ_zPSmrqv02uyY1QPojhF/view?usp=sharing

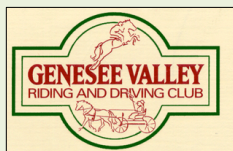
Donations are tax deductible.

The Board meets on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. Members are always welcome.

Dinner at 6:30 PM

Meeting at 7:00 PM

Locations TBA



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Publication Dates

Winter Edition: Annual Awards Issue

Annual Calendar of Events

Deadline Feb. 15

Spring Edition: Competitions Issue

Entry Info for Events and Shows

Deadline April 15

Summer Edition: Membership Issue

More Entries, Show Results, Member List

Deadline July 15

Autumn Edition: Show Results Issue

Competition Results & Year-End Updates

Deadline Oct. 15

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Please contact our event organizers if you are able to help out. Many hands make light work, and year-end awards require 8 volunteer hours during the season.

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