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Season Review &
Annual Report





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In the past five years that I have served on the GMHA Board, I have become very aware of the flexibility and adaptability of this organization. Never has this been more evident than in 2018 when the staff went above and beyond to adapt to a variety of new situations. Without going into too much detail, this included the loss of key employees, the need to move the GMHA 100-Mile Banquet at the last moment, and the opportunity to host the North American Preliminary Driving Championship when the previously selected Combined Driving Event was cancelled. Tracy Ostler, our Executive Director, and Bruce Perry, our Grounds Manager, along with their dedicated staff, came through time after time to adeptly manage these and many other situations In fact, most competitors, volunteers, and members had no idea of the extra work going on behind the scenes.

In an organization with as many moving parts as GMHA, the ability to adapt is crucial to success. 2018 proved beyond a doubt how committed the staff are to ensuring the success of each and every event at GMHA. We all owe the entire staff our gratitude for the sacrifices they made this season.

This year's Annual Fund was very successful, exceeding our fundraising goal. A sincere thank you to everyone who generously contributed to the annual fund, which is crucial for supporting our day-to-day operations.

Events this year went well. We were blessed with lots of good weather, always a key ingredient for the success of an event. As mentioned above, one addition to our events this year was the American Driving Society's North American Preliminary Driving Championship which was hosted by GMHA. Competitors from the USA and Canada descended on a beautiful August weekend for three days of extraordinary

driving competition. GMHA also received some very positive reviews throughout the driving world as a result.

The GMHA 100-Mile ride was also very well attended, both in the competitive trail and pleasure rides. Numbers in the pleasure rides have been showing steady increases with well over 100 riders attending the Fall Foliage rides this year. Attendance at our Dressage, Eventing, and Hunter/Jumper shows was also quite good. Look for some changes in the Festival of Eventing schedule next year as we adapt to changes within that sport. If you haven't had a chance to attend the musical freestyle competition during the Dressage Days, you might want to attend next year. The many hours that the riders, their horses, and their trainers invested in preparing must have been considerable in order to develop these breathtaking performances.

One especially bright spot on this year's schedule was the Junior Horsemanship Clinic. With 71 young people in attendance this year, the increase in participants bodes well for the future of our sport. Encouraging and supporting youth in equine activities is a priority for GMHA.

Volunteers once again offered thousands of hours of service to GMHA; without them we couldn't put on a single event. We offer our sincere thanks to every person who takes the time to volunteer. If you haven't volunteered lately, please consider making the effort next year. One of the most demanding tasks for our staff is in filling all of the volunteer roles for each and every event. Your speedy reply to volunteer requests will make a significant difference.

I am looking forward to another successful season in 2019. I am confident that we have the pieces in place to provide all attendees with a satisfying experience.



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2018 in Review



There's Something Happening at GMHA on

143 Days

186 Days in the Season







88 **Event Days**



259 **Annual Fund** Donors



2,715
Event Participants







2,987
Bags of Shavings



From the Cafe:

58Members'

4,113







62nd Junior Horsemanship Clinic



Thanks to Our Dedicated & Talented Team





39 Returning Campers 32 New Campers

2018 Campers





3 Clinicians Suzi Gornall Jane Hamlin John Bourgoin

3 Co-Directors **Lindsey Elwell** Madison Gallien Kathryn Wakeman

Riding Instructors Dawn Dascomb Chloe Hood Ann Geoghegan Karen Lorenzo **Emily Tasker**

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Thank you chaperones for hosting our 2018 campers!

Educational Programs

The USEA **GMHA Eventing Clinic** June 5–7, 2018

3 Days

25 Riders

3 Clinicians Jane Hamlin John Zopatti **Catie Waterman**







Festival Clinic photos by Flatlands.

Festival of **Eventing Clinic** August 6–8, 2018

Robert Costello **Sharon White**

3 Days

32 Riders

4 Clinicians

Pam Goodrich Rebecca Vick

Trail Riding



McGrath of Winchester, NH.

22 Trail Event Days





31 2018 CT Endura

361
2017 CTR & Endurance Competitors







Mud Ride — Saturday: Nancy Folbre, Langwood's Great Bay (Adult, ridden); Jenny Kimberly, Lucas (Adult, driven); Avalon Schnelker, Kender-Dragon (Junior) Mud Ride — Sunday: Laura Farrell, Sven (Adult, ridden); Jenny Kimberly, Lucas (Adult, driven); Rachel Harris, Phlairr (Junior)

Mud Ride — Combined: Laura Farrell, Sven (Adult, ridden); Jenny Kimberly, Lucas (Adult, driven)
Spring CTR — 15-Mile: Jessica White, Windrush First Call (Adult, ridden); Sophia Dedell, Stardancer (Junior)
Spring CTR — 25-Mile: Kathy Hall, Sey Triden Proof (Adult, ridden)

Spring Endurance 25-Mile Limited Distance: Ray Johnson, Sshynanegan

Spring Endurance 50-Mile: Mindy Vienneau, Movette 2-Day 50-Mile — 25-Mile Ride Saturday: Wendi Volk, Sami (Adult, ridden); Gale Pelegrino, Black Diamond Devin (Adult, driven)

2-Day 50-Mile — 25-Mile Ride Sunday: Laura Farrell, Sven (Adult, ridden); Jenny Kimberly, Derwanda Ricardo (Adult, driven) 2-Day 50-Mile: Ashley Crihfield, AM Hamlet (Adult, ridden); Katelyn Reed, Hi Yo Silver (Junior)

Hunter Pace — Hacking: Girl Power

Hunter Pace — Hunting: Kip's Angels

Distance Days — 15-Mile: Hallie Goetz, Neddora (Adult); Cassidy Lewis, Spitfire (Junior)

Distance Days — 25-Mile: Susan Niedoroda, TLC Chatta Distance Days — 35-Mile: Lynn Hartmann, Syrocco

Melody

Distance Days — 40-Mile: Sara Lareau, UVM Prancelot
Distance Days — 60-Mile: Nancy Barci, Psynammon's
Reilly (Adult); Katelyn Reed, Hi Yo Silver (Junior)
Distance Days — 75-Mile: Catherine Demick, Texas Sonset
SSH—1

Distance Days — 100-Mile: Robin McGrath, Aikane's Sunflower

Fall Endurance — 30-Mile Limited Distance: Suzette
Fegan, RFR Rain Buoy & Deb Fisk, DB Prophet (tie). BC &
High Vet Score: Traction, Melody Blittersdorf
Fall Endurance — 50-Mile: Andrea Bishop Maas, Saqetta
(BC and High Vet Score)

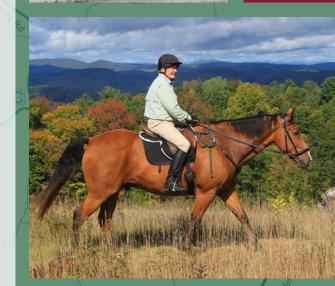
Photos by Nick Goldsmith & Spectrum Photography.

401

Pleasure Riders in 2018

349

Pleasure Riders in 2017



Eventing







June Horse Trials Winners

JYOP: Amanda Gardiner/Relentless Pursuit OPEN PRELIM: Lila Gendal/BT Just A Rebel PRELIM RIDER: Jasmine Jencks/D'Paradl JR. TRAINING: Magdalene Meek/Sly Fox OPEN TR A: Kylie E. Lyman/Glynwood Mer Calido OPEN TR B: Kylie E. Lyman/Xuanatu TR A: Dale Eddy/Poker Run TR B: Jaqueline Gilbert/ALF Cross My Heart JR. OPEN NOV A: Maya Zigler/King Dingaling JR. OPEN NOV B: Analise San Clemente/Moonstruck NOV RIDER A: Victoria Thompson/Improper Bostonian NOV RIDER: Bella Maida/Titan OPEN NOV A: Marcia Kulak/Gran Torino OPEN NOV B: Jennifer Clapp/Sea Change BN HORSE: Leigh Casaceli/Newyork Conspiracy BN RIDER: Andrea Brainard/Watson's Beijing JR BN: Maye Stichter/Know Direction OPEN BN: Elizabeth Pelis/Bay State Yankee

8

Days of

Competition

Starter Trials Winners

NOV A: Alice Andrews/Laduma NOV B: Ashley Miller/Irish Sea NOV CT: Lisa Niccolai/Sea Ryder T/NOV: Hannah Smith/Bittersweet's Aurora BN A: Sofie Van Olmen/Villa Bui BN B: Stephanie Sills/Mille Neuf Cent BN C: Amy Atkins/Bryhyl Sophy BN CT: Sarah Guillemette/Teddy Elementary A: Jennifer Gibbard/ **Ima Royal Impression** Elementary B: June Clark/Old Vermont Rebel Elementary CT: Paige Surrell/Irrefutable Pre-Elementary: Deb Rose/Sienna Pre-Elementary CT: Clara Locke /Northern Illusion

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Intermediate

13 CIC1*

81

Preliminary

191

Training

297 Novice

216

Beg. Novice

20

Elementary

Pre-Elem

Festival of Eventing Winners

CIC 1*: Holly Jacks-Smither/Finely Brewed OPEN INTERMEDIATE: Anna Loschiavo/Prince Renan OPEN PRELIM: Bruce (Buck) Davidson, Jr./Gava PRELIM/TR: Denise N. Goyea/Quickest OPEN TR: Sharon White/Juneau JR TR: Katerina Garcia-Chope/Samba Dromo TR RIDER: Ann Grenier/Almost Famous JR NOV A: Rachel Hoar/Lanzz JR NOV B: Erin Sheehan/Sharp Dressed Man JR NOV WKND: Sam Curtis/Cooley Cut Copy NOV RIDER A: Karen Dronzek/Sportsfield Jinx NOV RIDER B: Ashley A. Miller/Irish Sea NOV RIDER WKND: Andrea Brainard/Watson's Beijing OPEN NOV: Kristin L. Schlacter/Backgammon OPEN NOV WKND: Marcia Kulak/Gran Torino BNR A: Michele Marrin/Patient Investor "PI" BNR B: Tori Donaghue/Otto Rocket JR BN A: Anna Meretei/Fernhill Danforth JR BN B: Katie Sheehan/Big Sexy OPEN BN: Ro Nelson/Curious George

September Horse Trials Winners

OPEN PRELIM: Kylie E. Lyman/Glynwood Mer Calido PRELIM RIDER: Isabel Finemore/Rutherglen JR OPEN TR: Katerina Garcia-Chope/Samba Dromo OPEN TR: Beth R. Murphy/It's Me TR RIDER A: Victoria Thompson/Improper Bostonian TR RIDER B: Alexandra Kavouksorian/The Alchemist JR OPEN NOV: Lyndsay Morris/Killeen Clover NOV RIDER A: Jennifer R. Bagley/Intrinsic NOV RIDER B: Bella Maida/Titan OPEN NOV: Bevin O. Dugan/Cape Cal BN RIDER: David Cornell/All Dassett JR OPEN BN: Anna Meretei/Fernhill Danforth OPEN BN: Alexander Conrad/Lexington II INTRO: Amber Cerrati/Oozlum





849

in 2018

Competitors Competitors in 2017





Driving





8 Days of Competition



210 Competitors in 2018

179 Competitors in 2017

Spring Combined Test & Arena Driving Trial

Arena Driving Trial 1st Place Winners Intermediate – Norma Katz

Prelim Horse — Barbara Chadwick Prelim Pony— Amy Sintros Training Horse — Matthew Mazza Training Pony — Elizabeth Vezina

Combined Test 1st Place Winners

Advanced – Wilson Groves Intermediate – Amy Sintros

VSE – Judy Chamberlain

Prelim Horse — Gale Pellegrino

Prelim Pony — Dorothy Maggio

Training Pair — Michelle Hulse

Training Horse — Matthew Mazza Training Pony — Elizabeth Vezina

Training VSE — Susan Lathrop

Combined Driving Event & North American Preliminary Championship

Combined Test 1st Place Winners

Prelim Horse Pair — Dave Angus Prelim Horse — Suzy Stafford Prelim Pony Pair — Peter Bravmann Prelim Pony — Lorraine Potter Prelim Small Pony — Lisa Brooks Smets Training Horse Pair - Denise Reed Gagnon Training Horse — Aaron Soldavin Training Pony — Amie Bauman Training Small Pony — Michelle Hulse Training VSE — Susan Wong

Combined Driving Event 1st Place Winners

Intermediate Horse — Jordan LaPlaca Intermediate Pony – Jackie Kane Intermediate II Horse – Pat Mann

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5 Champions named at the ADS North American Preliminary Champions hosted by GMHA

Intermediate II Pony – Keith Angstadt Prelim Horse — Gale Pellegrino Prelim Horse Pair — Dave Angus Prelim Pony Pair — Peter Braymann Prelim Pony — Danny Laferriere Prelim Small Pony — Sharon Crawford Mackay Training Horse Pair — Bonnie Jean Training Horse — Aaron Soldavin Training Small Pony Pair — Michelle Hulse Training Pony — Wilson Groves Training Small Pony — Elizabeth Vezina Training VSE — Susan Lathrop

North American Preliminary Champions

Horse— Mary Mott-Kocsis Pony Pair — Daniel Rosenthal Pony— Riley Wiltison Small Pony — Cynthia Bliven VSE — Linda Peterson

6 Days of Driving Clinics





Fall Driving Classic **Combined Test 1st Place Winners**

Intermediate Horse – Wilson Groves Intermediate Pony — Keith Angstadt Prelim Horse — Roger Poitras Training Horse — Kristin Gutosky Training Pony – Jennifer Hewitt Training Small Pony — Elizabeth Vezina Training VSE — Tanya Wheeler

Arena Driving Trial 1st Place Winners

Intermediate Horse – Robin Groves Intermediate Pony – Nancy Dimick Prelim Horse – Jenny Kimberly Prelim Pony — François Bergeron Prelim VSE — Dorothy Maggio Training Horse — Elsie Rodney Training Pony — Kaylee Angstadt Training VSE — Tanya Wheeler

Driving Derby Champions

Intermediate – Nancy Dimick Prelim – François Bergeron Training — Shirley Haas

Pleasure Show Champions

Open — Keith Angstadt Novice – Kristin Gutosky VSE – Tanya Wheeler



Hunter Jumper







420 Trips
Spring Show

1,598 Trips
Summer Show

473 Trips

Fall Show

2,491Total Trips for 2018



Photos by Nature of Light Photography.

Spring Hunter Jumper Show

NEHC Rated — VHJA Affiliated — M&S Medals & Classics

Special Class Winners:

2'6" Hunter Derby: Alice Joy on Bonnaroo 3' Hunter Derby: Olivia Rooney on Savoire Faire

Summer Hunter Jumper Show

NEHC Rated — VHJA Affiliated — M&S Medals & Classics

Team Jumper Challenge

Sponsored by Bateman Horse Transportation

2'6" Winners: Twitchell Hill 1. Lena Sandler, Kathryn Waterman, Sue Perna, Cailin McMurdo-Minnich

3'Winners: Twitchell Hill Too. Grace Taylor, Paige Bohlig, Blair Stone, Clara Palmer 3'6"Winners: Twitchell Hill 3: Grace Dayton, Oakley Clark, Annie Hambleton, Anna Loschiavo

Fall Hunter Jumper Show & Derbies

NEHC Rated — VHJA Affiliated Sponsored by Kedron Valley Inn

2'6" Junior/Adult Equitation Derby: Crystal C. Piffath/Carnival

2'6" Junior/Adult Am Hunter Derby: Kendra Murphy/Felicity

3' Junior/Adult Equitation Derby: Annabelle Sprague/SRF Reveive

3' Hunter Derby: Clara Palmer/Joe Louis







462

Competitors in 2018

517Competitors in 2017

9Days of Competition



Dressage





1,233 Rides Down Centerline

8 Days of Competition







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June Dressage Show

High Scores of the Show

TR JR: Paydan McLaughlin/Lily of Chincoteague

TR AA: Elizabeth Wuori/Saturday

TR OPEN: Ciara Cumminskey/Queen's Gypsy Soul

1ST JR: Paydan McLaughlin/Lily of Chincoteague

1ST AA: Toni Williamson/Beaujolais

1ST OPEN: Adam Cropper/Corleone 2ND JR: Eden Smith/Stelina

2ND AA: Kevin Hadfield/Preston

2ND OPEN: Vincent Flores/Southern Belle SWF

3RD JR: Tessa Holloran/Appielousos B

3RD AA: Morgan Matuszko/Haribo

3RD OPEN: Joy Congdon/Benedict CF 4TH AA: Stephen Ruggiero/Dream Works

4TH OPEN: Eliza Rutherford/Watch Me Too FEI JR: Tessa Holloran/Appielousos B

FEI AA: Victoria Kahn-Sinclair/Mirage Enshoj

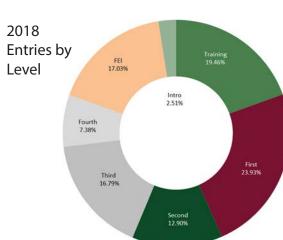
FEI OPEN: Laura Noyes Putnam/Galveston





Competitors in 2018 VS 632 Competitors in 2017

526





Dressage Days **High Scores of the Show** TR JR: Mary Goodrich/Frivaldi TR AA: Alicia Aiyawar/Libretto 4TH OPEN: Jannike Gray/Frau Schufro

TR OPEN: Ciara Cumminskey/Llawen Farm Macsen 1ST JR: Taylor Evans/Cielo Dorado 1ST AA: Jocelyn VanBokkelen/Wauwinet 1ST OPEN: Ciara Cummiskey/Llawen Farm Macsen 2ND JR: Eden Smith/Stelina 2ND AA: Jocelyn VanBokkelen/Wauwinet 2ND OPEN: Danielle Gabree/Fanta CHF 3RD JR: Madeleine Perry/Smile 3RD AA: Pascale Trudeau/Summer Hit 3RD OPEN: Diego Gonzalez/Dylan V 4TH JR: Brenna Donovan/Diadem 4TH AA: Amina Bursese/Flamenco YM

Fall Dressage Show **High Scores of the Show**

FEI JR: Sydney Horgan/Xique HM

FEI AA: Jessica Morgan/d'Angel

FEI OPEN: Tina Konyot/Diamantino II

TR JR: Barrett Freeman/Augustine TR AA: Victoria Kahn-Sinclair/Lotus

TR OPEN: Sara Eastman/Moriah Matisse

1ST JR: Paydan McLaughlin/Lily Of Chincoteague

1ST AA: Debbie Irwin/Taylor Made 1ST OPEN: Judith Lawless/Southwick

2ND JR/AA: Marty Young-Stratton/Little Acre Lance

2ND OPEN: Lisa Samoylenko/Forte EDF 3RD JR/AA: Milda Castner/Bretton 3RD OPEN: Marlee O'Neil/DeRishi

4TH JR/AA: Lisa Curry Mair/Winslet 4TH OPEN: Kim Litwinczak/Divers-W

FEI JR/AA: Tyrelle Keslin/DeLainie

FEI OPEN: Lucy Courchaine/Whispering Diamond

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4,113 Hours





"Always wonderful to see so many smiling faces—workers, volunteers, and competitors."

"Great event and incredible volunteers!"

-Excerpts from Competitor Surveys

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Thank You • Thank You • Thank You • Thank You

David Wilson

Equine Industry Economic Impact Study

This year, we partnered with the Vermont Horse Council and the Center for Rural Studies to help administer the first phase of a Vermont Economic Impact Study for the equine industry. The survey was distributed and collected at many of our events. The data from this survey will help the Council and all equine businesses in the state to advocate for more trails on public land, and a better tax, insurance and legislative environment for all horse owners. We are nearing completion of the first phase of the study. If you participate in events in Vermont, please take the survey at https://bit.ly/2LGjFBl.

GMHA Membership

940 2017 Members 893 2018 Members

2018 Memberships by Type

492 Individual **41** Business **77** Junior 166 Lifetime 116 Family 1 Friend



Silver Stirrup Legacy Society

The Silver Stirrup Legacy Society was created to recognize the special people who pledge their long term support to GMHA via a planned gift. These gifts are used to grow GMHA's endowment and provide security for GMHA's future. GMHA's endowment is currently \$2 million and is prudently invested and managed by The Legacy Group at Morgan Stanley. GMHA Board Members, GMHA Staff, current Silver Stirrup Legacy Society members, and guests enjoyed an evening of good food and good company at Shirley Fenner's Gambol Hill Farm for this summer's Silver Stirrup gathering. Learn more about planned giving on our website: https://www.gmhainc.org/planned-giving-support-gmha/

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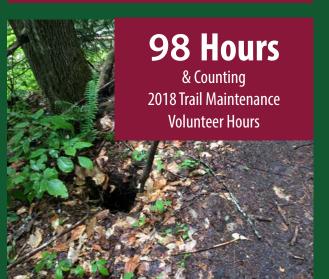
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72 & Counting

Chainsaw Worthy Trees Removed from the Trails in 2018



Trail Resources & Conservation



Maintenance

The story on the trails this year can be summed up in one word: TREES. All of the warm, wet weather and a few microbursts conspired to create the perfect environment for deadfall. Some of the deadfall was so bad that trails had to be closed while loggers cleaned up the damage. Thanks to good communication with landowners and a lot of hard working volunteers, we were able to keep the trails open and events running.

Thanks to a great group of 10 volunteers that showed up for a work day in June, the Rush Meadow Ring got some fence repairs and a lot of brush clearing. Our gratitude continually goes out to Jack Schofield and Amy Bresky for faithfully mowing the Ring. We are building a permanent mounting block to be installed at the Ring in honor of long-time member, Ellen Bartlett.



Repairs & Projects

A couple of trails are scheduled for significant repair either late this season or early next season to repair water damage. We are working with the town of Hartland on a significant repair of the Cady Brook Trail, as a beaver pond encroachment has undermined the road bed, causing holes to open up on a small section of the 2-mile trail.



Mapping

We are building a great map, slowly adding in trails over the years as our budget allows. Thanks to a generous donation from a landowner, we will now be able to fast-track that project and finish by the end of 2019. This map will be an asset to landowners, help us in emergencies, and make navigation much easier for everyone. This map is not published, though portions of it, stripped of landowner information, are used for our events.



Equestrian Trails Leadership

We published articles in Endurance News on the art and science of trail marking. Chelle presented this material at the Annual Convention of the American Endurance News Conference. Two additional articles, "Getting Real About Horses and Trails," and "Horses as Trail Users," were published in GMHA magazine and American Trails and have since been reprinted and used throughout the country by equestrian trail organizations as they advocate for trails in their region. We are speaking at the Vermont Outdoor Recreation Conference and the American Trails International Conference on the topic of horses on multi-use trails.



575 Miles

added in the last 2 years

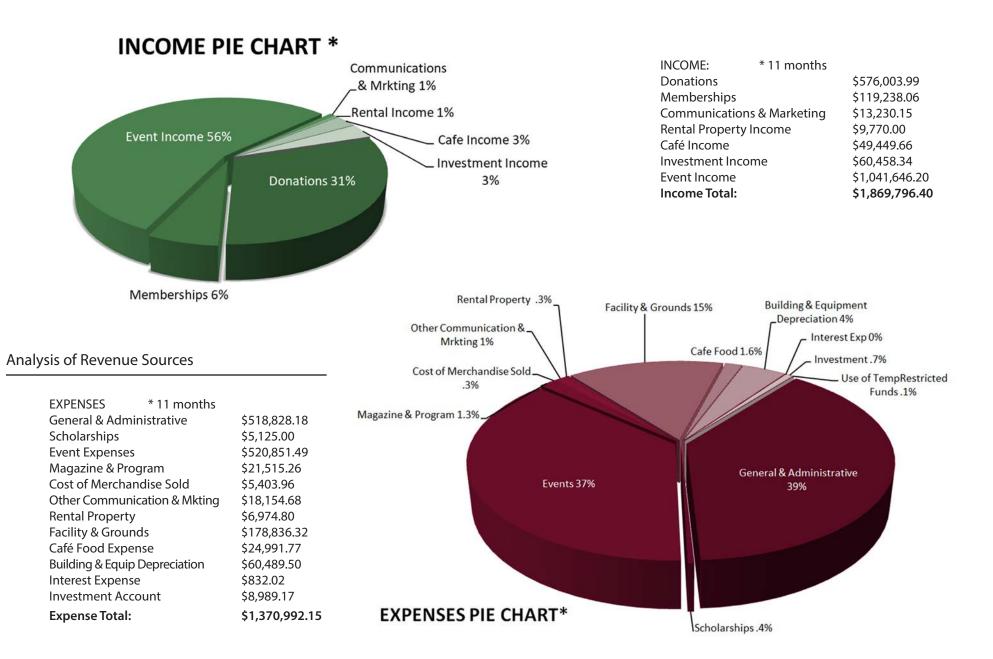
Added to our digital map

Collaboration with Ascutney Outdoors and the towns of West Windsor, Windsor and Weathersfield are underway as plans take shape for an enlarged multi-use trail system around Mount Ascutney. Our presence in this effort is ensuring that equestrian voices are heard as plans go forward. We have been working with state agencies, the Vermont Horse Council and other trail user groups on various multi-use trail projects around the state.

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