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## Hollis Equestrian Park News - Spring 2025

### Fun Show and Open House – April 26, 2025

Mark your calendars – HEP will be holding a Fun Show and Open House on Saturday April 26. This will be a multi-disciplinary and family-oriented event for all ages. We're looking forward to having people come visit the park, and all proceeds will go towards park maintenance and improvements.

#### Fun Show Activities

Classes will include games, pleasure and equitation, hunter classes, a trail course, and walk-trot as well as walk-trot-canter events. A flat rate of \$25 per horse & rider combo will allow entry into any class. This is a great opportunity to get your horse out to participate in some fun classes or just school on the grounds. A full class list, registration information and entry form available on the website [www.hollisequestrianpark.com](http://www.hollisequestrianpark.com)



#### Open House Activities

We'll have a food truck on the grounds, and a bake sale for goodies. Buy a ticket and a chance to win our 50/50 raffle! All proceeds from the bake sale and raffle will go towards

renovations.

### **Check Out The Manager's Booth!**

Highlight of the Open House will be showing off the Manager's booth. We've renovated the inside and (weather permitting) are planning a beautiful new look outside. The old, crumbling interior walls have been removed and things are looking pretty sharp . . . Please come and take a look!



### **Tack Swap**

Spring is a great time to clean out the barn. Bring your tack and other items for the tack swap. There's no charge to participate, but please bring your own table and chair(s). A good way to get rid of unused stuff and score some deals! Questions? Email HEP at [hollisequestrian@gmail.com](mailto:hollisequestrian@gmail.com) .

### **Support HEP – Become a Member**

Members are allowed to use the park any time it is not rented out. We keep the Calendar updated, so it's easy to see if it's available for member use.

#### **How much does a membership cost?**

- Youth \$15.00/year (riders under 18)
- Individual \$25.00/year
- Family \$40.00/year

Membership forms are available on HEP's [website](#). We are working on setting up on-line memberships; however, until that is available please print off a form and mail it in with a check.

### **Trails**

HEP is adjacent to the Massabesic Trail System – almost. There is a short trail that connects the park to the trails, with the entrance at the base of the jump course. For years, HEP maintained agreements with the abutting landowners to allow riders to pass through. However, these agreements have expired, property has changed hands, and it is now posted. The HEP Board of Directors needs to revisit and determine if trail access is still possible. In the meantime, we request that members please refrain from using the trails until things get sorted. Many thanks!



### Support the Park with a Sign!

Would you like to support HEP and become one of our valued sponsors? Sponsorship signs posted on the fence are a great way to advertise your business or organization. All we need is a business card or similar graphic, and we can have a durable sign made. The initial sponsorship ranges from \$125 to \$230 (depending on size) with annual \$100 renewal fee.



### 2025 Park Events

We are still taking bookings for the 2025 season. Presently (as of mid-March), the following dates are booked:

- HEP Fun Show and Open House – April 26
- American Saddlebred Association of Maine – May 4
- National Barrel Horse Association of Maine – May 10
- SMDA Schooling Show – May 18
- SMDA Schooling Show – July 13
- SMDA Schooling Show – August 2

- KKF Seacoast Classic Hunter Jumper Show – August 10
- 62nd Annual Highview Riding Club Horse Show – September 7
- SMDA Schooling Show – September 14

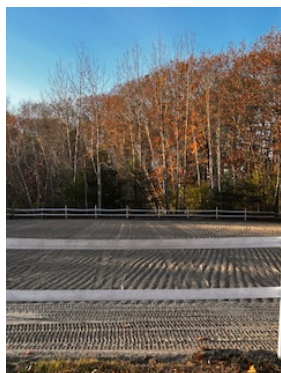
Interested in booking an event? Renting HEP is \$200 per day. Information and the booking contract are available on HEP's [website](#).

### **Sprucing up the Park**

It's an exciting time! Last fall we had a big and very successful clean-up day. With help from some hard-working volunteers we got busy:

- cleared brush and mowed the park edges
- dug out the corners, graded and leveled the main arena and warmup ring
- tore out the crumbling walls inside the Manager's Booth
- cleaned, painted, and installed rodent-proof screening in the bathrooms
- removed junk and made a long-overdue dump run!

Many thanks to Chris Ames, Nate Scammon, and Karl Gimpel, who donated their time, equipment, and expertise to help our Board Members and Volunteers make this happen.



### **Heartfelt Gratitude, and A New Beginning!**

For many years, the Hollis Equestrian Park (HEP) has been maintained by a small group of dedicated volunteers. We are so grateful to these wonderful ladies who gave so much to our community:

Bea MacDonald

Pat Cooper

Ellen Ross

Robyn Cuffey

But time has a way of marching on, and we are so pleased to announce a new generation has stepped in to spruce things up and keep the park going. The new officers and board are committed to

or all disciplines together.

## Meet the New Friends of Hollis Equestrian Park!

Fun facts about HEP:

- The HEP property is owned by the Town of Hollis
- The Friends of the Hollis Equestrian Park is a non-profit organization registered with the State of Maine.
- The Friends of the Hollis Equestrian Park has a multi-year lease with the Town of Hollis to operate and maintain the park.
- The Judge Booths and storage trailer are owned by State of Maine Dressage Association (SMDA), a regular user of the park.
- The Manager's Booth, jump equipment, barrels, drag and other fixtures and equipment are owned by HEP.

### Our Mission

The Friends of Hollis Equestrian Park is a group of volunteers that improves and maintains the Hollis Equestrian Park for other equestrians in the community. It is registered as a Maine non-profit organization.

### Current Officers and Board Members

#### President

Kristin Pretorius

#### Vice-President

Yvette Woodman

#### Treasurer

Deb Dubois

#### Secretary

Pat Hawley

#### Board Members

Susan Pendleton

Michael Pulsoni (Facilities Manager)

### Questions?

We love to get input from our members! If you have a question about your membership, renting the park, becoming a sponsor or any other information please reach out: [hollisequestrian@gmail.com](mailto:hollisequestrian@gmail.com)





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