

Buxmont Riding Club  
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## BY-LAWS



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## **THE HISTORY OF THE CLUB**

The Buxmont Riding Club was organized in the fall of 1944 by a group of horsemen who wanted to enlarge and expand their activities by including others interested in the sport. These first members were: Leon Baringer, Harry Barndt, Bernice Moyer, Lester Void, John Hager, Bill Kallensee, Sr., and Bill Meyers. As a result of their efforts, the first year's membership totaled \$140.00.

## **HIGHLIGHTS OF BUXMONT HORSE SHOWS**

The "Annual Buxmont Open Horse Show", first held in 1945, grew from a small, local show to the point where it was considered to be one of the outstanding shows in Eastern Pennsylvania. In 1963 there were 247 entrees from a tri-state area. This number increased yearly and in 1969, entries numbered approximately 475. Due to the state of the national economy, in 1973 the "Open Show" was eliminated and a third "Gymkhana" was added to the show season. Two "Junior Shows" were added in 1979 and the "Open Show" was reinstated. In 1988 a new class format was developed: the "Buxmont Horse Show and Gymkhana" which included three divisions English, Western, and Gymkhana. AT that time the "Open Show", the three individual "Gymkhanas", and the individual "Junior Shows" were eliminated. The "Buxmont Horse Show and Gymkhana" would be held a minimum of twice yearly.

This format continued into the 1990's. In 1992, one English/Western Show and two Gymkhanas were held. In 1993, one large Open Show, in affiliation with the Penn/Jersey Horse Show Association, and two Gymkhanas were held.

The club became a member of the Penn Jersey Horse Show Association in 1993 in the hopes of increasing exhibitor participation. The show was successful and it was decided that in 1994, one English Show and one Western Show, under Penn/jersey affiliation, would be held. No Gymkhanas were scheduled at this time due to lack of exhibitors.

In 1995 Gymkhanas were reinstated. There was a minimum of three shows held each year.

In 2003, the Club became "PAC" (Paint Horse Alternative Competition) approved. In the spring of 2004, both English and Western classes were reinstated. In addition, Gymkhanas were "spruced up" to include a variety of different games. 2004 was a very successful show year for the Club with entries totaling close to 100. Also in the spring of 2004, a food booth was erected in a location closer to the show ring. This proved to be successful as well.

## **HIGHLIGHTS IN THE CLUB'S HISTORY**

- 1945 First horse show and first banquet
- 1957 Moved the show ring from Perkasio to Hilltown
- 1958 Establishment of a Junior Trophy Competition based on a point accumulating in the award of a Championship and Reserve Trophy each year to the two junior members earning the highest number of points. The establishment of a spring and fall gymkhana.
- 1962 Purchase of 24 acres in Tylersport for permanent home for the club.
- 1965 Pavilion erected and well drilled in Tylersport
- 1966 Inaugurated Annual Quarter Horse Show
- 1968 Horse stabling facilitated erected by Club members; the purchase of a generator and pavilion wired for electricity
- 1972 Dedication of the Memorial Stone. Right of way sold to underground gas utility
- 1974 Show ring, secretary's booth, lighting system, toilet facilities completed.  
Cancellation of "Open Horse Show" indefinitely. Third Gymkhana added to the season.
- 1975 Kitchen facilities begun. Tenth annual Quarter Horse Show held at new facilities. Stable addition begun. Cancellation of lease for Hilltown grounds and show ring dismantled.
- 1978 Junior Show inaugurated. Gymkhana challenge trophy added.
- 1979 Junior challenge trophy added. Open shows reinstated.
- 1988-1992 Open Shows/gymkhana format and Junior shows discontinued.
- 1992 English/Western Shows (2) and Gymkhana (2) instituted
- 1994 English Show (1) and Western Show (1) under Penn/Jersey Horse Show Assoc. affiliation instituted. No gymkhanas scheduled (lack of exhibitors)
- 1995 Gymkhanas reinstated
- 2003 Parade Committee dissolved due to lack of interest
- 2003 New tractor purchased for club grounds
- 2003 Registered paint horses can accumulate points through APHA at Buxmont shows
- 2004 Open English & Western shows reinstated (5) per year
- 2004 Gymkhanas improved (to include a variety of classes show-by-show)
- 2004 Parking/drainage improved on club grounds
- 2004 New food booth constructed closer to the ring
- 2004 Approval for drilling of new well abstained
- 2005 Judges booth built
- 2006 Dining Pavilion built

- 2007 New Parking area built; started hosting NBHA Barrel Bash/BRC website created; BRC held 6 shows with a turn out of over 750 horses
- 2008 Parking area completed; Hosted 2 Penn Jersey Western shows; had a record turn out at the banquet at 225 in attendance
- 2009 Held tack swap; excavated area for practice area
- 2010 Added grit to the practice area; added 4 Driving shows, added a big billboard at the end of the ring, installed 5 new lights around the ring; Replaced speakers system; Replaced entrance way sign and landscaping done; this sign was donated by an anonymous Buxmont member. Record number of members at 332, and record number of horses over 1000 horses at the combined shows.
- 2011 New Shed to House the Electric Panel built
- 2012 Constructed New Secretary Booth
- 2013 New Underground Electrical Service
- 2013 Benefit Show for Emma Davies
- 2014 Benefit Show for Shawn Ventrola
- 2015 Construction of the New Food Booth
- 2016 Added the 3rd ring/mini ring
- 2017 Hosted a show in memory and honor of board member, George Burgess
- 2018 Purchased shed for the main ring to store jumps/obstacles
- 2018 New Fencing around the Main Ring from the George Burgess Show proceeds
- 2019 Benefit Show for Kevin Babington
- 2020 Benefit Show for the 4-H
- 2021 Benefit Show for Corrine Mininger
- 2021 Moved the YEA Banquet to the fall
- 2022 Introduced YEA Buy-Outs & Nominations
- 2022 Purchased new groomer for the rings

## PRESIDENTS

1945	Bernice Moyer
1946	Ross Welch
1947	Amandus Bergey
1948	Edward Glenn
1949	Charles Kerber
1950	Nick Feuchtmeyer
1951	Bert Hibler
1952	Lester Weigner
1953	Leon Baringer
1954	Oscar Johnson
1955	D.E. Henderson
1956	Franklin Fosbenner
1957	William C. Benner
1958	Stanley Gehman
1959	Lester Weigner
1960-1963	J. Stanley Foster
1963;1964	Ernst Yost
1965,1966	William Benner
1967,1968	Lester Weigner
1969,1970	Albert Wolf
1971, 1972	Ray Printz/Fran Grant
1973,1974	Luke Witts
1975,1976	Maurice Grant
1977,1978	Fran Grant/Jim Rhine
1979-1982	Jim Rhine
1983,1984	Linda Hedrick
1985-1988	William C. Benner
1989	Bunny Joseph
1990-1993	William C. Benner
1994-1997	Bob Holsonback
1998,1999	Don Ober
2000-2003	Skip Brandis
2004,2005	James Hicks
2006-2018	James Ford, Jr.
2019-	Jamie Landis

## **ARTICLE I- NAME AND PRINCIPAL LOCATION**

The name of the Riding Club shall be: Buxmont Riding Club, Inc. Its address is: 71 Clump Road, P.O. Box 113, Tylersport, PA 18971; e-mail:[buxmontridingclub@gmail.com](mailto:buxmontridingclub@gmail.com) or on the web at [www.buxmontridingclub.com](http://www.buxmontridingclub.com) ("Buxmont or the Club"), a non-profit organization chartered in 1945 under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

## **ARTICLE II – NON-PROFIT**

Buxmont Riding Club is a 501c(7) non-profit volunteer organization.

## **ARTICLE III – OBJECT**

The object of the Club shall be to foster and promote interest in horses, riding, and the showing of horses, as well as good fellowship among horse enthusiasts, in a safe manner.

## **ARTICLE IV – POLICIES AND PROCEDURES**

~~Section 1.~~ The board or a committee that was formed by the board, to govern rules or operating procedure, constructs the policies and procedures. The committee will submit the proposed changes to the board for a 2/3-majority vote for approval. Upon approval by the board, those rules or changes will be presented to the general membership for a 2/3-majority vote. If approved those changes will be submitted into the policies and procedures handbook and the changes will be made effective immediately. The board has the right to submit to the general membership amended and/or new policies for approval at any given time. Changes to the policies and procedures can be made at any time and can be changed by a 2/3 vote of the board at a regularly scheduled meeting and a 2/3 vote of membership present at the next regularly scheduled general meeting.

## **ARTICLE V ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES/ILLEGAL SUBSTANCES**

No alcoholic beverages, illegal substances or people under influence of either are permitted on club grounds.

## **ARTICLE VI – OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

### **Section 1. Board Members**

The Officers of the Club shall consist of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. There shall be seven (7) Directors; plus the immediate outgoing president. After 2 years the immediate outgoing president no longer holds a seat, unless elected into a board of directors position.

### **Section 2. Terms of Officers/Board Members**

The term of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer shall be two (2) years. The President and Treasurer shall be elected in the odd years and the Vice President and Secretary in the even years. The Directors shall serve for two (2) years, three (3) Directors being elected in the odd year, and (4) being elected in the even years. Terms of service for stated officers may be waived by a 2/3 majority vote of the members of the Board of Directors, on a motion, and with a 2/3 majority general membership present at any regularly scheduled Club meeting.

### **Section 3. Role of Officers**

The President shall preside at all meetings of the Club. The President shall be a member ex-officio of all committees except the Nominating Committee. She/he shall perform all duties involving the office of President. She/he shall assume office at the January General Meeting.

The Vice President shall preside at regular Club meetings in the absence or disability of the President. She/he shall assume office at the January General Meeting.

The Secretary shall record and retain the minutes of all business transacted by the Club. She/he shall sign all documents requiring the Club's signature along with the President, except checks as stated below. The Secretary is in charge of taking attendance at the meetings. She/he shall send out all notices to the membership authorized by the President and/or the Board of Directors. The Secretary's salary shall be \$125.00 per fiscal year, to be paid by the first of November (11/1) of that year. She/he shall assume office at the January General Meeting.

The Treasurer shall have care and custody of the Club's funds and shall cause the same to be deposited or held in the name of and for the account of the Club in a bank directed by the Board of Directors. The Treasurer shall, in general, do all things required by law to be done and shall render to the Board of Directors, upon demand or request, an account of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial condition of the Club. The Treasurer shall submit a monthly settlement to the Board of Directors and to Club membership at its regularly scheduled monthly meetings. The Club treasurer shall receive all monies paid into the Club and sign all checks for



disbursements with the additional signature of the President. The Treasurer's salary shall be \$125.00 per fiscal year, payable by the first of November (11/1) of that year. In an emergency situation, the Vice President can act on behalf of the Treasurer or President. She/he shall assume office at the January General Meeting.

Officers shall attend 75% of the scheduled meetings during the course of the Club's calendar year. Failure to attend the prescribed number of meetings will result in a discharge vote by the board. Occasional absences because of work, or personal/family medical emergency or illness **will** be allowed, but the person should notify the ~~Vice president~~ president and/or secretary in advance of the meeting.

## **ARTICLE VII - ELECTIONS**

A nominating committee composed of 3-5 members, NOT up for re-election or interested in running for an open position in the election, will be appointed at the August general meeting by the President. The nominating committee members will be responsible for acknowledging nominations for Open positions at the November meeting/election. By the September general meeting all open positions shall be announced and the entire membership will be notified by Buxmont Newsletter, Facebook, Website and email. Nominating committee members will notify the president of all nominations received until the Monday before the November general meeting/election. The week before the election the president will verify the eligibility requirement and contact each nominee to confirm that they accept their nomination. The president will give all the nominated names and positions to the secretary to create a ballot. An election will be held in person at the November General Meeting and all current members are welcome to attend and vote.

Voting shall be by confidential written ballot at the November meeting.

Nominations for all officers and directors may be made from the floor, prior to voting, provided that the nominee is eligible to hold office and the nominee has consented to serve.

A vacancy in any office during the year shall be filled by appointment of the Board of Directors, except that of President, which is automatically filled by the Vice President. In the event there are no qualified candidates seeking nomination, the Board of Directors may forgo the requirements and appoint a person to the vacant position. If there are multiple candidates that are being considered by the board, an interview process may be instituted to help choose the best candidate.

## **ARTICLE VIII - MEETINGS**

### **Section 1. Meetings of Members**

Regular Club meetings shall be held monthly, except with prior notice from the Board.

Ten (10) members shall constitute a quorum.

Special meetings may be called by the President or Board of Directors. Special meetings may also be called at the request of fifteen (15) Club members.

### **Section 2. Meetings of the Board of Directors**

The Board of Directors and Officers shall meet monthly.

A special meeting of the Board may be called by the President, or by request of two (2) members of the Board, upon notification of all Board members.

The Board shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Club and shall make recommendations to the Club at regular meetings for approval.

Each board member must choose a discipline(s) or area (such as the food booth) to serve with the entire year during and in preparation for shows.

Directors shall attend 75% of the scheduled meetings during the course of the Club's calendar year. Failure to attend the prescribed number of meetings will result in a discharge vote by the board. Occasional absences due to work, illness, medical or family emergency will be permitted, but the person should notify the president or secretary of their absence.

## **ARTICLE IX- PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

Buxmont Riding Club Rules of Order shall govern the Club in all cases to which they are applicable and not inconsistent with the Club By-Laws.

## **ARTICLE X- AMENDMENTS**

These By-Laws may be amended by a 2/3 vote of those present at a regular meeting, provided notice of the proposed amendments have been notified at least 5 (five) days prior to the date of the meeting to each member on the membership list of the club.