



# G.R.A.C.E.

Georgian Riding Association for Challenged Equestrians  
2025 WINTER NEWSLETTER



Our fall lessons have finished, and right on its hooves we have gone straight into winter riding!  
With the weather change, please remember to dress for warmth: insulated gloves and boots plus warm clothing that will not restrict movement.  
\*\*For safety reasons, classes may be cancelled (sometime with short notice) due to inclement weather.\*\*

**G.R.A.C.E hoodies are now in stock!**  
and are perfect for winter riding and supporting G.R.A.C.E.  
Hoodies are \$50 and are available in youth and adult sizes.  
Payment can be made in cash, cheque or by e-transfer.

**Fall Fundraising Update**  
Fall was a busy time at G.R.A.C.E for fundraising events in which over \$7,000.00 was raised.  
This year's Ride A Thom held at Dual Acres was a huge success with fabulous autumn weather and a great crowd. We could not have done so without the generosity from the hosts Durk and Alma DeVries.

The GRACE barn was a hopping as Tracy Paris (Country Kickers Line Dancing) led us through a night of quick steps and fellowship on Oct 26. A huge thank you to 4 Seasons Party Rental for their generous donation of the dance floor and to the volunteers and sponsors who made this evening such a hit.

Candle Barn sales -- G.R.A.C.E.'s first ever candle fund raiser in which we raised over \$500. The candles arrived just in time for Christmas.

**Our Generous Supporters**  
We are profoundly grateful for the generosity of our partners and sponsors. Your contributions have not only allowed us to achieve our goals as well plays a pivotal role in the success of our program.  
We are incredibly thankful for your ongoing involvement and support.

Bayshore Feeds  
Brian and Betty Wood  
The Horse Habit  
Gary and Dawn Welland  
Saultle River Farms  
Mary Ellen Black  
Kemble Lions Club  
Cobble Beach

**2025 Membership Fees**  
This year's membership fees are now due. Fees are \$30 per person/family and can be e-transferred to **info@graceriding.ca**

### Beyond the stable....

At G.R.A.C.E. we could not provide quality horse therapy without the support of dedicated Volunteers, Instructors and the Board of Directors.  
Volunteers bring a variety of skills, create a sense of community and strengthen the organization by bringing awareness to what we do.  
Volunteers engage from the heart by helping riders learn new skills, explore interests and discover talents.

We'd like to acknowledge our key Volunteers for their extraordinary contributions.

**G.R.A.C.E Instructors:**  
Martha Cruickshank  
Nancy Wilson  
Madison Thompson  
Annalea Cruickshank  
Renee Robbins

**Board of Directors**  
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## Volunteers Needed

"The best place to find a helping hand is at the end of your arm."

We are currently looking to expand our volunteer program.

For further information please contact:

Annalea Cruickshank at [kemblehorses@gmail.com](mailto:kemblehorses@gmail.com)

### Horse Facts .... did you know?

Horses have the largest eyes of any land mammal. Their eyes are positioned on the sides of their heads, giving them a wide field of vision of almost 360 degrees. They can also see well in the dark but have difficulty in distinguishing colours.



### Save the Date

G.R.A.C.E. Annual General Meeting will be held on Thursday April 17, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

Further details to follow.

### Our Mission

To promote, support and encourage individuals of all ages with physical, mental and/or emotional challenges by offering non-profit equestrian programs that enhance individual development, socialization and integration in the community.

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