



Bennett's Riding Stables

Bonnie Bennett & Larry Bennett - Owners

Success Magazine: How long has Bennett's Riding Stables been in business?

Larry Bennett: My uncle Willis started Bennett's Stables in 1942. We are in our sixty-ninth year as a business.

SM: How did the two of you get into this business?

LB: My uncle asked me to work with him when I was just eleven years old, and I have worked with Bennett's Stables since. In 1989 my uncle retired and Bonnie, my wife, decided to take over the business, and has done an excellent job running the stables since. I became a teacher in Glens Falls and later the town supervisor of Lake Luzerne, a position I held for eight years. Bonnie has worked full-time at the riding stables all of these years and is responsible for building the business to its present excellent status.

Bonnie Bennett: I could not let the business fail. I love horses and I wanted to give others the opportunity to spend time with these amazing animals and appreciate them the way I do. We have worked very hard to develop the 176 acres that we own and to ensure that we provide a wonderful family experience for all who come to our Beech Mountain.

SM: What is the most rewarding aspect of owning a family-friendly riding stable?

LB: The horses—they are our family. We are so fortunate that we still have three horses from our original herd in 1989. We treat them as if they were our children. Bonnie only hires genuine horse lovers; responsible employees who ensure the safety of our guest riders at all times. They are like family as well.

SM: You offer a sunset dinner ride to Beech Mountain. What does this entail and why should potential clients choose this option?

BB: We offer the sunset dinner ride to our Beech Mountain to extend the riding day and give our clients the opportunity to enjoy a beautiful mountaintop view of Lake Vanare and Fourth Lake. We offer a wonderful BBQ dinner that my son, Jeff, prepares for our guests. Everyone loves it.

SM: Bonnie, what other business ventures have you developed?

BB: Three years ago we took on the management of another stable, at Wild West. We also developed Lake Vanare's snowmobile rentals for our horse trails in the winter. This expansion gave us an opportunity to maintain our horseback summer staff during the winter months. It also helped to introduce another stream of income for our company.

SM: Larry, you have had a blessed life. Why do you think this is the case?

LB: I come from a large family of nine brothers and sisters. I worked hard for my uncle Willie and learned so much from him—he was my hero. I did not have much growing up, but was blessed with a wonderful family. All of my children have gone to college on scholarships and have become successful in their own right. God has been watching over us and sees our hard work.

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Since 1942

Open Year Round
Open Daily - Summer 9am - 5pm
Weekends - Spring & Fall 10am - 4pm
Weekdays Spring, Fall & Winter by reservation

- Junior Trail Rides
- Guided Trail Rides 1 hour all day (no reservation needed for 1 hour trail ride)
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