



Great Lakes Distance Riding Association Hoof Beats Newsletter

Spring/Summer 2018

Letter from the President

Hello everyone,

Will summer ever get here? Or should I not taunt el sol? I just heard that we have not had 3 consecutive days of no precipitation in several months. Well at least there has been water on the trails. I am talking about the weather because there is nothing I can do about it.



The same cannot be said for our club. Following this brief note is a very good article by Mindy Nagy that I think everyone should read. We, as an organization are experiencing a significant fall off in members helping the rest have fun. This is a dire need that we can remedy and must.

As you may know we have lost the Shore2shore ride with Bruce, an exemplary example of helpfulness, deciding to retire from management. We are hoping to resurrect it and may need to split up the days for a tag team of managers. Another triad of rides that are in need of an investment of time and energy are the recently improved ride; the White River, spring, summer and fall. Kari Hanes has stepped down from management. Becke Grams has agreed to manage the rides for this year. But next year we will need to keep these rides going, if not we will have lost 13 of 29 ride days. That is nearly 45%. That will cut into a lot of fun.

With that information, I would ask all members to see if they can find the time to spend at least one day at one ride to help the management so we can continue this sport and learn what it takes to manage a ride. Perhaps even a few could put together the resources to eventually manage a ride (or two). I am certain the experienced managers will answer any question, help with ideas or give guidance in how they, well, managed.

That's all for now, see you on the trail or at the camp!

Carl Dosmann

A Call for Volunteers

By Mindy Nagy

Great Lakes Distance Riding Association (GLDRA) functions solely on volunteers! When we speak of volunteers in distance riding, most people think of all the wonderful volunteers at the rides. Those are very valuable volunteers, but did you know that our ride managers, committee and board members volunteer their time as well? Our current volunteer base is comprised of members that have been maintaining the sport for a few months to 20+ years, with most in the 20+ year category.

This will be my third year as a ride manager, and my third year attending GLDRA board meetings. While I have not been present for all of them, the general feeling I have seen from those who have been volunteering their time for 20+ years are getting tired, and rightfully so! Our board and committees have worked very hard for GLDRA members for many years, putting in countless volunteer hours to make sure we have a ride season every year. While not all are ready to hand over their responsibilities, I do believe it is time for new volunteers to start showing an interest in these roles. It is time for younger volunteers to start filtering in and learn from our board and committees so we may continue when they are ready to hand it over.

It can certainly be intimidating to take on the responsibilities of being a ride manager, or a committee/board member role in an organization that has been around for many years. I did it not that long ago! The wonderful thing about this organization is we are distance riders, and we love to help people. There are people who will answer your questions about a position and mentor you to help ease the transition into that role. Take advantage of all the knowledge we have from our experienced managers/committee/board members.

If you have been considering the idea of giving back a little more to this wonderful sport, beyond volunteering at rides, this is your chance to step up. This is the time to try and make a difference. Now is the time to contribute to the future of GLDRA! There are many ways to volunteer: ride management, committee member, and board member or even just coming to board meetings and offering opinions. Did you know that any current GLDRA member could come to board meetings and offer opinions on items discussed? That is one of your perks/rights as a member of GLDRA and a good way to see how the meetings are run and the positions that are available. Even if you are not ready to take on an official role, but still want to do more for the association, please reach out and I'm sure there is a way to help!



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Ride Results

Brighton Spring Ride

Saturday, April 13, 2019

Competitive

Distance 25

Heavyweight

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Debby	Searle	WOA Ravens Premier	Half Arabian	Completion	359	11.0		1	
Denis	Cook ef	Harley	Unknown	Pulled		0.0		dn	

Lightweight

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Taylor	Walker	Phantomz Mirazh	Half Arabian	Completion	370	11.0		1	
Miran	Miller da	Brittany Rolschedice+	Half Arabian	Completion	367	10.0		2	

Distance 35

Heavyweight

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Diane	Maxey	LW Constant Sohn	Half Arabian	Completion	360	15.4		1	

Lightweight

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Diane	Meinders	Yo Dusty	Grade	Completion	352	15.4		1	

Novice

Distance 15

Novice

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Amanda	Clarke	Gilly	Other	Completion		0.0			
Sarah	George	Diego	Other	Completion		0.0			
Katie	Hamilton	Fireman	Other	Completion		0.0			
Lauren	Merkle	Tinker	Other	Completion		0.0			
Cindy	Milligan	Grace	Other	Completion		0.0			
Alicia	Smith	Sutherland Farms	Other	Completion		0.0			
Lauren	Watson	Stormy Lil Dreamer	Other	Miles Only		0.0			
Jan	Wylie	Dose	Other	Miles Only		0.0			

Ride Date: 4/14/2019

Sunday, April 14, 2019

Competitive

Distance 25

Heavyweight

		Horse			Score	Points	BC	Place	Ride Time
Sandr a	Wright	LW Raajs Chip	Half Arabian	Completion	371	11.0		1	
Diane	Maxey	LW Constant Sohn	Half Arabian	Completion	342	10.0		2	

Lightweight

		Horse			Score	Points	BC	Place	Ride Time
Diane	Meinder s	Lumiere WW	Arabian	Completion	343	11.0		1	

Novice

Distance 15

Novice

		Horse			Score	Points	BC	Place	Ride Time
Shae	Manning	Jiminey	Other	Completion		0.0			
Amy	McKenn a	Quantum Chromatic	Other	Miles Only		0.0			
Mindy	Nagy	Braveheart of Victory	Arabian	Completion		0.0			
Jennif er	Shoosha nian	Sammy	Other	Miles Only		0.0			
Grace	Willer	MHMF Belle Star	Other	Completion		0.0			

White River Spring

Saturday, May 4, 2019

Competitive

Distance 25

Heavyweight

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Sandra Wright		LW Raajs Chip	Half Arabian	Completion	324	11.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	

Junior

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Abigail Moorhou		Shaheen El Hilal A	Arabian	Completion	309	11.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	

Lightweight

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Jan Wylie		Dose	Other	Completion	344	11.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	
Lauren Watson		Stormy	Other	Completion	292	10.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	

Endurance

Distance 50

Heavyweight

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Alex Uspenski		Marton	Other	Completion	730	22.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	6:40
Mary Mast		Synonym	Other	Completion		20.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	8:52

Lightweight

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Linda Hamrick		RTM First In Line	Half Arabian	Completion		22.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	6:22
Frank Kelly		SR Ima Bit Omagic	Other	Completion		22.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	6:22
Helen Lynn		Pipers Prime Time	Other	Completion	729	22.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	6:22
Amy Yatsko		Meritage MHF	Other	Completion		16.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	8:52
Shelby Moucha		Morning Glory	Other	Pulled		0.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	dnf	

Limited Endurance

Distance 25

Junior

		<u>Horse</u>			<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Isabell Moorhou		Awana Lexicor	Other	Completion	537	11.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	4:08

Senior

<u>Horse</u>					<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Diane Maxey	LW Constant Sohn	Half Arabian	Completion		652	11.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1	2:58
Pam Darga	Ecliptic Azraff	Other	Completion		646	10.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	3:08
Jennife Shooshan	Sammy	Other	Completion			9.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	3:37
Cheryl Fenton	SAS Rodeo Drive	Other	Completion			8.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	3:38
Alicia Smith	Sutherland Farms A	Other	Completion		630	7.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	3:38
Amand Clarke	Gilly	Other	Completion		517	6.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	3:41
Marge Dixon	Kenlyn Lexus	Arabian	Completion			5.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	C	4:43
Samat Kraker	Luna	Other	Completion			5.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	C	4:08
Noelle Snyder	KW Farih Magic	Arabian	Completion			5.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	C	4:41
Lisa Moorhou	WR Darkmoon Dan	Arabian	Completion		639	5.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	C	4:08
Bill Gage	DJ's Double O Seve	Other	Pulled			0.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	dnf	
Robert Harms	Lady Jane	Half Arabian	Pulled			0.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	dnf	
Leah Palestran	Central Park CCF	Arabian	Pulled			0.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	dnf	

White River Spring

Sunday, May 5, 2019

Competitive

Distance 25

Heavyweight

<u>Horse</u>					<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Ken Wright	LW Raajs Chip	Half Arabian	Completion		360	11.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	

Lightweight

<u>Horse</u>					<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Taylor Walker	Phantomz Mirazh	Half Arabian	Completion		355	11.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	
Lisa Germann	Brittany Rolsthedice	Half Arabian	Completion		340	10.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	2	

Limited Endurance

Distance 25

Senior

<u>Horse</u>					<u>Score</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>BC</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Ride Time</u>
Helen Lynn	DJs Yo-She	Other	Completion			11.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	1	1:27
Bill Gage	Quick Sand Susie	Other	Completion		735	10.0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2	1:32
Pam Darga	Ecliptic Azraff	Arabian	Completion		711	9.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	3	1:34
Don Fehrs	Doppler	Other	Completion			8.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	4	1:37
Lisa Moorhou	WR Darkmoon Dan	Arabian	Completion		644	7.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	5	2:02
Linda Hamrick	Cash	Grade	Completion			6.0	<input type="checkbox"/>	6	2:03

Connie's Story



My story with Connie started at the Tin Cup Ride in 2013. My first endurance horse had to be retired after getting me started in a new sport and the young horse I was starting at the time had decided that she would rather eject me when the mood struck than go down the trail. Many bruises and broken ribs later and I realized I was spending more time healing than riding. Becke Grams, the manager of the Tin Cup Ride told me to look at a group of rescue horses in the area. I later heard that they were relinquished from a breeding farm that flooded and a half dozen or so were skeletal. Becke had rescued one of these horses (LW Classic Diamond) and spent the summer putting weight on Diamond. Diamond had a sister that Becke felt would be perfect for me. Off I went to see LW Constant Sohn. Becke and I could not get close to catching her but I loved her trot as she was moving out of our reach. I told Becke give me a call if she was captured. Becke gave me that call but in the mean- time Connie had shimmied under the fence and was running free. Becke tracked her for thirty miles and captured her. The good news was that Connie loved to move down the trail. I finally got to pick up my new "endurance prospect" a few days later.

Our next hurdle was teaching Connie to trust. At one point she lost her halter and I spent two months trying to unsuccessfully get a new one on her while she lived in my round pen. Eventually she would let me touch her as long as I had nothing in my hands. After a while I started to move her grain further into the barn until I could shut the door. Slowly she learned to trust me. At this time I was having medical problems and not riding so I was able devote more time to her.

I soon found out that just because I could pick up her feet did not mean that a farrier could as well. She was so terrified that she would throw herself on the ground or sit back. I went through several farriers due to this, including an

Amish farrier who sedated and put her in stocks, only to discover in the end that he could only complete her front feet. After that I paid another farrier to come every week or two until she would stand to have her feet handled.

Training to ride was next on our list. Although she was twelve, she had not ever had a saddle put on her back. I took her to a trainer that specialized in trail horses. I explained her background and told them that once afraid she loses her mind. He spent a lot of time exposing her to a variety of obstacles on the trail. Soon I was riding Connie twice a week with the trainer on the trail. At first, she was even afraid of her own shadow with a rider. I was not used to riding a horse whose confidence came only from her rider. As I learned to be more confident, she learned how to handle her fears more calmly. Still her biggest fear was encountering any other horse on the trail, especially if she did not know them. This trait made my first distance rides an adventure.

We started conditioning with a good base of being ridden daily at training. Each day she would take a few miles to gain confidence. No one around us could use crops or swing ropes or approach too closely. Now today Connie is so used to me tacking up and leaving something dangling that she accepts my errors calmly and just waits for me to figure it out. With a lot of patience and time Connie has now become the quiet horse that gives green horses a calming leader. She can now lead, follow or be in the middle of the pack.

The first years of competition we did both limited distance and competitive trail. However, Connie started having lameness issues. She would do well at the first couple of rides and then be off almost every ride afterwards by the first vet check. Finally, I determined her issues were with her feet and reluctantly fired the farrier that taught her to stand but could not get her hoof angles correct. I contacted farrier Doug VanderWoude who trimmed her to support her dropped shoulder and corrected her hoof angles. This allowed me time to strengthen her weak side until she became balanced. To do this I had to learn techniques to keep Connie balanced. Eventually Doug even managed to get shoes on her but only on the front feet.



For the 2017 ride year we decided to concentrate on competitive trail. Connie excels at this discipline with good P/R recoveries. We went down the trail for over 400 miles including 150 miles at Shore to Shore. The hardest part of competitive trail for Connie are the trot outs, which she hates. She resists them as she does not see any point in hurrying just to come right back to the starting point. I'm certain that she feels, if her rider cannot run faster than she

can walk then why should she trot? This rider has not been able to convince her otherwise. Connie had a great season and ended the season as 2017 GLDRA and UMECRA champion and AHDRA high point Half Arabian.

2018 started at the Brighton Spring CTR by doing a 35-mile competitive ride on Saturday and 25-mile competitive ride on Sunday. She finished at the top for the weekend. So of course, I decided to switch to LDs just for fun. We completed nearly another 400 miles including 125 miles at Shore to Shore during the season.

While at S2S she rolled on the picket line and got it so wrapped around her leg that it took 3 people to cut her free and get her on her feet again. She had a couple of scratches and scabs but went down the SRS trail for four more days. We were GLDRA grand champion for 2018 and Best Condition for limited distance as well as UMECRA reserve champions in LD as well.

The end of the 2018 season culminated with Connie being qualified in 2018 for the Arabian Horse Association Nationals for competitive trail. So, we decided to take the challenge and traveled to Henryville, Indiana in the pouring rain. I was nervous after hearing that the trails were incredibly difficult. The competition was going to be 40 miles in one day which was further than either of us had ever gone before. The management of the AHA Nationals set the pace at a stiff six miles an hour which was faster than some of the top ten 50-mile endurance riders had traveled on the same trail the day before. The trails were muddy on top of being steeper than any we had encountered before. I was just hoping to complete. Thankfully, I met up and rode with several other Michigan riders and we helped each other through the difficult course. The four of us kept each other at a pace that allowed us to barely finish on time, but we all completed. The surprise was that Connie and I were reserve grand champion in the Half Arabian division!



Connie is 17 years old this year but I hope we have a lot more trails in our future. Looking forward to seeing old friends and to ride with new ones.

Submitted by Lisa Germann

Great Lakes Distance Riding Association Membership Application

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FEE: \$30 _____

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Name of Horse Owner: _____

FEE \$30 _____

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