



Great Lakes Distance Riding Association Newsletter November 2025



The final GLDRA ride of 2025, Oak Leaf Run. The good weather continued for this ride with NO RAIN! Barb Kurti thanks the numerous volunteers who helped make Oak Leaf a success. The camaraderie and support was felt by all who attended.

* Photos pictured here were taken by Teresa Mulherin.*

Linda, Deb and Jan support rider Dawn and horse Bailey during their first 50 mile CTR! Congrats to Dawn for an outstanding finish.



Ride secretary Jennifer Shooshanian and her horse Faro enjoying the trail, through the ear of Teresa's horse Bean.



SAVE THE DATE- January 31, 2026

Board meeting, general membership meeting, awards, silent auction and MORE!

Doherty Hotel, Clare, MI

At this year's banquet we will need to elect a President, Vice President, Veterinary Rep, Member at Large, a one-year position for rider rep and a two-year rider rep. For the Finance Committee, we will need two two-year positions, and a one-year position.

Diane Meinders is also looking to pass the torch to an individual willing to take on Promotions.

The Treasurer and Secretary positions are appointed by the board. The remaining positions are volunteer positions.

Please take an opportunity and consider if you'd like to help with board positions. It truly takes a village to help run endurance rides, and having an executive board is no different. Many of the positions don't require too much extra time, but are important to complete the team to keep GLDRA functioning.

ANNUAL MEETING

PLEASE KEEP AN EYE ON THE NEXT NEWSLETTER FOR BYLAW CHANGES!!!

These will be voted on at the annual meeting.

IMPORTANT HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS!!!!

If you'd like to nominate a person or horse for the Hall of Fame, nominations need to be made prior to the banquet! Submissions need to be sent to

Kathy Macki at k_macki@yahoo.com. See description below:

Hall of Fame (Horse & Person): The *Hall of Fame Award* was started by *Ted and Holly Palmer-Chaff* in 1984. They donated a silver trophy bowl that is engraved with the winners, who were nominated and voted on by the general membership at the annual meeting. The nominees were to be the ones that have made an outstanding contribution to distance riding during either a long period of time or an outstanding achievement in one year. This is to be a traveling trophy brought back annually and given to the next winners. A committee met in 1992 and recommended these guidelines be put into effect in 1993. Nominations are to be written and publicized at the annual meeting. This could be done with handouts or posters. The candidates should be informed in advance. *Statement of Intent:*

- The purpose of the *Great Lakes Distance Riding Association Hall of Fame* is to honor

persons and/or horses selected to this position for their outstanding achievements accomplished in this sport.

Criteria:

Individuals voting for these nominees should not take the above statement lightly. Time and consideration need to be given to the performances of those nominated to the *Hall of Fame*. The votes cast for those nominated should not be spur-of-the-moment decisions or voted for because of sentimental reasons, nor be a popularity contest. This committee has adopted the following guidelines, which may apply to humans or animals.

- 1. Should have accomplished some MAJOR goals in the sport.
- 2. Should have returned something to the sport (time, competition, etc.)
- 3. Consistently shows top performance.
- 4. Accumulated a fair amount of mileage in competition.
- 5. Must be a member of *GLDRA* in the years nominated.



Barb Kurti is looking for people to join a Ride Manager support group. Group members are people who are interested in helping support an endurance ride. Tasks include marking trails, learning how to submit ride results, how to be a ride secretary, helping with meals for volunteers, and any other support given to ride managers. If you'd like to be a part of this, please send an email to Barb at oakleafmun@gmail.com to be added to the group.

Are you looking to sport some GLDRA wearables?! Check out the NEW SWAG store, now live and ready for your custom order! Here's the link below:

<https://greatlakesdistanceridingassoc.itemorder.com/shop/home/>



RESULTS

Oak Leaf Run

Saturday, October 11, 2025

Competitive Distance 25

Heavyweight

1. Jeann Aslakson GF Midnight

Lightweight

1. Jessica Banner Whiskey Ginger
2. Aurora Walsh Win D Prado
3. Sara Hall WP Yippe Ki Yay
4. Jan Wylie Dose

Competitive Distance 50

Lightweight

1. Dawn Bouwka Bailey

Endurance Distance 50

Heavyweight

1. Damar Smith Joker's Wild Streak
2. Steph Boomgaard Arceus SS

Limited Endurance Distance 25

Junior

1. Nafiseh Seraji- Auburn TH

Senior

1. Diane Maxey Al-Marah Fox
2. Linda Hamrick Cash
3. Andre Kulhawi NS Oakley B
4. Kendr Hutchins Kooper
5. Soray Saatchi DD Whooz
6. Diann Linnell Omar
7. Chery Fenton Gemma

8. Julie Kradel Tir na nOg
9. Kriste Moody Fable
10. Leah Palestra PA Bravos
11. Debby Searle Donut
12. Emily Seidler MB Angel Bask
13. Jennifer Shoosha Faro
14. Audre McMurry Rockin T Rusty
Sarah Bobeldy Fabio dnf

Connie Meekhof Sinan Starr Pearl

Novice Distance 15

1. Becky Bond Chic Gotme Blue
2. Britta Herrick Timmy
3. Came Lloyd Crystal
4. Heath Neal Oscar On Duty
5. Anna Nelson Kaine
6. Jamie Tuttle Arion
7. Lexi Underhill Callisto

Sunday, October 12, 2025

Competitive Distance 25

Heavyweight

1. Damaris Smith Firelily Moon River

Lightweight

1. Sara Hall WP Yippe Ki Yay
2. Jessica Banner Whiskey Ginger

Limited Endurance

Distance 25 Senior

1. Ann Bogan Dun It
2. Leah Palestra PA Bravos
3. Debby Searle Donut

Novice Distance 15

1. Heath Neal Oscar On Duty
 2. Anna Nelson Kaine
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FINAL POINT STANDINGS (ALL RIDERS)

Competitive

Competitive Heavyweight Smith Damaris Firelily Moon River (7 rides) 0.0 185.0 81.4
Competitive Heavyweight Aslakson Jeanne GF Midnight Confession (7 rides) 0.0 185.0 80.4
Competitive Heavyweight Wright Sandra LW Raajas Chip (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 11.0
Competitive Heavyweight Smith Damaris Joker's Wild Streak (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 11.0
Competitive Heavyweight Bond Becky Quincey QT (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 10.0
Competitive Heavyweight Wright Ken MSU Soitgoes (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 10.0

Competitive Junior Werner Lauren MMF Hot Coco (4 rides) 0.0 100.0 44.0
Competitive Junior Moorhouse Abigail Rhock Slide (2 rides) 0.0 55.0 24.2

Competitive Lightweight Hall Sara WP Yippe Ki Yay (14 rides) 0.0 360.0 151.4
Competitive Lightweight Bouwkamp Dawn Bailey (9 rides) 0.0 215.0 85.4
Competitive Lightweight Banner Jessica Whiskey Ginger (9 rides) 0.0 210.0 80.2
Competitive Lightweight Walsh Aurora Win D Prado (8 rides) 0.0 190.0 76.0
Competitive Lightweight Wylie Jan Dose (4 rides) 0.0 100.0 40.0
Competitive Lightweight Moorhouse Lisa LSA Dark Son Rising (2 rides) 0.0 55.0 24.2
Competitive Lightweight Bogan Ann Dun It (1 ride) 0.0 30.0 9.6

Endurance

Endurance Heavyweight Smith Damaris Joker's Wild Streak (6 rides) 8.0 300.0 126.0
Endurance Heavyweight Boomgaard Stephanie Arceus SS (3 rides) 0.0 150.0 60.0
Endurance Heavyweight Saatchi Soraya Fadjuraba (1 ride) 0.0 50.0 20.0

Endurance Lightweight Meinders Diane Yo Dusty (6 rides) 4.0 300.0 132.0
Endurance Lightweight Meinders Diane Lumiere WW (5 rides) 8.0 250.0 110.0
Endurance Lightweight Bahrman Karen Westwind Little Big Man (5 rides) 4.0 210.0 79.8
Endurance Lightweight Maas Wendy FT Firestorm (1 ride) 0.0 55.0 24.2
Endurance Lightweight Shooshania Jennifer Al-Marah Fox Romeo (1 ride) 0.0 50.0 22.0
Endurance Lightweight Hamrick Linda Cash (1 ride) 0.0 50.0 16.0

Limited Endurance

Limited Endurance Junior Jarvi Ilona Mandalorian Pride (4 rides) 0.0 115.0 43.0
Limited Endurance Junior Seraji- Nafiseh DD Whooz Nadirah (2 rides) 0.0 55.0 22.2
Limited Endurance Junior Afshari Yoss Auburn TH (1 ride) 0.0 30.0 13.2

Limited Endurance Junior Jarvi Ilona Trinadee (1 ride) 0.0 30.0 12.0
 Limited Endurance Junior Seraji- Nafiseh Auburn TH (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 11.0
 Limited Endurance Junior Moorhouse Isabella LW Constant Sohn (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 10.0
 Limited Endurance Junior Werner Lauren MMF Hot Coco (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 10.0
 Limited Endurance Junior Afshari Yoss Wish (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 8.0

Limited Endurance Senior Maxey Diane Al-Marah Fox Romeo (11 rides) 4.0 240.0 94.6
 Limited Endurance Senior Hamrick Linda Cash (7 rides) 0.0 195.0 72.0
 Limited Endurance Senior Jarvi Karen Sony De Mayo Rose (5 rides) 0.0 145.0 41.0
 Limited Endurance Senior Bogan Ann Dun It (4 rides) 0.0 105.0 36.0
 Limited Endurance Senior Germann Lisa Ainia DCR (Eve) (5 rides) 0.0 130.0 29.6
 Limited Endurance Senior Werner Lauren Gerry With A G (2 rides) 0.0 60.0 25.2
 Limited Endurance Senior Kradel Julie Tir na nOg (4 rides) 0.0 75.0 19.0
 Limited Endurance Senior McMurry Audrey Rusty (3 rides) 0.0 80.0 18.4
 Limited Endurance Senior Saatchi Soraya Fadjuraba (2 rides) 1.0 55.0 17.8
 Limited Endurance Senior Neuhoff Kathleen Mystique Rose (2 rides) 0.0 50.0 17.0
 Limited Endurance Senior Shooshania Jennifer Faro (2 rides) 0.0 55.0 13.4
 Limited Endurance Senior Talaski Chelsea LW Constant Sohn (1 ride) 1.0 30.0 12.0
 Limited Endurance Senior Maxey Diane LW Constant Sohn (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 11.0
 Limited Endurance Senior Wylie Jan Dose (1 ride) 1.0 25.0 11.0
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 Limited Endurance Senior Shooshania Jennifer Al-Marah Fox Romeo (1 ride) 0.0 30.0 9.6
 Limited Endurance Senior Maas Wendy FT Firestorm (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 9.0
 Limited Endurance Senior Bahrman Karen Edgefield Triton (1 ride) 0.0 30.0 7.2
 Limited Endurance Senior Saatchi Soraya DD Whooz Nadirah (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 7.0
 Limited Endurance Senior Maas Wendy Renegade Raja (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 6.0
 Limited Endurance Senior Kurti Barbara Ayman Al Shaqab (2 rides) 0.0 25.0 5.0
 Limited Endurance Senior Rose Carole Sunna Dawn (2 rides) 0.0 25.0 5.0
 Limited Endurance Senior McMurry Audrey Rockin T Rusty Kid (1 ride) 0.0 25.0 5.0

Novice/Intro

Novice Novice Neal Heather Oscar On Duty (7 rides) 0.0 105.0 0.0
 Novice Novice Lloyd Cameron Crystal (5 rides) 0.0 75.0 0.0
 Novice Novice Bond Becky Chic Gotme Blue (3 rides) 0.0 45.0 0.0
 Novice Novice Kradel Julie Tir na nOg (4 rides) 0.0 55.0 0.0
 Novice Novice Jensen Amber Hatiums Legacy (4 rides) 0.0 55.0 0.0
 Novice Novice Wylie Jan Dose (2 rides) 0.0 30.0 0.0
 Novice Novice Bhagat Poorna Sassy Lassy (Jewel) (2 rides) 0.0 30.0 0.0
 Novice Novice Bogan Ann Dun It (2 rides) 0.0 30.0 0.0
 Novice Novice Kradel Julie Duchess of Leelanau (1 ride) 0.0 15.0 0.0

Novice Novice Stafford Heather AflameM (Enzo) (2 rides) 0.0 25.0 0.0

**PLEASE CONTACT KATHY MACKI WITH ANY QUESTIONS ON THESE
STANDINGS. THESE ARE THE FINAL STANDINGS AND IF YOU HAVE
QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT ASAP. WE WILL NOT MAKE CHANGES AFTER
DECEMBER 1, 2025.**

FINAL POINT STANDINGS FOR 2025 YEAR END AWARDS

HEAVYWEIGHT EXTENDED DISTANCE COMP

No one qualified

HEAVYWEIGHT RESTRICTED DISTANCE COMP

- 1 (Grand Champion) Smith Damaris Firelily Moon River (7 rides) 0.0 185.0 81.4
- 2 (Res. Gr. Champion) Aslakson Jeanne GF Midnight Confession (7 rides) 0.0 185.0 80.4

LIGHTWEIGHT EXTENDED DISTANCE COMP

- 1 (Grand Champion) Hall Sara WP Yippe Ki Yay (14 rides) 0.0 360.0 151.4
- 2 (Res. Gr. Champion) Bouwkamp Dawn Bailey (9 rides) 0.0 215.0 85.4
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JUNIOR COMP

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JUNIOR EXTENDED DISTANCE ENDURANCE

No one qualified

LIGHTWEIGHT EXTENDED DISTANCE ENDURANCE

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LIMITED DISTANCE JUNIOR

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- 1 (Grand Champion) Maxey Diane Al-Marah Fox Romeo (11 rides) 4.0 240.0 94.6
- 2 (Res. Gr. Champion) Hamrick Linda Cash (7 rides) 0.0 195.0 72.0
- 3 Jarvi Karen Sony De Mayo Rose (5 rides) 0.0 145.0 41.0
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BEST CONDITION

BEST CONDITION – EXTENDED DISTANCE

DIANE MEINDERS – LUMIERE WW 1472.3

BEST CONDITION – RESTRICTED MILEAGE

JOKER’S WILD STREAK 1457.3

BEST CONDITION – LIMITED DISTANCE

DIANE MAXEY – AL-MARAH FOX ROMEO 1342.5

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR

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LEGEND AWARD

Lumiere WW 600 Miles

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2025 Board Members

President- Jan Wylie
Vice President: Barb Kurti
Secretary: Jennifer Shooshanian
Treasurer: Kristen Mikula
Member at Large: Layla Saatchi
Rider Reps: Audry McMurry,
Stephanie Boomgaard
Newsletter: Sara Hall
Webmaster: Heather Stafford
Points Keeper: Kathy Macki



Next board meeting: Dec 16, 2026 at 7:30PM