

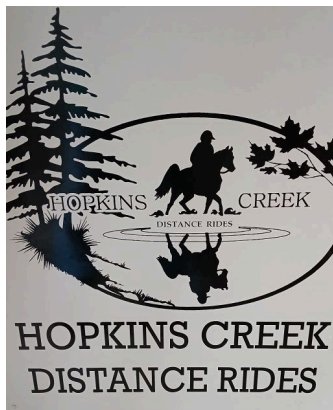


Great Lakes Distance Riding Association Newsletter August 2025

Upcoming Rides

White River Fall Aug 30-Sept 1

Keweenaw Sept 6-7



Hopkins Creek distance ride celebrated its 30th anniversary this year! Thank you to all the volunteers and ride manager Michelle Wiegand for continuing this ride. Saturday morning was a bit soggy (no sponging required!) but the afternoon through Sunday was beautiful!

Congrats to all the riders and their horses!

Shore to Shore 2025

Ride manager Barb Kurti brought back shore to shore after many years (last ride in 2018). After the first couple of days of working out ride logistics, everyone settled into the many moving pieces of the complicated ride. Massive thanks to the Michigan riders that gave up their ride entries to volunteer! Everyone came together to help Barb make this challenging ride happen.



Ride Results

Ride Date: 7/12/2025

Hopkins Creek

Saturday, July 12, 2025

Competitive

Distance 25

Heavyweight

| <u>Time</u> | | <u>Horse</u> | | <u>Score</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|-------------|----------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| | | <u>BC</u> | | <u>Place</u> | <u>Ride</u> |
| Jeann | Aslakson | GF Midnight | Completion | 327 | 11.0 |
| 1 | | | | | |

Lightweight

| | | <u>Horse</u> | | <u>Score</u> | <u>Points</u> | <u>BC</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Ride Time</u> |
|--------|--------|-----------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|
| Sara | Hall | WP Yippe Ki Yay | Completion | 358 | 11.0 | | 1 | |
| Jessic | Banner | Whiskey Ginger | Completion | 350 | 10.0 | | 2 | |
| Auror | Walsh | Win D Prado | Completion | 330 | 9.0 | | 3 | |

Endurance

Distance 50

Heavyweight

| | | <u>Horse</u> | | <u>Score</u> | <u>Points</u> | <u>BC</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Ride Time</u> |
|---------|---------|---------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|
| Katelyn | Fleming | MSU All Shook Up | Completion | 660 | 22.0 | | 1 | 6:30 |
| Damar | Smith | Joker's Wild Streak | Completion | 723 | 20.0 | | 2 | 6:35 |
| Steph | Boomgaa | Arceus SS | Completion | | 18.0 | | 3 | 7:25 |

Lightweight

| | | <u>Horse</u> | | <u>Score</u> | <u>Points</u> | <u>BC</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Ride Time</u> |
|--------|---------|-----------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|
| Diane | Meinder | Yo Dusty | Completion | 688 | 22.0 | | 1 | 6:35 |
| Jessie | Finnila | Sterlings Starstrider | Completion | 663 | 20.0 | | 2 | 7:25 |
| Karen | Bahrma | Westwind Little | Pulled | | 0.0 | | dn | |

Limited Endurance

Distance 25

Junior

| | | <u>Horse</u> | | <u>Score</u> | <u>Points</u> | <u>BC</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Ride Time</u> |
|-------|---------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|
| Vienn | Finnila | RB Liwa | Completion | 675 | 11.0 | | 1 | 3:40 |
| Eve | Bouma | Kulta | Completion | 587 | 10.0 | | 2 | 4:24 |

Senior

| | | <u>Horse</u> | | <u>Score</u> | <u>Points</u> | <u>BC</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Ride Time</u> |
|------------|--|--------------|--|--------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|
| Ride Date: | | 7/12/2025 | | | | | | |



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|--------------|----------------|------------------|------------|-----|------|---|------|
| Sarah | Fleming | DD Hucks Legacy | Completion | 700 | 11.0 | 1 | 3:15 |
| Lisa | Knapp | Toblerone | Completion | 717 | 10.0 | 2 | 3:38 |
| Erika | Delines | FT Firestorm | Completion | 676 | 9.0 | 3 | 3:43 |
| Beth | Kail | LW Constant Sohn | Completion | 662 | 8.0 | 4 | 3:46 |
| Diane | Maxey | Al-Marah Fox | Completion | 675 | 7.0 | 5 | 3:46 |
| Don | Knapp | Drifter | Completion | | 6.0 | 6 | 3:49 |
| Ann | Bogan | Dun It | Completion | | 5.0 | C | 4:34 |
| Linda | Hamrick | Cash | Completion | | 5.0 | C | 3:59 |
| Audre | McMurry | Rusty | Completion | | 5.0 | C | 4:29 |
| Emily | Seidler | MB Angel Bask | Completion | | 5.0 | C | 4:29 |
| Barba | Kurti | Ayman Al Shaqab | Completion | 580 | 5.0 | C | 4:24 |

Novice

Distance 15

Novice

| | | <u>Horse</u> | | <u>Score</u> | <u>Points</u> | <u>BC</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Ride Time</u> |
|--------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|
| Sarah | Bevelhy | Quaratini | Completion | | 0.0 | | | |
| Becky | Bond | Chic GoTMe Blue | Completion | | 0.0 | | | |
| Amber | Jensen | Hatiums Legacy | Completion | | 0.0 | | | |
| Julie | Kradel | Tir na nOg | Completion | | 0.0 | | | |
| Came | Lloyd | Crystal | Completion | | 0.0 | | | |
| Heath | Neal | Oscar on Duty | Completion | | 0.0 | | | |
| Anna | Nelson | Kaine | Completion | | 0.0 | | | |
| Shayn | Stagg | Chili | Completion | | 0.0 | | | |
| Jan | Wylie | Dose | Completion | | 0.0 | | | |

Hopkins Creek

Sunday, July 13, 2025

Competitive

Distance 25

Heavyweight

| | | <u>Horse</u> | | <u>Score</u> | <u>Points</u> | <u>BC</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Ride Time</u> |
|--------------|-----------------|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|
| Damar | Smith | Firelily Mood | Completion | 352 | 11.0 | | 1 | |
| Jeann | Aslakson | GF Midnight | Completion | 317 | 10.0 | | 2 | |

Lightweight

| | | <u>Horse</u> | | <u>Score</u> | <u>Points</u> | <u>BC</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Ride Time</u> |
|------------------|---------------|-----------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|
| Jessic | Banner | Whiskey Ginger | Completion | 363 | 11.0 | | 1 | |
| Sara | Hall | WP Yippe Ki Yay | Completion | 362 | 10.0 | | 2 | |
| Auror | Walsh | Win D Prado | Pulled | | 0.0 | | dnf | |
| RideDate: | | 7/13/2025 | | | | | | |

Limited Endurance

Distance 25

Senior

| | <u>Horse</u> | | <u>Score</u> | <u>Points</u> | <u>BC</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Ride Time</u> |
|----------------|--------------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|
| Sarah Fleming | DD Hucks Legacy | Completion | 680 | 11.0 | | 1 | 3:35 |
| Jessie Finnila | Sterlings Starfire | Completion | 684 | 10.0 | | 2 | 3:51 |
| Wend Maas | FT Firestorm | Completion | 673 | 9.0 | | 3 | 3:52 |

Novice

Distance 15

Novice

| | <u>Horse</u> | | <u>Score</u> | <u>Points</u> | <u>BC</u> | <u>Place</u> | <u>Ride Time</u> |
|---------------|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|--------------|------------------|
| Cameron Lloyd | Crystal | Completion | | | 0.0 | | |

POINT STANDINGS THROUGH HOPKINS CREEK

Competitive

| Category | Class | LastName | FirstName | Horse | BCPoints | Miles | Points |
|-------------|-------------|----------|-----------|----------------------------------|----------|-------|--------|
| Competitive | Heavyweight | Aslakson | Jeanne | GF Midnight Confession (5 rides) | 0.0 | 135.0 | 58.4 |
| Competitive | Heavyweight | Smith | Damaris | Firelily Moon River (2 ride) | 0.0 | 50.0 | 22.0 |
| 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 |

| Category | Class | LastName | FirstName | Horse | BCPoints | Miles | Points |
|-------------|--------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|----------|-------|--------|
| Competitive | Junior | Moorhouse | Abigail | Rhock Slide (1 ride) | 0.0 | 30.0 | 13.2 |

| Category | Class | LastName | FirstName | Horse | BCPoints | Miles | Points |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------|----------|-------|--------|
| Competitive | Lightweight | Hall | Sara | WP Yippe Ki Yay (4 rides) | 0.0 | 100.0 | 43.0 |
| Competitive | Lightweight | Walsh | Aurora | Win D Prado (4 rides) | 0.0 | 80.0 | 31.0 |
| Competitive | Lightweight | Banner | Jessica | Whiskey Ginger (3 rides) | 0.0 | 75.0 | 31.0 |
| Competitive | Lightweight | Bouwkamp | Dawn | Bailey (2 rides) | 0.0 | 55.0 | 21.8 |
| Competitive | Lightweight | Moorhouse | Lisa | LSA Dark Son Rising (1 ride) | 0.0 | 30.0 | 13.2 |
| Competitive | Lightweight | Wylie | Jan | Dose (1 ride) | 0.0 | 25.0 | 11.0 |
| Competitive | Lightweight | Bogan | Ann | Dun It (1 ride) | 0.0 | 30.0 | 9.6 |

Endurance

| Category | Class | LastName | FirstName | Horse | BCPoints | Miles | Points |
|-----------|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------------------|----------|-------|--------|
| Endurance | Heavyweight | Boomgaard | Stephanie | Arceus SS (2 rides) | 0.0 | 100.0 | 40.0 |
| Endurance | Heavyweight | Smith | Damaris | Joker's Wild Streak (2 rides) | 2.0 | 100.0 | 38.0 |
| Endurance | Heavyweight | Saatchi | Soraya | Fadjuraba (1 ride) | 0.0 | 50.0 | 20.0 |

| Category | Class | LastName | FirstName | Horse | BCPoints | Miles | Points |
|----------|-------|----------|-----------|-------|----------|-------|--------|
|----------|-------|----------|-----------|-------|----------|-------|--------|

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|-----------|-------------|------------|----------|-----------------------------------|-----|-------|------|
| Endurance | Lightweight | Meinders | Diane | Lumiere WW (2 rides) | 4.0 | 100.0 | 44.0 |
| Endurance | Lightweight | Meinders | Diane | Yo Dusty (2 rides) | 2.0 | 100.0 | 44.0 |
| Endurance | Lightweight | Bahrman | Karen | Westwind Little Big Man (3 rides) | 0.0 | 105.0 | 35.6 |
| 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 |

Intro

| Category | Class | LastName | FirstName | Horse | BCPoints | Miles | Points |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Intro | Intro | Kradel | Julie | ????? (1 ride) | 0.0 | 10.0 | 0.0 |
| Intro | Intro | Stafford | Heather | AflameM (Enzo) (1 ride) | 0.0 | 10.0 | 0.0 |
| Intro | Intro | Jensen | Amber | Hatiams Legacy (1 ride) | 0.0 | 10.0 | 0.0 |

Limited Endurance

| Category | Class | LastName | FirstName | Horse | BCPoints | Miles | Points |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Limited Endurance | Junior | Seraji- | Nafiseh | DD Whooz Nadirah (2 rides) | 0.0 | 55.0 | 22.2 |
| Limited Endurance | Junior | Jarvi | Ilona | Mandalorian Pride (2 rides) | 0.0 | 55.0 | 19.0 |
| Limited Endurance | Junior | Jarvi | Ilona | Trinadee (1 ride) | 0.0 | 30.0 | 12.0 |
| Limited Endurance | Junior | Moorhouse | Isabella | LW Constant Sohn (1 ride) | 0.0 | 25.0 | 10.0 |
| Limited Endurance | Junior | Afshan | Yoss | Wish (1 ride) | 0.0 | 25.0 | 8.0 |

| Category | Class | LastName | FirstName | Horse | BCPoints | Miles | Points |
|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Limited Endurance | Senior | Hamrick | Linda | Cash (4 rides) | 0.0 | 120.0 | 42.0 |
| Limited Endurance | Senior | Maxey | Diane | Al-Marah Fox Romeo (3 rides) | 1.0 | 80.0 | 29.2 |
| Limited Endurance | Senior | Jarvi | Karen | Sony De Mayo Rose (3 rides) | 0.0 | 85.0 | 26.6 |
| Limited Endurance | Senior | McMurry | Audrey | Rusty (2 rides) | 0.0 | 55.0 | 13.4 |
| Limited Endurance | Senior | Bogan | Ann | Dun It (2 rides) | 0.0 | 50.0 | 13.0 |
| Limited Endurance | Senior | Talaski | Chelsea | LW Constant Sohn (1 ride) | 1.0 | 30.0 | 12.0 |
| Limited Endurance | Senior | Germann | Lisa | Ainia DCR (Eve) (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 | Shooshania | Jennifer | Faro (1 ride) | 0.0 | 30.0 | 8.4 |
| Limited Endurance | Senior | Neuhoff | Kathleen | Mystique Rose (1 ride) | 0.0 | 25.0 | 8.0 |
| Limited Endurance | Senior | Saatchi | Soraya | Fadjuraba (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 |

Novice

| Category | Class | LastName | FirstName | Horse | BCPoints | Miles | Points |
|-----------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------|---------------|
| Novice | Novice | Neal | Heather | Oscar On Duty (3 rides) | 0.0 | 45.0 | 0.0 |
| Novice | Novice | Wylie | Jan | Dose (2 rides) | 0.0 | 30.0 | 0.0 |
| Novice | Novice | Kradel | Julie | Tir na nOg (2 rides) | 0.0 | 30.0 | 0.0 |

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|--------|--------|--------|--------|------------------------------|-----|------|-----|
| Novice | Novice | Bond | Becky | Chic GoTMe Blue (1 ride) | 0.0 | 15.0 | 0.0 |
| Novice | Novice | Kradel | Julie | Duchess of Leelanau (1 ride) | 0.0 | 15.0 | 0.0 |
| Novice | Novice | Bhagat | Poorna | Sassy Lady (1 ride) | 0.0 | 15.0 | 0.0 |
| Novice | Novice | Jensen | Amber | Hatiums Legacy (1 ride) | 0.0 | 15.0 | 0.0 |
| Novice | Novice | Bogan | Ann | Dun It (1 ride) | 0.0 | 15.0 | 0.0 |

IF THERE ARE POINT DISCREPANCIES, PLEASE REACH OUT TO THE POINT KEEPER

Great Lakes Distance Riding Association

June 4, 2025 Minutes (Approved)

i. Call To Order- President Jan Wylie

- a. The meeting was called to order by Jan Wiley @ 7:00 pm.

ii. Roll Call And Reading Of Minutes – Secretary Kathy Macki

- a. The attendees were Becke Grams, Carl Dosmann, Sara Hall, Kristen Mikula, Jan Wylie, Jennifer Shooshanian, Shannon Weston, Barb Kurti, Diane Meinders, Rae Birr, Bruce Birr, Kathy Macki, Audrey McMurry, Heather Stafford, Michelle Weigand, Stephanie Boomgaard, and Pat Wierengo.

- b. February 8, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes:

- i. Becke Grams motioned to approve the report, Diane Meinders seconded the motion, and the report was approved.

- c. February 8, 2025, Brief Meeting After Annual Meeting Minutes:

- i. Audrey motioned to approve the meeting notes, Becke seconded the motion, and the report was approved.

iii. Treasurers' Report- Kristen Mikula

- a. The transfer of the credit union account is almost complete. Kristen is working on online access with the credit union.
- b. Secretary Expense Account: Bruce clarified that Kathy received \$50 at one point for expenses, but Kathy has not turned in receipts to remove the \$50 balance.
 - i. Kathy currently pays \$115 annually for a Microsoft 365 subscription to manage the riders' points.
 - ii. Jan motioned to approve the treasurer's report and to approve the \$50 as a technology expense. Jennifer seconded the motion, and the vote was approved.

iv. Committee Reports:

- a. Executive: No Report
- b. Veterinarian: No Report
- c. Michigan Horse Council, Trails: No Report

- d. Finance:
 - i. Kristen will contact the finance committee once she can access the bank accounts.
- e. Rider Reps:
 - i. Carl shared Layla's feedback regarding White River Spring. It was very positive and many reported being very happy with the trail markings.
- f. Points and Mileage
 - i. White River is complete.
 - ii. Grand Island will be complete by the end of the week.
 - iii. Once the above are completed, points will be calculated.
- g. Grievance: No Report
- h. Awards:
 - i. Kathy shared that Lisa sent the budget request change via email in February, reviewed the requested budget request email details, and motioned to approve the proposed budget changes. Stephanie seconded the motion, and the vote was approved.
- i. Membership:
 - i. The clinics are helping to increase the numbers
 - ii. Shannon needs the name, address, phone number, and email of clinic attendees to ensure they are not missed as members. This information is also added to the database, MailChimp, and welcome letters database.
 - iii. A standardized way needs to be implemented to get the information.
 - 1. Carl will send a membership form with all vouchers moving forward, requesting that ride managers facilitate completion and return to Shannon.
 - 2. Shannon will forward to the appropriate parties.
 - iv. 2025 Clinics:
 - 1. Heather will forward the information from Eventbrite for Lisa's clinic.
 - 2. Becke will forward the information from her clinic to Shannon.
 - 3. Kathy will work with Wendy to get the information to Shannon.
 - 4. Barb sent UMECRA membership forms to Shannon for her clinic.
- j. Newsletter-No Report

- i. Kathy requested that the UMECRA ride results not be posted to the newsletter.
 - ii. Moving forward, only GLDRA results will be posted.
 - iii. They are completed by the 15th of each month and sent to Carl to be sent via Mailchimp and added to the website.
 - k. Promotions-No Report
 - l. Web Page
 - i. The QR Code with Ride With GPS will be added on 6/5. Jennifer confirmed that Carl tested the QR Code, and he confirmed that it works.
- v. Old Business:
 - a. Bylaws Update:
 - i. The bylaws were reviewed and Jan indicated there were very few changes.
 - ii. The document with the changes will be ready for review by the next meeting in July.
 - iii. The changes will need to be voted on at the next annual meeting in February.
 - b. Timeline Update:
 - i. Kathy will add the newsletter to the timeline and reflect that it should be done quarterly or more often as dictated by the Newsletter editor.
 - ii. It was requested that the October Newsletter reference upcoming November events and remind members to check points.
 - c. Apparel store update:
 - i. Heather will build a webstore sample.
- vi. New Business:
 - a. Mailchimp licensing
 - i. Current Access: Carl & Barb
 - ii. Discussed Carl's February 10th email.
 - iii. Carl proposed a five-user membership subscription for \$20 per month.
 - iv. Jan motioned to approve the \$20 per month subscription. Pat seconded the motion, and the vote was approved.
 - v. Next meeting: Determine roles and users of Mailchimp.
 - b. Website:
 - i. Heather would like to create a search function like UMECRA's for a better user experience and improved web page storage and management. This would require working with Kathy to access her database.

- ii. Adding to the new business for the next meeting.
- vii. Next Meeting:
 - a. Tuesday, July 15 @ 7:30 pm

Kathy motioned to adjourn the meeting. Audrey seconded the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Shooshanian

Looking for the entire 2025 ride calendar? Check out all the details, distances offered and locations, check out <https://glidrmi.org/rides>.

Would you like to contribute to the newsletter? Have a story to share? Send submissions by the 10th of each month to sara.hall1388@gmail.com.

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:
Sept 16, 2025 at 7:30PM
All members are encouraged to attend!**

