



Little Cricket
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Little Cricket was purchased in April 1977 as a green broke six year old. Gene and Marney Nance helped me find her after my gelding, Ronif Red Bar, had pulled a groin muscle. I had been on my first Competitive ride, Kettle Moraine Colorama, the preceding September with Ronif--and I was Hooked.

Little Cricket was green broke, and I hadn't had much riding experience. We were quite a pair ! At every ride when I tried to mount her she would rear up and I'd hit the ground. That summer of 1977 we started and completed 10 twenty-five mile rides and finished up with the 50 mile Kettle Moraine Colorama Ride. That gave her the 300 miles required to earn a Bronze Medallion from the National Appaloosa Horse Club.

Little Cricket took time off to produce a colt in 1979, and a filly in 1981. In the intervening years we have ridden more competitive rides and many endurance rides. She has helped me earn the Chief Joseph Commemorative Award. This requires 10 competitive rides, 10 endurance rides, and 10000 saddle hours.

Very rarely placing in the top six, Little Cricket, nevertheless, is a winner in my eyes. She was never pulled from a ride. She completed every ride she started, until this past summer (84) when she started having some leg problems. She has now earned an extended rest.

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