

August 2011

# UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION



## Ride Calendar!

Aug 20-21 – Thistle Down – Frazee, MN  
Aug 20-21 – Rock River Charity – Utica, IL  
Aug 27-28 – Northern Highland – Florence, WI  
Sept 3-5 – White River Fall Labor Day – Hesperia, MI  
Sept 10-11 – Charity Cup – Pillager, MN  
Sept 10-11 – Keweenaw – Lake Linden, MI  
Sept 10-11 – Lincoln Trails – Kinmundy, IL  
Sept 17-18 – Colorama Classic – New Prospect, WI  
Sept 17-18 – Tin Cup Springs – Luther, MI  
Sept 24-25 – Run for the Ridge – Fairfax, MN  
Sept 29-Oct 2 – Drawarama – Palmyra, WI  
Oct 1-2 – Pine Martin Run – Nahma Junction, MI  
Oct 7-8 – Brighton Competitive Trail Fall – Howell, MI  
Oct 21-23 – Point Chaser – Hinckley, MN  
Oct 21-23 – Oak Leaf Run – Hamilton, MI  
Oct 29-30 – AHDRA III Big River – Keithsburg, IL



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## Thank you from Endure for the Cure...

Expecting a few more donations to come in yet, but the total thus far for this year's Endure for the Cure fundraising effort for the Komen Foundation is \$7,059. Over the eleven years this event has been held, a total of \$178,452 has been raised for Komen. Thanks to all for supporting this cause and the ride.

## UMECRA BOARD MEETING!

Sat. Nov 12th, 2011  
10 AM---3 PM  
12PM --- 12:30PM , Lunch  
Rockford, IL.  
Clock Tower Inn  
I-90  
Business -20  
Questions - ask Rick

## ATTN: UMECRA Members

We are looking for a volunteer to take over as the Ride Sanctioning Coordinator for the rest of this year. If you are interested in helping out – please contact Rick Nelson.  
Thanks for your help!



## RIDE FEES, RIDE MANAGERS AND RIDERS

Well, the UMECRA ride season is well underway! And, more importantly, it is progressing with some brand new riders as well as riders in just their second or third year. At the wonderful UMECRA convention this past January, it was grand to see among the attendees not only some of these new riders, but also some returning “second generation” riders who competed as children with their families, but now are in a position to re-enter the world of UMECRA riding, having finished their education and able to settle into a place to live with their own family and return to horseback riding.

These new riders make us recall our initial years in UMECRA, and our wonderment about who is putting on these rides and why. We thought it might be of interest to new riders to learn more about ride managers and the management of the rides.

There are several bits of information that new riders should be aware of:

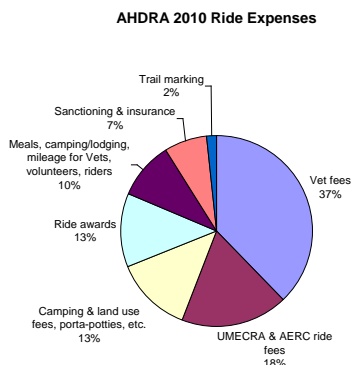
- UMECRA rides don't always make money

Some rides have lost money--not only in the hundreds, but sometimes even over a thousand dollars. Often, the turn-out for a ride is the critical factor. This is why the scheduling of rides is so important to a ride manager and why we spend so much time at the annual meeting making sure the schedule is fair and balanced – not too many rides, too close together on the same weekend.

Some rides are managed by an individual or family, and the risk of a financial loss is why some do multiple rides or why several rides are sponsored by a local saddle club or regional endurance organization. An organization can give a ride enough financial resources to support additional rides in the same or future years and provide opportunities to recover losses from previous rides.

- Putting on a ride is not cheap

Taking the four UMECRA rides sponsored by the Arabian Horse Distance Riding Association (AHDRA) in 2010, for instance, the ride expenses totaled about \$21,000, or about \$5,240 per ride. So to help illustrate where your ride fees go, here are the expenses for last year's AHDRA rides:



- Ride expenses and fees are kept to a minimum

Sponsoring and managing a UMECRA ride is no way to make money, but many ride managers work hard to have their ride at least turn a small profit, especially since these profits usually go to the purchase of year-end awards, and all organizations would like to be able to give out nice quality awards.

So in addition to the hours and hours of work and time it takes to organize and put on a ride, recruit volunteers, mark trail, etc., there is also an effort to get as much in donations as possible for awards, meals, lodging, equipment, etc.

- All riders can help out with a ride and support this sport

Ride managers can always use help, whether in volunteering to do tasks at the ride, such as scribing for the vets, taking P & Rs, helping calculate results or by soliciting or making donations to the ride, either in the form of awards, meals for the vets and volunteers, cash, etc.

And one big way all riders can help the sport is by ensuring that they leave their camp site as clean as possible. Because ride managers know how hard it can be to get venues to put on a ride, most ride managers will spend time cleaning up camp sites that are left a mess. Ride managers know that Park rangers and others talk to each other, and it doesn't take much for a bad reputation to circulate amongst park officials!

Enjoy the rest of the UMECRA ride season!

Chris & Marty Power

**A BIG thank you to everyone who helped make Endure for the Cure a success...**

The riders—we had 144 entries from as far away as Germany and Virginia!

The volunteers—we had lots; too many to thank them all but a special thanks need to go to

- Mo Miller, our incomparable timer
- Lucy Viegel, trail clearer and scented towel and drink provider
- Bonnie Iten, trailer marker and P/R taker
- Aaron & Linda Mowrer, breakfast makers
- Nicole Mauser-Storer, web mistress and all around helper
- Rick Nelson, Parking Police and Good Samaritan (Rick drove over 100 miles to help a rider from Virginia get her truck repaired)
- Nancy Haak, chief scribe and the 8 vet students from the U of I who served as scribes for our fabulous veterinarians Wes Elford, Cindy Schlund, and Rachel Boyce

The donors & sponsors—whose contributions and discounts enabled us to raise over \$8,000 for the Susan G. Komen Foundation!

- The Distance Depot
- Timeless Equine Photography
- Trailer Eyes
- Ace Hardware
- Donna Lee Stables
- WineGlass Farm
- Run Along Farms
- Odds On Racing
- Big Dees Tack & Vet Supply
- Heartland Equine Health Center
- Alliance Benefit Group
- La Gondola Spaghetti House
- Huck’s Convenience
- Sleep Inn
- Waste Management of Illinois
- Fox Portable Restrooms
- Sam’s Club

A special thanks to Donna Lee Ozment’s son, Tony Alagna/Alagna Racing LLC, for donating a Bob Marshall sport saddle to the top fundraiser for the Komen Foundation!

And of course, we couldn’t have done it without the hard work of the fund raisers par excellence who put together the wonderful prizes for the drawing:

- Donna Lee Ozment
- Robin Schadt
- Deb Searle

Hope to see everyone next year,  
Chris & Marty Power



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**FOR SALE:** Wintec Pro Endurance Saddle, Cair panels, medium wide and extra wide gullets, 18” seat, wide endurance stirrups w/synthetic leathers. Excellent shape! \$650. Call 715-877-1495 – ask for Dawn.

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# Ride Results

<b>Hopkins Creek 6/25 -25 Mile Limited Distance Sr</b>			
Diane	Maxey	BKA Tiffany	1
Corol	Kolinsky	National Idol	2
Karen	Graham	Rainbeau's Adios	3
Stacey	Cooper	FA Eldavado	4
Shelly	Dake	Lu-nor Knight Heat	5
Carolyn	Sullivan	Drachma Majic	6
Pam	Rosendal	Empta Hara	C
Steve	Rosendal	Valentiners Bay SA	C
Angel	Chmurynski	Dynamo Dash	Pull
Kari Sue	Hanes	Bahara Shado	Pull
Linda	Vincent	Belle	Pull
<b>Hopkins Creek 6/25 -50 Mile Endurance - HW</b>			
Gene	Dake	CSA Zafirah	1
Carl	Dosman	J. Dalmaar Sharri	2
Rodne	LeCoutre	Bahara Son	3
Debra	McBride	Back in a Flash	4
Teresa	Finnerty	Just Unexpected	Pull
Don	Caldwell	Yo dusty	Pull
<b>Hopkins Creek 6/25 -50 Mile Endurance - LW</b>			
Marcia	Weilbach	Shatto's Sir Lance Lot	1
Becke	Grams	Bear's Northern Light	2
Cathy	Cook	Red Cloud	3
Lisa	Germann	Overbrooks Image	4
Kathy	Macki	WA Diamond Jubilee	5
Tracy	Anderson	DVL Shaaladinn	6
Karen	Bahrman	HJH Ivory McCoy	Pull
Linda	hamrick	RTM First in Line	Pull
Barb	Kurti	Tryllerikia	Pull
Julie	Roe	Sky Blue	Pull
<b>Hopkins Creek 6/25 - 40 Mile Competitive HW</b>			
Jeanie	Aslakson	Cin Bob Go Chief	1
<b>Hopkins Creek 6/25 - 40 Mile Competitive LW</b>			
Diane	Meinders	Laceys Game	1
Rosanne	Clark	Emalika	2
<b>Hopkins Creek 6/25 - 40 Mile Competitive JR</b>			
Whitney	Meinders	Honey	1
<b>Hopkins Creek 6/25 - 25 Mile Competitive JR</b>			
Rachel	Meinders	Ahmdulallah	1
<b>Hopkins Creek 6/25 - 25 Mile Competitive HW</b>			
Zachory	Cieplechowicz	Adonis Silver Storm	1
Leslie	Cieplechowicz	LH Black Elegantz	2
<b>Hopkins Creek 6/25 - 25 Mile Competitive LW</b>			
Bev	London	Kat	1
Leslie Rea	Bennette	Catch U Later	2
Katy	Byrne	CEA Aaron Halim	3
Jessica	Gruebner	Party Party	4

<b>Hopkins Creek 6/26 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr</b>			
Linda	Hamrick	Maddingley KC Heart	1
Carl	Dosman	J Dalmaar Sharri	2
Diane	Maxey	BKA Tiffany	3
Emily	Krieg	National Idol	4
Carol	Kolinsky	Alada Padron	5
Angel	Chmurynski	Yankee Zarr	6
Becky	Grams	Thank Heaven	C
Jeanie	Miller	Wren	C
Cathy	Cook	Red Cloud	Pull
<b>Hopkins Creek 6/26 - 50 Mile Endurance HW</b>			
Gene	Dake	CSA Zafirah	1
Stacey	Cooper	Lu-Nor Nykawin	2
<b>Hopkins Creek 6/26 - 50 Mile Endurance LW</b>			
Shelly	Dake	Crucian	1
Cathy	Arbib	Tiegen	2
Sara	Michelin	AM Don Bill	3
<b>Hopkins Creek 6/26 - 25 Mile Competitive - Jr</b>			
Rachel	Meinders	AHM Duallah	1
<b>Hopkins Creek 6/26 - 25 Mile Competitive - HW</b>			
Jeanie	Aslakson	Cin Bob Go Chief	1
<b>Hopkins Creek 6/26 - 25 Mile Competitive - LW</b>			
Diane	Meinders	Laceys Game	1
Leslie Rea	Bennette	Catch U Later	2
Jessica	Gruebner	Party Party	3
Bev	London	Kat	4
Katy	Byrne	CEA Aaron Halim	5
Rosanne	Clark	Emalika	6

<b>Dead Dog Creek - 6/25 30 Mile Limited Distance Sr</b>			
Paula	Kaigh	DB Dahman	1
Lori	Windows	Red Satin Star	2
Sheri	Devouassoux	IBN Sheall	3
Robin	Schadt	Kayheart	4
Sarah	Mowrer	Percival	5
Jon	Davidson	Arizis Thunder Rose	Pull
Josh	Mowrer	Rioko	Pull
<b>Dead Dog Creek - 6/25 30 Mile Competitive LW</b>			
Julie	Jackson-Biegert	Nitro	1
Sandra	Kibler	Silvers White Diamond	2
Betina	Koehn	JBK Nadia	3
Joyce	Mocilan	Special Edishahn	4
Mary	Wills	Raising A Kemoshahu	5
Nancy	Metz	HP El Cid	5
<b>Dead Dog Creek - 6/25 50 Mile Endurance HW</b>			
Jen	Allen	Saleros Legacy	1
Keith	Kibler	Dancer's Southern Princess	2
Kelly	Powell	Rooster's Pasher Lady	2
Gerry	Cummings	Bethany Emma	4
<b>Dead Dog Creek - 6/26 - 30 Mile Limited Distance Sr</b>			
Julie	Jackson-Biegert	Halsteads Firesky	1
Jeff	Anderson	Pippen	2
<b>Dead Dog Creek - 6/26 - 30 Mile Competitive Jr</b>			
Taylor	Dashiell	Dur T Danser	1
Tyler	Griffin	Segers Accompany Me	2
Heley	Elliott	Diamatraz	3

<b>Dead Dog Creek - 6/26 - 30 Mile Competitive LW</b>			
Nicoel	Mauser-Storer	Peso	1
Lori	Windows	Mahrtini	2
<b>Dead Dog Creek - 6/26 30 Mile Competitive HW</b>			
Robin	Schadt	RA Ibn Maruf	1
Aaron	Mowrer	Arazi	2
<b>Dead Dog Creek - 6/26 15 Mile Competitive Novice</b>			
Katie	Begwiell	Lady Godiva Cricket	1
Hannah	Jones	Speck	2
Larry	Allen	Midnight Moon	1
Kalin	Sundee	Cutter	2
Olivia	Rudolphi	Wineglass Lambrusco	MO
Linda	Rudolphi	Wineglass Dubonette	MO
Jen	Allen	WMA Shadrach	MO
<b>Dead Dog Creek - 6/26 50 Mile Endurance LW</b>			
Mary	Wills	Solstice	1
<b>Dead Dog Creek - 6/26 50 Mile Endurance HW</b>			
Keith	Kibler	Silver's Wild Kate	1

<b>Mosquito Run 7/9 - 25 Mile Competitive HW</b>			
Ken	Meyer	Samarii	1
Sherry	Scheibelhut	Vallies SharDonae	2
Lisa	Powell	CSA Bobbi Sox	3
Jennifer	Velline	Sher Silver	4
Suzanne	Warren	Turbolatian	4
Rich	Elbert	Faloo	6
Michael	Powell	Chant Khoumkhemos	C
Joan	Thiel	RF Joyride	C
<b>Mosquito Run 7/9 - 50 Mile Competitive HW</b>			
Laurie	Brown	Lazers Legacy	1
<b>Mosquito Run 7/9 - 25 Mile Competitive Jr</b>			
Justin	Vannurden	Vallies Kastiel	1
Rachel	Flint	WH Procrastinator	2
Danielle	Hollerud	Dutchess	3
<b>Mosquito Run 7/9 - 50 Mile Competitive Jr</b>			
Olivia	Goddard	A Wish Granted	1
<b>Mosquito Run 7/9 - 25 Mile Competitive LW</b>			
Tracy	Cannon	CR Windsor	1
Karen	Kersten	Chewy	2
Sarah	Carlson	Major Bling	3
Candy	Barbo	Nobel Annie	4
Darlene	Molitor	Vallies Amerah	5
Theresa	Meyer	Queen Heartt	6
Joan	Elbert	Lucky	C
Lynn	Reichert	CR Augusta Wind	C
<b>Mosquito Run 7/9 - 50 Mile Endurance HW</b>			
Jen	Wuertz	VO Raahin	1
Michael	Hartman	Count on Tessie Flyin	Pull
Andrew	Hogenson	Missing Memory	Pull
Charlotte	Tuhy	L S Maxximus	Pull
<b>Mosquito Run 7/9 - 50 Mile Endurance Jr</b>			
Grace	Steffl	Tazmanian Angel	1
<b>Mosquito Run 7/9 - 50 Mile Endurance LW</b>			
Danna	Theis	Vallies Hi Strider	1
Jodi	Johannessen	PR Bay Muscrana	2
Kristine	Hartman	Klassy Sam	3
Kallie	Sande	GP Cali-Rooz	4
Sarah	Maass	Jerico	5
Ona	Lawrence	Royal Image	6
Chip	Jack	Bey Decision	Pull
<b>Mosquito Run 7/10 - 25 Mile Competitive Jr</b>			
Tanya	Meyer	Samarii	1

<b>Mosquito Run 7/9 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr</b>			
Melodie	Sprecher	AR Namani	1
T. J.	Edwards	Miss Molly Mule	2
Jordanne	Bruns	Chazzy	3
Larissa	Sprecher	Nadia Bint Najib	4
Sue	Schedin	Faden Gazad	5
Joel	Hildebrandt	G D Pippin	6
Diane	Merz	Sterling Illusion	C
Teresa	Fett	CR Mistiraaz	C
Paula	Goligowski	Little Bay	C
Donna	Hajek	Double Creeks Cracker Jack	C
Mary	Baker	Lily Creek Rawen	Pull
Rocky	Bruce	Synaptic	Pull
<b>Mosquito Run 7/10 - 25 Mile Competitive HW</b>			
Jennifer	Velline	Sher Silver	1
Sherry	Scheibelhut	Vallies SharDonae	2
Rich	Elbert	Faloo	3
Ed	Barbo	Psyche on Fire	4
Lisa	Powell	VC Sundae Edition	4
Michael	Powell	Chant Khoumkhemos	6
<b>Mosquito Run 7/10 - 25 Mile Competitive LW</b>			
Candy	Barbo	Nobel Annie	1
Tracy	Cannon	CR Windsor	2
Joan	Elbert	Lucky	2
Sarah	Carlson	Asti Spumante	4
<b>Mosquito Run 7/10 - 10 Mile Competitive Novice</b>			
Diane	Schermerhorn	Iron Lady Hawk	1
Natalie	Payne	Nalla	2
Michelle	Foster	Dazzle	3
Kelsie	Becklin	Tommy	4
Michelle	Wagner	Curly	5
Philip	Jansen	EE Lympic Gold	6
Sharon	Hahn	My Cameo Love	MO
R Dale	Lunde	Images Princess Haily	MO
Lise	Lunde	Mystic Morning	MO
Theresa	Meyer	Queen Heartt	MO
<b>Mosquito Run 7/10 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Jr</b>			
Grace	Steffl	Daisy	1
<b>Mosquito Run 7/10 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr</b>			
Jodi	Johannessen	Denndi Moore	1
T. J.	Edwards	JBK Tara	2
Teresa	Fett	CR Mistiraaz	3
Nicole	Eller-Medina	PPF Geyms Quinta	4
Nancy	Salazar	Steadys Bad Boy	5
Paula	Goligowski	Willie Winchester	6
Kelly	Hazledine	Dreamer	C
Jordanne	Bruns	TAHR King	Pull

<b>AHAM 7/9 - 50 Mile Endurance HW</b>			
Carl	Dosmann	J. Dalmaar Sharri+/-	1
Gene	Dake	CSA Zafirah	2
Rodney	LeCouteur	Bahara Son	3
Stacey	Cooper	Lu-Nor Nykawin	Pull
<b>AHAM 7/9 - 50 Mile Endurance LW</b>			
Myra	Fleming	Vicktory Dance	1
Linda	Hamrick	RTM First In Line	2
Jinnifer	Plummer	Fancy Savage Nite	3
Becke	Grams	Bear's Northern Light	4
Kellie	Moore	SRA Khoumraja	5
Carol	Beckner	Chelsea Image Bee	6
Patricia	Reisch	Cruizer	7
Julie	Powell Albright	Cheyanne	8
Andy	Redman	Guinness	9

<b>AHAM 7/9 - 25 Mile Limited Distamnce Sr</b>			
Ted	Klopfenstein	Boomerang	1
Richard	Miller	AAA Bint Delabba	2
Diane	Maxey	BKA Tiffany	3
Robert	Plummer	KM Khoranaado	4
John	Soper	CS Sabuzannn	5
Janet	Day	Odessa Dee	6
Janette	Stevens	GM Judas Forgiven	7
Steve	Rosendall	Valentines Bey SA	8
Pam	Rosendall	Emptahava	9

<b>AHAM 7/9 - 25 Mile Competitive LW</b>			
Leslie	Bennett	Catchu Latr WLA	1
Julie	Roe	Alada Kheanna	2

<b>AHAM 7/9 - 50 Mile Competitive LW</b>			
Diane	Meinders	Lacey's Game	1
Katy	Byrne	Cea Aaron Halim	2

<b>AHAM 7/9 - 25 Mile Competitive HW</b>			
Ken	Wright	LW Raajsrflection	1
Sandra	Wright	ELD Jetta Bee	2

<b>AHAM 7/10 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr</b>			
Linda	Hamrick	Mattingley KC Heart	1
Carl	Dosmann	J. Dalmaar Sharri+	2
Becke	Grams	Thank Heaven	3
Laura	Rittershofer	BKA Tiffany	4
John	Soper	CS Sabuzannn	5
Kellie	Moore	Kahdir Wind Dancer	6
Shelley	Dake	Lu-Nor Knight Heat	7
Stacey	Cooper	Fa Eldavado	8

<b>AHAM 7/10 - 25 Mile Competitive LW</b>			
Diane	Meinders	Lacey's Game	1
Leslie	Bennett	Catchu Latr WLA	1
Julie	Roe	Alada Kheanna	3

<b>AHAM 7/9&amp;10 - 75 Mile Competitive Jr</b>			
Rachael	Meinders	Ahmadallah	1

<b>AHAM 7/9&amp;10 - 75 Mile Competitive LW</b>			
Roseanna	Clark	Elmalika	1
Beverly	London	Kat	2

<b>Wildcat 7/29 - 40 Mile Competitive HW</b>			
Maxine	Bernsdorf	Mi Lucky Charm	1

<b>Wildcat 7/29 - 40 Mile Competitive Jr</b>			
Olivia	Goddard	A Wish Granted	1
Tyler	Griffin	Mahrtina	2

<b>Wildcat 7/29 - 40 Mile Competitive LW</b>			
Angie	Mikkelson	SLA Special Request	1

<b>Wildcat 7/29 - 100 Mile Competitive HW</b>			
Robin	Schadt	RA Ibn Maruf	1
Deb	Searle	WOA" Ravens Premier	2

<b>Wildcat 7/29 - 60 Mile Competitive LW</b>			
Nancy	Leonard	Chet	1

<b>Wildcat 7/30 - 50 Mile Endurance HW</b>			
Guy	Worthington	PA Hi-Spirit	1
Bonnie	Mielke	Chariotsofire NVF	2
Chris	Power	Wine Glass Debonair	3

<b>Wildcat 7/29 - 50 Mile Endurance HW</b>			
Bonnie	Mielke	Ola Loki	1
Larissa	Sprecher	Nadia Binr Najib	2
Wes	Elford	Psych	3

<b>Wildcat 7/29 - 50 Mile Endurance LW</b>			
Linda	Jacobson	Major Ridge Scarlet Debut	1
Julie	Jackson-Biegert	Halsteads Firesky	2
Mary	Wills	Raising A Khemoshahn	3
Lori	Windows	Ellan Fires Jane Doe	4
Melody	Sprecher	AR Namani	5
Katie	Bachhuber	JG Btrash	6

<b>Wildcat 7/29 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr</b>			
Nikki	Dewald	Silver Russian	1
TJ	Edwards	Miss Molly Mule	2
Wendy	Maas	Menes Storm	3
Shirley	May	Twinkle	4
Doug	Biegert	SHF Sunday Streaker	5
Coleen	Margan	SC Cassa Nova	6
Linda	Zimmerman	Lluvia De Noote	C
Dawn	Haas	Fourmile Kashten	C
Linda	Himmelreich	SHF Tifaan	C
Carol	Wagner	Tripl Blackburn King	C
Kathy	Schauer	SW Mananya	C

<b>Wildcat 7/30 - 50 Mile Endurance LW</b>			
Julie	Jackson-Biegert	Nitro	1
Mary	Wills	Solstice	2
Marty	Power	SA Te Jat	3

<b>Wildcat 7/30 - 35 Mile Limited Distance Sr</b>			
Doug	Biegert	Tango	1
Marianne	Guilfoyle	Trekea	2
Angie	Mikkelson	Jokeson U	3
Amber	Erickson	Simon the Magic'n	4
TJ	Edwards	JBK Tara	Pull
Janet	Johnson	Dawn's Devin	Pull
Tracy	Carter	Cash	Pull

<b>Wildcat 7/30 - 35 Mile Competitive LW</b>			
Kathy	Schauer	Morning Glory	1
Linda	Jacobson	Chub Lake Jack Daniels	2

<b>Wildcat 7/30 - 35 Mile Competitive Jr</b>			
Tyler	Griffin	Segers Accompany Me	1

<b>Wildcat 7/31 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr</b>			
Guy	Worthington	Rerun	1
Jessi	Zirbel - Rookie	RFR Silver Crescent	2
Shirley	May	Atalissa	3
Linda	Zimmerman	Lluvia De Noote	4
Coleen	Morgan	SC Cassa Nova	5

<b>Wildcat 7/31 - 25 Mile Competitive LW</b>			
Katie	Knippel	Zurhama Desashoe	1
Malinda	Zielke	RR Ghazreal	2

<b>Wildcat 7/31 - 25 Mile Competitive HW</b>			
Pam	Fullerton	RFB Northern Thunder	Pull

<b>Zumbro Boogie - 7/23 30 Mile Competitive HW</b>			
Sheryl	O' Brien	Psyches Amore	1
Rich	Elbert	Faloo	2

<b>Zumbro Boogie - 7/23 30 Mile Competitive LW</b>			
Mary	Lambert	High Tail Hanna	1
Joan	Elbert	Lucky	2
Peggy	Pasillas	MRA Whirlwind	Pull

<b>Zumbro Boogie - 7/23 75 Mile Endurance HW</b>			
Jen	Allen	Saleros Legacy	1
<b>Zumbro Boogie - 7/23 50 Mile Endurance HW</b>			
Karin	Strothenke	JBK Zum Bayou	1
<b>Zumbro Boogie - 7/23 50 Mile Endurance LW</b>			
Eileen	Kirsch	Sabins Scooter	1
Bettina	Koehn	JBK Nadja	2
Beth	Lecy	Fancy T Basko	Pull
<b>Zumbro Boogie - 7/23 30 Mile Limited Distance Sr</b>			
Jodi	Johannessen	PR Bay Muscrana	1
Lori	Windows	Red Satin Star	2
Sue	Schedin	Faden Gazad	3
Teresa	Fett	CR EastirLylle	4
Larissa	Sprecher	Nadia Bint Najib	5
Melodie	Sprecher	AR Namani	6
Bonnie	Mielke	BNB Nemesis Chindhi	7
Paula	Goligowski	Little Bay	8
<b>Zumbro Boogie - 7/23 10 Mile Competitive Drive</b>			
Ray	Hubert	Penguin Beware	1
Alice	Hubert	Pistol Pete	2
<b>Zumbro Boogie - 7/24 30 Mile Competitive HW</b>			
Ken	Meyer	Samarii	1
Rich	Elbert	Faloo	2
<b>Zumbro Boogie - 7/24 30 Mile Competitive LW</b>			
Theresa	Meyer	Queen Heartt	1
Lori	Windows	JA Bannarr	2
Linda	Jacobson	Chub Lake Jack Daniel	3
Joan	Elbert	Lucky	4
<b>Zumbro Boogie - 7/24 10 Mile Competitive Novice</b>			
Charles	Bonow	Shamaire "Buddy"	1
Diane	Schermerhorn	Iron Lady Hawk	2
<b>Zumbro Boogie - 7/24 30 Mile Limited Distance Sr</b>			
Jodi	Johannessen	Denndi Moore	1
Teresa	Fett	CR Mistiraaz	2
Eileen	Kirsch	DA Maymouna	3
E. John	Bruner	Dakota Doll	4
Beth	Lecy	Fancy T Basko	5
Paula	Goligowski	Willie Winchester	6
<b>Zumbro Boogie - 7/24 10 Mile Competitive Drive</b>			
Ray	Hubert	Penguin Beware	1
Alice	Hubert	Pistol Pete	2

<b>Ft. Meade Remount 7/29 - 50 Mile Endurance HW</b>			
Herbert	Poppe	Kenlyn Challenger	1
Marci	Young	FF Maya	2
Gary	Brown	Hypnotic	3
Peter	Hommertzheim	Classy Investment	4
Jill	Feller	JG Hamdah	5
<b>Ft. Meade Remount 7/29 - 155 Mile Pioneer</b>			
Tracy	McIntosh	Amigo Rissar	1

<b>Ft. Meade Remount 7/29 - 50 Mile Endurance LW</b>			
Kelcey	Long	LS Talisman Jewel	1
Christina	Long	RR Raewyn	2
Leah	McCombs-Cain	TAR Pistol Pete	3
Anne	Perkins	Jameel	4
Jas	Shearer-McMaho	MV Patrickhan	5
Tracy	McIntosh	Amigo Rissar	6
Barbara	Middleton	Elusive Image	7
Mary	Ruebush	Fahdeelah	8
Joe	Haeberle	Scooter	9
Judi	Hommertzheim	MS Benefit	10
Kristine	Hartman	Klassy Sam	11
Koylynn	Webdell	Count On Tessie Flyin	12
Sheila	Schneider	Gypsy Miss Behavin	13
Joan	Fisher	CC Lois	14
<b>Ft. Meade Remount 7/30 - 55 Mile Endurance LW</b>			
Debra	Karl	Krown Majusdee	1
Sonya	Camarco	Timmbuktu	1
Tracy	McIntosh	Amigo Rissar	1
Jane	Young	Kenlyn Irish Rose	4
Leslie	Anderson	Rushcreek Ridge	5
Teresa	Vanhove	Shade	6
Leah	McCombs Calin	TAR Pistol Pete	C
Christina	Long	Dinozzo	C
Judi	Hommertzheim	Showgirl! LOA	Pull
<b>Ft. Meade Remount 7/30 - 50 Mile Endurance HW</b>			
Robert	Bischoff	Kenlyn Destiny+	1
Gary	Brown	Hypnotic	2
Peter	Hommertzheim	Miles	3
Marge	Dixon	Kenlyn Intrigue	Pull
<b>Ft. Meade Remount 7/30 - 75 Mile Endurance HW</b>			
Hannah	Pruss	Krusador	1
Garrett	Ford	The Fury	2
<b>Ft. Meade Remount 7/30 - 50 Mile Endurance LW</b>			
Lisa	Ford	GE Cyclone	1
Sue	Basham	Belesema Tayyara	2
Dorothy Sue	Phillips	Asad Wazim	Pull
Mary	Ruebush		Pull
Yvette	Haeberle	Im Sombrero	Pull
<b>Ft. Meade Remount 7/31 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr</b>			
Jennifer	Stevens	Rushcreek Anthony	1
Carolyn	McLeod	Crestwind Reveille	2
DeAnne	Knapp	Cinnebelle Star	3
Lutta	Schmidt	Gandolph K	4
Carla	Hays	Indigo	5
Peter	Hommertzheim	Classy Investment	6
Chris	Faulkner	Faulnce	7
Samantha	Fisher	Tupelo Honey Tu+	8
Jane	Young	Kenlyn Flair	9
Linda	Fisher	Kenlyn Finesse	10
Ce	Faulkner	Royal Dynasty Daisy	11
Judi	Hommertzheim	Ms Benefit	Pull
Marci	Young	Final Dancer	Pull

<b>Ft. Meade Remount 7/29 - 25 Mile Limited Distance Sr</b>			
Jennifer	Stevens	Rushcreek Anthony	1
Connie	Follensbee	Big Boy	2
Jackie	Smith	Tazmanian Knight	3
Alexis	Jones	Jets Stardust	4
Michelle	smith	Juliette	5
Carla	Hays	Indigo	6
Marge	Dixon	Kenlyn Lexus	7
Rachel	Zander	Duke	8
Debbie	Kolegra	Rushcreek Staci	9
Walter	Benhardus	Capture	10
Nancy	Salazar	Steady's Bad Boy	11
Lyle	Sherfey	Rushcreek Newt	12
Jutta	Schmidt	Gandolph K	13
DeAnne	Knapp	Cinnebelle Star	14
Rick	Schaaf	Little Joe Too	15
Kristi	Schaaf	Summerwood Silverhawk	16
Michael	Hartman	NaSafaaa	17
Maureen	Jewell	SH Surravndal	18
Susan	Shook	Raja AyD	19
Carolyn	McLeod	Crestwind Reveille	20
Carol	Bischoff	Kenlyn Navigator	21
Samantha	Fisher	Tupelo Honey Tu+	22
Robert	Bischoff	Kenlyn Destiny+	23
Linda	Fisher	Kenlyn Finesse	24
Leslie	Anderson	Rushcreek Quilt	25
Taylor	Fisher	MiTiaRa+	26
Karolyn	Richardson-Blinco	Red	27
Nancy	Austin	Bling	28
Nicola	Meeks	Union Jack	OT
Peggy	Buckwalter	Luna	OT

<b>Ft. Meade Remount 7/30 - 30 Mile Limited Distance Sr</b>			
Jennifer	Stevens	Rushcreek Anthony	1
Nancy	Salazar	Peanut	2
Walter	Benhardus	Howard's Midnight Thunder	3
Carolyn	McLeod	Cresting Reveille	4
Carla	Hays	Indigo	5
Connie	Follensbee	Big boy	6
Debbie	Kolegraf	Rushcreek Jerdee	7
Rachel	Zander	Duke	8
Samantha	Fisher	Tupelo Honey Tu+	9
Carol	Bischoff	Kenlyn Navigator	10
Linda	Fisher	Kenlyn Finesse	11
Lynne	Tomovick Loverich	Shakaar	12
Erica	Groat	Resolute Bey	13
Susie	Engell Matson	Rr Cypher	14
Maureen	Jewell	SH Surravndal	OT
Karolyn	Richardson-Blinco	Red	OT



<b>Ft. Meade Remount 7/31 - 50 Mile Endurance LW</b>			
Michele	Seaman	MeEncarta Dinero	1
Debra	Karl	Dustdee Seeker	2
Michelle	Smith	Juliette	3
Leslie	Anderson	Rushcreek Thunder	4
Anne	Perkins	Jameel	5
Sheila	Schneider	Gypsy B Miss Behavin	6
Tracy	McIntosh	Amigo Rissar	C
Jackie	Smith	Tazmanian Knight	Pull

<b>Ft. Meade Remount 7/31 - 50 Mile Endurance HW</b>			
Hanna	Pruss	Kourageus Hope	1
Herbert	Poppe	Kenlyn Challenger	2
Jill	Trautman	Sage	3
Paschal	Karl	Kenlyn Kraejus	4

# Point Standings

**1<sup>st</sup> through 10<sup>th</sup> only – see [www.umecra.com](http://www.umecra.com) for complete placings.**

<b>The following rides are included in the Year-To-Date points:</b>			
Brighton Spring	Grand Island	Big Valley	Zumbro Bottoms
White River Spring	ApDra	Prairie Smoke	Wildcat
Glacier Trails	Maplewood West	Dead Dog Creek	
Mndra I	White River Summer	Ahdra II - Endure	
Ahdra I	SE Minn	AHAM	
Run For The Border	Hopkins Creek	Mosquito Run	

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Rookies are highlighted in blue.				
<b>Competitive - HW</b>				
1	Robin	Schadt	RA Ibn Maruf	190.6
2	Deb	Searle	WOA Ravens Premier +	112.0
3	Maxine	Bernsdorf	CH Shamm Bashire	76.0
4	Ken	Meyer	Samarii	63.2
5	Sherry	Scheibelhut	Vallies SharDonae	60.0
6	Maxine	Bernsdorf	Mi Lucky Charm	58.6
7	Rich	Elbert	Faloo	58.0
8	Vicki	Wright	Brimestone	56.0
9	Karen	Sylvara	Spot Me Wild	53.0
10	Ken	Wright	LW Raajsreflection	52.0
<b>Competitive - LW</b>				
1	Nancy	Leonard	Chet	106.4
2	Diane	Meinders	Lacey's Game	103.6
3	Rosanne	Clark	Emalika	92.0
4	Leslie	Bennett	Catchulatr WLA	80.0
5	Candy	Barbo	Nobel Annie	79.0
6	Joan	Elbert	Lucky	76.6
7	Kathy	Schauer	Morning Glory XX	71.4
8	Linda	Jacobson	Chub Lake Jack Daniel	53.8
9	Darlene	Molitor	Vallies Amerah	53.0
10	Theresa	Meyer	Queen Heart	52.2



<i>Competitive - JR</i>				
1	Whitney	Meinders	Honey	109.4
2	Olivia	Goddard	A Wish Granted	79.6
3	Tyler	Griffin	Segers Accompany Me	60.4
4	Rachael	Meinders	AHM Duallah	55.0
5	Tyler	Griffin	Mahrtina	38.0
6	Rachael	Meinders	MS Disani	30.0
7	Tanya	Meyer	Samarri	22.0
8	Rachel	Clark	Ahmdu Allah	20.0
9	Danielle	Hollerud	Dutchess	17.0
10	Christina	Theoret	Tender Dell Leo	15.0
<i>Competitive - Novice</i>				
1	Malinda	Zielke	RR Ghazrael	32.4
2	Kalin	Sundee	Cutter	32.4
3	Larry	Allen	Midnight Moon	23.3
4	Barbara	McGivney	Lika Charmer	19.0
5	Diane	Schemerhorn	Iron Lady Hawk	18.5
6	Sarah	George	Diego	13.2
7	Pam	Fullerton	RFR Northern Thundar	11.0
8	Ruth	Casserly	Auran HarleyDvdsn	9.5
9	Hillary	McCulloh	Icy	8.7
10	James	Hyke	Ransomed Heart	8.7
<i>Competitive - Drive</i>				
1	Tim	Casserly	Bach/Harley	35.7
2	Ray	Hubert	Penguin Beware	22.4
3	Tony	Troyer	Heart of Valparaiso	18.2
4	Rick	Nelson	Hearts Big Boy	17.3
5	Alice	Hubert	Pistol Pete	16.2
6	Connie	Petrick	Mike	10.0
7	Connie	Petrick	Mike & Junior	8.6
8	Katz	Jackson	Talon	5.3
<i>Endurance - HW</i>				
1	Jen	Allen	Saleros Legacy	147.0
2	Bonnie	Mielke	Ola Loki	114.0
3	Gene	Dake	CSA Zafirah	108.0
4	Scott	Campbell	Monachers Charm	95.4
5	Guy	Worthington	PA Hi Spirit	92.0
6	Carl	Dosmann	J. Dalmaar Sharri +/	82.0
7	Charlotte	Tuhy	L S Maxximus	77.0
8	Robin	Schadt	Sassy Aspen	74.2
9	Guy	Worthington	Fast William	60.0
10	Sherry	Aune	Cabernet Sauvignon	50.0
<i>Endurance - LW</i>				
1	Lori	Windows	Ella N Fires Jane Doe	108.0
2	Eileen	Kirsch	Sabins Scooter	100.0
3	Linda	Jacobson	Majer Ridge Scarlet Debut	84.2
4	Betina	Koehn	JBK Nadia	84.0
5	Linda	Hamrick	RTM First In Line	80.0
6	Julie	Jackson-Biegert	Nitro	66.0
7	Jodi	Johannessen	PR Bay Muscrana	62.0
8	Robertta	Harms	EV Count Valentino	60.0
9	Danna	Theis	Vallies Hi Strider	58.0
10	Roxi	Welling	Pablo Paez	55.0
<i>Endurance - Jr</i>				
1	Brooke	Koehn	JBK Zum Bayou	64.0
2	Rachel	Meinders	Ms Dasani	62.0
3	Ayla	Spry	FC Lantana	46.2
4	Zane	Baker	Java Baskin's Attache	38.0
5	Ayla	Spry	Dreamy Gal	22.0
<i>Limited Distance - Jr.</i>				
1	Grace	Steff	Daisy	55.0
2	Ayla	Spry	SC Zhivago	30.0
3	Dylan	Koehn	Poncho	29.0
4	Danielle	Hollerud	Dutchess	22.0
5	Rachel	Meinders	Shatto's Sirlancelot	13.2
6	River	Campbell	MD Kamadon	11.0
7	Brooke	Koehn	JBK Zum Bayou	11.0
8	Ayla	Spry	JJ Std	10.0
9	Breanna	Baemert	Cheyenne	9.0

<i>Limited Distance - Sr.</i>				
1	Bonnie	Mielke	BNB Nemesis Chindhi	77.4
2	TJ	Edwards	Miss Molly Mule	76.0
3	Jodi	Johannessen	Denndi Moore	67.4
4	Teresa	Fett	CR Mistiraaz	61.0
5	Guy	Worthington	Rerun	54.2
6	TJ	Edwards	JBK Tara	54.0
7	Larissa	Samarii	Nadia Bint Najib	51.4
8	Eileen	Kirsch	DA Maymoona	50.8
9	Melodie	Sprecher	AR Namani	50.2
10	Linda	Hamrick	Mattingly KC Heart	50.0
<i>Rookie - Competitive</i>				
1	Leslie	Bennett	Catchulatr WLA	88
2	Vicki	Wright	Brimestone	66
3	Adam	Janz	Corky	31
4	Nicole	Mauser-Storer	Peso	23.2
5	Peggy	Pasillas	MRA Whirlwind	22
6	Debra	Juettner	Rena	21
7	Jessi	Zirbel	RFR Silver Crescent	9
<i>Rookie - Endurance</i>				
1	Emily	Stover	TS Fames Alliance	22
	Kevin	Soukup	TSF Time	
	Amber	Erickson	Simon the Magic'n	
	Celeste	Hunter	Precious	
<i>Vi Bredl Memorial Senior High Point Rider</i>				
1	Robin	Schadt		299.4
2	Bonnie	Mielke		227.4
3	Guy	Worthington		206.2
4	Jen	Allen		147.0
5	Maxine	Bernsdorf		134.6
6	TJ	Edwards		130.0
7	Deb	Searle		112.0
8	Teresa	Fett		107.6

## Triple Crown Standings!

<u>Triple Crown Standings:</u>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Hores</u>	<u>Points (# rides)</u>
Robin Schadt	RA Ibn Maruf	53 (2)
Deb Searle	WOA Ravens Premier	42 (2)
Eileen Kirsch	Sabin's Scooter	34 (2)
Robertta Harms	EV Count Valentino	32 (2)
Guy Worthington	Fast William	30 (2)
Karen Sylvara	Spot Me Wild	30 (2)
Bettina Koehn	JBK Nadia	30 (2)
	Auran Harley Dvdsn /	
Team Casserly	Auran Bachlava	28.5 (2)
Bonnie Mielke	BNB Nemesis Chindhi	27 (3)
Eileen Kirsch	DA Maymoona	21.8 (2)
Marge Dixon	Kenlyn Lexus	20 (2)
Aaron Mowrer	Arazi	19 (2)
Vicki Wright	Brimstone	17 (2)
Barbara McGivney	Lika Charmer	16.5 (2)
Joyce Mocilan	Special Edishahn	15 (2)
Ann DeLang	Chocolate Martini	13.5 (2)
Kalin Sunde	Cutter	12 (2)



## Hot Summer Tip: Pay Attention to Horse's Physical State

by: Oklahoma State University  
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[www.thehorse.com](http://www.thehorse.com)

Summertime temperatures are running wild across the United States this week, with Oklahoma hitting approximately 105°F, which is leading a number of equine owners to study their horse's heat tolerance with more than a little caution.

"Other than a general lack of enthusiasm and desire to move to shade, a normal well-acclimated horse should be able to handle Oklahoma's heat and humidity with little concern," said Dave Freeman, Oklahoma State University Cooperative Extension equine specialist. "However, the need for owner awareness increases when a horse begins to exercise and engage in more strenuous physical activity."

A horse's body temperature--if it is normally around 101°F--will increase a few degrees with exercise in hot summertime environments. If not exercising, a horse's heart rate should be around 40 beats per minute; respiration rate 12-20 breaths per minute, though this is variable; and body temperature around 101-102°F.

Maximum heart rates during heavy exercise may reach 200 beats per minute or more, and respiration rates can triple or race even higher. Intense levels of work can raise a horse's rectal temperatures to 104°F, plus or minus, which for any substantial length of time will be harmful.

"This means that it is vital that the horse has the ability to decrease excessive body temperature

quickly during recovery," Freeman said. "Otherwise, heat stress becomes a big concern."

Under most conditions, equine owners should expect a horse's major physiological measurements--heart rate, body temperature and respiration rate--to decrease dramatically within 5 minutes following heavy or prolonged exercise.

"A horse should reach characteristic 'resting values' within 10-15 minutes at the longest," he said. "If the horse is really 'hot' from exercising, recovery is best done by hand, walking the animal in an area with good air flow and away from direct sunlight."

Freeman explains that cooling the horse's body with water is recommended as long as the equine's heart and respiration rates have dropped to near 'resting value' levels, and possibly even sooner under critical heat stress conditions.

"Humidity and air flow causes evaporation; as a result, your horse may sweat more than you think," Freeman said. "That makes it especially important to pay attention to the animal's physical clues--its respiration rate, heart rate and body temperature--during times when your horse may be at risk from the heat."

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If a horse does not appear to be producing sufficient sweat, the owner should contact his or her local veterinarian, who can quantify the animal's sweat rate and take appropriate action.

"Veterinarians have evaluation methods in which drugs are administered that cause a horse to sweat, and might even use absorbent pads to quantify losses," Freeman said.

Anhidrosis, or the inability to sweat, is a problem with a small percentage of horses, but one that should be diagnosed accurately so that an equine owner is able to determine the extent of use to which the horse can be put during periods of excessive summertime temperatures.





## Equine 'Thumps' Are More than Mere Hiccups

by: University of Illinois College of Agriculture  
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[www.thehorse.com](http://www.thehorse.com)

One of the best known cures for relieving someone of the hiccups is a good, old-fashioned scare. However, what do you do when it seems that your horse has a case of the hiccups? Sneaking up behind a 1,000 pound Thoroughbred and yelling "Boo!," is not advisable for several reasons. For one, you might get a surprise of your own.

The medical term for the noise we commonly refer to as hiccups is synchronous diaphragmatic flutter or singultus. But in horses it has been specifically called thumps since 1831 when a veterinarian first reported a thumping noise coming from the abdomen of a horse that just ran 13 miles.

"Thumps in and of itself is not a problem," said Cristobal Navas de Solís, LV, an equine internal medicine resident at the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital. "But if a horse does have thumps, there is usually an underlying cause that needs to be treated."

Many horses that present with the anomaly are endurance athletes that have an electrolyte imbalance and significant fluid loss after an exhaustive workout. For example, thumps is common in Arabian horses competing in long distance races that last 25, 50, or even 100 miles.

"Typically these patients are dehydrated and have low blood calcium levels," mentioned Navas de Solís, "but once you treat the underlying problem the thumps usually disappear on their own."

Thumps in horses, and hiccups in humans, although both referred to as synchronous diaphragmatic flutter to the medical experts in each field, are slightly different variations upon the same theme. For one, hiccups in humans are not commonly associated with electrolyte imbalances.

Secondly, the location from which we hear the characteristic noise coming also differs in horse and man. The "hic" we hear in humans is caused by the closure of the vocal chords after the diaphragm spasmodically contracts, quickly inflating the lungs. In horses, however, veterinarians and owners that have witnessed the ailment can attest that the abnormal noise comes from the animal's side.

Low blood calcium levels are the classic abnormality associated with thumps. This may make the phrenic nerve, which runs along both sides of the heart and controls diaphragm movements, more easily excitable. But it is also a good idea to check all electrolyte levels, especially magnesium, potassium, sodium, and chlorine.

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In a typical scenario with a dehydrated horse and abnormal electrolyte levels, the phrenic nerve might begin to fire at the rate at which the atria of the heart contract. In short, the nerve is inappropriately obeying firing instructions from the heart, instead of the brain, to control diaphragm movements.

"Usually we see the horse's abdomen contract 40-50 times per minute," said Navas de Solís. Typically, each contraction occurs at the same time the heart beats, but in rare cases that does not always happen, nor do the thumps have to occur on both sides of the horse.

Although hiccups in humans are quite harmless, thumps in horses are usually linked to an abnormality that warrants attention. If you hear the telltale sounds--and don't suspect your horse has merely gotten into the Kentucky bourbon--contact your veterinarian as soon as possible.--Ashley Mitek, University of Illinois College of Veterinary Medicine



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