

UMECRA Awards and Programs



UMECRA Charles Phillips Memorial Versatility Award

Sponsored by GLDRA



Since Charles began distance riding he had consistently been one of the top competitors. His first horse Whitney completed over 1,000 miles under sanctioned competition. His second horse, J Dalmaar Sharri+, completed over 2,600 miles under sanctioned competition and finished in the Top Ten every year Charles competed with her. One of Charles' favorite things was going for the AHDRAs versatility award, which he won a number of times (with both horses).

Charles also introduced numerous people to the sport of competitive and endurance riding and was on both UMECRA's and GLDRA's mentor's list. Mentoring new riders keeps our sport going and is a significant way of giving back to competitive and endurance riding.

Charles also served on the GLDRA Board for several years and volunteered many hours setting up a database for points and mileage and designing and updating our website.

On the trail, Charles always displayed courtesy, leadership, and a genuine concern for other riders. These characteristics culminated in his receipt of the GLDRA Sportsmanship award.

Charles was a great asset to our sport consistently helping our organizations through his hard work, enthusiasm and love of the sport.

For these reasons, GLDRA decided to sponsor this award in honor of Charles. Unfortunately, Charles lost his battle with pancreatic cancer on May 16, 2008 and will not be with us to see the first awards given out. You can be sure that Charles would be proud of all those who tried for this award and if he was here, he would have been one of the biggest contenders!

Description:

This annual award is given to the equine/rider team that accumulates the most points in all distance riding divisions. Each team must complete a minimum of two events in each category (Competitive Riding, Limited Distance & Endurance).

How to Qualify:

- ✓ Complete the [Versatility Nomination Form](#) and send to the points keeper indicated on the form.
- ✓ Nomination can occur at any time throughout the year.
- ✓ There is no fee to nominate.
- ✓ One equine/one rider team.
- ✓ Equine/rider team must complete a minimum of two events in each category:
 - Competitive
 - Limited Distance
 - Endurance

The points system for the Versatility Award is as follows:

<u>Placing</u>	<u>Points Awarded</u>
1 st	7 points
2 nd	6 points
3 rd	5 points
4 th	4 points
5 th	3 points
6 th	2 points
Completion	1 point