# UPPER MIDWEST ENDURANCE AND COMPETITIVE RIDES ASSOCIATION



#### Ride Schedule!

Dates	Ride	State
June 19-21	S.E. Minnesota	MN
June 27-28	Hopkins Creek	MN
July 3-5	Endless Valley	WI
July 3-5	Mosquito Run	MN
July 11-12	Endure for a Cure	IL
July 24-26	Wildcat	WI
July 25-26	Saolmie Sizzler	IN
August 2	Warm Up	MI
August 3-7	Shore to Shore	MI
August 8	Cool Down	MI
August 8-9	Louise Riedel Memorial	WI
August 15-16	Thistle Down	MN
August 22-23	Rock River Charity	IL
August 29-30	Northern Highland	WI
September 5	White River Fall	MI
September 6-7	White River Labor Day	MI
September 12-13	Charity Cup	MN
September 12-13	Keweenaw	MI
September 12-13	Lincoln Trails	IL
September 19-20	Colorama Classic	WI
September 19-20	Tin Cup Springs	MI
September 26-27	Run for the Ridge	MN
October 1-4	DRAW-arama	WI
October 3-4	Pine Martin Run	MI
October 9-11	Brighton Competitive	MI
October 16-18	Point Chaser	MN
October 24-25	AHDRA III	IL

## RECIPE REQUEST

Hey, at the Sand Dunes ride someone brought bars that were just yummy: crust with carmel/toffee layer with some chocolate chips in it, then some crunchy crumbles on top. I'd love to find the baker and the recipe! Thanks,

Karen Kersten

kkersten@uslink.net

Got a favorite potluck recipe you'd like to share? Send it to <a href="mailto:UMECRAnews@gmail.com">UMECRAnews@gmail.com</a>

## **RIDE CHANGES AND NOTICES**

#### Clarification for Riders at WI rides:

A negative Coggins form is required to attend ALL Wisconsin rides and a copy of the Coggins needs to stay with ride management for their records. The Coggins paperwork does not need to have a photo of your horse on it; a negative Coggins without your horse's photo is still acceptable to attend all WI rides.

**Ride Update! Thistle Down Run** will be adding AHA sanctioned rides for the following: August 15, 2009 - 50 mile Endurance and August 16, 2009 - 25 mile Competitive.

#### **ATTENTION RIDE MANAGERS:**

For all of you with e-mail addresses, I have sent out a zip file of all Ride Management files for 2009. Webmaster Joslyn and I are also working on posting these files to a secure page within www.umecra.com, and will alert you when the page is ready for visits. Digital files save postage, make updating easy, and allow you to make as many copies of each file as you need. For those of you desiring hard copies of these files, please contact me at 218 755 5266 or shelly.sentyrz@yahoo.com and I will mail them to you. Thanks much.

Shelly Sentyrz

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#### **BUT IT'S JUST COMPETITIVE....**

How many of us are guilty of having said this? We think nothing of hauling 1,000 miles to race a "prestigious" 50-mile endurance, but can't justify traveling a few hundred miles when a ride offers "just" competitive. For those of you who applied this reasoning and missed AHDRA I, My Back Yard Ride, May 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, you missed out on more than two days of "just" competitive. First of all, our hosts, the Allen Family, are the Martha Stewarts of rural Princeton, Illinois. They own 400+ acres of timber and field, and over the years, Jen and Larry have carved out miles of horse trails on hills, through creeks, and along mowed paths around cornfields. The camp ground,

recently expanded at the expense of loosing valuable farmland, was mowed but offered knee deep grazing around the edges. There was no hydrant at the campground, but a 1,800 gallon water tank was more than ample. Dinner Saturday night featured bar-b-qued pork and a variety of salads along with usual "pitch-in" items. And I am sure the Allens are to thank for the wonderful weather as well.

A few weeks prior to the ride, there were some scary moments. Larry suffered a heart attack on May 6<sup>th</sup>. Without his physical help, Jen and I wondered how we would get everything done. No problem – help came out of the woodwork. Mo Miller made a trip down to help mow trail (Do you see the poetry in that statement?) Rick Nelson and my husband, John, spent several days playing with Larry's "Big-Boy" toys to clear trail. Dr. Wes Elford showed up one day to pre-ride the trail and make suggestions. As for Larry, who can keep him down? He never broke Doctor's rules, but I am sure the doctors would have not approved of Larry's bombing around on the 4-wheeler, helping mark trail. Terri Suarez agreed to chain herself to the secretary table both days, freeing Jen and the rest of us Nervous-Nellys to run interference should problems arise. Amazingly enough, we were all set and ready for riders by Friday night. And riders came. Plenty to make for good competition and a good time. There were no complaints, and no one got lost on the inaugural trip around the 12.5 mile loop. We had a strong Novice turn-out on both days, with Jerry Clift leading. We had 6 entries in the 2-Day 50. Others chose to ride the same horse both days in individual 25's. All weekend, there was only one pull.

Dr. Elford suggested a team competition adding to the fun. We put all the riders's names in a pot for Saturday's ride and drew teams. Each team had (3) 25-milers and (2) 12.5milers. The team that had the highest combined score won. The prize consisted of a giant muck bucket, a ball cap donated by Fort Doge, horse treats, stay cool packs, big sponges, and a plate of fudge. Other awards, all donated, included stethoscopes for the novices, horse treats, human treats (Auntie Lois's famous fudge and cookies), packages of Jen Allen's greeting cards, copies of the new Historic AHDRA calendar, and wooden items crafted by local novice

rider, Tex Clevenger. And we found lots of reasons to give awards. Tony Troyer won a gift box from the local meat locker (to insure that he will stay a heavyweight), High Point Mare (a tribute award to Thoroughbred filly Eight Bells) was awarded both days, as was a Senior Horse award. Several breed awards were presented. As this was the first ride in the AHDRA Triple Crown competition, Marty Power won the Jewel in the Crown award – a beautiful red rose flower arrangement donated by Dr. Ann Adams. The Spirit of America award went to Mo Miller, a man who is as involved in this sport as anyone can be, and he is not in it for recognition or awards. He is in it for the love of the sport and the people and the horses, and most importantly, his lovely wife. Three events will remain at the top of my mind from a memorable weekend. They are three incidents that represent the grass roots beauty of our sport:

Jerry Clift's daughter, Ashley, helped Saturday with scribing and "go-foring", but she decided to compete in her first Novice ride on Sunday. Jerry pulled into camp Sunday morning with a borrowed trailer and his 25 year old Arab, Shelly, the horse which Ashley has ridden for years. In 1992, Jerry rode his first competitive ride on that same horse. Shelly and Ashley completed the novice ride in fine form, but with a few more snaps, crackles, and pops from Shelly than Jerry remembered from seventeen years ago.

Bryn and Bonnie Iten came on Saturday to help, Bryn ready to ride but without a horse. Rick Nelson and Bryn drove the two miles to my house and picked up Gandie. Yup. My 27 year old, 8,000 mile, Tevis veteran who hasn't been ridden since October of 2007 when Jen secured her Rookie of The Year Championship on him. Those who remember Jen's and Bryn's often duplicated exits from camp on Gandie's back would not have been disappointed. The ol' guy stood on his hind legs and exclaimed, "My girl Bryn is back. Let's roll!"

Most memorable of all, something I'll never forget if I live to be 100, illustrates the simple yet profound dedication of our head veterinarian. Dr. Wes was vetting in a young novice rider. After completing the required work, he said to the girl. "Look here. You hold your horse's head like this," he put on hand on each side of the halter, "And

take a big whiff of his nostrils. That's how you catch it. Horse Sickness. And once you catch it, you're stuck with it for life." I pray they never find a cure.

So the next time you say, "I'm not going to suchnsuch ride. It's just competitive," remember this. Competitive is how most of us started. It's how most of our horses started. It is the best way in the world to learn pacing, control, and good trail behavior. It is the backbone of our sport and the foundation of many National and International riders. Once questioned at a World Equestrian Game, "To what do you credit your knowledge of distance riding?" Joe Mattingley replied quite simply and in this order: "My mother (Grace Ramsey), and miles of competitive riding.

#### PRAYERS...

From Diane Merz: For the many of you who know my neighbor, mentor, and fellow distance rider, Bev Specht, I know you'll join me in wishing her husband, Pete, a speedy recovery from a major scare. He spent several days in intensive care with a dangerous brain hemorrhage. All indications are that he will be home soon and will be okay, but they'll appreciate our thoughts and prayers. Anything we can do to get Bev back out there on the trail!

"With the ride season getting well along I want to wish you all a great season and hope that you are contributing as well as competing in the rides you attend." Ride managers can always use help. Thanks, Rick

## RIDE RESULTS!

BRIGI	HOTE	COME	ETITIVE RIDE		
			09 - 25 Mile Competitive		
Leigh	Sytsma	LW	Monique Lafite ( Dasiy)	1	39
Nancy	Leonard	LW	Chet	2	38
Jim	Haas	LW	NW's Eklipsse	3	37
Kathy	Schauer	LW	JG Mareeka	4	37
Lori	Windows	LW	JA Bannarr	5	37
Jackie	Novitski	LW	King	6	37
Linda	Jacobson	LW	Chub Lake Jack Daniel	С	36
Barbara	Gardner	LW	RR Roman Scooter	С	36
Heather	Gottschal	ILW	Sikari	С	34
			09 - 25 Mile Competitive		
Austin	Bernsdorf		MI Lucky Charm	1	35
		4/25/0	09 - 25 Mile Competitive		
Dawn	Haas	HW	Murphy's Chance	1	36
Jennifer	Prouty	HW	Polly's I rish Knight	2	34
Maxine	Bernsdorf	fHW	CH Shamm Bashire	3	34
Christina	Hyke	HW	Mandate for Gold	4	34
Rick	Nelson	HW	RCF Comanche (Rambo)	5	34
		4/25/09 -	12 Mile Competitive Novice		
Kelly	Wojcik	Novice	Ernie	1	38
Heather	Dix	Novice	Nute	2	38
Ann	Mc Combs	Novice	Tevis	3	38
Mc Kayla	Grosinske	Novice	Cody	4	37
Bonnie	King	Novice	Harvey	5	37
Griffen	Howden	Novice	Wilma Jean	6	37
Amanda	Rogers	Novice	Shaq	С	36
Susan	Mitchell	Novice	Kemmel	С	36
Leah	Savatski	Novice	Milo	С	36
Andy	Lurvey	Novice	Pheonix	С	36
Laura	Savatski	Novice	Murphy's Law	С	36
Tammy	Sundrilage	Novice	Dee Dee	С	36
Daisy	Schultz	Novice	Honey	С	35
Susan	Keating	Novice	Belle	С	34
Carrie	Wojcik	Novice	Ureena	С	31
		4/25/09 -	12 Mile Competitive Drive		
Wes	Licht	Drive	Ellie	1	38
Cathy	Kirsling	Drive	Enga	2	38
Tim	Casserly	Drive	Auran Bachlava	3	37
Tony	Troyer	Drive	Heart of the City	4	35
	4/:	25/09 - 6 I	Mile Novice Competitive Drive		
Katz	Jackson	Drive	Feather Ridge Talon	1	39
Susan	Koos Acke	Drive	Roanie	2	37
Terri	Delke	Drive	Georgette	DNF	N/

IRON OAK	COMPE	TITIVE RIDE		
4/18/0	9 - 35 Mille C	ompetitive		Ì
Bonnie Mielke	HW	Cariotsoffirenvf	1	386
Carl Dosmann	HW	J Dalaar Sharri+/	2	385
Rachael Meinders	JR	Angel	1	376
Diane Meinders	LW	Lacy's Game	1	384
Stacy Cooper	LW	Fa Eldevado	2	374
Julie Roe	LW	Alada Kheanna	3	371
Linda Jacobson	LW	Chub Lake Jack Daniel	4	370
Becke Grams	LW	Shatto's Sir Lance Lot	_ 5	367
4/18/0	9 - 25 Mile C	Competitive	_	
Robin Schadt	HW	RA Ibn Maruf	1	392
Cameron Wood	HW	Khymott	2	390
Jeanne Aslakson	HW	Cinbob Go Chief	3	389
Deb Searle	HW	Sultann Sundance	4	380
Sandra Wright	HW	Occident Al Skky	5	379
Ken Wright	HW	LW Raajsreflection	6	377
Donna Lee Ozment	HW	Miss Windswept Bailey	completion	315
Roseanna Clark	HW	Matuks Legend+/	completion	295
Clint Barber	JR	Buckshot	1	386
Shelby Donovan	JR	Alley Cat	2	384
Rachel Clark	JR	Shadow Pony	3	378
Amy Sharmen	LW	Synerator	1	391
Deborah Campbell	LW	PR Faasheharazada	2	386
Barbara Kurti	LW	Tryllerika	3	385
Tali Sorenson	LW	LA Accelant	4	384
Katie Baxter	LW	Dynamo Dash	5	383
Karen Casemier	LW	Marina Rae	6	376
Brigette VanVuren	LW	Marek	completion	345
Sarah Remelts	LW	Brilliant Jas-Par	completion	303
	9 - 15 Mile C	Competitive		
Dennis Hurley	HW	Jazz	<u> </u>	381
	9 - 25 Mile C	•		
Diane Meinders	LW	Lacy's Game	1	400
Julie Roe	LW	Alada Kheanna	2	394
Barbara Kurti	LW	Tryllerika	3	392
Karen Casemier	LW	Marina Rae	4	391
Deborah Campbell		PR Faasheharazada	5	387
Tali Sorenson	LW	LA Accelant	6	386
Stacy Cooper Rachael Meinders	LW	Lu-Nor Nykawin	completion	375
	JR	MS Dasani	1	391
Whitney Meinders		Honey	_	388
Rachel Clark	JR	Shadow Pony	3	356
Carl Dosmann	HW	J Dalaar Sharri+/	1	391
Jeanne Aslakson	HW	LW Classic Chance	2	390
Robin Schadt	HW 9 - 25 Mile C	Sassy Aspen	_ 3	379
Donna Lee Ozment		Miss Windswept Bailey	1	393
Deb Searle	HW	Sultann Sundance	2	
Roseanna Clark	HW	PF Court Jester	3	390 386
Heather Palmer	HW	Khymott	3 4	385.5
Jan Klatt	LW	Dose	1	385.5
Beverly London	LW	Kat	2	376
Ashton Clark	JR	Synerator	1	370
Lauren Watson	JR	Stirling	2	383
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## WHITE RIVER RIDE

		5/2/09	- 50 Mile Endurance Ride	
Fleming	Myra	L	Vicktory Dane	1
Grams	Rebecca	L	Aka Ditto	2
Redman	Andrea	L	Cruciar	3
Schneider	Sheila	L	Renaighade	4
Cooper	Stacey	L	NW Fastination	
Worthington	Guy	Н	Fast William	1 BC
Dinot	Marge	Н	Kenlynn Intigu	2
Pruetes	James	Н	Smicker	3
Aune	Sherry	Н	Cabernet Sauvignon	4
Dake	Gene	Н	CSA ZaFirah	5
Rawski	Jim	Н	JC quick Quint	
Searle	Deb	H	Sultann Sun Dance	
.,			0 Mile Limited Distance Ride	
Kenyon	Kristen	S	Bears Northern Light	1
Remelts	Sarah	S	Jas-Par	2
Hanes	Kari Sue	S	Ma Mara Leah	3
Nelson	Rick	S S	RCF Camanche	4
Windows Powers	Lori Marty	S	The Postman SA TeJet	5 6
Powers	Chris	S	Wine Glass Debonair	7
	DJ	J	Selket Dean	1
Byard	Dennis	S	DB Deoro	8
Byard Day	Janet	S	Shilo Mar Windsons	9
Stevens	Janette	S	Amoment In Time	10
Bernsdorf	Maxine	S	Hy-Vigil Amazn Priz	10
Byard	Mike	J	MSU Staying Power	
Dyard	WIIKC		· 30 Mile Competitive Ride	
Schadt	Robin	H	Ra IBN Maruf	1
Miller	Linda	н	Palaudit McCule	2
Asklakson	Jeanne	H	LW Classic Chance	3
Maxey	Diane	H	Tiffany	4 R
Ozment	Donna Lee	H	Miss Windswept	5
Petersen	Liz	L	PJ Ali Boba	1
Byrne	Katy	L	AhmduAlla	2
Meinders	Diane	L	Crescent Moon Jet	3
Kurti	Barbara	L	TryLLerike	
Meinders	Rachael	J	Angel Thank Heaven	1
		5/2/09 -	· 35 Mile Competitive Ride	
Roe	Julie	L	Alada Kneanna	1
Sorenson	Tali	L	LA Accelant	2
			- 50 Mile Endurance Ride	
Fleming	Myra	L	Fly Like The Wind	1
Windows	Lori	L	Seger's Accompany Me	2
LeCoufeur	Rodne	S	Chimes Choice	1 BC
Cooper	Stacey	S	FA El Jevada	2
Hanes	Kari Sue	S	Ma Mara Leah	3
Worthington	Kristy	S	Mr PFPenique Brillant	4
Worthington	Guy	S	Abu Jalal	5
Dixon Redman	Marge Andrea	S S	Kenlynn Lexus Is It Bold	6 7
DaVerneay	Jim	S	Makin Art Wonder	,
Petersen	Liz	S	Taking Nam ez	
. 0.0.0611	-14		· 25 Mile Competitive Ride	
Bernsdorf	Maxine	H	Ch Shamm Bashire	1
Schadt	Robin	Н.	Sassy Aspen	2
Searle	Deb	Н.	WOA Ravens Premier	3
Ozement	Donna Lee	Н.	Miss Windswept Baily	4
Maxey	Diane	H	Tiffany	5
Powers	Chris	H	HB Kyver	
Asklakson	Jeanne	Н	PF Count Jester	
Kurti	Barbara	L	Synerator	1
Powers	Marty	L	SA TeJet	2
Byrne	Katy	L	AhmduAlla	3
Roe	Julie	L	Alada Kneanna	4
Sorenson	Tali	L	LA Accelant	5
Grams	Rebecca	L	Bears Northern Light	6
Meinders	Rachael	J	MS Da Sami	1



#### MNDRA1

		5/2/09	- 50 Mile Endurance Ride			_
Angie	Mikkelson,		A Wish Granted		1 BC	
Char	Tuhy	HW	LS Maximus		1	
Danna	Theis	LW	Vallies Hi Strider		2	
Andrea	Tims	JR	CR Infinite Pryd		1	
Van	Jacobson	HW	NR Hot Spot+/		2	
Dana	Maass	LW	Tazmanian Angel		3	
Walter	Benhardus	23H	Midnight Thunder		3	
Beth	Lecy	LW	ShaShad Miss		4	
Chip	Jack	LW	Bey Decision		5	
Jordanne	Bruns	HW	Chazzy		4	
TJ	Edwards	HW	JBK Tara		5	
Elizabeth	Laurie	HW	Vallies Shooting Star	Р		
Scott	Campbell	LW	MO Kamadon	Р		
Michelle	Sentyrz	<b>5/2/09 - 2</b> sr	5 Mile Limited Distance Ride VO Jasiim		1 BC	
Walter	Freiberg	sr	Laser		2	
Liane		sr	Sinarab Mobar		3	
Jason	Nicol	sr	Fortunette Echo		4	
Peggy	Pasillas	sr	Magic Amigo		5	
Rhonda	Schlicting	sr	Shickers "BRs" Grand Finalie		6	
Candy	Barbo	sr	Nobel Annie	С		
Mary	Baker	sr	Synaptic (Tango)	С		
Teresa	Fett	sr	CR Eastir Lyllee	С		
Vanessa	Vanderbeek	sr	CR Simple Eleganz	С		
Jen	Wuertz	sr	VO Raahin	С		
Sarah	Maass	sr	GP Cali-Rooz	С		
Steve	Smith	sr	Ru Da Di	С		
Daniel	Winger	sr	Major	ot		
Kym	Life	sr	Bubba	ro		
Greg	Pasillas	sr	Mathannahs Joker	rol		
			5 Mile Limited Distance Ride			
Liane	Wilkenson	sr	Moonlight Matinee "Moon"		1 BC	
Char	Tuhy	sr	GD Pippan		2	
Jodi	Johannesse	sr	Miles Comet		3	
TJ	Edwards	sr	Miss Molly Mule		4	
Walther	Freiberg	sr	Laser		5	
Jordanne	Bruns	sr	Trooper		6	
Nicole	Eller-Medir		More Than an Angel	С		
Dan	Winger	sr	Major	С		
Joel Soott	Hildebrand		Missing Memory  Monachers Charm	С		
Scott	Campbell Life	sr sr	Rex	С		
Kym Teresa	Fett		CR Mitiraaz	С		
Paula	Golowski	sr sr	Willie Winchester	С		
Steve	Smith	sr	Ru Da Di	С		
Steve	Silitii		- 25 Mile Competitive Ride			
Suzanne	Warren	Н	PPF Geyms Aurora		1	389
Lisa	Powell	Н	CSA Bobbi Sox		2	386
Laurie	Brown	Н	Vallies Nadeem		3	380
Terri	LaCrosse	Н	Jaq		4	374
Sherry	Scheibelhu	Н	JF-GVF Zephyr "Snoopy"		5	361
Bethany *R	Borchert	Н	Dun Adoby Fov		6	360
Rich	Elbert	Н	Faloo		6	360
Michael	Powel	Н	Bezzana's Orphan Annie		6	360
Joan	Thiel	Н	Lads Masterpiece	С		347
Emily	Lindberg	Н	PPF Geyms Odin	С		345
Diane	Merz	L	Sterling Illusion		1	382
Joan	Elbert	L	Lucky		2	380
Deb	Swearingen	L	Rakasha		3	378
Rachel	Quale	L	TS Valacity		4	376
Emily	Stover	L	Echo Bey Miranda		5	370
Darlene	Molitor	L	Lazers Legacy		6	368
Michelle	Sentyrz	L	Bey-Hala	ro	ro	

## MNDRA1 CONTINUED

			5/3/09 - 25 Mile Competitive Ride				
Sheryl	O'Brien	Н	Truimage of Gold		1	388	
Lynn	Reichert	Н	CR Raazberry Dreme		2	377	
Briana	Visser	Н	Cisallie Neapolitena		3	376	
Anita	Sinnott	L	Psyche on Fire		1	390	
Sandy	Noonan	L	Vallies Hi Sass		2	387	
Candy	Barbo	L	CR Windsor		3	386	
Mary	Lambert	L	Omars Rising Star		4	384	
Karen	Kersten	L	Chewy		5	373	
Dana	Maass	L	Tazmanian Angel		6	372	
Caitlin *R	Hemmesch	L	WH Procrasinator	С		364	
Kelsey	Noonan	L	SN Aladdenz	С		363	
Sarah	Maass	L	Afire N Lace	С		354	
Tara	Saley	J	Neapolitan Cimmeron		1	377	
Alexis	Visser	J	EJM Charles Dickens		2	359	
5/3/09 - 25 Mile Novice Ride							
Elain	Sedgeman	Ν	Tango		1	380	
Rian Duda	Williams	Ν	Choctan		2	374	
Gesa	Zinn	Ν	April Aziz		3	367	
Danielle	Eller-Holler	N	Shamrock		4	366	
Olivia	Goddard	Ν	Khorageous Kamaroz		5	357	
Christine	Butler	Ν	Icee		6	356	
Sharon	Hahn	Ν	EE Lympic Gold	mo		393	
Michelle	Fedewa	Ν	Jasper	mo		390	
Briana	Theis	Ν	CR Nevera Fantahcee	mo		356	
Bev	Specht	Ν	Raffles Rhythm "Katie"	mo		365	
Linda	Goddard	Ν	Khourageous Komet	mo		369	
Taryn	Dentinger	Ν	TKO Rhio Bask	mo		385	
Michael	Fedewa	Ν	Chester	mo		370	

## **RUN FOR THE BORDER**

	5/17/09	9 - 15 Mi	le Novice Competitive Ric	le				
John	Greer	N	Sirs Lester	3	376			
Carmen	Steuck	N	TLA Kal-N-Stars Ace	MO	367			
Cathe	Cheesebrow	N	NW Wildcard	MO	364			
Christine	Butter	N	Eternal Treasure	2	379			
Nate	Sunderlage	N	Kessler	4	367			
Philip	Jansen	N	My Cameo Love	1	380			
Paula	Goligowski	N	Little Bay	MO	377			
Cathy	Mitchell	N	Haywires Mikalene	MO	374			
Sharon	Hahn	N	EE Lympic Gold	MO	363			
5/15/09 - 30 Mile Competitive Ride								
Sherry	Scheibelhut	HW	JF-GVF Zephyr	1	375			
Sandra	Noonan	LW	Vallies Hi Sass	1	385			
Deb	Swearingen	LW	Rakahsa	2	383			
Linda	Jacobson	LW	Chub Lake Jack Daniel	3	363			
	5/1	6/09 - 30	Mile Competitive Ride					
Emily	Lindberg	HW	PPF Geyms Odin	1	380			
Michael	Powell	HW	Bezannas Orphan Annie	1	380			
Krista	Dale	HW	Namero Bey	3	369			
Leigh Ann	Sytsma	LW	Heza Bright Future	1	383			
Emily	Stover	LW	Echo Bey Miranda	2	382			
Tammy	Sunderlage	LW	Dee Dee	3	380			
Rachel	Quale	LW	TS Valacity	4	373			
	5/1		Mile Competitive Ride					
Mary	Baker	HW	Synaptic	1	380			
Rich	Elbert	HW	Faloo	2	374			
Ken	Meyer	HW	Samarii	3	370			
Terri	LaCrosse	HW	Jaq	3	368			
Walt	Benhardus	HW	Roseta Weinzetlo PVP	dnf				
Tanya	Meyer	JR	Shes My Destinee	1	377			
Joan	Elbert	LW	Lucky	1	382			
Theresa	Meyer	LW	Queen Heartt	2	378			
Candy	Barbo	LW	Nobel Annie	3	377			
Diane	Merz	LW	Sterling Illusion	4	376			
Linda	Jacobson	LW	Chub Lake Jack Daniel	5	365			
Dana	Maass	LW	Tazmanian Angel	5	365			
Sarah	Maass	LW	Afire N Lace	С	370			
Nancy	Salazar	LW	Roberto del Norte	dnf				

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Lynn	Reichert	HW	CR Raazberry Dreme	dnf	207
Laurie	Brown	HW	Vallies Nadeem	1 dof	367
Caitlin	Hemmesch	LW	WH Procrastinator	dnf	
Lisa	Powell	HW	CSA Bobbi Sox	dnf	050
Darlene	Molitor	LW FOO FO	Mile Endurance Ride	1	358
Roberta	Harms	LW	EV Count Valentino	1	
Suzanne	Warren	HW	Turbolatian	1	
Ona	Lawrence	LW	CR Mackies Finn	2	
Tracy	Blue	HW	Diego	2	
Mary	Wills	LW	Maark of Tstardom	3	
Dawn	Keast	LW	California Dream on	3	
Barry		HW		3	
Ann	Saylor	LW	Money Train H L Kastaspell		
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Beth	Lecy	LW 50	Shashada Miss	5	
Ob a day		_	Mile Endurance Ride	14	
Charlotte	Tuhy	HW	L S Maxximus	1	
Larissa	Sprecher	HW	Pasha Astra	2	
Melodie	Sprecher	HW	Pudgy	2	
Jen	Wuertz	HW	VO Raahin	4	
Jordanne	Bruns	HW	Chazzy	5	
T. J.	Edwards	HW	JBK Tara	5	
Tracy	Blue	HW	Brio	dnf	
Vanessa	VanderBeek	HW	CR Simple Eleganz	dnf	
Walt	Benhardus	HW	Midnight Thunder	dnf	
Mary	Wills	LW	Alamo CA	С	
Ona	Lawrence	LW	TA Mubaarak	1	
Linda	Jacobson	LW	Debut	2	
Dana	Maass	LW	Tazmanian Angel	3	
Marianne	Guilfoyle	LW	Trekea	4	
Sandra	Noonan	LW	Vallies Shantilly	5	
Chip	Jack	LW	Bey Decision	6	
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Candy	Barbo	LW	CR Windsor	1	
Anita	Sinnott	LW	Psyche on Fire	dnf	
	5/10	6/09 - 100	Mile Endurance Ride		
Bonnie	Mielke	HW	Ola Loki	1	
Andrea	Tims	JR	CR Infinite Pryde	1	
Danna	Theis	LW	Vallies Hi Strider	1	
		5/15/09	- 30 Mile LD Ride		
Charlotte	Tuhy	SR	G D Pippin	1	
Jordanne	Bruns	SR	Trooper	2	
Walter	Freiberg	SR	Laser	3	
T. J.	Edwards	SR	Miss Molly Mule	4	
Cody	Boysen	SR	Mirbat Atigirl	5	
Michael	Powell	SR	Chant Khoumkhemos	6	
Paula		SR	Willie Winchester	C	
Carmen	Goligowski Steuck	SR	TLA Kal-N-Stars Ace	C	
Teresa	Fett	SR	CR EastirLylle	C	
Daniel M.	Winger	SR	Major	С	
Joel	Hildebrandt	SR	Missing Memory	С	
Joan	Thiel	SR	Lads Masterpiece	С	
Lisa	Powell	SR	WA NorthStar	С	
Nicole	Eller-Medina	SR	More Than an Angel	С	
Steve	Smith	SR	Ru Da Di	dnf	
	1_	_	- 30 Mile LD Ride	Τ.	
Cody	Boysen	SR	MD Maverick	1	
Jodi	Johannessen	SR	Miles Comet	2	
Jason	Nicol	SR	Fortunette Echo	3	
Liane	Wilkinson	SR	Simoral Molir	4	
Laura	Merrifield	SR	Limago Bay	5	
Daniel M.	Winger	SR	Major	6	
Sarah	Maass	SR	GP Cali-Rooz	С	
Angie	Mikkelson	SR	Mirbat Atigirl	С	
Teresa	Fett	SR	CR Mistiraaz	С	
Paula	Goligowski	SR	Willie Winchester	С	
Rachel	Hill	SR	Sunbeam	С	
Barry	Saylor	SR	Burkaans Deciever	С	
Rhonda	Schlichting	SR	BRs Grand Finale	С	
Beverly A	Rinke	SR	Ransom	С	
Ann	Cummings	SR	ENM Ramses	С	
	Hildebrandt	SR	Missing Memory	С	
Joel			- 30 Mile LD Ride		
Joel		5/17/09			
	Tuhy	<b>5/17/09</b> SR	G D Pippin	1	
Charlotte	Tuhy Freiberg		G D Pippin Laser	2	
Charlotte		SR			
Charlotte Walter Jordanne	Freiberg	SR SR	Laser	2	
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COMP JR			
First Name	Last Name	Horse Name	<b>Total Points</b>
Rachael	Meinders	Angel Thank Heaven	26.4
Rachael	Meinders	MS Dasani	22
Rachel	Clark	Shadow Pony	18
Tanya	Meyer	Shes My Destinee	13.2
Austin	Bernsdorf	MI Lucky Charm	11
Tara	Saley	Neapolitan Cimmeron	11
Whitney	Meinders	Honey	10
Alexis	Visser	EJM Charles Dickens	10

COMP LW	<u>'                                     </u>		
First Name	Last Name	Horse Name	<b>Total Points</b>
Julie	Roe	Alada Kneanna	46
Linda	Jacobson	Chub Lake Jack Daniel	45.6
Tali	Sorenson	LA Accelant	35
Darlene	Molitor	Lazers Legacy	32.4
Diane	Meinders	Lacy's Game	26.4
Joan	Elbert	Lucky	23.2
Sandra	Noonan	Vallies Hi Sass	23.2
Marty	Power	SA TeJet	23.2
Deb	Swearingen	Rakasha	21
Diane	Merz	Sterling Illusion	20.6
Emily	Stover	Echo Bey Miranda	19
Barbara	Kurti	TryLLerike	18
Rachel	Quale	TS Valacity	17.6
Deborah	Campbell	PR Faasheharazada	17
Dana	Maass	Tazmanian Angel	13.8
Leigh Ann	Sytsma	Heza Bright Future	13.2
Laura	Hardway	Kaz Mirage	12
Theresa	Meyer	Queen Heartt	12
Barbara	Kurti	Synerator	11
Sarah	Maass	Afire N Lace	11
Amy	Sharmen	Synerator	11
Anita	Sinnott	Psyche on Fire	11
Leigh	Sytsma	Monique Lafite ( Dasiy)	11
Candy	Barbo	Nobel Annie	10.8
Tammy	Sunderlage	Dee Dee	10.8
Nancy	Leonard	Chet	10
Becke	Grams	Shatto's Sir Lance Lot	9.8
Candy	Barbo	CR Windsor	9
Jim	Haas	NW's Eklipsse	9
Diane	Meinders	Crescent Moon Jet	9
Mary	Lambert	Omars Rising Star	8
Kathy	Schauer	JG Mareeka	8
Karen	Kersten	Chewy	7
Lori	Windows	JA Bannarr	7
Rebecca	Grams	Bears Northern Light	6
Jackie	Novitski	King	6
Barbara	Gardner	RR Roman Scooter	5
Heather	Gottschalk	Sikari	5
Caitlin	Hemmesch	WH Procrastinator	5
Kelsey	Noonan	SN Aladdenz	5

LD JUNIOR						
First Name	Last Name	<b>Horse Name</b>	<b>Total Points</b>			
NONE	•					

LD SENIOR				
First Name	Last Name	Horse Name	Total Points	
Walter	Freiberg	Laser	39.8	
Charlotte	Tuhy	G D Pippin	36.4	
Jordanne	Bruns	Trooper	28.8	
Jodi	Johannessen	Miles Comet	27	
T. J.	Edwards	Miss Molly Mule	26	
Kari Sue	Hanes	Ma Mara Leah	21.6	
Liane	Wilkinson	Moonlight Matinee	20.6	
Jason	Nicol	Fortunette Echo	18.8	
Daniel M.	Winger	Major	18.2	
Paula	Goligowski	Willie Winchester	17	
Joel	Hildebrandt	Missing Memory	17	
Lori	Windows	The Postman	16.8	
Kristy	Worthington	Mr PF Penique Brillante	15.6	
Cody	Boysen	MD Maverick	13.2	
Aaron	Mowrer	Alazi	13.2	
Peggy	Pasillas	Magic Amigo	13	
Chris	Power	Wineglass Deborain	12	
Teresa	Fett	CR Eastir Lyllee	11	
Teresa	Fett	CR Mistiraaz	11	
Sarah	Maass	GP Cali-Rooz	11	
Michelle	Sentyrz	VO Jasiim	11	
Steve	Smith	Ru Da Di	10	
Rick	Nelson	RCF Camanche	9.6	
Liane	Wilkinson	Simoral Molir	9.6	
Liane	Wilkinson	Sinarab Mobar	9	
Guy	Worthington	Abu Jalal	8.4	
Jen	Allen	RCF Cammanche	8	
Marge	Dixon	Kenlynn Lexus	7.2	
Michael	Powell	Chant Khoumkhemos	7.2	
Marty	Power	SA TeJet	7.2	
Rachel	Boyce	Solitary Lady	6	
Cody	Boysen	Mirbat Atigirl	6	
Ann	Cummings	ENM Ramses	6	
Ann	Cummings	H L Kastaspell	6	
Michelle	Fedewa	Jasper	6	
Linda	Goddard	Khourageous Komet	6	
Beth	Lecy	Shashada Miss	6	
Angie	Mikkelson	Mirbat Atigirl	6	
Lisa	Powell	WA NorthStar	6	
Barry	Saylor	Burkaans Deciever	6	
Bev	Specht	Raffles Rhythm	6	
Janette	Stevens	Amoment In Time	6	
Joan	Thiel	Lads Masterpiece	6	
Suzanne	Warren	Kikkomans Geym	6	
Mary	Wills	Smokey	6	
Jan	Worthington	Cheyenne	6	
Guy	Worthington	Dreamy Gal	6	
Mary	Baker	Synaptic (Tango)	5	
Candy	Barbo	Nobel Annie	5	
Scott	Campbell	Monachers Charm	5	
Kym	Campbell	Rex	5	

ENDURAN	ENDURANCE LW				
First Name	Last Name	Horse Name	<b>Total Points</b>		
Danna	Theis	Vallies Hi Strider	64		
Candy	Barbo	CR Windsor	44		
Dana	Maass	Tazmanian Angel	36		
Beth	Lecy	Shashada Miss	29		
Chip	Jack	Bey Decision	26		
Roberta	Harms	EV Count Valentino	22		
Ona	Lawrence	TA Mubaarak	22		
Angie	Mikkelson	A Wish Granted	22		
Jan	Worthington	Golden Lightening	22		
Rebecca	Grams	Aka Ditto	20		
Linda	Jacobson	Majer Ridge Scarlet Debut	20		
Ona	Lawrence	CR Mackies Finn	20		
Lori	Windows	Seger's Accompany Me	20		
Jennifer	Plummer	Fancy Savage Nite	18		
Dawn	Keast	California Dream on	17		
Mary	Wills	Maark of Tstardom	17		
Marianne	Guilfoyle	Trekea	16		
Sandra	Noonan	Vallies Shantilly	14		
Ann	Cummings	H L Kastaspell	13		
Mary	Wills	Alamo CA	10		

ENDURANCE HW				
First Name	Last Name	Horse Name	Total Points	
Bonnie	Mielke	Ola Loki	44	
Charlotte	Tuhy	LS Maximus	44	
Marge	Dixon	Kenlyn Intrigue	42	
Guy	Worthington	Fast William MNB	42	
Jordanne	Bruns	Chazzy	29	
T. J.	Edwards	JBK Tara	27	
Suzanne	Warren	Turbolatian	22	
Van	Jacobson	NR Hot Spot+/	20	
Kayla	Reimer		20	
Larissa	Sprecher	Pasha Astra	19	
Melodie	Sprecher	Pudgy	19	
Robert	Plummer	KM Khoranado	18	
Barry	Saylor	Money Train	18	
Sherry	Aune	Cabernet Sauvignon	16	
Jen	Wuertz	VO Raahin	16	

NOVICE			
First Name	Last Name	Horse Name	<b>Total Points</b>
Christine	Butler	Eternal Treasure	8.88
Kelly	Wojcik	Ernie	5.28
Heather	Dix	Nute	4.8
Nate	Sunderlage	Kessler	4.8
Susan	Keating	Belle	2.4
Laura	Savatski	Murphy's Law	2.4
Leah	Savatski	Milo	2.4
Tammy	Sunderlage	Dee Dee	2.4
Carrie	Wojcik	Ureena	2.4

DRIVE			
First Name	Last Name	Horse(s) Name	Total Points
Wes	Licht	Ellie / Annie	5.28
Katz	Jackson	Feather Ridge Talon	5.28
Tim	Casserly	Auran Bachlava	4.32
Tony	Troyer	Heart of the City	3.84

COMP HW	1		
First Name	Last Name	Horse Name	<b>Total Points</b>
Laurie	Brown	Vallies Nadeem	35.4
Carl	Dosmann	J Dalaar Sharri+/	25
Robin	Schadt	Ra I BN Maruf	22
Sherry	Scheibelhut	JF-GVF Zephyr "Snoopy"	20.2
Maxine	Bernsdorf	Ch Shamm Bashire	20
Donna Lee	Ozment	Miss Windswept Bailey	20
Jeanne	Asklakson	LW Classic Chance	19
Robin	Schadt	Sassy Aspen	19
Michael	Powell	Bezannas Orphan Annie	18.6
Terri	LaCrosse	Jaq	18.2
Rich	Elbert	Faloo	18
Emily	Lindberg	PPF Geyms Odin	17.6
Bonnie	Mielke	Cariotsoffirenvf	15.4
Diane	Maxey	Tiffany	15
Mary	Baker	Synaptic	13.2
Chris	Power	Wineglass Deborain	13.2
Dawn	Haas	Murphy's Chance	11
Sheryl	O'Brien	Truimage of Gold	11
Suzanne	Warren	PPF Geyms Aurora	11
Krista	Dale	Namero Bey	10.8
Ken	Meyer	Samarii	10.2
Linda	Miller	Palaudit McCule	10
Lisa	Powell	CSA Bobbi Sox	10
Jennifer	Prouty	Polly's I rish Knight	10
Lynn	Reichert	CR Raazberry Dreme	10
Jeanne	Asklakson	Cinbob Go Chief	9
Deb	Searle	WOA Ravens Premier	9
Briana	Visser	Cisallie Neapolitena	9
Christina	Hyke	Mandate for Gold	8
Deb	Searle	Sultann Sundance	8
Rick	Nelson	RCF Comanche (Rambo)	7
Sandra	Wright	Occident Al Skky	7
Bethany	Borchert	Dun Adoby Fov	6
Ken	Wright	LW Raajsreflection	6
Roseanna	Clark	Matuks Legend+/	5
Joan	Thiel	Lads Masterpiece	5
<b>ENDURAN</b>	ICE JR		
First Name	Last Name	Horse Name	<b>Total Points</b>

First Name	Last Name	Horse Name	<b>Total Points</b>
Andrea	Tims	CR Infinite Pryde	66

ROOKIE COMP.				
First Name	Last Name	Horse(s) Name	<b>Total Points</b>	
Diane	Maxey	Tiffany	22	
Bethany	Borchert	<b>Dun Adoby Fov</b>	11	
Caitlyn	Hemmesch	WH Procrastinator	11	

ROOKIE ENDURANCE				
First Name	Last Name	Horse(s) Name	<b>Total Points</b>	
Kayla	Reimer	??	22	
Sandra	Noonan	Vallies Shantilly	22	

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## HOARY ALYSSUM: TOXICITY TO HORSES, FORAGE QUALITY, AND

**CONTROL** (University of MN Extension Office)

Hoary alyssum is a weed common to Minnesota, the surrounding states, and Canada. It is particularly adapted to dry conditions such as occur on sandy or gravely soils. Hoary alyssum is a member of the mustard family and is perennial in its growth habit. Hoary alyssum tends to increase in forages following drought or winterkill, regardless of the soil type of the field. As with any weed control program, proper pasture and hay management is the first consideration. This includes annual fertilization of pastures, seeding adapted species, and controlled grazing to avoid overstressing desirable forages. For hayfields, proper soil fertilization and seeding to insure adequate forage stands that are vigorously growing and competitive will help to prevent high levels of alyssum developing. Winterkill can open some alfalfa stands to invasion by alyssum, in which case the most appropriate method of control would be to re-establish the hay crop. Remember, adequate alfalfa stands should contain 5 plants per square foot in the third year or older stands to have adequate populations remaining to merit continued economic hay production.

If herbicides must be used, the most effective in pure alfalfa are products applied to dormant stands or following first cutting. There are no other good herbicide options for controlling alyssum beyond the first cutting. For grass pastures, of the various broadleaf herbicides available, the most economical approach would be to apply 2,4-D in the spring or fall to suppress hoary alyssum. Retreatment will likely be necessary. No broadleaf herbicides are labeled for use on grass/legume mixed pastures that do not have significant injury potential to the legume as well. Hoary alyssum is not a known poisonous plant as we typically think of plants such as hemlock, bracken fern, nightshade and white snakeroot. Considering the widespread distribution of alyssum in Minnesota and the lack of reported toxicity to animals, it is of relatively low toxicity to livestock in that sense. Complete avoidance of

hoary alyssum in hay or forage is not an economical or environmentally sound goal. For ruminants, the buyer should be aware of potential concerns when feeding hay containing hoary alyssum, though horses appear to be at greater risk. The buyer should be aware of the clinical signs and monitor ruminants for any indications of toxicity, and remove alyssuminfested hay if problems develop.

#### **Clinical Signs**

Horses experience depression and a "stocking up," or swelling of the lower legs, 12 to 24 hours following ingestion of hoary alyssum in hay or on pasture. A fever and occasionally short term diarrhea have also been observed. These clinical signs normally subside 2 to 4 days following removal of the alyssum source. In more severe cases, an apparent founder with a stiffness of joints and reluctance of the animal to move has been observed. Recovery of animals with clinical evidence of founder may take several additional

In very rare cases, where hoary alyssum comprised extremely high percentages of the hay (30 to 70%), circumstantial evidence exists associating the plant with the death of a few horses. To date, death has not occurred in horses fed hay containing hoary alyssum under experimental conditions. For horses, hay producers and horse owners both should be aware of toxicity symptoms and management needs regarding hay that may contain low levels of hoary alyssum. Buyers should be alert for clinical signs of toxicity development and immediately remove alyssum-infested hay if symptoms develop. Hay containing greater than 20% hoary alyssum should not be fed to horses.



### **EQUINE GASTRIC ULCERS**

Gastric ulcers, just as they may be found in humans, are also found in horses. A veterinarian will be able to ascertain the presence of such an ulcer by inserting a fiber optic tube via the nostril through the esophagus and into the stomach.

A healthy stomach should be pink, yet if a horse suffers from gastric ulcers, they will show up yellowish-white against a blood red background. Present-day research is revealing that this condition is in fact so prevalent in horses that it demanded the development of a new drug to help horses suffering from this illness. Of course, this advancement in modern day equine medicine did not happen by chance, but instead it required determined veterinarians whose ingenuity, know-how and overall inventiveness led to a major breakthrough. Instrumental in the research was the use of a two-meter endoscope which permitted researchers to sample larger portions of a horse's gastro-intestinal tract without being hindered by the lack of length that the endoscopes then in use presented.

The most surprising aspect of the research began with a study that sampled about 100 healthy looking foals from a variety of stables. When the animals' gastro-intestinal tracts were probed, about half of them were found to possess the tell-tale lesions in their stomachs. Taking the research further, the scientists proceeded to test a number of race horses, only to find that the number of affected animals reached a staggering 90 percent! Added to this study were then those animals who were neither foals nor race horses, but where the owners were concerned because the animals had a poor appetite or simply suffered from some kind of abdominal pain. They, too, had the lesions in their stomachs. In the past horse trainers simply resorted to using Mylanta and horses who showed no symptoms were assumed to be fine. Instead, it appears now that even animals that are asymptomatic are still affected.

While in humans the presence of ulcers is most often linked to stress, this conclusion does not fit in the animal kingdom. Instead, it appears that the reason for such stomach problems is the fact that horses are no longer able to continuously graze, but instead have to follow specific feeding patterns – this is also the reason why race horses who are on rigid schedules are more affected than pleasure horses. Ideally, a horse will eat intermittently to have enough food stuff in its stomach to absorb the digestive acids which it always secretes. This prevents the stomach's lining from being damaged by the acid. Aided by the horse's saliva which further contains acid neutralizing agents, the pH balance of the stomach remains constant. Yet when the horse is not able to continuously graze, its stomach pH balance suddenly drops to such an extent as to be associated with the causation of ulcers.

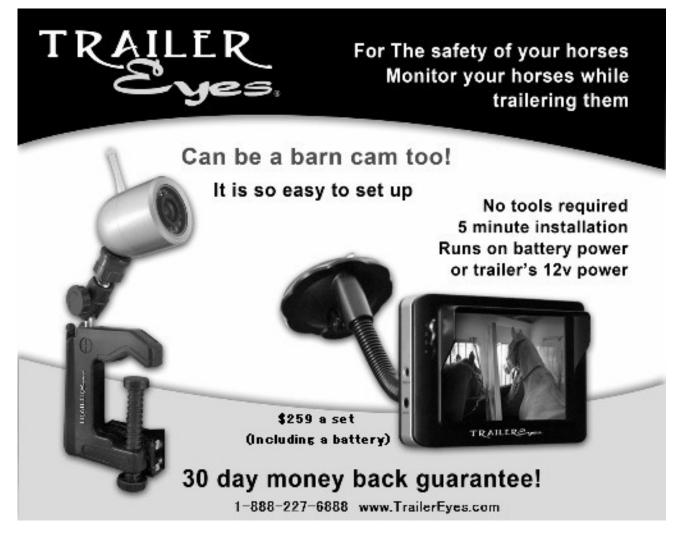
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