



MnDRA News

Over

Another fun season in the books



Howdy all,

The picture above represents the story of the year in my opinion. Sara's Juniors have brought infectious fun, enthusiasm, and horsemanship (despite bringing horses with 18 - 20 heart rates into the pulse lanes) to our group. When they weren't riding, they could be found scribing in the vet area, walking other riders' horses or dogs, and just plain adding a ring of laughter and smiles to the camp. For a sport where everyone is getting older, they represent our future. Next year many will be doing endurance. Look out 50s, the herd is coming.



The Herd.

Juniors and friends at Point Chaser



I just realized I missed an issue. Consider it your early Christmas present. This fall has been a bit of a challenge. This issue contains the preliminary points. If you see any problems, let Joan Thiel know. There is also a summary of the MnDRA rides' finances this season. Finally, I take you into a day in the vet area.

=;{}} Happy trails. Ken

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VETTING IN: NEWS FROM THE MEMBERS

I would like to extend a thank you to everyone who helped to make Charity Cup so successful. A check for \$ 3300 was presented to Coborn Cancer Center. This would not have been possible without everyone's continued support. Darlene Molitor, Cody Collins, and all the volunteers from Charity Cup Ride.

Darlene



This year has been a lot of fun. Especially going from having no clue what I am doing to taking control of when and how I'm going to do things. I have a feeling we all thought Legendary Run was the best ride this year. I mean seriously, all you have to do is give us plumbing and hot water and we are the happiest people around! Though the cows and runaway horses made it eventful, the trails were just beautiful.

Run For the Ridge was awesome too! I think I stayed up the latest at that ride then any of the other rides. Mostly because I wouldn't have been able to sleep anyway. So I stayed up and timed for Jodi and Mary.

It was a blast.

Can't wait to do 50's next year.

Buffy's Rider (Leah)

A DAY IN THE VET AREA AT POINT CHASER

The alarm goes off at 5:30. It's still dark out, but we said we would begin vetting in at 6:00. I'm just glad this is a fall ride; in the summer that alarm is pretty close to 4:00. The first goal is to find coffee. Luckily the ride managers have the coffee ready and waiting. A glance around reveals that there are donuts also. A huge plus because it will be a couple hours before we can have breakfast.

As we gather our clipboards and markers, we notice dark shapes drifting back and forth in the vet area. We have horses to vet in for today's ride which goes out at 7:00. We turn the lights on and try to angle them to give us maximum visibility. It still is cool to see the horse trot out of sight and then slowly come back into view. More times than not it is easier to see the rider than the horse. By 6:30 we have vetted in eight more horses who are doing endurance or LD this morning.

At 6:45 we have the endurance riders meeting which the vet needs to attend to set parameters. The help goes to listen so we can answer questions from the riders like, "what color is

the second loop?" We also need to know the parameters, hold times, and are there exit CRIs since we are the ones that mark the cards.

At 7:00 there is another rider meeting for the LDs. No real break in between. This is a good time to try to start a fire to pull a little of the chill off.

At 7:30 the endurance is out and it is a big bunch. There's going to be a lot of work and delays today. Hope everyone remains patient. At 7:45 we watch the LD leave. Another huge group. We are going to be busy in a couple hours. A rider asks the help if they could go to their camp and untangle a horse. Upon checking the horse, help was needed to do so, but we got the horse free. Now we can look forward to the only real break in the day.

8:00 and a comp rider needs to vet in.

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8:15, Breakfast time! While eating breakfast someone brings us a loose horse to see if we can identify it. We had an idea of whose it was, but when we trotted it, it didn't trot like we thought it should so we took it to a person who recognizes everyone's horse and found we were right. The rider was out with the LDs so we searched the campground to find their rig and tied it up. When we got back to the vet area at 8:45 there were a couple more comps to vet in.

8:55: One of the vets almost lost her stethoscope in the outhouse. We had a discussion as to whether it was ride management's job to retrieve something like that since they need the vet.

8:59: the front runners for endurance and LD are in. For a fifteen mile loop, that's a good pace. The rest of the pack isn't far behind. For the next hour, the vet help does nothing but take pulses. At 9:52 we need to take P&Rs on the 50 comps while watching the pulse lanes. The vets are swamped with exit CRIs. We squeeze the comps in for their trot outs so they don't lose more of their hold than the fifteen minutes they already lost to take P&Rs. Luckily, no one complains for the 30 sec. delay in exits.

10:36: The vets are finally done with the exits after a solid hour. The help has alternated with scribing and pulsing during that time. Already tired, we look at the time and wilt. We're only about three hours into the ride. We know we have at least seven more hours to go.

10:57: the first LD is in and down. Unfortunately, the wind is up. And a wind chill. Luckily the fire is burning nicely.

11:50: well that was a nice break. Where is everyone? Oh, here they come. LD and Endurance are coming in. The help needs to ask what ride they are doing so we know which parameter they can use. We also need to watch who comes into

the lane when because ride management doesn't want ties.

12:20: Oh crud, ten LDs and five endurance just came in together. Things got chaotic in the pulse area. We lost track of who was entering the lanes when. Many of the horses aren't down and we kick them out.

12:50: the finals for LD are starting but at least they are all pulsed down and the help can help the vets more with scribing and figuring out if we need to get an endurance exit through before an LD final. Again, everyone was understanding about the exits going first today. It isn't always that way. The comps get their P&Rs for the first loop.

1:00: lunch and hot chili hits the spot. Unfortunately, the help forgot to warn the vets about a BC that was due at 1:10. Lunch is interrupted.

1:12: what are those horses standing over there for? Oh, right; 50 comps need a P&R.

1:20, oops, I did it again. Another BC interrupts lunch. It's not their fault. They have to show at a specific time.

1:30: finally, a potty break.

1:35: more exits

1:45: looking around, it looks calm. No horses coming in, no horses cooling down. Maybe we can grab a quick 'Dean' nap in our chairs.

1:50: a rider is concerned about where the horse that was pulled was lame. They didn't see it and wanted to be sure so not to hurt the horse. The rider still couldn't see it as the vet tried to show it and explain what she was seeing. There are exits waiting so the help goes over to try to speed the conversation up so the vet and help move the horses.

2:30: the endurance riders are beginning to finish. We are doing final

checks for the next forty-five minutes. Around 3:00, LD riders who are now rested are starting to bring new horses over to vet in for tomorrow.

3:15: the pace slows down to where we have five minute breaks between the vet-ins and endurance finals. This is a good time to go spend more than a minute with our horses, children, or pets. Another rider comes to ask if the vets would look at their horse who was off earlier. The vets looked the horse over and suggested what they thought the problem was and what the rider should do. We also do the finals for the comp riders. During this time the vet crew is getting silly and the laughter at dumb jokes begins. This fun, exhausting time runs to 5:00.

At 5:30 we give last call for vetting in horses. We get a couple takers.

5:45; we call it a day and have a hard earned beverage. Only two more days to go.

I've spent enough time in the vet area to know this is a typical day. At Point Chaser, everyone was very patient and helpful, especially during the exit back-up earlier in the day. While exits are time-consuming, we did see problems develop in a couple horses during the hold which would have been missed if the trot out was done right after the pulse down. Exits really do help protect our horses and are worth it.

What helps are the folks who come over to help after their ride, or if they are pulled. What really helps are those who plan to not ride that day so they can help out. All of these people help make the ride seamless for the riders. The vets truly are appreciative.

MnDRA Rides Finances

Itemized Breakdown of 2014 MnDRA Rides					
MnDRA 1					
Income:			Expenses:		
Ride Cancelled					
Sisu					
Income:			Expenses:		
	3808.00		Vets		1600.00
			Insurance		100.00
			Sanction Fees (UMECRA)		40.00
			Sanction Fees (AERC)		60.00
			Reserve Campsite		208.50
			Special Use Permit		100.00
			Ride Fees (AERC)		294.00
			Ride Fees (UMECRA)		155.00
			Late Fee (UMECRA)		50.00
			Sherburne Cty Sheriff's Res		160.00
			Camping		336.00
			Awards		57.00
			Food		202.39
			Supplies		76.04
			Postage		7.63
			Total:		3446.56
Net:	361.44				
Maplewood					
Income:			Expenses:		
	2775.00		Vets		1600.00
			Insurance		65.00
			Sanction Fee (UMECRA)		40.00
			Ride Fees (AERC)		365.00
			Ride Fees (UMECRA)		140.00
			Awards		126.73
			Trail Maps		18.40
Net:	419.87		Total:		2355.13

MNDRA FINANCES

Mosquito Run			
	Income:		Expenses:
		6603.00	Vets
			Insurance
			Sanction Fee (UMECRA)
			Ride Fees (AERC)
			Ride Fees (UMECRA)
			Trail Passes
			Food
			Awards
			Timers
			Supplies
			Stamps
			Gas/Mileage
	Net:	2871.05	Total:
			1600.00
			65.00
			40.00
			626.00
			280.00
			455.00
			292.58
			17.50
			170.00
			137.97
			4.90
			43.00
			3731.95
Thistle Down Run			
	Income:		Expenses:
		3159.00	Vets
			Insurance
			Sanction Fees (AERC)
			Sanction Fees (UMECRA)
			Ride Fees (AERC)
			Ride Fees (UMECRA)
			Moore's Septic
			Awards
			Food
			Supplies
			Gas
	Net:	352.92	Total:
			1600.00
			145.00
			60.00
			40.00
			398.00
			127.50
			154.96
			74.34
			141.49
			61.70
			3.09
			2806.08
Total balance of profit from MndRA rides is:			4005.28
Checking Account Balance as of 10/11/14 is \$21,361.37			
	Vet Van Fund:	500.00	
	Trail Fund:	275.16	
	Brochure Fund:	241.82	

PRELIMINARY POINTS

		Preliminary Year-End			
	Rider	Horse	Points	Miles	
C	HW	Ed Barbo	Psyche on Fire	147.2	350
		Bethany Borchert	Dun Adoby Fox	136.0	370
		Carmen Steuck	Phoenix	53.0	125
		Sheryl O'Brien	Cherry Rebel BFV	50.6	130
		Kristen Delk	DH Corbin Ace	29.8	80
		Becki Sanford	Stryka Major Chord	22.0	55
		Katja Wiedrich	Sweet Honey de	13.2	30
		Bonnie Mielke	PSL Lakota Chief	10.0	25
		Sheryl O'Brien	Wild River Sundancer	9.0	25
		Brenda Garrison	Sweet Hone DE	8.0	25
		Amanda Goetze	Splash	7.0	25
C	JR	Piper Bruce	Samarii	57.2	130
		Hannah Delk	Ames Bayberry	33.2	80
		Leah Schnobrich	HK Xpress	15.4	35
		Allison Brooks	Maximum	13.2	30
C	LW	Linda Goddard	Regal Task	163.8	390
		Candy Barbo	CR Windsor	115.2	290
		Suzanne Warren	PPF Geyms Sonsy	64.2	155
		Bev Specht	JH Arabalest	62.2	155
		Candy Barbo	Nobel Annie	59.2	155
		Theresa Meyer	Queen Heartt	44.6	135
		Cody Collins	Lazers Legacy	44.0	100
		Mary Lambert	High Tail Hanna	31.0	80
		Theresa Meyer	Shes My Destinee	26.4	60
		Colleen Morgan	JBK Tara	21.0	50
		Karen Kersten	Cisero	18.0	50
		Mary Lambert	Psyches Amore	16.0	50
		Suzanne Warren	PPF Geyms Aurora	11.0	25
		Diane Schermerhorn	Iron Lady Hawk	10.0	25
		Lori Books	Glory	9.0	25
		Theresa Meyer	Turbolotion	7.0	25
		Jan Rivard	Jewell	6.0	25

CHALLENGES

Preliminary Year-End

		Rider	Horse	Points	Miles	
E	HW	Sheryl	O'Brien	Wild River Sundancer	174.6	465
		Charlotte	Tuhy	Raffimas Image	86.0	200
		Joel	Hildebrandt	Chazzy	64.0	150
		Bonnie	Mielke	OLA Loki	44.0	100
		Ed	Hauser	Stevie Ray	42.0	100
		Scott	Campbell	JG Kings Major	20.0	50
		Scott	Campbell	JG One + Only	18.0	50
		E	LW	Mary	Lambert	Psyches Amore
Jodi	Johannessen			PR Bay Muscrana	178.2	405
Teresa	Fett			CR Mistiraaz	108.0	260
Cody	Collins			Lazers Legacy	68.4	160
Sarah	Kieser			Never A Fantahcee	53.4	205
Peggy	Pasillas			MRA Whirlwind	35.6	105
Angie	Mikkelson			Tango	30.0	100
Darlene	Molitor			TS Fames Allionce	20.0	50
Mary	Lambert			High Tail Hanna	20.0	50
Diane	Schermerhorn			Iron Lady Hawk	16.0	50
Theresa	Meyer			Queen Heartt	14.0	50
LD	JR				Rider	Horse
		Grace	Steffl	Indiana	110.8	270
		Leah	Schnobrich	Buffy	72.0	210
		Kade	Zishka	Tizzy	67.0	155
		Cassidy	Wiethoff	Blackjack	60.6	160
		Emma	Christopherson	Phoenix (Maass)	52.0	160
		Cassidy	Wiethoff	Harlequin	43.8	115
		Ravyn	Swanson	Proud Rageyma	32.2	80
		Alexis	Unangst	Lil Bits George Amir	22.0	50
		Grace	Steffl	Faline	12.0	30
		River	Campbell	Ms Kamadon	10.8	30

CREWING IN WYOMING FOR A MINNESOTA BOY

LD SR

TJ	Edwards	Miss Molly Mule	123.2	345
Jodi	Johannessen	Denndi Moore	112.0	265
Diane	Merz	Sterling Illusion	83.4	195
Joel	Hildebrandt	BE Sparticus	68.6	210
Debra	Juettner	Rena	68.2	265
Sarah	Maass	Royal Opus	55.0	235
Dale	Lunde	Images Princess Haily	53.8	195
Paula	Goligowski	Little Bay	53.0	250
Paula	Goligowski	Willie Winchester	52.6	210
Ben	Zishka	Aerial	47.0	130
Amber	Larson	Missing Memory	45.8	165
Teresa	Fett	CR EastirLyllee	43.8	155
Nancy	Salazar	Nebulucent	37.6	160
Dana	Gasner	Remington	37.2	165
Chip	Jack	WF Everlasting	36.6	165
Janette	Sasena	Caduceus Oriana	32.4	115
Nancy	Salazar	Peanut	29.6	115
Darlene	Molltor	TS Fames Allionce	25.4	85
Diane	Schermerhorn	Iron Lady Hawk	25.0	75
Charlotte	Tuhy	Phantom Mirage	23.0	100
Debra	Moe	Fadbai Cufflink	17.0	85
Jan	Rivard	Jewell	16.0	80
Joan	Thiel	A Risky Encounter	15.0	75
Janet	Sarver	Bashir	15.0	50
Lynda	Zimmerman	HDR Petrolero de Nevado	13.4	55
Colleen	Morgan	SC Casa Nova	12.2	55
E John	Bruner	Dakota Doll	12.0	50
Rachel	Hill	Sunbeam	12.0	50
Debra	Juettner	Lil Bits George Amir	12.0	60
Theresa	Meyer	Samaril	11.0	55
Raven	Flores	Rothadis fra Tolthaven	11.0	55
Mary	Aschenbrener	Jake	10.0	50

Preliminary Year-End

	Rider	Horse	Points	Miles
Amber	Larson	Zia	10.0	50
Meredith	Schlenner	Tryggr	10.0	50
Meredith	Schlenner	Harlequin	10.0	50
Ellen	Kraft	Harlequin	10.0	50
Lynn	Reichert	WH Procrastinator	10.0	50
Jason	Nicol	Fortunette Echo	10.0	50
Jutta	Schmidt	Al Ahmar Al Pahasapa	10.0	50
Diane	Schermerhorn	CR Eastir Lyllee	10.0	25
Lynda	Zimmerman	Lluvia del Norte	8.4	30
Teresa	Fett	CR Mistiraaz	8.0	25
Joel	Hildebrandt	Chazzy	8.0	25
Sarah	Maass	Harlequin	8.0	25
Scott	Campbell	JG Kings Major	7.2	30
Charlotte	Tuhy	Raffimas Image	7.0	25
Catherine	Cheesebrow	NW Wildcard	6.0	30
Mary	Lambert	Psyches Amore	5.0	25
Colleen	Morgan	Lioness Share	5.0	25
Janet	Sarver	Rena	5.0	25
Ellen	Kraft	Lil Bits George Amir	5.0	25
Amber	Larson	Diamond	5.0	25
Jutta	Schmitt	Watch Me Ima big Star	5.0	25
Ellen	Kraft	Faline	5.0	25
Diane	Schermerhorn	Jets TAHR Mindy	5.0	25