

2007 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENDURANCE RIDE RESULTS

WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE THE SEVEN FINISHERS OF THE 2ND ANNUAL APPALOOSA HORSE CLUB NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP ENDURANCE RIDE!

This year's ride was held in conjunction with the Big South Fork Endurance Ride located in the Big South Fork National River and Recreational Area near the Tennessee – Kentucky border. Nicholas Irianni riding LRF Lakota Wemima ("Kody") won the overall timed event as well as the youth division. Nicholas and Kody also earned the George Hatley Cup, awarded to the horse in the top 10 finishers deemed to be in the best condition.

Eric Beene', ApHC Board President and innovator of the championship endurance ride attended the event. "We have a lot of people in the breed who are really stars in the endurance field," he says.

There were also stars in the realm of cooperation. Youths are required to be accompanied by an adult sponsor for the duration of this ride. When Jeff Hartman's horse had to be pulled from the race, it left his son, Josiah – also a rider – without a sponsor. There was a call for an adult to accompany Josiah so he could continue the course. Kim Lyttle stepped forward to volunteer. "I was happy to help," she said. When commended on her willingness to lend her assistance, her response was modest. "It works both ways," she said. "Josiah's horse Cher was a help to my horse, pulling him along at the end when he was pretty tired."

It is this kind of camaraderie that makes these events memorable experiences for all. Thank you, Kim, for allowing Josiah to continue and earn 4th place. And thank you, Josiah, for helping Kim's horse along to earn 5th place.

Hats off to both of you!



1. Nicholas Irianni of Winchester, Virginia, riding *LRF Lakota Wemima*, "Kody" (Hydaways Jasintam x LRF Purple Rain).

Complete time: 6 hours, 22 minutes



2. Cat Carter of Finksburg, Maryland riding *Thespurofthemoment* (unknown x unknown).

Complete time: 6 hours, 50 minutes



3. Diana MacDonald of Guelph, Ontario, Canada riding *Bask N Coins* (C Baskof Darkness, AR x FM Byline Coinage).

Complete time: 7 hours, 10 minutes



4. Josiah Hartman of Huntingdon, Pennsylvania riding *WAPS Blackcherry* "Cher" (Wap Spot x Varre Blackcherry).

Complete time: 8 hours, 3 minutes.



5. Kim Lyttle of Berryville, Virginia. Khans Magic Piper (Navarre Khan x RB Aabra Khadabra).

Complete time: 8 hours, 3 minutes.



6. Christine Eickleberry of Columbus, Indiana riding WR Cowboy (unknown x unknown).

Complete time: 8 hours, 26 minutes.



7. Meghan Delp of Westminster, Maryland riding *Fourmile's Kuna* (Fourmile's Stormy x SDA Kalila).

Complete time: 8 hours, 37 minutes.

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