

Harry McGlothlen Trophy

Who was Harry McGlothlen?

In the early 20th Century, the Arabian breeders in America, needing a way to promote their breed, challenged the US Army to Cavalry Endurance rides. They determined a distance and a minimum weight. More about Arabs in the Army can be found on AHA's website (www.arabianhorses.org) Harry McGlothlen, while living in Vermont, was a competitor during the later years of these horse trials. Returning home to Iowa, he wanted to continue his racing and the promotion of the breed through its "natural" activity of Endurance and Competitive Riding. Along with riding, he donated what we know as the Harry McGlothlen Traveling Trophy to a local Iowa ride. His criteria was this: 1.) That the trophy be given to the "first Purebred Arabian gelding over the line"; and 2.) That should the trophy be won by the same horse and rider three years in a row, it would find its permanent home with them.

It is not known for certain why McGlothlen chose the first "Purebred Arabian gelding", but it is believed to be because he wanted to show a gelding's value. Many times, to keep the "best of the best", Arab breeders sold many of their horse colts. Instead of being used for breeding and showing, McGlothlen was proving the value of the gelding in Endurance and Competitive Riding. This trophy was later given to AHDRA and we are proud to have it!

More information about the amazing people and their wonderful horses is being sought after, found, and documented (and put on the website). Soon, we hope to have information about everybody—and if not, we appeal to anybody who knows about them! Here are the people and horses we currently know about.

Louise Riedel and Caprison, 1973: There have been two UMECRA horses inducted into the AERC Hall of Fame, and Louise Riedel's "Capi" was one of them in 1980. Louise, who has also been inducted to the Hall of Fame herself, always said that Capi was very persnickety. For instance, on narrow trails, he would go incredibly slow which would make the other horse(s) and rider(s) angry. As soon as an area was open enough for the riders behind to pass, he would go so fast that the other horses were unable to catch him! (We aren't sure, but it could have been Louise as well!)

Bill Kean and Siram, 1974: Not much is known about Bill and Siram, but Siram was a grey horse, and had the chance to compete in the 1976 Bicentennial Ride Across the Country. Bill used to ride some of Dr. Robert Beecher's horses—a man well known by AHDRA, AERC, and FEI.

Bill Kean and Siram, 1975: The first two-year reign!

Susanne Morstad and Caliph, 1976: Suzanne was doctor, but not much is known about her or her horse.

Sarah Davis and Juyan Blu, 1977: Living in Plymouth, Wisconsin, Sarah was known to breed and raise all of her horses. She rode later in life in a lot of lime green.

Guy Worthington and Garman, 1978: Garman was really known as "Killer," but it was thought to be better to put his registered name, Garman, on the trophy. Killer obtained his name because Guy and his family acquired him right before he went to the kill-buyers. "Guy and Killer were a fixture in the area for quite a while," says Bonnie Mielke (known endurance rider for many years). Guy is thought to be the only one who could ride him. "In the late 70's I [Mielke] had a fast horse named Max ... Guy, Michelle MacDonald, ... Chuck Melcher and I were at a ride at Palmyra. I rode Lightweight that

year. THEN, we waited 10 minutes to get checked on endurance. We knew that Chuck had been having rechecks all day. So, we were a Lightweight, two Heavyweights, and a junior. Going into the last check, Guy looked at me and asked if Max could check in 10 minutes; I thought so, so we galloped into the last check so that Chuck would have to be re-checked and held and we'd have a 10 minute lead on him leaving the check. It may have been a little 'not so nice', but now it didn't matter. We won, we were all first! Killer was VERY fast, but so was Max. ... Back then we almost always raced."

Bonnie Kaufman and S.A. Maxzi, 1979: This horse is considered to be Bonnie's first really good endurance horse. He was related to, and looked a lot like, another horse of hers, OLA Loki. "He could really sprint and could trot a hole through the wind, so we won a lot of rides," Kaufman, now Mielke says, "more than half of his starts." He died of a ruptured intestine in 1984 at the age of 13, one year after Dan Yankee's passing (winner in 1981, 1982, and 1983).

Bonnie Kaufman and S.A. Maxzi, 1980: Purchased as a three year old, he "was ridden competitively for the next three years. The third year he placed in UMECRA Top Ten Heavyweight with only six rides. At seven, he was ridden endurance. He has placed on every ride he completed. He was in UMECRA Top Six in 1978 and 1980. In 1979 he was UMECRA Heavyweight Endurance Champion. Max has completed the Kettle Moraine 100 three times. ... In 1981, on his last endurance race, he ran the Kettle Moraine 100 in 10 hours, 20 minutes in deep mud to win the International Arabian Senior Championship."

Jan Worthington and Dan Yankee, 1981: One race, Jan was riding Dan Yankee in a competitive ride. In a stream, a junior's horse was cut on some garbage in the water and began to bleed profusely. Jan ran Dan into camp, got a vet, beat the vet back to the rider, and went on to not only complete but also win the competitive ride.

Jan Worthington and Dan Yankee, 1982: Third second-reigning gelding and rider. **Jan was inducted into the AERC Hall of Fame in 2011**—congratulations, Jan!

Jan Worthington and Dan Yankee, 1983: FIRST three-year reign! A custom had been agreed upon that the horse and rider who won the trophy three years in a row would keep the trophy for life. A big thank you goes to Jan for wanting to keep the trophy in circulation! This generosity has allowed the trophy to gain history and continuing its journey. Unfortunately, Dan died later that year. Bonnie Mielke said that she was "riding Max with Jan and Dan Yankee on the Nielsville 100 when Dan got sick; we left them on the trail and never saw Dan again."

Joey Matingley and Czar Louis, 1984: Lori Windows met "Joey" the year before, when he was about 12 years old. Riding with his mom, Grace Matingley on C.L. Shurwell, Lori and a few others decided to meet them at the end. Not far from the finish line, Lori and crew yelled to Joey to race Grace—Shurwell was not only a purebred, but also Sweepstakes, whereas Louis was not. Joey raced and won, much to Grace's aggravation! Joey went on to become one of the first UMECRA members to race abroad in the World Games.

Wendy Matingley and C.L. Shurwell, 1985: Joey's sister went on to win the trophy the following year—on the horse that was supposed to win the year before with Grace.

Brian Weaver and Rushcreed Kapper, 1986: Only known to be from Pennsylvania—first year the trophy was able to travel abroad.

Roberta Harms and Kass, 1987: Roberta is well known in the endurance world, starting in 1984. Vi Bredl was first over the line at this ride, but was riding an Ango-Arabian. Roberta only had a few chances at winning the trophy, due to the fact that she usually rode partbred Arabs.

Tom Pickard and Brown-R Fad, 1988: Tom and his wife were only in the sport for a few years. When they left endurance, due to health reasons, they sold their horses to Jo Ann Gernant, well-known endurance rider and mentor.

Herb Dolphin and Rasman, 1989: According to Lori Windows, Dolphin was “the most gorgeous man on a horse.”

Lori Windows and Galamon, 1990: The “Beer Horse”—after watching this horse owned by X continually fail at reaching this trophy year after year, Lori bought him upon learning X’s training regime. His “idea” of conditioning was to ride to Pete’s and have a beer; pick up Pete and ride to Herbie’s and have a beer; pick up Herbie and head to the local bar, and so fourth and so on. When Lori would ride Galamon at his old stomping grounds, he would inevitably swerve down the road to Pete’s, Herbie’s, the bar, and so fourth and so on.

Lori Windows and Galamon, 1991: The fourth two-year reign. Galamon was twenty years old.

Holly Engstrom and Galamon, 1992: To ensure the continuance of the trophy’s travel, Lori had her step-daughter, Holly, ride Galamon to a win. While in camp, a restless Benny kicked Holly, causing her to bleed the whole ride. A friend crewing yelled, appalled that she ws bleeding and Lori yelled to throw a bucket of water on her. When they got off to run, blood spurted out, so she got back on. The ride vet, Doctor Hauptert, sewed her back up in the trailer after the ride. She had no broken bones, and probably has an amazing scar!

Lori Windows and Ibn Ben Bask, 1993: This was the first year that the race was a Sweepstakes race. When Lori was bringing the trophy to the ride, the refrigerator door opened and a beer can fell on the top of the trophy, breaking the little horse off. Deciding that she didn’t want to pay a fortune to send the trophy to Timbuktu, she decided to be the first person with her name on the trophy with two different horses.

Bonnie Mielke and Pieraaz, 1994: Lori says that Galamon should have won the trophy yet again. There was a mailbox not far from the finish line that many a rider had been hurt on. Lori told her friend and Galamon’s rider, Dee, that Galamon would not take her out on the mailbox and to take the inside corner. Dee did not get the inside corner. Bonnie and Pieraaz won, to wich Lori said that Galamon probably would not have beaten Pieraaz anyway because he was so fast.

Lori Windows and Ibn Ben Bask, 1995: For three loops, Lori rode with Jan and Wendy. At the third check, Benny didn’t pulse down and was a few minutes behind. Disappointed about not being able to win the trophy again, Jan and Wendy’s crew told Lori that they were entered in the FEI/Sweepstakes ride—not the UMECRA ride, and therefore Lori won the trophy back.

1996: An AHDRA ride was not held due to land disputes, and therefore the trophy was not given.

Lori Windows and Ibn Ben Bask, 1997: The scrawny, random-white-spot, son of the Bask did it again!

Elizabeth Whitcomb and Cherishably Taj, 1998: Liz is Diane Schmidt's daughter. Chablis was a tall, very fast bay horse.

Elizabeth Whitcomb and Cherishably Taj, 1999: Another two-year reign!

Holly A. Flemming and Monongahela, 2000: The race was held at Comlara State Park near Bloomington, IL. It was so cold and rainy that some riders pulled.

Ian Muir and Chief, 2001: Ian was originally from Minnesota. Chief was a big grey gelding, who competed for many years.

Michelle Matingley and Blazing Saddles, 2002: "Little Joey's" wife won the trophy for the first time.

Michelle Matingley and ENM Handsome, 2003: The race was held at Panther Creek. Because the trails weren't open until noon, Michelle and Lori rode along roads for 25 miles (two loops). Their crew (Dr. Robert Beecher, the owner of Handsome; John Engstrom, Lori's husband; and another) clocked them going about 23-24mph. During one of the loops, Beecher and the other man decided that if they could make John mess up one more time for Lori, Michelle would win. John's reply? "That won't be hard to do, Beech." Michelle got ahead at the third check, but came in slightly lame, so JA Bannarr (Lori's horse) got Best Condition.

Myra Fleming and Victory Dance, 2004:

Joe Matingley and S.A. Laribou, 2005: After 21 years, "Joey" comes back to win on Larry. Larry was later sold to Dubai.

Joe Matingley and S.A. Laribou, 2006: The sixth two-year reign!

Maxine bernsdorf and Lucas Bask, 2007: Another great of Bask to grace the trophy's plaques. An out-of-area woman, Paula Kaigh, caught Max and Linda Hamrick riding Zahar's Gallant Dancer near the end. Wanting to keep the trophy in the "Family," Linda graciously offered Paula first place lightweight if she would let Max come in for first purebred.

Lori Windows and JA Bannarr, 2008: After riding sixty miles, Lori brought home the trophy once again. It is the sixth time Lori is on this trophy. It is the third horse she has had on it—more than anyone else. On March 13, 2008, Lori broke her leg—for days short of nine years after Bannarr broke his leg. It was his first endurance ride this season.

Jen Allen and Saleros Legacy, 2009: It hadn't been the best season for Jen. Some of her goals fell a little short of the mark. She had a great horse in "Legs", but he was young and had a few kinks to work out. They didn't complete a 100 in 2009 like Jen had hoped. They didn't get all they way across Michigan's Shore to Shore ride like she had hoped. As the season came to a close, they approached AHDRA III with one last goal—winning the Harry McGlothlen Trophy and adding their names to a piece of AHDRA history. There were many purebred Arabian geldings entered that year. Jan Worthington took a pretty bad fall, putting her out of contention. Legs' stable mate, JA Bannarr, rode with him almost the whole way.

Candy Barbo and CR Windsor, 2010: Candy had reservations about going to Big River (AHDRA III location) because she had just ridden Windsor in a two-day 100 the weekend before. It was in her plan, though, because she was just out of the UMECRA standings and wanted to also stay in AERC. She took it easy at Pt Chaser, her goal to complete at Big River. Candy's husband, Ed, saw the trophy and heard its story at the ride meeting, and mentioned it to her, but she told him she just wanted to finish on a sound horse. After slowly passing others, she was first out of camp on the last loop, so she picked up the pace for a chance for the trophy, which Ed reminded her of while he was crewing. Candy is always proud of her trail companion, Windsor, and has carried her many wonderful miles.

Ellen Rapp and Noslo's Lightning, 2011: When Ellen took the trophy to the engravers, she said that they could not stop gushing about it – it was so beautiful!

Roxi Welling and Viktory Banner, 2012: Big River was Banner's 27th start and 27th completion. He also earned BC at the race as well as the "Harry". We entered him in the Big River ride for the purpose of the Harry trophy. Such a huge piece of the UMECRA history is on that trophy and I felt Banner belonged amongst such greats.

Jan Worthington and Golden Lightning, 2013: This horse and rider partnership started with three LD rides in 2006. Since that time, they have completed 2155 Endurance miles with many 1st place finishes. According to other riders who have also ridden "Leon", the difference in his personality with Jan and other riders is huge. He takes such good care of her, so big hearted, truly amazing!! He's spooky and rotten with other riders but as soon as Jan is on him, he is ALL business and takes care of her so well. He LOVES his job with anyone. But with Jan he really knows how to take care of her. He's perfect.

Marge Dixon and Kenlyn Intrigue, 2014: 2014 was a hard year for Marge Dixon. Getting hurt pretty bad the first of June at a ride, riding a young horse, Marge was not sure there would be a ride season at all. After two months off without being on a horse, Marge got back on her forever partner Kenlyn Intrigue (aka Denver) at the end of August. Neither were in shape to compete. Slow and easy, the pair put over 400 miles on the last two months of the ride season. The day of Big River ride, the pair started after everyone else had left with a goal of just finishing. As the day wore on, Denver kept a steady pace and ended up third overall and the first Arabian gelding to cross the line. Great way to end a hard season by putting his name on an impressive trophy.

Cassandra Roberts and Shareef, 2015: "Sir John Depietri-Shareef" was willed to me by John Depietri when Shareef was 7. It took Shareef 5 years to be "safe" to ride. Once he began to trust me, he was so pleasing and tough, loved going on rides cantering along happily.

Cassandra Roberts and Style N Attitude, 2016: Style N' Attitude- Stylin was formally owned by Grace Ramsey and Jan Worthington then he was brought to SLF to Roxi Welling. What a blast he was to ride. Stylin Was a really tough, and He loved going down the trail it seemed.

Paul Sidio and VA Baquistor, 2018: Quisto came from the same breeder as my 2 best Endurance horses. I originally got him to give him a job and find him a new home. He is a sweet personable horse and an efficient mover. Several people looked at him, but he had a habit of hollering while out on trail. He was just calling out to see who else might be around! But the people passed on him. He was always on the back burner but every time I let another person ride him, they told me that he was special. So. My main horse got old, his successor had issues and then it was Quisto's time. He is not a fast horse. But he just keeps his ears forward heading down the trail. From the very beginning he has eaten and

drank on trail like a veteran. We came to My Backyard in Iowa to ride new trails. We loved the ones we found, although the trail markings were sabotaged in several places. But everybody tried to rally around and find our way forward. We rode with a group of 4 riders and wound up at the front. Quisto just cruised along all day enjoying the company and the scenery. I was very surprised that we finished in 2nd place, but we were the first-place purebred gelding. Our Ride Time for the 50 was a blazing fast 8:25. We got BC, which was a nice bonus as one of the BC Awards was some delicious fudge. The next day, a newbie rider Kristine Jubeck rode Quisto in the 25, and I rode my other horse. My horse had a sore back at the vet check, so Quisto and she went out alone. They got 2nd Place. I am hoping to return in 2019 to defend our "Crown". Besides, the trophy looks great in our living room and I would like to keep it another year!