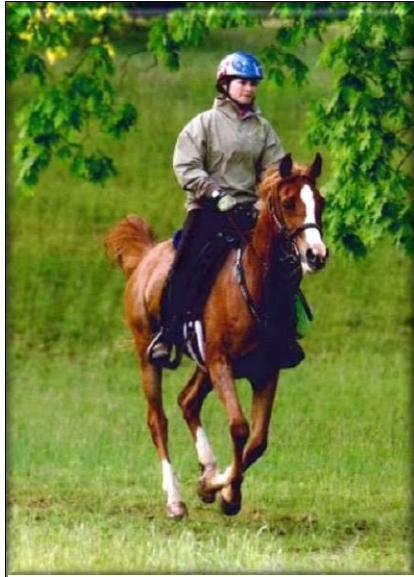


The Biltmore Challenge Rides ECAHS Achievement Award



**Meg and
Syrocco Rabia**
(Rimmon x Rushcreek Smurf)

Meg Sleeper, DVM (a veterinarian cardiologist) from Frenchtown, NJ was the winner of the Biltmore 100 ride also making her the winner of the ECAHS Achievement Award. She is shown in this picture riding Syrocco Rabia 628624-Chestnut, Mare, ECAHS certified 84.72% Crabbet, during the Biltmore 100 ride. ECAHS members may remember we honored Meg and Syrocco Gabriel 595141-Bay, Gelding (Rimmon x WC Charley's Angel) as our Horse of the Year in 2010 and our 2013 Horse of the Year was Meg and her horse Syrocco Reveille Bay, Mare (Rimmon x Edgewood Schelite), 78.49% ECAHS certified, for their outstanding achievements in endurance. Rimmon's (the sire of each of these horses) parentage is Rimini x Gold Roseifa. Meg and her husband David have bred and raised these horses.

Meg has recently been notified she will be going to the World Endurance Championships in Slovakia. Meg will be riding Shyrocco Rimbaud AA10755-Bay, Gelding for the United States and a friend will ride Syrocco Rabia for Guatemala. Meg stated, "I adore both Rabia and Rim and I am very excited they will both be going to the World Endurance Championships."

David Augustine, Meg's husband, does a great deal of the conditioning and preparation of their horses. However, for the past two years Meg has been able to arrange work to be able to ride more and Meg states "It has been great!" Both Rim and Rabia won first place (David in the Biltmore 50), high vet score and best conditioned awards in their respective events. Rim is an Anglo Arab and Meg stated that she had not realized he had enough Crabbet that would have qualified him for the ECAHS Achievement Award.

A friend of Meg's has started a "gofundme" page for Meg and Rim. She has included some of Meg's riding history if you are interested in learning more. If you are interested in helping, go to [MegSleeperEndurance](https://www.gofundme.com/megsleeperendurance) without an "e". They had a letter limit and all the letters do not fit, which has led to some confusion.

Congratulations to Meg on her ECAHS Achievement Award. And to Meg and David on their Biltmore wins. Best of luck in Slovakia!



**David Augustine and
Shyrocco Rimbaud**
(Rimmon x Poetic Pride)

ECAHS Achievement Award Winners At East Coast Championships

Class 539 Sport Horse In Hand Mares 6 and Over Dressage Type

Golden Safira 639085 B, M 2007 (True Blue Goldmine+++// x GF Phoenix) Top Five for **Jennifer Neemann**, Millers, MD

Class 723 Training Level Test 3 Open Dressage

True Blue Gabriel+++// 596544 G, M 2002 (RMF Khan x Bakas Rap-Marifa) Top Five with **Chrystal Wood** for **Sharon and Bill Noonan**, Oxford, PA

- Class 554** *Sport Horse In Hand Geldings 2 to 5 years old Dressage Type-Open*
Koweta Fan Fair 654667 G, G 2012 (Al-Marah Fight Fair x Koweta Mandolinn) Reserve Champion for **Mary Loden**, Springfield, OH
- Class 556** *Sport Horse In Hand Geldings 2 to 5 years old Hunter Type-Open*
Koweta Fan Fair 654667 G, G 2012 (Al-Marah Fight Fair x Koweta Mandolinn) Top Five for **Mary Loden**, Springfield, OH
- Class 561** *Sport Horse In Hand Geldings 2 and over Hunter Type-Junior to Handle*
Koweta Fan Fair 654667 G, G 2012 (Al-Marah Fight Fair x Koweta Mandolinn) Champion with **Sydney Rose for Mary Loden**, Springfield, OH
- Class 559** *Sport Horse In Hand Geldings 2 and Over Hunter Type-Amateur to Handle*
Mayhems Shetan++ 631380 B, G 2007 (Bremervale Andronicus++++// x AM Dizzy Dynamo) Champion with **Lisa Littrell for Eric and Pam Stowe**, Springfield, OH
- Class 560** *Sport Horse In Hand Geldings 2 and over Dressage Type-Junior to Handle*
AM O Pericles Style+ 647578 B, G 2011 (Bremervale Andronicus++++// x Am Stylish Steed) Champion with **Sydney Rose for Wayne and Gail Clem**, Elkmont, AL
- Class 550** *Sport Horse In Hand Stallions 6 and Over Hunter Type-Open*
SSA Dargon PC 622786 G, S 2005 (RAS Amyr Dargee PC x SSA Dargon PC) Reserve Champion with **Leah Moyer for Joanna Garofalo**, Green Bay, VA
- Class 548** *Sport Horse In Hand Stallions 6 and Over Dressage Type-Open*
SSA Dargon PC 622786 G, S 2005 (RAS Amyr Dargee PC x SSA Dargon PC) Reserve Champion with **Leah Moyer for Joanna Garofalo**, Green Bay, VA
- Class 541** *Sport Horse In Hand Mares 6 and Over Hunter Type*
FFC Miz Barbara 638062 C, M 2008 (Bremervale Andronicus++++// x FFC Brigeyt++) Top Five with **Leah Moyer for Fairfield Farm**, North Dinwiddie, VA
- Class 543** *Sport Horse In Hand Mares 2 and Over Hunter Type-Amateur to Handle*
FFC Miz Barbara 638062 C, M 2008 (Bremervale Andronicus++++// x FFC Brigeyt++) Reserve Champion with **Dan Sudilovsky for Fairfield Farm**, North Dinwiddie, VA
- Class 544** *Sport Horse In Hand Mares 2 and over Dressage Type-Junior to Handle*
FFC Miz Barbara 638062 C, M 2008 (Bremervale Andronicus++++// x FFC Brigeyt++) Top Five with **Amanda Sudilovsky for Fairfield Farm**, North Dinwiddie, VA
- Class 545** *Sport Horse In Hand Mares 2 and Over Hunter Type-Junior to Handle*
FFC Ann Bonney+ 643368 G, M 2009 (RS Sea Raider x FFC Brigeyt++) Champion with **Amanda Sudilovsky for Fairfield Farm**, North Dinwiddie, VA
- Class 551** *Sport Horse In Hand Stallions 2 and Over Dressage Type-Amateur to Handle*
FFC Lorahnce 631399 G, S 2007 (Ahmeetz x FFC L'Orange) Top Five with **Dan Sudilovsky for Fairfield Farm**, North Dinwiddie, VA
- Class 552** *Sport Horse In Hand Stallions 2 and Over-Hunter Type-Amateur to Handle*
FFC Lorahnce 631399 G, S 2007 (Ahmeetz x FFC L'Orange) Reserve Champion with **Dan Sudilovsky for Fairfield Farm**, North Dinwiddie, VA

ECAHS Achievement Awards Old Dominion Endurance Rides

The Old Dominion Endurance Rides took place on June 11, 2016. ECAHS past Crabbet Celebration presenters, Stagg and Cheryl Newman tied for first place in the ODE 100 mile event. Stagg was aboard FFC Csea Lord 59441 (Winston) (SSA Csea Dream+ 413850 x EF Lorgnette 297927), bred by ECAHS' own Buzz Moore. Winston is 68.43% Crabbet. Cheryl was riding JS Comet 582263 (O'Ryan) (Jayel Zonyx 491752 x SF Regalita Bask 492065) and is 43.75% Crabbet. ECAHS also honored Karen

Wade's horse with a neck ribbon for completing the 50 mile ride. Karen was riding WBF Soldiers Rose 577292 (Bold Soldier 211683 x LL Rezbay 486936). WBF Soldiers Rose is a 2007 grey mare that is 42.43% Crabbet.

Cheryl describes their ride "We entered the ride with the intention of riding at a moderate pace since Winston (FFC First Csea Lord) does better in heat (it went up to 93 degrees) when we go more carefully. For myself, I was not at all convinced I could complete the ride since the last time I had completed a 100 was about five years ago, and I too have issues with heat. I like to say that Stagg got me through the ride and O'Ryan (JS Comet, my horse) got Winston through the ride.

O'Ryan led about 99 miles of the 100 (which is pretty typical when he and Winston go together. Our 'excitements' on trail included at around 62 miles we saw a large black bear that took one look at us and lumbered off into the woods but the real excitement

was around 40 miles, just coming off a stretch of road along a ridgeline to enter woods along a beautiful grassy (aka galloping) trail going between some upright posts (to keep out cars), when we heard some rattling. Fortunately, a couple of hikers were there and explained that there was a rattlesnake just beyond the posts. Stagg and the guy hiker (guy, gal, dog the gal had the dog well away from the snake) threw some things at the snake, only to make the snake madder, rattling even more emphatically. Finally, the guy hiker found a long, forked stick (picture about seven feet of stick, about 1" in diameter) and was able to hook the snake and pitch it into the brush on either side of the trail. As you can imagine, we got past those posts as quickly as we could at that stage.

Both Stagg and I had done the ride on this trail before, which always helps, but my prior time was about seven years ago, and my memory had (fortunately, perhaps) faded. The good factor is that the 2015 AERC Championship 50 used the same last couple of legs, so O'Ryan had seen it last fall in daylight, so he was able to guide us through those 20 miles at night at a very good pace."

Stagg has an illustrious history in endurance, competing internationally on Ramegwa Drubin and on Jayel Super in several Championships. Stagg is also a past president of AERC and served for many years on the AERC Education Committee. He also served on the BOD of a non-profit involved in educating riders about endurance riding (A Partnership for Endurance Xcellence APEX) from inception to dissolution. Cheryl competes and was also on the APEX BOD. Cheryl has been Ride Manager of the Biltmore Challenge Endurance Ride since 2006.

Congratulations to Stagg, Cheryl and Karen on their ECAHS Achievement Award wins!



Tevis Cup ECAHS Achievement Award Winner

Written by Terry Benedetti

Tony Benedetti of Santa Rosa, CA is the rider and partner to FV ABU ANTEZEYN, also known as Antez. Antez is a 2004 gelding that is 60.70% Crabbet bloodlines. We purchased him as a just gelded 4 year old from a gal in Oregon. We pretty much bought him sight unseen based on the recommendation from a great friend and CMK breeder, Sharon Westergard. We did see a photo of him with several other stallions in a pasture. He was bred by David Ward in Canada, sold to Robbi Pruitt as a breeding stallion and then sold to her neighbor. We were told he was a bit feisty but a beautiful horse.

When he stepped off the van we knew we had purchased a great horse. He was not broke and we proceeded to do colt clinics with him and get him under saddle. My husband fell in love with him and Antez loved him also, the partnership began. We brought him along very slowly with the plan of



Tevis, the 100 mile ride, in his future one day. We knew we had a very talented athletic horse. Antez turned 12 this year.

They need lots of base to be strong for endurance. His first 100 mile ride was Tees in 2013 and he finished 15th, just trotting along. 2014 he finished 19th. 2015 he did not complete, we had a saddle problem. Six weeks later he won the Virginia City 100 and got Best Condition, in a different saddle!

This year the plan was to be competitive and yes he was! Finished 9th out of 165 starters, 87 finished, 78 got pulled, Tends is a tough ride!

We are so proud of this horse, tough, talented and a sweet heart to be around. So much personality, loyalty and heart.

He is getting a well deserved vacation. We believe in quality miles not quantity. In a few months we will start thinking about his Tevis training for 2017. He will spend the winter doing dressage work, a very important part of our program throughout the year. A good endurance horse needs to be balanced as they go down the trail and use their body correctly.

Since we are so impressed with this guy, we purchased 2 more geldings from David Ward.

One for dressage, the sport I love, and the other one to follow in Antez's hoof steps and get Tony his 20th buckle! So far he has 9 buckles out of 15 starts. No one said Tevis is easy!

