Director’s Message

Wow, 1/4 way through the ride season already! I hope everyone is having a great start to spring and getting out there one way or another. Just a few notes for this edition:

Team registration wrapped up with 54 teams for 2019—several are returning teams from previous year(s) together.

***Watch for a recurring Green Bean column in the AERC Magazine starting in May! You can earn bonus points for submitting ride stories and/or lessons learned and get published as well.

Our Logo Shirt Fundraiser was a success with just over $200 raised, and many folks saying they’d be interested in another round of sales… Hope to see you getting caught sporting some Green Bean Gear!

Make sure to check out our list of Awards and Prizes on the 3rd page—some new stuff this year!!

- Griffin Keller

A few of our beans were able to make it to convention this year!

Melissa Wardle from Utah: With this winter lingering on in the mountains of Utah I was ecstatic to have the chance to attend my first AERC conference in Reno this past weekend. I am still very new to this sport and it was a pleasure to be surrounded by like minded folk of all experience types. I greatly enjoyed taking advantage of the tack swap (maybe a little too much), sponging up information and advice from the speakers, wandering through the vendors picking out future gear and buying yet more horse stuff, asking a million questions, assisting at the Green Bean booth, and putting faces to many names I’ve herd of and seen from the endurance world. I hope to make it to future conferences and am more excited than ever to get this ride season going.

(Picture of Heather Manzo, Danielle Morgan and Sam DiMuzio)

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Deb Moe from Wisconsin (also our previous GBE Program director, now Website & Scoreboards):

The winter of 2019 seemed to last forever; I became all too familiar with the terms “polar vortex” and “record setting snow falls”. I cannot express how excited I was to get out of town and attend my first AERC National Convention. Not only was it a reprieve from the horrible weather in Wisconsin, but I couldn’t wait to meet people I’ve connected with through AERC, Green Beans, and Facebook. The anticipation of what I would learn, who I would meet, and what kind of goodies I’d find resulted in very little sleep the night before my flight!

Right out of the gate, I met fellow AERC member and newly elected board member, Nina Bomar and her amazing sidekick Juan. They are truly humble, kind, and approachable people – just the kind of folks that will serve AERC well. Shortly after, I met Mary Howell, the gals from the AERC office, Garrett Ford, Mike Maul, and the list goes on! It really makes a connection much more meaningful to talk to someone in person after so many exchanges on text or email.

The seminars were top notch. I attended many of them and took pages and pages of notes. I manage a ride and was delighted to learn resources for purchasing special flagging tape and tips how to create glow lights using LED lights and pipe cleaners! The seminar discussing best condition judging was helpful because I can now provide the veterinarians and other ride managers in my local club better information on how to be less subjective in the scoring. Other seminar subjects included Stem Cell Replacement Therapy for Tendon Injuries, The art of Pacing, and the successful intro ride.

The vendors did collect a fair amount of my spending money and my ‘wish list’ grew. I am planning to buy a set of Easy Care Fury “Sling” hoof boots for my older gelding who I can’t keep shoes on. Being able to ask all the hard questions to the maker of the boot himself set my mind at ease that the boot will be worth a try. The icing on the cake was when I learned that won the Arctic Horse Tonga Rain Skirt giveaway! Wow! It seems the last few years, it always rains on ride day. I had been eyeing this skirt for some time now. I can’t wait to get it.

The AERC convention will be in Florida next year and I hope everyone considers attending. There is something simply magical about attending and meeting riders who have 4 digit AERC numbers and 5 digit accumulated miles. I’ve already marked it on my calendar and I hope many of you do, too.

Until next time!
Awards and Prizes Planned for 2019

We have a lot in store for you this year, thanks to our wonderful sponsors and donors!

Year end awards for:

Top Teams, Endomondo Mileage Challenge, Top 1H1R — similar to previous years.
Two Horse Tack’s Grow your Garden—Complete your tasks!
Get Scootin’ Challenge, Sponsored by Heartland Scoot Boots—Drawn from those who complete back to back rides.
Heartland Scoot Boots—Coupon to the members of the top scoring overall team.
Lil’ Bean Award—Youngest bean with ride points*
Big Bean Award—Oldest bean with ride points*
Oldie but Goodie Horse Award—Oldest registered Horse with at least 1 ride completion in the 2019 season.*
(we will be working to collect the age data from riders soon)
Challenge, Support & Celebrate Team Award—Team with EVERY member completing volunteer bonus points AND completed rides*
Volunteer of the Year—Bean with the most volunteer points per division*
Nerd of the Year—Bean with the most clinic/seminar/webinar points per division*

*If multiple beans/teams qualify, winner be picked from a drawing of all qualified.

Then there also be our random monthly drawings and special quarterly drawings for things like “Show off your Green Bean Gear”, Turtle, Mid-Pack and Top Ten; different “Firsts” completed (ride, RO, etc.)

Our Goal with the random drawings is to Challenge, Support, and Celebrate our riders who have set goals but know “To Finish is to win.” For Example: If we do a drawing using our riders who have had Vet Pulls or Rider Option we want that person to know we are here to SUPPORT them and let them know not give up… there is always next time!

If we do a drawing using our riders who got a “first top ten”, “turtle”, or “mid pack” we want to CELEBRATE their accomplishment to ride smart, listen to their horse and complete the ride.

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