

2022 NYSHC Ride/Drive Program

NYS Horse Council members can receive recognition for their hours spent in the saddle or in the seat of a carriage. This is open to all paid members of all ages. It is a great way to keep track of exactly how much time you spend out riding or driving with your equine buddy plus it can be a motivator to get out there and ride or drive.

To participate, member dues must be paid for the current year. Keep track of your hours ridden or driven on the log sheet that can be downloaded (or you can keep track on your computer) from the NYSHC webpage, nyshc.org, Awards, Ride & Drive. There are a number of free cell phone apps that are available to help keep track of time. Here are just a few: MapMyRun, MapMyRide (I used both of these), Sports Tracker, Maprika, Geo tracker, just to name a few. There is an initial \$15 registration fee for the first year. After the first year, there is a \$5 registration fee. More information can be found on the NYSHC webpage.

For 2022, the registration fee was waived. This helped bring in 7 new participants. For 2023, we are returning to the \$15/\$5 fee. Hopefully, this will not discourage members from participating. A huge Thank You to those that participated in the program in 2022. Here is a summary of the results/awards:

New Members/Participants			
NAME	HOURS RIDDEN	HOURS DRIVEN	SPECIAL NOTES
Nicole Blanton	36.5		
Donna Brown	215	81.25	Received the award from most hours driven and hour bars for 100 & 200 hours riding
JoAnne Frechette		82.94	Not accepting awards
Tom Frechette		45.45	
Lisa Teichert	39.78	8.08	
Gary Wakula	139.5		Along with Wendy, they received the Combined Family Most Hours Ridden Award and hour bars for (each) for completing 100 hours riding
Wendy Wakula	148.75		
Returning Members			
Pauline Burns	258		Received the award for most hours riding and a hours bar for completing 500 hours riding
Sarah Craig	53.75		
Lesia Jeffries	No hours submitted		
April McCarthy	211.92		Received the Vintage Rider Award
Donna Putnam	No hours submitted		
Lorraine Snyder	No hours submitted		

Just a note: Lesa Jeffries has logged over 4600 hours in the time that she has been participating. Kudos Lesa. That's quite an accomplishment. Loraine Snyder logged over 2100 hours, April McCarthy has logged over 1200 hours and Donna Putnam almost 1200. Great job ladies!!!

If you haven't mailed in your registration, it's not too late. Do it today before you forget. It would be great to see more members participating in this program in 2023. Remember, your hours accumulate over time. You will receive recognition: first, a NYSHC Ride/Drive patch, then when you complete 100, 200, 300, 500, 750, 1000, 1300 1500, 1750, 2000 you will receive hours bars. Special awards are given for most hours ridden, most hours driven, vintage rider/driver (63+), youth rider/driver (under 19) and Family Combined Hours ridden/driven. This year's awards are custom-made decorated horseshoes being donated by Donna Putnam. Check out her Facebook business page, Stonehaven Farm Tack and Tidbits , to see the amazingly beautiful decorated horseshoes she's done.

Again, THANK YOU, to everyone that participated in 2022.