

STALL OF FAME & HONOUR ROLL HORSE

Csardas Ryp tide

(nominated 2011)

By Carol and Esau Lewin (with additions by Kristen Howard)



Csardas Ryp tide (aka Ryp) is the second horse bred by Louis & Joyce Jancsar of Innerkip ON to be inducted into the OCTRA Honour Roll & Stall of Fame. Born on May 14, 1988, Ryp was a grey Arabian gelding sired by Director and out of Andegor Ma Petite who competed in both competitive and endurance. His career of 13 years spanned the time frame of April 1993 to August 2006.

Record of Performance:

- 1993 Top 10 Competitive Horse
- 1994 Canadian Competitive Trail Ride Championships - 1st place
- 1994 Light Weight Competitive Trail Horse
- 1994 Overall Competitive Trail Horse
- 1994 Top 10 Competitive Horse
- 1995 Arabian Horse Association (AHA) Region 18 CTR Championship - Top 5
- 1996 Team Ontario - Rocky Mountain House, AB
- 1997 Pan Am Endurance Championships - Bend, OR
- 1999 Pan Am Endurance Championships - Manitoba - 29th place
- 2001 Pan Am Endurance Championships - Vermont - short listed
- 2294 lifetime OCTRA miles
- 1250 lifetime AERC miles including 4-100 mile rides

Out of the 56 recorded OCTRA rides, Ryp has had 100% completion.

Sandy surface agrees with horses

By **STEVE LeBLANC**

The Champion

Canada East had half-a-dozen finishers from the recent Pan American Endurance Championships. Two of them hail from Milton.

Shirley Dennis and Carol Lidstone — close friends and rivals on the marathon horse racing circuit for almost two decades — placed 28th and 29th respectively at the international showcase, held at Spruce Woods Park near Winnipeg in August.

Along with their trusty mounts, both rural residents tamed the grueling 100-mile event in fine style on a day when just 46 of 90 riding teams went the distance.

With each endurance race being between 50 and 100 miles in length, horses are carefully monitored by veterinarians before and during races. Day-long journeys feature check points along the way where

horses are thoroughly examined. Those that don't meet the fitness criteria, which are quite stringent in order to protect the animals, are automatically withdrawn.

Dennis and riding partner Faust, a 13-year-old Trakehner gelding, got off to a strong start and maintained a healthy pace the entire way en route to finishing in 13:32.

"It (the course) was sand, sand and more sand," she remarked. "That's not something we've got a lot of around here so we went up north to do some training. I was pretty confident that Faust could handle it and he did a great job."

A mid-day heat wave in an area with little vegetation or shade, she said, claimed numerous horses — although her own mount persevered in expert fashion.

Meanwhile, Lidstone and Csardas Ryp tide, an 11-year-old Egyptian Arabian, needed 13:36 to

negotiate the grinding course.

They slipped into a spot on the Canada East team in June after one of the initially qualifying horses came up lame.

The pair proved themselves worthy of the opportunity with a splendid performance.

Said Lidstone, "Csardas Ryp tide peaked at the right time and was strong the entire way. It had rained the previous night, so the sand was wet and heavy which he seems to like. His heart rate just got stronger and stronger as the race wore on."

Dennis and Lidstone — who placed fourth and fifth among those from Canada East — are no strangers to close finishes. Mainstays in the sport since the early '80s, they've competed together countless times and have more often than not had very similar showings.

"We're usually just a horse or two apart," said Lidstone.

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