



Summer 2023 Newsletter

Distance Horse National Championships

PSHR Distance Horse National Championships are to be held September 29th-October 1st, 2023 in Menahga, Minnesota along with other Breed National Championships. We can't wait to see you! Come experience "Minnesota nice" and all the state has to offer!

2024 Distance Horse National Championships will be held at Iron Mountain Jubilee in Cripple Creek, Virginia on August 23-25th, 2024.

PSHR Annual Awards Program

Don't forget to send in your nominations, fees, placings and results for the 2023 PShR Annual Awards Program! Information can be sent to performanceshagya@gmail.com or sent via mail. For more information visit the PShR website.

Tevis Cup 2023 Stories



Photo credit: Diane Lee

Jenna Harrison and Lily Creek Kong

Ride Start: 5:15 AM
Ride Finish: 8:45 PM.
3rd Place

Sire: *Dante LCR (Shagya)
Dam: Lily Creek My Secret
(Anglo-Trakehner)

By: Jenna Harrison

Kong came to us at the beginning of May, about 2.5-3 months before the Tevis cup. His owner, Cameron Holtzer, was pregnant and was not going to be able to ride/race him for a while. She reached out to us and asked if we would like to campaign Kong, and offered for us to take him to the Tevis Cup. After moving our entire farm to Texas and setting up our ranch, our horses had a significant amount of time off and would not be ready for Tevis this year, so we gladly accepted Cameron's offer.

Although I had done a lot of conditioning rides with Kong, I had only done 1 race with him before Tevis. I was not entirely sure what to expect from him at the race, especially at the start. The morning of the race was quite cold up in the mountains and I fully expected Kong to be quite ramped up because of that.



PShR Registry

After the unfortunate loss of Linda Rudolphi, who had been handling all of the PShR Registry details, the PShR Board has recently been working on catching up with Registry tasks.

The PShR Board has recently gained access to the PShR registry database and is working to get caught up on all transfers and registry related things. If you are waiting on a certificate and haven't already done so please reach out to Nicole Mauser-Storer. As soon as we have all the pieces ready, the certificate will be on it's way to you. Please also take a look at the pages on the PShR website for "Our Horses". We are always accepting new photos, new performance record details, or other updates for those web pages. Any updates there can be sent to Nicole as well for posting.

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He surprisingly was very good, he was full of energy and definitely excited for the long journey ahead, but he kept it together and stayed very focused. Kong had done this race before, 3 times to be exact, this time would be his 4th, and he was the image of total confidence.

The trek from Soda Springs to Robinson flat was mostly mountain roads with very good footing, Kong made fantastic time in the cool morning. He took such good care of himself throughout the day eating and drinking at every opportunity. He paced himself very well, moved out where it was good to move out and took it slower where it wasn't safe. I was most impressed with him going through the canyons, that is where most competitors slow down. It's constant steady down, and then immediately constant steady up, and you generally hit the canyons in the heat of the day. Kong was so strong, and set a good steady pace going down and then up, we ended up passing a few other riders through the canyons, which I was not expecting. I was very impressed with how sure footed Kong was as well. There were so many times I thought for sure he would have tripped over some rough footing, and he just floated over it like it was nothing. I felt very safe on him as we journeyed through the toughest terrain there is.

We finished 3rd overall and crossed the line just as the sun was setting, which again, I was not expecting at all. It is very common to finish the Tevis cup in the dark, even the front runners. Kong set an amazing pace all day and took such good care of himself I was so pleased with him, and he finished very strong. I thank God for this wonderful experience, I learned so much riding an experienced Tevis competitor. I also learned a lot getting to ride at the front, what it takes to be competitive at this race. I would also like to thank Cameron Holtzer for allowing me to take Kong through this amazing race, he is such a wonderful horse and this was a huge gift to me in more ways than I can describe. This is one of the toughest endurance races in the entire world, and to ride this amazing horse through it in the top 10 was an experience of a lifetime.



Calling All Members!

Calling all PShR members past, present or those thinking of joining! We continue to offer great Award Programs and want to represent the Shagya-Arabian breed over a variety of disciplines. We would love to have you as part of our organization as a Shagya-Arabian horse owner, breeder or horse enthusiast! Please visit our website for information on how to pay yearly membership dues.

2023 PShR Officers and Board

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Newsletter Items

If you would like to see something specific in the newsletter or have a Shagya story to share, please email Elizabeth at:
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Photo credit: Ron Osborn
 Photo location: Red Star Ridge, Tevis Trail

Rachel Miura and Theodore the Wonder Horse (Theo)

Ride Start: 5:15 AM
 Ride Finish: 3:27 AM
 29th Place

Sire: Bold Bravo AF (Shagya)
 Dam: Nadeja (Arabian)

By Rachel Miura:

Theo and I had a wonderful experience riding the Tevis Cup for the first time this year! We'd been working diligently towards this goal for awhile, focusing on getting enough qualifying miles last season, and then honing our fitness, nutrition, tack, etc throughout this year. Theo felt great in the weeks leading up to it, and the weather turned out to be pretty decent (mid 80s-mid 90s), so that was a variable that didn't turn out to be too bad.

The start at Soda Springs had us camping right by an active train track, which Theo wasn't a fan of, but he made it through the night unscathed even after a few fits of bucking as each train went by! The first part of the route was different this year due to snow, which had us on a fire road for ~12 miles, and I tried to rate our speed until we got to the first one-hour hold at Robinson Flat. Theo is competitive and was mad I was letting so many other teams pass us!

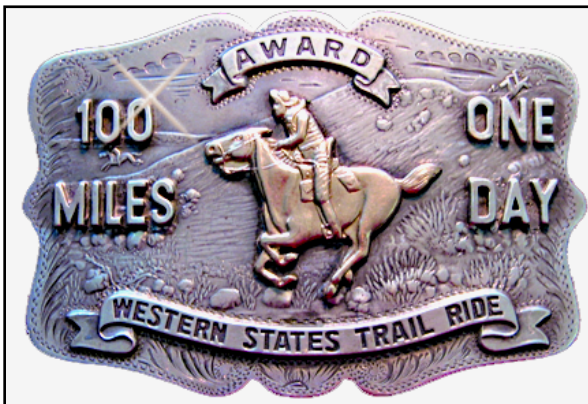
[\(Rachel Miura continued\)](#)

After Robinson Flat we got our first taste of the canyons. The descents were fine but the climbs were tough, and with recent fire damage there wasn't much shade in some sections. After we made it to the one-hour hold at Foresthill about an hour ahead of our planned schedule, we were both feeling good, and I knew that if we continued to ride smart we had a good chance of finishing. Theo seemed to get stronger and more focused as the heat of the day dissipated, and we even got kudos from the vet at the Francisco's checkpoint about how great he was looking!

We rode with two other teams through the darkness and ended up making it to the timed finish line at about 3:30am. When it was our turn to take our victory lap in McCann Stadium I choked up with emotion. We'd worked so hard to get to this point, and it was a surreal experience to be there, with all the months of prep, and miles of the day, now behind us! Theo vetted through well, and we ended up in 29th place out of 94 starters/61 finishers.

We feel grateful for everyone who has helped us on this journey - our coach, trainers, vet, farrier, crew, family, and friends! And we are especially feeling thankful to the Tevis Cup ride managers, vets, and volunteers who worked so hard to put the ride on. It was a dream come true to experience the trail and be part of the infamous Tevis Cup!

A lot of people have asked me "what's next?" To be honest, I am not totally sure yet what our next endurance goal will be! I share Theo with my 12 year old daughter Brynn, who wants to try out eventing with him. Theo is such a versatile horse - so athletic, brave, and smart - I am sure they will do great together, and I am excited to support them!



**Congratulations to Jenna and Kong
and Rachel and Theo on their Tevis
Cup finishes!**

The Tevis Cup is scheduled to be held on July 20th, 2024 on the Western States Trail.