



April 2021

## Bob Walsh and Sheik make the Century Club

All of us in the ODEEO family want to give a big shout out to our very own board member, Bob Walsh, and his horse, Sheik, for making the Century Club when they completed the Foxcatcher LD. For those that don't know, this means the combined age of Bob and Sheik is 100 years old. Of the partnership, Sheik is 22. There were matching t-shirts and cake had by all at the end of the ride to celebrate the big moment. Congratulations Bob!



## No Frills

The first ride in the Triple Crown of the Old Dominion is coming up in a few short weeks on April 16<sup>th</sup> and April 17<sup>th</sup> and there are still places for horses and riders to join.

Some important considerations our Ride Manager, Diane Connolly, wants all to know are:

COVID restrictions have been relaxed some so there are changes to the No Frills Covid Plan:

\*\*\*\*Riders may bring friends/family with them to the ride (you do not need ask permission) Everyone MUST sign a Covid Agreement

\*\*\*Still limited entries BUT: INCREASING rider entries to 60 per day. We are close to full so get your entries in now!

\*\*\*Grab and Go breakfast for riders and volunteers, but dinners are still on your own.

\*\*\*pre-made Sandwiches and snacks will be provided out at the away vet check.

Refunds (minus deposit) will be given up through Sunday, April 11th

Must have everything into Emily for a space to be saved: entry form, payment in FULL, Signed Covid agreement, signed waivers and treatment form, and current negative Coggins.

## ODEEO Triple Crown

As of 2020 all contenders for the annual Triple Crown award MUST be a current ODEEO member.

- Riders must be current annual member of the ODEEO as of the day of the first ODEEO ride. Membership is not retroactive back to prior rides of the same year.
- The same horse and rider team must complete in at least 3 designated ODEEO rides- the No Frills, The OD June ride, and Fort Valley.
- Riders are free to mix and match the distances.
- Each mile ridden counts as a point.
- No entry blank or fee is required – you just enter the rides and we'll keep track.



**PLEASE NOTE:** ALL equine entries in all our rides—even the intro rides, without exception, are to be wearing four shoes, or an equivalent hoof protection (which include boots or glue-ons) at the start of the ride. The mountain trails on which our endurance competition takes place can be exceptionally difficult to strap-on boots, so we strongly suggest you might want to consider gluing any boots on.

## Virtual Endurance 101 Clinic

On March 25<sup>th</sup>, the ODEEO hosted a virtual Endurance Clinic via Zoom. There were about 50 eager participants who wanted to listen to all things endurance. Diane Connolly, Lani Newcomb, Carolyn Blocker and Sonja Knecht-Hoshi were panelists. Sonja also introduced the clinic and facilitated the 2-hour conversation about endurance. It was received with great enthusiasm. One participant even commented that this was the best Zoom event they had attended since the pandemic started. Plans are already being made for a May clinic. Bob Heltibridle, Emily Carrico and Lisa Troutman also helped. It was a positive experience for all.

### ENDURANCE RIDING CONTINUED



- All horses start at the same time and have a maximum but no minimum time requirement. It is possible to do an endurance ride considerably slower or faster than a competitive trail ride (CTR).
- Rider may dismount and run/walk at any time.
- Pit crews are allowed to assist (in designated areas).
- Trail has no mileage markers.
- Horses may wear leg protection.
- Placing is based on speed - "top ten" receive special recognition.
- Distances can be 25, 50, 75, or 100 miles in one day.

The Old Dominion Equestrian Endurance Organization hosts three rides in Virginia—No Frills, the Old Dominion and Fort Valley—as well as other activities to support the sport of endurance.

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## On the Horizon

Please mark your calendars for the morning of May 15<sup>th</sup> to come to the base camp in Orkney Springs to help get the camp ready for the June ride, The Old Dominion. We would appreciate help mowing, trimming back trees, clearing trail on Shrine Mont, weed whacking, and cleaning the pump house. Please contact Diane Connolly at [dconnolly24@gmail.com](mailto:dconnolly24@gmail.com) if you can come help prepare base camp for the June Ride.



## 2021 ODEEO Raffle Horse donated by Asgard Arabians



Meet SCINCERE, the 2021 ODEEO Raffle Horse, graciously donated by Asgard Arabians! SCINCERE is a 2019 gelding, pictured here at 19 months of age.

Raffle tickets are \$10 each, 3 for \$25, 5 for \$40, or 10 for \$75 and all money goes to the Old Dominion Equestrian Endurance Organization.



Send payment via PayPal to: [phantomhorse13@hotmail.com](mailto:phantomhorse13@hotmail.com) (Dawn Engle Hilliard).

In the note section, please include the following:

- your full name
- your phone number
- your email address
- your home state

Copies of ticket stubs will be send via email after processing.

SCINCERE is a 2019 gelding by Stratagem X Scinntillante (Bandjo de Falgas). His sire is the linebred Priboj stallion Stratagem, who passes on wonderful temperament. His damline comes from the Russian greats \*Moment and \*Tamerlan crossed onto a granddaughter of the renowned U.S. Nat'l Ch. Synbad and has produced notables such as the Asgard herd stallion Syndicat and the much decorated endurance gelding Synthetic. Full siblings include Scinntilla, Scilhouette, and Scyfy. Scincere carries a wonderful degree of Arabian type and beauty, along with a traditional "dry" body type. See his video for stylish, supple movement, joie de vivre, and docility.

You Tube Video Link: <https://youtu.be/Mz3Ur7xq58o>

For more information check out: <http://olddominionrides.org/AsgardRaffleHorse.html>

To learn more about these amazing athletes, check out: <https://www.asgardarabians.com/>

## In closing

If you have any questions about the Old Dominion Equestrian Endurance Organization, please check out <http://olddominionrides.org/>. It has lots of good information for everyone—long time riders and volunteers and those new to the sport.

Any questions, additions, or corrections, please contact Sonja Knecht-Hoshi at [pikkachan@verizon.net](mailto:pikkachan@verizon.net).