



Arabian Recreational Riding Program High Hour Award

2019 High Hour Award Winner

Congratulations to Samantha Kirberger of Tucson, AZ on winning the 2019 Frequent Rider Program (FRP) Year-End High Hour Award! Samantha logged a total of 1,306 hours on her two geldings AMF TONKA TOY and SMIDGIN LRAC between January 1 and December 31, 2019. She is receiving an engraved desk clock to commemorate her hourly achievement.



Samantha and her horses have had a whirlwind of a fun season in 2019. From Dressage lessons, to help build confidence and bonding between horse and rider, showing, and trail rides. Along with many hours in the saddle spending quality time to condition and educate her boys and herself on the sport of Dressage. Meeting challenges along the way, but facing and conquering them head on with stride.

She competed at local schooling and USDF Rated Dressage shows with her grey gelding AMF Tonka Toy with the hopes to qualify for the state championships. Which in the summer of 2019, she and AMF Tonka Toy did qualify for the state championships even while tackling challenges both mentally and physically to obtain qualifying scores in the high to mid-60s.

Not too long after the start of her show season, Samantha bought Smidgin Lrac, retired barrel racer who was in need of a new job. With only a little dressage training, Samantha decided to enter Smidgin Lrac in his first local dressage schooling show. Where he actually ended up placing second in a large class with a score of 65%. With only 3 shows under his belt, Smidgin Lrac and Samantha placed in the top 3 of the local schooling show championships.

Although she was unable to attend a lot of clinics with her horses, Samantha did attend several educational programs in 2019, gaining knowledge on the biomechanics of riding and her position as a rider, equine health and conditioning, as well as informational programs on other equine sports such as working equitation.

“The time I spend riding and working with my "boys" is exceptionally rewarding and enriching, and the bonds between horse and rider grow stronger every day. The Arabian horse is my heart horse and I cannot picture my life without one in it.”

“Thank you Arabian Horse Association for this wonderful program and the opportunity to gain recognition for something I really enjoy doing.”

