

## Cindy Bradley & Bogar Tucker



American Endurance Ride Conference

### 2016 AERC Decade Team



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**Rider's name:** Cindy Bradley

**Horse's name:** Bogar Tucker *aka* Bo

**Year of First Endurance Ride** (first year in the decade): 2007

**Region:** Northwest

**Current rider lifetime mileage?**

Endurance: 6845

Limited Distance: 1865

**Tell us about your horse. When/how did you come to get him/her?** I first met Bo when he was just a few days old. I had trained a few Morgan horses for his breeder. When I saw Bo I just had a feeling about him and made an offer.

**What is your horse's breeding?** Bo is a registered Morgan

**Sex:** Gelding

**DOB:** 6/1999

**Horse height:** 16 hands

**Approximate weight:** 950

**Color:** dark bay

**Why did you decide to purchase this horse?** I just saw something in Bo and knew he was the horse for me

**Did you do endurance with any other horses before this horse?** Yes

**How many different horses have you ridden in this sport?** Three

**Do you participate in any other horse sports or activities?** I occasionally have done a little trail challenge competition and a some ranch sorting with Bo. I had trained and showed horses for years before finding endurance.

**How many years have you been involved with endurance? With horses in general?** I first started riding endurance in 1999 I have been involved with horses all my life. My first picture riding is with my dad. I was 3 months old.

**What got you interested in endurance riding?** I had always been a trail rider and when I retired I was looking to ride in new places and wanted a challenge.

**What was it that kept you interested?** I have stayed with endurance because I found how much more I learned about my horse and the relationship we developed together. I have also seen some awesome places!

**How old was your horse when first started in endurance?** 4 years old.

**How many rides did you do your first three ride seasons?** I was only doing LD's at that time. I did eighteen

**What mileage distance did you start with? (25, 50, etc.)** 25

**How long until you top tenned or raced (if you did)?** I usually ride mid-pack; I think I have top tenned about five or six times after several years.

**How much time off do you give between ride seasons?** We travel to the southwest in the winter so Bo gets a couple of months off.

**If you have done 100s, how much time off do you give after doing one?** Never done a 100

**If you have done multadays, how much time off do you give after doing one?** We have done multadays and Bo usually gets three or four weeks off if we have done all the days

**Do you use any special type of tack or shoeing with your horse?** My horses are barefoot and I use Renegade hoof boots for competition.

**What kind of problems have you overcome with your horse?** Bo is very opinionated and can be a handful. We have learned to accept each other opinions!

**Describe the best ride you ever had on your horse.** I think our five day ride at Bryce Canyon. Bo had only done two days in a row prior to that ride. It was a very challenging mountain ride. It was my favorite success.

**What was your most humbling experience?** Being told that Bo was not fit for endurance because of early lameness issues that was probably because I started him too young. We did several years of LDs to confirm that he could handle fifties

**What lessons have you learned along the way that you feel are the most important?** Take your time conditioning your horse and learn to read your horse to know how to proceed.

**What advice would you give to new riders?** Take time to condition your horse properly and don't get caught up with pushing your horse too fast.

**Looking back, what do you feel you did right?** Long slow miles learning my horse and his abilities.

**What would you do differently?** Start endurance riding early in my life so I could have done longer distances

**What was your highest goal for your horse, and did you achieve it?** I wanted him to last so we could enjoy as many miles and places as possible. I think we have done a good job so far.

**Describe your horse's personality. How is it like or unlike yours?** I said earlier Bo is opinionated and tries to dominate but truly is a kind-hearted animal. I been told by riding buddies we are a lot alike. I know I don't have his stamina!

**What kinds of rides do you enjoy the most (50s, 100s, multadays, etc.)?** definitely multadays

**In what ways has endurance riding made a positive influence in your life?** Endurance has enabled me to see the most beautiful areas our country has to offer and joy of my animals.

**Is there anything special about your nutrition program you attribute to your success?** Not really. I have been lucky to have a horse that has a great appetite and can eat about anything and do well

**Are there any major changes you've made to your nutrition program (i.e., changed from one hay to another, added something special) that you feel made a noticeable improvement or solved a problem?** Bo eats quality hay and beet pulp with very little grain supplemented.

**What kind of supplements (if any) do you use?** I fed a high-grade vitamin supplement all year long.

**Do you give any kind of joint products?** Occasionally

**Describe your electrolyte protocol.** Not too many before a ride and maybe once or twice during the ride unless it is very hot.

**How do you choose which rides to attend?** Time of year and multiday rides

**Do you go to many rides outside of your region?** yes

**Name three people involved in the sport of endurance that you look up to, and why.** Dave and Ann Nicholson for their dedication to the sport and the time they have spent finding beautiful trails to ride. Dave Rabe for his knowledge, trail savvy and accomplishments.

**In choosing your next horse, what would you look for?** Probably I will not get another but if so another Morgan.