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**Ken Wolgram, R3, on Awesomes Fire N Ice.**  
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# President's Message

Gary Clayton

I want to thank Lory Walls, Beni DeMattei and the rest of Region 2 members who were instrumental in putting on such an outstanding National Convention held in conjunction with AERC. Everyone appeared to enjoy themselves as much as I did. Those that were not able to attend missed an opportunity to shop at some of the best displays of tack and horse riding gear and clothing and then attend a well-organized awards banquet.

All the speakers were outstanding, but there were some recurrent general

comments from top AERC riders who had ridden NATRC events. Those comments related to the influence NATRC made in their approach toward riding and caring for their horses. They emphasized how important it was to build the foundation that NATRC offers to be a successful endurance rider. We can be very proud of our organization and what we stand for.

The National Convention will be held in Denver and hosted by Region 3 next year. I would encourage all that can to start making plans to be there. Denver is a good place to hold the convention,

and Region 3 always puts on a great program.

Now that the all the award ceremonies are over, it's time to be thinking about the ride season and the goals you want to achieve this year. Some may want to ride five rides this year instead of three, or ride Open for the first time. Whatever your goals are, set them high, but make certain they are attainable.

Have fun and enjoy the many hours you have with your horse.

## NATRC Mission Statement

*The North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC) promotes horsemanship and horse care as they apply to the sport of distance riding by offering a variety of challenging and educational experiences designed to strengthen horse and rider partnerships.*

## Year End Information

The ride year ends the second Sunday in November. That is, Nov. 11, 2012.

FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR YEAR END AWARDS, IT IS THE RIDER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS COMPLETED AS INDICATED BY NOV. 11, 2012.

- (1) NATRC Membership dues must be received and
- (2) Horse's accurate breed information must be **on file with the NATRC Office.** [www.natrc.org](http://www.natrc.org)
- (3) In addition, National breed associations sponsoring year-end awards require that all the equines must be registered with the "association" and "participant(s)" must maintain their "association" membership.

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# Communicating

Steve Kutie

Just as in any relationship, communication is essential to the success of you and your horse. The simple, straight truth is that 95 percent of most horse problems are truly people problems. It may be the rider's or handler's lack of understanding, or inability to clearly convey their wishes to the horse.

If you are willing to take time to listen to what the horse is trying to tell you, most of the training problems we encounter on a daily basis will begin to take care of themselves. From the moment we head to the barn in the morning to feed to the moment we decide to call it a day, we are teaching them habits. Therefore, it is up to you to decide if they will be good or bad.

If you are encountering the same problem with your horse on a daily basis, don't keep doing what you are doing. You are doomed to get the same results. One of the easiest, but often an overlooked tool, almost everyone has in his or her household is a video camera. Whether you have an actual video recorder, or a phone with a built in video or even an iPod, most riders have the ability to record their ride. Okay, so, you'll need a friend to operate it.

I encourage you to have someone film you working with your horse. Video



No communication here!

does not lie. You will be able to watch the video recording repeatedly to see what is really happening. Use the video to improve and refine your training techniques.

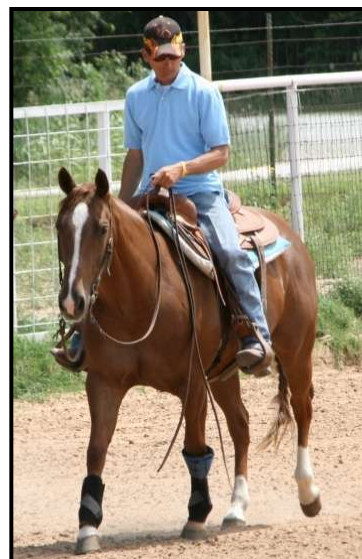
An added bonus of recording your ride is if you cannot seem to fix the issue or accomplish a task, you can take the recording to a local professional trainer to see if they can give you some tips on correcting the problem.

"My horse won't" is a clue that there is a communication issue between rider and the horse. Usually the horse has reached the point that he is literally "screaming" at the rider. When you find yourself saying this, first, make sure it is not a physical problem. Ask yourself, is my horse sound, ringing his tail, acting irritated, tossing his head? These are all signs that your horse is trying to tell you something is hurting or bothering him.

Your horse may be achy or tired, just like you are in the morning after a long ride. Or he may have something more serious going on in his hocks or back, or he may be simply acting disobedient. You need to be observant of what he is trying to tell you. If you do not listen and force the issue, I guarantee you will end up getting into an argument. Ignoring the signs that a horse is sore and hurting could turn that into a career ending injury.

Horses are not machines. They need time to relax and recover after a long, hard ride, and to just spend some time being a horse. They also have good and bad days, and they do get sore and tired. Just because you are feeling great and want to work on hill climbs or mastering difficult obstacles, your horse might not be 100 percent on that day.

Ride with a mental checklist of what you are looking to accomplish on that ride for that day. Start with your groundwork to see if your horse is working like your partner. Then warm up walking about 15 minutes or a mile. warmed up, then start your conditioning and work on your problem areas. Accept small improvements and



Ahh...calm...relaxed...communication!

Once move to the next skill. Don't drill and drill and drill and drill. When he does something well, reward him with a break or just walking down the trail on a loose rein.

Like any athlete, don't forget to cool your horse down at the end of your ride by walking the last couple of miles home. This will give his muscles a chance to stretch and cool down.

Remember: horses are flesh and bone with feelings. Treat them with respect, listen to their needs, and they will always try to please you.

*As always; Ride Hard, Be Safe and Have Fun.*

Steve Kutie, owner and operator of [KutiePerformanceHorses.com](http://KutiePerformanceHorses.com), graduated from MMEC (certificate in teaching). He started out training dressage horses and made the switch to reiners and cowhorses. Steve ran a training/boarding facility in Ohio that had a large group of youth and non-pros. They competed on the local, state and national level in events such as hunt seat, reining, western pleasure, dressage, team penning, halter and showmanship. All of his horses are started with the principles and theories of dressage; building a great foundation to let the horse perform to the best of their ability.



# Secure Your Judges Early

Managers remember, you must contact and secure your judges well in advance of your ride date! Please contact the National Office for a current Judges List. If you have difficulty securing a NATRC judge, please contact the appropriate Judges Committee chair:

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## Veterinary/Horsemanship Judges

Has your address or phone number changed? Please notify the NATRC office of any changes. Indicate home and office numbers. Thank You. Remember, apprenticing must be done with an **approved** judge that has agreed to judge and supervise an apprentice. The following are applicants, apprentices or provisional judges. Members may submit comments to the Judges Committee.

### Provisionals

#### Veterinary Judges

Natalie Goldberger, DVM (R4)  
Kate Jacob, DVM (R6)

#### Horsemanship Judge

Jerry Sims (R3)

### Apprentices

#### Veterinary Judges

Cathy Ann Ball, DVM (R5)  
Phoebe Smith, DVM (R2)  
Valerie Bixler, DVM (R4)  
Carrie Porter, DVM (R5)  
Natalie Morris, DVM (R5)

#### Horsemanship Judge

Becky Rogers (R4)

### Applicants

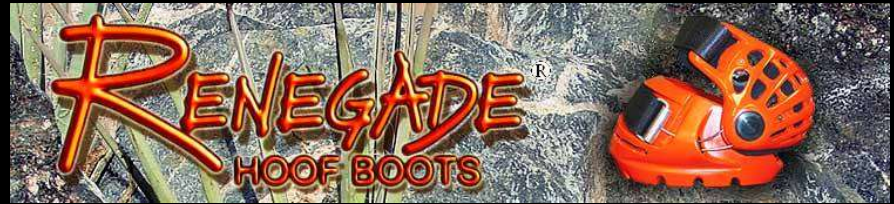
#### Horsemanship Judge

Steve Lindsey (R6)

# 2011 NATRC Award Winners



**R4 Open Heavyweight Team Winners:** (Left to right) Jonni Jewell, third place, and Larry Gould, second place.



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# Financial Performance Improves in 2011

Elaine Swiss

Sometimes it is not how you begin the year, but how you finish that matters. In 2011 the NATRC Board of Directors took several actions to improve the financial performance of your organization to avoid the significant losses experienced in 2010 (\$-15,300); however, through September, the books still reflected a \$12,300 shortfall.

Thanks to the terrific response to the Machu Pichu trip raffle, early receipt of 2012 ride sanction applications and prompt payment of 2012 membership dues that reflected the higher rates, NATRC closed the year

with a small (\$-646) loss, beating the budget by nearly \$1000! Income rose in 2011 by 1% from 2010 and exceeded budget by nearly \$2000.

With extremely careful management, expenses in 2011 were less than those of 2010 by almost \$14,000 due to reduced ride costs (scorecards and rule books), reduced Hoof Print expenses (editor contract) and lower marketing and administrative expenses. Unfortunately, no scholarships were awarded due to the small amount of interest earned on the scholarship

accounts which also contributed to lower expenses in 2011.

This solid financial performance can be repeated in 2012 if our organization continues to drive toward increased membership, additional competitions in some regions and improved ride attendance in all regions. Each of these metrics are measured and reported not only to the Board, but to you in each Hoof Print. We have a great start to 2012 so let's finish the way we have begun.

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# Marketing -- Looking Up

Bev Roberts

What's up? Here are the big items:

- The 2012 raffle was a huge success.
- The number of E-News subscribers is steadily increasing (1,135 now).
- We received six dollars more in 2011 (total \$505) than in 2010 from GoodSearch, which is a good thing considering the state of the economy last year and now.
- A permanent sign was erected at the Rabbit Valley ride site in Colorado showing our BLM partnership in improving the parking/camping area.

• We are trading advertising with a nine breed associations and one magazine, so far. That is FREE advertising!

More and more of you are recognizing me as the marketing, publicity, E-News, webmaster, ad designer and advisor in the use of our logo and name (nickname – ‘branding police’). If you need help or guidance in announcing your ride in E-News, marketing ideas, preparing an ad, reviewing your document for correct brand use or have a suggestion on where we can get free publicity, drop me an email ([matefey@gmail.com](mailto:matefey@gmail.com)); we'll get to work on it.

The same goes with information; drop me an email when you see NATRC or our members in print or online, have ideas or wish to help.



## Raffle Results

Those who attended our 51<sup>st</sup> convention in Reno shared Vicki Boicelli's, R1, joy of holding the winning ticket for the 7-day Lodge-to-Lodge Luxury Horseback Riding Machu Picchu Adventure. Vicki was so happy; she could barely walk to the podium to receive her prize from the Mountain Lodges of Peru

representatives, Mark and Theresa Smith!  
Congratulations Vicki!

Things are looking up! Not only was the raffle a success for Vicki but also for NATRC. Total ticket sales through the last minutes of Saturday at the convention amounted to \$10,100 with approximately \$6,700 worth sold in the months preceding our convention.

That's not all gravy, folks. Remember that NATRC will give a voucher for up to \$1,000 for Vicki's transportation to get to Peru or for assisting in the cost of someone to accompany her. Then there are other expenses. Ticket printing, ticket shipping, postage for distributing blocks of tickets to your region's national directors, posters for the convention and the top seller award add approximately another \$700. This will bring our expenses in around \$1,700.



*Teresa Smith (right) looks on as Vicki Boicelli, R1, (left) holds the winning raffle ticket for the Machu Picchu Adventure.*

So we are looking at a net of \$8,400 to help us get through the lean times and to support our educational activities.

**THANK YOU** Mountain Lodges of Peru, all of you who bought tickets and sold tickets! And remember, "We're all in this together!"



### Winners

We all benefitted from this 2012 raffle. As a result of the combined efforts of Mountain Lodges of Peru (MLP) and NATRC in publicizing the raffle and its prize, MLP is filling up its equestrian adventure dates for the first time this year.

This was a win-win project for us all.





# 2011 Awards

## A Night of NATRC Celebration!

### 2011 NATRC Award Winners

**Top left:** Bobbi Hansford, R3, first place winner, Novice Lightweight team.

**Top right:** Donna Stidolph (left), first place Lightweight, and Laura Harvey, first place Heavyweight, R1 Novice team.



*It Takes Two*



## 2011 High Mileage and Medallion Awards

### 5000 Miles

5010 Debbie McCullough - KS R6  
5020 Sue Singletary- TX R4  
5060 Kim Weil - MO R6  
5310 Gary Inman - CO R3  
5400 Sallie Kudra - SC R5

### 12,000 Miles

12,010 William Hinkebein - MO R6

### 22,000 Miles

22,010 Mary Anna Wood - MO R6

### 6000 Miles

6220 Gary Clayton - AL R5

### 7000 Miles

7350 Trish Cleveland - KS R6

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### 8000 Miles

8000 Lucie Hess - CA R1  
8330 Betty Wolgram - CO R3

### 9000 Miles

9270 Terri Smith - NM R3  
9340 Wayne Tolbert - TN R5

### 10,000 Miles

10,140 Cheri Jeffcoat - NE R6

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# 2011 Overall Open Horsemanship

## Overall Open Heavyweight Horsemanship Bruce Becker Memorial

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SPONSOR: 5<sup>th</sup> Place: Region 4

KEN WOLGRAM	(CO-3)	168
GARY INMAN	(CO-3)	102
CHERI WESTMORELAND	(NM-3)	82
WAYNE TOLBERT	(TN-5)	74
VICTORIA LYNN	(TX-4)	72
SALLIE KUDRA	(SC-5)	68

## Overall Open Lightweight Horsemanship

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PATTI HICKS	(TX-4)	148
TERRI SMITH	(NM-3)	123
PAULA RILEY	(GA-5)	118
LORI LEE WILLIAMS	(TN-5)	117
REGINA BROUGHTON	(AL-5)	102
DEBBIE JONES	(GA-5)	100

## Overall Open Junior Horsemanship

SPONSOR: 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Rump Rug by Easycare, Inc.

HANNAH VANPOOLEN	(CO-3)	48
MARCY LINEBACK	(GA-5)	38
MORGAN WINTER	(CO-3)	30
ALEXIS "LEXI" COMBS	(CO-3)	20

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# 2011 Overall Open Horse

## Overall Open Heavyweight Horse -- Bill Smith Memorial

**SPONSOR:** Trophy & Ribbon: Jenny Smith, Chuck Smith and John Volkerding; **SPONSOR:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Rump Rug by Easycare, Inc.; **SPONSOR:** 5<sup>th</sup> Place - Region 4

AWESOMES FIRE N ICE/ har	Ken Wolgram	(CO-3)	168
TOUCH'S YELLER GOLD / mft	Gary Inman	(CO-3)	100
SUSIE'S STARDUST/ mft	Tammy Lineback	(GA-5)	91
DEE BAR/ mule	Cheri Westmoreland	(NM-3)	90
BUILDING A MYSTERY/ hoa	Victoria Lynn (Scott Nelis)	(TX-4)	88
WINDSTORM SIENNA/ morg	Wayne Tolbert	(TN-5)	86

## Overall Open Lightweight Horse

**SPONSOR:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Rump Rug by Easycare, Inc.; **SPONSOR:** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Place - Region 4

JUST A LITTLE MORE/ ar	Lori Lee Williams	(TN-5)	138
TAQUA CHANCE/ har	Dolly Miller	(TX-4)	138
SWISS MOCHA/ gr	Paula Riley	(GA-5)	133
HOT SAKI/ har	Terri Smith	(NM-3)	121
LOCO MOTION/ gr	Sara Baldwin	(AL-5)	118
RPH QUESO/ paint	Patti Hicks	(TX-4)	110
HASTY'S BLOSSOM/ har	Susan Peters	(CO-3)	94

## Overall Open Junior Horse

**SPONSOR:** 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Rump Rug by Easycare, Inc.

DARTAWAY /gr	Hannah VanPoolen	(CO-3)	40
CALAMITY JANE'S 44 MAGNUM/ mft	Marcy Lineback	(GA-5)	38
HANK/ quarab	Morgan Winter	(CO-3)	30
RED/ gr	Alexis Combs	(CO-3)	22



Gary Clayton, R5, fifth place, Open Heavyweight team.

## Mark Your Calendar!

**NATRC Convention 2013**  
Denver, Colorado

**Doubletree by Hilton Denver-Aurora**  
February 21-23, 2013

**Board of Directors Meeting Feb. 21**  
**A line-up of terrific speakers Feb. 22-23**  
**R3 Awards Night Feb. 22 (all regions invited)**  
**National Awards Banquet Feb. 23**



# 2011 Overall Competitive Pleasure

**SPONSOR: 1<sup>st</sup> Place - Rump Rug by Easycare, Inc**

**Overall Competitive Pleasure High Average Horse**

HEZA TROUBLE MAKIN BUDDY/ gr	KRIS HAPGOOD	(OK-4)	99.291%
SUMMER/ gr	BETTY WOLGRAM	(CO-3)	98.226%
DELIGHT'S AMBER BEAUTY/ tw	CINDY KEEN	(GA-5)	98.107%
SIXES PEPPY LADY/ paint	JULEEN FEAZELL	(CO-3)	97.552%
THE MISSOURI REVEREND /gr	DIANE WINGLE	(CO-3)	95.570%
JOR PICASSO/ pp	WAVA O'BRIAN	(NM-3)	95.176%

**Overall Competitive Pleasure High Average Horsemanship**

CINDY KEEN	(GA-5)	99.375%
JULEEN FEAZELL	(CO-3)	98.747%
BETTY WOLGRAM	(CO-3)	98.639%
TAMARA ANDRE	(KS-6)	98.571%
KRIS HAPGOOD	(OK-4)	98.531%
DIANE WINGLE	(CO-3)	97.949%

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## 2011 NATRC Award Winners



**Overall Competitive Pleasure Winners:** (Left to right) Kris Hapgood, R4; Juleen Feazell, R3; Betty Wolgram, R3; and Wava O'Brian, R3.

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- Event registration rates
- Survey completion rates
- Use of social features
- Use of mailing list sign-up tools

# 2011 Jim Menefee Honorary Lifetime Membership

## Recipients – Bill and Judy Cumberworth Region 3

An amazing journey in NATRC for the Cumberworths began in 1972. Judy attended her first NATRC ride in Albuquerque while living there. Her horse won First Place in Novice Lightweight and she came in third, judged by Bev Tibbitts. In 1974 the ride was held again and although they had moved to Farmington, NM, Judy again rode and Bill did P&R's. On the way home Bill said to Judy, "We can put on one of these rides".

The next spring Bill and Judy started the Navajo Lake Trail Ride on Mother's Day 1975 (one of the longest consecutively running trail rides in NATRC history.) Prizes hanging in trees near the end of the Sunday trail were initially only for mothers - soon expanded to anyone who had a mother - have become a tradition. This tradition includes the infamous Mother's Day vase.

Around 1995 after all the riders were in camp and checked in, it began to snow. By morning there were six inches of fresh wet snow on the ground. Bill decided that he could mark a new trail on the roads and salvage the ride. Bill has weathered storms, floods, loose horses, lost judges, and hurt riders, and still somehow made the rides work. To Bill, a good day is getting the judges to six obstacles and a great day is getting to eight.

In the early years Bill and Judy would alternate riding the same horse while the other would babysit with their four children (and often do P&R's). The kids soon learned that trail ride camps and P&R stops were in fun places and they did not mind going to the rides. Later both daughters became avid competitors.

Bill was elected to the National Board of Directors in 1979 and was NATRC President in 1980. Judy became a Horsemanship Judge in 1981 and has judged in all six NATRC regions. Judy was elected

to the National Board of Directors in 1983. Both Bill and Judy were very active in setting up the Region Three organization.

Bill and Judy continue to support and put on successful rides in northwest New Mexico and southwest Colorado by creating and utilizing the San Juan Valley Trailriders.

Sponsored rides include Navajo Lake, Chokecherry, Pinon Mesa, Purgatory, and Chicken Creek, as well as assisting with the rides in Santa Fe and Taos. When not chairing a ride, Bill and Judy serve as trailmasters, rules interpreters, P&R chairs, judge drivers, or any other job as needed.

Judy puts her love of history to use during her judging duties asking competitors questions such as "What was Tonto's Horse's name?" She has been instrumental in working with the BLM to secure trails for horses and in obtaining permits for rides. She also voices the wishes of the San Juan Valley Riders so that we can continue riding in our backyard.



*Bill and Judy Cumberworth*

Managing and judging too many rides to count over the years and still keeping the rides entertaining for rides and workers, they maintain the attitude that it is still the first ride for someone who needs to learn how to compete in and enjoy NATRC. Bill and Judy have donated countless time, energy, and monies, and kindly host many rides at their stable, allowing all folks to use it as they need.

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**Top row left:** Outgoing R2 Director Ray Brezina.

**Top row right:** R3 National Champions, (L-R), Terry Yates, Susan Peters, Ken Wolgram, Cheri Westmoreland, and Terri Smith.

**Lower left:** Lori Lee Williams, R5, shows off her horse's National Championship blanket.

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**Region 3**  
 AWESOMES FIRE N ICE Half Arabian Ken Wolgram  
 DEE BAR Mule Cheri Westmoreland  
 HASTY'S BLOSSOM Half Arabian Susan Peters  
 HOT SAKI Half Arabian Terri Smith  
 SA JHAKE Arabian Terry Yates  
 TOUCH'S YELLER GOLD MF Trotter Gary Inman

**Region 4**  
 BUILDING A MYSTERY HOA Victoria Lynn  
 RHYTHM N BLUES Grade Jean Green  
 RPH QUESO Paint Patti Hicks  
 TAQUA CHANCE Half Arabian Dolly Miller

**Region 5**  
 JUST A LITTLE MORE Arabian Lori Lee Williams  
 KHAPITAL Arabian Debbie Jones  
 LOCO MOTION Grade Sara Baldwin  
 NAKOTA BEY Arabian Marlene Buttrey  
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 SWISS MOCHA Grade Paula Riley  
 WINDSTORM SIENNA Morgan Wayne Tolbert

**Region 6**  
 CITO MOCHA RATON Span Mustang Trish Cleveland



*R4 National Champion Dolly Miller*

## 2011 Horse High Mileage and Medallion Awards

### 1000-Mile Horse Award

1020 NKR APRIL'S JEWEL/ morg Betsy Zimmerman  
 1020 COUNTRY'S TOUCH WH/ mft William Hinkebein  
 1030 GYPSIE DANCER L.R./ gr Carolyn Chapman  
 1040 JEWELS PLAYBOY/ paint Leona Harris  
 1040 KAYLEE/ gr Karlie Johnson  
 1070 RESORT VALLEY SPARKLER/ apbha Diana Marquardt  
 1080 DM's EYE OF THE TIGER/ mft Noreen Altwegg  
 1110 JUST A LITTLE MORE/ ar Lori Lee Williams  
 1130 OJALA/ har Cheryl Edmondson  
 1160 MARIAH/ gr Bill Wingle  
 1160 ROWDY ROOSTER/ gr Kimberly Winterrowd  
 1200 AWESOMES FIRE N ICE/ har Ken Wolgram  
 1250 GE SPARTAN/ gr Cheryl Jarrett  
 1290 ROWDY YATES/ sp must Vickie Ives  
 1300 TAKE-A-WALKALOOSA/ ap Lucie Hess  
 1540 LOCO MOTION/ gr Sara Baldwin

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### 2000-Mile Horse Award

2070 JAC NATALIE/ har Mary Anna Wood  
 2070 TOMMYS IMPRESSEV ACE/ ap Regina Broughton  
 2260 BUILDING A MYSTERY/ hoa Victoria Lynn  
 2430 DEE BAR/ mule Cheri Westmoreland

### 3000-Mile Horse Award

3020 FANCI'S SHARZAM/ ar Susan Kingshill  
 3150 BRAZOS BLAZE/ gr Jeff Brown

### 4000-Mile Horse Award – Bronze Medallion

4100 COUNTRY STAR JET WH/ mft Donna Keller

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### 8000-Mile Horse Award

8240 SWISS MOCHA/ gr Paula Riley

### 9000-Mile Horse Award

9100 WINDSTORM SIENNA/ morg Wayne Tolbert  
 9110 WINCHESTER CHARM/ har Mary Anna Wood



# Region 1 Team Awards

## Region 1 Novice Heavyweight

TANGO SIERRA/ mft	Laura Harvey	32
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## Region 1 Novice Lightweight

SIERRA SUNSHINE/ ar	Donna Stidolph	47
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## Novice Junior

KAYLEE/ gr	Karlie Johnson	35
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## Region 1 Competitive Pleasure

LA PALOMA DREAM/ ar	Ashley Dillard	80
OM EL SHAKEEB DREAM/ar	Joe Dillard	80
LAKOTA / gr	Kay Lieberknecht	33

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## Region 1 Open Heavyweight

TAKE-A-WALKALOOSA/ ap	Lucie Hess	45
STEALTH KNIGHT/ har-hconn	Victoria Boicelli	34

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## Region 1 Open Lightweight

DESERT REINBEAU/ must	Angie Meroshnekoff	43
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## Region 1 Open Junior

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# Region 1A Team Awards

## Region 1A Novice Heavyweight

DAPPER DAN DA LADY'S MAN/tw	Karol Kolehmainen	17
DYNFARI FROM ARCTIC ARROW/icl	Charles Miller	12
LADY'S MIDNIGHT SCOUT/tw	John Kolehmainen	10
PACE N MAD/stbd	Lauren Wilfer	10

## Region 1A Novice Lightweight

MANADIS/ icl	Cynthia Miller	8
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## Region 1A Novice Junior

ISA PERFECT DREAM/ gr	Morgan Skye Parsley	10
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## Region 1A Competitive Pleasure

BO/ gr	Pam Shamber	26
GYPSY/ gr	Kelly Stevenson	12
CINCH/ gr	William Sands	8
SAM/ gr	Keith Benti	8

## Region 1A Open Heavyweight

THE JEWEL THIEF/ kym	Marcia Lythgoe	20
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## Region 1A Open Lightweight

WILLOW BEY STAR/ har	Brenda Grogan	14
SHA MARA/ gr	Donna Forrester	14

## Region 1A Open Junior

TWS ECHSTRAVAGANZA/ ar	Chase Quinn	16
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# Region 2 Team Awards

## Region 2 Novice Heavyweight

MMR'S MAGIC RIFLE/ kym	Caroline Verbree	36
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## Region 2 Novice Lightweight

No Region 2 Novice Lightweight Qualified

## Region 2 Novice Junior

No Region 2 Junior Qualified

## Region 2 Competitive Pleasure

ANGYL BEY MIST/ ar	Carrie Garufis	49
SEA DRAGON/ ang ar	Lory Walls	47

## Region 2 Open Heavyweight

CARIOCA MDF/ ar	Sue Brezina	69
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## Region 2 Open Lightweight

DUKE OF SHADOW CANYON/ tw	Kandace French	34
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## Region 2 Open Junior

No Region 2 Open Junior Qualified

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# Region 3 Team Awards

## Region 3 Novice Heavyweight

BAILEY'S ANGEL BABY/ mft	Edward Westmoreland	150
PUR TY RAIN DANCE/ ar	Alden Chamberlain	130
BOOKCLIFF MOUNTAIN FIRE/ tw	Kenny Bingham	126
SC MYSTYC ROSEBUD/ ar	Deb Schnitzle	98
SHINER/ gr	Sue Fusco	72
MAY DAY PARADE/ tw	Dawn Reeder	68

## Region 3 Novice Lightweight

SABRINA / gr	Bobbi Hansford	120
SAS's AUSSIE/ tw	Sharyl Walls	112
IMA DYNAMIC STAR/ gr	Jennifer Poulton	76
SILVER ZANITA/ qtr	Caralyn Barlow	68
EMBER / mft	Susan Halterman	66
TTAMUSK/ gr	Sarah Hofkamp	54

## Region 3 Novice Junior

RANGER / gr	Alyssa Fusco	50
MARCUS/ ar	Susan Chandler	44
TOMMY / morg	Sarah Reega	36

## SPONSOR: Region 3

### Region 3 Competitive Pleasure

SUMMER/ gr	Betty Wolgram	236
SIXES PEPPY LADY/ paint	Juleen Feazell	212
THE MISSOURI REVEREND/ gr	Diane Wingle	142
JOR PICASSO/ pp	Wava O'Brien	116
BABY DOLL'S SPOTTED MAN/ tw	Linell Miller-Inman	94
HARLEMS SPIRIT OF DENMARK/ asb	Jill Tarvin	52

## SPONSOR: Region 3

### Region 3 Open Heavyweight

AWESOMES FIRE N ICE/ har	Ken Wolgram	254
TOUCH'S YELLER GOLD/ mft	Gary Inman	180
DEE BAR/ mule	Cheri Westmoreland	172
MARIAH /gr	Bill Wingle	102
BRAZOS BLAZE/ gr	Jeff Brown	64
GOLDEN AMBITION/ kym	Kerry Bingham	54

### Region 3 Open Lightweight

HOT SAKI/ har	Terri Smith	210
SA JHAKE/ ar	Terry Yates	158
HASTY'S BLOSSOM/ har	Susan Peters	152
NOT A CHANCE/ curly	Kirt VanPoolen	128
GE SPARTAN/ gr	Cheryl Jarrett	82
SHILOH SPHINX/ ar	Sharon Roper-Dashner	72

### Region 3 Open Junior

DARTAWAY/ gr	Hannah VanPoolen	80
HANK/ quarab	Morgan Winter	60
RED/ gr	Alexis Combs	42

# Region 4 Team Awards

## Region 4 Novice Heavyweight

SHES MIGHTY IMPRESSIVE/ ap	Richard Widon	222
NORTHERN SONG /smr	Scott Nelis	94
ONE BUD WISER/ gr	Chase Frazier	92
SWINGIN DEACON/ har	Charon Howell	66

## Region 4 Novice Lightweight

DOCS WAYWERD BEAVER/ paint	Kimberly Reinhardt	186
CINNABAAR/ ar	Fran Muench	172
HES A ROCKSTAR/ must	Barbie Van Orde	122
RINGO-BACKSTREET BOY/ tw	Linda Roberts	108
EINSTEIN TA /ar	Maria Berger	98
WINDCHESTER/ har	Jan Taylor	86

## Region 4 Novice Junior

AMARILLO SKY/ must	Ashley Frazier	204
NAPOLEON SOLO/ sp must	Callie Widon	198
GORGEOUS DIXIE/ gr	Maggie Steinke	174
RED CHILI PEPPY/ qtr	Linda Hagler	140
DREAMBOAT ANNIE/ gr	Morgan Patton	56
PEACHES 'N CREAM/ gr	Hattie Wells	54

## Region 4 Competitive Pleasure

HEZA TROUBLE MAKIN BUDDY/ gr	Kris Hapgood	244
OJALA/ har	Cheryl Edmondson	126
PRAULINE SUGAR/ mule	Sue Singletery	118
SPOOKY DOO/ har	Carla Jo Bass	98
NKR APRIL'S JEWEL/ morg	Betsy Zimmerman	68
MIDNIGHT BAY DBA/ ar	Carla Jo Bass	66

## Region 4 Open Heavyweight

BUILDING A MYSTERY / hoa	Victoria Lynn	150
FIRST RAYT INVESTMENT/ har	Larry Gould	96
MARQUISESMISCHIEF/ ar	Jonni Jewell	92
SHAZAM/ swspmust	Gerald Hilligoss	88
HURRICANE BAY LOA/ ar	Cara Leibman	72
TRIBUTE TO LIBERTY /gr	Alice Yovich	48

## Region 4 Open Lightweight

RPH QUESO/ paint	Patti Hicks	236
TAQUA CHANCE/ har	Dolly Miller	232
RHYTHM N' BLUES/ gr	Jean Green	162
ROWDY /gr	Kimberly Winterrowd	158
TOUTE SHEIK/ har	Elaine Swiss	126
GOLDSEEKERS WISH/ ap	Julie Figg	106

## Region 4 Open Junior

No Region 4 Open Junior Qualified

**SPONSOR: Jonni Jewell (Open Lightweight)**

# Region 5 Team Awards

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## Region 5 Novice Heavyweight

MARY JANE/ gr	Carol Ault	88
LIVING PROOF CH/ har	Vickie Moore	86
LEDO SABRE ROSE/ ap	Lucy Atkins	82
ARROW'S SALTWATER TAFFY/ gr	Lisa Scott	54
KITKAT/ mft	Jeanne Arcell	48
MAARSADDA/ ar	Laurie Wood	27

## Region 5 Novice Lightweight

KING'S LASTING LEGACY/ qtr	Patricia Petelle	266
ALENA RAE/ har	Andrea Rogers	90
SUNNY GEORGIA/ tw	Patty Luca	87
ROXY ASH MORO/ morg	Anne Perrin	86
LEXUS GOLDEN TIE L/ mft	Mary Dukes	80
THUNDER / gr	Karen Dennis	64

## Region 5 Novice Junior

FLASH OF LIGHTENING / gr	Jameson Moulis	54
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## Region 5 Competitive Pleasure

DELIGHT'S AMBER BEAUTY/ tw	Cindy Keen	160
DAKOTA'S DARK KNIGHT/ rkym	Kathy Hardin	104
DIA ICON/ ar	Janell Mount	94
OAK KNOLL HOLLY/ ar	Julie Nathan	80
EASY ON THE BOURBON/ kym	Rosemary Morgan	40

## Region 5 Open Heavyweight

WINDSTORM SIENNA/ morg	Wayne Tolbert	160
SUSIE'S STARDUST/ mft	Tammy Lineback	154
MARNOS TERRA COTTA/ morg	Sallie Kudra	129
ROYAL SERENDIPITY/ ar	Terry Silver	84
RED BIRD'S RANSOM W /mft	Gary Clayton	56

## Region 5 Open Lightweight

JUST A LITTLE MORE/ ar	Lori Lee Williams	255
SWISS MOCHA/ gr	Paula Riley	225
KHAPITAL/ ar	Debbie Jones	180
TOMMYS IMPRESSEV ACE/ ap	Regina Broughton	172
NAKOTA BEY/ ar	Marlene Buttrey	170
LOCO MOTION/ gr	Sara Baldwin	134

## Region 5 Open Junior

CALAMITY JANE'S 44 MAGNUM/ mft	Marcy Lineback	76
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# Region 6 Team Awards

## Region 6 Novice Heavyweight

RW BRAVEHEART/ ar	Mary Ginn	106
LL REMINGTON/ har-pinto	Marilyn Marston	76
DM'S EYE OF THE TIGER/ mft	Noreen Altwegg	74
SUN ROCK GLORY BLAZE/ qtr	Alan Bouska	56

## Region 6 Novice Lightweight

GOODNESS GRACIOUS/ gr	Maggie Childs	100
MR. CHICO LINDO/ gr	Yvonne Smith	90
SHADOW'S DANCER C/ mft	Robin Nore	74
NIKITA'S CHILLI SENSATION WH/ mft	Marla Stucky	54

## Region 6 Novice Junior

VIKENS BEAR A CUDA/ har	Katlyn Kimmen	42
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### Region 6 Competitive Pleasure

SIR TIMOTHY GOLD/ mft	Tamara Andre	148
STEPPIN'OUT ANNIE D/ mft	Virginia Prey	88
MPS PEPPODOCONITA/ paint	Shari Parys	72
SMOKE-N-JAZ'S BIG MAN /mft	Kay Stich	70
COUNTRY STAR JET WH/ mft	Donna Keller	60
SKYA/ ar	Christine Abbott	52

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### Region 6 Open Heavyweight

COUNTRY'S TOUCH WH/ mft	William Hinkebein	72
MY KNIGHTMARE/ ar	Vickie White	54

### Region 6 Open Lightweight

HUNGARIAN JADE/ har	Lucy Hirsch	114
CITO MOCHA RATON/ sp must	Trish Cleveland	110
WINCHESTER CHARM/ har	Mary Anna Wood	94

### Region 6 Open Junior

No Region 6 Open Junior Qualified

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Ray Brezina – Region 2  
Chuck Smith – Region 3  
Christine Abbott – Region 6

### Outgoing Webmaster

Jennie Paddock – Region 4

### Judges Who Judged the Most Rides

Veterinary Judge – Pat Regier, DVM  
Horsemanship Judge – Kim Cowart

# 2011 Awards A Night of NATRC Celebrations!

**Right:** Cheri Westmoreland, won High Point Mule and was third place in the Open Heavyweight Horsemanship

**Below:** Lori Lee Williams (left) and Dolly Miller (right), tied for first place Open Lightweight Horse.

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# 2011 President's Cup

## Awesomes Fire N Ice "Ice" and Ken Wolgram

### *Acceptance by Ken Wolgram*

First of all, I would like to thank my wife Betty for helping me accomplish this endeavor. She hauled my horse Ice by herself over 4,500 miles to three out-of-region rides. I could not have done it without her. I would also like to thank Betty for crewing for me on the Big Horn 100 in July and another special thanks to Betty and our Region 3 horsemanship judge Susie Witter for crewing for me at the Tevis in October. I would like to thank all my friends for encouraging me to make that final push for the President's Cup, especially Jonni Jewell, Cheryl Jarrett, and her sister, Karen Garriga.

I also want to thank Region 3 members Jenny Smith, Chuck Smith, and John Volkerding for sponsoring the President's Cup blanket, buckle, and ribbon, and the 1st place open heavyweight horse award, the Bill Smith Memorial. Bill was my hero. And I want to thank Region 3 member and Specialized Saddle sales representative Sharon Roper and the owner of Specialized Saddles, David Kaden, for the donation of the beautiful saddle for the President's Cup. I will cherish these awards always.

Each year, I set riding goals, and I always try to be realistic about the goals I set. For 2011, my one goal was to train and condition Ice to finish the Tevis. At the beginning of the ride season, though, if someone would have asked me if it would have been possible to ride the Tevis and win the President's Cup in the same year, I would have said "No way!"

In early June, I received word that the Tevis was being postponed until October 8. Too much snow remained for the high Sierra trails to be ready in six weeks. After receiving this news, I felt pretty depressed. With the training program I was doing with Ice, he would be



*Ken Wolgram and Awesomes Fire N Ice win all top awards for 2011.*

ready for the Tevis on its originally scheduled date of July 16. So I was going to have to either back off of his training or find another 100-miler to substitute in place of the Tevis. That is when I decided to ride the Big Horn 100 in Wyoming which had also been scheduled on July 16.

My strategy was to ride conservatively because I was unfamiliar with the terrain. The Big Horn has a reputation for being a hard 100 miles with poor markings, and riders are left pretty much on their own should there be problems getting off the mountain.

At the last vet check at approximately 75 miles, I was surprised to learn that I was in eighth place out of 27 riders. Ice was in great shape. His heart rate recovery was really fast and he ate like he hadn't eaten for a week. His vet card was all "A's." Two miles from the finish we caught two of the riders in front of us. After passing these riders, we cantered and trotted to the finish. Within a couple of minutes Ice's heart rate had recovered, and we finished in sixth place with my Region 3 riding partner Cheryl Jarrett

right behind us taking 7th place on her first 100-miler.

Around the end of July, the NATRC National Open Standings were updated and showed that Ice and I were in first place in open heavyweight horse and horsemanship. I didn't give it much thought because we had only three more competitive trail rides left to do in our region and then the Tevis. Ice had finished his second National Championship, and I was really happy to think that we had a chance to place in the top six nationally again. Then Jonni Jewell e-mailed me and asked if I was planning to make a run for the President's Cup. I said no, that I was busy getting ready for the Tevis, but she encouraged me to give it some thought, that there was a chance we could achieve it if I could do some out-of-region rides.

So Betty sat down and started looking at any remaining out-of-region rides that I could go to. We settled on the Region 4 Benefit Ride at Decatur, Texas, which would be two weeks before Region 3's last ride of the season in Farmington, New Mexico. Two weeks later would be the Tevis, and if Ice could

finish the Tevis with no problems, I'd do Whispering Pines in Jadwin, Missouri, and Last Chance at the OK Corral near Stillwater, Oklahoma.

At the Decatur ride, Ice placed 3rd out of five heavyweight horses, and at the Chokecherry ride in Farmington, he placed 3rd out of only four heavyweight horses. It was a bit disappointing not to have a full class at those rides, but the bottom line with me was to keep my eye on the goal, to finish Tevis.

So a week after Chokecherry, we left for Auburn, California, where we stayed for a few days with our friend and NATRC horsemanship judge, Marilyn Hunter, and let Ice relax.

Three days before the ride, Mother Nature dumped two feet of snow in the high country, making it impossible for the ride to start from Robie Park. Ride management changed the whole ride in less than two days to avoid its cancellation, and they did an incredible job. Riders would start and finish at the fairgrounds in Auburn. Cheryl Jarrett was again riding with me, and we arrived at the Foresthill vet check in four and a half hours, almost an hour ahead of when I had told Betty to expect us. Ice reached the pulse criteria immediately after having a drink of water. Foresthill was a one-hour hold, and we would have a second one-hour hold there on the way back.

When we returned to Foresthill that evening, we were in the mid-sixties as far as position with 30 miles to the finish.

Ice felt very strong, and we began passing horses. When we arrived in Auburn, Cheryl and I had moved up to 22nd and 23rd place. Ice had an overall impression of an A-

Five days after we returned from California, Betty left with the horses for Missouri. My days off from work are Thursday, Friday and Saturday; I had no vacation days left. Fortunately, my company allowed me to use my final two holidays, Thanksgiving and Christmas, early, so that I could have the two Sundays off for the rides. Betty found flights to St. Louis and then Tulsa, and back home on Sunday evenings so I could return to work Monday. How she did it, I don't know. It was left up to her to haul the horses, and after hauling the 1,100 miles to Missouri, she decided to find a place to camp with the horses for two weeks between rides, and drive on to the Oklahoma ride without coming back to Colorado. She had fun while I worked and ate TV dinners.

Ice must have gotten it in his head after Tevis that he might have to go a long, long way. He was very calm and well-behaved at those last two rides, and it paid off. He took 1st and Sweepstakes at Whispering Pines out of four heavyweight riders, but still did not earn full points because lightweight had only three riders. Where were all the Open riders? Then, at Last Chance at the OK Corral, after eleven days of playing in a four-acre pasture with Summer, he earned another 1st and Sweepstakes in the first full heavyweight class in months.

After those two rides, I felt we had a pretty good chance, but there were still results from other rides to be reported. Then we got official word that we had earned both the President's Cup and the Jim Menefee High Point Combined Horse and Rider, the Bev Tibbitts Grand Champion Horse Award for the Overall Open High Average Horse, and the Polly Bridges Memorial Award for Overall Open High Average Horsemanship.

I had another very special horse before Betty stole her

from me to get her own Tevis buckle. In 2002, Summer and I were honored with winning the President's Cup and the Jim Menefee High Combined Horse and Rider, but I have never won a high average award. This past season seems like a once in a lifetime miracle. I feel grateful and humble that it happened with my first home bred, raised, and trained horse, Ice.

Many of my friends felt that I should also share some personal things about Ice. Ice (Awesomes Fire N Ice) was born April 8, 2000. His dam was my mother's appendix quarter horse, Come On Cotton, with Go Man Go bloodlines, and his sire was an Arabian, Awesome Knight, from Kenlyn Arabians. For Ice's first five years, he was allowed to just be a horse, finding his position in the herd, running on 80 acres of green pasture in the summer, and learning how to turn his butt to the wind shoulder to shoulder with the rest of the herd during our cold Northwest Colorado winters.

When he turned five, I began putting him under saddle. Ice was willing to learn and eager to please. In the fall of Ice's sixth year, I began riding him between 20 and 40 miles every weekend. He was doing everything I asked, flawlessly. So in the spring of his 7th year, I took him to an NATRC ride in Roosevelt, Utah, where I chose to ride safety because I wanted to get him used to following other horses before trying to compete him. It was there that the horse that I had raised and loved completely disappeared!

From the time we arrived at the ride, Ice was very insecure about being by himself. Any time Betty would take her horse away from the trailer, Ice would

start pawing the ground, pawing at the trailer, and standing on his hind legs and dancing around in circles. On Saturday morning, after all the riders had timed out, I crawled into the saddle to pull up the drag. Ice became so upset that he began to lose all his self-preservation. We were going over huge boulders, large piles of brush, into deep arroyos sideways. When I did get him moving in a forward motion, all he wanted to do was buck. I began to ask myself, "Where did this horse come from?"

After about ten miles, Ice began to settle down and relax, and somehow we finished the day unscathed. Round two, the second day, Ice went through the same routine, and again, it took about ten miles for him to settle down, but we were able to finish his first ride. And fortunately, we did not have to rescue any riders or their horses. I was totally surprised and humiliated that this horse, who had such a kind personality from birth and who had been so easy to train, could have turned into such a maniac. I now knew that Ice was going to take a tremendous amount of work and training to ever be a good competitive trail horse by NATRC standards.

Two weeks later, I took Ice to an endurance ride near Salt

Lake City. The purpose of this ride was to expose him to other horses again and maybe find him a buddy to ride with if he would settle down enough to do that. When the ride started, I made the decision to let everyone time out before us. Ice again started doing his crazy horse routine but seemed to settle down within a couple of miles, although it became very apparent that his new mission was to pass every horse on the trail. After spending several hours trying to control his rate of speed, I managed to get him through his first 50-miler.

Several times that year I brought Ice and another horse to some pioneer rides of three or more days. I would ride them on different days. I would ride Ice the first day in the hopes of tiring him out so that he would relax when left at the trailer. No such luck. The high-tie gave Ice a perfect six-foot-diameter track. Betty can attest to the fact that, unless she would stand by him and feed him carrots and pet him almost the whole time I was gone riding the other horse, Ice would be running in circles on his six-foot-diameter track and doing a line dance on his hind legs. Ice's conditioning was incredible, but he had several loose screws in his brain that needed tightened.

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# President's Cup, *continued*

In 2010, I decided to ride Ice in his first competitive trail ride season. As the season continued, Ice began to gain confidence. I was always trying to find ways to test his mental stability in small doses, not letting him lose his mind completely. One of the tests I used was, when he was in a group of horses headed down the trail, I would ask him to "whoa." Just for a few seconds at first, then for longer periods. Ice did improve so much during the ride season that he was able to earn his first National Championship, and I was proud of how far he had come.

In November 2010, I decided to have a knee replacement, which was necessary if I was going to continue my riding career. The surgeon was able to do a successful partial knee replacement and I began planning the 2011 ride season. I felt that both Ice and I would be ready for the challenge of the Tevis. When Ice started the 2011 ride season, it seemed that he just miraculously picked up where he had left off in the fall. His responses to slight cues were incredible. Ice jumped to another level on his trail smarts and metabolics. All the hard work began to show.

The theme for this year's National Convention is "It Takes Two." It has meaning for me in several ways. The convention has combined two of the finest distance riding groups, the endurance organization AERC and the competitive trail riding organization NATRC. We are reminded by this theme that "It Takes Two" to form a true partnership with our horses and to work on teamwork every time we swing into the saddle.

I believe that riding Ice in endurance and competitive trail made him a much more versatile horse. I also believe that the skills Ice mastered in NATRC have made him a much better horse that has a brain and takes care of himself and knows now that it is Okay for another horse to pass him.

Thank you for allowing me to share the journey that Ice and I have traveled together. This has been one of the most memorable nights in my life.

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## NATRC Ride Schedule

Please see current ride schedule at [www.natrc.org/RideSchedule/.pdf](http://www.natrc.org/RideSchedule/.pdf)

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*Ken Wolgram and Awesomes Fire N Ice, winners of the 2011 NATRC President's Cup. Photo with permission by Jim Edmondson.*

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# Regional News

## **R1 2011 Appreciations Thanks to Betty Young**

Although Betty retired from active competition in 1997, she has not retired from contributing her talents to our sport. She really shines in organizational abilities and attention to detail. Her many tasks include:

- P&R worker many, many times
- Judges Secretary countless times
- Trail lay-out, marking, and timing
- Safety rider
- Ride Secretary for the Benefit ride five times and the Hoof Trek ride twice
- Secretary and one of the prime organizers of the 2004 National Convention in Reno (the first in conjunction with AERC)
- Fill-in secretary for the 2010 National Convention in Reno; spearheaded the silent auction
- Secretary for the R1 2011 mini-convention

Although never a R1 Board member, she has not been shy about providing counsel, always representing the viewpoint and interests of the rider, their four legged friends, and NATRC. She is passionate about the sport, and for that we are truly grateful. R1 expresses its great appreciation to Betty Young for her many efforts on behalf of our sport.

## **Thanks to Maria Pilgrim**

R1 would like to acknowledge one of our members...she with the mellifluous speaking voice...who many of you will remember as the emcee of both the 2004 and 2010 National Conventions in Reno.

One semester in college, she took a class on public speaking and needed to practice, so she offered to emcee our regional mini-Convention. That was the beginning of her new-found NATRC career. Not only does she do a wonderful job but she also researches the speakers ahead of time in order to be current and knowledgeable. Broadening her repertoire, she was secretary every year for the Jackson Forest Ride, hosted by her sister, Angie. This past year she was also the Ride Secretary for the R1 Benefit Ride at Cowboy Camp. Her organizational skills have been put to good use by our region. Much appreciation and thanks are owed to Maria Pilgrim.

## **R1 2011 Remembrances In Memory of Emma McCrary**

Emma McCrary carved hundreds of miles of trails through Santa Cruz County's wilderness to help bring others closer to the natural wonders around them. Using her cherished horses and a sharp chainsaw, Emma shaped paths through Henry Cowell, Fall Creek, Wilder Ranch and Pogonip parks. She worked with state parks to build several trail connectors, rode horse patrol, and at one point was the only civilian allowed to carry a chainsaw in state parks. Scoping out new trails for hours on end was not unusual for Emma, and searching for Emma after dark was not unusual for her husband. Forging ahead with hard work, Emma's philosophy was that the deeper people got into the woods, the more they would care for them.

Emma and her family put on the Swanton NATRC Ride on family property from 1972 – 2007. With lots of support, she put the first one together in 3 weeks. The only year she missed was the 13<sup>th</sup>, but the following year she had two rides, one of which was a clinic. Her goal was to have new trails every year, and she made most of them herself – with help of her husband and his unique trail-cutting machine.

Her calm determination was legendary, and friends say it came without pretense or ego. Those traits served Emma well to leave a legacy of trails for bicyclists, hikers, and equestrians to enjoy.



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# Regional News, Continued

## In Memory of Bill Throgmorton, DVM

Bill Throgmorton died peacefully at his home after a courageous battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease). His early schooling was in Salinas, CA, where he met his wife, Joan. He then served in the U.S. Air Force and attended UC Davis graduating as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine. As a sophomore in veterinary school, Bill and three other classmates attended the first ride at Mt. Diablo. Another classmate, George Cardinet, was working on a research study of horse physiology under stress of work and he needed assistance. George hoped to prove his hypothesis that pulse and respiratory recovery rates were directly related to the horse's physical conditioning. Working in pairs, the students collected and recorded pulse and respiratory rates both incoming and after a pre-assigned recovery period. Rectal temperatures were also taken and recorded. Bolstered by results of this initial study, George and crew continued to gather data for the next three years in an attempt to find the best rest interval of recovery to accurately correlate with conditioning. When the first board of directors of NATRC was elected, Joan volunteered to be National Secretary and served in that capacity for several years. Bill and Joan not only judged rides, they managed the Uvas Dam ride for many years. Bill practiced what he preached as far as selecting a horse suited to the job. For many years, if you were looking for an athletic distance horse, Throgmorton's were the people to see.



*Katy Taylor, R2, was recognized for her hard work on the 2011 Bar H Bonanza ride.*

## R2 2011 Appreciations

### Thanks to Kandace French, Sherrie Bray and Katy Taylor

R2 would like to recognize these three gals for taking on the task of putting together and running two brand new rides in the region this past year. None had ever even been part of a ride management team before, when they decided that they were not going to let our region lose any more rides or locations.

Kandace and Sherrie took on the Bumble Bee ride in Arizona and made it a success. They expanded it to a 2-day ride for 2012, and have already secured the site for 2013. The property owners are thrilled to have NATRC use their facilities.

Katy did a great job with the Bar H Bonanza ride in Gavilan Hills located in Southern California. As a result there has been some interest from surrounding property owners to host future NATRC events and become NATRC members.

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## **Regional News, Continued**

### **R3 2011 Appreciations**

#### **Thanks to Pam Geichutt**

In 2011, Pam was the secretary for the successful Region 3 Clinic at Greenland Open Space.

As ride secretary for the Competitive Trail Ride held at the Air Force Academy two weeks later, Pam put into place the additional bio-security needed due to the EHV outbreak which enabled the ride to be held rather than be cancelled.

Pam also served as ride secretary for the NATRC Ride held at the Tarryall River Ranch in August. She was a crucial member of the team that convinced the Forest Service to approve this ride, helped lay out the trail, solicited volunteers, assisted with buying the food for volunteers, and helped clean up the trail after the ride.

As a ride secretary, Pam shows enormous warmth in dealing with registrants – particularly new ones. She has a welcoming way about her and takes whatever time is needed to encourage participants either by phone contact or emails. We firmly believe that she is responsible for not only bringing in many new riders to the clinic/rides - but also bringing them into NATRC as new members.

Thank you, Pam, for being one of those golden volunteers who always say yes when asked to help.

#### **Thanks to Susan Peters**

In 2011 Susan Peters was the manager for the Region 3 Clinic at Greenland Open Space and the “before the ride” ride manager for the Patriots’ NATRC Ride at the Air Force Academy. Susan was instrumental in convincing the Air Force Academy to allow the ride to be held despite a security alert and the EHV outbreak which followed. Susan also held the job of ride manager for the first NATRC Ride held at the Tarryall River Ranch in August. This ride was a full ride with a record number of junior riders participating.

Susan also volunteered in a number of capacities outside of ride management including:

- Was a guest speaker for a 4H group – bringing in over half a dozen new juniors and their families
- Was a R3 Board member (vice president)
- As a National Alternate Board member representing R3, attended one Board meeting
- Took on R3 Board secretary responsibilities when the secretary could not attend a board meeting
- Orchestrated the purchase of novice ribbons for R3 rides
- Provided articles for the R3 newsletter
- Was the R3 RMS administrator again in 2011

Susan’s contributions to R3 have played a huge part in its success. We appreciate her very much.

#### **Thanks to Russ and Linda Jones**

Russ and Linda Jones have been members of NATRC for 30 years, and they have always been a huge asset to Region 3 and the San Juan Valley Trail Riders Club.

Russ, a quiet kind of a guy, always has a positive attitude even in some of the most trying situations that can arise at trail rides. Linda, the organizer, always has paper work in order and backup plans for any problems that might arise. Linda has been known to bring telephone lists for workers and even remembers the different state forms that must be signed at a ride, even when she isn’t the Chairman.

In 2011, Linda was a judge’s secretary for every ride that the San Juan Valley Trail Riders sponsored. Russ served as rules interpreter, judge’s secretary, P & R worker, or whatever was needed. They both worked all five of the Four Corners rides, and even managed to help mark trail and cook for the judges and workers. A support team we can be so thankful for.

Region 3 is pleased to recognize this couple who have always been willing to give of themselves

#### **2011 Remembrance In Memory of Iris “Ike” Mosgrove**

Iris ‘Ike’ Mosgrove, age 88, passed away Dec. 20, 2011, peacefully and surrounded with love at the home of her daughter Shari and husband Allen Warren where she was lovingly cared for through the long process of Alzheimer’s.

Iris became involved in NATRC in the 1970s. She rode her first ride in 1971 near Woodland Park, CO. She helped Ruth Tyree, the Trail Master, mark the trail. She placed first in horsemanship matching Nightwind’s first place.

Some highlights are:

- Received numerous R3 Appreciation awards
- From 1972 through 1984 served as part of Cavalier Ride Management including Ride Chairman, P&R Chairman, publicist, Secretary, Trail Master and Co-chairman
- 1975, NATRC Annual High Score Award and National Champion
- 1978, First place at Vedawoo, El Jinete Solitario and Rendezvous, Annual High Score Award and National Champion, NATRC Top 10 Award
- 1979, Served on the R3 committee to write bylaws and incorporate the region as an original incorporator
- 1980s. Served as a R3 representative to the National Board and continued for many years as the National Sanction Chair

Iris Mosgrove contributed to NATRC in many ways, with many hours and rides as Secretary R3 and National Board Member, and Ride Chairman for many rides with NATRC and the Cavalier Riding Club. She and her horse, Nightwind, logged 10,000 miles of competition. She was an Honorary Life Time Member of both clubs.

## Regional News, Continued

### R4 2011 Appreciations

#### Thanks to Phil Broderson

It has been said that "The human contribution is the essential ingredient of life. It is only in the giving of oneself to others that we truly live." No NATRC member has demonstrated this concept more perfectly than the nominee we present to you for this year's award.

Phil has volunteered with NATRC in Region 4 since 1992. He has worked every ride position, from P&R worker to ride chairman: Ride secretary, judge secretary, rules interpreter, safety rider, P&R chairman, and Trail Master. His biggest efforts over the years have been at the Indian Territory CTR. Phil dedicated many hours with a chain saw clearing trail at ITCTR after the ice storm a few years ago. Phil also enjoys playing guitar for church service at the rides as well as leading prayer when needed.

Phil has always been a voice of "reason" for NATRC by making sure that the end result will truly be best for all. Most of all, Phil truly loves this sport as much as he loves serving each of us and our organization; he understands the sport both as a rider and as a volunteer.

It is with great pleasure that we nominate Phil Broderson for the NATRC Regional Award for National Recognition.

#### Thanks to Art and Dee Byrd

Art and Dee Byrd have been involved in NATRC since the early 1980's. Dee competed on several different horses and won National Championships. She is best known for competing on her stallion, Najji, whose manners are impeccable! Dee is at the rides to lend a helping hand with a big smile on her face, and she has a big stew pot going for riders and workers at the Indian Territory ride every year.

Art Byrd does not ride or compete on horses, but he has been on the management side of NATRC rides for over twenty years. He has been Ride Manager for the Indian Territory ride for the last 10 years and has also acted as P&R Chairman and Trail Master for multiple rides. Art stepped up after the ice storms that hit Oklahoma and worked on clearing very difficult trails for both Indian Territory and Robbers Cave trails.

It is always a comfort as a ride manager to see the Byrds pull into camp as you know they will happily fill any role needed for the weekend! NATRC and especially Region 4 have benefitted greatly from having Art & Dee Byrd as volunteers, and there is no couple more deserving for the Regional Appreciation Award for National Recognition!

#### Thanks to Vickie Ives

Ambassador - A person who acts as a representative or promoter of a specified activity. NATRC Region 4 has an excellent ambassador, and her name is Vickie Ives!

Vickie rode her first NATRC ride at the 1980 Angelina National Forest CTR. She is still riding today, after years of bringing countless people and horses into the sport. These include a horsemanship judge, a Region 4 Volunteer of the Year, Novice Horses of the Year, National Championship horses, and many NATRC riders for life!

Junior riders are Vik's passion; she founded the Caddo 4-H Club of Harrison County, created a Texas 4-H Trail Riding Award, and introduced 4-H kids to NATRC. She introduced her daughters Tori and Tommi as "water girls" at NATRC P&R's, until they reached the ripe age of 10, when they could begin competing. They are both active competitors today.

What a great sight it is to see Vickie leading the pack with a string of Junior 'ducklings' behind her. At the 2011 Tarrant Ranch CTR, Vickie had over 15 riders represented from Karma Farms, with 10 being Junior riders. We are proud to recognize Vickie Ives as a true ambassador of the Region 4 North American Trail Riding Conference.

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# Regional News, Continued

## R5 2011 Appreciations Thanks to Marty Findley

As a young child growing up in Alabama, Marty roamed the rural countryside on her favorite steed, racing the wind, jumping all obstacles in her path, crossing streams, and finally returning home as evening settled over her home.

Her first competition was Naash 90 in Rockmart, GA, and she was hooked from the beginning. Marty has traveled the country competing in 12 states accumulating 7000+ rider miles and has ridden 8 different horses during her NATRC career. She was part of the NATRC Walk of Fame at the 2011 National Convention. A very experienced rider with well-trained horses, Marty mentors new competitors at rides and is a great trail partner!

Marty has been:  
Host for many rides beginning with the Benefit Ride in 1989  
Manager and Trail Master of the Big South Fork and East Fork rides  
Secretary for many of our judges  
Vice President of Region 5 BOD and chair of various committees

She was Program Chairman of the Fiftieth Anniversary National Convention, Nashville, TN, February 2011. She arranged a premium program with amazing speakers, great slideshow presentations, and many other interesting activities.

Marty has spent her competitive career giving back to this wonderful sport she loves!

Thank you Marty!!!!

## R6 2011 Appreciations Thanks to Mary Anna Wood

There are many ways to support this sport. Most of us think in terms of the work done by management and volunteers and the many other jobs that keep this sport going. But one thing is equally important and that is the support of entering rides.

Mary Anna Wood has entered nearly all the rides every year for many, many years. Not only did she do most of those with Elmer, but Mary Anna has ridden a variety of other people's horses when Elmer couldn't do it.

I don't know if she holds the national record of the most rides entered, but she definitely does here in Region Six. With all those

years of competing comes a vast amount of knowledge that she is eager to share with anyone. She may not have ever been a ride manager, secretary, etc. but her support in coming to the rides is greatly appreciated by Region Six and by the national organization, as ride entry fees are what keep us going. Mary Anna is always actively looking for a horse for the next NATRC ride since her beloved Elmer has passed.

## Thanks to Sarah Rinne

Sarah Rinne is an enthusiastic go-getter. Her NATRC riding started on a borrowed horse. She and Phoenix became a team, and that connection sparked her desire to hopefully own him. Her wish was granted.

She has been active in Region 6 by being a Region 6 board member and President. Sarah had to step back from NATRC for a while due to some life challenges. However, she has returned and is, as they say "back in the saddle," not just as a competitor, but as the manager of the Indian Cave CTR.

Sarah is pregnant this year, but that hasn't stopped her from coming and helping at the rides. She is a fierce competitor and just as fierce when it comes to dealing with fairness, ethics, and the support of NATRC. Region Six appreciates how Sarah balances her family life with her love of the sport. Sarah has taken on some very uncomfortable challenges this year with the problems we have had in the region. She is tough, but you wouldn't expect anything less from a Marine.



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# 2011 National Appreciations

## Jonni Jewell – Region 4

Jonni Jewell started her distance riding career as a NATRC junior rider in California in the 1970's and managed Griffith Park and Sylmar Wild Goose Chase rides during the 80's. She moved to Texas, Region 4, in September 2000, and in 2009 she and her Arabian, "Hank", traveled around the nation to win the President's Cup. They have also completed the one day 100- mile Tevis endurance ride. In addition, she has worked many hours prepping and marking trail at LBJ Grasslands for the R4 Benefit Ride.

The vast experience gained from many miles of travel and trail has made her the go-to person for advice and opinions. Jonni has been a supporter and ambassador for our sport and is always ready to help a fellow rider. She has used her ideas to create many innovative items designed for traveling and camping with horses. At the 2011 R4 Convention, her horses were used as demonstrators for several program presentations. Jonni serves as the Rider's Representative to the National Judges Committee and has recently launched R4's new Social Media Networking program. It's a privilege to share her many talents and recognize

Jonni as an outstanding asset to our organization.

## J.R. Kendall - Region 6

Very few people have been involved with NATRC for 30 years, held elected positions on both a national and regional level, and have volunteered to do almost every job required for a successful ride. Few people can come close to these accomplishments, except for J.R. Kendall.

J.R. began by working P&Rs. He became a competitor in both novice and open divisions. J.R. has served R6 as president, vice president, secretary/treasurer, and as a member of the board of directors. He managed numerous R6 benefit rides and 30 consecutive Hill and Dale CTRs.

A member of the national board of directors for many years in the early 1990s, he served as President in 1995 and 1996. He was a board member and elected official for the Eastern Kansas Arabian Horse Association (EKAHA) since the club's inception. In September 2011, J.R. was awarded the prestigious Horseman of the Year award by the American Royal Society.

His generous mentoring and greatly appreciated guidance are a stable



Kim Cowart

force in R6. His contributions are innumerable. His spirit is genuine as he continues to give to NATRC.

## Kim Cowart – Region 5

Kim has been and continues to be a strong pillar of knowledge and expertise for NATRC. He continually sets an enviable example of what an excellent horseman should be. Kim also possesses outstanding organizational skills, which became totally evident to all who had the opportunity to attend the celebration of our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in Nashville Tennessee last February, an event spearheaded by Kim. When asked to organize *anything* needed by R5, or lately by National, Kim enthusiastically accepts the task with an attitude to craft said task for the betterment of our sport. Increasing the education of our riders, by teaching the proper, correct and essential horsemanship skills necessary to safely complete a competitive trail ride, seems to have become his trademark. Kim has been many times over a Ride Manager, Trail Master, P&R Coordinator, P&R worker, driver, timer, judge, gofer, Regional Board member and more recently a National Board member. He still somehow manages to find the time to continue serving as Region Five's Ride Schedule Coordinator, a position he has held for going on two decades. Thank you, Kim, for all your years of service and dedication to our terrific



# 2011 Awards

## A Night of NATRC Celebrations!

**Top row:** Angie Meroshnekoff (left), R1, first place Open Lightweight, and Lucie Hess (right), R1 first place, Open Heavyweight team.

**Lower right:** Terri Smith, third place, Overall Lightweight Horsemanship.

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Finalists:

HOT SAKI/ har Terri Smith (NM-3 ) 97.966%

TAQUA CHANCE/ har Dolly Miller (TX-4 ) 97.484%

## High Average Horsemanship - Polly Bridges Memorial Award

**KEN WOLGRAM Awesomes Fire N Ice 99.664%**

Finalists:

TERRI SMITH (NM-3) 98.790%

KIMBERLY WINTERROWD (TX-4) 97.914%

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# 2011 NATRC Award Winners



**R2 Competitive Pleasure team (left):** Carrie Garufis (left), first place winner, and Lory Walls (right), second place winner.

**R5 Novice Lightweight team (right):** Patricia Petelle, first place winner.



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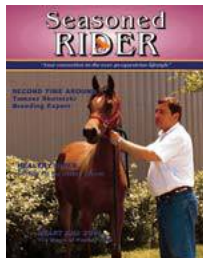
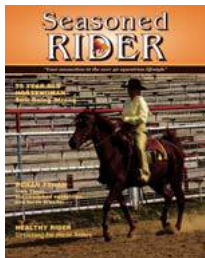
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# 2011 Workers Hall of Fame: Bev Roberts

Bev Roberts' NATRC career began in the early 1970s after she read an article in "Western Horseman" magazine. She rode Open her first time out at the Rendezvous Ride in Wyoming, had a blast and has been a tirelessly contributing member ever since.

With a master's degree in Mechanical Engineering, Bev may seem an unlikely candidate for this award. A closer look at her life history tells the story.

Bev grew up in an Army family and lived all across the country and abroad. She put herself through college and has worked in the auto, oil and gas, and nuclear industries. Through it all, horses, art and hard work were a constant. She competed on a number of different horses throughout the past 35 years of NATRC, earning 18 International, National and Regional Championships and Top Sixes in NATRC, AERC and AHA.

Yet competing is not all that Bev is known for in NATRC. She has managed the Arkansas Traveler and has been a Rules Interpreter, Horsemanship judge secretary, Awards chair and P&R worker at countless rides. In 2007, a fellow member in marketing communications suggested NATRC should market and brand itself more aggressively. After much discussion in chat rooms and in the regions, Bev volunteered to put together a marketing plan.

Active marketing activities are critical to the success of NATRC in these tough economic times. As Marketing Chair, Bev writes and sends Press Releases to periodicals around the country, drumming up interest in our sport. She contacts radio and television personalities to get NATRC members in the public eye. She is a



*Bev Roberts riding Buddy. Photo with permission by Jim Edmondson.*

one-man army promoting the NATRC brand while others say, "Oh, look! NATRC is in my favorite magazine. How nice."

Bev has also become Publicity Chair, NATRC ad designer, E-News Chair, 2012 Raffle Chair, Web Master, branding police and general editor of written communications in all forms.

The smallest of details do not pass Bev's attention and she never misses a deadline. Her work is thorough and complete. Her fellow volunteers know that Bev will deliver on time every time. She personally designed more than 30 ads for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition of Hoof Print, which conservatively took more than 150 hours. Of course, 30+ hours per week every week is the norm for Bev in her myriad of NATRC roles. What better candidate for the Worker Hall of Fame?

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# Proposed Rule Changes for 2013

Please discuss these and give feedback to your National Board representatives.

## **1. Section 2A.5.f.** (page 2-2) reads:

f. To maintain sanctioned ride status:

- (1) A ride must be listed in Hoof Print with the correct date at least once.
- (2) Entry forms must be pre-approved by Sanction Chairman before mailing to members

Change to read:

**(1)** A ride must be listed **on the NATRC official web site (with the correct ride date) at least 60 days prior to the ride.**

*Purpose: To correct an error in the Rule Book. The Hoof Print is no longer published often enough for ride managers to abide by the present wording.*

## **2. Section 5 I.4.** (page 5-3) reads:

4. Riders must remain in the saddle when the horse is in forward motion over the course but may dismount and rest themselves and the horse anytime, provided they do not advance. At any location designated by the trailmaster as hazardous, riders may be instructed to dismount and proceed on foot for a specified distance.

Change to read:

4. Riders must remain in the saddle when the horse is in forward motion over the course but may dismount and rest themselves and the horse anytime, provided they do not advance. At any location designated by the trailmaster, **ride manager, or judges** as hazardous, riders may be instructed to dismount and proceed on foot for a specified distance.

*Purpose: To correct the Rule Book since this is often presently done on rides.*

## **3. Section 6 B.1.e.** (page 6-2) reads:

- e. P&R scoring will be according to the Judges Committee guidelines.

Change to read:

- e. P&R **procedures and** scoring will be according to the Judges Committee guidelines.

*Purpose: To clarify that both the process of taking P&R and the scoring of P&R must be according to the Judges guidelines.*

## **4. Section 10 B.2.a.** (page 10-1) reads:

- a. National Championship – In Open Division in heavyweight, lightweight and junior classes a horse shall be declared a National Champion when both of the following requirements are met within any three- year period in which rides are held.

Change to read:

- a. National Championship – In Open Division in heavyweight, lightweight and junior classes a horse shall be declared a National Champion when both of the following requirements are met within any **consecutive** three-year period in which rides are held.

*Purpose: To clarify the three-year period must be consecutive.*

*Note- this is only for Region 1A (Alaska)*

## **5. Section 5 B.4.** (page 5-1) reads:

4. Stabling Options **Not Allowed** during competition as primary containment:

- a. Hobbling of any kind
- b. Portable pens/corrals
- c. Staking out in any manner

Changed to read:

4. Stabling Options **Not Allowed** during competition as primary containment:

- a. Hobbling of any kind
- b. Portable pens/corrals that are not securely anchored to a trailer or a tree**
- c. Portable pens that are constructed of electric fencing or are flimsy in nature (examples of approved corrals are CarriLite, Preifert or equivalent panels).**
- d. Staking out in any manner.

*Purpose: to provide the use of certain types of portable corrals/panels.*

## **6. Section 6. B.1.** (page 6-1) reads:

1. Condition 40%: The evaluation of condition shall include, but not be limited to, the following: fatigue, P&R recovery, attitude and willingness, muscle soreness, mucous membrane, azoturia, thumps, hydration and capillary refill, bowel sounds, colic, respiration character, sweat and salivation, coordination, eating and drinking, etc.

Change to read:

1. Condition 40%: The evaluation of condition shall include, but not be limited to, the following: fatigue, P&R recovery, **CRI**, attitude and willingness, muscle soreness, mucous membrane, **myoglobinuria**, thumps, hydration and capillary refill, bowel sounds, colic, respiration character, sweat and salivation, coordination, eating and drinking, etc.

*Purpose: to include the ability to use CRI (cardiac recovery index) in the evaluation of condition and correct terminology (myoglobinuria instead of azoturia).*



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A loan is to be repaid in monthly installments with an annual interest rate of 3 percent charged on that loan, beginning not later than six months following graduation or when the recipient ceases to be a full-time student.

For an *application*, contact the NATRC Executive Administrator at [natrc@natrc.org](mailto:natrc@natrc.org). It is also available at [http://www.natrc.org/documents/Admin\\_Documents/StudentLoans\\_Scholarships/](http://www.natrc.org/documents/Admin_Documents/StudentLoans_Scholarships/)

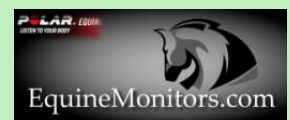
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Pam Galchutt received a 2011 appreciation award from Region 3.

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*Susan Peters received a 2011 appreciation award from Region 3.*

## R3 Award Winner



*Edward Westmoreland, first place Novice Heavyweight Team, R3.*

## Welcome New 2012 NATRC Members

### Region 1

Austen Hilary  
Kevin Hall

Sebastopol, CA  
Woodacre, CA

### Region 1A

S Patrick Kearney-family (rejoined)  
Stefanie Bergman  
Melissa Jones-Owen

Wasilla, AK  
Wasilla, AK  
Fairbanks, AK

### Region 2

Kathryn Fellows (rejoined)  
Renee Been-Family  
Denise Frick-Family (rejoined)  
Rebecca Haines  
Pamela Miller (rejoined)  
Linda Pelly  
Stephanie Happ-Family

Queen Creek, AZ  
Seligman, AZ  
Mira Loma, CA  
Orange, CA  
Tahachapi, CA  
Norco, CA  
Phoenix, AZ

### Region 3

Natalie Brooker-Junior  
Maggie McNally (rejoined)  
Teresa Milewski (rejoined)  
Donna Dandy  
Laura MacCallum  
Lindsey Mathews  
Darbie Peters  
Karen Wylie  
Liza Jane Hein-Junior

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### Region 4

Selena Copeland-Family  
Glen Tomlinson-Family  
Tracy Black (rejoined)  
Helen McMahon  
Sylvia Fay Miller (rejoined)  
Kalinda Murphy  
Joanne Terry  
Tanya Watkins  
Susan Dreyfus  
Kalena Randall  
Marjorie Shenkir  
Michael Campbell-Family  
Vicki Tharp-Family (rejoined)  
Amy Martin (rejoined)  
Jennifer Reeves-Junior  
Monique Vincent  
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Rhonda Maurer

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### Region 5

Sherry Garnes  
Lois Griswold  
James Parr Family  
Alice Conolly  
Pam Graves  
Jeanne Hardy  
Mary Ingram (rejoined)  
Julia Lankes  
Anna Pittman (rejoined)  
Melissa Bates

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Villa Rica, GA  
Woodstock, GA  
Aiken, SC  
Robertsdale, AL  
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Brentwood, TN  
Thomasville, NC  
Hixson, TN

### Region 6

Robin Gifford  
Rebecca Tinsley

Oswego, KS  
Belton, MO

# Changes to the 4H Junior Rider Year End High Point Award

To encourage participation by 4H members, NATRC has offered a 4H Junior Rider Year End High Point Award for many years. For 2012 some significant changes were made as follows:

- The award goes to the high point rider and high point horse **regardless** of the rider's division.
- The award is a self-nominating award. The nomination must occur before the end of the ride year, which is the second Sunday in November. This year, it will be November 11, 2012. The rider must (1) be a member of NATRC (2) send Laurie DiNatale an email ([natrc@natrc.org](mailto:natrc@natrc.org)) stating that they are a 4H member and (3) have their 4H leader verify that they are a member with an email to Laurie DiNatale ([natrc@natrc.org](mailto:natrc@natrc.org)).

In a number of states (Colorado is one example), 4H now recognizes competitive trail as an activity that qualifies as a 4H member's project.

Questions? Contact Susan Peters, [sapeters@pcisys.net](mailto:sapeters@pcisys.net).



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# 2011 Awards

## A Night of NATRC Celebration!



### 2011 NATRC Award Winners

*Top left: Caroline Verbree, R2,  
Novice Heavyweight Team  
winner.*

*Top right: Lucie Hess (left), first  
place, and Vicki Boicelli, second  
place, R1 Open Heavyweight  
Team.*

*Lower left: Sue Brezina, R2  
Open Heavyweight Team winner.*



### High Point 4-H Horse and Horsemanship

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# 2011 NATRC Award Winner

## North American Trail Ride Conference Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2011



Karlie Johnson, R1, first place, Novice Junior team winner.

	<u>Total</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
10100 First Bank Checking #8697	15,967.71
10200 First Bank Liquid Assets #2485	102,927.89
10300 First Bank Student L/S #2493	87,692.58
11000 Foundation Accounts	73,921.74
Total Bank Accounts	<u>\$ 280,509.92</u>
31000 Student Loans Receivable	0.00
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 280,509.92</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 280,509.92</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	
36000 Cash Basis Accounts Payable*	(2,378.33)
Total Accounts Payable	<u>\$ (2,378.33)</u>
Other Current Liabilities	
38000 Federal Payroll Taxes Payable	(11,667.93)
38500 FUTA Tax Payable	0.00
38700 Payroll Liabilities	12,757.09
38900 State Payroll Taxes Payable	237.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 1,326.16</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$ (1,052.17)</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ (1,052.17)</u>
Equity	
34300 Foundation Equity	(4,221.09)
34350 Foundation Earnings	2.69
39004 Retained Equity	244,048.00
Retained Earnings	42,379.08
Net Income	(646.59)
Total Equity	<u>\$ 281,562.09</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 280,509.92</b>

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Bev Roberts

# 2011 NATRC Award Winners



R3 Open Lightweight team, (L-R): Sharon Roper-Dashner, sixth; Terri Smith, first; Terry Yates, second; Susan Peters, third; and Cheryl Jarrett, fifth.

## North American Trail Ride Conference Profit & Loss Statement

	Jan - Dec 2011	Jan - Dec 2010	% Change	% of Income
<b>Income</b>				
40000 Memberships	38,189	34,108	12%	42%
40010 Platinum Membership Upgrade	2,873	2,326	24%	3%
41000 Rides	20,623	20,393	1%	23%
42000 Product Sales	661	308	114%	1%
43000 Sponsorships	8,379	6,002	40%	9%
43500 Raffles	6,100	2,210	176%	7%
44000 Hoofprint Ads/Subscriptions	1,205	2,967	-59%	1%
45000 Convention and Awards	3,418	6,147	-44%	4%
45500 Judge Fee	15	15	0%	0%
46000 Trail Advocacy	1,000	3,256	-69%	1%
47000 Donations	5,855	10,378	-44%	6%
47500 Scholarship Donations	100	0		0%
48000 Other Income	661	464	42%	1%
49000 Interest Income	2,203	1,809	22%	2%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>91,282</b>	<b>90,385</b>	<b>1%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
50000 Member Dues to Regions	10,377	10,462	-1%	11%
50500 Platinum Membership Upgrades	3,330	1,753	90%	4%
51000 Ride Costs	4,074	6,024	-32%	4%
52000 Clinic Expenses	400	900	-56%	0%
53000 Product Costs	0	386	-100%	0%
54000 Marketing	1,360	2,869	-53%	1%
54300 Raffle	1,071	129	728%	1%
54500 Hoofprint	13,324	18,111	-26%	15%
55000 Convention and Award Expenses	5,731	6,859	-16%	6%
56000 Trail Advocacy Expenses	500	1,010	-50%	1%
56500 Staff Expenses	40,158	40,354	0%	44%
57000 Administrative	10,722	12,250	-12%	12%
58000 Scholarships/Student Loans	0	4,000	-100%	0%
59000 Other Expense	111	277	-60%	0%
59999 Investment Expense	0	300	-100%	0%
66900 Reconciliation Discrepancies	771			1%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>91,928</b>	<b>105,685</b>	<b>-13%</b>	<b>101%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-646.59</b>	<b>-15,299.98</b>	<b>0.96</b>	<b>-0.01</b>

# Summary of the BOD Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2012

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL. All BOD members, except Elaine Swiss, present. Dieterich, Ferris, Walls, DeMattei, Wolgram, Peters, Gould, Cowart, Clayton, Lindsey and Weil. Laurie DiNatale, Executive Administrator, and Patsy Conner, Sanction Chair, present. Guests: Sherry Lindley-Ferris, Bob Insko. Clayton submitted JR Kendall as replacement for Region Six Alternate BOD member. **Clayton moved and Gould seconded the appointment. Motion approved.** Walls welcomed the BOD and guests to the 2012 Convention.

MINUTES- November 12, 2011. Call for corrections.

**Cowart moved to accept minutes, Peters seconded. Motion approved.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Clayton stated that there could be some challenges facing NATRC this year with the economy and higher gas prices. He noted that clinics are important in our efforts to introduce NATRC to new riders, especially local ones. We need to make sure that riders are having a good time and feel supported. Clayton stated that Janis Baldwin would like to find someone to take over the RMS. Region Five is working on a plan to accomplish that.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT- DiNatale. No firm membership numbers with renewal process still in process. DiNatale sent the BOD a list of members who need to renew.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT. Swiss by webinar and phone. Did much better financially in 2011 than anticipated. Loss was held at \$600. Revenue was up and expenses were down. Income exceeded budget. Reviewed balance sheet. **Motion by Swiss, seconded by Wall, to move Invesco Money Market funds to Fidelity Money Market account. Motion approved.** The Committee for 2011 raffle was Swiss, Walls, Bev Roberts and DiNatale.

BUSINESS MODEL & MEASUREMENTS-Swiss. Reviewed report. Recommends 1% increase as a goal for 2012. Since the number of rides is already fairly firm for the year, the only areas we can work on are the average number of competitors per ride and increasing membership. B rides are most successful when they draw local riders. Wolgram suggested back to back B rides.

INSURANCE-DiNatale. Diane Leshar, CEO of Equisure, was present to answer questions. Leshar offered to review our history of accident reports. Biggest safety issues are dogs, golf carts, and off road vehicles. Our policy does not have off road vehicle coverage. An off road vehicle is defined as a vehicle that you don't need a driver's license for. If a ride manager knows that an off road vehicle is being used at the ride, then the additional off road vehicle insurance needs to be added to the policy. Leshar talked about "buddy" riders who want to ride along, but not be a volunteer or competitor. A Buddy Rider would not be a participant. Our policy only covers participants. Leshar felt that if managers know that someone is riding with our group, they need to be an official participant, either as a volunteer or competitor, and they must sign a waiver. All participants must sign a waiver. Weil pointed out that DO riders must follow our rules or be disqualified. Leshar cautioned ride managers to read contracts for facilities carefully. If managers have any questions on the contract, Equisure can review. Leshar also cautioned managers to strictly follow park or facility rules on dogs. Leshar reviewed the Platinum equine excess liability insurance.

Shared BOD-\$402.79

Budget-Swiss. Reviewed proposed budget. **Motion by Dieterich, seconded by Lindsey, to accept budget. Motion approved.** Swiss would like to discuss raising rider fees in July. She would also like to discuss a "Friend of NATRC" membership category, for non-competing members, in July. **Motion by Lindsey, seconded by Wolgram, to approve Financial Report. Motion approved.**

BYLAWS & RULES-Lory Walls. See Rules Report in this issue of Hoof Print.

# BOD Meeting Minutes, *Continued*

REGION 1A REPORT. Laurie Knuutila gave report. NATRC is alive and well in Alaska. 35 members in 2011. Forty-one riders at the 2011 ride. CTR Alaska has a Facebook page.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. Dieterich.

Sanction Denial or Revocation – Proposed Change

The BOD or Executive Committee and Sanction Chairperson have the discretion to deny or withdraw the sanction to any ride that has substantial problems resulting from poor management.

Discussion on why a sanction might be denied or revoked. **Motion by Peters, seconded by Lindsey, to accept proposed wording regarding Sanction Denial or Revocation. Motion approved.**

Procedure for comped Membership and payment for first ride for Apprentice/ Provisional Veterinary judges. Dieterich suggested that this procedure be documented in the Policies and Procedures.

**Motion by Walls, seconded by Lindsey, to approve wording outlining the present procedure. Motion approved.**

4-H Special/ Year-End Award

**Motion by Peters, seconded by Wolgram, to approve changes to 4H Award wording in P&P.**

**Motion approved.** See notice in this issue of Hoof Print.

PROTEST-Cowart-See report in this issue of Hoof Print.

RIDE SANCTION-Patsy Conner distributed and reviewed report. Conner reviewed historical changes to sanction process. Electronic methods of communication are now the norm. Dieterich, Jean Green, and Bev Roberts have spent countless hours reviewing and revising forms and posting on the website.

CLINIC SANCTION- Linda Clayton. Report filed.

MANAGEMENT- Jean Green. Report filed.

RULES INTERPRETER- Liz Scott. No Report.

Guests: Jonni Jewell and Gene Boicelli.

SAFETY –Gould. Regions 4 & 5 presented Safety PowerPoint during their Regional Conventions. Patti Hicks is working with Gould on Safety Committee.

MARKETING/ PUBLICITY - Bev Roberts. Report received and read by Dieterich later in meeting. Roberts listed various publicity exposures that NATRC has received. Website transition from Paddock to Roberts is progressing well.

JUNIORS-Peters. Peters will write an article focused on Juniors in 4H for the next Hoof Print.

FOUNDATION- No report. Foundation will meet in July.

MEDIA ADVISORY- Dieterich. Website updated. Jonni Jewell suggested that everyone use “NATRC” as much as possible on Facebook. Jewell will be national Facebook Coordinator for NATRC.

DRUG TESTING-Jerry Weil DVM. Reported that there were no positives in 2011. Discussion on testing.

VETERINARY DRUG COMMITTEE-Michael Peralez, DVM. Dieterich reported that Drug Appendices will be posted on the website.

# BOD Meeting Minutes, *Continued*

TRAIL ADVOCACY & GRANTS-Report filed by Erin Glassman.

EDUCATION-Jamie Dieterich. AERC offers excellent CE program for Veterinarians at the Convention. Mike Peralez, DVM, is working on an information sheet regarding the proper method of taking P&R's. Judges Committee is working on the revision of the Judges Manual. Judges Committee would like to add section on Mentoring of Apprentice Judges to the Judges Manual. There is wording on the CRI procedure. Discussion on the value of comments on horsemanship cards. **Motion by Walls, seconded by Lindsey, to approve the publishing of revised Judges Manual with changes and the inclusion of section regarding Mentoring Program. Motion approved.** Manual will be reviewed by Walls, Weil, Cowart, Jonni Jewell, and Lindsey.

Clayton submitted his recommendation for 2012 Judges Committee. Patsy Conner, Jamie Dieterich, Mike Peralez, DVM, Jonni Jewell, Kim Weil, Sallie Kudra, Louise Vasquez, Priscilla Lindsey, Liz Grogan, Kay Gunckel, DVM, Stephanie Ostrowski, DVM, and Bob Goulding, DVM. **Motion by DeMattei, seconded by Peters to accept Committee. Dieterich and Walls abstained. Motion approved.**

JUDGES-M. Peralez/P. Conner.

Horsemanship Judges Committee-Conner reviewed report. Pam Hess DVM has asked to be reinstated as NATRC Vet Judge. **Motion by Weil, seconded by Lindsey, to reinstate Pam Hess DVM as a NATRC Vet Judge. Motion approved.**

Jerry Sims will work with Cowart and maybe Conner, before judging as a Provisional at Rabbit Valley.

Horsemanship Judge Application submitted by Steve Lindsey.

Carrie Porter, DVM, new Vet Judge applicant. Natalie Morris, DVM, will be applying. Becky Rogers has applied as a Horsemanship Judge. Consensus that observations should always be safe and appropriate.

Vet Judges Committee- Peralez. Sent report. Peralez stressed in his report that Vet Judges' main responsibility is to monitor and evaluate the horse's health by using their veterinary skills. Also submitted report with statistics regarding pulled horses at rides.

MEMBERSHIP- Betty Wolgram. A report of all new members will be published in each issue of Hoof Print. Consensus that a "Members Only" section of the website would be a good member benefit. Weil stated that Ruth Mesimer has decided to pay her membership fee annually even though she is presently a Lifetime Member. She encouraged others to do the same in support of NATRC.

HALL OF FAME-Jackie Coleman. No report.

STUDENT LOAN/SCHOLARSHIPS-DeMattei. \$309 available for a scholarship award, but we have no applications. She questioned whether the unused money could be rolled over to next year.

BREED & ORGANIZATION LIAISONS.

A.H.A-Bob Insko. Bob Insko talked about AHA ride sanctioning. AHA is thinking of eliminating some of their recreational riding programs. AHA is looking at allowing hoof boots, but has not yet made that change.

BREED LIAISON-Terry Silver will continue to work on the Breed awards. Priscilla Lindsey will work on marketing with Breed Associations, with reciprocal ads and links.

HONORARY & APPRECIATION-Ruth Mesimer was just appointed, no report.

ANNUAL POINTS/NATRC DATA-Gloria Becker/Cheri Jeffcoat/Laurie DiNatale. No report.

WEBINAR- Ferris. Consensus that the Webinar meetings could be valuable. Next meeting is set for April 24, 2012.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION-Becker/DiNatale/ Abbott. No report.



# BOD Meeting Minutes, *Continued*

CONVENTION 2012-Walls reported on convention venue locations.

CONVENTION 2013- Region Three. Location will probably be Denver.

CONVENTION 2014. Location has been set in Tulsa, OK. Lee Ann Dreadfulwater will Chair.

**Motion by Walls, seconded by Weil, to skip Regional Reports. Motion approved.**

Old Business:

1. Electronic Scorecard. Peters stated that a trial of electronic scorecards will occur at AFA ride.
2. Planned giving. Cowart. Committee is formulating a plan. They have set a goal of \$250,000.

New Business:

1. Ride fee increase. Discussion. Consensus that if this is a possibility, then it needs to be fully discussed before instituting. With a \$5 increase, a rider that rides 7 rides, would only realize a \$35 increase over the year. Walls would like to see the drug fee increased to \$5 nationwide. CA presently pays \$5.

Dieterich would like to see whoever is interested in running for President for 2013 declare their candidacy and present a platform in July.

**Motion by Walls, seconded by DeMattei, to adjourn. Motion approved.**

Minutes on file at National Office.

Next meeting to be held evening of July 13<sup>th</sup> (informal discussion) and all day July 14, 2012, at The Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec Street, Denver, Colorado.

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## Protest Committee Report, Feb. 22, 2012

R.E. Patton Protest of Louisiana Purchase Ride Jan. 14-15, 2012

To All Concerned:

Complainant has requested that Novice/CP riders who rode off of the assigned trail and arrived over 30 minutes past Max time be given time back and not be penalized, citing the following rules:

I. Section 3-C (3)--- Trail markings must be distinct and obvious to the riders. At least four points shall be marked on the trail to enable riders to orient themselves.

II. Section 5-J (9)--- Official Delays: If horses are delayed by ride chairman, trailmaster, or judges, the time lost will be credited to the rider's maximum ride time. The minimum time is unaffected.

### **I. Trail Markings/Route:**

The riders were given maps marked with the planned route and 4 way points for orientation (W,X,Y, and Z). All divisions rode the same trail Saturday and Sunday, with the route reversed on Sunday. 10 of 22 Novice CP riders missed a turn on Sunday causing them to cross a road and continue for several miles on the Open Loop before turning around and returning to the proper trail. The majority of the Novice/CP riders negotiated the trail correctly on Sunday. The riders missing the turn crossed a road that was shown on the map and that they had not crossed on Saturday.

### **II. Official Delays:**

A member of one of the groups that had missed the turn called the Trailmaster/Ride manager to ask for assistance. Miscommunication occurred that resulted in the group of Novice/CP continuing on the Open loop for a distance before calling again and learning they were off trail. They then followed the trailmaster's instruction to reverse back to the missed turn and continued on to camp. They arrived over 30 min past Max time and were therefore given only Completion Points and Mileage for the ride.

Based on the evidence and testimony, it is the unanimous decision of this Committee to disallow the complainant's protest. The map was accurate and clearly marked for the intended route. Map reading skills are an important part of our sport. Had the riders been aware of their location on the map as they progressed, they would have been able to anticipate the turn, and known that they should not have crossed the road marked on the map.

Kim A. Cowart  
Chair, NATRC Protest Committee

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**REGULAR MEMBERSHIP:** All memberships include: electronic national newsletter-*Hoof Print*, your region's newsletter, E-News subscription, eligibility for annual national and regional high score awards and championships, horse and rider mileage awards, reduced ride entry fees, sponsor discounts, and automatic membership in your region.

- \_\_\_ **FAMILY**..... \$90 /yr Household of 1 or 2 adults & children under the age of 18 as of Jan 1 (2 votes)
- \_\_\_ **SINGLE** ..... \$60 /yr Single adult member (1 vote)
- \_\_\_ **ASSOCIATE**... \$50 /yr Equine-related groups or businesses only (no vote)
- \_\_\_ **JUNIOR**..... \$40 /yr Single Junior member under age 18 (no vote)

**LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP:** One time membership payment.

- \_\_\_ **FAMILY**..... \$10,000 Household of 1 or 2 adults & children under the age of 18 as of Jan 1 (2 votes)
- \_\_\_ **SINGLE** ..... \$ 5,000 Single adult member (1 vote)

**PLATINUM MEMBERSHIP:** Platinum members receive insurance benefits through Association Resource Group-ARG. Platinum members receive personal excess liability coverage with a \$1,000,000 policy limit. Coverage is for claims brought against members of NATRC (Platinum) arising from the use and /or ownership of a horse and for horse-related accidents involving third party bodily injury or property damage. Coverage will apply when engaged in any horse related activity, and coverage is in excess of any existing valid and collectible insurance. There is no deductible. Professional Liability is not included. Business exposures are excluded.

- \_\_\_ **FAMILY**..... \$130 /yr Household of 1 or 2 adults & children under the age of 18 as of Jan 1 (2 votes)
- \_\_\_ **SINGLE** ..... \$ 80 /yr Single adult member (1 vote)

**ANNUAL LIFETIME MEMBER PLATINUM UPGRADE:** \_\_\_ \$20 Single \_\_\_ \$40 Family

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