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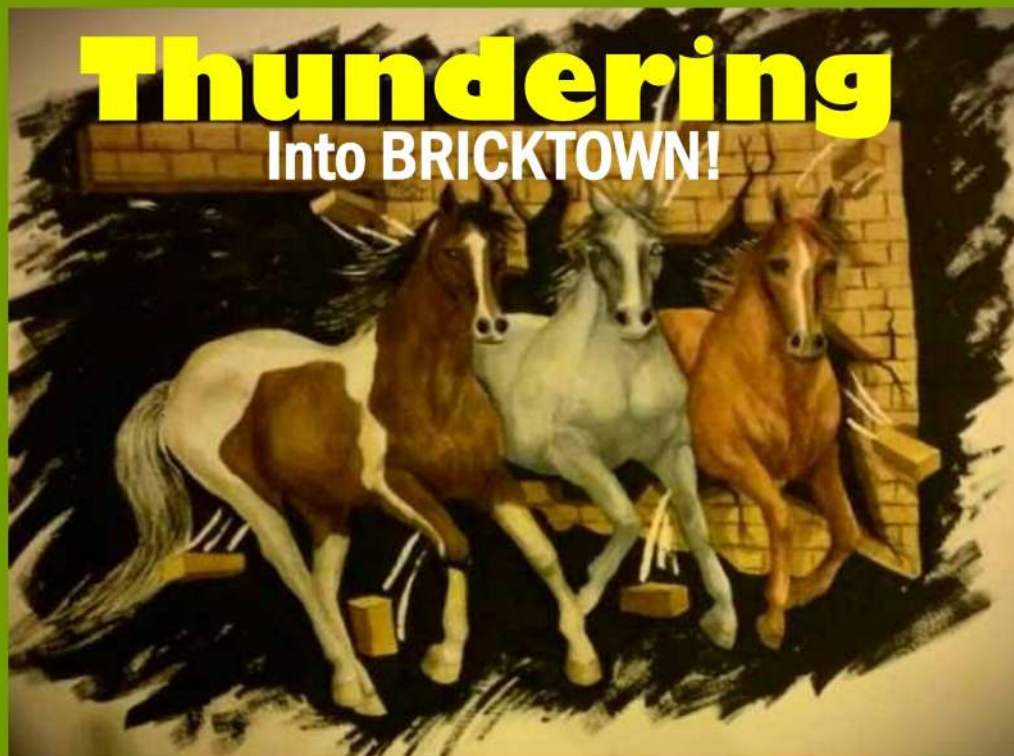
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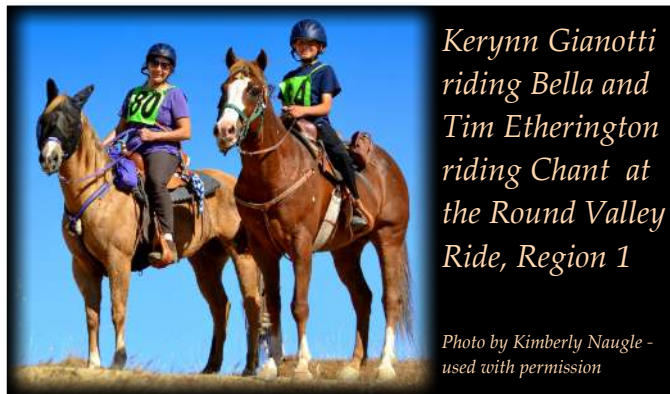
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President's Message

In NATRC we like to say "We go the distance." We are a distance riding organization, so of course we're talking about our efforts as riders to successfully tackle the distance, time, speed, and terrain of any given ride. We're happy for our successes and love our horses for carrying us those long miles. But the only reason we even have the opportunity to go the distance is because there are others quite selflessly doing the same long before we even pack up our trailers and head down the road.

Our ride managers and staff are members of what I call the 100 Percent Club. They see a need and make it their responsibility to fill it. Many, many people are required for a successful ride and all are vitally important, but it all starts with someone willing to say "I'll do it. I am responsible." And I think you'll find that most of these folks, whether they verbalize it or not, consider

themselves 100 percent responsible for the ride. They tell themselves, "This is my job. I am responsible for the success or failure, and I will do everything in my power and control to make it work."

We have P&R chairs who feel 100 percent responsible for every rider coming through. Rules Interpreters thankfully take their job 100 percent seriously and make sure any questions are quickly resolved. Camp cooks take responsibility for the meal time needs of a whole ride. Judges' drivers are determined to get us where we need to be. And timers make it their responsibility for a timely start to the ride. All of these volunteers, and more, make it their responsibility for the success of the ride after the Ride Manager and Ride Secretary have already said "I'll do it. I'm responsible."

It is not uncommon in today's world to see much less than 100 percent effort expended on almost

anything. But I find NATRC rides just the opposite. All jobs are taken seriously, and 100 percent is given by every worker so our riders have an opportunity to succeed.

Our ride managers and volunteers are going the distance long before and long after our riders have had the opportunity to do the same.

Thank you ride managers and volunteers. 100 percent thank you.



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New Publicity Chair Taking the "Reins"

By Cris Ballard, Publicity Chair

When I first embarked on my journey as the publicist for the Arizona Triple Crown rides last October, I learned that Bev Roberts would be my NATRC mentor and guide. At the time, I had no idea that Bev chaired four different "Special" committees for NATRC: E-News, Marketing, Publicity and Webmaster. Despite the heavy demands on her time, Bev patiently and skillfully guided me through what should and should not be included in a story to be sent blindly to various publications. I learned a lot and improved with the writing of each story sent to Bev for review and input.

I don't know if Bev's motive was to secretly groom me to take over the Publicity Chair duties for her, but I suspect that may have been happening at least at a subconscious level. All I know for sure is that it worked because in August I agreed to be the Publicity Chair. The bulk of my experience comes from writing the AZ Triple Crown stories and recently helping Bev with drafting and sending the numerous E-News requests that are received each week from different regions. But, when agreeing to take on the

Publicity Chair duties, I also knew that Bev and the other committee Chairs would be there for support.

I do not come from a journalism or marketing/publicity background. I was a very active competitor as a junior rider but, as an adult, have been more of an observer. Last year that changed. My passion for competitive trail riding and helping to revive the sport in Arizona led me to filling a need when my friends, the AZ Triple Crown rides management team, welcomed me to the team with open arms!

None of the team members had considered writing stories for publication in Arizona or regionally to promote these rides. I volunteered to do this, having no idea what I was getting myself into. I couldn't back out and let everyone down, so I forged ahead with my first story and things took off from there. Let me tell you...if I can do it then **anyone** can!

I hope to inspire other individuals, groups or regions to do the

same. It sounds pretty scary at first but just remember that:

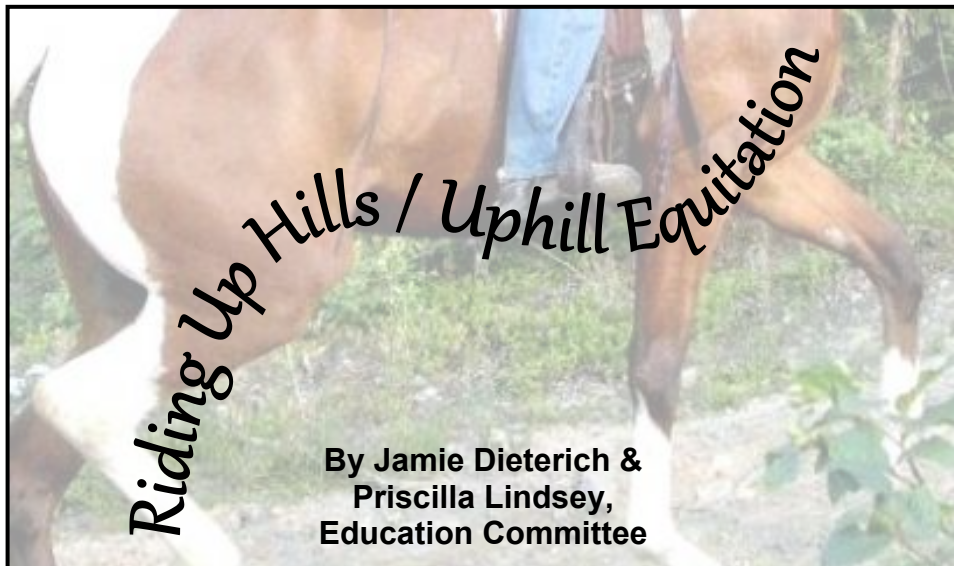
- a) Rome wasn't built in a day;
- b) Everybody has to start somewhere;
- c) You have resources at NATRC to help you;
- d) Send your stories to any and every place that you can think may be interested;
- e) Don't be afraid of rejection or take it personally if you don't get published by more than one or two sources – every little bit helps!

I look forward to being the new Publicity Chair and all of the challenges and learning opportunities it presents, as well as all of the new people I will meet across cyber space from the various rides and regions. Please do not hesitate to contact me for help, ideas, suggestions, feedback or whatever you may need related to your region, ride or clinic. That's what I'm here for and I'm happy to serve!



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being stable in the saddle rather than generating a lot of excess movement.

If the rider stands in the stirrups, all the weight is transferred down into a narrow band across the back. If the rider is either too vertical or sitting back on the cantle, it makes it harder for the horse to lift his back and get his hind feet under him. Gripping with the knees can pop the rider out of the saddle and cause the upper body to rock back and forth from the hips. One of the key issues here seems to be whether or not the rider is hindering the horse. A rider who is out of balance, tense, out of sync with the horse's action, pulling on the horse's head so much the horse can't maintain natural balance, etc., is going to hinder the horse. The handicapped horse raises his head and hollows his back as he fights for his own balance, and his performance suffers.

The Judge's Manual says, "To ease the horse's effortful push from the hindquarters, the rider should be over the horse's center of gravity (near the withers), light in the saddle, and with the upper body angled forward to some degree. How light in the saddle and how far forward depend on the slope. A slight slope, for example, might not require much change in position or forward lean. If the ascent is steep, some calf pressure might be needed to help the rider keep his/her legs and seat in the most effective position. It is acceptable to use the horse's mane to help stay forward during a steep climb as long as balance and control are not sacrificed."

Your horse will love it, and his performance will be better, if you ride light and balanced.

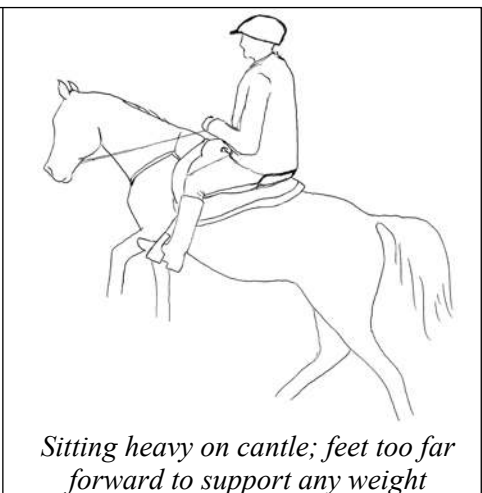
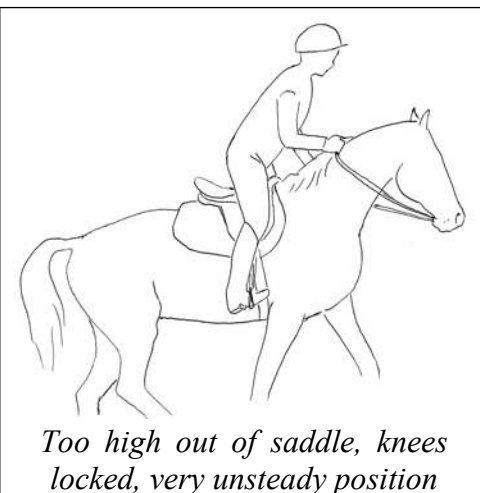
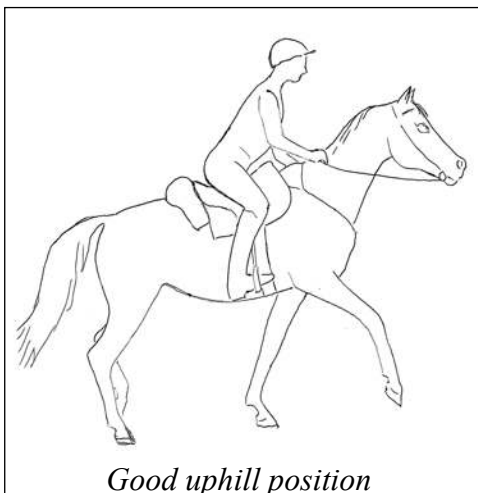
In a letter to the judges in 1982, Bill Bohannon summarized discussions from three years of judges' meetings at national conventions. One of the questions was, "Have we encouraged some riders to be too far out of the saddle? Yes. Many riders are needlessly putting too much weight on the forehand. This is particularly true on horses with straight shoulders."

Are we still encouraging some riders to be too far out of the saddle?

Over the years, we have learned there are better ways of doing things for the horse. We used to say the rider should be "out of the saddle," but now we try to say the rider should be "light in the saddle." We are not so much looking for a certain position (a pose of stiffness) going up a hill, but rather a "window" of appropriate positions depending on the situation. This is achieved by folding the upper body forward from the hips and transferring some of the weight from the seat

bones more to the inner thighs. The knees and ankles stay flexible and act as shock absorbers. The reins should be tight enough for "ready control" yet loose enough to allow the horse's head to work freely for balance. The rider should be in a stable position to maintain a steady center of balance all the way up the hill. We don't judge the rider for one instant. We look at a flow of motion that is much more complicated than just looking at a single angle for an instant.

There is nothing wrong with being "down" or touching the saddle with your bottom. The thing riders do incorrectly is "sitting heavy" or "back against the cantle." It is quite possible to "ride light" while still being in contact with the saddle - particularly thigh contact, but crotch contact is also quite acceptable. Another consideration is that young horses tend to feel more secure with the rider touching/

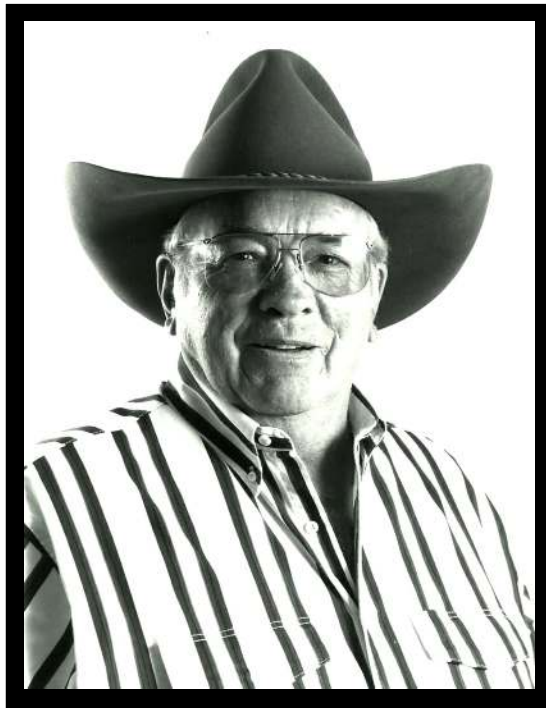


Remembering Rod Cole

By Betty Young

On May 2nd, NATRC lost one of its most iconic and beloved members, Rod Cole, who passed away at the age of 85. Rod was born in Oakland, CA, attended St. Mary's College, spent 4 years in the Navy, then went to work for the Ford Motor Company. He ultimately owned his own dealership in Sebastopol, CA. Rod started riding at the tender age of 10 and as a teenager, he spent the summers working cattle on the Wilson Ranch in Folsom, CA. He rode for more than 70 years and his love of horses never waned.

Rod's involvement with NATRC began in the mid-70's when he and his wife, Reta, both competed. After he "retired" from competition with his beloved big Appy, Apollo, he joined the management ranks. Rod served as just about everything in NATRC during the 1980's and 1990's. He was a Ride Manager himself and the right-hand-man to many other Ride Managers. He served on the Region 1 Board for many years, and on the National Board, both as Vice President (1987 and 1988) and then as President (1989 and 1990). While he was Vice President he was instrumental in the creation of the Competitive Pleasure division. He was probably proudest of the implementation of the NATRC Scholarship Fund, which occurred during his Presidency. He was always a huge



supporter of Junior riders and many of them, over the years, considered Rod to be a special mentor. In recognition of his many contributions to NATRC, Rod was awarded the Jim Menefee Lifetime Membership Award in 1991 by the National BOD, and he and Reta were chosen for the Region 1 Max Barmettler Lifetime Membership Award in 1997.

Being the generous man that he was and a very outgoing person, Rod made it his goal when he was the National President to travel with Reta to every region in the country to volunteer at a ride and meet the competitors. This was done with great enthusiasm and entirely at his own expense.

Whenever I think of Rod, I always remember something that happened one year at the

Swanton Ride. I was the first rider to arrive at one of the P&R's, a bit earlier than expected I guess. As I came around a curve in the trail, what should greet me but a herd of P&R people madly scrambling to get out of a very large wild pig trap. Seems these folks, in a moment of infinite "wisdom", had decided to investigate just how many of them could fit into said pig trap (kind of like the proverbial clowns in a Volkswagon). As they clambered out, I heard someone say in a loud voice "Gee, we could have gotten 2 or 3 more in here except for Rod.....!)" As he said this, poor Rod was struggling on his hands and knees to free himself, laughing so hard he could barely move. A priceless Kodak moment, indeed! Yes, Rod cut quite a large figure and so much of it was heart.

I feel very fortunate to have participated in NATRC during Rod's many years of involvement. He was truly a special friend to our whole family and an instrumental work force for NATRC. He loved the organization deeply and worked incredibly hard for its' betterment. He was caring, sensitive and also tons of fun. We will always have countless wonderful memories of Mr. Rodney, this larger-than-life man.

We will miss him!!

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*Vickie White and
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Sanctioning a Ride

By Patsy Conner, Sanction Chair

Sanctions for rides for 2014 are already coming in. We have rides sanctioned in Regions 4, 5 and 6 with an AA ride in Region 6. Sending your applications in as soon as possible ensures wide exposure for your ride on the National web side.

REMINDER: Work with your Region Ride Coordinators.

It is critical that you work through your Region Ride Coordinator before you send the application to National. This helps to make sure that rides are coordinated throughout the region and that there are no conflicts for ride dates.

The Region Ride Coordinators are:

- Region 1 Jamie Dieterich
- Region 2 Lory Walls
- Region 3 Diane Wingle
- Region 4 Patti Hicks
- Region 5 Courtney Woodall
- Region 6 Sarah Rinne

REMINDER: Priority Dates

Priority on ride dates shall be given to rides sanctioned the previous ride year.

Rides sanctioned but cancelled will hold their priority date for one year only.

If a written commitment is not sent by January 31, the priority date will be forfeited

Priority dates belong to the Sponsor of the ride. If there is no sponsor for the ride then the date

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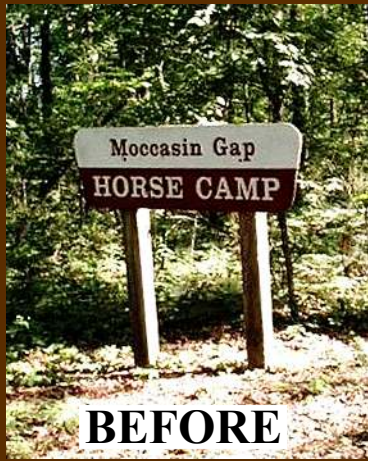
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Improving Moccasin Gap Campground

By Bryce Mobley and Bev Roberts
Photos courtesy of Bryce Mobley



AFTER

NATRC was awarded a grant of \$12,000 through the 2013 National Forest Foundation's (NFF) *Treasured Landscapes, Unforgettable Experiences* Conservation Campaign.

The grant, along with donated funding, labor and equipment use, is being used to improve the Moccasin Gap Campground in the Ozark-St. Francis National Forest near Dover, Arkansas. Work is expected to be completed by September 30, 2013.

Work began in early June to revamp the existing overnight horse trailer pads (15 of them) to accommodate the larger horse trailers used today, to update the picket line associated with the trailer parking, plus additional amenities.

Planning for the project over the last for a couple of years was closely coordinated with Terry Hope at the US Forest Service Jasper, Arkansas office. Recently, Terry learned of a National Forest Foundation grant opportunity to help with the trailer area. NATRC became involved because the NFF grant funds could not go to USFS or any other government agency, only to a non-profit.

Voila! NATRC stepped in and showed accounting credibility and direct interest in trail and camp development. Laurie DiNatale and Elaine Swiss, with the board's concurrence, stepped forward to offer NATRC's services.

In the spirit of community, each one of three local businesses represents a different aspect of the multi-use purpose of the trails - equine, ATV, and hiking/jogging. Supplying the matching labor, materials, and hauling, are primarily Duffield Gravel, Bowden Specialties (also managing the site work), and Mobley Concrete. In addition, NATRC received an anonymous cash contribution for the project!

Said Bryce Mobley, NATRC member and owner of Mobley Concrete, "Everyone benefits when trail users such as equestrians, ATV riders, hikers and joggers get

together and work to improve, maintain and create facilities and trails in our national forests."

Founded by Congress in 1991, the National Forest Foundation works to conserve, restore and enhance America's 193-million-acre National Forest System. Through community-based strategies and public-private partnerships, the NFF helps enhance wildlife habitat, revitalizes wildfire-damaged landscapes, restores watersheds, and improves recreational resources for the benefit of all Americans.

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What's New on the Marketing Front

By Bev Roberts

Say "Hello" to our new Publicity Chair, Cris Ballard !

Cris is in R2 in Arizona. As a member of the Arizona Triple Crown Rides team, she wrote all the articles that went to local and regional newspapers and equine publications and that appeared in *Hoof Print*. Cris designed the flyer and ad for the three ride series.

Cris works hard, has a great sense of humor, and most of all, is enthusiastic about promoting NATRC! Contact Cris at tucsoncris@gmail.com.

Say "Hello" to our new E-News Chair, Jean Green !

Many of you know Jean, who lives in Oklahoma, R4. She has worn numerous hats as ride manager, judge, management chair, national board member, competitor, regional office holder and Jim Menefee Lifetime Achievement Award winner, to name a few.

Before being officially named to the position, Jean had already issued a number of E-News emails! Contact Jean at jgreen@martineer.net.

NATRC has gone international!

HorseTalk.co.nz picked up and published Marty Findley's *Tribute to NATRC Horses* story. Yes, "nz" is New Zealand;

can you believe that! The purpose of their site is to cover international equine news.

They were pleased to print Marty's great story with a happy ending and have agreed to be on our media list for future press releases.

New Partner!

Many of you who read *Trail Blazer* have probably read articles written by our new partner, Robert Eversole, the Trail Meister, www.trailmeister.com.

His site is now our *Official Trail Directory*.

When you visit our ride schedule on the NATRC website, you will notice that now some of the ride locations are hyperlinked. These links go to the corresponding pages in the Trailmeister site giving you general information about the camp and trails.

We also have his logo and link on our home, partners, and links pages.

Trailmeister.com lists our rides on the state events pages, along with our logo and link, and the words "Learn About *Competitive Trail Riding!*"

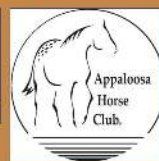
Also, camping location pages, that have an equine events listing, have our rides held at those locations listed. If you go to the trailmeister site, click on California and then click the CA Equine Event Listing button to see a sample. We are on the links page, too.

Our upcoming rides will be listed in the monthly TM e-Newsletters. And, where they exist, you will be able to download SmartMaps of the ride areas.

This is a win-win agreement for both with exposure to each other's members/audience. It is a natural fit as we both educate trail enthusiasts, emphasize safety and care of the horse.



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—Kim Cowart

BECOMING A HORSEMANSHIP JUDGE: MENTORING PROGRAM UPDATE

By Patsy Conner, Horsemanship Co-Chair, Judges Committee

In 2010 a shift in the apprentice process was initiated when Judy Cumberworth offered to work with Jerry Sims to become an approved Horsemanship Judge. Judy created a set of guidelines which were followed throughout Jerry's program. The process was refined as Jerry progressed, and eventually a mentoring ride was added to the Judges Manual as the first step in the apprenticeship. After the first mentored ride, the apprentice writes reflections on each ride in their program and discusses these with their mentor. This process provides for more vigorous, in-depth training and support for the prospective Horsemanship Judge.

Jerry reflected on his experience at the first ride. "Judy did not judge the ride, but we observed the ride as it took place in a position other than the contracted horsemanship judge. This way we could talk and not interrupt the judges of the ride. Judy told

me later after the ride that she was watching to see if I had an eye for judging. I wrote down things I saw, and she wrote what she saw about the riders, and we compared notes. Sometimes we just talked about what we saw. I think it was a good idea to mentor a new judge like this ...".

Since then Becky Rogers has progressed to the Provisional stage and should complete the process by the end of the ride year. After her mentor ride Becky wrote, "I gained so much from the experience and am so thankful to have learned so much; NATRC is to be commended for this mentoring program." After more than a year of opportunities to work with the judges at each ride Becky wrote, "This year has been very educational, and I appreciate all the help I have received from the horsemanship judges and others involved. There is so much more to

learn and I am excited for the opportunity."

In May two more apprentices worked through their mentor ride at Indian Territory. This experience was beneficial to more than the apprentices. Jean Green was mentoring Patti Hicks, Priscilla Lindsey was mentoring Sarah Rinne and Patsy Conner was judging. It almost became a judging seminar as all three judges discussed setting up obstacles and what specific skills would be judged. On Sunday Becky Rogers joined us when her horse came up lame.

Sarah wrote, "The mentoring program has been very beneficial for me in many ways. The decision to pursue my Horsemanship Judges card was not a decision that I took lightly and quite frankly, it is an intimidating process at the beginning. Having a mentor makes the process much less intimidating and in a sense, gives you someone in your corner for support and questions. My mentor, Priscilla Lindsey, has been a great resource for me through this process and who doesn't want resources when trying to achieve a goal? Goals are easier to achieve with direction and support, and I feel the mentoring program affords potential judges that benefit."

Patti: "I think it worked really well to have someone monitoring me, giving advice and guidance while I "practiced" judging. It did not interfere with an already super busy judge that was hired for the ride. It was really beneficial to be able to observe the hired judge and compare notes with my mentoring judge.

Soon Kim Cowart will mentor Wayne Tolbert through his first ride.

If you know of anyone that you think would make a good horsemanship judge, encourage them to apply. You can check the requirements listed in the Judges Manual. The Judges Manual can be accessed on the NATRC.org web site.



The riders are Sarah Rinne, Trish Cleveland, Marilyn Marston and Erin Glassman

"That is a great photo of the NATRC spirit from the Oklahoma Land Run this spring. Weather was ... well let's say "suboptimal" for riding as it was chilly and drizzling rain. I'm at a bend in the trail, middle of the ride Saturday and I'll be darned if the riders weren't smiling and willing to chat. I was starting to get cold and cranky, so they certainly had every right to be glum. But it was the exact opposite."

—Photographer
Jim Edmondson

Recruiting into the Future

By Jerry Sims, Membership Committee Chair

Is it all up to you and me to recruit new members?

You can answer the question with three letters: "Yes."

So how do we recruit new members?

Keep talking to anyone who will listen. Invite them to ride with you. Ask them to volunteer at a competitive trail ride if they are not ready to compete.

How many entries do you think there are in competitive trail rides that are not members of NATRC? These people should be easy to approach and get in our ranks. It was reported at the July NBOD meeting that nationally 275 non-members entered competitive trail rides in the first half of 2013. That's potentially 275 new members we need to reach out to.

Flyer. If you want to help with membership, post our flyer, "You're Gonna Learn Something" everywhere and especially at your local vet's office and your favorite feed store. If you need the poster, contact me at beth_sims@q.com.

Clinics. We really recruit big here. Think about having one in your area if you haven't already.

"B" rides seem to be attracting the newer riders, and you can have one right along with an "A" ride. It is a great way

for a rider to get his feet wet with the competition.

Social Media. Tell all your friends about the fun we have in NATRC and how they can really learn something and make friends across the nation.

My wife, Beth, was talking to me while driving home from a competitive ride recently about all the different people we meet at the rides. They come from all aspects of life; they all have different problems, personalities, gifts, faces and riding abilities, yet we all have something in common. We love our horses and mules.

Most of us are very optimistic people and we love our sport. It is important that we hear the challenges as well as succeed with great accomplishments. Every organization has challenges, no matter who they are or what they do. The ones that succeed make great accomplishments.

Our challenge is to recruit for the future of NATRC, not for its past, or present, but to grow its future membership, which will keep our organization strong and successful with new talented and enthusiastic members who will continue with great accomplishments.

"Talk the talk and walk the walk."

Let's all welcome our newest members to NATRC, from June to date.

Amelia Adair

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Kathy Covel

Monica Cunningham

Vicki Chick Dowd

Ashley Edwards

Pamela Haglund

Cynthia Kieliszewski

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Challenge of the North Ride, Region 1A
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What's Your Favorite Charity?

By Elaine Swiss

I confess that I always read the obituaries printed in our local paper. I am curious where people have lived throughout their lives, I am fascinated by the accomplishments of the deceased and I am inspired by military service and philanthropic deeds that span a lifetime. Plus, I always check to what charity the family requests donations be sent in memory of their loved one.

So what is your favorite charity? What is the favorite charity of your spouse, your parent or your child? Is it your church, an animal welfare organization, a medical research institution or a scholarship fund? Have you thought about it?

Since its inception in 1961, there have been literally thousands of NATRC members, competitors and volunteers who do not hesitate to say what a difference NATRC has made in their lives. The education, friendships and sense of community has lasted a lifetime for these NATRC participants dedicated to safety and welfare of the horse on the distance trail. But is it their favorite charity?

It can be. NATRC is a registered 501(c) 3 and therefore is recognized by the Internal Revenue Service as a charitable organization. NATRC accepts donations in memory of loved ones, acknowledging the gift to the family of the deceased as well as to the donor. At this time, memorial donations are applied to trail development, student scholarships and education programs, although special accommodations are available for major gifts.

If NATRC plays a significant role in your life and fills a space in your heart like it does mine, then NATRC may very well be your favorite charity.

Code of Ethics

We, the NATRC National Board of Directors, Executive Director, judges, committee members, and employees are ambassadors of our sport whether at an organized event or informal gathering. There is an implied code of ethics to adhere to. This code of ethics dictates that we behave professionally, courteously and responsibly. This includes:

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Stabling Options

By Jean Green, Management Chair

Our rule on stabling has evolved over the years. For a long time, the only option was a stationary tie directly to the trailer and all horses had to be kept under similar conditions. Then we approved the use of sliding tethers, creating conflict with the consistency rule. The consensus reached by the Board was that none of the various stabling options offered a competitive advantage since most horses tend to stay put in their position of comfort after a day's ride. The requirements for stationary ties and stabling under similar conditions were removed, effective 2010.

Any stabling option is at the discretion of ride management and/or the facility but an alternate, offered option must be an available option that all riders can take advantage of, if so desired. For example, if sliding tethers, or high lines, or portable corrals are offered as options, each entrant has the opportunity to choose whether or not to use that option. **It is important that your ride description includes any restrictions in stabling so that riders don't show up unprepared.**

A stationary tie directly to the trailer is the most common option offered and used. In addition, overhead trailer ties can be used, and they do not have to be fixed in a stationary position. High lines and/or sliding tethers are permitted at the discretion of ride management, usually depending on the campsite. It is not a good idea to tie a saddled horse to an overhead trailer tie as the rope can get caught under the back of the saddle.

Sliding tethers are permitted at the discretion of ride management, usually depending on the campsite. There are several ways to set up a sliding tether: (1) a rope between two

rings on the side of a trailer (**is available to all**), wither-height or slightly above with a ring on the rope so that the horse can "slide" along the side of the trailer for more movement, (2) a rope tied between two trailers, (3) a rope tied from the trailer to a tree, and (4) a rope tied from tree to tree.

Some camps are set up for overhead hi-lines between trees or between poles that have been installed in the campground for that use. If the campground allows hi-lines tied to trees, ALWAYS use a tree saver. These can be purchased commercially, or an old girth can be tied around the tree. The line is then tied to the tree saver or girth instead of to a narrow rope that would cut into the tree bark. Also, "stops" must be used on the line. A "stop" is a loop, knot, or ring on the line that stops the sliding tie rope far enough from the tree that the horse can't damage the tree's root system or chew on the tree. Many National Forests will not let horses be tied to trees where they can reach them with their teeth. If hi-line poles are used instead of trees, the stops will prevent the horse from getting himself wrapped around the pole.

The tether line needs to be well above the horse's head for safety, unless on the side of a trailer. It also must be kept pulled **tight with no slack** all weekend. To prevent the horse from getting a leg over the tied rope, the rope attached from the tether line to the halter needs to be a little higher than one inch off the ground when dropped since the tether line has some stretch to it. A quick release knot or snap must be used to tie the halter rope to the line.

Effective in 2013, a new rule adds portable corrals to the list of stabling options ride management or

the ride facility can offer riders. Ride management can specify a size limitation (example: 12 feet by 12 feet or 13.1 foot diameter area per horse). Good reasons to disallow them could include, but not be limited to, a space limitation or a landowner that requires a different containment method (example – some State Parks require that horses be kept in Park pens or tied to Park high ties). For safety, portable panels need to be securely anchored – attached to a trailer or tree, for example.

Electric fencing, hobbling and staking out as primary containment are NOT ALLOWED. Ride descriptions should indicate stabling options available, size or length restrictions, etc. Riders should check with ride management ahead of time if they have any questions.

The stabling rule gives ride management/CTR facility the control to offer what works for their particular ride, and it gives the rider the option to choose, within the ride limitations, what works best for their horse.



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National Equestrian Trails Conference

By Erin Glassman,
NATRC Trails Advocate

Those of you who did not attend the National Equestrian Trails Conference (formerly the Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference) missed out in a large scale way! This year's conference was held at Rock Hill, South Carolina, just over the border of North Carolina.

I went into the conference feeling a bit blasé and rundown from life in general and overall, just feeling a bit low on inspiration regarding advocacy. After attending the conference, I walked away refreshed, re-sparked and excited once again about the fight for our trails!! It was, as I can only imagine, like going to an invigorating church revival!

As usual, we had some very interesting, informative and dynamic speakers who came before us--including the newly elected chairman of Back Country Horsemen of America who discussed their role and their biggest concerns and attributes, which include management of federal lands and volunteer work to help with maintenance of trails. Representatives from the American Horse Council discussed their role as an organization as lobbyists for equestrians. We heard from American Trails, an organization that works towards keeping and promoting trails for all users. Many representatives from the Forest Service and National Parks talked to us about aspects of conservation, endangered species and recreational use of public lands. We also got to learn some pieces about lands funded by the Pitt-

man-Robertson Act (funds from hunting sales, etc.) and whether or not equine use has a place in those, as well as overall equestrian roles in recreational usage of public lands.

Two of the speakers from Washington, D.C. brought some of the biggest concepts we need to consider to the table-- Mark Rey, from the Center for Systems Integration and Sustainability, and Joe Meade, the National Director for Recreation, Heritage Resources and Volunteers in the USDA-Forest Service.

Both were very vocal about this very one important concept--we need to keep positive attitudes!!! We all need to remain opti-

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mistic about the future of our recreational use on public lands, despite what challenges lie ahead. As Joe aptly reminded us, each generation has its challenges! Both speakers pointed out that out of the many miles of trails we have in our federal public lands, only about 25 percent are maintained to standard. 25 percent!! Mark Rey warned us that funding is only going to get more and more chal-

lenging as we go on with budgetary cuts and congressional lack of ability to come to agreements.

Both presenters, however made sure to emphasize that these issues may be OPPORTUNITIES (hey, does this sound like someone's catch phrase lately?!!)!!! With lack of funding come opportunities for volunteering, donations and partnerships, whether they are with other trail users or with other organizations such as the American Quarter Horse Association and Tractor Supply Company with their STEP program (Stewardship for Trails, Education and Partnerships).

Mark said we may come to a time that we need to lead from the ground--we all need to get out there and give back to our trail systems by being the foot soldiers for our land management agencies. We need to be open to alternatives for keeping parks open. Although opposed by some that state that they already pay for our public lands, perhaps we need to develop programs for cost recovery at local forests or parks where the local fees go back into the areas where they are used.

Last, I leave you with these thoughts--we must build relevancy of our public lands to our population, which is over 90 percent urban, (Yikes!) according to Joe Meade. We also need to especially build that relevancy to our younger generations because ultimately it will be their decision to maintain, build or ditch our public access.

Which Division is Right for Me?

By Jamie Dieterich,
Education Committee

If you are new to competitive trail riding, the Novice Division might be right for you. Among the purposes of the Novice (to competitive trail riding) Division are to introduce new horses and riders to competitive trail riding, to instruct new riders in the proper care of competitive horses, to provide rides where all horses are under the direct supervision of judges and management, and to place novice horses and riders on trails that are commensurate with their abilities; i.e. the Novice Division should be for the true novices to the sport. The average pace of the Novice Division is 3.5–5 mph over 15–24 miles for a 1-day (“B”) ride or 24–40 miles for a 2-day (“A”) ride. Judged obstacles are fairly basic.

The Open Division is designed to offer a greater challenge. At an average pace of 4–6 mph, Open competitors cover 25–35 miles on a 1-day (“B”) ride, 50–60 miles for a 2-day (“A”) ride, and 80–90 miles for a 3-day (“AA”) ride. Judged obstacles are more difficult.

If you are a more seasoned rider but don’t care to go to pace or distance of the Open Division, or if you are a horsemanship judge or otherwise experienced rider starting a new horse, the Competitive/ Pleasure (CP) Division is probably where you belong. As the name implies, this division is competitive yet pleasurable. CP is a good place for competitors who have maxed out of Novice but don’t feel they are Open material yet as well as for riders who still want to compete but just don’t feel up to the demands of Open any more. The average pace and distance requirements for the CP Division are the same as for Novice, but CP competitors might

go farther and/or faster in a particular ride.

Distance Only (DO) is offered for all divisions. Participants must follow all NATRC and ride rules with the exception of those pertaining to leg protection. DO participants may choose not to do judged trail skill obstacles. (Note: any rider in any division is free to pass on any obstacles he feels is unsafe or beyond the ability of himself or his horse.) Veterinary checks for soundness and condition, P&R checks, or other checks for the welfare of the horse are conducted on all horses. DO participants receive mileage (distance) only, no placings or awards, and they do not count as competitors for establishing points.

Horsemanship is about making the right choices for your horse. Sportsmanship is about being considerate of other riders. Keep these things in mind and try to see the big picture.

An NATRC Rider Tries Endurance

By MaryAshley McGibbon
Adapted from the CTR Yahoo Group

Of course, distance riders do have options outside of NATRC. As a novice rider who has been competing for less than three years, and having now dabbled in both (NATRC more than AERC) I am still perplexed by the “us vs. them” mentality. The heart of the sport is a similar wild and weird desire to spend a lot of time on the back of a great horse.

I have talked to several AERC riders who expressed some reservation about riding NATRC or other CTRs not because of the number or depth of the rulebook, but because of the subjectivity of the judging. And that makes perfect sense to me. I am only now starting to better “process” my NATRC cards and yep, sometimes I don’t exactly have the same opinion as a judge. The vast, vast majority of the feedback is incredibly

valuable but sometimes, even in my limited experience, judges can give conflicting notes. They are human, too. For the few true errors, there are processes in place for lodging a formal complaint.

I have totally enjoyed my AERC interactions and experience because hey, all I had to worry about was the health and fitness of my horse and our safety. I could’ve ridden the thing with my finger in my nose and the reins looped on my pinkie and my eyes crossed, and providing we finished in time and vetted out, I could count myself as successful. (Not that I’m a talented enough rider to do any of those things, but just as an example.) That was a little refreshing to me because after three years, I still have anxiety at judged obstacles, which aren’t even part of the vernacular of AERC. At my LD ride, nobody checked my trailer. But you know what? I was INCREDIBLY thankful for all of the attention to detail NATRC taught me because I knew my horse was well cared for and comfortable in his stabling. At my endurance ride, nobody cared that my

horse still had a tendency to be herd-bound, but the skills and techniques I had picked up in NATRC kept his issues from becoming a big problem. I wouldn’t have the eye for those things without the “nit-picky” rules and comments on my past judges’ cards.

I am very, very thankful I began my distance riding journey in NATRC, and I will continue to ride NATRC even if I never, ever win a blue ribbon or any big prizes. The challenge and the attention to detail are good for me and even better for my horse, who is paramount to everything in any distance sport. NATRC is what made me a better guardian of my horse’s health and wellbeing. AERC is what is teaching me to trot for 25 miles straight with a smile on my face and a fresh horse underneath me. Two valuable lessons that are not mutually exclusive.

I might be alone, but I love seeing some collaboration between distance organizations or series, like the Storm Ranch Versatility Series. I hope I get to put those three rides under my belt in the next couple of years.

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**North American Trail Ride Conference
Budget vs. Actual: Jan - June, 2013**

	Total		
	Actual	Budget	Over Budget
Income			
40000 Memberships	23,513	26,596	(3,083)
40010 Platinum Membership Upgrade	1,680	2,000	(320)
41000 Rides	15,802	10,623	5,179
42000 Product Sales	151	0	151
43000 Sponsorships	4,442	6,620	(2,178)
43500 Raffles	6,000	3,000	3,000
44000 Hoofprint Ads/Subscriptions	668	875	(207)
45000 Convention and Awards	6,407	2,680	3,727
45500 Judge Fee	15	15	
46000 Trail Advocacy	500	0	500
47000 Donations	1,385	500	885
48000 Other Income	0	0	0
49000 Interest Income	1,644	1,648	(4)
Total Income	\$62,209	\$54,542	\$7,667
Gross Profit	\$62,209	\$54,542	\$7,667
Expenses			
*Uncategorized Expenses	0	0	0
50000 Member Dues to Regions	7,025	8,025	(1000)
50500 Platinum Membership Upgrades	1,340	2,010	(670)
51000 Ride Costs	278	2,700	(2,422)
52000 Clinic Expenses	500	600	(100)
53000 Product Costs	0	0	
54000 Marketing	561	600	(39)
54300 Raffle	1,613	1,635	(22)
54500 Hoofprint	1,966	4,500	(2,534)
55000 Convention and Award Expenses	3,807	5,701	(1,894)
56000 Trail Advocacy Expenses	0	0	
56500 Staff Expenses	20,928	19,900	1,028
57000 Administrative	5,597	5,721	(124)
59000 Other Expense	1,018	0	1,018
59999 Investment Expense	0	0	
Total Expenses	\$44,632	\$51,392	\$(6,760)
Net Operating Income	\$17,577	\$ 3,150	\$14,427
Net Income	\$17,577	\$ 3,150	\$14,427



*First time Novice competitors Ivana Haverlikova (21) and Kristie Parsons at the Challenge of the North Ride, Region 1A
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NATRC 2013 Profit & Loss Comparison

Income	Total		
	Jan-June 2013	Jan-June 2012 (PY)	Change
40000 Memberships	23,513	26,685	(3,172)
40010 Platinum Membership Upgrade	1,680	2,000	(320)
41000 Rides	15,802	11,739	4,063
42000 Product Sales	151	219	(68)
43000 Sponsorships	4,442	5,724	(1,282)
43500 Raffles	6,000	5,469	531
44000 Hoofprint Ads/Subscriptions	668	458	210
45000 Convention and Awards	6,407	2,826	3,582
45500 Judge Fee	15	15	
46000 Trail Advocacy	500	500	
47000 Donations	1,385	1,453	(68)
48000 Other Income	0	(5)	5
49000 Interest Income	1,644	1,680	(36)
Total Income	\$62,209	\$58,249	\$3,959
Gross Profit	\$62,209	\$58,249	\$3,959
Expenses			
*Uncategorized Expenses	0	0	0
50000 Member Dues to Regions	7,025	8,025	(1,000)
50500 Platinum Membership Upgrades	1,340	2,508	(1,168)
51000 Ride Costs	278	2,233	(1,956)
52000 Clinic Expenses	500	100	400
54000 Marketing	561	907	(346)
54300 Raffle	1,613	1,135	478
54500 Hoofprint	1,966	4,103	(2,137)
55000 Convention and Award Expenses	3,807	5,806	(1,999)
56500 Staff Expenses	20,928	19,771	1,157
57000 Administrative	5,597	5,461	136
59000 Other Expense	1,018	1,018	
Total Expenses	\$44,632	\$50,049	\$(5,417)
Net Operating Income	\$17,577	\$8,200	\$9,376
Net Income	\$17,577	\$8,200	\$9,376

4H Junior Rider Year End High Point Award

To encourage participation by 4H members, NATRC offers a 4H Junior Rider Year End High Point Award.

- 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 10, 2013.
- The rider must (1) be a member of NATRC (2) send Laurie DiNatale an email (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).

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?

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Bill Wingle and Mariah at the Tarryall Ride, Region 3

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Trail First Aid For Riders And Workers Part 2

by Yvette Haerberle, MD

Last issue, we covered the most common causes of equine-related injuries and some recommendations for prevention. We also talked about being able to contact emergency personnel when needed. In this issue, I would like to cover initial assessment of a trauma victim, and cover the most worrisome scenario, head injuries.

Initial Assessment

When coming upon a victim of trauma or illness it is important to have a systematic method of evaluating the situation. Many guidelines exist, but I think the simplest way to think of things is with the three B's: Breathing, Bleeding and Broken.

First of all is the patient conscious? **Never ever** attempt to move an unconscious patient. Movement can cause further injury to a potentially injured neck (cervical spine.) Cover the victim to keep warm and immediately activate emergency medical personnel – either by contacting 911 directly or other personnel designated as emergency contacts on your ride who will better be able to direct emergency medical personnel to your location.

Breathing can be assessed by watching for rise and fall of the chest or by listening and feeling for air exchange at the mouth and nostrils. If an

unconscious victim is not breathing, then CPR should be initiated by first opening the airway. This can often be accomplished by repositioning the jaw forward, being careful not to disrupt the position of the neck. This allows the tongue to come forward out of the airway. If the patient is still not breathing, then rescue breathing and basic cardiopulmonary resuscitation should be initiated. Your local Red Cross offers classes in basic first aid and life support. I **STRONGLY** recommend that anyone who participates in equine sports or frequents the backcountry should have these skills.

Bleeding. Let's talk about a less grim situation. Say you have a conscious and breathing victim, but one who has a bleeding wound. One word...**PRESSURE!** Use any sort of bandage, gauze, kerchief, or clothing and apply direct pressure to the sight of the bleeding. If the bleeding continues and soaks through the dressing, **DO NOT** remove the dressing but apply more material with more pressure. Elevation of the wound, if possible, and ice may help. Finally, **ONLY** if the bleeding is not controlled with adequate amounts of time and pressure should a tourniquet be considered. If applied, a tourniquet should be released every 15-20 minutes and the bleeding reassessed to prevent further damage to tissues.

Broken? Lastly a conscious victim with controlled or no bleeding should be evaluated for any fracture or dislocation. The most important areas to assess initially are the head and neck (cervical spine.) Is there a hematoma (goose egg) or irregularity on the head? Was there a loss of consciousness? Is there any neck pain or limited mobility or decreased sensation (numbness) of the arms or legs? If so, **DO NOT MOVE THE VICTIM.** Immobilize the neck, and get help immediately. Finally, is there any pain or deformity to the arms or legs? If so, splint/ immobilize the area for comfort and transport if possible. A SAM splint (available at most outfitters) is a nice lightweight splint material that has multiple uses and can fit nicely into a canteen bag as part of a trail first aid kit. SAM splints can be molded to provide support for limbs and can also be molded to form a cervical immobilization collar.

The 3 B's offer a quick and easy way to evaluate a trauma victim for serious injury. Loss of consciousness, uncontrollable bleeding and fractures that cannot be immobilized are all situations in which the emergency system (911) should be activated immediately.

Head Injuries

I would like to preface this section with a comment on helmets. I realize that as Americans we have the freedom to choose whether or not to wear head protection. I would only ask that if you choose not to, that you make your family and loved ones aware of your wishes regarding organ donation. Head injured people make for wonderful donors, and I would hate for you to miss out on that opportunity. That being said, I realize that even a properly fitted helmet with chinstrap will not always prevent a closed head injury, but it has been well proven that it does decrease the risk and severity of injury.

Any person with a head injury should be evaluated for the following:

- Changes in mental status including personality changes, lethargy, drowsiness, disorientation, irritability, amnesia and combativeness
- Nausea and vomiting
- Clear watery drainage from nose or ears
- Ringing in ears
- Worsening headache
- Unequal pupil size
- Change in vision
- Difficulty with speech or coordination

If any of these signs or symptoms is present or develop later, immediate activation of emergency personnel (911) is indicated. If the victim is unconscious, undo the chinstrap of his/her helmet to assist with airway management, but leave the helmet in place until emergency personnel arrive. Removing the helmet can lead to further injury. If conscious, keep the victim quiet and warm and dry until help arrives

Head injuries can be broken down into 3 basic categories:

1. A person with a head injury that does not result in a loss of consciousness generally has minor or no (Continued on [page 20](#))

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brain injury. This is a person who can carry on with activity unless any of the above listed symptoms are present or develop

2. A blow to the head with a brief loss of consciousness (less than 5 minutes) but no other symptoms. This is a person that should be TAKEN OUT OF COMPETITION and monitored for development of any further symptoms. Frequent reevaluation for symptoms should be done.

3. A blow to the head with more than a brief loss of consciousness (greater than 5 minutes) and/or any of the above listed symptoms. These people should have IMMEDIATE MEDICAL EVALUATION AND EVACUATION to a hospital. Again, keep the victim quiet, watch closely for signs of deterioration, and activate the 911 system.

I realize that for every category above there is the exception. When in doubt, it is always best to err on the side of caution and seek medical evaluation. As a general rule, symptoms should always be improving over time. Increasing symptoms or severity of symptoms are ominous signs. I personally know of several people who at the time of the injury seemed perfectly fine, but went on to have permanent neurologic deficits.

Remember that head injury is the most common cause of equine related morbidity and mortality. PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE wear your helmets, and as always keep the big one on the bottom!

Dr. Haeberle is a former emergency room physician who participates in rides and has managed rides in both NATRC and AERC.

Note: Dialing 9-1-1 on a cell phone means your call is routed to the agency closest to the cell tower your signal bounces off of. GPS coordinates on cell phones have improved a lot, so if the dispatch center has the equipment or access to Google earth, they can often locate the cell phone to within a few hundred feet.



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Or

Patsy Conner - Horsemanship Judge Co-Chair
H: 501.663.1477 Cell: 281.381.8189

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Newly Approved Veterinary Judge:

Carrie Porter, DVM (R5)

All Members:

**The following are applicants, apprentices or provisional judges.
Members may submit comments to the Judges Committee about
the following people:**

Provisionals:

Veterinary Judges:

Natalie Morris, DVM (R5)

Horsemanship Judges:

Becky Rogers (R4)

Apprentices:

Veterinary Judges

Cathy Ann Ball, VMD (R5)

Valerie Bixler, DVM (R4)

Sharon Dehart, DVM (R4)

Phoebe Smith, DVM (R2)

Horsemanship Judges

Patti Hicks (R4)

Sarah Rinne (R6)

Wayne Tolbert (R5)

Remember, apprenticing must be done with an **approved** judge
who has agreed to judge and supervise an apprentice.

NATRC National Board Meeting Summary July 13, 2013, Denver, CO

Call to Order: by Kim Cowart, 8 a.m., July 13, 2013.

Roll Call: Dieterich, Meroshnekoff, Walls, DeMattei, Sims, Peters, Swiss, Cowart, Clayton, Lindsey and Rinne present. Laurie DiNatale, Executive Administrator. Patsy Conner as Region 4 Alternate Director. Swiss stated that Region 4 will elect a new Director and Alternate in fall election.

Minutes: February 21, 2013. Call for corrections. **Walls moved to accept minutes, Swiss seconded. Motion approved.**

President's Report: Cowart stated that we are in good financial position. Friday night informal discussion generated good ideas that will be discussed today. Cowart thanked Rinne for her work on social media and encouraged the BOD to post on Facebook to reach out to our members.

Executive Administrator's Report: DiNatale sent report with membership numbers. Reported that great progress has been made in integrating RMS data into final NATRC Ride Report processing. Meroshnekoff felt that training on RMS at the National Convention would be helpful.

Secretary/treasurer's Report: Swiss reviewed her report. News is very good year financially. Tough decisions by the BOD have had positive effects financially. Now BOD needs to think about investing in projects that will drive membership and rider numbers. Region 3 generated a large convention profit. Hoof Print expense is down significantly. Foundation account has grown with better investments. The Ride Management Support Fund is at \$47,000. That account is restricted to supporting ride managers. The National Forest Foundation has made a donation of \$12,000 towards the Moccasin Gap Campground project in AR. Projects will need to be defined for funds available.

By-laws & Rules: Lory Walls (Wayne Hyatt). See Rules Report on Website and in Hoof Print

Dieterich stated that three veterinarians on the drug committee feel that ice boots are beneficial to the horse. The Drug and Judges Committees will discuss and perhaps make recommendations to the BOD. Walls-Friday night informal discussion generated the idea of Horse Only (HO). Consensus that BOD would like to see proposed wording for Horse Only after lunch.

Policies and Procedures: Dieterich. **New:**

1. Awards and Certificates.

From Ruth Mesimer, email to the NBOD 6-17-13, regarding criteria for appreciation awards, P5:

- *Are there any changes the NBOD would like to make to these? Chang-*

es to the word limit? Please discuss at the July 13 meeting.

- **Word limit.** Ruth asked if the 400-word limit was appropriate for the Jim Menefee and Workers Hall of Fame nominations. Ruth, Jamie and Susan agree the "meat of the matter" can be conveyed in 400 words.

No changes requested by the BOD.

2. Denying entry.

Can a ride chair deny entry to someone for "cause?"

The current P&P, under Ride Sanction, reads:

- (4) A CTR event that is selective in providing entries or selective in entries accepted may have the sanction revoked and/or be denied sanctioning for future events. 6/87 11/06

Consensus by the BOD was that disruptive people can be disqualified if they exhibit abusive or bad sportsmanlike behavior.

Protest: Clayton. No current Protests.

Planned Giving: Cowart and Swiss. Swiss stated that the latest article in Hoof Print outlined ways that people can give to NATRC through various methods. Next article will focus on donations made in another person's memory. Swiss is creating a brochure on charitable giving. She reminded BOD that they need to decide where the donation will go. Suggestions of possible areas to use donated funds were Trail Development, Education, and Management.

Ride Sanction: Patsy Conner distributed and reviewed report. Flying R Ride did not originally have a B ride sanctioned. Within a week of the ride, Ride Manager decided to offer a B ride because of predicted inclement weather. Conner did not feel comfortable giving approval because it was not within sanctioning parameters. **Motion by Conner, seconded by Lindsey, to approve the B Ride as a sanctioned ride at Flying R 2013. Motion approved.**

Clinic Sanction: Linda Clayton. Report filed.

Management: Jean Green. Report filed. Dieterich asked BOD to remind all managers to make sure they get the most current forms from the website. And that if a person rides one day and works the next, they need to sign both a rider and worker waiver.

Rules Interpreter: Peters. All but two reports received. Some accident reports have been received. Peters is revising the letter that goes out to the RI's before the ride. Dieterich brought up the issue of riders changing ride types. That must be done before the rider times out and officially started the ride.

Insurance: DiNatale. No changes to report.

Jim Ward gave a presentation on the 2013 raffle. Around 100 tickets have been sold. RMS will allow managers to put raffle tickets on as extra fees. Ward suggested poker runs at the rides with raffle tickets as the prizes. The odds of winning are very good.

Safety: Swiss for Gould. Several accidents reports Gould wants all accidents reported. Reminded BOD that if you have a fall, you need to replace your helmet. Troxel will give credit towards a new one after a fall.

Marketing/ Publicity: Bev Roberts. Report sent. Report included many recently published articles on NATRC. Cris Ballard is helping Roberts with Enews. Roberts asked that regions and individual rides promote their rides locally. Swiss pointed out that data shows that editorial content is more effective than advertising. At least \$100,000.00 would be necessary to do an effective advertising campaign. Regional and national publicity is the most effective. Lindsey informed the BOD that she has done three columns recently on distance riding for Horse Illustrated.

Dieterich stated that Roberts had recently submitted revised branding specs for approval. Consensus that regions want to keep their own logos. **Motion by Dieterich, seconded by Swiss, to approve the most recent branding specifications submitted by Bev Roberts. Motion approved.**

Website: Roberts continues to update and maintain the website.

National Awards Presentation: Region 4 will handle awards presentation at next convention.

Social Media: Rinne. Started NATRC Facebook Group page. It now has 1500 members. Rinne encouraged BOD to post to the page and always mention NATRC.

Business Models and Measurements: Swiss. We have had a decrease in members. Retention of members is a problem. We have no problem with the number of competitions. But we do have a problem with number of competitors. Discussion on how to speed up check out and awards, and how to minimize waits at obstacles. One suggestion was to have all trail ability, judged by Vet Judges, done on Saturday, with concentration on soundness and Condition on Sunday. Many would like to see briefings shortened. Agreement by all that we need to make a concerted effort to be open and friendly to all competitors. The Horse Only option was noted. Idea of creating a Rulebook that only includes rules that apply to the ride. All administrative rules could go into another booklet. Dieterich reported that Mike Peralez has suggested that metabolic checks are appropriate starting (Continued on [page 23](#))

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early in the day, and be continued to late in the ride, and that final check-out should include a check of the back and legs, along with a circle in both directions.

Sponsorships: Swiss remains the driving force behind sponsorships.

Media Advisory: Dieterich Chair. Laurie Knuutila is doing a great job on Hoof Print.

Riders and Juniors: Meroshnekoff-no report. Meroshnekoff takes many Juniors to the rides.

Foundation: Swiss-Annuity interest stayed in the Foundation account.

Drug Testing: Jerry Weil, DVM. The BOD feels that we need to keep testing at present level and makes that recommendation. That will require further testing this year. Christy Landwehr of the Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) spoke to the BOD. CHA has been certifying facilities and instructors for over 50 years. CHA will share information on NATRC with their members. They will target various sections of their membership through Eblasts. Horsemanship representatives from the Judges Committee felt that a relationship with CHA will be beneficial and will contribute to the professionalism of our Horsemanship Judges.

By-laws & Rules: Lory Walls submitted wording for proposal regarding Horse Only.

7. Page 4-3 Section 4C reads:

C. Distance Only (DO): outside of the competition

1. Horses and/or riders participating DO for any reason will be judged in all ride activities as are other competitors but will be eligible for mileage only.
2. Horses and/or riders participating DO must obey all NATRC rules (except those exemptions specified in paragraphs 3-9 below) and any ride rules. The DO horse/rider team must ride in an acceptable manner and not disrupt the ride for other competitors.
3. Horses may participate with or without boots (e.g. splint boots, bell boots) and/or the use of any temporary types of hoof protection.
4. A rider may ride DO in any class or division in horsemanship.
5. A horse may participate DO in any class or division only if the rider also enters DO in horsemanship.
6. One day option: only available if both horse and rider are riding DO.
 - a. The DO team has the option of riding one or two days of an 'A' CTR.

When choosing to ride one day only, the team must ride the first day. A DO rider must notify ride management of their intent not to ride a sec-

ond day after post ride examination, but before 8:00p.m.

b. The DO team will receive the standard mileage allotments for each day ridden. If the rider chooses to ride the second day, but does not complete that day, then no mileage will be awarded for either day.

7. DO horses/riders will not count as a competitor in the Class.
8. Any person or horse excluded from competing in Section 4 D1b of the rules (family members or horses owned by family of judges or Rules Interpreters) may enter the ride DO.
9. Any rider or horse-and-rider combination excluded from competing in the Novice Division in Section 4 A2f of the rules (having five firsts, placing 3rd or higher, judges) may enter the ride DO in the Novice Division.
10. Any horse ineligible to compete for awards may enter DO if said ineligibility in the opinion of the veterinary judge does not constitute a physical abuse of the horse.
11. DO must be declared prior to the official start of the ride.

Change to read:

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D. Horse Only

1. Horses participating competing "Horse Only" will be judged in all ride activities. The horse and rider must obey all NATRC and ride rules.

2. A horse competing in "Horse Only" will count as a competitor (horse) in the Class.

3. Riders participating "Horse Only" will not be judged or placed, but will receive mileage.

Motion by Walls, seconded by Conner, to take back to the membership. Motion approved.

Veterinary Drug Committee: Michael Peralez, DVM. No report.

Trail Advocacy & Grants: Erin Glassman. Emailed report. Glassman attended the American Trails Symposium and the NETC this year. Expenses estimated at \$800-\$850. **Motion by Swiss, seconded by Clayton, to reimburse Glassman for her expenses to attend the NETC. Motion approved.**

DiNatale described the Moccasin Gap Project in AR. NATRC is facilitating the donation from the National Forest Foundation which will enable this project to be completed.

Education: Dieterich would like to see more educational information on the website and our Facebook page. CHA has many educational videos on their website that we can link to.

Membership: Jerry Sims. Report submitted. Good success with the poster. Clinics are helping to recruit members. We've had 138 new members this year. We need to listen to our members. We have had 190 non-members riding in the rides. We need to recruit those peo- (Continued on [page 25](#))

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ple. The President of Region 3 will contact all non-members at Region 3 rides to try to recruit. Cowart questioned if we need to split this committee into recruitment and retention. Sims stated that Region 3 may try a Senior CP trial.

Judges: M. Peralez/P. Conner. Conner reviewed Apprentice and Provisional Vet Judges. Carrie Porter, DVM has completed her apprenticeship. Judges Committee recommends her approval. **Motion by Conner, seconded by Lindsey, to approve Carrie Porter, DVM as a NATRC Vet Judge. Motion approved.**

Becky Rogers is now Provisional. Sarah Rinne is in Apprentice status. Patti Hicks will be starting her apprenticeship. Wayne Tolbert has just finished his test. Conner, Dieterich, and Meroshnekoff may be interested in becoming CHA certified. Christy Landwehr of CHA may be able to come to our next national Convention. CHA would pay her expense, but we would need to comp her registration and a vendor booth. Dieterich stated that she and Walls have been looking at scorecards to see if there is a correlation between horse and horsemanship comments. Another aspect of the study is whether the horsemanship comments give riders information on how to correct problems the horse may be having.

Preliminary results indicate the biggest predictor of placing for the horse is Trail Ability category. Both Dieterich and Walls saw a definite lack of comments in Soundness and Conditioning categories. Walls saw a lack of Equitation comments on horsemanship cards. Dieterich felt that there is a disconnect between horsemanship comments relating to helping the horse over the distance.

Judges Committee recommends that Joe Quintana DVM be reinstated as a NATRC Vet Judge. Discussion on Quintana's reinstatement. **Motion by Conner, seconded by Lindsey, to reinstate Joe Quintana DVM as a NATRC Vet Judge. Motion approved. Walls and Clayton abstained.**

Hall of Fame: Jackie Coleman. No report. **Student Loan/scholarships:** DeMattei stated that there are no applications, but plenty of funds available.

Breed & Organization Liaisons:

A.H.A. Bob Insko. No report.

Breed Liaison: Lindsey stated that reciprocal ad information was sent to the Paso Fino Association.

Honorary & Appreciation: Ruth Mesimer. Sent report.

Annual Points/natrc Data/ National Recognition: Gloria Becker/ Cheri Jeffcoat/ Laurie DiNatale. No report.

Webinar: No report. Cowart reported that Sallie Kudra has agreed to chair commit-

tee. Conference calls are very cost effective.

Convention 2013: Region 3. Peters recapped 2013 information. \$3724.51 in profit to National. Over 100 attended.

Convention 2014: Region 4. Swiss reported that location will be Oklahoma City, OK. The Renaissance hotel. Committees are in place. February 20-23.

Regional Reports:

R1: Dieterich. March 9th Regional Convention. Attendance is down.

R2: Walls. Regional awards were held at a Ride Clinic. Share the Trails Ride manager paid land fees which made NATRC ride possible.

R3: Peters- Rocky Mountain Horse Expo booth after the convention. Expo included a NATRC Hospitality stall with an entire row of stalled NATRC horses. Horse Expo in Grand Junction also. Clinic at Greenland Open Space with experienced NATRC riders mentoring clinic participants. Sims did a clinic in Albuquerque.

R4: Swiss- Regional Convention was held February 9, 2013. Convention included a Junior's Clinic. Demographic shift to OK. Positive reports on 100% Club.

R5: Clayton- The 100% Club is very effective. Attendance at the rides has been good. Mini Convention was held at Auburn University. Speakers included a tour of Equine Center and talk by Centered Riding Instructor. Region has good follow up after the rides to new riders.

R6: Lindsey. Two clinics this summer. Clinics are focused on how to move into Open Division. Rider numbers are climbing. This will be the 40th year for Indian Cave. Region 6 will host the national Convention in 2015. There will be an AA ride in Kansas in 2014.

Shared BOD amount \$346.49.

Old Business:

1. RMS Status. Covered previously.
2. Flexible thinking. Covered previously.
3. Electronic Scorecards. Walls emailed Cowart a template that DeMattei has been working on.
4. President's Cup award package. Cowart will be working on a package. Easycare has said that they have heard from recipients of the award that Easycare has sponsored, which is appreciated.

New Business:

1. Cowart asked BOD to think about officer nominations. Cowart will run for President. Walls will be going off the BOD. Rules Committee and Vice President position will be open.

Peters asked BOD to poll their members on new stabling rules. Are they working?

Motion by Clayton, seconded by DeMattei, to adjourn. Motion approved. Adjourned 5:03 p.m.

Full Minutes on file at National Office.

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Important Information Regarding Year-end Awards!

The ride year ends the second Sunday in November, November 10, 2013.

To be eligible for year end awards, it is the rider's responsibility to have the following requirements completed as indicated by November 10, 2013:

- (1) NATRC membership dues must be received.
- (2) Horse's accurate breed information must be on file with NATRC. Contact the national office at natrc@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.

Any doubt?

Contact Laurie (natrc@natrc.org) for NATRC membership verification and

Cheri (jeffcoat.cheri@gmail.com) or

Colleen (colleen@myedl.com) for breed verification.

Contact your own breed association if you have questions for them.

Rule Changes to be Considered for 2014

From the NBOD July, 2013 (Changes in bold)

1. Page 4-3, Section 4.B.5. Reads

5. Weigh In
 - a. Lightweight and Heavyweight competitors must be weighed in with their own tack prior to the start of the ride.
 - b. Individual regions may issue rider weight cards. At subsequent rides in the same year, a copy of this weight card may be sent with the ride entry or be shown to the Ride Secretary when picking up their rider packet.
 - c. Rider weight classification must be maintained throughout the ride. **Management may re-weigh any rider at any time during the ride to verify weight class. A deviation of +/- 5 pounds is allowed.**
 - d. Failure to maintain weight classification will result in completion points only for both horse and rider.
 - e. The minimum weight must be made up with dead weight, pound for pound, if the rider and tack weigh less than 100 pounds (LWT or Senior) or less than 190 pounds (HWT).
 - f. No disposable items will be used to make weight. This includes, but is not limited to, food (horse and rider), water, fly spray, etc.

Purpose: For clarification, still allows for re-weighing and allows for the 5 pounds deviation as part of the re-weigh only.

The revised version was approved to continue discussion for a final vote in November.

2. Page 4-4, Section 4, D Reads

- D. Eligibility of Riders
 1. All persons 10 years of age or older are eligible to compete in NATRC except:
 - a. Any person designated in Section 3 (i.e., ride chair, ride secretary, trailmasters, stable manager, judges, official timers, judges recording secretary, Rules Interpreter, safety riders, P&R timer) shall not be eligible to ride a horse in competition on the sanctioned ride for which he serves in an official capacity.

Change to read:

- a. Any person designated in Section 3 **with the exception of the ride secretary** (i.e., ride chair, **ride secretary**, trailmasters, stable manager, judges, official timers,

Purpose: to allow more volunteers to compete on a CTR
The revised version was approved to continue discussion for a final vote in November.

3. Page 5-1 Section 5, B Reads

- B. Stabling
 1. All horses shall be kept in a designated area from preliminary check in until after the final examination.
 2. The Stabling Options used are at the discretion or requirements of CTR management and/or the CTR facility.
 3. The Stabling Options used by CTR management and/or the CTR facility must be available to all competitors.
 4. Stabling Options **Not Allowed** during competition as primary containment:
 - a. Hobbling of any kind
 - b. Portable panels that are not securely anchored to a trailer
 - c. Electric fencing
 - d. Staking out in any manner
 5. Stallions: Stallions must be double tied whenever tied. The primary and secondary rope will not be tied to the same tie spot.

- a. Stallion double tying requirements are: The primary rope is tied in the normal manner, but the secondary restraint method must be secured around the stallion's neck and tied in the normal manner. If a rope around the neck is secured with a knot, it must be a bowline and run through the halter.
- b. Other secondary restraint methods may be acceptable (check with horsemanship judge). Two halters are unacceptable.
- c. Failure to comply constitutes a major rule violation. (See Rulebook Section 6 E 2d)

Change to read:

B. Stabling

1. All horses shall be kept in a designated area from preliminary check in until after the final examination.
2. The Stabling Options used are at the discretion or requirements of CTR management and/or the CTR facility. For Stallions see 5 below.
3. The Stabling Options used by CTR management and/or the CTR facility must be available to all competitors.
4. Stabling Options **Not Allowed** during competition as primary containment:
 - a. Hobbling of any kind
 - b. Portable panels that are not securely anchored to a trailer
 - c. Electric fencing
 - d. Staking out in any manner
 - e. **Stallions in portable panels.**
5. Stallions: Stallions must be double tied whenever **stabled (for exceptions, see below)**. The primary and secondary rope will not be tied to the same tie spot.
 - a. Stallion double tying requirements are: The primary rope is tied in the normal manner, but the secondary restraint method must be secured around the stallion's neck and tied in the normal manner. If a rope around the neck is secured with a knot, it must be a bowline and run through the halter.

- b. Other secondary restraint methods may be acceptable (check with horsemanship judge). Two halters are unacceptable.

c. Stallions may be stabled in pens when "stallion" pens are provided by the CTR facility.

- d. Failure to comply constitutes a major rule violation. (See Rulebook Section 6 E 2d)

Purpose: To prevent the use of portable pens for stallions (note the problem is not always the stallion, but mares which sometimes get loose).

This revised version was approved to continue discussion for a vote in November.

4. Page 5-4 Section 5J.5. Reads

5. Lunch Stop

- a. If the elapsed minimum time (including P&Rs) is six hours or more, a lunch stop is required.
- b. When the minimum riding time is less than six hours, a lunch stop is at the discretion of management.

Change to read:

5. Lunch Stop

- a. If the elapsed minimum time **(including P&Rs) including P&Rs** is six hours or more, a lunch stop is required.
- b. When the **elapsed** minimum **riding time including P&Rs** is less than six hours, a lunch stop is at the discretion of management.

Purpose: This was approved as an editorial correction.

5. Page 4-3 Section 4C Reads

- C. Distance Only (DO): outside of the competition
 1. Horses and/or riders participating DO for any reason will be judged in all ride activities as are other competitors but will be eligible for mileage only.
 2. Horses and/or riders participating DO must obey all NATRC rules (except those exemptions specified in paragraphs 3-9 below) and any ride rules. The DO horse/rider team must ride in an acceptable manner and not disrupt the ride for other competitors. *(Continued on page 28)*

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3. Horses may participate with or without boots (e.g. splint boots, bell boots) and/or the use of any temporary types of hoof protection.
4. A rider may ride DO in any class or division in horsemanship.
5. A horse may participate DO in any class or division only if the rider also enters DO in horsemanship.
6. One day option: only available if both horse and rider are riding DO.
 - a. The DO team has the option of riding one or two days of an 'A' CTR. When choosing to ride one day only, the team must ride the first day. A DO rider must notify ride management of their intent not to ride a second day after post ride examination, but before 8:00p.m.
 - b. The DO team will receive the standard mileage allotments for each day ridden. If the rider chooses to ride the second day, but does not complete that day, then no mileage will be awarded for either day.
7. DO horses/riders will not count as a competitor in the Class.
8. Any person or horse excluded from competing in Section 4 D1b of the rules (family members or horses owned by family of judges or Rules Interpreters) may enter the ride DO.
9. Any rider or horse-and-rider combination excluded from competing in the Novice Division in Section 4 A2f of the rules (having five firsts, placing 3rd or higher, judges) may enter the ride DO in the Novice Division.
10. Any horse ineligible to compete for awards may enter DO if said ineligibility in the opinion of the veterinary judge does not constitute a physical abuse of the horse.
11. DO must be declared prior to the official start of the ride.

Change to read:

- C. Distance Only (DO): outside of the competition
1. **Both horse and rider must ride DO.**
 2. Horses and/or riders teams participating DO for any reason will be judged in all ride activities as are other competitors but will be eligible for mileage only.



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3. Horses and/or riders teams participating DO must obey all NATRC rules (except those exemptions specified in paragraphs 3-9 below) and any ride rules. The DO horse/rider team must ride in an acceptable manner and not disrupt the ride for other competitors.
4. Horses may participate with or without boots (e.g. splint boots, bell boots) and/or the use of any temporary types of hoof protection.
5. A rider may ride DO in any class or division in horsemanship.
5. ~~A horse may participate DO in any class or division only if the rider also enters DO in horsemanship.~~

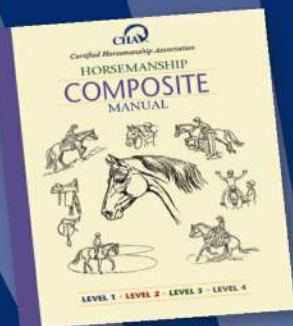
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10. Any horse ineligible to compete for awards may enter DO if said ineligibility in the opinion of the veterinary judge does not constitute a physical abuse of the horse.
11. DO must be declared prior to the official start of the ride.

D. Horse Only

1. Horses ~~participating competing~~ "Horse Only" will be judged in all ride activities. The horse and rider must obey all NATRC and ride rules.
2. A horse competing "Horse Only" will count as a competitor (horse) in the Class entered.
3. A rider participating "Horse Only" will not be judged, placed, or count as a competitor (rider) in the Class. The rider will receive standard mileage allotment.
4. "Horse Only" must be declared prior to the official start of the ride.

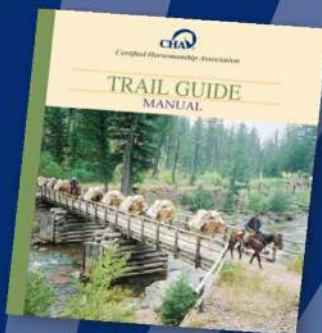
Purpose: Flexible thinking- to provide a division where it is clear a rider can compete without being judged in horsemanship. Please note: there are some additions which have been suggested (in italics).

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6/1-2/2013 Region 1-CA
A-O/CP Total Riders: 12
Chair: Gene Boicelli
Judges: Carol Ormond DVM, Nancy Kasovich
Open Sweepstakes: Desert Reinbeau/
Meroshnikoff, Angie-85.5

Open Heavyweight

P Amiraborr/Szupello, Sierra
P Tango Sierra/Harvey, Laura
P Stealth Knight/Boicelli, Victoria
P Laarkin/Brown, Tammy

Open Lightweight

1/1 Desert Reinbeau/Meroshnikoff, Angie
P Sierra Sunshine/Stidolph, Donna

Open Junior

1/1 Kaylee/Johnson, Karli

Competitive Pleasure

1/1 Hickorys Starlet/Dillard, Ashley
2/2 HN Raina Bo Surely/Schlerf, Haley
P Om El Bilbao/York, Debbie
P Omel Shakeeb Dream/Dillard, Joe
P Kamiko/Thurman, Ariel

Round Valley B

6/1/2013 Region 1-CA
B-N Total Riders: 13
Chair: Gene Boicelli
Judges: Carol Ormond DVM, Nancy Kasovich
Novice Sweepstakes: Shayla/Ikerd, Maleah-100

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 YS Tyrone/Kroncke, Davern
P/DO Bella/Gianotti, Kerynn
P/DO Calico Mt. Sheila/Cannon, Linda

Novice Lightweight

1/1 RA Calla Lily/Manor, GraceAnn
2/2 7th Heaven Star/Fuller, Lisa
3/DO Denebaborr/Lieberknecht, Kay
4/DO Palistar Swain, Stephanie
5/3 Bodacious Tailfeathers/
Egerer, Kaysha

Novice Junior

1/2 Shayla/Ikerd, Maleah
2/1 Lola/Johnson, Kirsten
CO Chant/Etherington, Tim
P SF Geronimo/Yankton, Jordan
P Garnet/Madison, Isla



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HAVE A FALL? REPLACE THAT HELMET!

By Larry Gould, Safety Chair

It's an undisputed fact of horse-back riding. You will have a fall at some point in your equestrian career. A well-fitted, approved safety helmet can make the difference between a catastrophic injury and a simple bruised ego.

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is that the helmet suffers the injury!

While you may not be able to see any damage to your helmet, no cracks or dents, there is likely hidden damage to the structural elements of the helmet. This damage is even more likely if your helmet has some age or has been left in a hot car or trailer for months at a time.

To protect yourself on your next fall, and there will be one, be sure to replace your helmet after a fall where there was impact to it.

And then (and this is very important), throw the old one away. It is no longer fit to be a "back-up" or an extra around the barn for visitors.

Better yet, many manufacturers, including Troxel, will replace a damaged helmet for a greatly reduced cost when you mail the damaged unit to them. Visit the website of your helmet manufacturer to learn their policy on returns. They know how important it is to replace your helmet regularly!

Georgetown A

6/22-23/2013 Region 1-CA
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 17
Chair: Laura Harvey
Judges: Larry Goss DVM, Nancy Kasovich
Novice Sweepstakes: Calico Mountain
Sheila/Cannon, Linda-98
Open Sweepstakes: Desert Reinbeau/
Meroshnekoff, Angie-100

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Amiraborr/Boicelli, Gene
P Stealth Knight/Boicelli, Victoria

Open Lightweight

1/1 Desert Reinbeau/Meroshnekoff, Angie

Open Junior

1/1 Kaylee/Johnson, Karlite

Novice Heavyweight

1/DO Calico Mountain Sheila/Cannon, Linda
2/1 YS Tyrone/Kroncke, Davern

Novice Lightweight

1/2 Nicholas Del Padre/Cooper, Alexis
2/1 Kat Man D/Pimentel, Michelle
3/DO Palistar/Swain, Stephanie
CO RA Calla Lily/Manor, GraceAnn

Novice Junior

1/2 Cowboy's Miss Tardee/Cooper, Faith
2/1 Shayla/Ikerd, Maleah

Competitive Pleasure

1/1 Marilyn the Mule/Pimentel, Joe
2/3 HN Raina Bo Surely/Schlerf, Haley
3/2 Om El Bilbao/York, Debbie
4/4 Hot Midnight/Taniguchi, Trisha
P Canadian Diamonte/Flagg, Susan

Georgetown B

6/22/2013 Region 1-CA
B-N Total Riders: 6
Chair: Laura Harvey
Judges: Larry Goss DVM, Nancy Kasovich
Novice Sweepstakes: MK VanGouh/
York, Ron-98.5

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 MK VanGouh/York, Ron

Novice Lightweight

1/DO Moonshines Montage/Foote, Debra
2/1 CC's Honey Dew/Ballard, Tanya

Novice Junior

1/1 Lola/Johnson, Kirsten
2/2 Pipi/Smith, Megan

Novice DO

Symplicity Sue/Bacon, Nancy

Challenge of the North A

7/19-20/2013 Region 1A-AK
A-O/CP Total Riders: 28
Chair: Laurie Knuutila
Judges: Kimberly Sargent DVM, Natalie Morris
DVM-Apprentice, Kim Cowart
CP Combo: Filly/Bergman, Stefanie
Open Sweepstakes: Royal Prince
Caspian/Adkins, Jane-87

Open Heavyweight

1/3 Indy's Midnight Sun/Boicelli, Victoria
2/2 Jasmine's Magic/Fisk, Colleen
3/1 Wild Ladys Nite/Dent, Susan
CO Genuine Arctic Attitude/
McDonough, Barbara
P Star of Excellence/Halley, Catherine

Open Lightweight

1/2 Royal Prince Caspian/Adkins, Jane
2/1 Willow Bey Star/Grogan, Brenda
3/3 Flash's Gentleman Jim/Forrester, Donna

Open Junior

1/1 Poncho/Barkman, Elyssa

Competitive Pleasure

1/3 Filly/Bergman, Stefanie
2/ Sail Away/Kameel, Deidre
3/ Dillon/Norvell, Nancy
4/4 Rosie/Schamber, Pam
5/ Sierra/Sena, Tracy
6/ Nickel/Quinton, Michelle
/1 Luke/Onorati, Melissa

/2 Gunner/Allen, Mallori
/5 Future's Razzel Dazzel/Luther, Natalie
/6 Cisco/Spangler, Gina
Calypso Orchid/Elsberry, Dorothy
Merrylegs/Luther, Cindy
Sargeant/Quinton, Reed
Biscuit/Spangler, Tom
P Cinch/Sands, William
P Duke/Cunningham, Cheryl
P Hat/Allen, Debbie
P Cobar/Romine, Rebecca

Competitive Pleasure DO

P Haidas Handy Lad/Carney, Katrina

Challenge of the North B

7/19/2013 Region 1A-AK
B-N Total Riders: 4
Chair: Laurie Knuutila
Judges: Kimberly Sargent DVM, Natalie Morris
DVM-Apprentice, Kim Cowart
Novice Sweepstakes: Isa Perfect Dream/
Parsley, Renee-89.5

Novice Heavyweight

1/2 DC Tuff Enough/Parsons, Kristie
2/1 Marble/Haverlikova, Ivana

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Isa Perfect Dream/Parsley, Renee

Novice Junior

1/1 DCF Perfect Blizzard/Parsley, Morgan



Daughter assists mother -
Colleen Fisk and Susan Dent -
Challenge of the North Ride
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Sunday lunch stop at the historic
Malemute Saloon in the village of Ester, Ak -
Challenge of the North Ride
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Brenda Grogan and Willow Bey Star pause
in the wildflower field near ride camp -
Challenge of the North Ride
Photo by Donna Forrester

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Ride Results

Region 2

Share the Trails

6/8/2013 Region 2-CA
 B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 8
 Chair: Lory Walls
 Judges: Carol Ormond DVM, Lory Walls
 Novice Sweepstakes: QCA Sonrey/
 Carl, Becky-93
 Open Sweepstakes: Kenya Riverlee/
 Sterns, Lynda-94

Open Lightweight

1/1 Kenya Riverlee/Sterns, Lynda

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 QCA Sonrey/Carl, Becky
 2/2 Sterling Silver/Housh, Shelley
 P Sillee Girl/Conklin, Dana

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Shiloh/Fowler, Marty

Novice Junior

P RA Chloe/Williams, Caden

Competitive Pleasure

1/1 Patient Laddie/Malone, Mary Jo
 P Rocky/Kafka, Karen

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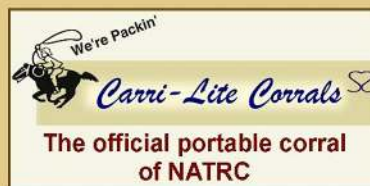
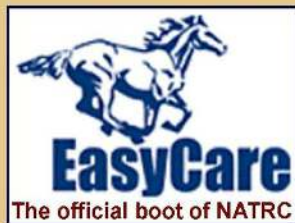
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Colorado Trail

6/8-9/2013 Region 3-CO
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 49
 Chair: Angie Rubenstein
 Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Norma Newton
 CP Combo: EHF Miss Charming/
 Johnson, Donna
 Novice Sweepstakes: Clover's Prize/
 Beyerle, Tammy-97.5
 Open Sweepstakes: Touch's Yeller/
 Gold Inman, Gary-99.5

Open Heavyweight

1/3 Touch's Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary
 2/4 Peanut/Baker, Matt
 3/1 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken
 4/2 Mariah/Wingle, Bill

Open Lightweight

1/1 Phantoms Masquerade/Lane, Roxann
 2/3 CRR Boot Scootin/Roper-Dashner, Sharon
 3/2 Nadrah/Gist, Wende
 P SA Harolds Honey/Combs, Janna
 P Ros Jabez/Dashner, Dave

Open Junior

1/1 Hank/Winter, Morgan

2/2 Red/Combs, Alexis

Open DO

Kenlyn Irish Rose/Young, Jane
 LER PP Chanz/Richards, David

Novice Heavyweight

1/2 Too Cool Krymsun/Auer, Beth
 2/4 Levi/Morgan, Dayna
 3/ Showboat Cheyenne/Conne, Linda
 4/6 Thunder/Lewis, Donna
 5/5 La-da-de/Kirn, Patty
 6/1 My Mojo/Milewski, Teresa
 /3 Trigger's All Distance T/Daney, Devon
 Rainbow's Merry Robbie/Williams, Cynthia
 P Dixie's Rowdy Rambler/Judson, David
 P Tornado/Bishop, Stephen

Novice Lightweight

1/5 Clover's Prize/Beyerle, Tammy
 2/1 RR Skye Robyn/Chaffee, Diane
 3/3 Sunrise's Buenos Dias/Adair, Amelia
 4/ Just Say Zip/Shelton, Natalie
 5/6 Earl Gray/Lester, Merry
 6/2 Buffnugget G./Haltermann, Susan
 /4 Indy/Dandy, Donna
 Badger/Olson, Calleen

Novice Junior

1/1 Ruby Red Slippers/Hein, Liza
 2/2 Gypsy/Duplantier, Grace

Novice DO

AMightyAphrodite/Chamberlain, Huntley
 P Grace/McMullen, Cindy

Competitive Pleasure

1/ Babydolls Spotted Man/Miller-Inman, Linell
 2/6 Summer/Wolgram, Betty
 3/ BHR Hosans Prophet/Heniser, Vicki
 4/3 The Missouri Reverend/Wingle, Diane
 5/2 Nathan Arizona/Sims, Beth
 6/1 EHF Miss Charming/Johnson, Donna
 /5 Talk Til Midnight/Gunckel, Kay
 /4 Layla CBA/Shanor, Kathy
 Slicks Bar-B-Doll/Overholt, Dee
 Nottingham's Mystic Prince/
 Vasquez, Louise
 Kashmirii Fadmar/Hansford, Bobbi
 Zanie's Sensational Spring/Lynch, Lesly
 SAS's Aussie/Walls, Sharyl

Competitive Pleasure DO

P Rock'n E.z. Rey/Sims, Jerry

Tarryall River Romp A

8/17-18/2013 Region 3-CO
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 45
 Chairs: Susan Peters and Pam Galchutt
 Judges: Carrie Porter DVM, Kim Cowart,
 Sarah Rinne(Apprentice)
 CP Combo- Nathan Arizona/Sims, Beth
 Novice Sweepstakes: My Mojo/
 Milewski, Teresa-99
 Open Sweepstakes: Awesomes Fire N Ice/
 Wolgram, Ken-100

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken
 2/2 Touch's Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary
 3/5 Mariah/Wingle, Bill
 4/3 Magical Serenade/Halligan, Sherri
 5/4 Peanut/Baker, Matt

Open Lightweight

1/1 Princess Dina/Payne, Debbie
 2/2 Phantoms Masquerade/Lane, Roxann
 3/3 Slicks Bar-B-Doll/Wingle, Diane

Open Junior

1/1 Hank/Winter, Morgan
 2/2 Red/Combs, Alexis

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 My Mojo/Milewski, Teresa
 2/ Ford Mustang/Shoopman, Dan
 3/5 Levi/Morgan, Dayna
 4/6 Big Mac's My My/Wylie, Karen
 5/4 La-da-de/Conne, Linda
 6/ Fannie/Bishop, Stephen
 /2 Thunder/Lewis, Donna
 /3 Girls Rule/Kirn, Patty
 MSA Chloe/O'Brien, Wava
 P Dixie's Rowdy Rambler/Judson, David

Novice Lightweight

1/3 Indy/Dandy, Donna
 2/1 RR Skye Robyn/Chaffee, Diane



L. To R. - Susan Peters, Kim Cowart,
 Sarah Rinne, and Cecelia Hurlburt at the
 Tarryall Ride

3/6 Badger/Olson, Calleen
 4/2 Buffnugget G./Haltermann, Susan
 5/4 Tosca/Black, Tracy
 6/5 Rocky Top II/Koons, Pam
 August/Spikker, Ingrid
 P CC/Lawson, Elizabeth

Novice Junior

1/1 Ruby Red Slippers/Hein, Liza Jane
 2/3 Kokopelli Moon/Brooker, Natalie
 3/2 Becky/Kohlman, Mekayla
 4/4 Ting/Watson, Raina

Competitive Pleasure

1/2 Nathan Arizona/Sims, Beth
 2/3 Summer/Wolgram, Betty
 3/ Babydolls Spotted Man/Miller-Inman, Linell
 4/6 DJ Maverick/Lysinger, Patricia
 5/ BHR Hosans Prophet/Heniser, Vicki
 6/5 Travelin' Ziggy/Colby, Lou Ann
 /1 Stormy White Magic/Vasquez, Louise
 /4 Talk Til Midnight/Gunckel, Kay
 Kashmirii Fadmar/Hansford, Bobbi

Ros Jabez/Dashner, Dave
 P Shiraz/Thearin, Dianna

Competitive Pleasure DO

Rock'n E.z. Rey/Sims, Jerry
 SAS's Aussie/Walls, Sharyl

Tarryall River Romp B

8/18/2013 Region 3-CO
 B-N Total Riders: 4
 Chairs: Susan Peters and Pam Galchutt
 Judges: Carrie Porter DVM, Kim Cowart,
 Sarah Rinne(Apprentice)
 Novice Sweepstakes: Sahara Summer/
 Conley, Gillian-98

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 TRE Solaris/Alexander, Scott

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Fancy Affaire/Petrick, Haylie
 2/2 Lindy/Alexander, Kate

Novice Junior

1/1 Sahara Summer/Conley, Gillian



Beth Sims and Nathan Arizona, Tarryall Ride

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Ride Results

Region 4

Indian Territory

5/25-26/2013 Region 4-OK

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 41

Chair: Shirley Brodersen

Judges: Mike Bridges DVM, Patsy Conner

CP Combo: Moon's Movin' Out/Hagler, Linda

Novice Sweepstakes: Buck/Shenkir, Marjorie-97

Open Sweepstakes: Diamond's Sassy Stockings/
Keene, James-99

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Diamond's Sassy Stockings/Keene, James

2/2 Marquismischief/Jewell, Jonni

3/3 Tsunami SPR/Paul, Kathryn

4/5 First Rayt Investment/Gould, Larry

5/4 Nikita's Chilli Sensation WH/
Hinkebein, William

Open Lightweight

1/2 Hes a Rockstar/Van Order, Barbie

2/1 Heza Trouble Makin' Buddy/Hapgood, Kris

3/4 Punky/Prusak, Deanne

4/5 Bar Sand Britches/Swindle, Levona

5/3 NH Muscats Jewel/Swiss, Elaine

P Talib Encore/Rogers, Becky

Novice Heavyweight

1/6 Buck/Shenkir, Marjorie

2/5 Sunny/Thomason, Tammy

3/ Gold Rush's No Foolin'/Keizer, Colleen

4/3 Peddin' the Bucks/Hagler, Brenda

5/1 LuckyMan/Barton, Bobbie

6/4 Express's Ghost D/McCullough, Sharon

/2 Shania Love Bug/Hemphill, Jennifer

Chick Got Smashed/Morris, Allison

/DO Razmataz DBA/Bass, Carla Jo

/DO SA Najm/Ruble, Donovan

P Miss Roan Shosone/Cunningham, Monica

P Eli/Bomhoff, Carol

P Hesafleetforsure/Cole, Ann

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Tonto/Cleveland, Kayli

2/4 Foxy's Travelin Osage Moon/
Teeman, Karen

3/2 Fortuna PaintedMoon/Edmondson, Cheryl

4/3 Via Rhyder/Shiple, Lora

5/5 Mr. Zan Parr Doc/Owen, Kim

P Chili/Nunn, Rebekah

P CSS Risky Leo Iceman/
Dreadfulwater, LeeAnn

Novice Junior

1/1 Sailor Shooting Star/DePrisco, Elyse

Competitive Pleasure

1/4 Moon's Movin' Out/Hagler, Linda

2/5 Nellie's Last Tango - SC/Lucht, Becky

3/6 Cimmetry/Collins, Mary

4/3 WRF Starfire/Wills, Meg

5/2 LRR Matt's Buck Ledoux/Drumm, Jenny

6/ War Chick Joewood/Dunsworth, Debbie

/1 Chyna/Key, Corry

P NKR April's Jewel/Zimmerman, Betsy

P Wyntez Buddy/Roberts, Beverly



Elaine Swiss and
NH Muscats Jewel at
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Faye Whittemore A

5/4-5/2013 Region 5-AL
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 21
 Chair: Michelle Goza
 Judges: Natalie Goldberger DVM, Patsy Conner
 Novice Sweepstakes: Tex/Strider, Joanne-95
 Open Sweepstakes: Prime Sensation WH/
 Findley, Martha-97

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Goodnight's Masterpiece/Clayton, Gary
 2/2 Mary Jane/Ault, Carol

Open Lightweight

1/1 Prime Sensation WH/Findley, Martha
 2/3 Tommys Impressev Ace/Broughton, Regina
 3/2 Danamye/Diaguila, Esther
 4/4 Raisin the Roof/Daniels, Michelle
 P Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula

Open Junior

1/1 Flash of Lightening/Moulis, Jameson

Novice Heavyweight

1/3 Tex/Strider, Joanne
 2/1 Dusty Dawn's Little Lady/Lewis, Ray
 3/2 PH Twin Blue/Long, Amy
 4/DO Terradocs Oconee Belle/Kudra, Sallie
 5/4 Ledo Bright Prince/Atkins, Lucy

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Mariah's Secret/Riley, Leigh

Novice Junior

1/2 Forever Majestic/Moman, Hayleigh

French Broad Classic A

6/8-9/2013 Region 5-NC
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 22
 Chair: Julie Nathan
 Judges: Patrick Regier DVM, Cheri Jeffcoat
 Novice Sweepstakes: Rock It Man/
 Williams, Lori R.-96
 Open Sweepstakes: Preacher/Baldwin, Sara-99

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Preacher/Baldwin, Sara
 2/2 Goodnight's Masterpiece/Clayton, Gary
 3/3 Mary Jane/Ault, Carol

Open Lightweight

1/1 Prime Sensation WH/Findley, Martha
 2/2 Scatoaks Major Jake/Hall, Julie
 P Raisin the Roof/Daniels, Michelle

Open Junior

1/1 Flash of Lightening/Moulis, Jameson

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Rock It Man/Williams, Lori R.
 2/2 Bullet's Bazooka Joe/Shrum, Judith
 3/3 Sabreur's Chase/Brower, Pete
 4/4 Santana/Mulligan, Jennifer

Novice Lightweight

1/2 Infamous to the Day/Price-O'Brien, Morgan
 2/3 Cinco de Mayo/Maynard, Angela
 3/1 Alena Rae/Rogers, Andrea

Novice Junior

1/1 Ginger Snap/Maynard, Madeline

2/1 Dusty Nickle/Crutchfield, Julianne

Competitive Pleasure

1/2 OH Bogustus/Chapman, Carolyn
 2/1 Delight's Amber Beauty/Keen, Cindy
 3/4 Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia
 4/6 Heart's Desire/West-Pegram, Sandy
 5/3 RCC Follow Me/Jones, Debbie T.
 6/5 SCF Cindy Lou Who/Riddick, Keri

Faye Whittemore B

5/4/2013 Region 5-AL
 B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 8
 Chair: Michelle Goza
 Judges: Natalie Goldberger DVM, Patsy Conner
 Novice Sweepstakes: TwoBit/
 McCafferty, Misty-96
 Open Sweepstakes: Song/
 Ostrowski, Stephanie-96

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Song/Ostrowski, Stephanie

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 TwoBit/McCafferty, Misty
 2/3 Rain/Groves, Nancy
 3/2 Cody/Cunningham, Pamela
 P Mustang/Morrow, Gordon

Novice Lightweight

1/2 Captain/Cunningham, Julie
 2/1 Mallory/Miller, Elaine

Competitive Pleasure

1/1 Phoenix the Phenomenal/Dudek, Kellie

Competitive Pleasure

1/4 Dakota's Dark Knight/Hardin, Kathy
 2/3 Delight's Amber Beauty/Keen, Cindy
 3/1 SCF Cindy Lou Who/Riddick, Keri
 4/2 RCC Follow Me/Jones, Debbie T.
 5/6 Barbara's Joker/Cohen, Barbara
 6/5 Bailey/James, Trish

Competitive Pleasure DO

TR What's Smokin/Jones, Mark H.

French Broad Classic B

6/8/2013 Region 5-NC
 B-N/CP Total Riders: 9
 Chair: Julie Nathan
 Judges: Patrick Regier DVM, Cheri Jeffcoat
 Novice Sweepstakes: Chance/
 Games, Jacob-95.5

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Firlej/Simcox, Connie
 2/2 Gabriel/Crow, Emily

Novice Junior

1/2 Chance/Garnes, Jacob
 2/3 Linus/Gillogly, Meghan
 3/1 Kona/Peek, Matthew
 4/4 Naomi/Terry, Caroline

Competitive Pleasure

1/2 Barnabas/Land, Carol
 2/1 Song/Ostrowski, Stephanie
 3/3 Thee Vandal/Nielsen, Emily

Virginia Highlands A

6/22-23/2013 Region Five-VA
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 23
 Chair: Judith Shrum
 Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski DVM,
 Cheri Jeffcoat
 Novice Sweepstakes: Alena Rae/
 Rogers, Andrea-98
 Open Sweepstakes: Prime Sensation WH/
 Findley, Martha-100

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Mary Jane/Ault, Carol

Open Lightweight

1/1 Prime Sensation WH/Findley, Martha
 2/2 Nakota Bey/Buttrey, Marlene
 3/4 Scatoaks Major Jake/Hall, Julie
 4/ Nancy's Summer Dance/Sluys, Nancy
 5/5 My Noble Ambition/Rand, Lori
 6/ That's My George/Rand, Emily
 /3 Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara
 /6 Tommys Impressev Ace/Broughton, Regina
 Raisin the Roof/Daniels, Michelle

Open Junior

1/1 Flash of Lightening/Moulis, Jameson

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Santana/Mulligan, Jennifer
 2/DO Terradocs Oconee Belle/Kudra, Sallie
 P Captain Kune/Talbert, Ben

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Alena Rae/Rogers, Andrea
 2/6 Beau/Garnes, Sherry
 3/4 The Ebony Princess/Dold, Mary
 4/5 Infamous to the Day/Price-O'Brien, Morgan
 5/3 Lexus Golden Tie L/Dukes, Mary
 6/2 Paints All Colors/Davis, Sharon

Competitive Pleasure

1/2 Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia
 2/3 Oak Knoll Holly/Nathan, Julie
 3/1 Delight's Amber Beauty/Keen, Cindy

Virginia Highlands B

6/22/2013 Region Five-VA
 B-N/CP Total Riders: 5
 Chair: Judith Shrum
 Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski DVM,
 Cheri Jeffcoat
 Novice Sweepstakes: Texas/Murray, Alyssa-99

Novice Lightweight

1/2 Texas/Murray, Alyssa
 2/1 TN Valley Hotrod/Carlberg, Brittany

Novice Junior

1/1 Chance/Garnes, Jacob

Competitive Pleasure

1/1 CMF Halle/Hartness, Marilyn
 2/2 O.H. Perfect Storm/Murray, Andrew



Ride Results

Region 6

EKAHA Hill and Dale

5/18-19/2013 Region 6-KS

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 32

Chair: Mary Colby, Mary McDevitt

Judges: Patrick Regier DVM, Michael Colby

Novice Sweepstakes: Sun Rock Glory Blaze/
Bouska, Alan-98

Open Sweepstakes: Awesomes Fire N Ice/
Wolgram, Ken-99

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken

2/3 My Nightmare/White, Vickie

3/4 Nikita's Chilli Sensation WH/
Hinkebein, William

4/6 Shady Sunset WH/Powell, Todd

5/5 L.L.Remington/Marston, Marilyn

6/2 Frontgate Phoenix/Rinne, Sarah
Spot Me Wild/Sylvara, Karen

Open Lightweight

1/1 Rushcreek Bonita/Messick, Brenda

2/3 HS SF Remel/Hirsch, Lucy

3/2 Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna

P Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish

P ViKen's Bear A Cuda/Prey, Virginia

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Sun Rock Glory Blaze/Bouska, Alan

2/2 LuckyMan/Barton, Bobbie

3/3 KSP Dakota Rambler/Hanes, Pat

P Last Chapter/Platt, Amanda

P Fine Art Design/Harman, Audrey

Novice Lightweight

1/2 YM Midnight Angel/Jakopak, Summer

2/3 Tonto/Cleveland, Kayli

3/1 Touch's Lucky Strike/Licata, Mary

4/4 Dun Come Unzipped/Reynolds, Margaret

P Jordan/Beckham, Diane

Novice Junior

1/1 Risky Snickers Klamm, Jason

Competitive Pleasure

1/1 Didi Waa Du/McCoy, Mary

2/ Rushcreek Melady/McCoy, Gary

3/3 DJ Maverick/Lysinger, Patricia

4/6 Summer/Wolgram, Betty

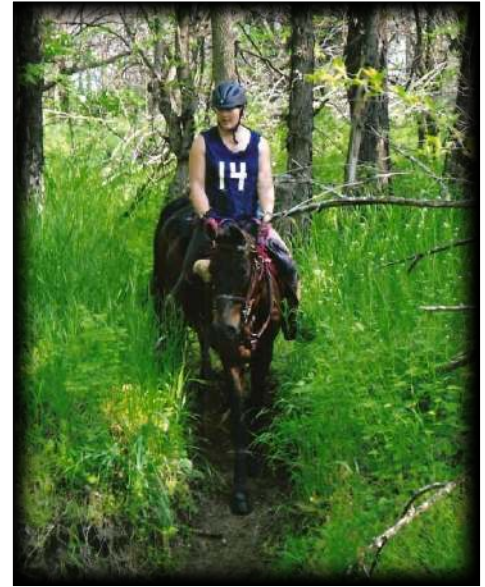
5/4 D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen

6/2 Mika/Parys, Shari

/5 Shadow's Dancer C./Nore, Robin L

Golden Mr Jet Charge/Stucky, Marla

P Smoky Hill Magic Gloe Willy/Klamm, Liz



Sarah Rinne and
Frontgate Phoenix at Hill & Dale
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Flying R Ranch A

6/1-2/2013 Region 6-MO

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 23

Chair: Katy Vernon

Judges: Patrick Regier DVM, Priscilla Lindsey

CP Combo: D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/
Altwegg, Noreen

Novice Sweepstakes: Sun Rock Glory Blaze/
Bouska, Alan-100

Open Sweepstakes: Nikita's Chilli Sensation
WH/Hinkebein, William-100

Open Heavyweight

1/2 Nikita's Chilli Sensation WH/
Hinkebein, William

2/1 Diamond's Sassy Stockings/Keene, James

3/3 Shady Sunset WH/Powell, Todd

4/4 Spot Me Wild/Sylvara, Karen

Open Lightweight

1/1 Princess Dina/Payne, Debbie

2/2 Punky/Prusak, Deanne

3/3 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish

4/4 Goodness Gracious/Childs, Maggie

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Sun Rock Glory Blaze/Bouska, Alan

2/2 LuckyMan/Barton, Bobbie

3/4 Chickory Dock/Koelling, Karri

4/3 Fine Art Design/Harman, Audrey

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Tonto/Cleveland, Kayli

2/2 YM Midnight Angel/Jakopak, Summer

P Little Jet Fuel/West, Sharon

Competitive Pleasure

1/3 Didi Waa Du/McCoy, Mary

2/2 D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen

3/1 Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Stich, Kay

4/4 Mika/Parys, Shari

5/5 Shadow's Dancer C./Nore, Robin

P Country Star Jet WH/Keller, Donna


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Flying R Ranch B

6/1/2013 Region 6-MO

B-O Total Riders: 2

Chair: Katy Vernon

Judges: Patrick Regier DVM, Priscilla Lindsey

Open Sweepstakes: HS SF Remel/
Hirsch, Lucy-99

Open Lightweight

1/1 HS SF Remel/Hirsch, Lucy

2/2 Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna



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