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President's Message

NATRC's annual national convention was successfully concluded last week, and I was once again reminded of a few truisms about our sport and people. One, when given responsibility for accomplishing a task—in this instance the convention—our folks not only accept responsibility but embrace it and exceed expectations. We had a great convention and owe gratitude and thanks to Region 4 and its superb convention committee.

These conventions and meetings inspire in many ways. Of course our awards winners inspire with their stories of success and the hard work necessary to get there. There is also the inspiration from educational offerings that NATRC'ers absorb and incorporate into their horse keeping and care. It is so very clear that regardless of what our individual thoughts are for what constitutes a proper "focus" for NATRC everyone's focus is ultimately on their horse. The soundness, condition, and physical well-being of our horses are at the very core of why we do this. We want to know we have the horsemanship skills and equine knowledge needed to help our horses, and ourselves, successfully accept the challenge of a competitive trail ride.

And then there is the satisfying and inspiring reminder of what a culture of service NATRC is. When doing team building within the National Board of Di-

rectors, we quizzed each other about why we were really on the NBOD. And you know what? The answer "to serve NATRC" was the common response. There are varying definitions of "serve", but some are "contributing to the welfare of others"; "to furnish or supply something needed or desired"; and "a helpful act". But oh my goodness the desire to serve goes so far beyond our officers. Look *what* Region 4's convention committee accomplished by the desire to serve. Look *what* our ride managers and judges accomplish by the desire to serve. Look *what* every volunteer, in any capacity, accomplishes by the desire to serve. The *what* here is the success of NATRC itself. NATRC is able to successfully provide a service (something needed or desired) solely because of the willingness of our members to serve (contribute to the welfare of others or perform a helpful act). You folks inspire me!

It is easy to get caught up in the time consuming details of managing, and so it is with NATRC's Strategic Planning. I can raise my hand high to the sky and confess this to be true. While gathering information to further the success of NATRC and help guide our good ship, I have once again been reminded that not only does NATRC foster a culture of service, but we have a culture of deep emotional investment. Every person who

makes comment about our sport does so with a sincere desire for one goal—the continuation and success of NATRC. Our ideas on how to reach that goal may differ, but if we calmly focus on our common interest's and accept

our shared responsibility for NATRC's future we will succeed. Each of us that are members of NATRC right now, in 2014, share responsibility for what happens next. As the year progresses and our 5 year Strategic Plan continues to be refined and then implemented please remember that everyone's input is relevant, everyone's input is appreciated, and everyone's input will be considered. So, set your GPS, or whatever navigation device you use to the destination 2061. That's the year NATRC will celebrate 100 years, and our willingness to serve now will guarantee a fun, educational, challenging, and successful journey.



Elsewhere within this *Hoof Print* you

will find proposed rule changes that would take effect in 2015. Between now and our July NBOD meeting each director will be gathering input on these proposals from their respective regions. In July we will refine/reword language if needed and decide whether to continue discussions with our members before a final vote by the NBOD in November. All of these proposals need input from the membership. The proposals regarding Novice/C/P awards and recognition and makeup of the C/P division have arisen out of input from the membership of NATRC. What we are hearing is that you feel there can be more than one path to success and recognition within NATRC without diluting the competitive nature of our sport. Out of your input and concerns come these proposals. Please share your thoughts. Happy Trails to you all.

Respectfully submitted,
Kim A. Cowart
President, NATRC

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- Substantiating information before giving an opinion
- Being kind and courteous to others

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Dr. Bob Goulding, D.V.M.

1922 - 2014

Dr. Bob Goulding's father raised Arabian horses. Born in Sacramento, Bob spent time as a child with his mother at a cousin's cattle ranch in the Sierra Mountains in northern California. He started working in the hay fields for \$1.25 per day at the age of eleven. He loved ranching life so much that he went to veterinary school so he would be able to take care of his own livestock. Bob started ranching and raising a family in Modoc County in northeastern California in the 1950's. He owned a private veterinary practice and then held a long career with the State of California in the Bureau of Animal Health's Horse Program.

Bob would go along as just a "dad" when one of his daughters rode in hunter-jumper classes and endurance rides. When he accompanied her to a competitive trail ride on Mt. Diablo, Dr. Bob was put into service by helping the ride veterinarian do the P&R's. So, as luck would have it, Bob was there when NATRC had their first BOD meeting in 1961. One of the men there at that meeting was the owner of Cardinet Candy Co., maker of Uno candy bars, George Cardinet. George, along with his son, also George (then in veterinary school), Robert E. Graham, DVM, Murray E. Fowler, DVM, and Everett Bellani signed the first bylaws.

In the words of Joan Throgmorton, "Our founding fathers established in 1961 a set of rules, aims, articles of incorporation and by-laws that were so sound in concept and principle that very little

change has been needed over the years."

Bill Throgmorton was still in veterinary school at the time NATRC was officially founded. By the time he was out of school, Joan was the national secretary, and Bill jumped in with both feet. Other veterinarians joining the scene early on included Hank Cook and Dick Barseleau. Murray



Fowler wrote a lot of the early NATRC judging material. He'd then give it to Dr. Bob who'd add some and type it up on a portable typewriter.

Bob was also involved with the famous Tevis Cup endurance ride, serving as head veterinarian, and other endurance rides. For him, NATRC and AERC were almost intertwined. The first ride he judged was put on by the Dusty D Saddle Club at Lake Beryessa. Bob Bushnell was the other veterinarian, and together they judged 25 riders. He judged an entire ride near Grand Junction one time on horseback, using a horse loaned

to him by Bruce Lee. If he wasn't judging as a veterinarian, Bob might be judging horsemanship or serving as ride steward.

Bob was one of the original Pony Express riders for the Centennial Pony Express Re-ride, riding from Phillips Station to Strawberry Station in the Sierra Nevada Mountains on what is now Highway 50. He also served as Wagonmaster for the Kit Carson Mountain Men Annual Wagon Train from South Lake Tahoe to Placerville. He believed in sharing the benefits of his experiences with NATRC.

Dr. Bob represented Region 1 on the NBOD, served as co-chair of the Judges Committee and was on the Region 1 BOD for several terms. He and his wife, Charlotte, were generous supporters and opened their home to host Region 1 BOD meetings. The Jim Menefee Honorary Lifetime Membership Award was granted to Dr. Bob in 2001 in appreciation for his dedication and service.

Dr. Bob was known as one of the fairest judges and was right on with his judging calls. One of his greatest attributes was his patience and understanding with the Novice riders. After Dr. Bob retired from judging in 2008, he continued to serve on the Judges Committee until his death.

In the words of Mike Peralez, DVM, Dr. Bob was a terrific judge, veterinarian and man. NATRC would not be the organization it is today without the long, hard work of him and a handful of his Northern California friends.



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2013 Jim Menefee Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award

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Paula Riley

Paula Riley has been and continues to be a pivotal figure for NATRC nationally, Region 4 and Region 5.

Paula has served as Ride Secretary, P & R Chair, Safety Coordinator and Trail Master for countless competitions. She's been the Ride Manager for six competitions and co-managed three with more on the agenda for 2014. She always goes above and beyond as a ride manager. In October 2013, she co-managed the brand new Shoal Creek CTR at Talladega National Forest and successfully relocated the competition with a week's notice due to the government shut down. Paula also includes extra fun events at her competitions such as scavenger

hunts or poker runs. She also openly offers to mentor 1st-time ride managers and has built a Ride Management Binder to assist new managers. Paula loves to scout out and assist in creating new rides, which keeps the Region 5 schedule fresh and interesting.


For the past 10 years, many clinics and saddle clubs have featured Paula's Power Point presentation, "An Intro into NATRC" which she offers out to anyone interested. At the Faye Whittemore CTR in May 2013, Paula and her mare Coco took a terrible fall and Paula was hospitalized. However, she was on the phone and conducting NATRC business the day she arrived home without even

mentioning to unknowing folks that she'd been injured.

For Region 4, Paula assisted in writing the by-laws and served on the board, including the positions of President and Vice-President. For Region 5, Paula currently serves on the board as Vice-President and coordinates the mini-conventions. Nationally, she has served on the Judges' Committee, Region 4 Alternate, the Protest Committee, and Drug Committee.

After hearing of all of these efforts, you wouldn't expect Paula to have the time or energy to be a competitor as well . . . you'd be wrong. Paula has gained an impressive resume since beginning her NATRC career in the mid-80's. She's obtained 12 National Championships on 2 different horses. Her current mare, Coco, owns 10 of those and also won President's Cup in 2004. Paula routinely places nationally in both conditioning and horsemanship. She has won sweepstakes in conditioning 22 times and placed 1st in conditioning 33 times with 37 1st places in horsemanship. This all adds up to 12,000+ miles in competition, mostly in the Open division.

The 400 word limit for this bio only allows for the citing of Paula's official contributions to NATRC. Another 10,000 words is needed to completely express how much Paula lives, breathes, and rides NATRC.



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Paula's Acceptance Speech

Look around this room and see many, many people who have accomplished much more in this sport than I have.

And I think of all the accomplishments of others, not currently in this room.

These people are much more worthy of this recognition than I am.

For when I think of my accomplishments in NATRC, I think of...

- Riding through herds of mustangs at Blazing Saddles Ranch.
- Watching the sun come up across the plains at LBJ Grasslands.
- Gazing at the mountains through the mist while riding the Edge of the Smokes.
- Riding through fields of spring flowers in Indian Territory.
- Opening and closing the gate at Biltmore on a loose rein.
- Racing for the finish line in Kiamichi country.

- Accepting the challenge of riding in a Land Between the Lakes.
- Picking our way down an Arkansas mountain trail that had become a waterfall in flooding rains.
- Riding through exotic, African wildlife at Sawdust Ranch.
- Feeling 'King of the Mountain' when I reached the pinnacle of the Virginia Highlands - and could see the world laid out all around me.

- I got to have Christmas in the Pines and survived the Heat 'em Up in July.

All while enjoying the fellowship and love from friends and competitors (which were often one in the same.)

You taught me how to become a better horse person thus enabling my horse to become a better trail partner.

And this was put to the ultimate test last May when in an emergency she responded instantly to the touch of my hand and a cue to back up and wait.

You were there to care for me when I fell – and you continued to care for me from the Trauma Center to doctor after doctor.

Your well wishes and prayers helped get me back in the saddle.

You patiently gave me gentle guidance, acceptance and love, which taught me to be more patient, accepting, and loving.

I am humbled and honored that you feel strongly enough of my accomplishments to have selected me to receive this recognition.

I thank you from the bottom of my heart.



National Appreciation

Jerry Sims – Region 3

Mr. Jerry Sims has become an important member of NATRC on all levels and in all aspects of the sport and organization. Although Jerry did have some experience with horses as a youth, he did not again become involved with horses until a friend with horses invited him and his wife Beth to go riding in the year 2000. Beth warned him that if they did this she would want them to own and ride horses themselves. Although this was fair warning, it maybe should have been reversed because it was Jerry who rapidly became very involved in riding and then soon with NATRC.

Not content with riding alone, Jerry became involved in ride management. Jerry decided to work toward becoming a Horsemanship Judge for NATRC in 2010. As with all his efforts, he worked diligently on this goal and became a Judge in 2012.

In 2006, Jerry was elected to the Region 3 Board of Directors, became President in 2008, then elected to the National Board of Directors in 2012. At all times Jerry strives to make trail riding fun and educational. We are fortunate to have him in our sport.



**Jerry Sims and
NATRC President Kim Cowart**

Shirley Brodersen – Region 4

It has been said that “The human contribution is the essential ingredient of life. It is only in the giving of oneself to others that we truly live.”

No NATRC member has demonstrated this concept more perfectly than the nominee we present to you for this year’s national appreciation award.

Our nominee has been a member of NATRC for over 30 years, serving the past 10 years as both Region 4 Board member and Treasurer.

She served as Treasurer in 2006 at the San Antonio National Convention, and has been actively involved in every aspect of the planning for this year’s National Convention, serving as both treasurer and as an active committee member.

She Rode in the 1996 National Championship Challenge, taking sweepstakes, and has worked two other National Championships. She hosted the 2003 National Championship Challenge and also served as Trailmaster.

She has worked every position at Region 4 rides from Rules Interpreter all the way up to Ride Manager.

Most of all, our nominee truly loves this sport and has been a tremendous ambassador for NATRC throughout her time with us.

Thus, it is with great pleasure that we nominate Shirley Brodersen for a national appreciation award.



Shirley Brodersen

Cindy Keen – Region 5

Cindy Keen runs the Region 5 store and has put a lot of thought and effort into increasing the quality and selection of products. If there is a request for a new item at one ride, it’s guaranteed to be for sale at the next ride.

Cindy organizes the silent auction fundraiser at the Heart of Dixie competition. She actually raids Tractor Supply’s after Christmas sale and keeps those items for 9 months to ensure

there are lots desirable donated items for the auction.

She also manages the Region 5 Benefit Ride. Always open for feedback, she took the encouragement from her fellow NATRC members and changed both the location and date of the Benefit Ride starting in 2012. It is a huge success at Mingo Trails. Her #1 goal in hosting the Benefit Ride is to make sure her competitors have FUN!

Cindy loves this sport and understands the need to encourage new membership. NATRC will not grow or even continue to exist without new members! She is the back-bone of the Region 5 mentoring program. Cindy actually placed 1st in the nation in C/P in 2011 while serving as a mentor for every ride that year.

Cindy Keen is truly the epitome of a positive, contributing NATRC member.

Workers Hall Of Fame

Lory & Randy Walls – R2

Both Lory and her husband, Randy, give unselfishly of themselves to promote NATRC and the sport itself.

Since joining NATRC in 1970, Lory has helped out National and especially Region 1 and 2 organizations with her incredible energy and her huge donations of her time. She has held every ride worker position, except for Veterinary Judge, and has been a Horsemanship Judge since 1982. She is the current National Vice President and Region 2 Treasurer, having been a National and Regional Board member for many decades. And as if entering the ride as a rider isn't enough work, there aren't too many Region 2 rides in which Lory hasn't worked in some capacity AND been a competitor. She spends countless hours riding trails to ensure they are safe and accurately timed and often is marking trail while competitors are checking in. Lory has often hauled off to faraway regions to support our sport and enter rides or work for out of region rides as well. She is involved in many introductory clinics where she teaches people what NATRC is about and many new members have joined NATRC because of her efforts.

When Lory met Randy in 1984, his "NATRC life" started! Randy comes to almost all rides to help wherever he is needed. He has been a driver, the P&R captain extraordinaire, chef, timer, parking master and even mechanic. He has helped many people with mechanical issues; at one Region 2 ride, a competitor burned out her truck brakes coming down a steep hill into ride camp. Randy fixed her brakes over the weekend, while she was riding. Randy is a most welcome sight at P&Rs, often bringing watermelon, grapes and other goodies for horses and riders. And a raffle just wouldn't be a raffle without Randy selling the tickets! Doesn't matter what the job is, he is there to help.

They are the first to help without being asked. They are ready and willing to step up for whatever position needs to be filled, including providing food for dinner when ride funds were not available. And they always donate a huge amount of time to make sure every ride is a success.

Lory and Randy Walls are assets to the entire NATRC organization and we thank them.



Susan Peters – R3

Susan Peters has been one of the brightest jewels in the NATRC volunteer ranks for over 12 years. As she pulls away from her NATRC roles this year because of family health issues, the Region 3 Board of Directors agrees that it's very timely this year that she is nationally recognized for all of her leadership and hard work for our sport, both regionally and nationally!

She not only has held many positions but has been a tireless MENTOR to many, many other volunteers. Susan has always inspired us with her 'can do' positive attitude and warmth, not to mention her creativity and problem solving! And she never forgets to say 'thank you' and show her appreciation. It's time for us to do the same for her!

Here are just a few of the many efforts put forth for NATRC by Susan:

- Ride secretary for a number of years for numerous rides. Some of that was during her own personal challenges with overcoming cancer and chemotherapy, while holding down a demanding job and single motherhood.
- Involved and or headed up numerous NATRC promotional events and clinics. She has been instrumental in inspiring and bringing many new riders and volunteers to our sport.
- A Region 3 Director for many years including President.
- Served on the National BOD, including as chairperson of various committees and has spear headed several policy/rule changes, like the new portable panel option.
- Resurrected the historic Air Force Academy Ride.
- Helped start up and co-manage a new ride at Tarryall.
- Has consistently helped numerous other ride managers. She never said 'no'!
- As President of Region 3 in 2012, she spear headed numerous events, including running the Denver Horse Expo NATRC booth, and being the primary organizer for the National Convention in Denver in 2013.
- Has been a prolific contributor to our STIRRUP newsletter over the years.
- Has often picked up the pieces of unfinished 'jobs'. Her intelligence and managerial skills and ability to 'think on her feet' has saved many a doomed event when things took unexpected turns . . . she really knows how to put out 'those fires' and has done so many, many times.

NATRC has been very fortunate to have Susan involved in our sport in so many volunteer positions and over so many years. She is truly deserving of this National recognition!

Elaine Swiss – R4

Once upon a time, a new NATRC competitor got up in the middle of the night to give her horse some hay. She stepped from her living quarters to the horse compartment of her trailer and promptly, accidentally, locked herself in. Elaine Swiss curled up in the hay and went to sleep, dreaming of all the ways she could volunteer and work in her new sport of NATRC.

Elaine began volunteering as a judge secretary and soon began managing the Girl Scout Scamper CTR, benefitting the Misty Meadows GS Riding Camp. Then she started the Wimberley Wayfarer CTR and has continued to manage it ever since. Elaine initiated the widely popular 100% Club incentive program and established the Storm Ranch Versatility award, integrating AERC, NATRC and TTC venues. She schedules the R4 rides and calculates year-end placings and points. Elaine leads church services in R4, carrying on the tradition of Shirley Parker.

At the R4 conventions, her skill and wit as an emcee keep the program entertaining and on track. In 2013, the Swiss Ranch hosted the R4 convention where the local 4-H club was introduced to NATRC with a clinic. Then Elaine and Bill opened their home for an educational wine tasting with lovely food pairings.

Elaine Swiss has been a proactive NBOD representative for R4. As RI Chair in 2009-2010, she saw the need for improved information and detail in the RI reports. She started the practice of emphasizing this in letters sent to the RIs before the rides and developed a PP Presentation for regions to use in educating prospective Rules Interpreters.

In 2009, Elaine presented a Strategic Plan, a road map of where we are going and how to get there with specific goals as measurements. Quick to fill the voids she sees, she took on the job of soliciting advertising and sponsorships. By the time she took the office of Secretary/ Treasurer in 2011, she had facilitated the conversion from Peach Tree to Quick Books.

As Secretary/ Treasurer since 2011, Elaine has guided NATRC through some tough financial decisions that have taken us into a profitable state. Recently, she and Kim Cowart presented a Planned Giving and Capital Campaign.

When Elaine awoke, she yelled for help to be set free. Her dreams of working for NATRC with energy and enthusiasm were about to begin.

Elaine Swiss has done it all for NATRC.

Region 1 Awards & Appreciation

Novice Heavyweight - Sponsor: Region 1

1. YS Tyrone / pt / Davern Kroncke..... 40

Novice Lightweight - Sponsor: Region 1

1. Kat Man D / ar / Michelle Pimentel..... 55

2. 7th Heaven Star / mft / Lisa Fuller..... 35

3. Bodacious Tailfeathers / gr / Kaysha Egerer..... 24

Novice Junior - Sponsor: Region 1

1. Shayla / gr / Maleah Ikerd..... 58

2. Lola / gr / Kirsten Johnson..... 43

Competitive/Pleasure - Sponsor: Region 1

1. Hickory's Starlet / har / Ashley Dillard..... 93

2. Marilyn the Mule / mule / Joe Pimentel..... 80

3. HN Raina Bo Surely / gr / Haley Schlerf..... 78

4. OM El Shakeeb Dream / ar / Joe Dillard..... 66

5. OM El Bilbao / ar / Debbie York..... 56

Open Heavyweight - Sponsor: Lucie Hess

1. Amiraborr / ar / Gene Boicelli..... 72

2. Tango Sierra / mft / Laura Harvey..... 56

Open Lightweight - Sponsor: Lucie Hess

1. Desert Reinbeau / must / Angie Meroshneoff..... 83

Open Junior - Sponsor: Lucie Hess

1. Kaylee / gr / Karlie Johnson..... 73

White Dog Ranch

White Dog Ranch isn't just about white dogs. And Region 1 would be next to nothing without it.

- Angie Meroshneoff rides, is the force behind putting on two rides, marks and times trails, takes Juniors to rides, gives new rider briefings.
- Husband, Steve, chairs two rides, is often P&R Captain, drives a second rig to the rides, hauls water for in camp and on the trail, provides a generator.
- Sister, Maria - Ride Secretary for two rides/ year
- Mother, Catherine, helps with management duties, makes awards, made the ride bibs
- Haley Schlerf - one of Angie's students and Junior riders. Her dad, Brian, cooks at rides, does P&Rs, loans his truck to P&R crews. Her mother, Darlene, has stepped in as Ride Secretary, was the secretary for a clinic at the Benefit Ride, and organized the raffle at the National Convention in 2010.
- Karlie Johnson – another student and Junior rider
- Debbie Coe – competitor, safety rider, clinic ride mentor

- Suzanne Millard – judge's secretary and safety rider; husband, Russell Banker, rides safety
 - Ben Grasso – formerly a Junior rider – this year a safety rider
 - Pam Dorsey – rider; Bailey Dorsey – rider; Bob Dorsey - photographer
- All of them help mark trail and pull ribbons.

Come ride with us and learn more about Angie's white dogs.



Joe Pimentel, Comp/Pleasure

Linda Thomason

Linda Thomason has worn *many* hats for NATRC including that of Secretary for the R1 Mini-Convention in 2002 and 2003 and Chair in 2009, 2011 and 2013; Publicity Chairman including for the 2004 and 2010 National Conventions in Reno; corresponding secretary on the R1 Board of Directors, and Chair for the last three years.

Linda has driven hundreds of miles and taken countless vacation days from work to volunteer at our rides – as Ride Secretary, on P&R teams, as a Judge's Secretary, Timer and as Rules Interpreter. As Outreach Chair, she warmly welcomes new riders, answers their questions, offers suggestions and presents them with gift bags filled with goodies, purchased at her own expense. At the end of the ride day, she walks through camp with trays of cheese, salami and crackers for riders and workers alike. If the Judges and their Secretaries are still working on score-cards when dinner is served, she makes sure they have meals brought to them.

Whatever needs to be done for the Region or at a ride, she is there to do it . . . always gracious and smiling and always promoting our sport. We are enormously grateful for her and wish to offer her our sincerest thanks.

Gene Boicelli, Open Heavyweight, and Angie Meroshneoff, Open Lightweight and owner of White Dog Ranch

Region 1A Awards

Novice Heavyweight

No Region 1A Novice Heavyweight Qualified

Novice Lightweight

No Region 1A Novice Heavyweight Qualified

Novice Junior

No Region 1A Novice Junior Qualified

Competitive/Pleasure - Sponsor: Region 1

1. Filly / qtr / Stefanie Bergman.....	28
2. Rosie / gr / Pam Schamber.....	20
3. Future's Razzel Dazzel / tw / Natalie Luther.....	12
4. Merrylegs / poa / Cindy Luther.....	8

Open Heavyweight - Sponsor: Region 1

1. Genuine Arctic Attitude / tw / Barbara McDonough.....	8
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Open Lightweight - Sponsor: Region 1

1. Royal Prince Caspian / qrt / Jane Adkins.....	24
2. Willow Bey Star / har / Brenda Grogan.....	18
3. Flash's Gentleman Jim / mft / Donna Forrester.....	12

Open Junior

No Open Junior Qualified

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 Jerry Sims is going to CO!
 Mary Hanson is going to KY!
 Michelle Daniels is going to MO!
 Marjorie Shenkir is going to AR!

Congratulations to all of the winners. Thank you to everyone who supported NATRC by purchasing tickets, all of the ranches that provided packages and to Jim and Lin Ward for organizing the raffle. It was a great success. The new raffle, a Trailwise Pioneer model saddle, will be our 2015 raffle with ticket drawn at the 2015 convention. Tickets will be available soon!

PARTNERS



Region 2 Awards & Appreciation

Arizona Triple Crown Team

A team of five Arizona members worked tirelessly to put on three rides in three months as part of a plan to bring NATRC rides in Arizona back to the vaunted status held in the 1970s and 80s.

The team and the rides are:
 Ride Managers / Rides:
 Karen Kafka /
 San Tan Area Ride (S.T.A.R.);
 Cathy Peterson /
 McDowell Mountain (M&M);
 Kandace French /
 Bumble Bee
 Rides Secretary:
 Beni DeMattei
 Publicist extraordinaire:
 Cris Ballard, a new member,
 who is now our National
 Publicity Chair.

Two of them were new rides with new ride managers. They did this to create the Arizona



Beni DeMattei, representing the Arizona Triple Crown Team

Novice Heavyweight

1. Night Hawk / gyp / Sharon Noake.....	70
2. Holly / paint / Carol Evans.....	62
3. Medicine Wolf / aih / Susan Dreyfus.....	56
4. QCA Sonrey / ar / Becky Carl	32
5. Little Bit's Merry Lad / mft / Susan Beard.....	25

Novice Lightweight

1. Rio / gr / Jill Worley.....	44
2. Shiloh / qtr / Marty Fowler.....	22

Novice Junior

1. RA Chloe / ar / Caden Williams.....	26
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Competitive/Pleasure

1. Society Man's Sunny Boy / mft / Debbie Zinkl.....	52
2. Pride's College Boy / tw / Sherrie Bray.....	48
3. Smokey Sedona / mft / Karen Kafka.....	37

Open Heavyweight

No Region 2 Open Heavyweight Qualified

Open Lightweight

1. Kenya Riverlee / ssh / Lynda Sterns.....	21
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Open Junior

No Region 2 Open Junior Qualified

Triple Crown of rides. An award was given at the end of the third ride to the horse and rider team that completed all three rides and had the highest overall average score. There were 11 such teams to qualify. One couple from out of region even came to ride all three of the rides. The Triple Crown brought 17 first time riders and generated nine

new memberships. Also, there is buzz about new rides in Las Vegas, NV and Kingman, AZ that bloomed from the Triple Crown.

Next year the group hopes to entice the youth by offering an award designed just for them. The details are still being worked on.

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Region 3 Awards & Appreciation



Teresa Milewski,
Novice Heavyweight

Novice Heavyweight - Sponsor: Jenny Smith

1. My Mojo / gr / Teresa Milewski..... 102
2. Cadence / gr / Nicole Tucker..... 88
3. Thunder / gr / Donna Lewis..... 78
4. La-Da-De / aih / Patty Kirn..... 58
5. Levi / gr / Dayna Morgan..... 54
6. Trigger's All Distance T / mft / Devon Daney..... 51

Novice Lightweight - Sponsor: Jenny Smith

1. RR Skye Robin / ar / Diane Chaffee..... 94
2. Buffnugget G / mft / Susan Halterman..... 79
3. Indy / gr / Donna Dandy..... 60
4. Badger / othr / Calleen Olson..... 34
4. Rocky Top II / mft / Pam Koons..... 34

Novice Junior

No Novice Junior Qualified



Donna Dandy,
Novice Lightweight

Competitive/Pleasure - Sponsor: Jenny Smith

1. Nathan Arizona / rkym / Beth Sims..... 154
2. Summer / gr / Betty Wolgram..... 96
3. Turner's Wild Card / kym / Lin Ward..... 80
4. The Missouri Reverend / gr / Diane Wingle..... 68
5. Gen's Rockin Shadow / tw / Jim Ward..... 64
6. Danner / tw / Linell Miller-Inman..... 60

Open Heavyweight - Sponsor: Jenny Smith

1. Awesomes Fire N Ice / har / Ken Wolgram..... 112
2. Touch's Yeller Gold / mft / Gary Inman..... 100
3. Peanut / gr / Matt Baker..... 98
4. Mariah / gr / Bill Wingle..... 94

Open Lightweight - Sponsor: Jenny Smith

1. Phantom's Masquerade / gr / Roxann Lane..... 110

Open Junior - Sponsor: Jenny Smith

1. Red / gr / Alexis Combs..... 58



Alexis Combs,
Open Junior



Ken Wolgram,
Open Heavyweight



Betty Wolgram, Jim Ward, Beth Sims, and Lin Ward,
Competitive/Pleasure

Dee Overholt

Dee Overholt joined NATRC about 30 years ago and found it a wonderful fit for her competitive spirit and love of horses. She appreciated the emphasis on safety and the "natural" horse that can cover trails for two plus days without artificial supports or medications. She has been a faithful and active member, donating her time, energies and funds to promote Region 3 rides.

Dee has chaired and helped with many Region 3 rides filling vital positions as a volunteer. She competed with excellence and has a championship buckle and ribbons proudly displayed. She has recently reluctantly realized her age is against her for competition and has gone into semi-retirement, but don't be surprised to see her on the trails riding for completion points in the future. Trail riding and her love of her horses defines Dee, and she will ride until she can't climb into the saddle anymore.

This recognition for Dee is long overdue. She embodies the best of NATRC riders and has been a good friend to many fellow competitors. Dee is truly a magnificent trail rider and proud of her NATRC affiliation.



Dee Overholt

Region 4 Awards

Novice Heavyweight - First Place Ribbon Sponsored by Tanya Watkins

1. Buck / gr / Marjorie Shenkir.....194
2. Peddlin' The Bucks / tw / Brenda Hagler.....185
3. Express's Ghost D / mft / Sharon McCollough.....124
4. Blondie / gr / Tanya Watkins.....100
5. Juan Mighty Duker / paint / Yvonne Ambrose..... 82
6. Ellie / gr / Vicki Tharp..... 68



Marjorie Shenkir
Novice Heavyweight



Linda Hagler
Comp/Pleasure

Novice Lightweight

1. Cayena De La Madera Roca / pf / Teresa Musgrave.....126
2. Fortuna Painted Moon / ar / Cheryl Edmondson..... 86
3. Foxy's Travelin Osage Moon / mft / Rene Teeman.....60
4. Tosca / gr / Tracy Black..... 48



Brenda Hagler
Novice Heavyweight

Novice Junior

1. Opportunity Knox / kym / Madeline Martin..... 66

Competitive/Pleasure

1. Moon's Movin' Out / mft / Linda Hagler.....230
2. NKR April's Jewel / morg / Betsy Zimmerman.....192
3. Tribute To Liberty / har / Alice Yovich.....134
4. Cimmetry / ar / Mary Collins.....114
4. LRR Matt's Buck Ledoux / rkym / Jenny Drumm.....114
5. Nellie's Last Tango SC / mft / Becky Lucht.....100
6. Gorgeous Dixie / gr / Maggie Steinke..... 74



Betsy Zimmerman
Comp/Pleasure

Open Heavyweight

1. Marquisesmischief / ar / Jonni Jewell.....127
2. First Rayt Investment / har / Larry Gould.....120
2. Diamond's Sassy Stockings / mft / James Keene.....120
3. A Shirazz / ar / Yvonne Ambrose..... 50



Cheryl Edmondson
Novice Lightweight

Open Lightweight

1. Hes A Rockstar / must / Barbie Van Order.....233
2. RPH Queso / paint / Patti Hicks.....172
3. NH Muscats Jewel / ar / Elaine Swiss159
4. Heza Trouble Makin' Buddy / gr / Kris Hapgood.....138
5. Punky / gr / Deanne Prusak.....126
6. WH Picos Cozmic / ar / Shirley Broderson.....124



Alice Yovich
Comp/Pleasure

Open Junior

No Open Junior Qualified



Rene Teeman
Novice Lightweight



Larry Gould
Open Heavyweight



Barbie Van Order
Open Lightweight



Elaine Swiss
Open Lightweight



Kris Hapgood
Open Lightweight



Becky Lucht
Comp/Pleasure

Region 4 Appreciation

Becky Rogers

Becky Rogers began her NATRC career in 2002 like many; a friend asked her give NATRC a try. But unlike most others, Becky not only began to compete in earnest, she also began to volunteer with the same dedication.

Through the years, Becky has served as judge's secretary countless times at nearly every ride for nearly every judge in Region 4. It was Becky who took the role of Ride Manager for the Robbers Route CTR when no one else was willing to keep the 30-year-old ride going, despite living more than four hours away. She has managed Robbers Route for five years to benefit US soldiers serving overseas.

She has served on the Region 4 Board and has been the Annual Awards coordinator for four years, selecting unique trophies with the individual winner in mind. She also coordinated the Appreciation Award Nomination process for many years. Becky has designed and prepared the centerpieces for the regional conventions, each year more creative than the last.

Becky just completed her provisional judging assignments, volunteering her travel expenses to learn at out of region rides. Her integrity and thoughtfulness make her an outstanding recipient of National recognition.



Becky Rogers

Erman & Nettie Sands

Erman has always been involved with horses. Whether it was catching the wild ones or volunteering at a riding event. He volunteered at TEVIS for years before starting his work with NATRC. His knowledge of people and horses has helped to keep riders safe on our R4 Trails. He has volunteered with AERC, NATRC and TEVIS for 30 years.

Erman and Nettie have volunteered at the Robber's Route CTR for over 10 years. He worked highway crossings and drove the judges getting them to the best spots.

At Bigfoot Boogie Erman worked as Trailmaster. His knowledge of the area in Honobia kept the riders and judges safe and gave the riders a beautiful and challenging ride.

At the Last Chance CTR, he has volunteered as spotter, safety person at a road crossing and handled communication.

Erman and Nettie are no longer able to make it to the rides, but he still supports NATRC by always telling horse people about NATRC and how it can improve their relationship with their horses.

Erman and Nettie Sands have been friends of NATRC in Region 4 longer than most of us have been riding. We appreciate their years of work and dedication.



Alice Yovich

Alice Yovich came to Texas and to NATRC at about the same time more than 10 years ago, and has been a colorful force in both ever since. Alice has contributed to Region 4 in nearly every possible management role since 2002, including providing original music at church services. She has been a Ride Secretary several times, Safety Chair and rider, and judge's secretary for vet and horsemanship. When asked, Alice immediately accepted the role of Ride Manager for three different rides in two different locations, bringing new workers to her team while learning the ropes herself.

Alice coordinated the first ever National raffle for the 50th Anniversary Convention in Nashville, designing the tickets and publicity posters, and coordinating national sales. She has also served as the Region 4 New Competitor/New Member coordinator.

Alice is an ambassador for NATRC, recruiting both junior and adult riders including offering trailering and camping arrangements. Although she has run unsuccessfully for both national and regional Boards, Alice has never failed to give back to NATRC 100% which, when coupled with her years of volunteer service, is a reason to be proud she is a Texan and a NATRC-er.



Alice Yovich

Region 5 Awards

Novice Heavyweight - Sponsor: Wayne & Ginny Tolbert

1. Dusty Dawn's Little Lady / tw / Ray Lewis.....	184
2. PH Twin Blue / qtr / Amy Long.....	172
3. Rock It Man / mft / Lori R. Williams.....	94
4. Bullet's Bazooka Joe / tw / Judith Shrum.....	72
5. Mom's Classic New Harley / gr / Carnell Miller.....	70
6. Admiral / ssh / Margarita Duchesne.....	64

Novice Lightweight - Sponsor: Wayne & Ginny Tolbert

1. Mariah's Secret / gr / Leigh Riley.....	190
2. Alena Rae / har / Andrea Rogers.....	154
3. Lexus Golden Tie L / mft / Mary Dukes.....	100
4. Tri-Mi Dealers Choice / mft / Cathy Abbott.....	66
5. Infamous To The Day / har / Morgan Price O'Brien.....	54
6. Beau / gr / Sherry Garnes.....	53

Novice Junior - Sponsor: Wayne & Ginny Tolbert

1. Dusty Nickle / rkg / Julianne Crutchfield.....	52
2. Chance / gr / Jacob Garnes.....	28
3. Spirit of Spotted Allen / tw / Kathryn Heard.....	21

Competitive/Pleasure - Sponsor: Wayne & Ginny Tolbert

1. King's Lasting Legacy / qtr / Patricia Petelle.....	200
2. Oh Bogustus / ssh / Carolyn Chapman.....	182
3. SCF Cindy Lou Who / har / Keri Riddick.....	170
3. Delight's Amber Beauty / tw / Cindy Keen.....	170
4. Dakota's Dark Knight / rkym / Kathy Hardin.....	106
5. Heart's Desire / ssh / Sandy Pegram.....	101
6. RCC Follow Me / quarab / Debbie T. Jones.....	86

Open Heavyweight - Sponsor: Wayne & Ginny Tolbert

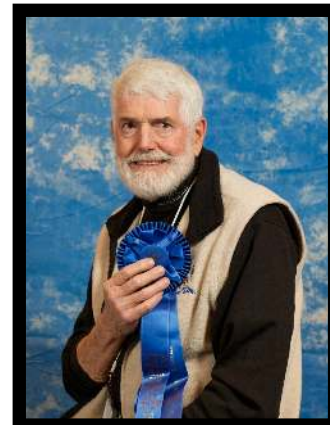
1. Goodnight's Masterpiece / tw / Gary Clayton.....	166
2. Mary Jane / gr / Carol Ault.....	80

Open Lightweight - Sponsor: Wayne & Ginny Tolbert

1. Prime Sensation WH / mft / Martha Findley.....	282
2. Tommys Impressev Ace / ap / Regina Broughton.....	152
3. Raisin The Roof / ssh / Michelle Daniels.....	146
4. Swiss Mocha / gr / Paula Riley.....	116
5. Loco Motion / gr / Sara Baldwin.....	88
6. Scatoaks Major Jake / morg / Julie Hall.....	80
6. My Noble Ambition / ssh / Lori Rand.....	80

Open Junior - Sponsor: Wayne & Ginny Tolbert

1. Flash of Lightening / ssh / Jameson Moulis.....	140
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Gary Clayton
Open Heavyweight



Jameson Moulis
Open Junior



Martha Findley
Open Lightweight



Paula Riley
Open Lightweight



Julie Hall
Open Lightweight

Region 5 Appreciation

Courtney Woodall

Courtney Woodall oversees the Region 5 Mentoring Program which she created in 2010 as a tool to encourage new competitors to NATRC. First-time competitors are paired with a seasoned NATRC competitor for their first competition. Prior to the competition, Courtney reaches out to first-timers and shares an assortment of helpful information for those who are unfamiliar with NATRC. The content includes a "Judges Cheat Sheet," "A Suggested Gear List," "An Intro into NATRC" document, the "Ride Description," a "Region 5 Schedule," and links to YouTube videos explaining NATRC and the Vet-in process. Newbies are recognized all weekend and are given a special t-shirt and fan. Also, Courtney

hosts informational first-time competitor meetings which are held on Friday afternoon.

Courtney also created and administers The Region 5 Facebook Page. This tool is a support system and informational platform for NATRC members and non-members. Group members enjoy asking questions, picking up on tips and techniques, sharing photos, promoting NATRC rides, clinics and events, and simply staying connected between rides.

Courtney grew up in NATRC with her mom, and competed as a junior in the early 90's. She now competes in the C/P and Open Divisions and serves on the Region 5 Board.

Regina Broughton

When you mention Regina to anyone in R5, the first thing you will see is a smile, because everyone in R5 knows Regina. She is the one who will be there in any situation. She has worn many hats.

Regina has been with R5 many years. She has done many jobs.

She supports almost every ride. She has missed maybe a handful of rides since way back in 2004.

She is the treasurer, but before that she was the secretary; she has put on a very successful clinic that brought R5 more members; she has been secretary to judges; she has been secretary for a ride at Uwharrie.

Most of us have ridden with Regina. And if you have, I am sure she has made you laugh. She will make a tough ride so much easier.

She will be the inspiration for you to keep going, even when you feel like quitting. There have been many times that I have started out on a hot horse, ready to call it quits, and she would start talking to me. Telling me stories, making me laugh, and soon I was relaxed and so was my horse.

Thanks Regina.

Mike Daniels

Mike Daniels is a huge asset to the NATRC family. He is usually the P&R coordinator, but he will assist wherever he is needed. He makes ice runs into town for the camp, helps with tallying the score cards and putting the numbers into the computer, and always makes sure his workers have snacks and drinks.

The riders love to see him as they come into a P&R because he

has a welcoming and calming personality. Both rider and horse are benefited by his calm nature. Mike helps keep the riders calm so they can cool their horses, and the horses seem to relax when he is around. If he sees someone struggling he will step in to help however he can.

Whatever Mike is asked to do, he will go above and beyond what is expected of him.



Region 6 Awards



Alan Bouska
Novice Heavyweight

Novice Heavyweight - Sponsor: Region 6

- 1. Sun Rock Glory Blaze / qtr / Alan Bouska..... 178
- 2. Luckyman / mft / Bobbie Barton..... 78

Novice Lightweight - Sponsor: Region 6

- 1. Dun Come Unzipped / qtr / Margaret Reynolds..... 154
- 2. YM Midnight Angel / har / Summer Jakopak..... 100
- 3. Tonto / aih / Kayli Cleveland..... 88
- 4. Touch's Lucky Strike / mft / Mary Licata..... 70
- 5. Little Jet Fuel / qtr / Sharon West..... 48

Novice Junior

No Region 6 Novice Junior Qualified



Shari Parys
Comp/Pleasure

Competitive/Pleasure - Sponsor: Region 6

- 1. Mika / mft / Shari Parys..... 178
- 2. DM'S Eye of the Tiger / mft / Noreen Altwegg..... 156
- 3. Didi Waa Du (Lilly) / ar / Mary McCoy..... 98
- 4. Sir Timothy Gold APJ / mft / Tamara Andre..... 86
- 5. Golden Mr. Jet Charger APJ / qtr / Marla Stucky..... 84
- 6. DJ Maverick / mft / Patricia Lysinger..... 76



Margaret Reynolds
Novice Lightweight

Open Heavyweight - Sponsor: Region 6

- 1. Nikita's Chilli Sensation WH / mft / William Hinkebein..... 142
- 2. Frontgate Phoenix / morg / Sarah Rinne..... 126
- 3. L.L. Remington / har / Marilyn Marston..... 100
- 4. My Nightmare / ar / Vickie White..... 80
- 5. Spot Me Wild / ap / Karen Sylvara..... 46
- 6. Shady Sunset WH / mft / Todd Powell..... 40



Noreen Altwegg
Comp/Pleasure

Open Lightweight - Sponsor: Region 6

- 1. Princess Dina / mft / Debbie Payne..... 154
- 2. Cito Mocha Raton / sp must / Trish Cleveland..... 134
- 3. Rushcreek Bonita / ar / Brenda Messick..... 78
- 4. HS SF Remel / hhaa / Lucy Hirsch..... 63
- 5. Winchester Charm / har / Mary Anna Wood..... 36

Open Junior

No Region 6 Open Junior Qualified



Sharon West
Novice Lightweight



Tamara Andre
Comp/Pleasure



Debbie Payne
Open Lightweight



Mary Anna Wood
Open Lightweight



Marilyn Marston & Sarah Rinne
Open Heavyweight



Trish Cleveland
Open Lightweight



Marla Stucky
Comp/Pleasure

2013 National Champions

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Region 1
None

Region 2
None

Region 1A

Indy's Midnight Sun..... Half Arabian.....Angela Smith, Lucie Hess,
Laurie Knuutila, and
Vicki Boicelli

Region 3

Awesomes Fire N Ice.....Half Arabian.....Ken Wolgram
Peanut.....Grade.....Matt Baker
Phantom's Masquerade.....Grade.....Roxann Lane
Touch's Yeller Gold.....Missouri Fox Trotter.....Gary Inman

Region 4

Kris Hapgood's blanket sponsored by Kim Winterrowd, Barbie Van Order's blanket sponsored by Alanna Sommer & Brenda Hagler, Patti Hick's blanket sponsored by Jonni Jewell. Jonni Jewell's blanket sponsored by Patti Hicks, Carla Jo Bass, Dolly Miller & Kim Winterrowd.

Diamond's Sassy Stockings.....Missouri Fox Trotter.....James Keene
Hes a Rockstar.....Mustang.....Barbie Van Order
Heza Trouble Makin' Buddy.....Grade.....Kris Hapgood
Marquisesmischief.....Arabian.....Jonni Jewell
RPH Queso.....Paint.....Patti Hicks

Region 5

All Region Five blankets sponsored by Wayne and Ginny Tolbert

Flash of Lightening.....Spotted Saddle Horse.....Jameson Moulis
Goodnight's Masterpiece.....Tennessee Walker.....Gary Clayton
Prime Sensation WH.....Missouri Fox Trotter.....Martha Findley
Swiss Mocha.....Grade.....Paula Riley

Region 6

Cito Mocha Raton.....Horse of America.....Trish Cleveland
Nikita's Chilli Sensation WH.....Missouri Fox Trotter.....William Hinkebein
Princess Dina.....Missouri Fox Trotter.....Debbie Payne



Laurie Knuutila, R1A
& Vicki Boicelli, R1



Barbie Van Order,
R4



Kris Hapgood,
R4



Paula Riley, Jameson Moulis, Gary
Clayton, & Martha Findley R5



Debbie Payne,
R6

2013 High Point Breed Awards & Sponsors

High Point American Indian
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Susan Dreyfus / Region 2

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Tommy's Impressive Ace
Regina Broughton / Region 5

High Point Arabian
Sponsored by **Arabian Horse Association**
Razmataz DBA
Carla Jo Bass / Region 4

High Point Half-Arabian
Sponsored by **Arabian Horse Association**
Awesomes Fire N Ice
Ken Wolgram / Region 3

High Point Morgan
Sponsored by **American Morgan Horse Association**
NKR April's Jewel
Betsy Zimmerman / Region 4

High Point Mule
Sponsored by **American Donkey And Mule Society**
Marilyn The Mule
Michelle Pimentel / Region 1

High Point Missouri Fox Trotters
All Sponsored by
Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Association
Overall

Prime Sensation WH
Martha Findley / Region 5
Region 1

None Qualified

Region 2
Society Man's Sunny Boy
Debbie Zinkl

Region 3
Touch's Yeller Gold
Gary Inman

Region 4
Moon's Movin' Out
Alanna Sommer,
ridden by Linda Hagler

Region 5
Prime Sensation WH
Martha Findley

Region 6
DM's Eye of the Tiger
Noreen Altwegg

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Marilyn
The Mule &
Michelle
& Joe
Pimentel,
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Movin'
Out &
Linda
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of the
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Altwegg



High
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Morgan -
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Jewel &
Betsy
Zimmerman,
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1000 Mile Horses



Red &
Alexis Combs, R3



He's A Rock Star &
Barbie Van Order, R4



Talib Encore &
Becky Rogers, R4

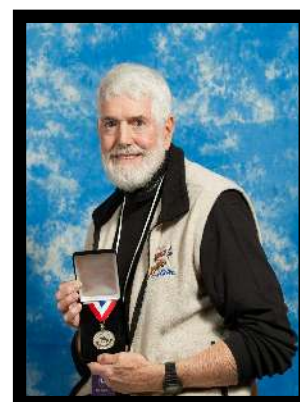


Flash of Lightning &
Jameson Moulis, R6

High Mileage Riders



Bronze Medallion
4000 Miles
Dolly Miller, R4



Silver Medallion
7000 Miles
Gary Clayton, R5

High Mileage Awards

High-Mileage Rider Chevrons & Medallion Awards

4,000 Miles – Bronze Medallion

Linell Miller-Inman / Region 3
Dolly Miller / Region 4

5,000 Miles

Lin Ward, Lin / Region 3
Roxann Lane / Region 3
Patti Hicks / Region 4
Lori Rand / Region 5
Vickie White / Region 6

6,000 Miles

Debbie Zinkl / Region 2
Gary Inman / Region 3
James Keene / Region 4

7,000 Miles – Silver Medallion

Gary Clayton / Region 5

8,000 Miles

Ken Wolgram / Region 3
Martha Findley / Region 5
Trish Cleveland / Region 6

9,000 Miles

Betty Wolgram / Region 3

11,000 Miles

Debbie Jones / Region 5
Paula Riley / Region 5

13,000 Miles

William Hinkebein / Region 6

14,000 Miles

Larry Gould / Region 4

High Mileage Horse Awards

1,000 Mile Horse Awards

Red.....	Alexis Combs.....	Region 3
Bailey's Angel Baby.....	Edward Westmoreland.....	Region 3
Danner.....	Linell Miller-Inman.....	Region 3
Peanut.....	Matt Baker.....	Region 3
Hes a Rockstar.....	Barbie Van Order.....	Region 4
RPH Queso.....	Patti Hicks.....	Region 4
Talib Encore.....	Becky Rogers.....	Region 4
Heart's Desire.....	Sandy Pegram.....	Region 5
King's Lasting Legacy.....	Patricia Petelle.....	Region 5
Flash of Lightening.....	Jameson Moulis.....	Region 5
PS Sabres Sun.....	Karen Everhart.....	Region 6
Princess Dina.....	Debbie Payne.....	Region 6
DJ Maverick.....	Patricia Lysinger.....	Region 6
Spot Me Wild.....	Karen Sylvara.....	Region 6

2,000 Mile Horse Award

Awesomes Fire N Ice.....Ken Wolgram.....Region 3

3,000 Mile Horse Award

Marquisesmischief.....Jonni Jewell.....Region 4
Tommys Impressev Ace.....Regina Broughton.....Region 5

4,000 Mile Horse Award

Phantom's Masquerade.....Matt Baker & Roxann Lane.....Region 3

5,000 Mile Horse Award

Prime Sensation WH.....Martha Findley.....Region 5

7,000 Mile Horse Award

Khapital.....Debbie T. Jones.....Region 5



Overall Competitive/Pleasure Awards

Horse

6 rides required

All ribbons sponsored by Trish Cleveland

1. DM's Eye of the Tiger/mft.....	Noreen Altwegg (KS-6)	98.080%
2. OH Bogustus/ssh.....	Carolyn Chapman (AL-5).....	97.826%
3. Nathan Arizona/rkym.....	Beth Sims (NM-3).....	97.654%
4. Kings Lasting Legacy/qtr.....	Patricia Petelle (GA-5).....	97.624%
5. Mika/mft.....	Shari Parys (NE-6).....	97.397%
6. Delight's Amber Beauty/tw.....	Cindy Keen (GA-5).....	97.358%



Noreen
Altwegg
&
DM's
Eye of the Tiger



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Horsemanship

6 rides required

First place award frame sponsored by Jenny Smith

Fifth place ribbon sponsored by Patti Hicks, all other ribbons sponsored by Trish Cleveland

1. Beth Sims (NM-3).....	99.278%
2. Carolyn Chapman (AL-5).....	99.117%
3. Shari Parys (NE-6).....	99.059%
4. Cindy Keen (GA-5).....	98.993%
5. Alice Yovich (TX-4).....	98.326%
6. Noreen Altwegg (KS-6).....	98.252%

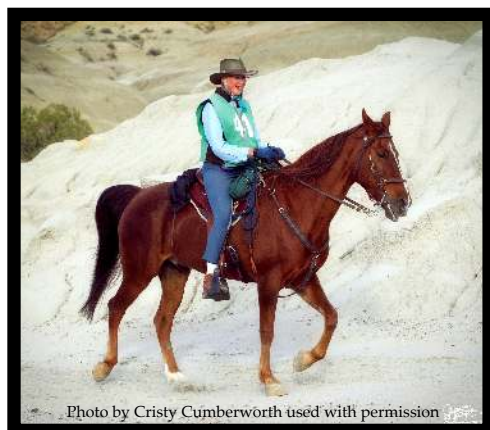


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Beth Sims
&
Nathan
Arizona



Overall Open Heavyweight Horse

Bill Smith Memorial

First place frame and ribbon sponsored by Jenny Smith
 2nd through 6th place sponsored by Kathryn Lewandowsky

1. Awesomes Fire N Ice/har.....	Ken Wolgram (CO-3).....	166
2. Diamond's Sassy Stockings/mft.....	James Keene (AR-4).....	99
3. Touch's Yeller Gold/mft.....	Gary Inman (CO-3).....	90
4. Goodnight's Masterpiece/tw.....	Gary Clayton (AL-5).....	86
4. Nikita's Chilli Sensation WH/mft.....	William Hinkebein (MO-6).....	86
5. Peanut/gr.....	Matt Baker (CO-3).....	76
6. Marquisesmischief/ar.....	Jonni Jewell (TX-4).....	75



Ken Wolgram

Overall Open Heavyweight Horsemanship

Bruce Becker Memorial

Ribbons sponsored by Kathryn Lewandowsky

1. Ken Wolgram (CO-3).....	154
2. Sarah Rinne (NE-6).....	102
3. James Keene (AR-4).....	87
4. Gary Clayton (AL-5).....	80
5. Matt Baker (CO-3).....	70
5. William Hinkebein (MO-6).....	70
6. Gary Inman (CO-3).....	68

Overall Open Lightweight Horse

Ribbons sponsored by Kathryn Lewandowsky

1. Prime Sensation WH/mft.....	Martha Findley (TN-5).....	142
2. Hes A Rockstar/must.....	Barbie Van Order (TX-4).....	127
3. Princess Dina/mft.....	Debbie Payne (KS-6).....	96
4. Cito Mocha Raton/hoa.....	Trish Cleveland (KS-6).....	91
5. Phantom's Masquerade/gr.....	Roxann Lane (CO-3).....	90
5. RPH Queso/paint.....	Patti Hicks (TX-4).....	90
6. Swiss Mocha/gr.....	Paula Riley (GA-5).....	84



Martha Findley and Prime Sensation WH

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Overall Open Lightweight Horsemanship

Ribbons sponsored by Kathryn Lewandowsky

First place frame sponsored by Wayne and Ginny Tolbert

1. Martha Findley (TN-5).....	140
2. Barbie Van Order (TX-4).....	106
3. Debbie Payne (KS-6).....	100
4. Kris Haggood (OK-4).....	99
5. Patti Hicks (TX-4).....	98
6. Trish Cleveland (KS 6).....	85

Overall Open Junior Horse

Ribbons sponsored by Region 1

1. Flash of Lightening/ssh.....	Jameson Moulis (GA-5).....	80
2. Kaylee/gr.....	Karlie Johnson (CA-1).....	45
3. Red/gr.....	Alexis Combs (CO-3).....	28



**Jameson Moulis and
Flash of Lightening**

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Overall Open Junior Horsemanship

Ribbons sponsored by Region 1

First place frame sponsored by Wayne and Ginny Tolbert

1. Jameson Moulis (GA-5).....	60
2. Alexis Combs (CO-3).....	30
3. Karlie Johnson (CA-1).....	28

Overall Open High Average Horse Bev Tibbitts Grand Champion Award

First place award sponsored by Wayne and Ginny Tolbert

1. Prime Sensation WH/mft
Martha Findley (TN-5).....98.876%

Finalists

2. Goodnight's Masterpiece/tw
Gary Clayton (AL-5).....97.731%
3. Princess Dina/mft
Debbie Payne (KS-6).....97.367%



Martha Findley

Overall Open High Average Horsemanship Polly Bridges Memorial Award

First place award sponsored by Patti Hicks

1. Debbie Payne.....(KS-6).....98.933%

Finalists

2. Martha Findley....(TN-5).....98.576%
3. Roxann Lane(CO-3).....97.172%



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**Debbie
Payne &
Princess
Dina**



Junior High Average Horsemanship & Junior Grand Champion Horse

First place award sponsored by Wayne and Ginny Tolbert



Flash of Lightning &
Jameson Moulis

Region 5

Jim Menefee Combined Horse & Horsemanship

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Awesomes Fire N Ice &
Ken Wolgram

Region 3



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Awesomes Fire N Ice Ridden by **Ken Wolgram**



President's Cup

Acceptance Speech by Ken Wolgram

I feel honored to be standing up here again on behalf of my incredible horse Awesomes Fire N Ice. Sometimes I believe I should have nicknamed him "Fire" instead of "Ice" because even though he has matured a lot the past two years, he still wants to pass every horse on the trail. However, he has become very secure and attentive and, at least 95% of the time, he's as cool as "Ice" with whatever the judges ask us to do. He is my partner in every sense of the word.

I always try to set goals for my ride season, and my goals have always been a team effort between my wife and me. My goal for the ride season in 2013 was really just to finish the Tevis with Ice again. Riding for a chance at the President's Cup did not enter my mind until late summer after the Tevis was over.

In order to have Ice ready for the Tevis, I decided to take him to Region 6 to ride in some warmer weather and then spend the last month conditioning in the mountains in Colorado at higher elevations.

Betty drove our horses to Kansas after the Pinon Mesa ride in New Mexico and spent a month in Kansas while I stayed home and worked and once again ate a lot of TV dinners. On my days off I flew to the rides and then flew home. I know that sounds pretty extravagant, but that way I could save my vacation days, and

working helped pay for the airplane tickets.

Nickers & Neighs and Kanopolis Canyon were held in "not so warm" weather, so much for the best laid plans. Erin Glassman offered her place for Betty and the horses to stay for the week between those two rides, and Betty was very grateful.

After Kanopolis, Betty drove to Paola which is only about five miles from Hill and Dale and stayed with Betsy O'Shea, a former and long-time NATRC member and competitor. Betsy had hookups for our trailer and a great pasture for the horses with knee-high grass for ten days. When I saw Ice at Hill and Dale, he looked like he had gained 100 pounds, but at least he had lost his winter coat.

A week later at our fifth ride of the season at the Air Force Academy, Ice stumbled going down a hill

on Saturday and was slightly lame on his right front. I chose to pull Ice from the ride so that I could give him some anti-inflammatories and wrap his leg and hopefully have him ready for Tevis in six weeks. Ice healed quickly and in three weeks I began increasing his workload doing hill work and interval training.

By Tevis, Ice was in great condition. Our Region 3 friends John Horne and Dianna Thearin offered to drive to California to help Betty crew.

For several years, Betty and I had gone to Auburn about a week early and stayed with our dear friend and NATRC horsemanship judge, Marilyn Hunter, but Marilyn had gotten extremely sick and had passed away in May. Betty and I were considering just going straight to Robie Park a couple of days before the ride when Marion Arnold invited us to stay at her place. She gave us a very nice paddock for Ice and electricity for our living quarters. There were several horse trails around Marion's place, and I was able to take Ice out for a ride once a day.

I was able to keep him loose and help him get adjusted to the heat and humidity which was way higher than that in Craig, Colorado. In the afternoons, Betty and I would go for a swim in Marion's swimming pool. We felt that we were in the lap of luxury there. We took Marion out to eat several times along with John and Dianna when *(Continued on page 34)*



Ken & Ice at the Dave Smith Fall Fiesta,
Lehigh, IA, Sept., 2013

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they arrived, and we all enjoyed listening to Marion's stories of all the endurance rides she had done over the years with her grandfather Wendell Robie, the founder of the Tevis ride.

When we arrived at Robie Park, we were able to locate a really nice camping spot close to the vet check and ride briefing. About an hour after we arrived, some folks from Texas drove up in a huge rig, and they spent over an hour just parking it. Then they fired up their generator and it never stopped running all day and all night Thursday and all day Friday. I finally walked over late Friday afternoon and asked them as politely as I could if they would please turn it off so we could get some sleep Friday night. They didn't seem too happy, but they did turn it off.

John and Dianna left Auburn very early Saturday morning in order to get to Robinson Flat around 6:00 a.m. to make sure Ice and I had a good crewing spot. Robinson Flat is a beautiful campground, but it is a very small area for 175 or more riders, their crews, volunteers, and spectators. When Ice and I reached Robinson Flat at 36 miles, we had made it over Squaw Valley and through the wilderness area unscathed in a little over five hours.

Tevis management had had problems for several years with having enough water for all the riders and horses, sometimes caused by the front runners' crews dump-

ing gallons and gallons of water on their horses to cool them down. To prevent this from happening again, they had the crews pump their crew water from a hand pump and pack their buckets up the hill several hundred yards to where their horses were. By the time Ice and I arrived, John looked like he had been working out at a gym for a couple of

tures were hotter than they had been in years, and in the bottom of the canyons the temperatures reached 112. Ice continued to drink well, and by the time we reached Deadwood at 54 miles, he was back to normal and eating well.

When Ice and I reached Forest Hill at 69 miles, John and Dianna were there to greet me, along with Betty who had driven our trailer down from the start. Everyone was very happy that Ice was cleared to continue on.

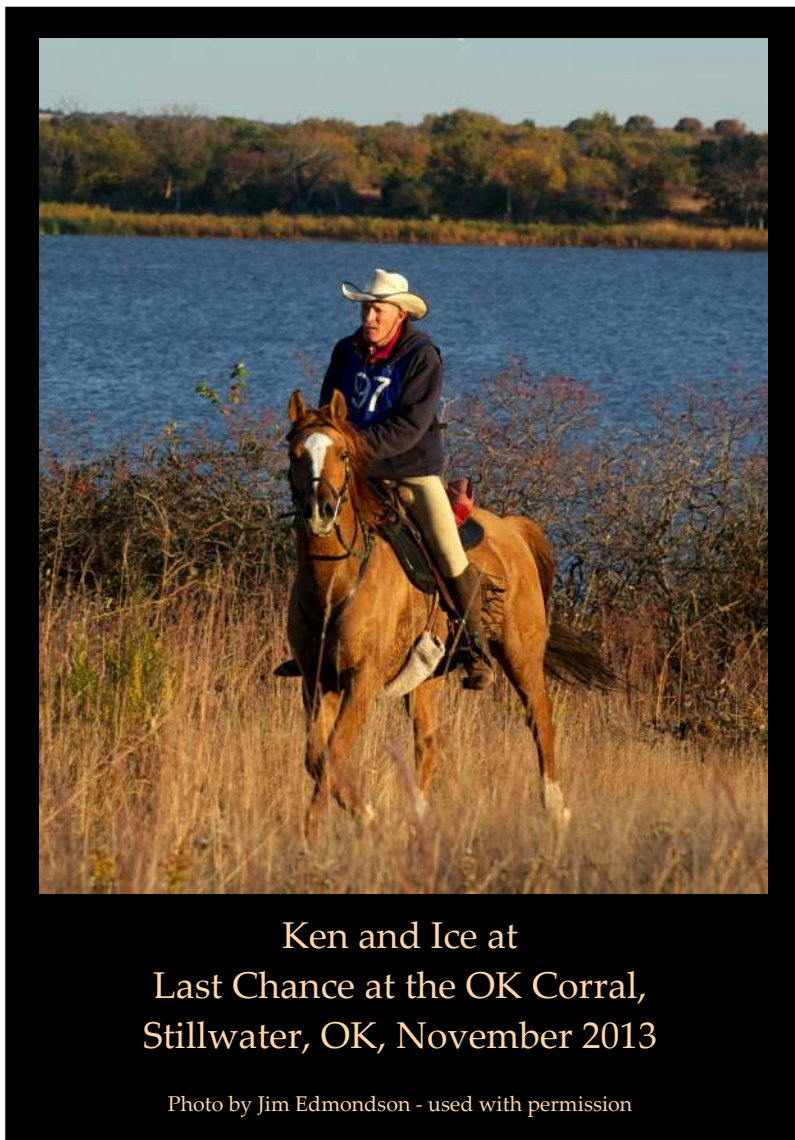
The vet did make note to watch Ice's left front as he was showing signs of being tender-footed. I discovered Ice had lost both of his front pour-in pads, so during the one-hour hold, I poured two new pads into Ice's front feet. With everything going on trying to get Ice ready for the last 31 miles of trail, my crew and I forgot to replenish my electrolytes in my pack.

On the way to Auburn from Forest Hill, I ran into a friend of mine and asked if he had any electrolytes that I could use. He said that he did and that he would give me some when we got to Francisco's. At Francisco's gate and go, Ice pulsed in and cleared the vet check immediately and we were cleared to go, but my friend's horse was not

ready, so I waited another twenty minutes until his horse was cleared to go. Ice enjoyed the chance to eat and eat.

At the Lower Quarry vet check six miles from the finish, Ice again was cleared to go immediately, but my friend's horse was inverted and the officials would not allow him to vet his horse until

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Ken and Ice at Last Chance at the OK Corral, Stillwater, OK, November 2013

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hours.

At the vet check at Robinson all Ice's parameters were good and he was drinking well, but his appetite was not good. Ice was eating a little, but he was not his normal self. He normally eats anything and everything put in front of him.

When we left, I slowed Ice down considerably. The tempera-

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the inversion was taken care of. He started putting water all over his horse which did lower his pulse and respiration, but when he went to vet in, his horse was called lame in the rear, and Ice and I were left on our own to finish. We finished in 23rd place and I was awarded my 5th Tevis completion. After the Tevis, Ice was allowed to rest and run around the pasture with his buddies for two weeks before his conditioning began for the remainder of the NATRC ride season.

Many of my fellow NATRC riders have told me they would love to ride the Tevis, but most of the time they say, "Someday." I would like to say, "Just do it." It is an incredible experience and it is a ride where you can put all the skills you have learned in NATRC to the test. NATRC riders have had very good completion rates at the Tevis.

Many riders have also asked me about what I do to condition my horse and I always tell them I believe in using a heart monitor. It is a very valuable and, in my opinion, an indispensable tool. An onboard heart monitor can tell you when you can speed up or when you need to slow down, and it can also tell you the early signs when your horse may be developing problems. So my question is "Why would you NOT use one?"

I once had a rider tell me that they did not need a heart monitor. They could tell what their horse's heart rate was from looking at his jugular vein. I am not going to deny this, but how can you easily look at a horse's jugular vein while you are riding him?

Most horses are working anaerobically when their heart rate is above 160 beats per minute. When a horse is working anaerobically, the heart and lungs are unable to supply enough oxygen to the muscles. The horse begins using oxygen that is stored in the muscle fibers, and fatigue starts to set in.

The method known as interval

training, which requires the use of a heart monitor, helps improve a horse's recovery. When you condition a horse this way, you want to find terrain that is physically challenging but not very technical. You want to work the horse anaerobically for two minutes and then allow the horse to walk or stop until the heart rate reaches 110 to 120 beats per minute.

I prefer to use hills to do my interval training. Then, when I compete, I try to keep my horse's heart rate below the 160 beats per minute, and I have had great success with that strategy. After the Tevis, the only ride we had in August was Tarryall in Region 3 Colorado, but starting in September, we traveled a lot. We first drove to Dave Smith in northern Iowa, leaving when I got off work Wednesday afternoon and getting back to Colorado Monday evening. Then we left three days later to ride Chokeycherry in Farmington, New Mexico.

After that, I took enough vacation around my regular days off so that Betty and I could enjoy driving together to the Region 6 ride NE-KOTA Turkey Trot in northeastern Nebraska and then on to the Region 4 ride, Robbers Route, in Oklahoma. But I chose not to ride Robbers Route when vet judge Mike Peralez thought he saw something going on with Ice's right front. The trails were pretty rocky in spots and the weather wasn't all that great. I figured it was better to let Ice rest because we had a long trip back to Colorado and a ride in our own region the very next weekend. But Rabbit Valley was canceled, and I chose to enter Indian Cave that weekend instead. It was the ride's 40th anniversary and the weather was absolutely

beautiful. Betty stayed home to rest up for her upcoming drive with the horses to the Region 6 Benefit Ride at Kanopolis and the final ride, Last Chance, in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Unfortunately, Ice came up lame at Last Chance, and I chose not to have him trot out for the final check-out, so he did not get a completion. An ultrasound done by our vet in Steamboat Springs showed no tendon damage, but there was some fluid around the check ligament. Possibly Ice struck himself somehow, but within a week he was sound. Ice has been happily eating and getting even fatter, spending all winter in a one-acre paddock with Summer as company.

All the rides we attended in 2013 were great, but I would like to give a special mention to the Region 6 NE-KOTA Turkey Trot. It rained hard all night Friday, and the hilly trails were extremely slick.

The ride management called us all together about 7 a.m. Saturday. They said that they were going out to make some changes, and that we would time out about nine o'clock. They

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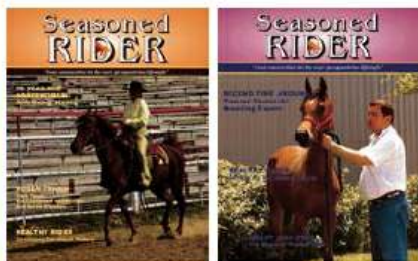


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would also like to thank Jenny Smith for sponsoring the Bill Smith Memorial overall high point Open heavyweight horse award, the President's Cup buckle, and all the National Regional Team Awards for Region 3. And Chuck Smith for sponsoring the President's Cup blanket and ribbon. Thanks to Cris-ty Cumberworth for taking the terrific photo of Ice and me at the Chokecherry ride where Ice won sweepstakes under Dr. Joe Quintana. I also owe another big thank you to Jonni Jewell for encouraging me again as she did in 2011 to go for the President's Cup.

If it was not for NATRC, I would not have the knowledge or the skills to take care of my horse or how to ride better in order to get my horse through the Tevis or win the President's Cup.

I know if he could, Ice would have enjoyed "Thundering Into Bricktown" with me to accept this award. So, thank you Region 4 for this wonderful convention and awards banquet.



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changed the trails, changed the ribboning, and adjusted the timing where necessary. They also posted extra people at places where they thought the riders might be confused by the changes.

I don't know how they did it. It must have been really stressful for them, but they never showed it. They did an incredible job. I know it would have been easier for management to cancel the ride or change it to a one-day ride and shorten the trails, but they wanted to give all the riders the ride they had signed up for, and they did.

This is the kind of thing that NATRC ride managers and volunteers do all the time to allow us to enjoy our sport, but most of the time their efforts are "behind the scenes." Telling them thank you for putting on a ride for us is all we can do, even though it seems like it's not enough.

To finish the Tevis this year and win the President's Cup and Jim Menefee awards again required a lot of help from my friends and my wife Betty. She has always supported all my accomplishments

with my horses, and she puts my goals ahead of her own.

I would like to thank Priscilla Lindsey, Erin Glassman, and Dave Kaden for sponsoring the Specialized Saddle. I have had a lot of success using Specialized Saddles exclusively for the past 9 years, and I try to "pay it forward" by helping those riders who ask me to help them with fitting and adjusting fit. I

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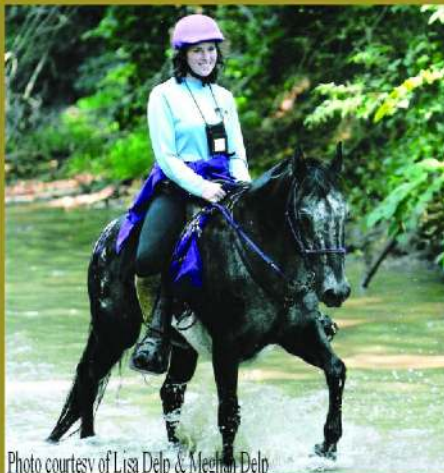


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RULE CHANGES FOR 2014 RULE BOOK

(Changes in bold)

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

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 for reweigh only.**
- 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.

2. Page 4-4, Section 4.D

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 **with the exception of the ride secretary** (i.e., ride chair, trailmasters, stable manager, judges, official timers, judges recording secre-

tary, 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.

3. Page 5-1 Section 5.B

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/stalls when "stallion" pens/stalls are provided by the CTR facility.**
 - d. Failure to comply constitutes a major rule violation. (See Rulebook Section 6.E.2.d)

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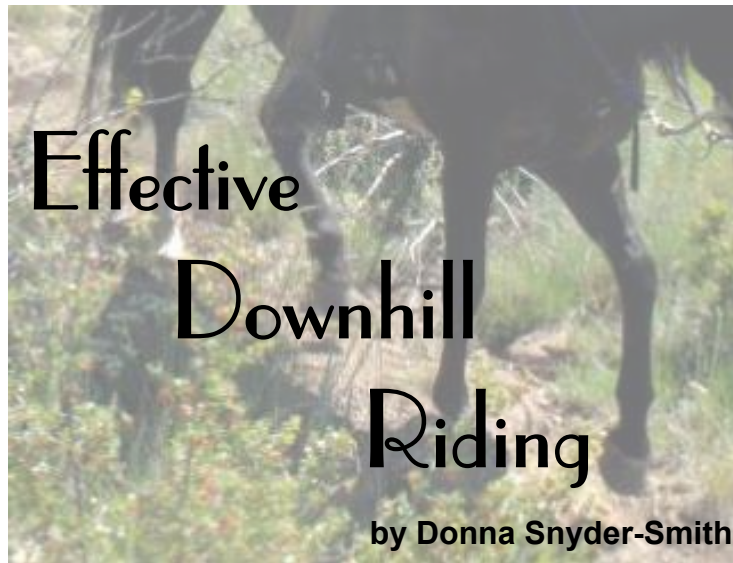
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Effective Downhill Riding

by Donna Snyder-Smith

the law of gravity. Whether the answer to this question is yes or no, depends almost totally on the *rider*, as it is the rider's ability to ride their horse in an efficient biomechanical manner downhill, which is perhaps the *most significant factor* in helping or hindering the horse in this aspect of any horse sport

its weight is falling onto its forehead — all deteriorative events.

While a rider's correct upper body angle (forward vs. backward) is of great importance in the equation of balanced riding and a horse's subsequent efficient movement, it is not the only factor. In order to position themselves in such a manner, the rider needs to address several items. The foot must contact the stirrup in a way which allows the toes to be higher than the rider's heel, giving the ankle and knee joints the ability to act as shock absorbers, flexing with every stride. The rider's knees jump upward slightly in an alternating manner with each stride, like shock absorbers compressing, as each of the horse's front legs strike the ground. The stirrup must be short enough to allow a platform for the foot to rest upon lightly when the ankle, knee and hip joints are flexed.

When the rider is positioned in this manner and his or her joints can work fluidly and freely, the feeling is one of "floating" around the horse's body, rather than of "sitting" on it, as a horse descends a hill at trot. It is both distinct and unmistakable and when combined with good mechanical execution (frame) in the horse, produces a remarkable ability for the horse to fly (no brakes, yet completely in balance) down hills in the lightest manner. In this state of freedom, you may notice that the interactive movements taking place between your body and your horse's body will cause you to feel as though you are on the ground, jogging down that hill yourself (only to a slightly less exaggerated degree, of course).

Posting or rising to the trot down a moderate grade is perfectly acceptable, but as the degree of incline and trot speed increase, the rider is better to free up the horse by assuming this half-seat position. Cantering descents are also best done in this position, with the exception that the rider's torso is held in a slightly more vertical line than in the fast trot.

There are two common mistakes riders make when attempting to negotiate descending terrain. One is leaning back. While this may seem logical, (it worked for the *(Continued on page 40)*

Competitive trail, endurance and eventing competitors have numerous things in common: each discipline demands exceptionally fit horses at the upper levels and all at some time or other require riding descending terrain at trot, canter or gallop. While the event competitor is seldom asked to ride steep down hill terrain for a prolonged distance, and seldom subjected to the types of "questionable footing" (loose rock, deep sand, and mud) which are frequently encountered as a part of endurance and competitive trail competitions, all of the competitors in these disciplines need to be intimately familiar with the mechanics of what is being asked of their horses, when such an effort is extended. Certainly, balance of both horse and rider will weigh heavily in the successful outcome of both an individual competition and a competitive lifetime.

Many riders grew up being admonished that when riding downhill, anything faster than a walk was both dangerous and injurious to the horse's legs. Can we change those rules and still avoid taxing our horses or pushing the safety envelope past the tearing point, or must we make sacrifices to participate in this sport, especially in the ranks? That is our question. The degree of descent, the footing, the length of descent, the horse's age, condition and degree of training all influence its ability to handle the challenge of descending terrain successfully. By "successfully," I mean in defiance of the old rules and

which involves traveling long distances across country.

To facilitate the horse's ability to utilize its natural ability of balance itself, a rider must be unlocked in their joints and position the torso in a balance over their base of support, i.e., their feet. This can only happen when the rider folds forward from their hip joint, bringing their upper body forward while at the same time, allowing their buttocks to slide back toward the cantle. Once in this position, the rider's weight is borne on the inside thigh muscles (without tension), a little bit on the gluteus maximus muscles (buttocks), with some being supported by the stirrups under their feet.

In this position, the rider "floats" down the hill with their horse, allowing the horse's energy to move up through their joints which act as shock absorbers, and through the rest of their body without resistance. This unlocked, "floating" rider position allows the horse (especially the muscles of its back) complete freedom, allowing the horse access to its natural, full range of motion, which includes the ability to put its hind feet well up under its mass to defend its front end against the impact shock resulting from the force of gravity.

Conversely, if the rider is mispositioned, (positioned in a way with interferes with the horse's necessary biomechanics even a little) tension is created in the horse. As a result of this limiting tightness (tension) in its muscles, the horse can be said to be "handicapped;" its stride shortening,

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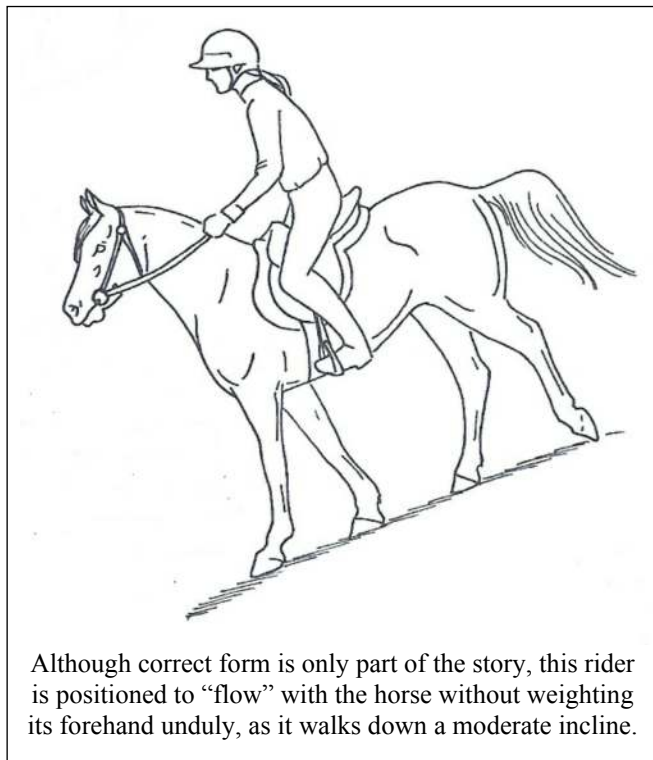
man from Snowy River didn't it?) the position forces the rider's weight to the rear, impairing the horse's ability to round its loin, engaging its stifles and hind legs. In order to carry its weight and the weight of its rider on its hindquarters, freeing the front feet to both reach out (length of stride) and land lightly (insuring long term soundness), the horse must be able and willing to place its hind feet deeply under its body when descending. A horse with more of its weight on the rear limbs than on the fore feet is both easier to control and safer to ride. It is in a better position to correct a "misstep" whether that be quickly lifting a front foot off a sharp stone to avoid a stone bruise, or lifting the foot out of a hole or depression in the path to avoid stumbling or a strained tendon. If the rider's weight is too far toward the rear of the horse, the rider effectively blocks the necessary biomechanics in the horse which will allow it to perform its job efficiently.

The second mistake commonly made by riders is to stiffen the joints of their ankles and knees when riding downhill. This stiffness focuses the jar of motion into the horse's back, causing the horse to tense its back. Without a freely swinging back, both the horse's shoulder and hip become impeded in their ability to allow the horse's legs to swing, and again, we

have a situation where the horse can't balance and defend itself because it can't access the free use of its own limbs.

Work on a mini trampoline is one way to find and eliminate tension blocks. Other problems which can be improved or solved by eliminating tension in the rider's body are: sore knees, tired, sore, achy middle and/or low back muscles, painful ankles, numb feet and shin splints.

For an illuminating look at how it used to be taught and done, spend an evening watching Volume 3 of the US Army Training Films - Cavalry Collection from Vintage Video (POB 551, Greencastle, PA 17225). Correct rider position is only half the story in efficient downhill riding at speed. The other half is putting your horse into a correct "frame," one that aids the horse in seemingly defying the forces of gravity as it descends. Many riders believe that the horse will learn this automatically by exposing the horse to lots of hours on the trail. I wish it were so. Unfortunate-



Although correct form is only part of the story, this rider is positioned to "flow" with the horse without weighting its forehand unduly, as it walks down a moderate incline.

ly, for both horses and riders, this is just not true.

Best case scenario: a perfectly balanced (conformed) horse, with completely comfortable tack and a skilled if not educated rider, exposed to *just the right amount* of the muscular efforts demanded by varying terrain in any given training session, during formative years, but also during any conditioning period, would develop the necessary muscles to defend itself by efficient movement.

The reality: the horse can not understand why it should change its normal pattern of movement (two-thirds of its weight on its forehand) because it does not think in human terms. Therefore, it can not understand at the beginning of its training, that if it travels the many training and competitive miles in a forehand heavy position with the weight of a rider added to the equation, it will cause increased degeneration to its bony systems as well as threatening the integrity of its support systems (muscles, tendons and ligaments).

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Healthy 2013 Financial Performance Enables New Investments

Elaine Swiss

At its meeting in February in Oklahoma City, the Board reviewed the proposed 2014 budget which included \$25,000 for Marketing programs as well as approximately \$5,000 for improved awards and the publication of updated Management Manuals and Riders Manuals. Partially offsetting these additions is the \$16k savings realized as Executive Administrator Laurie DiNatale shifts from full-time to part-time employment.

The 2014 budget assumes minimal growth in membership and ride attendance, and does not include any dues or fees increases. The National raffle and Sponsorships are planned to contribute approximately 15% of total income.

As the Board and the various committees research the appropriate areas for investment to improve our sport, they need your input. Please voice your opinion as it makes a difference in the bottom line.

For the third year in a row, NATRC has posted significantly improved financial results as compared to the five years preceding this period. Although income remains essentially the same each year due to decreased membership and ride attendance across the regions, expenses have been steadily reduced resulting in positive net income.

This consistently improved financial performance is the result of several difficult, and usually unpopular, decisions the Board has made since 2010, including increases in membership dues and ride fees for members as well as the adoption of technology for ride administration, newsletter distribution and marketing.

The National raffles and Sponsorship programs which were introduced in recent years contribute significantly to income as well.

Overall expenses have decreased nearly 20% from \$105k in 2010 to \$87k in 2013 while income has grown from \$90k to \$99k in those years. Net income has shifted from a \$15k loss in 2010 to a \$12k profit in 2013.

With a predictable and favorable cash flow, the Board is now able to consider several much-needed investments in its National awards program, education materials and marketing. Investments in these areas will help to promote growth in membership and ride attendance in the future.

DO (Distance Only) – Just DO It

Jamie Dieterich, Education Committee

A Distance Only (DO) option is available in all divisions. After two years as trials, DO replaced HDC (Hors de concours/ "outside the competition") in 2008. The rules remained almost exactly as they were for HDC.

The DO option allows a horse and rider to participate without being in competition for placings. DO entries can choose to DO any of the Divisions, depending on the pace and distance they want to accomplish, as long as the horse meets the age requirements of that division. A

horse may compete and the rider be DO, or both horse and rider may participate DO. If the horse is DO, the rider must also be DO. Horses and riders receive the standard mileage allotments.

The only change from the earlier HDC is that the DO team may elect to do only one day (the first day) of a two-day ride. If a DO rider intends to not ride the second day, the rider must notify ride management after the first day's after ride checkout but before 8 p.m.

DO participants follow all ride and NATRC rules except those pertaining to leg protection; leg protection is allowed for DO. DO participants are monitored/ judged by the veterinary and horsemanship judges but are not placed. DO teams have the option to do or not to do trail skill observations requested by the judges.

DO is a great opportunity for someone who doesn't feel quite confident enough (or relaxed enough) to compete in a competitive trail ride.

Board Updates Ride Management Support Fund

by Elaine Swiss

In February 2013 at its National Convention in Denver, President Kim Cowart announced the newly created NATRC Ride Management Support Fund. Made possible by a generous donation from a NATRC member, the fund was established to encourage new ride managers and to promote competitions in new locations and in areas currently underserved by NATRC.

After nearly one year of experience with RMSF, at the November 2013 meeting, the Board expanded the criteria to include existing rides in existing locations with experienced managers if it is demonstrated that short-term assistance is needed due to extenuating circumstances, including cancellations due to weather, government action or similar events.

An RMSF Review Committee of five receives each application and evaluates it according to the priorities established by the donor:

1. New Ride Manager
2. New Ride Location
3. Un-sponsored Ride
4. Cancelled Ride due to unanticipated circumstances
5. Established Ride with experienced Ride Manager with temporary low turnout

Ride managers who are members of NATRC are welcome to apply for grants up to \$1000 to help defray typical ride costs such as insurance, facilities, judges' fees and awards. The one-page application along with a cover letter and budget must be submitted at least 90 days prior to the ride. The ride must also be sanctioned before applying for the grant.

In addition to the criteria and priorities established above, the committee uses comparative analysis with well-attended, profitable rides to evaluate line items in the budget submission. If appropriate, the committee makes recommendations to improve the profitability of the ride. These recommendations are included in the final approval or rejection letter which is mailed within 30 days of receipt of the application. The commit-

North American Trail Ride Conference Budget vs. Actuals: 2013 Budget - FY13 P&L

	Total		
	Actual	Budget	Over Budget
Income			
40000 Memberships	36566	42985	-6419
40010 Platinum Membership Upgrade	2959	3425	-466
41000 Rides	28750	22745	6005
42000 Product Sales	261	0	261
43000 Sponsorships	7708	10000	-2292
43500 Raffles	8843	6000	2843
44000 Hoofprint Ads/Subscriptions	1565	1650	-85
45000 Convention and Awards	6707	5480	1227
46000 Trail Advocacy	500	1000	-500
47000 Donations	2939	665	2274
48000 Other Income	546	500	46
49000 Interest Income	1863	1840	23
Unapplied Cash Payment Income	0		0
Total Income	\$99,206	\$96,290	\$2,916
Gross Profit	\$99,206	\$96,290	\$2,916
Expenses			
*Uncategorized Expenses	0	0	0
50000 Member Dues to Regions	9200	11000	-1800
50500 Platinum Membership Upgrades	1611	3435	-1824
51000 Ride Costs	6706	6400	306
52000 Clinic Expenses	600	1200	-600
53000 Product Costs		0	0
54000 Marketing	1830	1930	-100
54300 Raffle	1743	1635	108
54500 Hoofprint	6927	9000	-2073
55000 Convention and Award Expenses	4591	7770	-3179
56000 Trail Advocacy Expenses		500	-500
56500 Staff Expenses	41654	40950	704
57000 Administrative	12337	12235	102
59000 Other Expense	94	90	4
59999 Investment Expense		145	-145
Total Expenses	\$87,293	\$96,290	\$ (8,997)
Net Operating Income	\$11,912	\$0	\$11,912
Net Income	\$11,912	\$0	\$11,912

tee uses e-mail and conference calls to reach consensus on each application.

Seven rides have been approved for grants since the announcement of the fund. There is no obligation to repay the money received from the fund; how-

ever, NATRC requests that if the ride is profitable, that the ride manager returns some money to insure availability of grants to others. Three rides have returned the funds after a successful ride.

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Letter To The Editor...

From Jonni Jewell:

NATRC is Unique

NATRC is a distance riding sport. We have some who prefer short/slow rides. But the sport is based on the training and conditioning horses for a distance. Besides the horsemanship aspect of our sport, horses also have part of their score based on their manners and ability. Yet the focus has often drifted away from the fact that manners and ability are only 15 of 100 points of the horse's score. Many seem to prefer this type of judging. When a ride is held that is close the maximum distance allowed for the division, or paced what some feel is "too fast," we get comments that "This is not endurance." No, it is not...

Endurance is a race. Even if you ride just to finish, it is still a timed sport, where the faster you ride, the higher you place. The vet checks your horse, but it is a pass/fail scoring. He is either fit and sound enough to continue, or he is not. At the end, the first 10 horses are judged on their condition and how their score compares to the other horses to be eligible for the Best Condition award. Otherwise, for the rest of those finishers, how the horse looks at the end is again pass/fail. A horse who looks like he just stepped off the trailer due to his conditioning and care by the rider does not get anything different than the horse who looks pooped but is still fit to continue.

I have described NATRC to some of my endurance friends as "Best Condition" judging all weekend. All weekend the horse is judged not only on that relatively small "manners and ability" section, but on how the miles and speed affect that horse as compared to the others horses traveling the same distance and same basic speed. Condition and soundness is our sport's main (Continued on [page 46](#))

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52000 Clinic Expenses	600	200	400
53000 Product Costs		9	-9
54000 Marketing	1830	2212	-382
54300 Raffle	1743	1733	9
54500 Hoofprint	6927	9875	-2948
55000 Convention and Award Expenses	4591	7938	-3347
56000 Trail Advocacy Expenses		500	-500
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57000 Administrative	12337	12111	226
59000 Other Expense	94	84	10
59999 Investment Expense		436	-436
Total Expenses	\$87,293	\$97,687	\$ (10,394)
Net Operating Income	\$11,912	\$1,671	\$10,241
Net Income	\$11,912	\$1,671	\$10,241



T.H.I.N.K. Like a Horse

By Janine Esler

I find the sport of distance riding infinitely fascinating - full of beauty, relaxation, challenge and the opportunity to truly become one with my horse. As fun and popular as distance riding is, the dangers are many.

Distance riding is just a long trail ride. Many people assume that trail riding is the easiest thing a horse and a rider can do. This assumption could not be further from the truth. Lack of training contributes to far too many unnecessary injuries to both horse and rider. Unlike the control found in the arena and the show ring, absolutely anything can happen out on the trail. Distance riding requires the best trained horses and the most experienced riders.

So much is involved in creating a safe and fun distance horse. You may be surprised to learn that your horse's training should include as much arena training as a level one dressage horse! Your horse needs to walk fast on a loose rein, perform a slow jog, a medium trot, a fast trot and a lope. He needs to be light on the bit and responsive to leg cues. He needs to be trained to bend, collect, back, pivot, side pass at the walk and trot and stand quietly for a mount and dismount. In addition, he will be required to perform all of these maneuvers on uneven footing near strange horses, with a rider on his back and under a wide variety of circumstances.

Before we begin to train our four-footed friend, we need to know, HOW DOES A HORSE THINK?

In nature horses are prey animals. Simply stated ... your horse clearly understands that he is a meal for predators. Everything in your horse's DNA, and over mil-

lions of years of evolution, has fine-tuned your horse's character to uncover methods to delay becoming a predator's breakfast or dinner. In the past, those horses that developed these habits and skills early on survived to breed and pass on their genetics.

So what does a prey animal need to do to stay safe?

First, they must stay within the herd for safety since predators will eat the stragglers that become separated. Secondly, when in doubt they must RUN! And RUN away fast.

So ... what does this have to do with Distance riding? EVERYTHING. There are many predators out on the trail from squirrels to mountain lions; from hikers to baby strollers; from dogs on leash to dogs running free; bicycles, hiking poles, shadows, creeks, and mud holes on the trails ... the list is endless.

The perfect partnership between horse and rider is one where the horse has 100% trust in his rider and the rider can be trusted 100%. Horses are confident when they are in a herd because they know they will be safe. Predators will rarely attack a herd of horses because there is strength in numbers and the herd will fight back. When we begin training a horse we start by separating him from his original herd, creating great anxiety. At this point WE must become his herd.

How do we do this? By giving him the same protection his original herd gave him – **SAFETY**. And, how do we give him the safety he requires? We **PROTECT** him by giving him enough consistent repetition until he understands what we want. If he knows what is expected, he will feel safe. We make his life predictable just like it was in the original herd. We

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...Think Like A Horse

must behave as prey animals do in their herd in contrast to how predators interact.

Too often we humans try to make a horse do what we want and behave in a threatening way ... just as a predator does. When your horse encounters a predator, every single cell in his body tells him to **flee!** Anytime you act aggressively towards your horse you become no longer his herd but instead a predator.

The only way to replace your horse's last herd and become his new herd is to keep him **safe**. Only remove him from his herd gradually. When you have completely gained his trust you can complete his separation.

Next, do not rush him. If you put your horse in a situation that he is not ready for you will scare him and if you scare him, he will not trust you. He will look for a new herd.

Set aside time where you can be with your horse and where you are not asking him to do anything. For example, sit in his stall with him while he eats. Talk to him or take him for a walk on the trail that you will eventually be riding on. Just do anything that the two of you can do together for quality time without putting pressure on him.



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Next, "take the time it takes and it will take less time." Just because your horse does **IT** one time does not mean he knows **IT**. So, repeat ... repeat ... repeat. Never assume your horse "just doesn't want to do something". The horse is never wrong but instead, you are the one who hasn't explained it clearly and properly. Practice being quiet in every single thing you do around your horse.

- Move slowly

- Don't walk straight up to your horse's face
- Do not force him to do anything
- Never punish a horse for bad performance, when you punish you are behaving as a predator
- Don't chase your horse - predators chase horses.
- Do not cause him pain - predators cause pain.

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...Letter To The Editor

focus. And those who do their homework usually get the payoff in the end.

So, that being said, this sport takes time and dedication. While schooling one's horse to be mannerly and have trail skills required for a good trail horse, we need to put in the time of conditioning both the horse and ourselves if we want to succeed. Those who put in more time usually will be rewarded in their placings. Some want to participate with no particular goals of win-

ning but just like the fun, friendly atmosphere, and spending time on their horses. They keep their horses conditioned well enough to participate safely, but their condition is maybe not in the top of the group.

If your goal is placing well consistently, you need to ride. That means no excuses that the sun is not out and it is not 70 degrees and perfect. No excuse that you just do not have time. The top riders find time. They saddle up when the weather is less than ideal (but still safe to ride in). Our events are not always held during perfect

conditions. If they can only fit in 30 minutes before or after work, they might make that a day to work on some of the manners and ability training. If all they have is an hour of ride time available, that might be a day they do a short but faster-paced ride. The top riders win because they put the effort in to do the training required.

While I understand that we have a tricky balance right now to get riders to support the rides to break even due to the economy, I do not see that we need to change anything to attract (Continued on [page 47](#))

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...Think Like A Horse

- If your horse's equipment is ill-fitting and the rider is unbalanced, this will cause him pain. Once again that's what predators do, cause pain.
- Also, be aware of your aids and use as subtly as possible.

So in conclusion, there is absolutely nothing on the planet your horse will not do for you that is in his power to do, **IF** you ask him correctly. I have had the honor and privilege to have trained, ridden and loved such horses. The degree of cooperation and shared joy your horse will give to you will be all that you ask and more. My relationships with my horses and clients' horses have far exceeded any relationship I have achieved with a human being. A horse will literally give his life for you if you spend your life protecting his.

The challenge always is not to project the imperfections of man on to your horse because he doesn't have them. The success of your partnership with your horse is in exact relationship to the degree of effort you put into your communication with him.

Janine Esler is a 40-year training veteran who owns Esler Arabians in Granite Bay California. Janine has an extensive Show and Endurance Training background. She has 12,000 competitive miles that include eight Tevis Cup buckles including 4th place finish in 2010 starting last out of 250 entries. Her near perfect completion record also includes over a dozen 250 mile completions and 100 mile top 10 awards including the National Championship.

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...Letter To The Editor

rider in to a sport that NATRC was not designed to be — NATRC is a distance riding sport. We have trail trials/trail challenge type obstacle events, we have endurance where speed is rewarded, but we do not have another sport where the horse's soundness and condition and horsemanship are the focus. The closest thing would be ECTRA competitive trail rides, which is a condition/soundness based sport, but they do much quicker speeds, and horsemanship judging is not an aspect.

A friend who competed at the highest level of Combined Driving once told me the reason he got up pre-dawn and worked his horse before work was because his competition had already worked theirs. (He was on the west coast, and most of the other top drivers were on east coast). When I had a day I did not want to condition my horse, but knew that I needed to, so my horse would be in the best condition, I remembered that.

I do not see the need to change our sport to include more obstacles. But we need to look at different ways to get the word out to the rest of the horse community, and we need to get managers to take on managing a ride without a financial loss.



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Membership Recruitment

Jerry Sims

We are in the New Year; hopefully you are rounding up the stray potential members that slipped away last year.

At this writing, it is hard to say where we stand as far as recruiting for 2014, so just some reminders on what we want to accomplish this year.

1. Each region starts a data base for riders entering rides who are not members.

2. National directors, or someone appointed in your region, compare the list of non-members riding with their respective region's membership list.

3. We send a representative to visit the non-members and encourage membership.

4. We try getting the non-members to join at the ride.

5. We keep asking them to come back.

6. We continue to look for new members.

7. We post our ride schedule and poster, "You're Gonna Learn Something."

Looking at the new rides and potential new rides for 2014 and 2015 tells me we are in the process of growing. I am one who lives in the state of mind that "We can achieve..." if we keep thinking positive and we work for what we want. Hopefully we can all help just a little and watch our membership grow.

Please welcome the following new members:

Region 1 -

Sheila Christiansen, Beth Tripp

Region 2 -

Carol Evans, Susan Madsen, Seanna Willis, Sarah Watson, December Clay, Scott Gilmour, Rachel Larsen

Region 3 -

Tammy Beyerle, Nancy James, Barbara Schwan, Gail West

Region 4 -

Misten Milligan, Dianna Thurston, Laura Abdo, Cara Kale, Arlene Puglisi

Region 5 -

Tammy Hess

Region 6 -

Charlotte Pinkall

Please welcome these members who have rejoined:

Region 1 -

Maria Pilgrim

Region 1A -

Marilyn Dowding

Region 4 -

Katrina Packard

Region 6 -

Donna Keller, Kay Stich, Christi Grow

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 9, 2014.
- 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 riding as an activity that qualifies as a 4H member's project.

Questions?

Contact Angie Meroshnekoff,
awhitedog@aol.com.

Chair, Riders and Juniors
Committee

NATRC Members Digging In For Trail Advocacy

by Erin Glassman, NATRC Trails Advocacy Chair

In many of my previous articles, I have discussed the benefits of getting involved with trail work around your area and building a relationship with the public land management agency (LMA). In this article, I have included a trails post from board member Jerry Sims, Region 3, which describes what he and his group, the San Juan Valley Trail Riders, does, and also a review of work done in Region 1 by Diane Uchtyl and the High Mountain Riders.

Trail Talk, Jerry Sims

The San Juan Valley Trail Riders, SJVTR, in Farmington, NM works very hard for good relations with both the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the United States Forest Service (USFS). There can be as many as six rides in the four corners region on these lands.

The SJVTR has worked many times with the BLM in keep-

ing our trails marked and passable for not only equines, but for hikers and bikers. One of the latest projects was helping the BLM build a gate at the Bisti Wilderness. We also designed and helped build stair steps down a cliff for the famous Chokecherry Canyon CTR.

It is easy to get involved with both agencies and volunteer, but you have to want to do it; they usually don't ask for help until they get to know us. You can also contact the BLM and see when the public national Resource Advisory Council (RAC), a non-governing body appointed by the US Secretary of the Interior, meets. The RAC members are people from all types of vocations and retirees who are interested in advising the BLM. You can actually become a member of the RAC by contacting the BLM in your area. I belong to the recreational arm of the Farmington, NM District council. We are involved in

wild horse gatherings, oil and gas leasing, trails and anything else that we or the BLM thinks we should be involved in. We are all trying to make the best decisions.

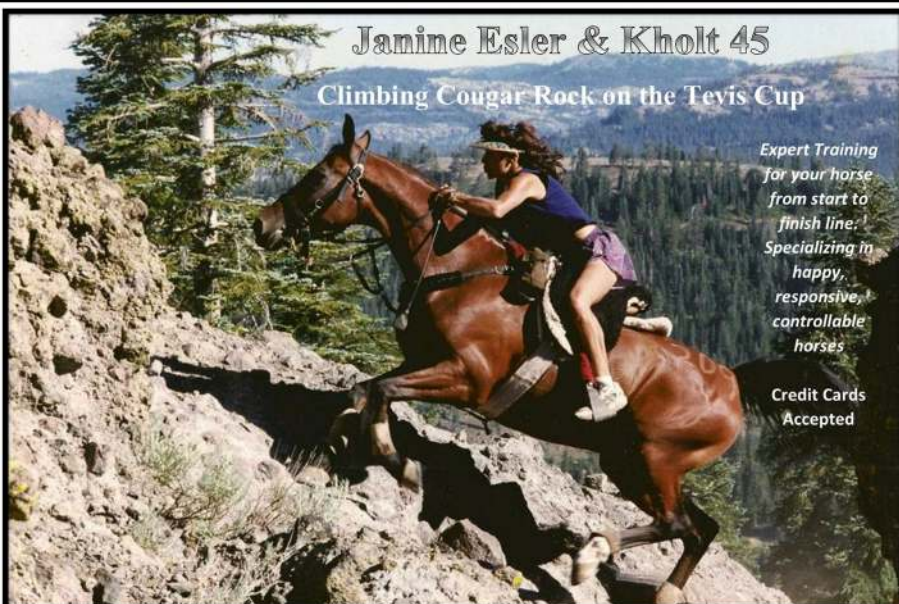
Involvement with our government means better relations with all parties. You would be surprised not only what you will learn, but what we can also teach.

High Mountain Riders and Diane Uchtyl

Diane Uchtyl, Region 1, and the local horse club, High Mountain Riders (HMR), are involved in trail work near Quincy, CA. This group has been recording work with the Plumas National Forest Service since at least 2003, and has also been involved with the RAC in clean-up and maintenance of trails such as the Hasselkus trail, as well as working with grants to put in new trails, trailheads and campgrounds; the Snake Lake Equestrian Campground being one.

This group has also worked with other trail users. The Plumas Sierra Bicycle Club and the HMR volunteered together on a work day on the Smith Creek Connector Trail. The HMR helped to do summer time work on the winter/foot trail for cross country skiers from a snowmobile parking lot at Lakes Basin. High Mountain Riders has had quite a few presentations regarding Shared Trail Etiquette Awareness with other users. Their Low Impact Horse Camping Clinic is something we all could benefit from.

Both of these examples are excellent for several reasons. As you can see *(Continued on page 50)*



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from Jerry's post and Diane's information, their groups have built a relationship with the BLM and the USFS to be the go-to people to help. This in turn helps us, as equestrians, stay on these trails. These are also good examples of how we as horse people can work together with other user groups to keep the trails open for all of us!

Jerry made an important point when he said they don't ask for help until they get to know us. I would say that this is typical of most managing groups - they are not going to seek you out to see if you are going to help them; you must present yourself to them and demonstrate your ability to help, in both dependability and in your work. You have to be the one who is proactive in seeking out ways to help and approach the agency with constructive means to achieve your goal. In other words, don't just complain about something needing to be done, see how you and your local NATRC group or trail riders can get involved with your LMA to improve trails and build rapport.

Also, get involved from the start. It is unfair to the people involved in the trail building process to get complaints about how they are doing it if those com-

plaining did not get involved to begin with.

These groups are developing good working relationships with their LMA's. They are being proactive about getting out there and providing the labor force for area projects for either work they want done themselves or for BLM or USFS requests. Both of these groups are working WITH other user groups. As I have mentioned in past articles, we are going to all have to learn to do that in order to find the best means in which we can all enjoy our public lands. Finally, both of these groups are working to educate other users and the LMAs about our needs and abilities and to foster good relationships. If we don't step up and promote ourselves, we are likely to be lost in the shuffle.

I would like to share more examples of work groups in NATRC getting involved in trail work as a showcase and example for other members to follow. If you have some good examples of positive relationships and trail work in your region, please send me the information and pictures of that project if you can! You can send them to me by snail mail at Erin Glassman, 572 NE 40 Rd, Great Bend, KS 67530 or on email at ejacob716@gmail.com.

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

Management Column

Jean Green,
Ride Management Chair

The Ride Progress Report has been updated. It is an interactive form that does a lot of work for you! Please use it and make our Sanction Chair happy! You can find all of the management forms on the web site at www.natrc.org on the management documents page!

The RMS ([Log On Here](#)) is a wonderful tool for managing your ride. Remember that you no longer need to download and send in the final ride reports. When all the ride data is complete in the RMS, you just email Colleen Wills at colleenw@myedl.com and she can retrieve your data.

Managing an NATRC Ride or working as a ride secretary are monumental tasks. We all thank you for the work you do to make these rides and this organization possible. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to help you.



The Horse of Many Riders

By Laurie Knuutila, Region 1A

There's a saying in the NATRC family that "The horse you put in the trailer at home will not be the same horse you take out of the trailer at a ride." I had observed this to be true with other competitors' horses, and now I was experiencing it for myself. My horse, Indy's Midnight Sun, aka Bo, a buckskin Arabian/Quarter Horse cross gelding, was not at all the same horse that occupied the first stall in my barn at home. He was testing my skill as a rider as he performed "airs above the ground" at the start of the 2008 Bald Mountain Butt Buster ride near Wasilla, Alaska. Complicating matters was the fact that I had injured my hand just a few days before the ride and my right hand was in a stiff brace. I had limited use of my fingers and no opposable thumb.

As he leaped in the air, kicked both hind feet straight out behind, plunged forward and backward, and then leaped into the air again, the thought that this horse would become Region 1A's first two-time National Champion never crossed my mind. I could not know that, as I was struggling to control him, mostly with only one hand, feeling more and more embarrassed by his behavior, that five years and four different riders later, he would earn the points and placings required for two National Championships. The Ride Manager looked up at me with worry on her face as he leaped

past her and said, "Good luck, Laurie!" And then we were across the start line and the trail to his National Championships had begun.

I had acquired this horse two years earlier, in the fall of 2006. The person I bought him from had primarily done arena work and had only taken him on a few short trail rides. I knew when I purchased him that he had attitude issues. He was completely disrespectful of humans and was firmly convinced that he was the rightful ruler of his world. But I felt that I could help him to see the error of his ways and convince him that I was a better leader. It would take some hard work and dedication on my part. But I thought he had potential, and besides, I'd always wanted a buckskin! He tested me at every turn, but by remaining firm and not accepting less than what I wanted from him, he began to come around. I gained his respect fairly quickly, but it would take me nearly three years to earn his trust.

The next summer after I purchased Bo, the summer of 2007, I was the Ride Manager and Trail Master for the Challenge of the North ride near my home in Fairbanks, Alaska. I used Bo for most of my trail work, and he seemed to enjoy being out on the trails even though he was somewhat spooky and had a severe dislike for crossing water, particularly water that was flowing. A friend, Darcy Hammond, had planned on riding another of my horses in the Challenge ride. So when I hauled that horse to the ride, I decided to take Bo along too, so he could begin to experience ride camp life. When her original horse vetted in lame at the ride, I told Darcy that if she was brave enough, she could

take Bo. He was in good condition and I knew he could handle the miles. I just wasn't sure that Darcy could handle him! Not wanting to get her in over her head, I laid out every bad thing he'd done all summer, and told her it was up to her whether or not she wanted to try it. She bravely said she did. So she vetted him in, and off they went!

Dr. Joe Quintana was the vet judge that year, and he was completely impressed with both the horse and the rider. Darcy had competed before, but for her to take an inexperienced horse on his first ever CTR, and compete in Open Division no less, his comment was, "That is an awesome rider and that is one tough horse!" They took first in both Horse and Horsemanship for the Open Lightweight class and earned High Point Team for the whole Open Division!

Since there is only one ride in the state of Alaska in any given year, Bo would not get to actually compete again until the following summer, when I rode him at the Bald Mountain ride described earlier. Once we got past the start line and got out on the trails, Bo settled down and did well. There were many creek and river crossings on that ride. And he overcame his aversion to crossing flowing water because he really wanted to keep up with his "buddy" Glory, ridden by Brenda Grogan. Brenda was kind enough to allow us *(Continued on [page 53](#))*



From his very first ride, Bo has always been an excellent camper!

Photo by Laurie Knuutila

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to tag along with her, even though she had second thoughts when she observed Bo's earlier behavior!

Bo did not place as well at this ride as he had the previous year because the ride was a month later and he had already begun to grow a winter coat. His thick hair caused him to over-heat, and his inexperience on the trail resulted

in him not taking in enough water to keep his hydration up. Still, he placed third in a full Open Heavyweight class, and he handled traveling and camping like a pro.

The next summer, 2009, the ride would again be in Fairbanks, and again, I was Ride Manager and Trail Master. I rode Bo extensively that year, and it was then that I felt I was finally gaining his trust. One incident proved it to me. During the course of doing trail work, we came up on a section of trail where woodcutters had carelessly piled branches over the trail. It was totally impassable. I got off and tied Bo to a tree to remove the obstructions. I worked my way around a corner out of his sight. I was out of his view for a little while. When I walked back toward him, as soon as he spotted me, he whinnied at me! He'd never done that before. He was finally looking to me for

leadership and comfort! I had become part of his "herd."

His behavior and attitude toward me continued to improve. But when I rode him with more than just one or two horses, he would perform his "airs above the ground." He preferred being out front, but if another horse was too close, he would threaten to kick. A red ribbon became a fixture in his tail when riding with others.

Since I couldn't ride him in the ride, I enlisted the help of another friend, Lauren Wilfer, to compete him for me, since thoughts of him actually earning a National Championship were beginning to creep into my mind. Just maybe he could earn enough points in the three year period allowed for Region 1A. Rachel Sears and her horse Tahna had earned an NC in 2007, so maybe Bo could do it too. Lauren had competed before and was willing to give

it a go. Again, not wanting her to be taken by surprise, I explained to her all of the possible behaviors that he could dish out, and she, like Darcy, was brave enough to take him on. During the ride, she handled him well, and he behaved himself pretty well, although he definitely had moments of naughtiness, particularly at the beginning of the first day's ride. Still, they finished in great shape. They both earned first place ribbons in another full Open Heavyweight class, and they were named the High Point Team for the Open Division!

The next year, 2010, the ride was back in Wasilla. I had the year off from managing a ride and I planned on competing Bo at the Bald Mountain Butt Buster again. The ride was scheduled for July 17 and 18. On July 6, I suffered a torn tendon in the bottom of my right foot. I was determined to ride anyway, since I had spent all summer conditioning and preparing for the ride. I even created a special platform for my foot in the stirrup, since it couldn't take the normal flexing. But to my dismay, I found that even with the platform under my foot, I could not do any more than a walk without terrible pain. I wasn't ready to give up, however. So I wracked my brain to

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Darcy Hammond



Lauren Wilfer



Angela Smith



Lucie Hess



Laurie Knuutila



Vicki Boicelli

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come up with someone who I felt could take on the challenge of competing my horse. I finally hit upon Angela Smith, who was a regular competitor, coached junior riders through rides, and was skillful enough to handle whatever Bo might throw at her. Also in her favor was the fact that the trailer she usually towed was bigger than mine. So she'd be comfortable driving my rig the 350 miles to Wasilla, since I couldn't drive.

By the time I contacted her, the ride was only four or five days away. Initially, she didn't think she could do it on such short notice, but she'd get back with me. She called me back a little later and said she could do it. She came out to my house the next day and took Bo for a test ride. Again, I explained to her all of the shenanigans he could pull. But she seemed to get along with him, and he with her. So we packed up and drove to Wasilla for the 2010 Bald Mountain Butt Buster. The ride that year was the biggest to date in Alaska, with 50 riders in attendance. I was grounded in camp all weekend, clomping around in my big black boot while Angela and Bo braved the heat the

first day and the wind and rain the second. In the end, Bo was again first in a nearly full Open Heavyweight class and Angela was second. Bo managed to get in a few small "airs above the ground" on the first day, but thereafter behaved pretty well.

In 2011, the ride was back in Fairbanks, and again, I was the ride manager and trail master. I used Bo all summer for my trail work, thinking that I'd find someone who could compete him for me. But no one materialized. A couple of people indicated that they'd like to, but then their plans changed and it didn't work out.

Just when I was beginning to think that my goal of him earning his NC was going to slip away, I was contacted by Lucie Hess. She said she would be accompanying the horsemanship judge who was coming to judge the ride, and that if I knew of anyone who had a horse she could ride, she'd like to compete. If not, she'd be happy to work as a volunteer. I told her I just might know of someone! I asked her if she thought she could handle a horse who was sometimes a pill, and she reassured me that she was up to the task.

Lucie arrived in Alaska a few days before the ride, and when she came out to my house to take Bo for a test ride, I laid out all of his negative behaviors, told her he preferred to be out front, and to not forget his red ribbon! She fell in love with him on their test ride, and reassured me that the two of them would be just fine.


During the course of the ride weekend, Lucie and Bo got along famously, and whenever I saw her, I would ask her how he was behaving. She said he was doing just fine. She was always back in the pack somewhere, and with horses ahead of him, I was hoping that he was not being too naughty. But she said he wasn't. They finished the ride in good shape, and Bo got third in a nearly full class, and Lucie got first. He had added to his accumulation of points. But it would prove to be not quite enough for the three-year period of 2009/10/11. We'd have to try again the next year.

In 2012, I was finally able to compete my own horse again at the Bald Mountain ride in Wasilla. It had been four years since I'd ridden him myself in a competition. At the beginning of the summer, I planned my conditioning schedule and over the course of the next few weeks, spent many hours in the saddle. Fifty-six riders signed up for the ride, the biggest ride to date in the state of Alaska!

At the ride, Bo felt like a powerhouse of boundless energy! I planned on him performing his usual "airs above the ground," but although he was "on the muscle" and very forward, he kept all four feet on the ground. He would jig for a few strides when he saw a horse ahead of him. But when I asked him to come to a walk, he obliged. At one point, another rider's horse ran up against his hindquarters. I was sure he was going to kick, but he didn't! I was really proud of him! At the end of two tough days of pouring rain and

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slick trails, he was first in a field of nine Open Heavyweights, I was first also, and we were named the High Point Team for the Open Division. Bo was also named the High Point Half Arabian.

Due to a miscalculation of points for the three-year period of 2010/11/12, Bo did not receive a National Championship then. In 2013, the Challenge of the North ride would be in Fairbanks, and again, I would be Ride Manager and Trail Master. I rode Bo extensively in the weeks prior to the ride, since we had moved the ride to a new location and I had to map out, measure, and time a whole new trail system.

During the previous winter, Gene Boicelli of Region 1 had offered me his horse for a competition in California if I wanted to fly down for the weekend. I, in turn, had offered him or his wife Vicki my horse if they wanted to come to Alaska. The timing did not work out for me to take advantage of his offer. But he and Vicki really wanted to come to Alaska. So they made their plans to come up for the ride

and take a vacation at the same time. I had hoped to have horses for both of them to ride. But the second horse did not pan out. So Gene told Vicki that she would be the one to do the ride.

The Boicellis arrived in Fairbanks a few days before the ride. Vicki came out to get acquainted with Bo and take him for a test ride, and again, I explained all of his foibles and bad behaviors. But Vicki assured me that her own horse at home did the same things. And she felt confident that she and Bo would get along just fine.

In the last couple of days before the ride, Gene helped me finish marking trails, while Vicki spent time with Bo. The two of them seemed to like each other and got along well.

On ride weekend, the weather turned rainy and cold on Saturday, then sunny and warm on Sunday. Whenever I saw Vicki and Bo along the trail, they seemed to be doing good, and when I saw them at a P&R on Saturday, Bo's head was almost on the ground and his eyes were half mast as Vicki stroked his ears. They were just fine! In camp

that evening, Vicki said Bo had been "a perfect gentleman," and she laughed as she told me that he knew the trail so well that he was making all the correct turns even before she saw the ribbons!

At the end of the ride, Vicki had piloted Bo to another first place in an almost full Open Heavyweight class. Vicki was awarded third. Afterward, when I told her that she had just ridden him to a National Championship, both our eyes welled up with tears! I had not told her that he was in contention for the award because I didn't want to put any pressure on her. I just wanted her to finish and have a good time. She accomplished both things, and the NC was just icing on the cake!

The miscalculation of points for 2012 was discovered while reviewing ride results to confirm the NC for 2011/12/13. So in addition to the NC for 2013, Bo will also receive the retroactive one for 2010/11/12. And maybe he'll go down in NATRC history as the National Champion with the most riders! He is, after all, the horse of many riders!

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Rule Changes to be Considered for 2015

From the NBOD February, 2014 (Changes in bold)

Proposed Rule Changes for 2014.

Presented at the NBOD meeting 2-20-14. Wording will be finalized at the NBOD meeting July 12, 2014. Voting on the proposals will be at the NBOD meeting November 8, 2014. Changes are indicated in **bold**.

SECTION 3 - MANAGEMENT OF RIDES

A. Ride Management

1. Ride Chair: This position is the chief executive of the ride.
2. Trailmaster(s): The trailmaster may be the same as the Ride Chair. This person is responsible for all the matters pertaining to the trail.

B. Ride Officials

1. Ride Secretary: The primary executive assistant who is responsible for all of the ride correspondence, records, bookkeeping and reports.
- ~~2. Stable Manager: This person must maintain surveillance of the stable area while the horses are in camp.~~
8. If the horses are stabled in an area apart from the riders, such as in stalls in a shed row or barn, then a Stable manager may be required to assure the safety of the horses overnight. Several people may split this duty so that each can get some sleep.

Otherwise riders are responsible for monitoring their horses overnight.

Purpose: To remove this paragraph from the rulebook. We are leaving ourselves open to protest or suit if we claim to have Stable Managers and don't. Eliminate the requirement for a Stable Manager in the Rule Book, but leave a suggestion that one might be used in circumstances that have the horses separate from the riders overnight.

SECTION 4 - DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

Current rule reads:

Section 4-Divisions, Classes, and Eligibility:

- A. Divisions
3. Competitive/Pleasure
 - e. Class
 - (1) No weight limitations apply.
 - (a) this division will consist of one class in horse (combining HWT, LWT, and JR riders)
 - (b) this division will consist of one class in horsemanship (combining HWT, LWT and JR rider)

Proposal #1 - Change to Read:

Section 4-Divisions, Classes, and Eligibility:

- B. Divisions
3. Competitive/Pleasure
 - e. Class
 - (1) No weight limitations apply.
 - ~~(a) this division will consist of one class in horse (combining HWT, LWT, and JR riders)~~
 - ~~(b) this division will consist of one class in horsemanship (combining HWT, LWT and JR rider)~~
 - (2) This division will consist of two classes in horse. Competitive/Pleasure and Competitive/Pleasure Senior (for riders age 50 and over as of the start of the ride season)
 - (3) This division will consist of two classes in horsemanship. Competitive/Pleasure and Competitive/Pleasure Senior (for riders age 50 and over as of the start of the ride season)

Proposal #2 - Change to Read:

Section 4-Divisions, Classes, and Eligibility:
Divisions

3. Competitive/Pleasure
 - e. Class
 - (1) No weight limitations apply.
 - ~~(a) this division will consist of one class in horse (combining HWT, LWT, and JR riders)~~
 - ~~(b) this division will consist of one class in horsemanship (combining HWT, LWT and JR rider)~~
 - (2) This division will consist of two classes in horse. Competitive/ Pleasure (C/P) and Competitive/Pleasure advanced (C/P A). Any horse having won 10 or more firsts in C/P, or having competed in the Open division in any previous ride season will be eligible for Competitive/ Pleasure Advanced only and not Competitive/Pleasure.
 - (3) This division will consist of two classes in horsemanship. Competitive/ Pleasure (C/P) and Competitive/ Pleasure Advanced (C/PA). Any rider having won 10 or more firsts in C/P, or having competed in the Open division in any previous ride season will
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be eligible for Competitive/ Pleasure Advanced only and not Competitive/ Pleasure.

(4) Any horse/rider team may enter C/PA if they so choose.

Purpose: This second option gives the ability to divide C/P division by skill level rather than age. C/P would be a progression from Novice. C/PA would be a progression from C/P. Open would be a progression from C/PA.

Purpose: to recognize the importance of Competitive/Pleasure Division and provide enhanced avenues for development of skill levels, success and recognition within NATRC.

SECTION 6 - JUDGING

6 B 1. Reads:

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

Change to read:

1. Condition 40%: The evaluation of condition shall include, but not be limited to, the following: P&R recovery, **indicators of hydration status (skin tenting, mucous membrane, capillary refill, and jugular refill), bowel sounds, muscle tone, anal tone, and movement, attitude and willingness. Other parameters to evaluate may include thumps, colic, CRI (cardiac recovery index), fatigue, myoglobinuria** muscle soreness, **muscle cramping**, coordination, **urine color**, respiration character, sweat, salivation, eating and drinking, etc.

Purpose: The Cardiac Recovery Index (CRI) has been used as an optional tool to help evaluate the overall status of the horse's condition. A useful measurement of fatigue, it can be part of the end-of-day exam. Including CRI in the parameters listed to evaluate condition would help alleviate surprises for riders. In addition, rearranging the paragraph would put those parameters used on the scorecard

together. "Fatigue" can be deleted as the whole paragraph is about fatigue. "Myoglobinuria" can be replaced with "urine color." Thumps" and "colic" can be deleted as they are included on the back of the scorecard as criteria for a horse to be pulled.

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

1. Add C/P National Championship between Open National Championship (B.2. G and Junior National Championship (B.2. H)

Competitive/ Pleasure NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: In the Competitive/ Pleasure class a horse shall be declared a National Champion when all the following requirements are met within the first 12 rides officially started in the same year. Type A ride counts as 1 ride, Type B ride counts as 1/2 ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.

- (1) Awarded two firsts or one first and two second placings from any ride type.
- (2) Awarded the first or second placing from any ride type in any two states or two regions, or is awarded a national placing in HIGH POINT Competitive/Pleasure HORSE.

(3) Accumulated 75 points.

Horses competing for a National Championship

Competitive/Pleasure award must be at least 60 months of age. (1) Registered horses are considered 60 months of age as of actual foaling date on the registration papers.

- (2) Unregistered horses are considered to be of eligible age if they have a "full mouth" (all permanent incisors having erupted and are in wear) as determined by the veterinary judge.

2. Delete C/P High Average Horse and Horsemanship and

Replace with C/P High Point Horse and Horsemanship

k. HIGH AVERAGE

COMPETITIVE/PLEASURE

~~HORSE: These awards are presented to the Competitive/Pleasure Division horses which have the highest average score rather than the highest number of points.~~

~~(1) First through sixth place will be awarded. (2) Horses competing for this award must officially start on a minimum of six rides during the year, which must include an out of state or out of region ride of any ride type. Type A ride counts as 1 ride, Type B ride counts as 1/2 ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.~~

~~(3) Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A ride counts as 1 ride, Type B ride counts as 1/2 ride. (4) A rider must be a current NATRC member prior to the start of a ride for the ride to be credited. (5) Every ride which the horse officially starts during the year will count, regardless of placing or finishing, provided it is entered in the declared division. (6) In the event of a tie for any place in~~ (Continued on [page 58](#))

Important information regarding year-end awards.

The ride year ends the second Sunday in November, November 9, 2014. FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR YEAR END AWARDS, IT IS THE RIDER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS COMPLETED AS INDICATED BY NOVEMBER 9, 2014.

- (1) NATRC Membership dues must be received and
- (2) Horse's accurate breed information must be on file with the NATRC Office. www.natrc.org
- (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? Email Laurie (natrc@natrc.org) for NATRC membership verification and Cheri (Jeffcoat.cheri@gmail.com) or Colleen (colleenw@myedl.com) for breed verification. Contact your own breed association if you have questions for them.

the high average scores at the end of the year, the tiebreaker will be the horse that has won first place on the most number of rides of any ride type. If the tie persists, then the most number of seconds will be used. Each placing will then be used in turn until the tie is broken. If the tie persists, then the tied horses will each be awarded the same place.

(7) The percentage score is calculated by dividing the individual horse's score by the highest Competitive/Pleasure horse score on that ride. The average score of each horse shall then be determined by adding the "percentage scores" from each ride officially started and dividing by the number of rides of any ride type officially started.

k. HIGH POINT Competitive/Pleasure HORSE: Points shall be credited to horses for the purpose of determining annual high score awards in Competitive/Pleasure first through sixth place. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A ride counts as 1 ride, Type B ride counts as 1/2 ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.

These criteria will be used for the purpose of determining various championships and additional awards which may be considered in the future.

Horses competing for High Point Competitive/ Pleasure award must be at least 60 months of age.

(1) Registered horses are considered 60 months of age as of actual foaling date on the registration papers.

(2) Unregistered horses are considered to be of eligible age if they have a "full mouth" (all permanent incisors having erupted and are in wear) as determined by the veterinary judge.

l. HIGH AVERAGE COMPETITIVE/PLEASURE HORSEMANSHIP: These awards are presented to the Competitive/Pleasure Division riders who have the highest

average horsemanship scores rather than the highest number of points. (1) First through sixth place will be awarded.

(2) Riders competing for this award must officially start on a minimum of six rides during the year, which must include an out-of-state or out-of-region ride of any ride type. Type A ride counts as 1 ride, Type B ride counts as 1/2 ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.

(3) Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A ride counts as 1 ride, Type B ride counts as 1/2 ride.

(4) Every ride which the rider officially starts during the year will count, regardless of placing or finishing, provided it is entered in the declared division.

(5) In the event of a tie for any place in the high average scores at the end of the year, the tiebreaker will be the rider that has won first place on the most number of rides of any ride type. If the tie persists, then the most number of seconds will be used. Each placing will then be used in turn until the tie is broken. If the tie persists, then the tied riders will each be awarded the same place.

l. HIGH POINT Competitive/Pleasure HORSEMANSHIP: Points shall be credited to riders for the purpose of determining annual high score awards in Competitive/ Pleasure, first through sixth place. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A ride counts as 1 ride, Type B ride counts as 1/2 ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride. These criteria will be used for the purpose of determining various championships and additional annual awards which may be considered in the future.

(6) The percentage score is calculated by dividing the individual rider's score by the highest Competitive/Pleasure horsemanship score on that ride. The average score of each rider shall then be determined by adding the "percentage scores" from each ride officially started and dividing by the number of rides of any ride type officially started.

3. Add Novice High Point Horse and Horsemanship

m. HIGH POINT NOVICE HORSE: Points shall be credited to horses for the purpose of determining annual high score awards in each Novice class (i.e., HWT, LWT, JR), first through sixth place. Only the first 6 rides officially started will count. Type A ride counts as 1 ride, Type B ride counts as 1/2 ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.

These criteria will be used for the purpose of determining various championships and additional awards which may be considered in the future.

n. HIGH POINT NOVICE HORSEMANSHIP: Points shall be credited to riders for the purpose of determining annual high score awards in each Novice class (i.e. HWT, LWT, JR), first through sixth place. Only the first 6 rides officially started will count. Type A ride counts as 1 ride, Type B ride counts as 1/2 ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride. These criteria will be used for the purpose of determining various championships and additional annual awards which may be considered in the future.



Ride Results

Region 2

S.T.A.R. A

1/18-19/2014 Region 2-AZ
 A-O/N/C/P Total Riders: 22
 Chair: Karen Kafka
 Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Jamie Dieterich
 Novice Sweepstakes: SCF Elatraz/
 Mueller, Nancy-98
 Open Sweepstakes: Desert Reinbeau/
 Meroshnekoff, Angie-96

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Tango Sierra/Harvey, Laura
 2/2 Pistol Pete DF/Armer, Jean
 P Shaker's Bum Magic/Liska, Sabrina
 P Zackary/Peterson, Catherine

Open Lightweight

1/2 Desert Reinbeau/Meroshnekoff, Angie
 2/1 Sea Dragon/Walls, Lory
 3/3 Pride's Smoke and Mirrors/
 French, Kandace

4/4 Arabessque/Clay, December

Open Junior

1/1 RA Chloe/Williams, Caden

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Cadence/Tucker, Nicole
 2/2 Gypsy Elite Willow/Noake, Sharon
 3/4 Ripley/Scott, Velma
 4/3 Holly/Evans, Carol
 P Declan/Schoonover, Sonja

Novice Lightweight

1/3 SCF Elatraz/Mueller, Nancy
 2/1 QCA Sonrey/Carl, Becky
 3/2 Red Squirrel/Watson, Sarah
 4/4 Batista Z/Masarsky, Megan

Novice Junior

1/1 Rocky/Floyd, Brianna

Competitive/Pleasure

1/1 Pride's College Boy/Bray, Sherrie
 2/2 Sun-Ray's Mamma Jamma/Brown, Tammy
 3/3 Dometown Sassy Brown/Tripp, Beth

S.T.A.R. B

1/18/2014 Region 2-AZ
 B-N Total Riders: 3
 Chair: Karen Kafka
 Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Jamie Dieterich
 Novice Sweepstakes: Ranger/Pickard, Mary-97

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Weatherby/Reed, Peggy
 2/2 Thompson/Wonderly, Bob

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Ranger/Pickard, Mary

Region 5

Christmas in the Pines A

12/7-8/2013 Region 5-FL
 A-O/N/C/P Total Riders: 26
 Chair: Sara Baldwin
 Judges: Heather Raynack DVM, Cheri Jeffcoat,
 Wayne Tolbert - Apprentice
 Novice Sweepstakes: Tri-Mi Dealers Choice/
 Abbott, Cathy-96.5
 Open Sweepstakes: Goodnight's Masterpiece/
 Clayton, Gary-99.5

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Goodnight's Masterpiece/Clayton, Gary

2/3 Victory CH/Moore, William
 3/2 Autumn/Crutchfield, Nancy

Open Lightweight

1/5 Loco Motion/Moulis, Jameson
 2/1 OH Bogustus/Chapman, Carolyn
 3/2 SCF Cindy Lou Who/Riddick, Keri
 4/3 Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula
 5/4 Danamye/Diaguila, Esther

Open Junior

P Flash of Lightening/Crutchfield, Julianne

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Dakota/Haglund, Pam

p Prewitt/Scott, Lisa
 p Big Jake by Alen/Moore, Vickie
 p Gabriel/Piezon, Sherry

Novice Lightweight

1/2 Tri-Mi Dealers Choice/Abbott, Cathy
 2/4 Sey Proofs Joy/Winegarner, Marsha
 3/3 Zakreb Ogon/Wolf, Teresa
 4/1 Beau/Garnes, Sherry
 5/5 Wildomars Rowdy Boy Hess, Tammy

Competitive/Pleasure

1/1 RCC Follow Me/Jones, Debbie T.
 2/3 Khapital/Jones, Mark H.
 3/2 Spotted Alen's Finale/Keen, Cindy
 4/4 Mariah's Secret/Riley, Leigh
 5/6 Dusty Dawn's Little Lady/Lewis, Ray
 6/5 Magnum/James, Trish
 P Santa Maria/Leland, Leslie
 P Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia

Christmas in the Pines B

12/7/2013 Region 5-FL
 B-O/N Total Riders: 6
 Chair: Sara Baldwin
 Judges: Heather Raynack DVM, Cheri Jeffcoat,
 Wayne Tolbert - Apprentice
 Novice Sweepstakes: Winnie/Horn, Juliana-98
 Open Sweepstakes: Sunny Georgia/Lucas, Pat-
 ty-94.5

Open Lightweight

1/1 Sunny Georgia/Lucas, Patty

Novice Heavyweight

1/2 RRF's Full Throttle/Curry, Donna
 2/1 Admiral/Duchesne, Margarita

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Winnie/Horn, Juliana
 2/2 Carbon's Royal Belle/Lewis, Mary

Novice Junior

1/1 Ace/Garnes, Jacob



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