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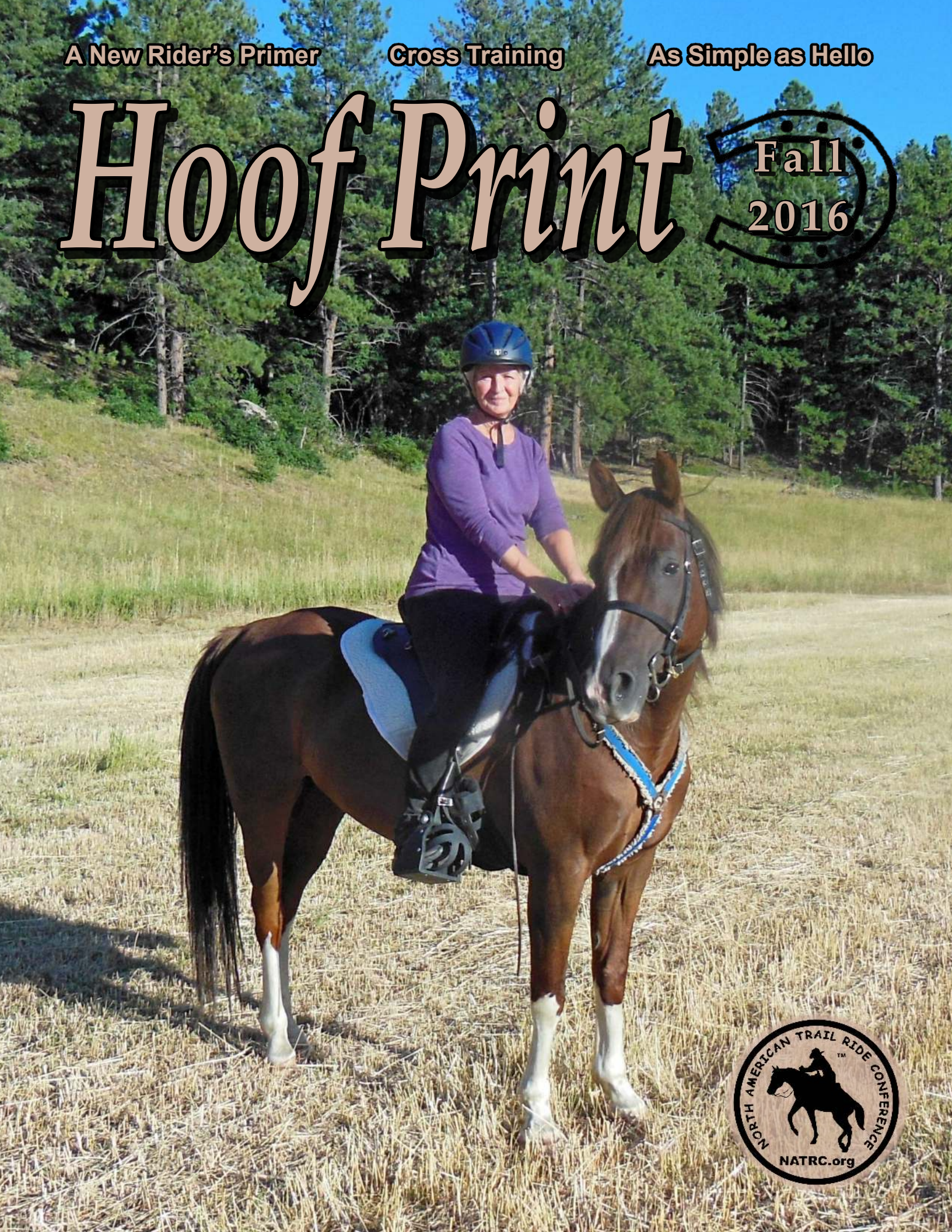

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President's Message

In the Olympics they don't give medals for participation. I saw some sort of blurb like that on Facebook and just had to smile. And why don't they give participation medals? Because it's a competition. Because the training and homework has been done---or not---and it's time for the test. Because the reward and sense of achievement one gets from any endeavor is a direct result of meeting a challenge. Not from being presented a participation medal.

One of our members, Sheila Christensen from Region 1, recently posted on our NATRC Facebook group such a pure and clear statement of the importance of a challenge not only in regards to our competitions but also as an explanation of that magic "something" that keeps us coming back to do what we do. While thinking back on events of a ride weekend, she mentions that, "But when hearing their post-ride stories, I realize that everyone has their own struggles, and that is the glue that binds us all together - sharing a challenge."

It's a known and accepted fact that humans who "share" something bigger than themselves develop a closer bond with each other than in normal social interactions. In our case, it's the sharing of the challenge---whatever that challenge may be for you particularly---that binds NATRC members one and all. Sheila goes on to say, "I've done other rides and trail competitions, less stressful, less demanding, less challenging. But for me they are also less satisfying!" That is perfectly said and such an appropriate explanation for why we do what we do. Thank you, Sheila!

By the time this is read, NATRC will have a new Executive Administrator (EA). Most of you should know by now that Laurie DiNatale, our EA for 23 years, has decided to retire. Laurie has handled NATRC business with a just right mix of professionalism and personal attention, and we'll all miss her kind and generous nature and dedication to NATRC.

To fill this role NATRC has hired Sarah Rinne of R6, Nebraska, as our new EA. Sarah is almost literally a lifelong member and will bring a savvy and natural leadership skill to benefit NATRC. She is an accomplished rider, horsemanship judge, ride manager, and until accepting this position also served as Vice-President of NATRC. Quite the active member, Sarah will now expand her responsibilities within NATRC, and we will all be the beneficiaries. We'll miss you Laurie, and we welcome Sarah on board!

Please take the time to share your thoughts on proposed rules changes with your regional and national directors. The NBOD will vote in November on the proposals as written right now. Information can be found on our website or through one of your directors.

And lastly I want to mention a couple of things about membership. This topic could fill every issue of *Hoof Print* for years to come and still leave things unsaid. There are steps I can, and should, take as an officer of the sport to promote membership. There are things you folks can do as individual members. And there are so many things "we" can do as an organization.

The truth of it, though, is that even with all the great things we can be proud of about NATRC, some folks are just not going to be quite as enthusiastic as others about the "challenges" of NATRC. That's OK. NATRC is great about spreading wide our arms of welcome, and we invite you to come as you are. You can learn as much or as little as you want. You can challenge yourself and stretch your limits as much or as little as you want. We will help bring out the "challenger" in you, and whether your goals are lofty or little, there is opportunity for true satisfaction for every kind of member.

As we run into the fast lanes of the home stretch for the 2016 ride season, here's wishing you a few more opportunities to meet a challenge. With great friends. On your great horse. ☺. Happy Trails to you all.

Respectfully and sincerely,
Kim A. Cowart
President,
North American
Trail Ride Conference

July 27, 2016
TO: All NATRC Members

SUBJECT: **Executive Administrator News from President Kim Cowart**

Dear Members,

After nearly 23 years of exemplary service to NATRC as our Executive Administrator, Laurie DiNatale, is retiring at the end of August, 2016.

As many of you know, Laurie's service hasn't been just that of an employee. She has been an active member of our organization for her whole adult life and has served selflessly and with great devotion as a volunteer in many roles, as well as being a paid employee for these 23 years. Whenever Laurie went to work she didn't just go to her job. She went to work in service of an organization she loved, believed in, and was determined to help succeed. Whatever situation arose you could be sure Laurie would listen closely, dispense wise counsel and kindly steer all participants in the right direction.

On a personal note Laurie has been my sounding board, advisor, historian, and well of knowledge for all things NATRC. She has made my job as president so much easier, and for her kindness, wisdom and professionalism I thank her sincerely. Happy Trails Laurie DiNatale.

I am very pleased to announce Sarah Rinne as the new NATRC Executive Administrator, effective July 18, 2016.

Sarah has been involved with NATRC most of her life, having started with us as a Junior rider. Just as her roots with NATRC run deep, so does her commitment to our success. Sarah honed her leadership skills, decision making ability and professionalism with the United States Marine Corps and the State of Nebraska Probation Office and will put those skills to use on our behalf.

Along with being a competitor, Sarah has served in almost every role possible with NATRC, most recently having become a Horsemanship Judge and representing Region 6 on the National Board of Director's as Vice-President. Sarah is well versed in the many and varied situations that arise within our organization and we expect her leadership to be a great asset as we move forward. We are fortunate to have Sarah working on our behalf.

Congratulations Sarah!

Respectfully,
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Looking Back

By Laurie DiNatale

Looking back on NATRC and how it has touched my life, it truly has been one of the constants of my adult life. I married into a NATRC family in 1970 and attended my first ride in 1971. I had always been a back yard rider, but I learned a lot from my in-laws, the Butterfields. They ran the Top of the World ride for many years. I loved going to rides with Tom and Barbara Butterfield and tried to learn whatever I could, from whomever I could. I secretaried for judges many times; helped on many rides while my children were small, sometimes with one of them in a backpack. Then in 1979, I rode my first ride. We took my mare to the ride in the back of my father in-law's stock truck. I slept on the ground beside my horse. I made plenty of mistakes but was hooked. While I learned much from the previous years working rides, riding provided me with the most growth in my horsemanship.

Since then I have done most every job on a ride except judging. In the mid 80's, my friends, Jeri and Collen, and I started the Region 3 Benefit Rides. I also served on the Regional, then on National, Boards before being appointed Executive Administrator at the November 1993 Board meeting.

NATRC is important because we are a unique organization. We test our horses with distance while monitoring them carefully. There are other distance organizations that do that, but our horsemanship judging encourages riders to learn how to best take care of their horses over the distance. For me, it has always been all about the horse. If we can teach riders how to care for their horses over the trail, in camp, travelling, and at home, then we have helped many horses. And I'm proud of that. I know NATRC has helped all who have devoted time to the sport to be better horsewomen and horsemen.

NATRC has influenced my life on so many levels. I was fortunate to ride with my daughter, Aspen, as she grew up, then with my granddaughter, Lumina. My son, Michael, was also influenced by NATRC. I'd like to think one of the reasons he became an Open Space Ranger/Land Manager was because of the time he spent helping at NATRC rides. My husband, Joe, was a rafter, not a rider, when we met, but he has learned good horse care and safety.

Once we are touched by NATRC and learn good horsemanship and sportsmanship, we can apply the principles to any horse discipline or aspect of our life, and they serve us well. While NATRC influenced my life greatly through horsemanship, I think it has impacted my life more so through the lifelong friendships I have made. We truly do have an NATRC family. Whether we met 45 years ago or just last weekend, our bonds are strong. I have met the majority of my most cherished friends through NATRC.

I have seen changes in the sport over my 45 years around NATRC. In some cases, more emphasis has been placed on technical obstacles instead of judging trail equitation. Some riders and judges find more challenge in technical obstacles. But we should not lose sight of the importance of the good trail equitation that helps our horses get over the distance soundly and safely. And while a horse does need to be handy on the trail, they won't go the distance without being sound and well conditioned. Judging standards and the percentages given to soundness and conditioning on our horse scorecard emphasize that importance.

Another change is rider accommodations. We now find many of our riders in living quarters trailers that provide all the comforts of home. These comforts are well deserved but may limit some of the social aspects of the earlier rides, like camp fires, storytelling, music and dancing. I congratulate the efforts of the riders and ride managers that encourage socializing. We are family and need to celebrate our "family reunions" at every ride.

I have seen improvements to the sport. We have looked at several aspects of how we might improve our horsemanship and our horse's experi-

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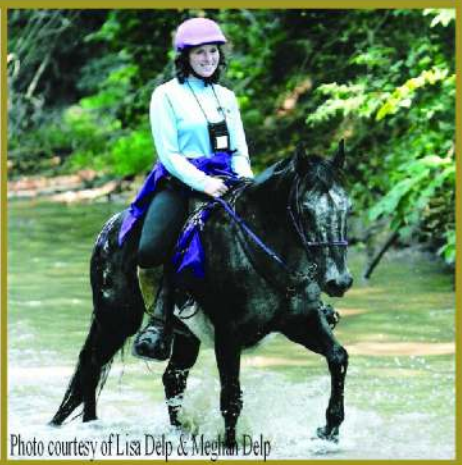

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ence at the rides. If something can do that, and it stays true to our original philosophies, we institute it. We need to always return to our original philosophies when considering aspects of our sport and the issues that arise. The philosophies were sound in 1961, and they continue to be relevant now.

It has been an honor to serve as the Executive Administrator. I am excited to hand the reins to Sarah Rinne. She is competent, smart and kind. Her experience in NATRC and her enthusiasm for the sport will bring a breath of fresh air to the position.

As I make my transition out of the EA position, I'd like to thank the horsemanship judges who helped me to be a better horsewoman and the vet judges who taught me more about my horse. Thank you to the ride managers who put blood, sweat and tears into managing our rides, and to all of the volunteers that it takes to put on those rides. Thank you to the regional and national board members and the presidents I have worked with. I have learned so much from each of you. Thank you to the entire staff of volunteers behind the scenes, the people it takes to run NATRC. And thank you to all of the riders who condition their horses, enter the rides and strive to be better riders for their horses. None of these roles are more important than another. All are invaluable to make NATRC what it is. I am always humbled by your tireless efforts. My heartfelt thanks to you all!

Now it's time for me to ride! I'm lucky to be riding the grandson of that mare I rode on my very first ride. He and I have trails to see!

See you down the trail!

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Looking Forward

By Sarah Rinne

I have been passionate about this sport since my first competition in spring of 1988 as a 10-year-old Junior rider. Moving up to Competitive Pleasure and competing avidly in the Open Division has given me the opportunity to understand the rider's perspectives and to appreciate each of the divisions for their unique challenges and competitors.

Regionally, I have served on our Board of Directors many years including service as President and Vice President of Region 6. I took on the role as Region Ride Coordinator starting with the 2012 season, working with ride managers to coordinate dates both within R6 and with neighboring regions, and supporting inclusion of new rides. I have chaired a regional convention, and more recently co-chaired the 2015 National Convention in Kansas City. I have been lead clinician or fulfilled supporting roles for multiple NATRC based clinics in Region 6.

Managing the Indian Caves Competitive Trail Ride for six seasons has given me a whole new appreciation for what it takes to make a ride happen. It is my belief that a Ride Management Mentor program is an area we should look at. In addition to being a Ride Manager, I have been secretary for multiple judges (both horsemanship and veterinary), been Rules Interpreter, P&R Chair and P&R team member. I understand the multitude of functions that occur at each ride.

I understand our organization from a judge's perspective starting pursuit of my card in 2013, and now in my third season of officially judging. I have learned a tremendous amount about our sport, our competitors, importance of ride management from a judge's view, and the challenges judges face. I really enjoy judging and engaging riders at each event.

More recently, I have worked extensively to establish our Member Loyalty Program and working in a supportive role entering new free memberships into the NATRC Master Database to assist with volume. This has been an interesting process and an opportunity to get to know how complex and extensive our database is.

Last but not least, Region 6 has given me the opportunity to serve on our National Board of Directors since 2013, being part of a very impactful group of people making decisions that affect our organization in all capacities. I have also served as NATRC Social Media Chair during this same period navigating the world of Facebook for organizational promotion and working to build our YouTube channel. I have had the privilege of serving as NATRC Vice President since 2014 working with the intricacies of our rules and the procedures associated with them. I have experienced successes and challenges.

Unlike many organizations, NATRC has remained steadfast in its mission and philosophy for over 55 years which has allowed us to maintain consistency, survive economic droughts and remain a leading distance organization. NATRC's vision and philosophies have shaped my entire view on horsemanship standards, horse selection and the equestrian world in general.

Our mission and philosophies are not only relevant and practical, but they are timeless. Despite the passing of decades and changes in the equine sports world, the foundation of NATRC is as relevant and meaningful today as it was years ago. Our foundation is built on solid principles, standards and values any equine enthusiast should seek in themselves and their horses, no matter their discipline of choice. Our competitors continue to use skills gained from NATRC participation and apply them to outside ventures further demonstrating the relevancy for education, safety, good sportsmanship and horse care. I believe we have adapted in ways that have been necessary for organizational advancement through a variety of rule changes over the years rather than compromising our philosophy.

We are taking steps every year to ensure our viability for years to come, including ventures such as expansion of awards, membership recognition and free memberships for 2016. These are all examples of recent calculated risks our organization has taken in order to enhance the desirability of continued membership and avoid stagnancy. Becoming stagnant is one of the largest road blocks to both membership retention and growth.

Continuing to streamline processes for our members, primarily online membership services and online registration for competitions and events is critical. Now that NATRC has full ownership of the Ride Management System (RMS), it will be important to make targeted adjustments to increase ease of use for competitors and ride management alike. We have an excellent website with valuable information. Keeping it fresh, and drawing visitors, is important in our ever evolving world of electronic media; we should strive to enhance this resource.

A solid strategic plan is critical in order to target priority areas for a period of time to foster ongoing growth and development as an organization. The key objectives identified in our Strategic Plan for 2014-2018 are improving the NATRC competition experience, increasing NATRC brand awareness, increasing ride attendance, increasing NATRC membership and developing meaningful, working partnerships with other distance riding organizations. Not only have we developed a targeted and

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achievable Strategic Plan, but a large part of the objectives are well under way. NATRC is rolling forward with great momentum.

One objective that has moved forward quickly is our increased marketing, both direct and indirect. Having an online NATRC store for the public to purchase clothing, outerwear and other NATRC branded items is one way to accomplish this. People like to spend money on items that affiliate them with an organization; it is a fundamental human need for inclusion and sense of belonging. There are several companies geared towards supporting non-profit organizations and fundraising efforts that require no organizational manpower, overhead or inventory. In addition, most will donate a small percentage of the proceeds back to the organization. Creating brand awareness is an important objective in our Strategic Plan.

We have a successful Podcast with Horses in Morning that draws listeners and awareness to our sport, our incredible Booth in a Box for expos and trade shows, and an increased number of clinics nationwide. These are just a few of our accomplishments. We have an incredible membership full of talented people with diverse skills to offer, and those members are volunteering to move our organization forward. One area I would like to see expedited (and will continue to encourage) is the creation of quality videos to build and promote our NATRC YouTube channel. This is a valuable education and marketing tool, which fits nicely with our founding philosophy and our strategic plan.

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Improving our outreach and ride experience to promote new memberships and retaining previous members is crucial in moving forward. The promotion of free memberships in 2016 and implementation of our Member Loyalty Program are two examples of our work within this objective. We have several of the new free members attending rides, and it will be important that our regions are following through with them to welcome, mentor and retain them with the goal of paid membership for 2017. Implementation of Competitive Pleasure National Championships has provided fuel for member retention. Not only has this boosted member retention, but competitor retention as well. Several riders who cannot handle the physical rigors of Open have the ability to set new goals and achieve national recognition in the Competitive Pleasure Division, rather than walking away from our sport.

Improving the ride experience is multi-faceted, but it is essential to competitor and volunteer retention. We are essentially looking at three areas including quality and consistent judging, ride management competency and economic factors. We have the ability to effect change and growth in the first two areas, which in turn could positively influence the third. If people have a great experience and love what they are doing, they are more likely to continue spending money on recreation in economic low periods. If they are going to prioritize limited recreational dollars, we want them to spend them with NATRC.

Judging quality and consistency has been at the forefront of many discussions for a very long time amongst both judges and riders. More recently, the drive to take responsibility on a national level for the process of becoming an approved judge and accountability for performance of existing judges has been prioritized. This will benefit us long term, even though we may experience short term, immediate losses. Judges interactions are very impactful on the overall ride experience. Ride management competency is important as well. We have a lot of dedicated volunteers running our rides, including people expressing an interest in becoming new ride managers. While we have great resources on our website, establishing a solid ride management mentor program to help managers reach their full potential and reduce frustration is something to consider.

The foundation of NATRC and our focus on safety, education, sportsmanship and horsemanship all set us apart from all other distance riding organizations. While these are extremely valuable contributions to our members, I believe the sense of family that NATRC fosters is what ultimately keeps members coming back. I have truly enjoyed competing and judging in regions other than my own because of the new friendships and perspectives I have gained. The local accents and color of the dirt may change, but the sense of family and camaraderie is always present.

I am completely invested in NATRC and have been for a very long time. This position is a natural fit for me, both personally and professionally. As the saying goes, “If you love what you do, you never work a day in your life…” I truly believe this statement. I understand with any career, there are ups and downs. I have worked through some very challenging and difficult situations being on the Executive Committee for NATRC and understand, like any organization, we face adversity on occasion. I believe diplomacy, professionalism and fact based statements have cleared many issues quickly and tactfully. You cannot please everyone all of the time regardless, and a person has to be okay with that in any leadership position. My professional work up to this point has prepared me well for this.

I am looking forward to serving NATRC and its membership as the next Executive Administrator.

Celebration of 20-Year Sponsor, Riding Warehouse

A Cyberspace Interview with Owner Tracy Bailey

In September of 1996, Tracy had the epiphany to start Long Riders Gear. She was competing in endurance and competitive trail rides with her Arabian mare, Reina, and buying her gear from small women-owned companies, mainly Trail's End. She thought it would be fun to start a little business like that so she could work part-time and ride her horse more often. Well, Long Riders Gear took off and, yes, after a while she rode Reina less.

Her sweet little office space in Templeton, CA started out in her large laundry room with a zippy 386 computer and a few boxes of inventory stored in the sunroom. Later, she purchased an office trailer to place on her property. Then in January of 2000 she moved Long Riders Gear into a large office space in Pismo Beach, CA with an ocean view!

Last logo used before becoming Riding Warehouse

Riding Warehouse logo now

Can you tell us a little about the growth of your business?

Long Riders Gear grew steadily each year from 1996 due to attending trade shows, having booths at rides, and mailing out a paper catalog each quarter.

In 1998, I hired a woman in San Francisco to create our website. It's funny to think back on how different things were back then—I mailed all of my paper cut pictures of product and product descriptions to her and she would copy them onto the website and mail them back to me! 2003-ish a friend helped me transition to a website where we could enter the product pictures and descriptions in-house (wowee!).

We continued to mail paper catalogs each quarter until 2007, which leads us to another of my epiphanies… I was up until my usual 3 am creating the catalog, and in mid-process of sending it to the printer, I decided to go strictly e–commerce and didn't mail out the catalog. The timing was right, as sales still continued to grow.

Like most journeys, there's a hiccup in the story…2009 was a tough time for most of us. Sales dropped significantly and I had to let employees go. I took a leap of faith and had a local company optimize my website and within 4 months I was getting GIANT orders from French endurance teams. Vive la France—thank you for reviving Long Riders Gear!

The original Long Riders Gear staff. Left to right: Andrea, Tracy, Julie and Muriel

Who are your staff and what are their horse interests?

Andrea, Julie and my now 92-year-old mom, Muriel, were my original crew for Long Riders Gear. Julie and Muriel have worked with me since 2001 and still do! As Long Riders Gear, Julie, an avid life-long trail rider, was customer service lead, and Mom was filing and proof reading our paper catalog. As Riding Warehouse, Julie now heads up our external marketing and sponsorships and Mom proofreads the website product descriptions.

We've grown significantly, from 4 to 34 employees since the transition to Riding Warehouse. Everyone on the crew rides - always have. You can pretty much name a riding discipline and we have someone on staff who knows, loves, and rides it, which makes for a very vast and valuable collection of experience. Our goal is for that to show from the customer's perspective—from our product selection and descriptions down to chatting on the phone with our customer service team about common horsey interests.

Did any funny occurrences or memorable events happen during the growth of your business?

Heading to Reno for conventions from San Luis Obispo was always entertaining with snow and a truck and horse trailer… California girls and snow chains, oh yeah, fun times! In the beginning, I would try to compete and also set up a booth to sell gear at rides. That didn't last long!

Over the years we have thoroughly enjoyed giggling in the office over the day-to-day tasks. We've had some comical interactions with customers too, of course, and the occasional funny product reviews completely make our day. We talk about some of them for years, so bring 'em on! This recent product review from Sally cracked us up! ***"Review - Versza New Wave Dream Fork:*** *I thought it was stupid to spend $50 on a manure fork...so I bought two. ;-) One for me and one for my BFF for her birthday. Nothing says love like a manure fork for your birthday! I love mine. It was a little odd feeling to start with but I got used to the feel right away. Besides the fun color choices… it is well balanced and*

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actually picks up the poop! How silly to write a review about a pooper scooper but they really are nice. My husband told me "throw out all those other manure forks and go buy another good one like that multi colored one you have". So that is what I am doing...and I will buy one for another girlfriend's b'day. ***From:*** *Sally - Star, Idaho, USA"*

When did you first start sponsoring NATRC?

I competed more with NATRC versus endurance rides in the 1990s. Loved it! I placed ads in *Hoof Print* and sponsored NATRC from the beginning of Long Riders Gear in 1996.

What has NATRC done for you?

On a personal level, I love this sport! I learned so much having enjoyed it for years and definitely grew as an equestrian during that time. I remember my first NATRC ride, urging my rearing and 180-spinning Arabian past the judges in a tight alley of fences with zebras and Watusi cattle close to one side. Reina was thinking, "are you kidding me?!?" We settled, took a breath, and she moved forward like a pro—that helped my scorecard, haha! I appreciate NATRC offering various paces for different riding preferences and skills, and the camaraderie at rides is absolutely wonderful. NATRC brings together a delightful range of equestrians who treasure the outdoors and who know and love their horses so very well.

When and why did your name change to Riding Warehouse?

Long Riders Gear grew like wild fire from 2010 to 2012 and I met my current partners, who are e-commerce gurus, in 2012. We decided to join forces and create Riding Warehouse to offer English and Western products in addition to Endurance. This partnership gave us resources we never had before, allowing us to implement today's customer favorites like Free Shipping Over $50, $5 2-Day Air, and Free Returns for a Year.

Recent Riding Warehouse staff before 15 more employees were hired

What kind of special offerings have you promoted for NATRC members in the past?

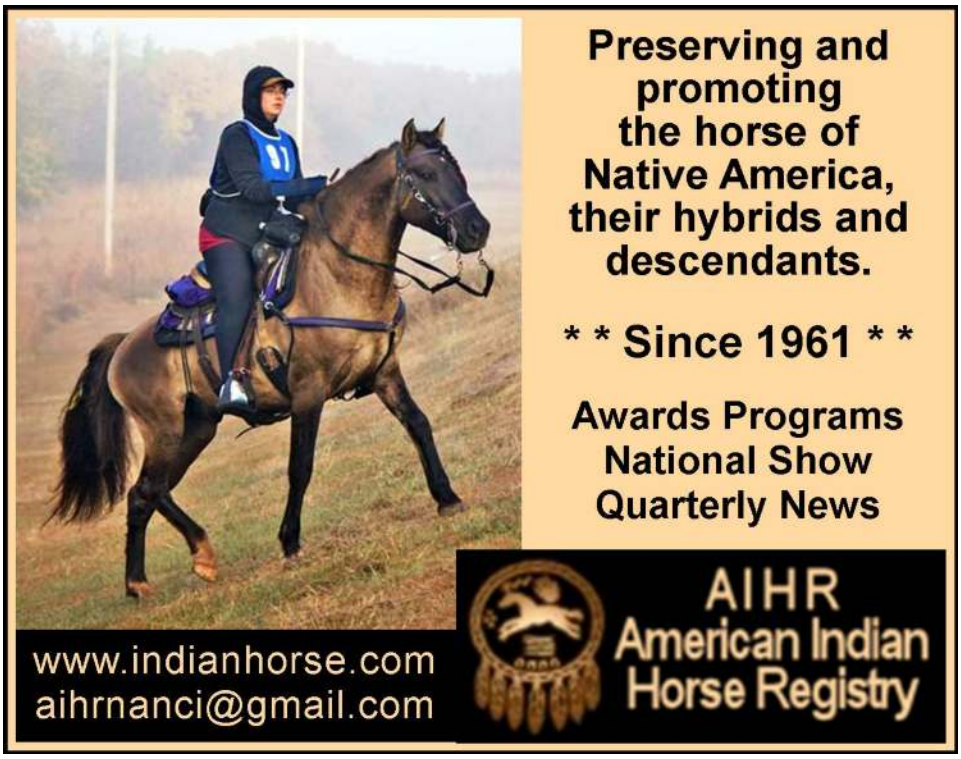
By far the most repeated and popular offerings have come via sponsoring various NATRC rides across the nation. This is a constant and it's where many of our advertising dollars go. Many rides approach us, and we initiate contact with many more. This puts our gift cards, promotional items, products and coupons in the hands of riders, while having a much more grass roots level of contact versus traditional advertising. There are many rides that we sponsor year after year and that growing, win-win-win relationship put into play via the ride managers is really fun.

Care to comment on your dealing with NATRC members as retail customers?

We love supporting NATRC year after year and simply wouldn't have it any other way. NATRC members are very faithful to their sponsors, seemingly more so than other disciplines.

Anything else you'd like to say about whatever comes to mind?

We want all of you who remember us from the Long Riders Gear days to be assured that our product selections and support will always remain devoted to the trail and endurance community. We are forever grateful to each and every one of you for your ongoing patronage and friendship – 20 years and running! Thank you, thank you, thank you.



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A New Rider's Primer, Part I: So, Why NATRC?

By MaryAshley McGibbon, Publicity Chair

A quick Google search returns at least ten large competitive trail ride sanctioning organizations in North America. Undoubtedly there are many more that exist on the state or local levels. With as many choices as the average rider has, why choose NATRC?

Simply, NATRC offers a nationwide community of competitors that feels like a family.

A good family plays well together. Riding distance is no small feat, and NATRC riders exhibit sportsmanship to the extreme—to the point where nearly all competitors would go out of their way to stop and check on a fellow rider on the trail if something might look amiss. One of the most oft-repeated comments of first-time riders is "Everyone is so NICE!" While friendly faces can be found in every equine sport, NATRC in particular features an inclusive culture that seeks to build up riders instead of putting competition front and center.

Families foster a strong learning environment. Health and safety of the horse and rider team is paramount to our sport, and a specific framework of veterinary and horsemanship checks helps to ensure riders are making sound decisions in the best interest of their equine partner. Yet NATRC's rules are written and rewritten in the interest of educating horsemen and women, not setting unnecessary limits on what riders can and cannot do. Judges welcome questions before, during, and after competition. More experienced competitors also tend to make themselves available for friendly questioning and discussion. Truthfully, it would be difficult to leave a weekend ride without having learned something—even Open riders with decades of experience under their belts take home new nuggets of wisdom with each ride.

Getting ready for check-in, friends helping friends - just like family.
Photo by Andy Klamm, with permission

Like most families, NATRC doesn't stress a specific dress code; wear what works for you! While preferred trends in the horse-show ring come and go, any clean, safe, comfortable gear that fits you and your horse is fair game for our sport. Watch a group of riders time out at any NATRC ride, and you'll most likely see anything from dressage saddles to roping saddles; yoga pants to jeans; cowboy boots to trail running sneakers. It may take a few long rides of your own to patent your signature style of gear, but whatever safely works for you and fits the horse will likely be perfect for NATRC.

History plays a part in a family, and NATRC is no different. Established in 1961, it is one of the oldest trail riding organizations in the country, with well-established membership, bylaws, and rides set up across the country. Many, many riders have been competing for decades and still return for the atmosphere and the learning environment.

A family celebrates its members for a myriad of accomplishments. You certainly don't have to be the fastest horse and rider team to win a ribbon; in fact, you probably don't want to be! Horsemanship is judged separately from the vet

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4-H Junior Rider Year End High Point Award: Just for Juniors

Are you a 4-H member? Know someone who is? Encourage your friends to do competitive trail rides. They and you can compete against each other to win NATRC's 4-H Junior Rider Year-End High Point Award.

To be eligible is simple. Just compete in any division, nominate yourself, and prove that you are a 4-H member! Here are the specifics.

- The award goes to the high point horse and high point rider **regardless** of the rider's division.
- Your self-nomination must occur before the end of the ride year, which is the second Sunday in November. (For 2016, that will be November 13th.)
- You must (1) be an NATRC member, (2) send an email to Sarah Rinne, natrc@natrc.org, stating that you are a 4-H member, and (3) have your 4-H leader also send Sarah an email verifying that you are a 4-H member.

Additionally, in a number of states (Colorado is one example), 4-H now recognizes competitive trail as an activity that qualifies as a 4-H member's project. How cool is that?! A form to use for documentation at the ride is available here or contact Sarah Rinne, natrc@natrc.org.

Questions?
Contact Angie Meroshnekoff, Chair, Riders and Juniors Committee
awhitedog@aol.com

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card, so both horse and rider can maintain high points somewhat independently of each other. Time is a factor, but only in that riders must keep pace to complete the ride in an achievable time window—there is no incentive to blast through a ride at high-speed and no penalty for using your maximum allotted time. Ride your own ride and set your own goals for finishing. Competitors can expect scorecards at the completion of the ride to be detailed and useful for training for the next competition.

Expect a ride with NATRC to be a challenge, but also expect strong support along the way from your trail riding family. Our sport welcomes all kinds with a willingness to learn and a desire to lift up your fellow riders. We can guarantee you'll leave knowing something new and having met a friend worth knowing.

Look for Part II of A New Rider's Primer in the Winter Hoof Print— if you've decided to hit the trail with NATRC, what type of horse do you want underneath your saddle?

NATRC Student Loan Program

Student loans are available up to $5,000 per person per year, at the discretion of the NATRC National Board of Directors, after proper application has been submitted.

Preference will be given to a full-time student who has been a member of NATRC or whose family has been an active member for at least three years. Consideration will also be given to a student or a student's family who has been an active member of NATRC for less than three years but more than six months.

A loan will be made based upon financial need, scholastic achievement, and character of the applicant as determined by the Student Loan/Scholarship Committee.

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

For an application, contact the NATRC Executive Administrator at natrc@natrc.org, or download NATRC Student Loan Application.

Please complete the form in Word or as an interactive PDF and submit via email to the NATRC Executive Administrator at natrc@natrc.org.

Cross Training – Good for Horses, Good for Humans

By Tim Hayes

In 1996 I participated in a Natural Horsemanship clinic given by the late Tom Dorrance. Even though he was a cowboy, well over half of his students rode English. Tom was a creator of miracles when it came to helping people with their horse problems (he called them: "people problems"). His message was simple: "humans and horses need to get along better." Tom was not only acknowledged as a great horseman but was the father of a revolution in horse training… what is now referred to as Natural Horsemanship.

When the clinic was over, I asked Tom what books he would recommend I read. I was expecting him to say something like, *Lessons From The Ranch*. Instead he simply said for me to read *Dressage* by Henry Wynmalen. I had heard of dressage. I knew riders with English saddles practiced it. However, it was the last thing I thought a California cowboy would know about much less be recommending.

In the spring of 2001, I attended Equitana USA in Louisville, Kentucky. It was a 4-day event held in two buildings each the size of Nassau Coliseum. One was totally devoted to English riding, the other to Western. On the fourth day, I listened to a wonderful talk on the benefits achieved in competitive equine events by something called cross training. The talk was given by a 28-year-old rodeo star named Ty Murray.

Two years before, Ty had received the award of World Champion All-Around Cowboy. It was the 7th time he had received it. No one has ever done it since. Ty began his talk by saying, "When I began training for the rodeo, I realized that at 5'8" and 150lbs, there was no way I could ever control a 2,000 lb. bull. But I could learn to control myself and how I reacted and responded to them." Ty went on to say that he began to practice martial arts and use a trampoline to master his reflexes and balance. He called it "Cross Training."

As I listened to Ty, I thought back to Tom Dorrance recommending that I study and practice dressage. I began to think that maybe one way to become good at one sport was to practice a different sport that has similar physical skills. I remembered years ago reading an article about professional football players who used ballet exercises in their practice to improve their agility.

"Cross-Training: Tom Dorrance recommends Tim learn Dressage - 1996"

Today cross training is widely accepted and practiced in many sports. Nowhere is it more valuable than with riding horses. As I like to say, "Horse-back riding, no matter what discipline, is the only sport where you can fail because your 'equipment' becomes anxious."

Like Ty Murray on his bull, I need to be able to control myself in how I respond to my horse, not only to win, but more importantly to be safe. Natural Horsemanship teaches me that being good with horses is more than having the physical ability to perform a piaffe or a sliding stop. I also need the skill and knowledge to control the mental and emotional states of both my horse and myself.

Horses learn through repetition, but they can also become bored and dull with routine. Horses that are constantly drilled for any type of competition often break down mentally before they break down physically. Competition on any level is stressful for both horse and rider. Cross training with your horse is easy, fun and can make a significant positive improvement in any equine discipline.

Whether you ride English or Western, taking your horse on a trail ride can do wonders for you both. Doing something together, not having an agenda or schedule, allows you and your horse quality time to just enjoy each other. (Horses that have not gone on trails before should always start by riding with other trail experienced horses and riders that are relaxed and confident). As you and your horse become comfortable and start enjoying being together out in the country, your regular routine, be it jumping, dressage, barrel racing or equitation will become less stressful, more fun and most often will improve.

If most of your horse activity is trail riding, learning how to ride over small jumps or practicing more sophisticated communication with simple dressage exercises can become your cross training. For those who jump, practice a little dressage. Learning how to go over small jumps in harmony with your horse greatly improves your balance, your seat and your confidence. Learning where each one of your horse's feet are at all times, knowing how to move your horse laterally and many other dressage exercises are wonderful ways to improve your lightness, flexibility and control in any discipline.

The take home message is that horses are just like humans. If every time they see us they think, "She's going to ask me to do this again, how

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boring," or "He's going to take me into that arena and drill me 'till I go nuts," eventually they're going to get bored, stressed, lose interest and start resisting. Wouldn't you?

On the other hand, if we can add some variety in our program, whether we're competing or pleasure riding, our horses will look at us and think: "Great, here she comes. She makes my life interesting." Or, "I wonder what we're doing today? He's always fun to play with."

One of the wonderful things about my natural horsemanship clinics is, at one time or another, everyone gets to do some cross training with their horse. Our English riders learn to ride without a bit, and our Western riders learn about collection. By the time the clinic is over, not only have we improved our relationship with our horse, we have all accomplished something just as important…we've had fun!

About the Author

Tim Hayes is the author *RIDING HOME: The Power of Horses to Heal*. It is this amazing power of horses to heal and teach us about ourselves that is accessible to everyone and found in the pages of this book. Every book ordered will benefit veterans with PTSD, children with autism, and children of families in need.

Learn more at: http://www.ridinghome.com. For Tim's clinics, private sessions, books, DVD's and more articles go to: http://www.hayesisforhorses.com.

North American Trail Ride Conference
Balance Sheet
As of June 30, 2016

	Total		
	As of Jun 30, 2016	As of Jun 30, 2015 (PY)	Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
First Bank Checking	$ 8,570	$ 18,021	$ (9,451)
First Bank Liquid Assets	144,956	148,779	(3,823)
Loan/Scholarship	80,110	87,029	(6,919)
Foundation Accounts	92,709	91,821	888
Total Bank Accounts	$ 326,345	$ 345,650	$ (19,305)
Other current assets			
Student Loan Receivable	5,000	0	5,000
Total Current Assets	$ 331,345	$ 345,650	$ (14,305)
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 331,345	$ 345,650	$ (14,305)
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Ride Management Support Fund	$ 30,720	$ 35,585	$ (4,865)
Federal Payroll Taxes Payable	48	527	(479)
Sales tax payable	0	(1)	1
State Payroll Taxes Payable	168	168	0
Total Current Liabilities	$ 30,936	$ 36,279	$ (5,343)
Total Liabilities	$ 30,936	$ 36,279	$ (5,343)
Equity			
Foundation Equity	$ 11,042	$ 10,300	$ 742
Foundation Earnings	3	3	0
Retained Equity	244,048	244,048	0
Retained Earnings	46,532	57,184	(10,652)
Net Income	(1,216)	(2,163)	948
Total Equity	$ 300,408	$ 309,371	$ (8,962)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	$ 331,345	$ 345,650	$ (14,305)

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Maintaining the Flow

How a Thoughtful Ride Plan Can Make for Happy Competitors

Kimberly Murphy, Management Chair

As my husband and I prepare for the new Arkansas ride we will be managing in September, we are putting ourselves in the shoes (or boots) of our competitors. Not just the riders, but the horses as well. When we think about some of the things we appreciate when competing, a lot of what matters is TIME.

- Do you keep the "brief" in the ride briefing? - Key information should be included in rider packets as much as possible. Housekeeping requirements, schedule, maps and timing can all be in the packet. This is very helpful for late arrivals. If riders have the chance to look it over before briefing…they may have good questions to ask…or…it may answer a lot of their questions without taking up meeting time. Let them get finished with the meeting and off to care for their horses and get a good night's rest…or stay up late visiting with folks they only get to see at the rides.
- Do things happen at the time they are scheduled? - Try to plan the itinerary carefully. Yes…things can happen to throw off the best laid plans…but having a plan, and a contingency, is critical. If the weather will be hot…plan to get the riders timed out as early as possible to help the horses. And try to keep to the schedule.

  Riders need to be cautioned that Time Out at 8 a.m. means they need to be staging a little before 8. If they are late, consider warning them that they may be timed out 30 seconds after the last rider. Their tardiness can be on their own time. This prevents the time window from getting out of whack for the observations on trail. You don't want it to impact the riders who were conscientious enough to be on time.
- Observations or obstacles? – When working on the ride plan, the trailmaster(s) should identify locations on trail that allow the judges to observe the riders negotiating natural terrain as much as possible. Climbs/descents, tricky trail sections, water crossings and transitions for example.

  Particularly at the start of the ride, avoid complicated obstacles and instructions that will cause a backup. Often the horses are fresh and the riders will not have had time to spread out. This can lead to safety issues and frankly… it's no fun to have to wait in lengthy lines.

  You need to know where the riders should be at what time and adjust your plan throughout the day based on the front runners and those bringing up the rear. Plan possible observation points and back up plans in case you are delayed and can't catch the riders. Know how long it takes to drive from place to place.

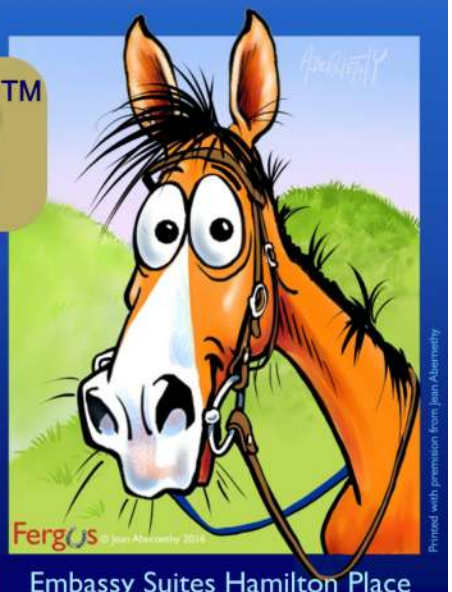
  Be prepared to separate the judges if needed. The vet judge needs appropriate spots to perform two metabolic checks and one good fairly level section of trail for a soundness check. Having the judges separated can also reduce the potential for delays and hold time.
- Trailer checks or line up? - Consider asking the judges to perform trailer checks Saturday evening when possible. This allows the horses time to enjoy some needed rest and food/water rather than standing in the vet line waiting. And the riders can focus on their care…and possibly a nap!
- An early final vet check? A thorough vet out at the end of the ride Sunday is necessary to properly score and separate the horses. Help this along by planning the judge observations such that they can see the riders at enough places and still be back in camp not long after the Novice/CP riders, if possible.

  Consider assigning a number to riders as they Time IN. That can be their order for the vet out. This way they can know when it is getting close to their turn and not spend added time in the long line. This has been done in our and other regions, and I will be trying this at our upcoming ride. I plan to have a sign board with "Now Serving #___" large enough so riders can keep tabs on progress. It's an experiment that I will report on in a future article.

I look at ride planning as a fun challenge. Making the most efficient plan possible and then being ready to shift and re-group when the inevitable curveballs come my way. I want the riders to have an enjoyable, challenging experience with their equine partners, a chance to show off the rewards of their hard work, maybe learn something, and to have fun spending the weekend with their NATRC Family.

2017 NATRC™ National Convention

The fun side of the ride!



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Chattanooga, TN
February 17 – 18, 2017

Friday Fun

- Stories: "What ifs" of trail riding
- Video Viewing: "Once Upon A Trail Ride" NATRC history and footage from early 1960's rides
- Game Show: NATRC Jeopardy
- Trips: Tennessee Aquarium and Look Out Mountain
- Slide Show: Fergus' 1ST NATRC ride - w/ popcorn and drinks
- Hospitality: On the Patio - fire pits and Bluegrass music

Saturday Education

Keynote Speaker:
Chris Irwin - horseman, author, motivational speaker

PLUS:

- Dr. Beth Glisten, The Riding Doctor: A hands-on session w/ demonstrations and active audience participation
- Don't Lose Your Mind: Crisis intervention, preparation and rescue for your horse

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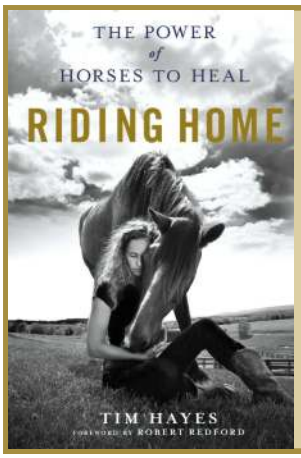

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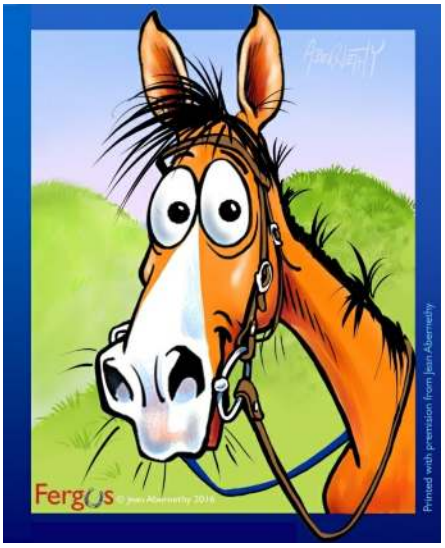
Fergus Says:

I can't wait to see what I will learn at the 2017 NATRC National Convention!

Marty Findley says there will be presentations by Chris Irwin on bonding, Cheri Jeffcoat on mental aspects of obstacles, and Betsy Glisten on physical ways to improve your riding as you age. Whew! Never knew there was so much stuff to learn. I am glad that we will be able to register soon.

We are working on getting links on the website for convention registration through RMS and hotel reservations through Embassy suites. Those hotel suites sure sound nice, with free breakfast and free happy hour. I'm a comin' and bringin' all my friends!



Waiting Game

By Jamie Dieterich, Education Chair

We've become an impatient society. We don't want to wait for stop lights, we don't want to wait for the internet, and we don't want to wait in lines at our competitions. Let's consider lines and delays on the trail.

Competitive trail rides are about time and distance, yet time delays on the trail seem to be a frequent problem. After a ride, the Rules Interpreter submits a report, a written record of the ride, to the NATRC office. One of the questions is, *Were there any time hold-ups at any of the judging spots on the trail? If so, how long? Explain.* The chair of the Rules Interpreter Committee receives the reports and presents summaries to the National Board of Directors. A large percentage of the reports indicate that hold-ups on the trails are a problem to some degree.

Often more than one factor creates a hold-up at a judged obstacle. Judges have been asked to consider three things when choosing an obstacle:

a. Is it safe? (Note: Jumping, dragging, backing over large logs and requests to drop or excessively drape reins are NOT safe observations and are not condoned by NATRC.)

b. Is it appropriate for the sport?

c. Does it adversely affect the flow of the ride?

It you're held up by the judges or ride management, you get your time back (if you remember to inform the person recording hold times at the obstacle or metabolic check). If a judge sets up a complicated obstacle that causes a delay, the horse waiting gets that time back, but that waiting horse also has a longer rest period and more time to complete the course than a horse that doesn't have to wait. OR that waiting horse gets antsy from having to wait. Either way, it's an unequal playing field. These delays can make our 30-minute window of time irrelevant.

Riders themselves often create delays when they ride in a group. If three competitors are riding together, and the first waits for the second (as dictated by good sportsmanship), and then the first and second wait for the third, a delay builds up. What can you do? Limit the size of the group you ride with. Number 1 can wait for #2 then go on; # 2 can wait for #3, etc.

If you wait for a friend whose horse is held an extra 10 minutes for not meeting criteria at a P&R stop, do you get your time back? No. You're a good sport because you're a good sport. Your friend's horse must take the extra 10 minutes added to their minimum and maximum ride time, but you do not have those extra 10 minutes. If you continue to ride with your friend, you have effectively reduced your window of time for completion to 20 minutes. There are exceptions where getting time back depends on extenuating circumstances – but that's another topic.

Our judging has probably caused riders to take too much time preparing to do an obstacle, fussing around to get everything just right. Judges don't need to see you preparing – they need to see you prepared. If things aren't going well while actually performing an obstacle, be considerate and move on.

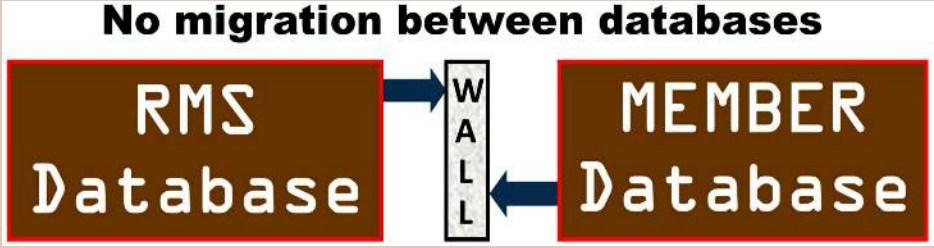
As they say, if you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem. After all, as President Cowart has said, "we are a trail ride, not a trail stop." We each have a responsibility to be considerate and avoid delays for the sake of the competition.

RMS Reminder

Please notify the National Office IF YOU:

- bought or sold an NATRC horse (one that has competed) or the mileage will not transfer with that horse. We need the current and past owners' names and the horse's breed and registration number (if applicable).
- change your name so we can put your past mileage with your current name.
- see your, or your horse's, name incorrect in the *Hoof Print*. Ask for a correction.
- corrected a name on the RMS System. Because the RMS is a separate database, the correction will not appear in the national membership database.

Contact Sarah Rinne natrc@natrc.org 303-688-1677



HELLHATS!

By Kerry Bingham, Region 3

One of the beautiful things about Facebook is connecting with other horse people. Mark and Karen Plumlee have created the "HellHat" …. a creative mix of a helmet and a cowboy hat. On my long trail rides, I didn't mind wearing a helmet, but I sure missed the shade my cowboy hat provided. HellHats are the perfect solution! If you are on Facebook, you can find pictures and directions if you search for "Karen's HellHat Posse". They are so easy to make and the sky is the limit!

To get started, get an old palm cowboy hat, or go buy a new one if you have the nerve to cut it up! The first thing you do is cut off the crown of the hat. It is suggested to use Palm or Pressed Palm with a 4 ½ inch brim. After cutting off the crown you will make "pie" cuts along the inside of the brim. You can always make them longer later if it is too small. Spray the brim with water and while wet, stretch it down over your helmet so your cowboy brim sits on the helmet's visor. Make the cuts longer if necessary, and attach the brim to the helmet. They suggest duct tape, but I used a hot glue gun. You can then attach an old belt, scarf or anything for a hat band!

Ride smart! Ride safe! Ride lookin' good!

As Simple as Hello

By Robert "TrailMeister" Eversole

There's an expression in French: *Simple comme bonjour*, "simple as hello".

Do you greet the folks that you're sharing the trail with? You should. A friendly "*jambo*" when you meet someone on the trail will not only help horse riders become everyone's favorite trail partner, it can also help to keep you safe. The hiker you politely greeted could be the vital link that directs Search and Rescue to your location after a wreck that leaves you hurt and scared along the trail. You want the people you encounter on the trail to remember meeting you. Hello is a great way to start a conversation. Ask about the trail conditions ahead, water sources, or how far until the next trail junction or campsite.

Being polite, offering a friendly "*shalom*", and encouraging the people we share the trails with to engage in a brief chat will also help your horse to understand that the strange Lycra clad beast ahead is indeed just another odd human and not an equine eating creature to fear.

An "*aloha*" when coming across other trail users will help to break the stereotype of horsemen as rude, inconsiderate, and even dangerous. If we want to break the cycle of trail loss, horsemen need to become everyone's favorite trail partners. We can do that in a variety of different ways starting with being polite.

Have you ever been riding, when someone greeted you with a hello, and it made you feel good? We all have. Those experiences underscore how powerful a simple hello can be. When you say hello to someone you're acknowledging them, and we all love to be acknowledged. Every time we fail to say hello when we pass another trail user is a lost opportunity to make a positive difference in the world.

I'm energized when a simple hello turns into a positive interaction. The opposite is true of the less than stellar times when "*guten Tag*" falls on deaf ears. We feed off of one another's energy, which is why we feel so wonderful at the end of a good ride, but leave the DMV feeling like a drink is in order. When a sincere trail greeting is ignored it's easy for us to feel awkward, silly, and even mad. Mother Teresa once said "Every time you smile at someone, it is an action of love, a gift to that person, a beautiful thing." When I think of greetings as a gift it makes it much easier to be OK with receiving nothing in return. I like to

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give gifts just because I can, without any expectation of reciprocation.

You don't have to say "*konnichiwa*" to everyone. Although I try to make it a point to say hello to all I meet on the trail, an exception is the very rare event when you happen upon someone who makes you feel unsafe. Keep moving in those situations, pull out a cell phone if you have one, or pretend that you're with a group that is just behind you.

The vast majority of trail encounters are pleasant experiences that can be even better if we take the time to say "*hola*" and mean it. Don't underestimate the power a hello can have on your fellow trail users. A hello costs you nothing, yet brightens the spirits of others, and yourself. That's pretty powerful.

If we say "*bonjour*" just half the time we pass someone on the trail we'll be making a huge difference and improving the world. It's as simple as "hello!"

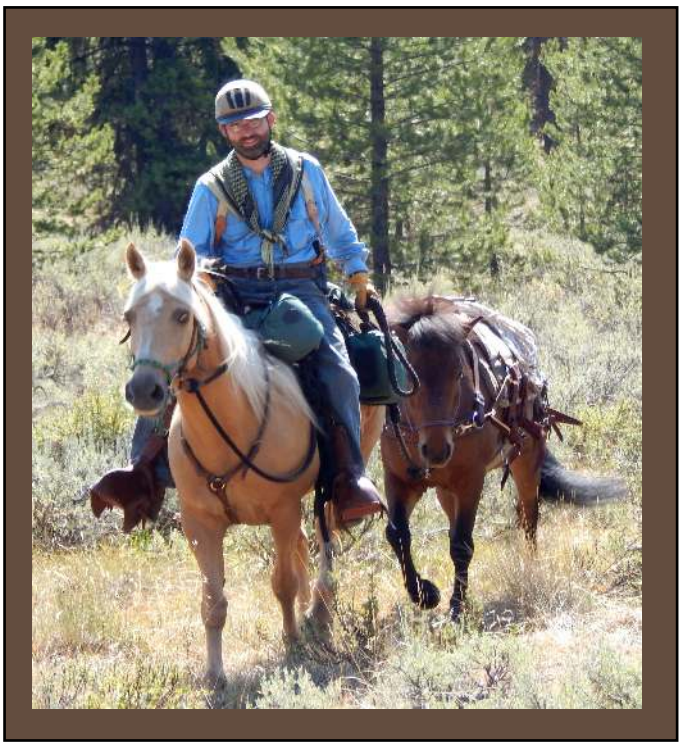
For my thoughts on trail riding, camping with horses, and more visit www.trailmeister.com the largest horse trail guide in the world.

About the Author:

Robert Eversole founded TrailMeister after finding that accurate trail information wasn't easily available for trail riders and horse campers. Ten years later, www.TrailMeister.com is the largest guide to horse riding and camping areas in the world; with free trail and trailhead information, trail maps, and much more to help outdoor enthusiasts experience the joys of trail riding.

Active in the equine community, Robert is a PATH Iintl. Registered Instructor with over a decade of experience helping individuals with special needs experience the rewarding benefits of equineassisted activities.

Prior to being introduced to horses and equine camping, Robert slogged through trails around the world as a US Marine. As a Staff NCO, he focused on the training and safety of his Marines at duty stations around the globe.



After leaving active duty, Robert joined the world of commercial banking - managing mergers and acquisitions at a super-regional bank for a decade. Then he returned to his military roots and joined a firm helping service members find careers as they transitioned from active duty service.

Now working full time helping horse and mule riders find the straight scoop on new places to ride and camp, Robert has found himself a highly requested clinician at equine events around the nation where he shares his knowledge of trail riding, camping with livestock, and trail safety with horse and mule groups.

When he's not speaking at events, writing regular feature columns in leading equine publications (including Western Mule Magazine and The Northwest Horse Source), Robert can be found riding and packing trail maintenance crews into wilderness areas throughout the Pacific Northwest.

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Knik River Ramble Ride Log

By Susan Dent

(Inspired by Deb Moore and Jen Garner, who, with completely straight faces, never letting on, conducted the most hilarious ride briefing ever, complete with a crayon map. They had just about everyone believing that there would be no maps, so everyone better take notes, and that the trail really was marked with trash, burned out cars and wasp nests!)

Friday: Check in: Any money owed should be in US dollars. Used tack and bags of "fertilizer" (manure) are not acceptable forms of payment.

Riders' Briefing: There were a few problems at the pre-ride vet check, and we had to come up with a new vet judge. The ER doctor thinks the original vet will probably regain full use of the hand that got kicked, but thankfully the memory loss from the head injury will probably be permanent. The horsemanship judge has agreed to stay on but for double the usual fee.

Saturday Ride: Due to having to pay extra for the judges, we don't have enough money to print out maps, so just copy down the map we have drawn with crayon on this piece of cardboard.

We flagged the trail several times, but someone (probably the property owners) kept taking the ribbons down. We noticed that no one has been picking up trash, so we are using trash as markers. Open will follow Budweiser cans, CP should look for Coors cans, and the Novice trail is marked by Miller Light. A Jack Daniels bottle means "Don't go there".

In the morning, leave ride camp and cross the highway at the blind curve. We're leaving early in the morning when there won't be as many drunks on the road as usual, so we won't be using crossing guards. Then ride behind the big grey house with the blue tarp roof. They didn't give us permission, so ride fast and don't make much noise. Follow the beer cans to the river. The wasps have been bad this year so try to be the first one on the trail. The horses in the back will probably get stung. The horsemanship judge will be watching to see how well you can sit a bucking horse.

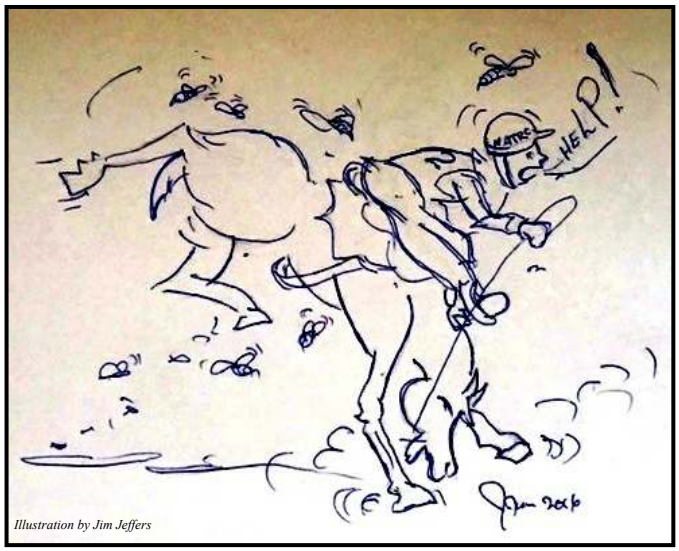

Illustration by Jim Jeffers

At the third swarm of wasps turn right and follow the trail to the burned out Chevy where you will go left. After 3 or maybe 7 miles, turn left at the men's underwear hanging on the alder tree. After 10 or maybe 30 minutes, look for the moose carcass on your right. You will probably smell it before you see it. Turn right and ride until you get down to the river. Cross the river wherever the salmon fishermen will let you. Be careful that you don't get turned around by the current as the river is high this week. Any horse over 17 hands will probably be able to wade across, but the rest of you might want to wear personal flotation devices under your bibs.

Climb out of the river where you see the shot up freezer and continue on to the pile of 12 gauge shot gun shells, where you will gallop to the P&R. There is a latrine at the P&R, but you might want to put on boot covers before you go in, and bring your own TP.

After the P&R return to camp on the main gravel 4-wheeler trail. There is an ATV race this weekend so the going should be fast. Then drop back down to the river and cross back where the air boats launch. Ear plugs for you and your horse are recommended.

Head back to camp on the single track trail. It has not been used this season, so it might be kind of hard to find. Remember to avoid that big hidden hole where we lost the horse and rider last year. Oh, by the way, you should just eat lunch while you are riding because we want to get you back across the highway before the drunks hit the road. The total mileage is about 25 to 35 miles. We will let you know your maximum and minimum times when you get back to camp.

Ride Briefing for Sunday's ride: The owner of the stallion who got loose last night has graciously offered to reduce his usual stud fee by 50% to all of the mares that were bred.

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Due to the incident with the pack of pit bulls, the State Troopers have asked that we not ride out on the trails today, so instead we are going to make 75 laps around the ride camp. Anyone who would like to be reimbursed for the ammunition they used should put in a request to the ride secretary.

The awards ceremony will be held around 1 am. By the way, the "high point rider award" goes to the rider with the most points, not the one who smoked the most marijuana.

Closing notes: All the horses that needed hospitalization will survive, and we are proud to have had a ride without fatalities. We hope you all had a great ride and that those who need reconstructive surgery will be well enough to ride again next year.

Editor's Note: *Those who were present at the Knik River Ramble ride in Alaska know what went on during the ride, but for the benefit of those who did not attend, since I was there, I will mention a few things that really happened that Susan has so artfully woven into her log. The vet judge did get kicked in the hand, some of the flagging did go missing, there was trash and burned out cars along the trails, the wasps really were bad, with both horses and people getting stung, there was part of a moose carcass in the trail, there were lots of salmon fishermen, the river was really high, there were lots and lots of 4-wheelers out there, the air boats on the river were very loud, there really was a giant, horse-swallowing hole in the trail, there was a stallion in camp that kept several mares riled up all night, there was a nasty incident involving a single pit bull, State Troopers and guns, we really did have a great ride, and hopefully everyone will be back for more fun next year!*

North American Trail Ride Conference
Actual vs budget - YTD 6/30/16
January - June, 2016

	Year to Date		Over/(Under)
	Actual	Budget YTD	Budget
Income			
Memberships	$ 19,530	$ 23,330	$ (3,800)
Platinum Membership Upgrade	2,475	1,585	890
Rides	12,319	13,555	(1,236)
Product Sales	215	125	90
Sponsorships	4,260	3,500	760
Raffles	0	0	0
Hoof Print	827	670	157
Convention and Awards	6,982	6,490	492
Judge Fee	15	0	15
Trail Advocacy	49	0	49
Donations	0	475	(475)
Other Income	4	200	(196)
Interest Income	1,593	1,580	13
Total Income	$ 48,269	$ 51,510	$ (3,241)
Expenses			
Member Dues to Regions	$ 5,095	$ 7,495	$ (2,400)
Platinum Membership Upgrades	2,926	2,195	731
Ride Costs	350	3,100	(2,750)
Clinic Expenses	300	600	(300)
Product Costs	276	1,050	(774)
Marketing	3,281	5,565	(2,284)
Hoofprint	3,928	3,500	428
Convention and Award Expenses	10,759	8,070	2,689
Staff Expenses	16,041	17,224	(1,183)
Administrative	6,509	7,185	(676)
Scholarships/Student Loans	0	0	0
Other Expense	20	145	(125)
Total Expenses	$ 49,485	$ 56,129	$ (6,644)
Net Income	$ (1,216)	$ (4,619)	$ 3,403

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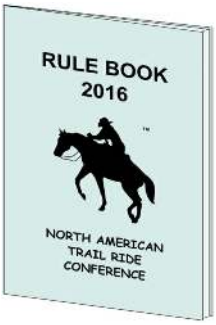
Rules News

DO and CO

DO and CO are different and not exchangeable.

DO (Distance Only) is the answer for many situations. But one cannot start the ride as a competitor and, if problems arise, switch to DO during the ride. **DO must be declared before the ride starts**. A competitor must remain in the type, division, and class in which they officially started.



A participant who signs up for 2 days of DO may choose to stop at the end of 1 day under certain conditions. **See the current Rule Book for details**. Section 4 C.6.

CO (Completion Only). **A horse and rider team arriving more than 30 minutes *after* the maximum time** is NOT disqualified NOR can they switch to DO. They **receive Completion Only points and mileage**. A team arriving more than 30 minutes *before* the minimum time is DQ'd (disqualified).

What starts in DO stays in DO. What starts in competition, stays in competition until pulled or disqualified.

Novice Eligibility

New for 2016, a rider who has attained 1500 miles in competition or who has won one of several prestigious national awards may not compete for awards – horse or horsemanship – in the Novice Division. Rule Book Section 4 A.2.f.(8). Mileages are posted here.

Accredited judges may not compete for awards in the Novice Division. See Section 4 A.2.f.(7).

Membership Reminder

Please report any changes in your membership information to the national office. Such changes might include your name, a move to a different region, the addition of juniors in a family membership - particularly if junior has a different last name, or the sale of a horse. It's your responsibility to keep your information up to date.

Contact Sarah Rinne at
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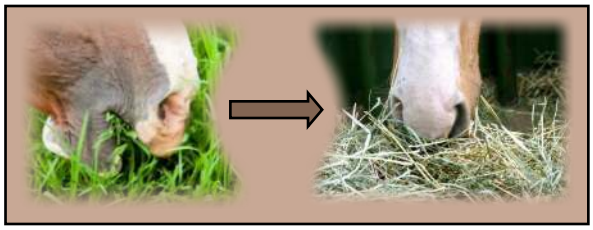
Avoiding Colic as Horses Transition from Pasture to Hay

By Kentucky Equine Research Staff, reprinted from Equinews, published by KER www.ker.com



It happens every autumn: Horses that have been turned out in pastures all summer must transition to a diet that contains far less fresh grass and far more hay. This means that the important fiber portion of the diet will have a lower moisture content along with a significant increase in the percentage of dry matter.

Any change to a horse's diet should be made as gradually as possible in order to avoid colic and other digestive tract upsets. Fortunately for horse owners, the move from grass to hay naturally follows this pattern as pasture growth declines and plants enter a dormant stage. Horses that have access to pasture will continue to graze, but the forage they ingest will slowly drop in moisture and lose its fresh characteristics.

Providing plenty of fresh, clean water is essential in every season, but it is particularly important when hay is being fed and horses are not getting much moisture from their forage intake. Extremely cold water is less appealing than water that has been warmed to around 50° F. Water at this temperature still feels very cold on human skin, but it is readily consumed by horses.

Access to salt, either loose or in a block, is also important. Sprinkling a bit of salt on grain or dampened hay will stimulate the horse to drink more water.

Throughout the fall and winter months, owners should continue to allow as much turnout as possible. According to Kathleen Crandell, Ph.D., senior equine nutritionist at Kentucky Equine Research, "Exercise helps to keep ingested material moving through the horse's digestive tract, and pastured horses cover a lot more ground than stalled horses, especially if they are turned out with a buddy or two." If outdoor exercise isn't available, be sure that all horses get at least a few hours of riding, driving, longeing, or free exercise in a covered arena each day.

Monitor hay consumption while horses are in their stalls. If one horse is not consuming much hay, or if you find wads of partially chewed hay lying on the floor in this horse's stall, he may need to have his teeth checked. Dental exams should be scheduled for all horses once or twice a year, but some horses, especially older equines, can develop problems between checkups.

When a new batch of hay is delivered, introduce it by feeding a small amount of the new hay mixed into the old, increasing the percentage of new hay gradually over five to seven days. This allows the microbes in the horse's gut to adjust to the change and prevents upsets.

Inspect each bale of hay as it is opened and discard any hay that smells musty or shows signs of mold. Most horses will refuse to eat hay that is moldy, even if the mold is so slight that humans can't detect it. However, extremely hungry horses may eat tainted hay, so it should never be fed and should be disposed of in an area where horses can't reach it.

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Clinic Expenses	300	400	(100)
Product Costs	276	1,000	(724)
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Raffle	0	20	(20)
Hoofprint	3,928	3,256	672
Convention and Award Expenses	10,759	7,175	3,584
Staff Expenses	16,041	15,690	351
Administrative	6,509	7,407	(898)
Scholarships/Student Loans	0	0	0
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Rule Change Proposals Carried Forward from NBOD Meeting 7-16-2016

Addition of a Non-Competing Adult Supporting Membership

SECTION 1 - GENERAL

A. Membership
   1. Any person interested in the purposes of this organization may be eligible for membership upon proper application and payment of the required dues.
      a. Yearly Membership
         (1) Adult Membership: Any person 18 years of age or over.
         (2) Junior Membership: Any person under the age of 18 as of the beginning of the ride year.
         (3) Family Membership: A household of one or two adults and children under the age of 18 as of January 1.
         (4) Associate Membership: Any firm, partnership, group, or any other business sufficiently interested in the promotion of the horse and horse-back riding, upon proper application and the annual payment of dues.
         (5) Supporting Membership: Any person 18 years of age or over. Not eligible for individual ride awards unless the non-member rider fees are paid at the ride. Not eligible for year end and mileage awards unless upgrade to Adult membership fee is paid before the end of the ride year. Supporting memberships are not entitled to vote.
      b. Lifetime Membership
         (1) Single Lifetime Membership: Any person of any age.
         (2) Family Lifetime Membership: A household of one or two adults at time membership is obtained and any children under the age of 18 as of January 1.
   2. Each membership, except lifetime, shall be for a period of twelve months commencing January 1 each year regardless of the month in which payment of dues is received. All membership fees are due on January 1 each year.
   3. Each Adult, ~~Supporting,~~ and Single Lifetime Membership is entitled to one vote. Each Family and Family Lifetime Membership is entitled to two votes.

Rationale: Older riders who quit competing can easily be lost to NATRC membership. Other members who have joined, even for a year or two, and are not competing may not renew for other reasons, economic, family changes, horse issues, etc. A less expensive membership could encourage them to remain. Suggest $40.00 for supporting membership.

Note: No monies should be returned to the regions for the supporting memberships. No loss would be incurred by NATRC.

Hoof Protection/Leg Protection

SECTION 5 – THE RIDE

E. Hoof Protection/ Leg Protection
   1. There are no shoeing restrictions.
   2. All types of hoof boots that provide sole protection are allowed. However, any attached strap, keeper, gaiter or accessory must not extend above the pastern. Socks and wraps under hoof boots or any of their parts are allowed if they do not extend above the pastern. The judges may request to observe the area covered by the attached strap, keeper, gaiter, or accessory.
   3. (Move from 5 F3) Protective devices, such as bell boots or wraps, are not permissible on the legs of horses except for hoof sole protections as allowed under Section 5 E2. The leg is defined as all structures above and including the coronet.

   And change to:

   Protective devices, such as bell boots, splint boot or leg wraps are not permissible on the legs of horses except as part of hoof sole protection as allowed in 5 E2. The leg is defined as all structures above and including the coronet.

F. Tack
   1. Riders must use a saddle and headgear with attached reins. The type of saddle, headgear with reins, and other equipment is at the discretion of the rider within the bounds of good horsemanship. However, no inhumane method of restraint is to be used.
   2. Trail gear desired by the competitor during the ride will be carried on the horse. No part of a rider's wearing apparel is considered trail gear.
   3. ~~Protective devices, such as bell boots or wraps, are not permissible on the legs of horses except for hoof sole protections as allowed under Section 5.E.2. The leg is defined as all structures above and including the coronet.~~

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Rationale: (1) Socks and wraps under hoof boots or their accessories have been considered leg protection. Is it more appropriate to consider these as hoof boot protection? (2) Moving #3 from the current section (5 F) on tack to the rules on shoeing and hoof protection makes more sense.

Junior Competitor Proposal

SECTION 4 - DIVISIONS, CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

B. Classes
   3. Junior
      a. Age 10 through 17. The rider must be 10 years old to enter competition; thereafter the age of a junior shall be determined by whatever their age is as of the beginning of the ride year and this age shall continue throughout that ride year.
      b. Juniors may not compete in Novice Heavyweight, Novice Lightweight, or Senior classes. Juniors may compete in Open Heavyweight or Open Lightweight classes if weight requirements are met.
      c. Juniors (See Section 4 B3a) may not ride stallions.
      d. No weight requirements apply if competing in Junior Class.

Change to:

   3. Junior
      a. Age 8 through 17. The rider must be 8 years old to enter competition; thereafter the age of a junior shall be determined by whatever their age is as of the beginning of the ride year and this age shall continue throughout that ride year. All juniors under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult. Juniors 13 and over must be accompanied by an adult unless the junior rider has at least 300 competition miles or has completed a minimum of 10 rides of any ride type. A junior rider may be removed from the ride at the discretion of management and/or judges.
      ~~b. Juniors may not compete in Novice Heavyweight, Novice Lightweight, or Senior classes. Juniors may compete in Open Heavyweight or Open Lightweight classes if weight requirements are met.~~
      ~~c.~~ b.Juniors (See Section 4 B3a) may not ride stallions.
      ~~d.~~c.No weight requirements apply if competing in Junior Class.

Rationale: Multiple families have indicated this has been a large factor in them either not joining NATRC, or stepping away from NATRC and going to other distance riding organizations so that their children could compete with them. This proposal would reduce those losses in the future.

RULE CLARIFICATIONS CARRIED FORWARD

Ride Results and Office Procedure

SECTION 2 - SANCTIONED RIDES AND CLINICS

A. Rides
   2. Fees
      b. A rider's fee as established by the Board of Directors will be sent with the ride results within 7 days following the ride (count each rider who officially starts, see Section 5 A2). After receipt by the NATRC office of all scores, points will be recorded on behalf of the competitor who is a current member or who joins at any time during a year in which that rider has competed in a ride.

Change to:

A. Rides
   2. Fees
      b. Rider fees and notification that ride results are completed in the ride management system ~~of completion of ride results~~ will be sent to the NATRC national office within 7 working days following the ride. All riders who officially start the ride shall be counted. The NATRC national office will download all scores and then record rider's points and mileage. The rider's fee ~~amount~~ will be established by the Board of Directors on an annual basis.

Rationale: The proposed change would better describe the current office procedure as well as emphasize the 7-day post ride time frame to submit ride results.

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Clarify Definition of Ride Year

SECTION 2 - SANCTIONED RIDES AND CLINICS

A. Rides
   1. Sanctioning
      d. Ride year will end ~~immediately after~~ the second Sunday in November.

SECTION 1 - AWARDS

B. Annual Awards
   1. General
      e. Ride year will end ~~immediately after~~ the second Sunday in November.

Rationale: Eligibility for year-end awards is based on membership by the end of the ride year as opposed to the calendar year.

The age of Juniors is defined by the *beginning* of the ride year, Section 4 B3a. "The rider must be 10 years old to enter competition; thereafter the age of a junior shall be determined by whatever their age is as of the beginning of the ride year and this age shall continue throughout that ride year."

If the ride year ends "immediately after the second Sunday in November," it's unclear when the beginning of the ride year is. Deleting "immediately after" in two places would give a more precise definition of the end of the ride year and thus also to the beginning of the ride year.

Points Distribution Clarification

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

C. Point Distribution
   1. ~~Disqualified or pulled horse and rider receive no points~~. (Move to 3)
   1. Points shall be based on the number of starters in a Class according to the Points Distribution Table.
   2. ~~DO horse and rider receive no points.~~ DO participants are not counted as starters in a ride. DO horses and riders receive no points.
   3. Disqualified or pulled horse and rider receive no points.
   4. The Open Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to the highest points awarded in any of the three Open classes. The Novice Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to the highest points awarded in any of the three Novice classes.
   5. The Sweepstakes winner will receive points, in addition to other points won for horse, as follows: 3 points for a Type AA ride, 2 points for a Type A ride, one point for a Type B ride.
   6. Points earned in one class will not be added to points earned in another class by the same horse or rider.

Rationale: To define how points are assigned and to introduce the points distribution table. Points Distribution Table is located directly following 9 C6 ~~above~~.

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Spotted Saddle Horse Breeders' & Exhibitors' Assoc.
AIHR American Indian Horse Registry
ADMS Love Longears
TWHBEA
Spotted Draft Horse Society
Appaloosa Horse Club.
MFTHBA Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association
CHA
FOSH Friends of Sound Horses, Inc.
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Seasoned Rider

"Always drink upstream from the herd."

—*Will Rogers*

Statements FOR and AGAINST Proposed Rule Changes

(See Proposed Rule Changes in this issue for wording of the proposals)

Please consider these proposals and make your feelings and opinions known to your national directors prior to the November 12th meeting.

ADD A SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP
The proposal would add a supporting, reduced fee membership for non-competitors.

History
2015 NATRC Membership Retention Co-Chair, Betty Wolgram, submitted a proposal to the National Board of Directors to offer a Supporting Membership. The proposal was rejected in 2015 then re-submitted in 2016 for consideration. At the July 2016, Board meeting, it was carried forward, with some objection, for a final vote at the November, 2016, National Board meeting, and, if passed, will become effective on January 1, 2017.

FOR Statement
by Betty Wolgram, former NATRC Membership Retention Co-Chair, R3 Membership Chair

My reason for submitting the Supporting Membership was to give a membership option to non-competing adults who recognize the importance of NATRC's mission. The supporting membership option allows a supporting member to upgrade to a regular adult membership before the end of ride season should he/she decide to compete for year-end regional and/or National awards.

There are any number of reasons members may not compete. Our overall membership is aging, and, as a result, many are faced with choosing not to renew should they feel that their competing days are either over or "winding down." Others may find that life has interfered although hopefully only temporarily. Their horse is older and no replacement is available. They, or their horse, experience an injury or illness that takes them out of competition. Some have experienced a job loss or other changes in their lives. Children may be involved in a number of non-horse activities. These examples are just a few.

NATRC should offer the supporting membership option to those members who are either temporarily or permanently unable to compete but who still wish to support NATRC's mission.

Some on the Board feel that offering the supporting membership would not garner enough members to make it "worthwhile." However, even if only a few select the supporting membership option, they would not be lost to NATRC. Those who no longer compete may likely, without any option, just not renew and be gone.

Others on the Board seem to be worried that a huge number of adult members (over 18) would just purchase the less expensive membership rather than the regular adult membership. But those who would do that would surely have to know that they would then be ineligible for any year-end regional and National awards, including rider and horse mileage awards.

Also some directors feel that, since NATRC would not be paying a percentage of membership dues back to the regions (as it does now for regular adult, family, and junior memberships), the regions would suffer financially. But the Board in its Policies & Procedures could elect to return a small amount to the regions (i.e. $5-$10) per supporting member. And even if NO money was given to the regions for supporting memberships, the bottom line is that retaining valuable members is a worthwhile goal in itself.

NATRC works very hard to provide benefits other than just year-end ribbons and other awards for competition. It works to keep trails open for recreational events and all trail riders, whether competitive or not. NATRC promotes trail riding safety, provides grants to improve public horse trials, encourages general safety behaviors for equestrians, offers scholarships and loans to qualifying members and their families, and provides both horse owner education and welfare of the horse education.

While NATRC gears most of its recognition to competing riders and horses, the organization should also recognize that it needs to retain, as much as possible, a dedicated number of non-competing members to be able to continue its mission. Our non-competitive members are just as valuable as our competitive rider-members and are indispensable to the future of NATRC as a viable organization.

AGAINST Statement
by Jamie Dieterich, NBOD R1

Administering the membership status of regular vs. supporting, that is eligible vs. not for ride awards, of riders at the ride would be very problematic unless a new membership category was added to the database.

Data indicate there are currently around 1,000 paid members. Subtracting the lifetime membership (income not realized) and the number of members

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AMERICAN SADDLEBRED SPORT HORSE

SPORT HORSE PROGRAMS FOR REGISTERED AMERICAN SADDLEBREDS AND HALF SADDLEBREDS

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who compete, there are around 450 members who do not compete and who could choose the less expensive, supporting membership fee. If this difference were only $10, the loss would be substantial. Our income is driven by memberships and rider fees at rides. Our membership dues were raised in 2011, and it does not make sense to effectively reverse that now.

Membership dues give an opportunity to support an organization and a sport we strongly believe in. We should not choose to devalue those.

ALLOW SOCKS AND WRAPS UNDER HOOF BOOTS

The proposal would allow socks and wraps under hoof boots.

History

Effective in 2011, the shoeing rule was expanded to allow hoof boots providing sole protection **including** their attached straps, keepers, or gaiters as long as those straps, gaiters or keepers **did not extend above the pastern**. The rules further stated that protective devices on the legs such as bell boots or wraps are not permitted, the **leg being defined as above the coronet**. Wraps such as Vet wrap around the hoof would be OK, but the same thing or a "sock" to prevent chafing above the coronet would be considered leg protection and not allowed.

FOR Statement

by Jamie Dieterich, NBOD, Education Committee

One key aspect of the boot rule has been whether extra "parts" or attachments are an integral part of the boot, necessary for its function of protecting the sole, or if they are "accessories" and thus leg protection.

It would be difficult here to analyze every boot on the market, but we can look at a couple of examples.

The Easy Boot Glove Back Country is allowed. Its comfort cup is an integral part of the boot and does not come above the pastern.

The gaiters included with Old Mac G2 boots would be considered an accessory and thus not allowed:

When considering this boot rule for 2011, many horse scorecards were reviewed, and very few problems were ever noted in the area above the hoof/below the pastern.

In practice, this distinction between "allowed" and "not allowed" is very hard to make and has caused frustration among Rules Interpreters and riders alike. In considering the initial change to allow attachments, straps and gaiters for hoof boots, most of the Judges Committee believed that any type of hoof boot conferred minimal, if any, competitive advantage. Likewise, many think there is there is no competitive advantage in using an optional sock or wrap under a boot or gaiter, and that trying to make the distinction is splitting hairs. The use and choice of sole protection is at the rider's discretion. Scoring is dependent upon the rider making the proper choice for his or her horse.

AGAINST Statement

by Bev Roberts, R4

If the boots, straps and gaiters fit properly, extra protection should not be necessary.

Socks shouldn't be allowed because each hoof protection choice a rider makes, whether it be to use shoes, boots or barefoot, has inherent risks. For barefoot, it is a completely unprotected foot, including the sole. For shoes, it is the risk of coronet, bulb, pastern and part of the sole to have cuts, scrapes, or signs of overreaching. For the boot, it is the risk of rubbing, chafing and losing a boot. We should not take away the risks for one form of hoof protection and not from the other forms.

LOWER THE AGE LIMIT OF JUNIORS TO COMPETE

by Angie Meroshnekoff, Chair Riders and Juniors Committee

The proposal would lower the age Juniors can compete from 10 to 8 and would add restrictions.

FOR Statement

Parents with younger children would be able to bring their families along to the ride and compete with their kids at an earlier age. Possibly a way to attract more families to our sport.

AGAINST Statement

The age of 10 is often a milestone in neurological and emotional development in children. Children under the age of 10 often require a lot of assistance in caring for their horse along with a lot of emotional support and encouragement from an adult. If a young child is riding with a parent, that adult can help and support them, but if the child is riding with a mentor or trainer, that support may not be available.

Also how fair would the judging be if an 8- or 9-year-old is getting help bridling or saddling their horse, and another 11- or 12-year-old is doing all the work on their own?

Comment

Wording approved at the July NBOD meeting was inadvertently incorrect. The actual age of 12 is not covered, and the intent was that Juniors should not simply be accompanied by an adult, but accompanied by an adult **on the trail**.

Recommendation

This is an important issue that needs careful and thorough consideration. We should reconsider the wording and future implications. It is recommended that we table this and introduce an improved version it at the February 2017 meeting.

National Board of Directors Meeting Summary, Denver, CO, July 15-16, 2016

CALL TO ORDER by Kim Cowart, 3:15 p.m., July 15, 2016.

ROLL CALL. Dieterich, Meroshnekoff, Malone, Insko, Gunckel, Horne, Steinke, Muench, Cowart, Rand, Rinne, and Parys present. Laurie DiNatale, Executive Administrator. Beni DeMattei, R2 Alternate.

MINUTES. February 18, 2016. Call for corrections. **Gunckel moved to accept minutes, Parys seconded. Motion approved**.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Cowart. BOD serves so riders can ride. Sponsorship committee is doing well on sponsorships. Mary Hanson is doing a great job chairing the Trail Advocacy committee.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT. DiNatale. Sent resignation to the BOD in the spring. Will do what is needed to facilitate the transition of the position. DiNatale reviewed membership numbers.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT. Malone will review reports later in the meeting.

EA APPOINTMENT. Selection committee sent a report with their recommendation to the BOD. After the Letter of Resignation by DiNatale was received, Cowart selected a committee to facilitate the selection of a replacement. Committee included a representative from each region. Cowart sent notification to all Regional Presidents of the vacancy. Cowart and DiNatale sent the Job Description and additional questions to interested parties. Two applications, with excellent credentials and references, were received. Committee deliberated over the two applications. The Committee's recommendation was Sarah Rinne. **Motion by Horne, seconded by Muench to approve Sarah Rinne as the new EA. Motion approved.** Rinne will act as R6 Director through this meeting.

BOD will discuss the parameters of the EA title versus an Executive Director title and decide if title should be changed. This would require a by-laws change. DiNatale suggested that the BOD might look to other horse organizations like AERC or CHA to compare the job descriptions for their Executive Directors.

A R6 Director and Alternate will need to be elected in this year's election since the R6 Alternate, Erin Glassman, has resigned. R6 will need to suggest to Cowart a person to fill out the Alternate position and take Sarah Rinne's term of Director through 2016.

BY-LAWS & RULES. Sarah Rinne (Wayne Hyatt). See Rules Report.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. Dieterich and Green. Dieterich would like to change Media Advisory Committee Chair title back to Hoof Print Advisory.

PROTEST. Meroshnekoff. No protests.

PLANNED AND CHARITIBLE GIVING. Cowart. No report

RIDE SANCTION. Patsy Conner sent a report.

CLINIC SANCTION. Linda Clayton. Report filed.

MANAGEMENT. Kimberly Murphy. No report filed. Lori Rand sent a letter to the BOD before meeting regarding long waiting times at rides. Meroshnekoff suggested that each region have a meeting for all of their Ride Mangers. Managers need to know that they are the boss of their ride, and that they can tell a judge not to hold up riders. Dieterich will work with Kim Murphy to develop educational points regarding trail delays to go to all Ride Managers and Judges.

RULES INTERPRETER. DeMattei reviewed her report.

INSURANCE. DiNatale. No changes to insurance.

SAFETY. Bob Insko reviewed the accident reports that have been received.

MARKETING/ PUBLICITY/WEBSITE/E-NEWS. Bev Roberts. Report filed. Jean Green sent report on E-News. Gunckel and Muench will confer with Bev Roberts on marketing ideas.

NATIONAL AWARDS PRESENTATION. Region 5 will handle awards presentation at the convention as hosting region.

SOCIAL MEDIA. Rinne and Jonni Jewell. Facebook group has 1,622 members. Rinne has created a YouTube Channel for NATRC. Now we need videos to be posted and a link from our website. Consensus that we need quality videos and standards for those videos.

BUSINESS MODELS AND MEASUREMENTS. Swiss. No report filed.

SPONSORSHIPS. Parys and Chuck Smith. Parys stated that over $4200 has been collected this year. Discussion on how to use the $1000 in gift cards from Riding Warehouse. Consensus to use that for a raffle. Riding Warehouse will also give NATRC members a 10% discount and a 5% rebate to NATRC on purchase by NATRC members. Distance Depot is also offering a discount to new members.

MEDIA ADVISORY. Dieterich filed report. Dieterich outlined the various committee chairs and their roles in working with media resources. Dieterich would like to be replaced as Chair of this committee.

RIDERS AND JUNIORS. Meroshnekoff. No report.

Meeting adjourned until 8 a.m., July 16.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT. Malone reviewed reports. Membership income is below budget. Sponsorship income is above budget. Budget had $23,075 budgeted for Marketing, only $3281 spent so far. Discussion on whether all of the money budgeted for marketing will be used. Rinne spoke on Member Loyalty program. She is still working on the list. BOD may need to help with some names. By November she should have cost estimates. The $5000 budgeted for member loyalty program will not be spent this year. Bev Roberts would like to see a classified display ad in *The Trail Rider* magazine at $166 for each of 8 issues. **Motion by Horne, seconded by Rand, to accept Robert's recommendation that we advertise in *The Trail Rider* magazine for 8 issues. Motion approved.** Steinke will also work with Mary Ashley McGibbon to choose past articles from *Hoof Print* to submit to *The Trail Rider*. Malone reviewed balance sheet.

Further discussion of Marketing report. Cowart asked about using a fund raising consultant. He will investigate. Malone asked about the possibility of raising dues. Consensus by BOD not to do that at this time. Horne raised the idea of having a 1-year and 3-year membership, with the 3-year member-

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ship being slightly less expensive. Dieterich felt that NATRC needs to make a real commitment to improve our product and make people want to join. Rand would like to see more articles in *The Trail Rider* magazine explaining why NATRC is a good value. She emphasized that riders need to know that the BOD is doing something about waiting time on trail and in camp. Dieterich stated that the ride experience starts with the RMS. The RMS needs to be made as friendly as possible. She also pointed out that the Rulebook could be separated into administrative and ride rules. That could make it less cumbersome.

FOUNDATION. Conner. Meeting scheduled after the General Meeting at National Convention.

DRUG TESTING. Kay Gunckel, DVM. Gunckel has sent out testing kits. At least one ride in each region will be tested, with the possibility of more.

VETERINARY DRUG COMMITTEE. Michael Peralez, DVM. No report. Questions arise on drugs. Some drugs like thiamine or magnesium are allowed in small levels, but not at larger performance enhancing levels. Questions arise regarding antibiotics. Dietrich stated that antibiotics are not permitted. Gunckel stated that if a horse requires treatment with antibiotics, they should not be competing.

TRAIL ADVOCACY. Mary Hanson. Report filed. Hanson attended a SETC meeting last weekend and represented NATRC, along with being one of the speakers.

EDUCATION. Dieterich. Report filed. Emphasized that we need quality videos on our You Tube channel. Bev Roberts has created standards for the videos.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION. Cowart. No one was named for these areas since this is the responsibility of the entire BOD. Cowart suggested that each region contact the new members that took advantage of the free memberships this year. He also wants each region to contact those members that have not yet renewed for 2016. Gunckel would like to see a Chair for this committee. **Motion by Gunckel, seconded by Insko, to offer a 3-year membership for Single, Family and Junior memberships. Meroshnekoff asked that the motion be amended to add a discount of $5 per year in each of the three membership categories. Single ($165), Family ($255) and Junior ($105). Motion amended and approved.**

JUDGES COMMITTEE. Kay Gunckel, DVM/Priscilla Lindsey. Lindsey filed report. Lindsey outlined the Apprenticeship process.
Dieterich spoke about the scorecards and revisions before the next printing and distributed samples. Percentages need to be added for horse card. Vet Judging Standards will be added to the card.
Jill Talbot addressed the BOD. She talked about her Apprenticeship and the Apprentice/Mentor Program. She felt that the length of the process may need to be adjusted. She suggested that there may need to be more time between Apprentice and Provisional rides so that the Apprentice can get feedback. Discussion on trail observations and wait times.
CRI. Dieterich has been reviewing the scorecards that had CRI notations this year. Discussion on the CRI. R3 President wrote a letter citing the value of the CRI. Dieterich stated that Kerry Ridgeway, DVM, created the CRI as another tool, in addition to P&R's, to evaluate the condition of the horse.
Alternate Judges. Gunckel stated that a R6 ride wants to use a guest judge. This Veterinarian may just judge this ride, but not be interested in pursuing a NATRC Judging card.

HALL OF FAME. Jackie Coleman. No report.

BREEDS & ORGANIZATIONS.

- BREED LIAISON. Terry Silver. No report. Breed awards have been awarded by various associations and will be awarded on Saturday night at the 2017 convention.
- AHA LIAISON-Bob Insko. No report.

HONORARY & APPRECIATION. Ruth Mesimer**.** Report filed.

ANNUAL POINTS/NATRC DATA/ NATIONAL RECOGNITION. Cheri Jeffcoat/Laurie DiNatale. Jim Menefee trophy is in need of repair and/or replacement. Cowart and Rand will research a replacement for that trophy. BOD will need to decide how the trophy will be retired.

ELECTRONIC MEETING COORDINATOR. Sallie Kudra. Please contact Kudra to set up conference calls.

STUDENT LOAN/SCHOLARSHIPS. Horne. An application for a Student Loan was submitted by Jason Klamm. **Motion by Muench, seconded by Rinne to approve a loan of $2500.** Discussion. **Motion amended to a figure of $1250. Motion approved.** Committee will work on promissory note and repayment schedules.

CONVENTION 2017. Region 5. Convention Chair, Marty Findley is working with Debbie Jones on convention. Convention will be held in Chattanooga, TN. Friday will be centered on fun activities, and Saturday more focused on education sessions.

Regional reports were submitted by R4 and R5.

Shared BOD amount is $355.69.

Marla Stucky was nominated by Cowart to assume the duties of R6 Alternate Director. **Motion by Meroshnekoff, seconded by Steinke, to accept Marla Stucky as R6 Alternate Director. Motion approved.**

Old Business:

1. Electronic Scorecards. No action.
2. Riders Manual. Dieterich is working on revision.
3. Strategic planning. Continues.
4. RMS. Peter Yovich has moved the new RMS site to GoDaddy. Eventually the NATRC website will join the RMS on GoDaddy.
5. NATRC Historian. Patsy Conner submitted report.

New Business.
Rinne's resignation from the BOD will create a vacancy in Vice President position. **Motion by Gunckel, seconded by Rinne, to elect Meroshnekoff as Vice President, effective immediately after this meeting. Motion approved.**
Cowart asked the BOD to express to the BOD if they want to run for an officer position at November meeting. Meroshnekoff expressed interest in running for President.
Motion by Horne, seconded by Gunckel, to adjourn. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie DiNatale
Full Minutes on file at National Office.

Ride Results

How to read these results:
1st # = Horse's Placing / 2nd # = Rider's Placing
CO = Completion Only / P = Pulled / DO = Distance Only / DQ = Disqualified

Region 1

Round Valley A

6/4-5/2016 R1-CA
A-O/CP Total Riders: 8
Chair: Gene Boicelli
Judges: Carol Meschter DVM, Karel Waugh
CP Combo: Andarko/Walls, Lory
Open Sweepstakes: Amiraborr/Ikerd, Maleah-93

Open Heavyweight
1/1 YS Tyrone/Kroncke, Davern

Open Lightweight
1/1 Amiraborr/Ikerd, Maleah
P Palistar/Swain, Stephanie

Competitive Pleasure
1/1 Andarko/Walls, Lory
2/4 Om El Bilbao/York, Debbie
3/3 OM El Nairobi/Dillard, Ashley
4/2 OM El Shakeeb Dream/Dillard, Joe
5/5 Stealth Knight/Boicelli, Victoria

Round Valley B

6/4/2016 R1-CA
B-N Total Riders: 8
Chair: Gene Boicelli
Judges: Carol Meschter DVM, Karel Waugh
Novice Sweepstakes: Serafina/
Johnson, Kirsten-97

Novice Heavyweight
1/1 Supernaturahl/Wittenauer, Jerry
P Pusher's John Boy/Johnson II, Gary

Novice Lightweight
1/1 Caramija/Cobb, Melissa
2/2 Chism/Pino, Micheline

Novice Junior
1/1 Serafina/Johnson, Kirsten
2/4 Mistress Jezebel/Xerogeanes, Lia
3/2 Lucky Eddie/Cichocki, Claire
4/3 Valentyne/Gipson, Savanah

Cowboy Camp A

6/21-22/2016 R1-CA
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 11
Chair: Jean Armer
Judges: Leroy Burnham DVM, Jim Ferris
CP Combo: Andarko/Walls, Lory
Novice Sweepstakes: Lucky Eddie/
Cichocki, Claire-88
Open Sweepstakes: Amiraborr/
Boicelli, Gene-96

Open Heavyweight
1/1 Amiraborr/Boicelli, Gene

Open Lightweight
1/1 Sierra Sunshine/Stidolph, Donna
P Palistar/Swain, Stephanie
P Desert Reinbeau/Meroshnekoff, Angie

Novice Junior
1/2 Lucky Eddie/Cichocki, Claire
2/1 Serafina/Johnson, Kirsten

Competitive Pleasure
1/1 Andarko/Walls, Lory
2/3 Om El Bilbao/York, Debbie
3/4 MK Vangouh/York, Ron
4/2 Tura Lura/Cannon, Linda
5/5 Stealth Knight/Boicelli, Victoria

Cowboy Camp B

6/21/2016 R1-CA
B-N Total Riders: 11
Chairs: Jean Armer
Judges: Leroy Burnham DVM, Jim Ferris
Novice Sweepstakes: NHR Bravo/
Christiansen, Sheila - 98

Novice Heavyweight
1/1 SR Streke of Color/Moore, Felicia
2/2 Gustine Hawkhaven/ORourke, Sarah

Novice Lightweight
1/1 NHR Bravo/Christiansen, Sheila
2/3 Chism/Pino, Micheline
3/2 Diamonte/Pang, Xiao Yang

Novice Junior
1/4 Kaylee/Boles, Grace
2/1 Abishagg/Niderost, Natalie
3/2 Beauhemian/Redin, Lily
4/3 Lola 3/Monlux, Anais

Novice DO
Mistress Jezebel/Lieberknecht, Kay
Lady Tigers Hi Syn/Schlerf, Haley

Enhanced Member Services Program

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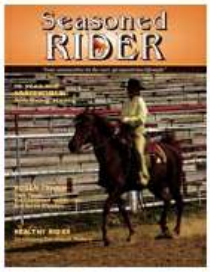

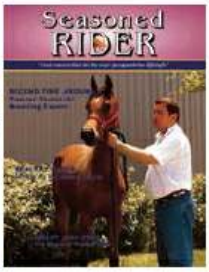

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Region 1A

Knik River Ramble A

7/30-31/2016 R1A-AK
A-O/CP Total Riders: 32
Chair: Pete Praetorius
Judges: Leroy Burnham DVM, Jamie Dieterich
CP Combo: Big Tune's Temptation/
Gotschall, Sarah
Open Sweepstakes: Cali 2/Vroman, Jaida-96

Open Heavyweight
1/2 Indy's Midnight Sun/Knuutila, Laurie
2/6 Freedom 2/Fabich, Jeanie
3/3 Vaergskjona/Dent, Susan
4/4 Willow Bey Star/Grogan, Brenda
5/1 Wild Ladys Nite/Fisk, Colleen
6/5 Creek's Gunner/Halley, Catherine
P Sedona/Drake, Brad

Open Lightweight
1/1 Flash's Gentleman Jim/Forrester, Donna
2/3 Ephrata Cash/Seppi, Zoe
3/2 Indy 2/Adkins, Jane
P Raudhetta fra Alaskastadir/Culhane, Alys

Open Junior
1/1 Cali 2/Vroman, Jaida
2/3 Hailstorm/Allen, Mallori
3/4 Hjalma/Carney, Amelia
4/2 Elsa/Wehrheim, Haley
5/6 Tazi/Parker, Kade
6/5 Dryner/Wehrheim, Brooke

Competitive Pleasure
1/1 Big Tune's Temptation/Gotschall, Sarah
2/3 Alaska Wilderness Holy
Smoke/Haverlikova, Ivana
3/5 Taz 2/Kitchin, Leslie
4/4 Gypsy 7/Kirk, Ashlynn
5/ Jolkula/Stoffel, Richard
6/ Rio Rogue/Ash, Heather
/2 Katla/Sihler, Claudia
/6 Marble/ Przbylski, Erin
Gjof/Sihler, Frank
P Archimedes/Cummings, Larissa
P Brisco/Stevenson, Kelly
P Sallie/Schirack, Julia
P Luke 3/Onorati, Melissa
P Kegger/Wight, Janelle
P Lady Sidney's Sunlit Path/
Kolehmainen, Karol

Knik River Ramble B

7/30/2016 R1A-AK
B-N Total Riders: 10
Chair: Pete Praetorius
Judges: Leroy Burnham DVM, Jamie Dieterich
Novice Sweepstakes: Ramblin' Man/
Sochacki, Laura-100

Novice Heavyweight
1/6 Willy/Peabody, Will
2/2 Allexxa Rae/Inglet, Christine
3/3 Bessia's Amalia/Potter, Sandy
4/4 Arrow 3/Vogt, Dawn
5/1 Echo 5/Hale, Israel
6/5 Casey 6/Smith, Paul

Novice Lightweight
1/1 Ramblin' Man/ Sochacki, Laura
2/2 Tinni fra Hellissandi/Coburn, Michelle

Novice Junior
1/1 Dean/Hogan, Darby
2/2 Tink/LeMay, Kenzie

Region 2

Share the Trail

6/18/2016 R2-CA
B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 8
Chair: Bob Insko
Judges: Kimberly Sergent DVM, Lory Walls
Novice Sweepstakes: Johnnie/
Williams, Evelyn-91
Open Sweepstakes: Rocky 7/
Floyd, Brianna-89

Open Heavyweight
1/1 Smokey Sedona/Kafka, Karen
2/2 Silver Idol/Lowell, Barbara

Open Lightweight
1/1 Baha Crescent/Slivinski, Alaina

Open Junior
1/1 Rocky 7/Floyd, Brianna

Novice Heavyweight
1/1 Buddy1994/Clark, Curtis

Novice Junior
1/1 Johnnie/Williams, Evelyn

Competitive Pleasure
1/2 Pride's College Boy/Bray, Sherrie
2/1 QCA Sonrey/Carl, Becky

Trail Care Tip

In hot weather or when your horse is working hard, when crossing a creek, stream, river or stopping at a pond or lake to water, if the bottom is good, ride in far enough or deep enough to wet your horse's belly. This will bring cool water to the veins in the legs to help your horse cool and will keep working after you get back on the trail until the legs dry. While you are there, drop your sponge in the water and wet your horse's neck.

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Region 3

Navajo Lake A

5/7-8/2016 R3-NM
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 22
Chair: Bill Cumberworth
Judges: Boyd Emond DVM, Wayne Tolbert
CP Combo: The Missouri Reverend/ Wingle, Diane
Novice Sweepstakes: Raven/Bravo, Eric-92
Open Sweepstakes: Dee Bar/ Westmoreland, Cheri-93

Open Heavyweight
1/2 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri
2/3 Gen's Rockin Shadow/Ward, Jim
3/1 Touch's Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary
4/4 Bookcliff Mountain Fire/Bingham, Kenneth

Open Lightweight
1/3 Isis Khepri/Scott, Syndi
2/2 Tres Beau/Poulton, Jennifer
3/1 Turnner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin
4/5 Dakota Cole/Olson, Calleen
5/6 BR Elusive Flame/Jarrett, Cheryl
6/4 SAS's Smokey Annie Oakley/ Feazell, Juleen

Novice Heavyweight
1/1 Raven/Bravo, Eric
2/3 Anna's Rhett Buttler/Grabbe, Susan
3/2 Pistolero/Wiltshire, Diane

Novice Lightweight
1/1 Rock/Farmer, Jane

Novice DO
Precious Easy Aces/Bingham, Kerry

Competitive Pleasure
1/1 The Missouri Reverend/Wingle, Diane
2/6 Nightts Shaddo/Howell, Perran
3/ Solid Country Gold Skye/Conne, Linda
4/2 Royal's Rock'N EZ Cinnabar/Garrett, Betty
5/3 Mariah/Wingle, Bill
6/5 Curiosa CR/O'Brien, Wava
/4 Cadence/Tucker, Nicole

Navajo Lake B

5/7/2016 R3-NM
B-N Total Riders: 2
Chair: Bill Cumberworth
Judges: Boyd Emond DVM, Wayne Tolbert

Novice DO
Princess Tru Lena/Jones, Hugh
Bee Bees Touch/Jones, Jayne

Colorado Trail

6/11-12/2016R3-CO
A-O/N/Cp Total Riders: 42
Chairs: Amelia Adair, Tammy Beyerle, Dee Overholt
Judges: Kay Gunckel DVM, Jill Talbot
CP Combo: Wish Upon a Star/Hapgood, Kris
Novice Sweepstakes: Ty One On/ Terpstra, Dave-94
Open Sweepstakes: Tezuby/Jewell, Jonni-97

Open Heavyweight
1/4 Tezuby/Jewell, Jonni
2/3 Little Ann/Klamm, Liz
3/2 Gen's Rockin Shadow/Ward, Jim
4/1 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken
5/5 Thunder/Lewis, Donna
P Peanut/Baker, Matt

Open Lightweight
1/1 Turnner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin
2/2 WH Picos Cozmic/Brodersen, Shirley
3/3 Princess Dina/Payne, Debbie
4/4 Isis Khepri/Scott, Syndi
5/6 Regala de la Estrellas/Marquardt, Diana
6/5 Dakota Cole/Olson, Calleen
P SAS's Smokey Annie Oakley/ Feazell, Juleen
P Phantom's Masquerade/Lane, Roxann

Open Junior
1/1 Angel's Ricochet Shot/Klamm, Ryan
2/2 Lincoln/Combs, Alexis

Open DO
Talk Til Midnight/Wood, Mary Anna

Novice Heavyweight
1/2 Ty One On/Terpstra, Dave
2/1 Moonshine Blues/Schoenecker, Kevin
3/3 Fannie/Bishop, Stephen

Novice Lightweight
1/2 Chester/Andrews, Jill
2/1 Alaata Sol/Strandquist, Jill
3/3 Mr San Puppy/Ehrich, Louise
CO Torrey/Bonham, Kat
CO Sahara Summer/Conley, Gillian
P Some'R Santana/Lohrenz, Nancy
P Inexessive Things/Watson, Raina

Novice Junior
1/1 Pur Ty Rain Danc/Ware, Tori

Competitive Pleasure
1/1 Wish Upon a Star/Hapgood, Kris
2/5 Kokopelli Moon/Brooker, Natalie
3/ Eduardo el Negrito Knight/Wingle, Diane
4/2 Danner/Inman, Gary
5/4 EHF Miss Charming/Clark, Hannah
6/ Summer/Wolgram, Betty
/3 Safara/Thearin, Dianna
/6 Stormy White Magic/Terpstra, Louise
Young Gun Last/Dandy, Donna
Solid Country Gold Skye/Conne, Linda
Levi/Morgan, Dayna
P Dukes Eternal Gold/Holder, Sharon

Competitive Pleasure DO
Nightts Shaddo/Howell, Perran
Shiraz/Horne, John

Why not go out on a limb?
Isn't that where
the fruit is?

—Frank Scully

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Region 3, continued

General Albert P. Clark Memorial A

6/25-26/2016 R3-CO
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 38
Chairs: Dayna Morgan, Pamela Galchutt
Judges: Boyd Emond DVM, Jill Talbot
CP Combo: Eduardo el Negrito Knight/ Wingle, Diane
Novice Sweepstakes: Some'R Santana/ Lohrenz, Nancy-93.5
Open Sweepstakes: Awesomes Fire N Ice/ Wolgram, Ken-100

Open Heavyweight
1/3 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken
2/2 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri
3/1 Talk Til Midnight/Gunckel, Kay
4/5 L.L. Remington/Marston, Marilyn
5/6 Gen's Rockin Shadow/Ward, Jim
6/4 Little Ann/Klamm, Liz
Smokey Sedona/Kafka, Karen

Open Lightweight
1/3 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
2/2 EZ Rocket/Stucky, Marla
3/4 Turnner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin
4/1 Moon's Movin' Out/Sommer, Alanna
5/5 Dakota Cole/Olson, Calleen

Open Junior
1/1 Lincoln/Combs, Alexis
2/2 Angel's Ricochet Shot/Brooker, Natalie
CO Rocky 7/Joanna Murphee

Novice Heavyweight
1/2 Neo 2/Blackwood, Lee
2/1 A Goodtime Cowboy Casanova/ Dancy, Devon
3/3 Foxhaven's Medicine Man/William, Morgan
P Fannie/Bishop, Stephen

Novice Lightweight
1/2 Some'R Santana/Lohrenz, Nancy
2/5 Mr San Puppy/Ehrich, Louise
3/3 Machi/Grover, Sandra
4/6 Rockin Silver Splash/Bonham, Kat
5/4 Atlas/Hofkamp, Sarah
6/1 Alaata Sol/Strandquist, Jill

Novice DO
P CC/Lawson, Elizabeth

Competitive Pleasure
1/1 Eduardo el Negrito Knight/Wingle, Diane
2/ Summer/Wolgram, Betty
3/6 Young Gun Last/Dandy, Donna
4/ Big Mac's My My/Wylie, Karen
5/2 Dukes Eternal Gold/Holder, Sharon
6/3 Danner/Inman, Gary
/4 Peddlin' The Bucks/Hagler, Linda
/5 Risky Snickers/Woods, Mary Anna
Cinder Aly/Heniser, Vicki
Mariah 3/Wingle, Bill
P Solid Country Gold Skye/Conne, Linda

Competitive Pleasure DO
Buffnugget/Halterman, Susan

General Albert P. Clark Memorial B

6/25/2016 R3-CO
B-N Total Riders: 2
Chairs: Dayna Morgan, Pamela Galchutt
Judges: Boyd Emond DVM, Jill Talbot
Novice Sweepstakes: Clover's Prize/ Beyerle, Tammy-90

Novice Heavyweight
P Nottinghams Mystic Prince/Garrett, Jill

Novice Lightweight
1/1 Clover's Prize/Beyerle, Tammy

M Lazy C

7/9-10/2016 R3-CO
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 52
Chair: Stephen Bishop
Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Cheri Jeffcoat
CP Combo: Kokopelli Moon/Brooker, Natalie
Novice Sweepstakes: Some R' Santana/ Lohrenz, Nancy-95
Open Sweepstakes: Dee Bar/ Westmoreland, Cheri-100

Open Heavyweight
1/3 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri
2/4 Gen's Rockin Shadow/Ward, Jim
3/2 Talk Til Midnight/Gunckel, Kay
4/1 Razmataz DBA/Bass, Carla Jo
5/5 Thunder 11/Lewis, Donna
P Tribute to Liberty/Steinke, Alice

Open Lightweight
1/4 Turnner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin
2/3 Wildfire Storm/Miller, Dolly
3/1 Moon's Movin' Out/Sommer, Alanna
4/2 Hot Saki/Smith, Terri
5/6 Dakota Cole/Olson, Calleen
6/5 Emmit/Combs, Janna
Regala de la Estrellas/Marquardt, Diana
P BR Elusive Flame/Jarrett, Cheryl

Open Junior
1/1 Lincoln/Combs, Alexis

Novice Heavyweight
1/6 Reign/Galt, Jenee
2/2 SAS'S My Future is Spots/Gardner, Carrie
3/5 Zorro 4k/Valerio, Kay
4/1 Calamity Jane's 44 Magnum/ Hagler, Brenda
5/4 Foxhaven's Medicine Man/William, Morgan
6/ Moonshine Blues/Schoenecker, Kevin
/3 Mojo 5/Prestarri, Lynda

Novice Lightweight
1/1 Some R' Santana/Lohrenz, Nancy
2/ Chester 6/Andrews, Jill
3/3 My Mojo/Gillilan, Susan
4/4 Alaata Sol/Strandquist, Jill
5/ Sixes Peppy Lady/Lyons, Johnnie
6/ Senteney's Spirit/LaValley, Kristie
/2 Rockin Silver Splash/Bonham, Kat
/5 Mr San Puppy/Ehrich, Louise
/6 Atlas/Hofkamp, Sarah
Jazz on Parade/Carleton, Lindsay
Savannah 5/Lindley, Siri

Novice Junior
1/2 Pur Ty Rain Danc/Ware, Tori
2/1 Little Bit 3/Vanpoollen, Sydney

Competitive Pleasure
1/ Levi 2/Morgan, Dayna
2/1 Kokopelli Moon/Brooker, Natalie
3/ Big Mac's My My/Wylie, Karen
4/4 Summer/Wolgram, Betty
5/ Classic Lines/Scott, Syndi
6/ Lion's Design/Milewski, Teresa
/2 Eduardo el Negrito Knight/Wingle, Diane
/3 Peddlin' the Bucks/Hagler, Linda
/5 EHF Miss Charming/Clark, Hannah
/6 Dukes Eternal Gold/Holder, Sharon
Young Gun Last/Dandy, Donna
Precious Easy Aces/Bingham, Kerry
Slicks Bar-B-Doll/Moore, Cathy
Cindy Aly/Heniser, Vicki
Buffnugget G./Halterman, Susan
P Danner/Inman, Gary
P Solid Country Gold Skye/Conne, Linda

Wherever you go, go with all your heart.

—Confucius

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Region 4

OK Run for the Mustangs A

4/30-5/1/2016 R4-OK
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 28
Chair: Patsy Conner
Judges: Boyd Emond DVM, Kathy Shanor
CP Combo: LRR Matt's Buck Ledoux/
Drumm, Jenny
Novice Sweepstakes: Risky Snickers/
Klamm, Ryan-94
Open Sweepstakes: Little Ann/Klamm, Liz-97

Open Heavyweight
1/2 Little Ann/Klamm, Liz
2/3 Razmataz DBA/Bass, Carla Jo
3/1 Tezuby/Jewell, Jonni
4/4 My Knightmare/White, Vickie

Open Lightweight
1/4 Hes a Rockstar/Van Order, Barbie
2/3 Wildfire Storm/Miller, Dolly
3/2 WH Picos Cozmic/Brodersen, Shirley
4/5 Moon's Movin' Out/Sommer, Alanna
5/1 CT Nick At Noon/Hicks, Patti
6/6 Moonshadow/Galliher, Teresa
P Wyntez Buddy/Roberts, Beverly

Open Junior
1/1 Sky/Walls, Quincie

Novice Heavyweight
1/3 Eds Scarlett Dawn/Milligan, Misten
2/2 Johnnie Whoa Jo/Zeliff, John
3/1 Missouri's Cassey's Ringo/
Dieckman, Junior
4/5 Esse/Erhardt, Harmoni
5/4 Jacks Red Rhubarb/Skidmore, Veronica

Novice Lightweight
1/2 Aelfleah Idlewild/Holm, Sharon
2/1 Peaches/Koontz, Susan
3/3 Halcon/Queen, Kelly

Novice Junior
1/1 Risky Snickers/Klamm, Ryan

Competitive Pleasure
1/1 LRR Matt's Buck Ledoux/Drumm, Jenny
2/3 Wish Upon a Star/Hapgood, Kris
3/ Heza Trouble Makin' Buddy/
Giedt, Elisabeth
4/5 Tomachichi's Little Feather/Lampley, Patty
5/4 D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen
6/6 Nellie's Last Tango SC/Lucht, Becky
/2 Fives Bert Harlan/Bouska, Alan

OK Run for the Mustangs B

4/30/2016 R4-OK
B-CP Total Riders: 4
Chair: Patsy Conner
Judges: Boyd Emond DVM, Kathy Shanor
CP Combo: Mirago/Munson, Hannah

Competitive Pleasure
1/1 Mirago/Munson, Hannah
P Flash/Roberts, Sean
P Caprice/Herrin, Chrystal
P Hawk's Princess Diann/Dieckman, Ermine

Indian Territory

5/28-29/2016 R4-OK
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 28
Chair: Art Byrd
Judges: Tamara Gull DVM, Priscilla Lindsey
CP Combo: Tomachichi's Little Feather/
Lampley, Patty
Novice Sweepstakes: Eds Scarlett Dawn/
Griffin, Annette-90
Open Sweepstakes: Wildfire Storm/
Miller, Dolly-92

Open Heavyweight
1/1 L.L.Remington/Marston, Marilyn
2/3 Tezuby/Jewell, Jonni
3/2 Razmataz DBA/Bass, Carla Jo

Open Lightweight
1/4 Wildfire Storm/Miller, Dolly
2/5 Moonshadow/Galliher, Teresa
3/ CT Nick At Noon/Hicks, Patti
4/1 EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla
5/ Hes a Rockstar/Van Order, Barbie
6/2 WH Picos Cozmic/Brodersen, Shirley
/3 Moon's Movin' Out/Sommer, Alanna
/6 Dun Come Unzipped/Reynolds, Margaret
SC Akil Gassur/Brinck, Travis
P Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara
P Wyntez Buddy/Roberts, Beverly

Novice Heavyweight
1/1 Missouri's Cassey's Ringo/
Dieckman, Junior
P Jacks Red Rhubarb/Skidmore, Veronica

Novice Lightweight
1/1 Eds Scarlett Dawn/Griffin, Annette
2/2 Halcon/Queen, Kelly

Novice DO
Foxy's Koda/Starr, Debby

Competitive Pleasure
1/2 Tomachichi's Little Feather/Lampley, Patty
2/4 Heza Trouble Makin' Buddy/
Giedt, Elisabeth
3/6 African Symphony/Murphy, Shane
4/ Hytone Commander/Jackson, Becki
5/1 Rowdy Rooster/Murphy, Kimberly
6/3 Wish Upon a Star/Hapgood, Kris
/5 LRR Matt's Buck Ledoux /PDrumm, Jenny
Nellie's Last Tango SC/Lucht, Becky
Mystery Prairie Classic/Day, Diane

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Region 5

French Broad Classic at the Biltmore A

6/4-5/2016 R5-NC
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 32
Chair: Sherry Garnes
Judges: Natalie Morris DVM, Becky Rogers
CP Combo: RCC Follow Me/Jones, Debbie T.
Novice Sweepstakes: Dotty/ Galbraith, Linda-96.5
Open Sweepstakes: Windstorm Clay/ Mitchell, Tommy-96

Open Heavyweight
1/1 Windstorm Clay/Mitchell, Tommy

Open Lightweight
1/1 My Noble Ambition/Rand, Lori
2/3 Terradocs Oconee Belle/Kudra, Sallie
3/2 Nirus Nez/Annis, Margie

Novice Heavyweight
1/4 Heir Goes Nothing/Radford, Amy
2/1 Ruby/Talbert, Ben
3/5 Dawson/Moore, Cassidy
4/3 Rudy/Swartzendruber, Samantha
5/6 Alen's Little Gypsy/Bortz, Kathy
6/ Extra Chocolate/Brower, Pete
/2 Santana/Mulligan, Jennifer
P Elvis/Wertz, Jennifer
P Miss Kitty/Sayers, Randy

Novice Lightweight
1/1 Dotty/Galbraith, Linda
2/3 Matt Dillon/Mills, Carolyn
3/4 Maggie Mae/Saunby, Lauren
4/2 Andy/Alonso, Heather
5/6 Maverick/Lent, Mary
6/5 Stonewall Jackson/Lindberg, Angie

Novice Junior
1/1 Lena Honey/Sharkey, Elizabeth
2/4 Spirit of Spotted Alen/Hatcher, Hannah
3/3 Sweet Dollar/Stanley, Janna
4/2 Sampson/Sandifer, Brianna
P Bonnie Hijaker/Lord, Olivia

Competitive Pleasure
1/1 RCC Follow Me/Jones, Debbie T.
2/5 Impressive Red Rebel/Riley, Paula
3/3 Appalachian Spring/Moss, Linda
4/2 DLC Roxies Peponita/Howard, Marsha
5/4 Spotted Alen's Finale/Keen, Cindy
6/ Alena Rae/Rogers, Andrea
Cowboy's Little Cowgirl/Kurtz, Robin
/6 TR What's Smokin/Jones, Mark H.

French Broad Classic at the Biltmore B

6/4/2016 R5-NC
B-N/CP Total Riders: 6
Chair: Sherry Garnes
Judges: Natalie Morris DVM, Becky Rogers
CP Combo: Q-Tip/Rogers, Cynthia
Novice Sweepstakes: Brodie/Dyar, Pamela-93.5

Novice Heavyweight
P Kat/Parris, Alexandria

Novice Lightweight
1/2 Brodie/Dyar, Pamela
2/1 Koda Two Eyes/Sharkey, Tracy

Competitive Pleasure
1/2 Song/Ostrowski, Stephanie
2/1 Q-Tip/Rogers, Cynthia
3/3 Sunny Georgia/Lucas, Patty

Virginia Highlands A

6/18-19/2016 R5-VA
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 24
Chair: Nancy Sluys
Judges: Mike Bridges DVM, Kim Cowart
CP Combo: Lexus Golden Tie L/Dukes, Mary
Novice Sweepstakes: Frosty/Wertz, Jennifer-99
Open Sweepstakes: Swiss Mocha/ Riley, Paula-97

Open Heavyweight
1/1 Windstorm Clay/Mitchell, Tommy

Open Lightweight
1/2 Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula
2/1 My Noble Ambition/Rand, Lori
3/3 Terradocs Oconee Belle/Kudra, Sallie

Novice Heavyweight
1/4 Frosty/Wertz, Jennifer
2/2 Santana/Mulligan, Jennifer
3/DO Miss Kitty/Sayers, Randy
4/1 Ruby/Talbert, Ben
5/3 Zeke/Crews, Stephanie

Novice Lightweight
1/3 Maggie Mae/Saunby, Lauren
2/2 Cheyenne/Lindberg, Angie
3/1 Beau/Garnes, Sherry

Novice Junior
1/3 Stonewall Jackson/Valentino, Mira
2/4 My Horse Onyx/Nunn, Mikayla
3/1 Sweet Dollar/Stanley, Janna
4/2 Lena Honey/Sharkey, Elizabeth

Competitive Pleasure
1/4 Lexus Golden Tie L/Dukes, Mary
2/6 Spotted Alen's Finale/Keen, Cindy
3/1 RCC Follow Me/Jones, Debbie T.
4/2 Lucky Sunday/Broughton, Regina
5/5 OH Captain Call/Buttrey, Marlene
6/ TR What's Smokin/Jones, Mark H.
/3 DLC Roxies Peponita/Howard, Marsha
Kiss Afire Babe/Riddick, Keri

Virginia Highlands B

6/18/2016 R5-VA
B-N/CP Total Riders: 7
Chair: Nancy Sluys
Judges: Mike Bridges DVM, Kim Cowart
CP Combo: Sydney/Hensley, Joyce
Novice Sweepstakes: Koda Two Eyes/ Sharkey, Tracy-93

Novice Heavyweight
P Lucky/Kucinski, Kimberly

Novice Lightweight
1/1 Koda Two Eyes/Sharkey, Tracy
2/2 Gracie/Annis, Margie

Competitive Pleasure
1/2 Sydney/Hensley, Joyce
2/1 CMF Hallel/Hartness, Marilyn
CO Topaz/Stone, Voan

Competitive Pleasure DO
Zeus/Stone, Richard

Trail Care Tip

At a P&R stop, if you loosen the cinch so that the saddle will fall freely away from your horse should it spook or shake, then don't forget to disconnect all other attachments that can keep the saddle somehow connected to your horse. These would be breast collar, crupper, or back cinch.

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Region 6

EKAHA Hill and Dale A

5/21-22/2016 R6-KS
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 30
Chair: Denise Farris
Judges: Kay Gunckel DVM, Frank Keeran
CP Combo: D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/ Altwegg, Noreen
Novice Sweepstakes: Risky Snickers/ Klamm, Ryan-99
Open Sweepstakes: Awesomes Fire N Ice/ Wolgram, Ken-100

Open Heavyweight
1/2 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken
2/1 L.L.Remington/Marston, Marilyn
3/3 Silver Valley Tate/Hanson, Dwight
4/ My Knightmare/White, Vickie
5/5 Gen's Rockin Shadow/Ward, Jim
6/ Roho Honey Mocha WH/Hinkebein, William
/4 Little Ann/Klamm, Liz
/6 Touch's Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary
Country Diamond Rio/Blue, Erica

Open Lightweight
1/1 Turnner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin
2/3 EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla
3/2 Hungarian Jade/Wood, Mary Anna
4/4 Wyntez Buddy/Roberts, Beverly
5/5 Taking Over My Heart/Levinson, Rhonda

Open Junior
1/1 Shady Sunset WH/Reeter, Jessica
2/2 Country Mocha WH/Reeter, Josie

Novice Heavyweight
1/3 Duke/Mass, Joyce
2/2 Mi Lady/Martinez, Melissa
3/1 Bill MS/Sedlacek, Merry
4/5 KS Franks Banjet/Chaffin, Verona
5/4 Aksarben Major Jubilee/Mielke, Tammy
P Kholor Me Bodacious/Akers, Jennifer

Novice Lightweight
1/1 Zack the Tank/Budke, Amy

Novice Junior
1/1 Risky Snickers/Klamm, Ryan
2/2 Pride's Kalija Joe/Mielke, Joleigh

Competitive Pleasure
1/1 D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen
2/4 Fives Bert Harlan/Bouska, Alan
3/2 RW Braveheart/Ginn, Mary
4/3 Tide's Main Man/Stanford, Mary
5/5 Triggers Golden Nugget/Aswegan, Beth

EKAHA Hill and Dale B

5/21/2016 R6-KS
B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 5
Chair: Denise Farris
Judges: Kay Gunckel DVM, Frank Keeran
CP Combo: Summer/Wolgram, Betty
Novice Sweepstakes: Badger Hill Mariah/ Rush, Barbara-94
Open Sweepstakes: Dun Come Unzipped/ Reynolds, Margaret-99

Open Heavyweight
1/1 Safara/Horne, John

Open Lightweight
1/1 Dun Come Unzipped/Reynolds, Margaret

Novice Heavyweight
1/1 Badger Hill Mariah/Rush, Barbara

Competitive Pleasure
1/1 Summer/Wolgram, Betty
2/2 Take-A-Walkaloosa/Hess, Lucie

EKAHA Hill and Dale B-Sunday

5/22/2016 R6-KS
B-O Total Riders: 1
Chair: Denise Farris
Judges: Kay Gunckel DVM, Frank Keeran
Open Sweepstakes: Safara/Horne, John-93

Open Heavyweight
1/1 Safara/Horne, John

Eagle Ranch

6/11-12/2016 R6-MO
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 20
Chair: Cheryl Hennings
Judges: Lucy Hirsch DVM, Sarah Rinne
CP Combo: Fives Bert Harlan/Bouska, Alan
Novice Sweepstakes: Miss Rebels Cut N Oak/ Johnson, Lisa M.-88
Open Sweepstakes: EZ Rocket WH/ Stucky, Marla-94

Open Heavyweight
1/1 L.L.Remington/Marston, Marilyn
2/2 My Knightmare/White, Vickie
3/4 Silver Valley Tate/Hanson, Dwight
4/3 Roho Honey Mocha WH/Hinkebein, William
P Country Diamond Rio/Blue, Erica

Open Lightweight
1/1 EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla
2/3 Taking Over My Heart/Levinson, Rhonda
3/2 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
P Tornado Watch/Farris, Denise

Open Junior
1/1 Shady Sunset WH/Reeter, Jessica
2/2 Country Mocha WH/Reeter, Josie

Novice Heavyweight
1/2 Miss Rebels Cut N Oak/Johnson, Lisa M.
2/1 Johnnie Whoa Jo/Zeliff, John
3/3 KSP Dakota Rambler/Hanes, Pat

Novice Lightweight
1/2 Shahteekhs Thunder/Shively, Joyce
2/1 Nakita Rose/Cleveland, Kayli
p Just Jake/Kern, Lori

Competitive Pleasure
1/1 Fives Bert Harlan/Bouska, Alan
2/2 D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen
3/3 Shadow's Dancer C./Nore, Robin

How to read these results:
1st # = Horse's Placing / 2nd # = Rider's Placing
CO = Completion Only / P = Pulled / DO = Distance Only / DQ = Disqualified

Region 6, continued

Dave Smith Fall Fiesta A

8/6-7/2016 R6-IA
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 23
Chair: Martha Kunkel
Judges: Lucy Hirsch DVM, Sarah Rinne
CP Combo: Shadow's Dancer C./Nore, Robin
Novice Sweepstakes: KS Franks Banjet/ Chaffin, Verona-95
Open Sweepstakes: Cito Mocha Raton/ Cleveland, Trish-97.5

Open Heavyweight
1/3 L.L.Remington/Marston, Marilyn
2/2 Silver Valley Tate/Hanson, Dwight
3/1 Little Ann/Klamm, Liz

Open Lightweight
1/2 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
2/1 EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla

Open Junior
1/1 Angel's Ricochet Shot/Klamm, Ryan

Novice Heavyweight
1/1 KS Franks Banjet/Chaffin, Verona
2/5 KSP Dakota Rambler/Hanes, Pat
3/2 Invest Ina Three Bar/Kollars, Gina
4/ Stormy 10/ Neal, Lauryn
5/3 Miss Rebels Cut N Oak/Johnson, Lisa M.
6/4 Blaze 10/ Knight, Matthew
/6 Blue Moon Chief Farceur/Lee, Carol
MJ/ Watkins, Nicole
P Johnnie Whoa Jo/Zeliff, John
P IMA Red Bark Tex/Ray, Jan

Novice Lightweight
1/3 Nakita Rose/Cleveland, Kayli
2/1 Jessie 3/Smith, Helen
3/2 Shahteekhs Thunder/Shively, Joyce

Novice Junior
1/1 Delcies Acasia/Jakopak, Autumn

Competitive Pleasure
1/1 Shadow's Dancer C./Nore, Robin
2/3 Tornado Watch/Farris, Denise
3/2 RW Braveheart/Ginn, Mary
DO SF Silver Dragon/Jakopak, Summer

Dave Smith Fall Fiesta B

8/7/2016 R6-IA
B-N Total Riders: 3
Chair: Martha Kunkel
Judges: Lucy Hirsch DVM, Sarah Rinne
Novice Sweepstakes: WWW Just One Wish/ Stoel, Tammy-94

Novice Heavyweight
1/1 Proud Henry/Stykel, Jodi

Novice Lightweight
1/1 WWW Just One Wish/Stoel, Tammy
2/2 LA Settin the Pace/Dauth, Jean

Pony Express at Rock Creek Station A

8/27-28/2016 R6-NE
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 35
Chair: Mary Hanson, Tammy Vasa
Judges: Natalie Morris DVM, Kathy Shanor
CP Combo: Fives Bert Harlan/Bouska, Alan
Novice Sweepstakes: Delcies Acasia/ Jakopak, Autumn-95.5
Open Sweepstakes: Awesomes Fire N Ice/ Wolgram, Ken-97

Open Heavyweight
1/1 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken
2/4 Little Ann/Klamm, Liz
3/6 L.L. Remington/Marston, Marilyn
4/2 Silver Valley Tate/Rinne, Sarah
5/5 My Knightmare/White, Vickie
6/3 Ravenwood Royal Flag/Jewel, Jonni
Roho Honey Mocha WH/Hinkebein, William

Open Lightweight
1/2 EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla
2/4 Taking Over My Heart/Levinson, Rhonda
3/1 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
4/3 Dun Come Unzipped/Reynolds, Margaret

Open Junior
1/2 Lincoln/Combs, Alexis
2/1 Angel's Ricochet Shot/Klamm, Ryan
3/3 Shady Sunset WH/Reeter, Jessica
4/4 Country Mocha WH/Reeter, Josie

Novice Heavyweight
1/4 Johnnie Whoa Jo/Zeliff, John
2/1 Invest Ina Three Bar/Kollars, Gina
3/2 Miss Rebels Cut N Oak/Johnson, Lisa M.
4/3 KS Franks Banjet/Chaffin, Verona
P Cinch 3/ Rohren, Kathy

Novice Lightweight
1/1 Jessie 3/Smith, Helen

Novice Junior
1/1 Delcies Acasia/Jakopak, Autumn

Competitive Pleasure
1/4 Fives Bert Harlan/Bouska, Alan
2/ SF Silver Dragon/Jakopak, Summer
3/5 Lethal Status/ Ankersen, Sharron
4/3 Shadow's Dancer C./Nore, Robin
5/6 Summer/Wolgram, Betty
6/ Risky Snickers/Wood, Mary Anna
/1 Mika/Parys, Shari
/2 RW Braveheart/Ginn, Mary
Triggers Golden Nugget/Aswegen, Beth
Diva 3/Combs, Janna
D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen
P Wish Upon a Star/Hapgood, Kris
P Danner/Inman, Gary

Pony Express at Rock Creek Station B

8/27/2016 R6-NE
B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 7
Chair: Mary Hanson, Tammy Vasa
Judges: Natalie Morris DVM, Kathy Shanor
CP Combo: Heza Trouble Makin' Buddy/ Giedt, Elisabeth
Novice Sweepstakes: Aksarben Gold Vengeance/Jakopak, Mark-95
Open Sweepstakes: Talk Til Midnight/ Gunckel, Kay-80

Open Heavyweight
1/1 Talk Til Midnight/Gunckel, Kay

Novice Heavyweight
1/3 Aksarben Gold Vengeance/Jakopak, Mark
2/1 Corona/ Frederick, Cheryl
3/2 Blue Moon Chief Farceur/Lee, Carol

Novice Lightweight
P Cisco 11/ Weise, Rhonda

Competitive Pleasure
1/1 Heza Trouble Makin' Buddy/ Giedt, Elisabeth
2/2 Goodness Gracious/Childs, Maggie

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