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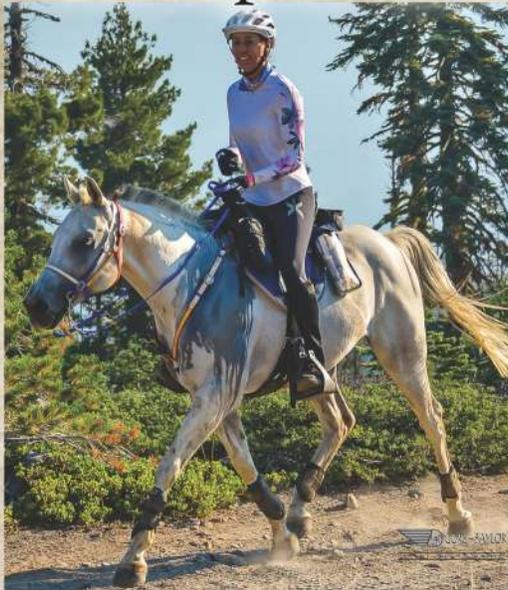
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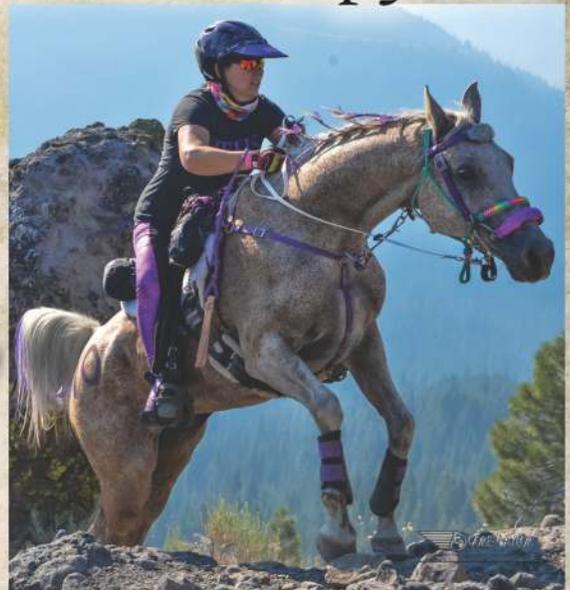
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President's Cup  
winner  
Giacomo  
and  
Fran Muench  
at the  
Pine Grove Giddyup  
Ride.**

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# President's Message



One of the biggest challenges facing our sport right now is lack of growth in our membership. Some say it's from not having enough rides locally and some say that more riders will bring on more rides, but the reality is that both are probably correct.

So what can you as an individual do? Be an ambassador for our sport. Increase awareness that we exist. When you meet up with horse people, show interest in their horse and what ever discipline they are riding. Ask questions about it, show where our sport could intermesh with or build on what they might already be doing. Don't put down their chosen sport or discipline but encourage them to look outside of it as well.

If you see riders out on the trail, be supportive of their choice of mount and their riding skills, talk about how they could either challenge themselves or grow their skills at one of our rides. Promote the diversity of our sport, along with a variety of distances - we have all breeds and styles of equines and riders.

We may be somewhat unique in that respect.

Belong to a horse organization already? Talk about NATRC. Tell people about the good things we do; how we celebrate our horses; how we promote good care; how safety is our focus; how much fun we have in camp and on the trail, how we mentor new riders and celebrate with others; how our judging is actually a learning experience. I'm sure there is more that you can all think of.

So what can you do to encourage more rides?

Call ride managers and offer to help. A ride manger can never have too much help! The more volunteers taking on different jobs, the easier it is for the manager and the more likely they are to continue managing that ride.

Ask a ride manager if you can "intern" with them to learn the ins and outs of putting on a ride.

Becoming a ride secretary will give you a lot of insight on how a ride is run. Offer to co-manage a ride, maybe someone currently managing a ride will

be happy to co-manage one at a new location.

Ready to try on your own? Ask for help, make lots contacts (calls and emails), see if your regional board can get you started with that. If you go at it with a positive attitude, looking for what you can get done, you'll go a whole lot farther than if you tell yourself what a big job it might be.

It would be great if NATRC and competitive trail riding could become everyday by-words in the horse world. Let's make that happen.

Angie Meroshnekoff  
President  
North American  
Trail Ride Conference

## Meet Our New Apprentice and Provisional Judges

**Members:** The Judges Committee welcomes your comments on the following apprentice and provisional judges.

### Veterinary Judges

#### Apprentice

Vivian Gay McWilliams Quam, DVM (R5)

#### Provisional

Verona Chaffin, DVM (R6)

### Horsemanship Judges

#### Apprentice

Angie Meroshnekoff (R1)

Brenda Messick (R6)

### Veterinary and Horsemanship Judges:

- Has your address or phone number changed? Please notify the NATRC office of any changes. Indicate home, cell and office numbers.
- Apprenticing must be done with an **approved** judge who has agreed to judge and supervise you.

### Ride Chairs:

- Secure your judges early. Remember, you must contact and secure your judges well in advance of your ride date!
- For a current Judges List, please visit the website.
- If you have difficulty securing an NATRC judge, please contact the appropriate Judges Committee Co-Chair:

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## North American Trail Ride Conference Mission Statement

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

## Code of Ethics

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

- Representing the sport in a professional manner
- Being respectful when giving an opinion
- Substantiating information before giving an opinion
- Being kind and courteous to others

## Moved? Changed Name? Sold a Horse? Bought One? Added a Junior? Different Phone?

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

Basic changes like address, phone number and email address can be made on the website under "My Account" at the top right hand side of the screen. It's your responsibility to keep your information up to date.

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# Behind the Judging Scene

The Judges Committee consists of veterinary and horsemanship judges and three rider representatives appointed by the president and approved by the national board of directors.

The committee in general, and the co-chairs (veterinary and horsemanship) in particular, receive the applications of prospective judges, check their qualifications, send an open-book test to applicants, score the tests, and if all is well, welcome applicants into the apprentice process. The co-chairs help applicants line up apprentice rides. All of our judges are great, but some are better coaches than others. Similarly, all of our ride managers are top notch, but some are better equipped than others to accommodate apprentice judges.

The committee guides and supports apprentices and provisional judges through the series of rides required as part of their training. As one of our veterinary co-chairs wisely said of the horse judging, "It's not so much the judging itself that's hard, but they have to learn the scoring system." For all prospective judges, proactive involvement of the co-chair and rest of the committee in evaluating progress reports submitted by ride personnel and scorecards done by the provisional judge are important aspects of monitoring their progress. In addition, prospective horsemanship judges

submit reflections of what they saw and thought after every ride throughout the process and get feedback from the co-chair and the education chair.

Leisure Division (LeD) applicants take an open book test and participate in a video-conference orientation.

The Judges Committee approves the LeD judges.

The committee gives a status report at board of director meetings on each apprentice or provisional judge. When all requirements are satisfactorily fulfilled, the committee makes its recommendation to the board who can either approve or deny the committee's suggestions with a majority vote.

It doesn't end there. Communications are sent to all judges in some fashion during the year. Even long-time judges make mistakes on scorecards. When the national office reviews the scorecards after a ride, they contact the appropriate co-chair if there's a procedural question. Many times the committee co-chair can resolve a problem or question with a quick phone call to the judge.

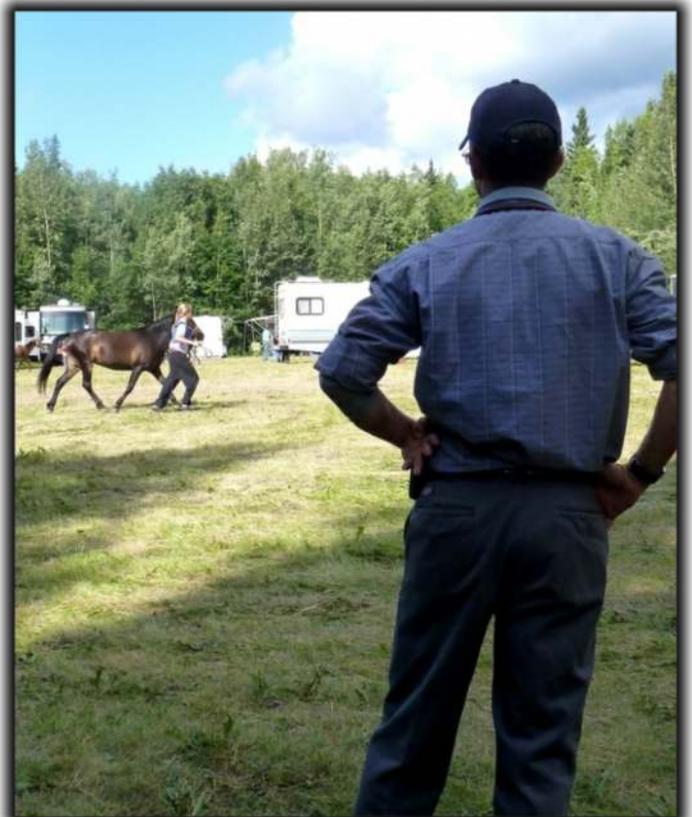
For the occasional letter of concern or complaint regarding a judge's behavior or judgement, the entire com-

mittee addresses the issue.

The co-chairs and the committee respectfully keep personal conversations with all levels of judges confidential. Rumors can quickly become distorted and misinformation flies out of hand.

The Judges Committee is also the "sounding board" for judges and ride management who have, or have had, problems or need suggestions for problem resolution as well as a place to voice compliments and positive experiences. If a sanctioned ride is having trouble finding a judge, the committee can aid management in locating a judge or approving a substitute judge.

Judges are an important face of NATRC and play an important role in the "education through evaluation" concept. The Judges Committee reminds all judges to use the entire scorecard, to be consistent and constructive, and to be outstanding ambassadors of the sport wherever they are.



# 2019 Jim Menefee Lifetime Achievement Award

## Larry and Barbara Gould - Region 4

Every mile on the NATRC trail, and on the roads to get there, was an adventure for Larry and Barbara Gould in the decades they dedicated to the sport and to the organization. Their experiences are legendary, including arriving at ride camp with a missing trailer wheel, Larry's earning the white cane for his countless off-trail expeditions, and Repo shaking his bridle off repeatedly with either Larry or Barbara aboard.

Larry served on the National Board for 7 years as a director or alternate, and he and Barbara managed The Horsemasters CTR together for nearly a decade. They raised their sons to National Championships and adulthood in NATRC, which included hauling them, along with many, many foster children in their care, to rides. In more recent years, they volunteered as safety riders and rules interpreters in Region 4.

Larry and Barbara lived the NATRC philosophy of breeding and



developing a horse to be successful on the distance trail. The Arabian stallion they repossessed from a bank loan default, hence "Repo", sired NATRC National Champions and some that soon will be. With more than 20,000 miles and a dozen

National Championships, together they embodied the original competitive spirit and commitment to excellence in distance trail riding.

Yet their competitive natures were countered by sensitivity and a sense of humor, with Larry not only developing on-trail strategies such as "Demolition CTR" with fellow Open Heavy-weight competitors, but also by providing loving arms and a big hug to envelope a bereaved or distraught member of the NATRC family. As the preferred Region 4 Safety Chair, Barbara was calm in a crisis and inspired others by example. Larry was the first one summoned to pull a rig, or an entire camp full of rigs, out of the mud. They were often the

last to leave camp if someone was having trouble getting on the road.

With more than 40 years dedicated to all that is NATRC, Larry and Barbara are deserving of our highest recognition, the Jim Menefee Lifetime Achievement Award.

## Thank You...

To our outgoing National Board Members

R2 - Mary Jo Malone

R5 - Bill Moore

R6 - Mary Hanson

## RIDERS

Does your breed association sponsor a year end high point breed award?



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# 2019 Workers Hall of Fame

## Shirley Brodersen - Region 4

Do small things with great love...

Shirley Brodersen has 5000+ volunteer hours with NATRC Region 4; #2 in our history of volunteers. She has been our regional treasurer since 2001, a position she has filled with precision and integrity. Shirley has also managed many CTRs, as well as being national convention secretary, trail master, safety chair, P&R chair, ride secretary and every volunteer position available at a CTR.

As treasurer, Shirley has efficiently and effectively managed finances for Region 4, including benefit CTRs, regional convention expenses, and year-to-year stats. At the end of a regional or national convention silent auction, check-out under the watch of Shirley will occur with the speed of light, perfectly balanced and complete. Her dedication and organizational skills are surpassed by none and help our region run smoothly.

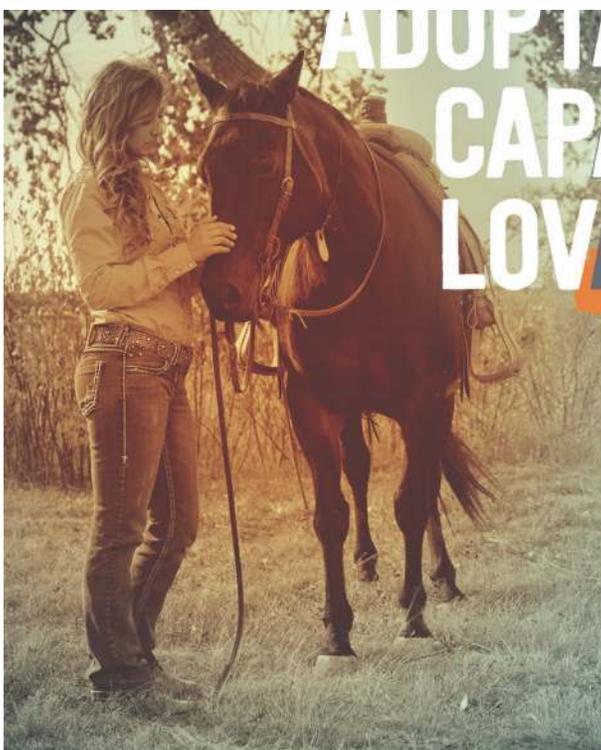


As a ride manager, Shirley has a spread sheet to rival the tallest of southern tales; nothing is forgotten or left to chance. She has been a ride chair, and/or a huge constituent of the Indian Territory CTR at the

John Zink Ranch in Oklahoma since 1990. Due to inclement weather in 2016, Indian Territory was canceled, rescheduled, and canceled again. This setback did not deter Shirley Brodersen; she moved forward, opening a new CTR in Oklahoma in 2017, the Bell Cow Rendezvous CTR, continuing to volunteer at both rides. When the going gets rough, the tough get going, and Shirley is NATRC tough!

Together with husband Phil, Shirley co-managed a very successful Championship Challenge in 2003 at the John Zink Ranch, using her skills to complete the huge undertaking. Competing since 1978, Shirley is still going strong, and still loves the sport of NATRC. Whatever the task, Shirley will give 100+%, insuring that NATRC is well represented.

Shirley Brodersen makes a difference with great love in NATRC whenever, wherever, and however she can!



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# 2019 National Appreciation

## Lory Walls - Region 2

Since joining NATRC in 1970, Lory has been a national and regional board member for many decades. She is the current Region 2 treasurer, and she was the chair of the national convention hosted by Region 2 in 2019. She made it happen with her incredible energy and huge donations of her time.

While she no longer lives in California, Lory's heart and soul are still in San Diego and California. She

remains a member of Region 2 and continues to participate fully in the activities and interests of the region.

Lory has held every ride worker position, except for veterinary judge, and has been a horsemanship judge since 1982. In addition to competing in as many Region 2 rides as possible, there were many Region 2 rides in which Lory worked in some capacity AND competed. She has spent countless hours riding trails to ensure

they are safe and accurately timed. Most recently while in California to judge the RAHA CTR, she spent several hours hiking to help with trail marking.

Lory has given unselfishly of herself to promote NATRC and our sport. She is truly an asset to the entire NATRC organization, and we thank her.

## Dee Overholt - Region 3

Dee Overholt joined NATRC in the 1980's and became intrigued by NATRC's philosophy in a horse and rider partnership and embraced those philosophies. Dee traveled widely, accumulating over 4000 NATRC competitive miles. While learning and improving her partnership with her horse and listening to judges and friends, her horse, Windwalker, earned two National Championships.

Dee served as a director on the Region 3 board in the 90's and was a

major regional influence. She strived to make the experience better for every competitor regardless of their experience or time in NATRC.

Dee has been one of the main players in the success and continuation of the Colorado Trail CTR that just celebrated its 32<sup>nd</sup> anniversary. In recent years she has been the main manager and organizer of this event.

To this day she donates her time, money, and experience. This

year she volunteered in multiple capacities at every Region 3 event, despite significant physical ailments. As a leader and volunteer, by vote of Region 3 members, she won the Sue Bretag service award in 1996 and 2002, our most prestigious worker award.

Dee is a humble lady. We honor Dee for her many years of hard work, compassion, and embodiment of NATRC values.

## Jonni Jewell - Region 4

1976 was Jonni Jewell's first NATRC ride as a junior competitor. In 1983, she managed her first ride in southern California. She wore several hats as ride manager, trail master, and cook. At one of the rides she managed, she even leapt on her horse and re-ribbed the trail ahead of the riders.

Times have not changed the impact of Jonni's contributions. When she arrived in Texas in 2002, she jumped back into NATRC. In the last few years Jonni has been indispensable. While still

competing, she has taken on social media outreach both nationally and regionally, greeting newcomers with

assistance and advice, parking LQs, assessing new ride venues, marking, timing and mapping trails, and driving judges. Riders have been spared many trail headaches because Jonni was there taking care of getting the trails marked and getting competitors back on trail, if required.

Most recently Jonni spent a couple of hours the night before she was to compete, searching for a fellow Open competitor's loose horse. Her comment to the owner was "Well someone did that for me once, so I know how you feel and we've got to try".

Jonni Jewell is Region 4's national treasure!



*Lory Walls, Dee Overholt and Jonni Jewell*

# Thank You...

## To the 2019 National Convention Committee

- **Chairpersons** – Fran Muench, Annette Griffin
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- **Activities and Activities Map** – Patty Lampley
- **Riders Panel Seminar** – Gayle Muench, Kimberly Murphy
- **High Tech Treasure Hunt Seminar** – Amy Martin
- **Music** – Harland Dixson
- **Photo Slide Show** – Alice Perryman
- **Auction** – Alanna Sommer Price, Becky Rogers
- **Auctioneer** – Steve Lindsey
- **National Awards Master of Ceremonies** – Elaine Swiss
- **National Awards Program** – Sarah Rinne, Jonni Jewell
- **AV / Technology** – Annette Griffin and Harland Dixson
- **National Awards Banquet** – Fran Muench and Annette Griffin
- **Banquet Decorations** – Alanna Sommer Price
- **Breed Award Liaison** – Amy Martin
- **Program/Speaker Chair** – Fran Muench, Annette Griffin
- **Photographer** – John Nowell
- **Raffle / Silent Auction** - Alanna Sommer Price, Becky Rogers
- **Hotel Coordinator** – Fran Muench
- **First Place Convention Theme Winner** – Amy Martin
- **Second Place Convention Theme Winner** – Jonni Jewell
- **Region 4 Awards Program (Sunday)** – Becky Rogers
- **Region 4 Master of Ceremonies** – Elaine Swiss
- **Convention Assistants** – Cody Risner, Tyra Griffin

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Priority will be given first to a student enrolled in an accredited School of Veterinary Medicine; second in studies leading to a degree in Animal Science, Nutrition, Health and/or other related equine field; third in other related equine studies; fourth to a college student in his/her senior year, then junior year, sophomore year, freshman year. For a student loan, consideration may also be given to a student enrolled in other studies.

Other considerations include financial need, scholastic achievement, and character of the applicant as determined by the Student Loan/Scholarship Committee.

For an application, contact the NATRC Executive Director at [natrc@natrc.org](mailto:natrc@natrc.org), or download the [Student Loan Application](#) or the [Bev Tibbitts Memorial Scholarship Application](#).

Please complete the appropriate form in Word or as an interactive PDF and submit via email to the Executive Director at [natrc@natrc.org](mailto:natrc@natrc.org)

# 2019 Region 1 Team Awards



*Natalie  
Niderost*



*Claire  
Cichocki*

## Open Lightweight

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1. High Desert Warrior / must.....Angie Meroshnekoff .....59

## Open Junior

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1. Spantik Maj / ar.....Natalie Niderost.....67
2. Desert Whiskey / must.....Claire Cichocki.....51

## Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

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1. OM El Shakeeb Dream / ar.....Joe Dillard .....90
2. Cledith's Driver / tw.....Kris Skoog .....76
3. MK Vangouh / ar.....Ron York.....56
4. Pipi / gr.....Maria Pilgrim.....51

## Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

Ribbons sponsored by Region 1

1. Om El Bilbao / ar.....Debbie York.....44
2. OM El Sharav / ar.....Ashley Dillard .....40

## Novice Lightweight

Ribbons sponsored by Region 1

1. First Flyte / ar.....Heather O'Donnell..... 17

## Novice Junior

Ribbons sponsored by Region 1

1. Sugar Roan Warrior / qtr.....Anais Monlux..... 62
2. Lucky Eddie / gr.....Chesney Kelly .....35
3. The Sundance Kid HGR / mft.....Maren Petersen.....34
4. Rocket / gr.....Aubrey Fansler.....31

# 2019 Region 1A Team Awards

Ribbons sponsored by Laurie Knuutila

## Open Heavyweight

1. Wild Ladys Nite / paint.....Colleen Fisk..... 26
2. DP's Classy Chassy / tw.....Catherine Halley.....20

## Open Lightweight

1. Flash's Gentleman Jim / mft.....Donna Forrester .....22

## Competitive Pleasure Junior

1. DC Tuff Enough / paint.....Erin Przybylski.....12

## Novice Heavyweight

1. Dream 2 / paint.....Jennifer Monnin .....4
1. Congers Peppy Tari / gr.....LaDonna Parker.....4
1. Frieda / mule.....Danielle Markham.....4

## Novice Lightweight:

1. Stella 4 / gr.....Ivana Haverlikova .....6

*Ivana  
Haverlikova*

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# 2019 Region 2 Team Awards

Ribbons sponsored by Lory & Randy Walls

## Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

1. Pride's College Boy / tw.....Sherrie Bray.....50
2. Duke of Shadow Canyon / tw.....Kandace French .....42
3. Patient Laddie / ar.....Mary Jo Malone.....34



*Sherrie Bray*

# 2019 Region 2 Appreciation

## Bob and Margie Insko

**B**ob and Margie Insko, ride management team extraordinaire, rotate between the manager and secretary roles yearly. They are the core of the Ramona Arabian Horse Association, an AHA club comprised entirely of NATRC members. Under the RAHA umbrella, they host at least two rides each year, and hosted two of the four 2019 rides in Region 2.

Bob and Margie have been involved with NATRC for two decades,

hosting the 24<sup>th</sup> Annual RAHA Rally in October 2019. They are already looking forward to the 25<sup>th</sup> Annual RAHA Rally in 2020. They have held rides with as few as 10 riders, funding any deficit from their own pockets instead of the club's, just to keep the ride and this sport alive in Region 2. The 24<sup>th</sup> RAHA Rally had 31 riders and was the largest ride in a decade.

Bob and Margie have also been members of the Region 2 100% Club



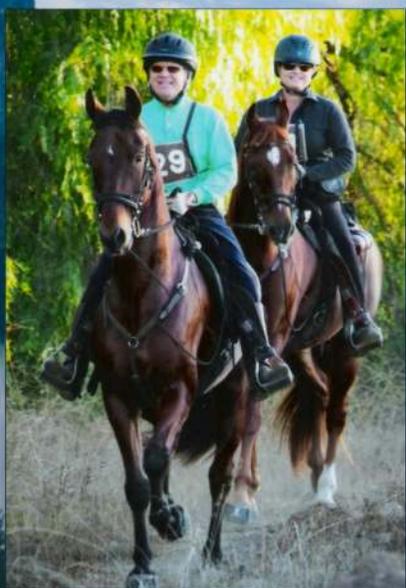
for more years than we can count. They were inducted into the Workers Hall of Fame in 2003, a tribute true to this day.

Congratulations Bob and Margie!

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# 2019 Region 3 Team Awards



*Kay Gunckel*



*Terri Smith*

## Open Heavyweight

Ribbons sponsored by Bill & Diane Wingle

1. Stars Colton Bay / har.....Kay Gunckel..... 138
2. Gen's Rockin Shadow / tw.....Jim Ward.....50
3. Foxhaven's Medicine Man / aihr....William Morgan.....46

## Open Lightweight

Ribbons sponsored by Bill & Diane Wingle

1. Lonesome Lady Bug / har.....Terri Smith..... 192
2. Rushcreek Darline / ar.....Hannah Clark..... 116
3. Turner's Wild Card / kym.....Lin Ward.....78

## Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

Ribbons sponsored by Kathe Hayes

1. Rockin Sylver Splash / ar.....Kat Bonham..... 156
2. Copper's Comet / mft.....Cathy Cumberworth... 136
3. Cheri's Gypsy Traveler / mule...Cheri Westmoreland... 132
4. Mariah 3 / gr.....Bill Wingle.....76
5. Foxhaven's Medicine Man / aihr....William Morgan.....66
6. MSA Chloe / ar.....Wava O'Brien.....24

## Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

1. Solid Country Gold Skye / gr.....Linda Conne.....108
2. BJ Studmuffin / mft.....Kerry Bingham.....94
3. Eduardo el Negrito Knight / pf.....Diane Wingle.....84
4. Dakota Cole / mft.....Calleen Olson.....68
5. Okie Proud / thrb.....Tammy Beyerle.....58
6. Sixes Peppy Lady / paint.....Juleen Feazell.....52

## Competitive Pleasure Junior

Ribbons sponsored by John Horne

1. Not a Chance / curly.....Sydney VanPoolen....118

## Novice Heavyweight

Ribbons sponsored by John Horne

1. Buckshots Dunforgiven / har.....Renee Lang.....49

## Novice Lightweight

1. Sun-Rays Becca / mft.....Shannon Boucher.....138
1. Dino 2 / gr.....Scarlett Hager .....138
2. MacaRoaniReina / gr.....Jordan Junkerman ....120
3. Echo Affirmed / ar.....Jill Glover.....118
4. Joey 7 / gr.....Tammy Donaldson.....66
5. Rushcreek Daisy / ar.....Lindsey Matthews.....48
6. Hollywood Dreamgirl / gr.....LeighAnn Albert.....40

## Novice Junior

Ribbon sponsored by John Horne

1. Playboy's Lady Ann CC / mft.....Molly Stanifer .....31



*Cathy Cumberworth, Linda Conne,  
Bill Wingle, and Diane Wingle*



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# 2019 Region 3 Appreciation

## Maarten VanPoolen

Maarten began his career in volunteering for Region 3 in 2006. Maarten's kindness and hard work are noticed and appreciated every time! He volunteers for whatever positions he is called upon to do and never complains.

Maarten has provided assistance in the following areas: P&R captain, P&R worker, judge's driver, water supplier, cooking/serving/cleanup, camp

set up and tear down, change tires, fix trucks, or anything you might need.

He has supported not only Region 3 but also members of his family (Kirt, Hannah and Sydney) in competing since 2006 and recently supported Sydney on her accomplishment of her National Championship.

Maarten has come to "Save the Day" in several notable situations: the Wards from a certain trailer predica-

ment that only Lin Ward can tell; parked, set up and moved trailers for riders; helped wrap a competitor's foot (broken toe from horse stepping on foot) so competitor could continue to compete.

Maarten certainly is a worthy volunteer and we want to thank him from the bottom of our hearts to his dedication to his family and Region 3!

## Pam Galchutt

Pam began with NATRC in 1980 riding Novice in five rides with three different horses. Following this introduction, she rode safety and helped to organize a new California ride. She performed trail scouting, timing, marking, pre-riding, un-ribboning as well as judge's secretary.

Pam continued volunteering in Region 3 starting in 2006 where she assisted Susan Peters in bringing the USAFA Ride out of dormancy. In 2020, we will see the 48<sup>th</sup> year of this ride because Pam has been instrumental in

keeping it going! Whether she provides Entry Access List coordination or develops biosecurity plans for HIV or VSS, she does what it takes to make the ride happen. Civilians do not have access to the property, but with her help, we have secured access for another year.

Pam also originated two other rides, the Tarryall River Romp and Brett Grey Ranch. She also co-managed and created the Greenland Clinic which is now in its 9<sup>th</sup> year.

Pam is an extraordinary person who has made many contributions through the years as: NBOD Alternate, Region 3 BOD member, ride manager, ride secretary, trail master, judge's secretary, pre-rider, ride timer, weigh master, flagger, safety rider, and the list continues.

Thank you for paying it forward! After all these years volunteering, she returned this year to compete in the Leisure Division.

## San Juan Valley Trail Riders

The San Juan Valley Trail Riders (SJVTR) are essential to the success of many of the rides in Region 3. They sponsor the rides in the Four Corners area. The club is open to anyone and has no membership fee. It's supported through donations and fundraisers, which in turn cover the expenses of rides. This facilitates the involvement of many local trail riders, including some who do not compete. The SJVTR started to share equipment locally and supports our rides in the desert with water tanks and equipment to haul

water to key spots along the trail.

Most importantly, the SJVTR supplies the people needed to put on a ride. Members can be seen volunteering: cooking, doing P&Rs, hauling

water, acting as judges' secretaries, etc.! The members divide the management duties: one person hires judges, which makes it easier to get judges because you can offer them a choice of weekends. Another person acts as P&R captain, there's a team of water-haulers, and yet another very important person who coordinates Porta Potties! The club helps to distribute the immense amount of work involved with managing a ride among many people, allowing for more rides to happen with fewer ride managers.



*Lonnie Smith, Terri Smith, Cathy Cumberworth, Judy Cumberworth, and Bill Cumberworth*

# 2019 Region 4 Team Awards

## Open Heavyweight

Ribbons sponsored by Dolly Miller

1. Tezuby / ar.....Jonni Jewell .....126
2. Razmataz DBA+// ar.....Carla Jo Bass .....114
3. Regal ET / ar.....Gayle Muench.....86

## Open Lightweight

1. Giacomo / har.....Fran Muench.....214
2. Wildfire Storm / ssh.....Dolly Miller .....194
3. Halcon / gr.....Kelly Queen.....168
4. Moonshadow 2 / ssm.....Teresa Galliher .....120
5. Wish Upon a Star / must.....Kris Hapgood.....70

## Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

1. Flash Black / ar.....Cara Liebman.....148

## Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

1. TA Kaiser +// ar.....Deanne Prusak.....186
2. Vino Que Syrah / aih.....Becky Rogers.....146
3. Arabella Z / ar.....Cynthia Mettes.....144
4. WH Picos Cozmic / ar.....Shirley Brodersen.....126
5. RR Majik Knight / har.....Elaine Swiss.....104
6. Colt McGuire / rkym.....Terri Griffin.....103

## Novice Heavyweight

1. KMA Ali Gator / har.....David Spell .....168

## Novice Lightweight

1. Rock Creek's Wild Pepper / must.....Holly Jones.....218
2. Big Cat / ar.....Cynthia Leatherwood . 162
3. Sum Tigger / har.....Hannah Steele .....76
4. Daylight / gr.....Eileen Stecik.....74
5. Freedom's Apache Sam / rkym.....Kathy Hoxie.....70



*Cara Liebman*



*Holly Jones*



*Kris Hapgood, Teresa Galliher, Fran Muench, Dolly Miller and Kelly Queen*



*David Spell*



*Cynthia Leatherwood*



*Jonni Jewell, Gayle Muench, and Carla Jo Bass*

# 2019 Region 4 Appreciation

## Amy Martin

Amy Martin has been a competitor and go-to volunteer in Region 4 for 20+ years. Need a friendly, horse savvy, kind, give her all gal; Amy; she takes a 'job' and makes it her own! Making people feel comfortable, answering questions or running down answers if she needs to, she is willing to drive long distances, pre-ride trails, and mentor new riders.

A Girl Scout leader, Amy has introduced her troops to NATRC as volunteers to earn their 'Horsemanship' badge and develop a lifelong love of horses.

Amy does take competition seriously, motivating others to follow her lead. She is just as serious about doing her NATRC job right though. Her absolute favorite job – prizes! Amy is in her element, scouring the internet, catalogs and vendors to find just the right award. She has also worked extensively with national horse breed associations to deliver those amazing awards.

Amy is consistent, profound and thoughtful in her dedication to NATRC Region 4!



*Amy Martin*

## Maddie Martin

Everyone's first memory of Maddie Martin is that of playing in the dirt with her brother, Chase, while her mother competed and her father volunteered. She did not care for horses, that is, until a horse named Knox arrived in her pasture. Suddenly, horses seemed pretty cool.

Maddie and her Girls Scout buddies volunteered at NATRC rides, help-

ing at the 7IL CTR, cleaning up. Next came P&R's and then finally this year, secretary to the vet judge. Maddie placed in the Novice Junior class, but her riding was cut short by Knox's injury. While attending college, she continues to support her mom and NATRC with her quiet, confident, witty repertoire and heart of gold.

## Teresa Musgrave

Safety rider, math genius, P&R chair; Teresa Musgrave can do it all to the benefit of a CTR competition. She runs a tight ship when she is in charge of P&Rs, with everyone smiling and snacking, but serious in line. Region 4 counts on Teresa to keep riders safe, as she delivers insightful and common sense instructions; she never disappoints when safety is in-

involved. On trail, as a competitor, Teresa is happy to mentor new riders, especially those gals with gaited horses.

Teresa has had some life struggles, but one would never know it at a ride; she always finds a positive angle and a kind word. Teresa is truly a gift, and we are so lucky to have her as a volunteer and competitor in Region 4!

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A graphic advertisement with a green background and purple flowers. It features a yellow warning triangle icon. The text reads: 'Ride Chairs & Secretaries', 'We update forms as needed.', 'LAST YEAR'S ARE OBSOLETE!', 'Please download current ones at natrc.org.', and 'FORMS' in a large, bold, white font on a green diagonal banner at the bottom right.

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# 2019 Region 5 Team Awards

## Open Heavyweight

### Ribbons sponsored by Sallie Kudra

1. Windstorm Clay / morg.....Tommy Mitchell.....62
2. TN Valley Hotrod / ap.....Andrew Murray.....20
3. Jewel 3 / gr.....Danielle Hunter.....18

## Open Lightweight

### Ribbons sponsored by Sallie Kudra

1. Memphis Squirrel / rkym.....Lisa Nauditt.....174
2. Danamyte / ar.....Esther Diaguila.....140
3. Papa's Alabama Express / tw.....Patty Lucas.....114

## Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

### Ribbons sponsored by an Anonymous sponsor

1. DLC Roxies Peponita / paint.....Marsha Howard.....202
2. Stanley's Waylon / rkym.....Wayne Tolbert.....198
3. Jiminy Cricket / gr.....Jennifer Mulligan.....154
4. Graceful Empire / gr.....Victoria Whitehead.....120
5. Okies Roanwood 10 / qtr.....Bobby Fields.....112
6. Laces Two Eyed Jack / qtr.....Carolyn Chapman.....108

## Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

### Ribbons sponsored by an Anonymous sponsor

1. Mariah's Secret / gr.....Leigh Riley.....164
2. Sun Whizard Sami / gr.....Elsa VanEysbergen.....94
3. Impressive Red Rebel / mft.....Paula Riley.....79
4. Traveler's Gray King / mft.....Martha Findley.....75
5. Luna Girl / gr.....Cynthia Rogers.....70
6. Kings Lasting Legacy / qtr.....Patricia Petelle.....68

## Competitive Pleasure Junior

### Ribbons sponsored by Esther Diaguila

1. By the Grace of God / gr.....Alora Sanford.....100
2. Echo 6 / gr.....Sadie Smith.....53

## Novice Heavyweight

### Ribbons sponsored by Anonymous R5 donor

1. I'm a Rocket Man / gr.....Kristen Gray.....132
2. Yolo / gr.....Kathi Wiggins.....118
3. Sundancers Comanchero / pf.....Donna Hajek.....100
4. Jimmy Ray / gr.....Kathy Jones.....68
5. Flicka's Rose / tw.....John Stroh.....58
6. Scooter 5 / gr.....Carol McGee.....27

## Novice Lightweight

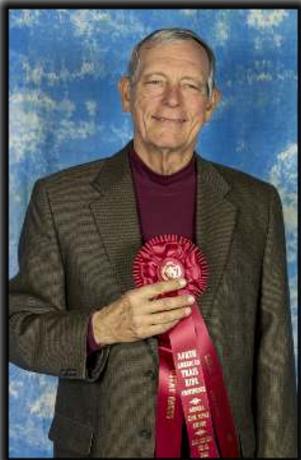
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1. Serengeti / har.....Lori Kern.....114
2. Bree / gr.....Jordan Collins.....74
3. Texas / gr.....Holly Wormsley.....58
4. Maverick 3 / gr.....Mary Lent.....52
5. Once Upon A Time / gr.....Amanda Brown.....48
6. Sterling 4 / gr.....Cathy Goscha.....43

## Novice Junior

### Ribbons sponsored by Esther Diaguila

1. Rhea Sunshine / gr.....Halia Lehr.....122
2. Mick Jagger / gr.....Sierra Patisaul.....102
3. Sir Percival / gr.....Kinsley Edelstein.....82
4. Timber Jac Joe / gr.....Anna Beth Lawrence.....62
5. Spotted Alen's Finale / tw.....Callie Southerland.....49



*Wayne Tolbert*



*Victoria Whitehead*



*Lisa Nauditt & Esther Diaguila*



*Kristen Gray*

# 2019 Region 5 Appreciation

## Carol Ault

According to the Cambridge English Dictionary, a volunteer is “a person who does something, especially for other people or for an organization, willingly and without being forced or paid to do it.”

Carol’s hard work over the years, but especially this last year, is an amazing representation of that definition. Her official volunteer jobs ranged

from judge’s secretary to ride manager. But she didn’t stop there! She would come to a ride and say, “How can I help?” jumping in wherever she was needed. If it needed to be done, she would step up.

In our sport, it takes people like Carol who are willing to put in the endless hours prior to, during and after a ride for everything to go smoothly so

we can enjoy our horses. It takes an average of one volunteer per rider to put on a ride, and we can always count on Carol to pitch in. Without all the wonderful volunteers like her, we could not maintain our sport.

Thank you Carol for your selfless attitude this ride season. Region 5 appreciates and applauds your volunteerism.

## Courtney Woodall

Courtney is one of our younger, long-term supporters and contributors - 30 years! She started out by riding safety at age eight, and started competing when she turned ten. After taking a few years off from NATRC to attend college, she started consistently competing again in 2006.

Courtney was elected to Region 5 Board of Directors and brought a fresh and modern perspective to the table. She became the region’s ride schedule coordinator and ride secretary. She created the mentoring program and

ride book as well as the “Newbie Packet” sent to first-timers.

Her vision and initiative to get Region 5 present on social media began by creating the Region 5 discussion group in Facebook that has served well to boost marketing and create easier communication among competitors. Through the years, Courtney has served as Master of Ceremonies for Region 5’s mini-conventions and for the NATRC national convention.

Courtney and her husband, Jack, have three young daughters and no current competition horses. She volunteers as ride secretary and often serves as the region’s honorary catch rider. She can be found at the ride check-in desk, always a friendly face and eager to offer a helping hand. Courtney is appreciative of the volunteers and is an example of a model NATRC competitor and ambassador.

## The Dream Team

We all have dreams. Some of us dream of the perfect horse, others dream of the perfect ride, some dream of getting a “Lovely.” Ride Manager’s dream of having competitors and volunteers.

In all honesty, we cannot host the events without our volunteers. They are key to the event occurring and everyone having a great time. Thankfully, Region 5 has the “Dream Team.”

The Dream Team consists of three amazing people who support Region 5 by doing endless trail work, riding safety, being a judge’s secretary, helping set up and clean up, parking trailers, fixing things, and the list goes on and on. It is truly endless what the Dream Team does for the region.

They are always there when needed and never hesitate to tackle the task at hand. The Dream Team

never competes. They provide all of this support out of the kindness of their hearts and love of their horse family.

Beverly and Keith Taylor and Sherri Vaughn, we could not do what we do without you. We appreciate everything you do and are very grateful to have you as part of our family. You are our dream come true.

## Reminder About Year-End Awards and Breed Awards

1. To be eligible for year-end awards, NATRC competing membership dues must be paid by the second Sunday in November, the end of the Ride Year.
2. Many breed organizations sponsor year-end high point breed awards. Memberships in NATRC and the breed association are required, so be sure to keep your breed association membership current.
3. It is the responsibility of the owner of the horse to accurately report/verify the horse’s breed to NATRC.
4. Questions about the horse and/or rider records should be directed to NATRC, [natrc@natrc.org](mailto:natrc@natrc.org).

# 2019 Region 6 Team Awards

## Ribbons sponsored by Region 6

### Open Heavyweight

1. Roho Honoy Mocha / mft.....John Zeliff .....50
2. L.L.Remington / har.....Marilyn Marston .....34

### Open Lightweight

1. Rushcreek Allie / ar.....Brenda Messick.....107
2. VA Caradelle / ar.....Margaret Reynolds.....85
3. Focus Jessie / ap.....Helen Smith.....74
4. EZ Rocket WH / mft.....Marla Stucky .....52

### Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

1. RW Braveheart / ar.....Mary Fettes.....90
2. KS Franks Banjet / paint.....Verona Chaffin.....36

### Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

1. Cito Mocha Raton / hoa.....Trish Cleveland.....89
2. Goodness Gracious / gr.....Maggie Childs.....50

### Novice Heavyweight

1. King's Charley R.E. / mft.....Kris Wech.....58
2. Invest Ina Three Bar / qtr.....Gina Kollars.....50
3. Fiddler 2 / mft.....Vickie Gautier.....25

### Novice Lightweight

1. CGR Ladygodiva / har.....Kristen Schmalzried...103
2. PVA Light Nthe Storm / ar.....Kristen Johansen.....88



*John Zeliff and Marilyn Marston*



*Marla Stucky, Helen Smith and Brenda Messick*

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*Trish Cleveland*

# 2019 Region 6 Appreciation

## Marla Stucky & Marilyn Marston

Marla Stucky and Marilyn Marston have consistently contributed to almost every ride held in Region 6 through both their competition entries and behind-the-scenes contributions to ride management.

They managed the Kanopolis ride in the past and also provided food for ride volunteers and competitors. They consistently contribute to the morale of ride volunteers by making and provid-

ing snack mix and monster cookies for P&R crews. Their efforts and smiling faces are an asset to every ride and help motivate volunteers.

These sisters also contribute beyond the rides. Marilyn has served on our Region 6 Board of Directors since 2017. Marla has been our Region 6 Alternate on the NATRC national board since 2016 and began serving as a director this year. They

have also chaired our NATRC booth at Equifest in the past, and Marla has managed our 100% Club since 2012.

Marla and Marilyn are highly deserving of this award for their many years of support and contributions to Region 6. Much of what they do is not widely known, but their consistent support is a great asset to NATRC.

## Helen Smith

Not many people jump in and get as involved on such a level as Helen Smith! We were blessed when she got hooked on our sport in 2014.

Soon after, she began managing our annual Nebraska clinic and continues to add to her long list of NATRC responsibilities. She not only chaired the 2019 Region 6 Convention but also was a presenter. As a first-time ride manager and trail master this year of both Branching Out and PonyXpress at Rock Creek Station, she took the reins and kept her sunny attitude despite any setbacks. Helen sits on our Region 6 Board, recently took over as president of the Nebraska Endurance & Competitive Trail Ride Association (NECTRA), and has volunteered to chair the 2021 National Convention! As another step in supporting NATRC in a larger role, she served on the national Judges Committee.

We not only look forward to Helen's smile and English accent at every Region 6 event that her busy work and travel schedule allow, but also appreciate her supporting rides in neighboring regions. She loves to champion our sport and encourage her friends to come give us a try.

Thank you for giving so much to NATRC and Region 6, Helen!



*Helen Smith, Marla Stucky and Marilyn Marston*



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## Region 2

Pride's College Boy.....TW.....Sherrie Bray  
*(Buckle sponsored by Lory & Randy Walls)*

## Region 3

Rockin Sylver Splash.....Arabian.....Kat Bonham  
 Solid Country Gold Skye.....Grade.....Linda Conne  
 Copper's Comet.....MFT.....Cathy Cumberworth  
*(Buckle sponsored by Jill Tarvin)*

## Region 4

TA Kaiser +//.....Arabian..... Deanne Prusak  
 Vino Que Syrah.....Indian Horse.....Becky Rogers  
 Flash Black.....Arabian.....Cara Liebman  
*(Buckle sponsored by anonymous R4 donor)*

## Region 5

Stanley's Waylon.....Rky Mtn.....Wayne Tolbert  
*(Blanket sponsored by Esther Diaguila)*  
 DLC Roxie's Peponita .....Paint.....Marsha Howard  
*(Blanket sponsored by Kris Gray)*  
 Mariah's Secret.....Grade.....Leigh Riley  
*(Blanket sponsored by Wayne & Virginia Tolbert)*



*Sherrie  
Bray*



*Linda  
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# 2019 Competitive Pleasure Junior National Champions

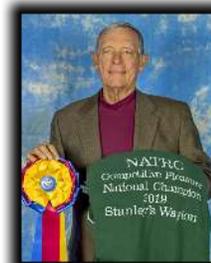
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## Region 3

Not a Chance.....Curly.....Sydney VanPoolen  
*(Buckle sponsored by Jenny Smith)*

## Region 5

By the Grace of God.....Grade.....Alora Sanford  
*(Jacket sponsored by Esther Diaguila)*



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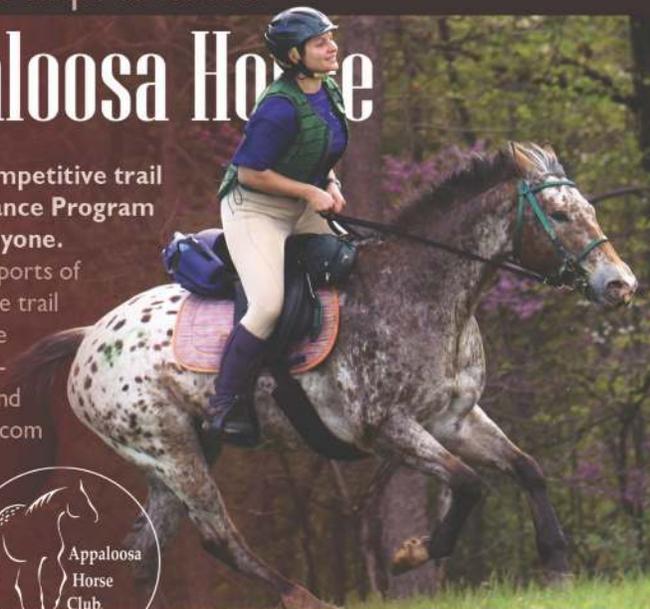
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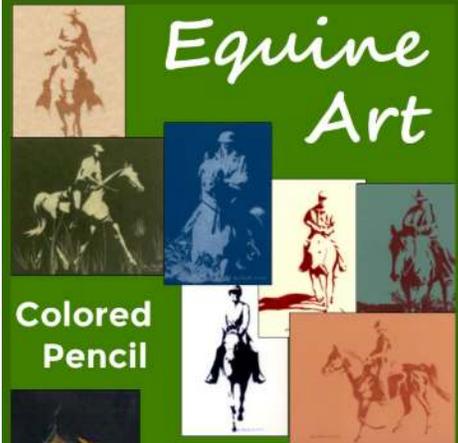
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# 2019 Open National Champions

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## Region 3

Lonesome Lady Bug.....Half Arabian.....Terri Smith  
 Rushcreek Darline.....Arabian.....Hannah Clark  
*(Buckle sponsored by Donna Johnson & Helen Smith)*  
 Stars Colton Bay.....Half Arabian.....Kay Gunckel  
*(Buckle sponsored by Bill & Diane Wingle)*



*Hannah Clark*



*Kay Gunckel*

## Region 4

Giacomo.....Half Arabian.....Fran Muench  
*(Jacket sponsored by Phil & Shirley Brodersen)*  
 Halcon.....Grade.....Kelly Queen  
 Tezuby.....Arabian.....Jonni Jewell  
*(Jacket sponsored by Gayle & Fran Muench)*  
 Wildfire Storm .....SSH.....Dolly Miller  
 Moonshadow 2.....Spanish Mustang....Teresa Galliher



*Kelly Queen*



*Dolly Miller*

## Region 5

Memphis Squirrel.....Rky Mtn.....Lisa Nauditt  
*(Buckle sponsored by Sallie Kudra)*  
 Windstorm Clay.....Morgan.....Tommy Mitchell  
 Danamyte.....Arabian.....Esther Diaguila  
*(Jacket sponsored by Sallie Kudra)*

## Region 6

Focus Jessie.....Appaloosa .....Helen Smith  
*(Buckle sponsored by Shari Parys,  
 Cheryl Bohling & Sarah Rinne)*  
 Rushcreek Allie.....Arabian.....Brenda Messick  
*(Buckle sponsored by Cheryl Bohling,  
 Helen Smith & Mary Alice Braun)*



*Teresa Galliher*



*Esther Diaguila &  
 Lisa Nauditt*



*Helen Smith*



*Brenda Messick*

# 2019 High Mileage Awards

## High Mileage Rider Awards

### 4,000 Miles – Bronze Medallion

Tommy Mitchell / R5  
Marla Stucky / R6

### 5,000 Miles

Cheri Westmoreland / R3  
Sara Baldwin / R5

### 7,000 Miles – Silver Medallion

Jonni Jewell / R4  
Dolly Miller / R4

### 8,000 Miles

Lin Ward / R3

### 10,000 Miles – Gold Medallion

Wayne Tolbert / R5

### 11,000 Miles

Trish Cleveland / R6

### 12,000 Miles

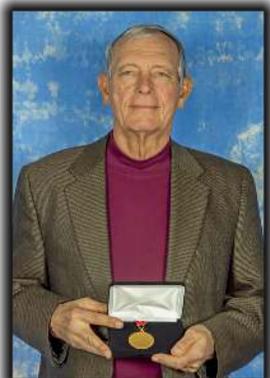
Terri Smith / R3



*Marla Stucky  
4000 mile rider*



*Dolly Miller  
7000 mile rider*



*Wayne Tolbert  
10,000 mile rider*

## High Mileage Horse Awards

### 1000 Mile Horse Award

Focus Jessie / ap.....Helen Smith / R6  
VA Caradelle / ar.....Margaret Reynolds / R6  
BJ Studmuffin J / mft.....Kerry Bingham / R3  
Ruby / mule.....Ben Talbert / R5  
Solid Country Gold Skye / gr.....Linda Conne / R3  
Hungarian Jade / har.....Lucy Hirsch / R6  
Ravenwood Royal Flag / har.....Jonni Jewell / R4

### 2000 Mile Horse Award

Giacomo / har .....Fran Muench / R4  
By the Grace of God / gr ....Victoria Whitehead / R5  
Tezuby / ar .....Jonni Jewell / R4  
TN Valley Hotrod / ap .....Andrew Murray / R5  
DLC Roxies Peponita / paint ...Marsha Howard / R5  
Mariah's Secret / gr .....Leigh Riley / R5  
Princess Dina / mft .....Debbie Payne / R6  
Windstorm Clay / morg .....Tommy Mitchell / R5

### 4,000 Mile Horse Award Bronze Medallion

L.L. Remington / har .....Marilyn Marston / R4



*Helen Smith  
1000 mile horse*



*Marilyn Marston  
4000 mile horse*

# 2019 High Point Breed Awards

## Half-Arabian

Arabian Horse Association  
Giacomo / Fran Muench

## Arabian

Arabian Horse Association  
TA Kaiser+// / Deanne Prusak

## Morgan

American Morgan Horse Association  
Windstorm Clay / Tommy Mitchell

## Missouri Fox Trotter

Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association

### Overall (TIE)

Copper's Comet / Cathy Cumberworth  
Impressive Red Rebel / Paula Riley

### Region 1

Pop Star / Linda Cannon

### Region 2

Sunrise Cappuccino / Kandace French and  
Grace Contreras

### Region 3

Copper's Comet / Cathy Cumberworth

### Region 4

None

### Region 5

Impressive Red Rebel / Paula Riley

### Region 6

King's Charley R.E. / Kris Wech

## Paso Fino

Paso Fino Horse Association  
Eduardo el Negrito Knight / Diane Wingle

## Appaloosa Horse

Appaloosa Horse Club  
Focus Jessie / Helen Smith

## Tennessee Walking Horse

Tennessee Walking Horse Breeder's & Exhibitor's  
Assn.

Pride's College Boy / Sherrie Bray

## Spotted Saddle Horse

Spotted Saddle Horse Breeder's & Exhibitors Assn.  
Heart's Desire / Sandy Pegram

## Grade

Cheri Jeffcoat  
Halcon / Kelly Queen

## American Indian Horse

American Indian Horse Registry  
Vino Que Syrah / Becky Rogers

## Kentucky Mountain Horse

Kentucky Mountain Saddle Horse Assn.  
Turnner's Wild Card / Lin Ward

## American Saddlebred Horse

American Saddlebred Registry  
Harlem's Spirit of Denmark / Jill Tarvin

## Mustang

Mustang Heritage  
Rock Creek's Wild Pepper / Holly Jones

## Junior Mustang

Mustang Heritage  
Desert Whiskey / Claire Cichocki

## Rocky Mountain Horse

Rocky Mountain Horse Assn.  
Memphis Squirrel / Lisa Nauditt



*Sherrie Bray*  
*Ten. Walker*



*Kelly Queen*  
*Grade*



*Holly Jones*  
*Mustang*



*Claire Cichocki*  
*Mustang*

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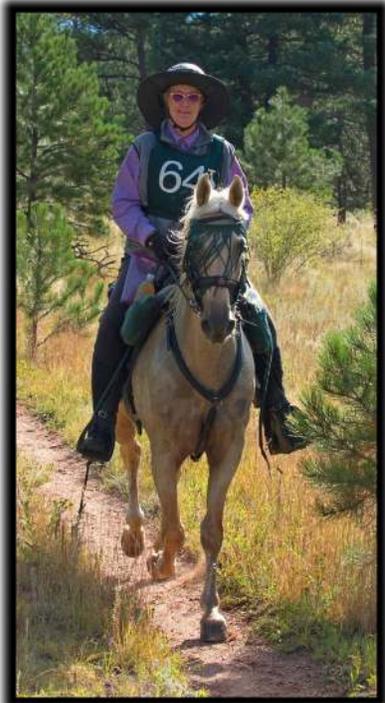
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# 2019 Overall High Point Competitive Pleasure Awards

## Heavyweight



***Sherrie Bray & Pride's College Boy***  
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### Horsemanship

Silver Trays sponsored by Lory & Randy Walls and  
an Anonymous R5 Donor

Ribbons sponsored by

Gina Kollars/Trailerprotection.com

1. Sherrie Bray / R2.....	110
1. Marsha Howard / R5.....	110
2. Wayne Tolbert / R5.....	93
3. Carolyn Chapman / R5.....	84
4. Jennifer Mulligan / R5.....	80
5. Cara Liebman / R4.....	72
6. Kat Bonham / R3.....	70

### Horse

Silver Tray sponsored by Kris Gray

Ribbons sponsored by Lucie Hess

1. Stanley's Waylon / rkym.....	Wayne Tolbert / R5.....	105
2. DLC Roxies Peponita / paint.....	Marsha Howard / R5.....	92
3. Pride's College Boy / tw.....	Sherrie Bray / R2.....	88
4. Rockin Sylver Splash / ar.....	Kat Bonham / R3.....	86
5. Copper's Comet / mft.....	Cathy Cumberworth / R3.....	76
5. Flash Black / ar.....	Cara Liebman / R4.....	76
6. Jiminy Cricket / gr.....	Jennifer Mulligan / R5.....	74

## Lightweight

### Horsemanship

Silver Tray sponsored by Trish Cleveland

Ribbons sponsored by Anonymous R5 Donor

1. Deanne Prusak / R4.....	100
2. Leigh Riley / R5.....	82
3. Shirley Brodersen / R4.....	76
4. Becky Rogers / R4.....	68
4. Cynthia Mettes / R4.....	68
5. Linda Conne / R3.....	64
6. Kerry Bingham / R3.....	56

### Horse

Silver Tray sponsored by Trish Cleveland

Ribbons sponsored by Kris Gray

1. TA Kaiser +// ar.....	Deanne Prusak / R4.....	108
2. Mariah's Secret / gr.....	Leigh Riley / R5.....	82
3. Solid Country Gold Skye / gr.....	Linda Conne / R3.....	78
3. Vino Que Syrah / ahr.....	Becky Rogers / R4.....	78
4. Arabella Z / ar.....	Cynthia Mettes / R4.....	76
5. WH Picos Cozmic / ar.....	Shirley Brodersen / R4.....	66
6. Colt McGuire / rkym.....	Terri Griffin / R4.....	61



***Deanne Prusak & TA Kaiser +//***  
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# 2019 Overall High Point Competitive Pleasure Awards



*Sydney VanPoolen & Not A Chance*  
Photo by Bill Wingle, used with permission

## Junior

### Horsemanship

Silver Tray sponsored by Dayna Morgan

Ribbons sponsored by Trish Cleveland

1. Sydney VanPoolen / R3.....	48
2. Alora Sanford / R5.....	36
3. Sadie Smith / R5.....	27

### Horse

Silver Tray sponsored by Dayna Morgan

Ribbons sponsored by Trish Cleveland

1. Not a Chance / curly.....	Sydney VanPoolen / R3.....	70
2. By the Grace of God / gr.....	Alora Sanford / R5.....	64
3. Echo / gr.....	Sadie Smith / R5.....	26

## Grand Champion High Average Horsemanship

Deanne Prusak.....98.87%

### Runners Up:

Marsha Howard.....98.55%  
Sherrie Bray.....98.52%

## Grand Champion High Average Horse

TA Kaiser +/// Arab.....Deanne Prusak.....98.62%

### Runners Up:

Stanley's Waylon / Rkym.....Wayne Tolbert.....98.39%  
DLC Roxies Peponita / Paint.....Marsha Howard.....95.88%



*Deanne Prusak*

# 2019 Overall High Point Open Awards

## Heavyweight

### Horsemanship

**Bruce Becker Memorial Awarded to First Place**  
**Silver Tray and Ribbons sponsored by Kim Cowart**

1. Jonni Jewell / R4.....	96
2. Gayle Muench / R4.....	66
3. Tommy Mitchell / R5.....	62
3. Kay Gunckel / R3.....	62
4. Carla Jo Bass / R4.....	52
5. Jim Ward / R3.....	30
6. John Zeliff / R6.....	26
6. William Morgan / R3.....	26

### Horse

**Bill Smith Memorial Awarded to First Place**  
**Ribbons Sponsored by John Zeliff**

1. Tezuby / ar.....	Jonni Jewell / R4.....	94
2. Windstorm Clay / morg.....	Tommy Mitchell / R5.....	84
3. Stars Colton Bay / har.....	Kay Gunckel / R3.....	76
4. Razmataz DBA+ / ar.....	Carla Jo Bass / R4.....	62
5. Regal ET / ar.....	Gayle Muench / R4.....	52
6. Gen's Rockin Shadow / tw.....	Jim Ward / R3.....	34



*Jonni Jewell & Tezuby*  
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## Lightweight

### Horsemanship

**Silver Tray Sponsored by Dolly Miller**  
**Ribbons Sponsored by Region 6**

1. Fran Muench / R4.....	176
2. Kelly Queen / R4.....	110
3. Dolly Miller / R4.....	96
3. Terri Smith / R3.....	96
4. Brenda Messick / R6.....	78
4. Lisa Nauditt / R5.....	78
5. Hannah Clark / R3.....	74
6. Helen Smith / R6.....	73

### Horse

**Ribbons Sponsored by Region 6**

1. Giacomo / ar.....	Fran Muench / R4.....	188
2. Halcon / gr.....	Kelly Queen / R4.....	104
3. Focus Jessie / ap.....	Helen Smith / R6.....	101
4. Wildfire Storm / ssh.....	Dolly Miller / R4.....	98
5. Lonesome Lady Bug / har.....	Terri Smith / R3.....	96
5. Memphis Squirrel / rkym.....	Lisa Nauditt / R5.....	96
6. Rushcreek Allie / ar.....	Brenda Messick / R6.....	87



*Helen Smith, Hannah Clark,  
Fran Muench, Kelly Queen,  
Brenda Messick, and Terri Smith*

# 2019 Overall High Point Open Awards

## Junior

### Horsemanship

Silver Tray and Ribbons Sponsored by  
Angie Meroshnekoff

1. Natalie Niderost / R1.....41
2. Claire Cichocki / R1.....30

### Horse

Silver Tray and Ribbon Sponsored by  
Angie Meroshnekoff

1. Spantik Maj / ar.....Natalie Niderost / R1.....46
2. Desert Whiskey / must.....Claire Cichocki / R1.....33



*Natalie Niderost & Spantik Maj*  
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matter of holding  
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sometimes,  
playing a poor  
hand well.”*

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# 2019 Overall High Point Open Awards

## Polly Bridges Memorial Open High Average Horsemanship

Buckle sponsored by Bill & Diane Wingle  
Ribbon sponsored by Hannah Clark

Terri Smith.....99.68%

### Runners Up:

Jonni Jewell.....99.38%  
Tommy Mitchell.....97.57%

## Bev Tibbitts Grand Champion Open High Average Horse

Buckle Sponsored by Bill & Diane Wingle  
Ribbon Sponsored by Hannah Clark

Lonesome Lady Bug / H-Ar.....Terri Smith.....98.57%

### Runners Up:

Tezuby / Arab.....Jonni Jewell.....98.53%  
Windstorm Clay / Mor.....Tommy Mitchell.....98.10%



*Terri Smith & Lonesome Lady Bug*

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## Jim Menefee Memorial Combined Open Horse & Horsemanship Award

Perpetual Trophy Donated by Jack Menefee  
Jim Menefee Buckle Sponsored by Linda Clark

Giacomo and Fran Muench - 364 Points

# 2019 President's Cup Winner

## Overall High Point Open Horse

Saddle Sponsored by Specialized Saddles and an anonymous R5 donor  
Blanket Sponsored by Helen Smith; Buckle Sponsored by Jonni Jewell  
Ribbon sponsored by Hannah Clark

**Giacomo** ridden by **Fran Muench** (188 points)

### Acceptance Speech By Fran Muench

### “It’s All About Jack”

When I joined NATRC about 10 years ago, I was looking for a way to ride my horse on a variety of trails in a safe manner. I didn't know what Novice, Competitive Pleasure or Open were, much less President's Cup. Five years ago, I would have told you there was no way that I would ride 25-30 miles a day, two days in a row.

This is Jack's award, but it takes a team. Jack's and my story wouldn't be complete if I didn't give you a little background because there are a few Jacks and Frans out there competing in our sport. I wasn't brought up around horses, but I was a typical horse crazy girl who happened to have a friend with ponies to play around on. When I got my first horse at 40-something, I had very little hands on knowledge about horses or horsemanship.

Some of you have met my first horse, Cinnabaar. He started it! He was a little 14.1 hand horse Porsche. He was my first trail partner and heart horse. Cinnabaar and I enjoyed our time together for 10 years. We did a little dressage, a few limited distance endurance rides, and some short distance competitive trail competitions, but I wanted more time on the trail with him. A friend of mine who had taught me the basics of CTR obstacles suggested NATRC. Cinnabaar was tolerant of my clumsy attempts at leg cues, pulling on his face, and

other bad habits. I once rode him for most of a Saturday ride with a snaffle bit upside down in his mouth. He taught me how a horse can be patient and forgiving with an inexperienced rider.

I was learning so much about caring for my horse, having fun, and winning pretty ribbons as we continued riding NATRC off and on for a few years. I attempted to bring along a fiery Arabian named Traveler. After more than a year, he became my husband Gayle's horse when Traveler and I realized that we weren't a match. Gayle and I started travel-

ing together. Gayle was competing with Traveler, and I was competing with Cinnabaar as well as with Panache, a Tennessee Walker, my fairy tale horse of a different color. His coat would change from chocolate to gold with dapples and a white mane and tail. Panache was such a sweet-

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heart and only wanted to please me, but I had begun to miss the trotty action since Cinnabaar's passing in January of 2015.

That spring, Doanna Daniel, trainer, NATRC competitor and judge, called us about a horse who needed a home. His name was Giacomo, or Jack. Jack was bred to be an endurance carriage driving horse, but while waiting for him to mature, his initial owner battled cancer. By the time Jack was 9 years old, his owner realized that she would have to sell him. She contacted Doanna who gave Jack a solid base on the ground and in the saddle, so we decided to give him a try. That first summer he traveled with us all the way to Montana!

In December of 2015, Jack became my CTR partner in CP at Jingle Bell Jaunt at Parrie Haynes. That year I realized that Jack was not happy at that pace or riding with a group larger than 2-3. Jack and I were far from excelling in CP, but with encouragement from Gayle and a few fellow competitors, we went into Open in 2017.

Jack and I loved it! That year I learned about National Championships. We were having a good time and getting our fair share of 3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> places. After a particularly good ride at Bell Cow, we earned our first 2<sup>nd</sup> in Open Lightweight. I was ecstatic. At that point, I didn't even know how to keep track of my points!

Jack and I had missed a few rides throughout that year, and Jonni Jewell pointed out that we

could gain some points by going out of region for a couple rides that summer. Jack and I traveled to Colorado for the Music Meadows ride put on by Jim and Lin Ward. We had a rough Saturday, as we hadn't ridden that type of rocky, mountainous terrain. Jonni invited us to ride along with her and Ted on Sunday to give me a few pointers on pacing and keeping up with markers on trail and

said, "Caution Road Narrows Ahead", and how to park creatively on the side of a hill at Colorado Trail where I could reach outside the LQ and grab Jack's halter that I had hung on a pine tree limb stob just inches from the trailer. We earned what originally seemed out of reach: a 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Meanwhile, I noticed that Jack's metabolic scores were improving, but his trail ability and my horsemanship cards showed related errors. As Jonni had fallen into mentoring me, I pointed this out to her. She commented that, "It's all about Jack. Ride to make Jack shine. Have fun and it will all work out." Jack earned his first National Championship that year.

In 2018, it all being about Jack became our mantra, and we earned our second National Championship. That year was not without its trials, as Jack had a few gas colic occur-



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on the map. Jack earned his second 2<sup>nd</sup> place requirement for a national championship, and we headed home.

With Jonni's encouragement, we decided to try our luck at Colorado Trail just 2 weeks later. We needed more points and a 1<sup>st</sup> place ribbon. I looked forward to caravanning with Jonni for the round trip. It was A LOT of driving hauling our large trailer up into Colorado two times in a month! I learned about a Jonni Jewell U turn with a big LQ at a busy intersection in the middle of Pueblo, Colorado, drove on a narrow, winding road with a sign that

rences that made me uneasy going longer distances to compete. One such episode earned Jack a much-appreciated stay at the Brodersen Bed and Breakfast for horses in Oklahoma. However, by the end of the season Jack had adapted to the travel schedule. Ted and Jack continued to be great trail buddies. I was soaking up as much information as I could from Jonni. She watched us execute obstacles, then advised me on how I could improve my cues. When we went home, Jack would get a break and then we would practice.

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For 2019, Gayle and I decided we'd travel even more. Jack and I were becoming a team. It seemed he was making gait transitions and picking up cues before I asked or realized I'd given them. This was not an overnight or 1-year occurrence. We have been a team for 3 years.

Our goal was to achieve a national championship and to explore new ride locations. First up was Rustlers and Renegades in Cherryvale, Kansas. The ride was run beautifully by 13-year old Violet Stitch with the guidance of Kay Stitch, her grandmother. It was a chilly weekend, perfect conditions for the horses. The damp, leaf covered rocky trails made the ride very technical with a fair share of short up and downs and a challenging pace of 5.5 mph for over 25 miles.

It was a ride where you really had to keep an eye on your pace and timing, and we zipped along through the trees on the challenging, sometimes sloping trails. Several times I felt Jack's rear feet sliding against the slightly slick turf of dirt and leaves. We finished within our window. Jack was looking great as we did a short in hand trot up to the check-out area. Everything was good as the vet judge sent us out for the final trot.

Well a ride isn't over 'til it's over. Jack took three steps, appeared to stumble and was three-legged lame in an instant. Working out of it wasn't meant to be. We received a completion only. Not a stellar start for our year. Jack rested for 10 weeks, missing one of my favorite rides - Jingle Bell Jaunt at Parrie Haynes.

I didn't keep track of the miles driven to the 15 rides in seven states and four regions. Needless to say, we were on the

road a lot, which was the most difficult. But every region had something different to offer.

In January, Florida offered cool to balmy temperatures on moderately fast terrain followed by similar terrain at 7IL Scamper in Texas in March. April brought C Bar Ranch in central Texas with some rockiness and a few spots of difficult, narrow step up and down trails with a few small hills. Pine Grove in Arkansas followed with technical trails that took us by waterfalls and rock features. There were beautiful views from Lookout Point and huge rock formations like Indian Bluff where water trickled down on us and ran across the trail. There was also a landing strip, a big field that everyone crossed, most of us at a glorious canter.

I felt like an honorary member of Region 3, as we attended four rides there from May through August: Navajo Lake in New Mexico, as well as Airforce Academy, Chicken Creek, and Bayou Gulch in Colorado. Each of these rides offered different types of trail challenges and camping opportunities from primitive to full electric. All offered breathtaking mountain and valley views. The Region 3 folks know how to make people feel at home and help break the ice with their Friday evening happy hours. In between a few of those rides, Jack and I luxuriously camped right outside Jim and Lin Ward's home in Westcliffe, CO for about 3 weeks.

That fall, Ted and Jack

continued to work well together. When Gayle wasn't on a hunting trip, he would ride with us, which made it Jack's maximum tolerance of a group of three. Since Reggie was his pasture mate, Jack was mostly OK with it, with occasional attitude as to who he wanted to ride next to - Ted or Reggie. We shared the trail with other Open competitors at some time or another, working with whom Jack would tolerate or keep up with. For example, we wouldn't try to keep up with Halcon, Apache walked much faster than Jack, and for a short time Jack thought Taz was Reggie in disguise. Moonshadow and Jack had a personal competition to see who could walk slower.

There were no hard feelings between the riders, as we all wanted the best experience for our horses. I feel that I learned something along the way from other competitors. Dolly and Apache were always killers at the gates and had great finesse of the execution of obstacles. Dolly also conditioned me to hanging onto my gloves, as it wasn't unusual for her to toss me a glove she had picked up saying "Fran, you need" (Continued on page 34)



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gloves with that string on them that goes through your sleeves.”

We were all working for OUR best ride. We were working to make it all about our horses. Remember Jonni’s suggestion: “It’s all about Jack! Ride to make Jack shine and have fun!”

As we went on through the 2019 season, Jack’s conditioning, soundness and trail manners were improving ride by ride. By mid-summer I could start to imagine that this could be Jack’s year, but never wanted to jinx it by mentioning “PC” or “the Cup”. There were a couple of setbacks, a late finish at Wayfarer and a pull at Six-O Fall Frolic, but those were results of riding for Jack. I would never hesitate to pull him or back off for the safety and health of my trail partner.

This year Jack completed 840 of his 2,135 total competitive miles. He completed 14 of 15 rides, eight first places with seven sweepstakes, three seconds, and three thirds. He was recognized by the Arabian Horse Association as the Distance Horse of the Year. Thank you, Carla Jo, for recommending that I enter a nomination for Jack.

If you can, ride out of region under different judges, meet and make friends of competitors in different regions. When you go out of region, you will observe or learn something from everyone you ride under or with. Challenge yourself to get out of your comfort zone.

Congratulations to all my fellow competitors who have reached goals, both expected and unexpected. The level of comradery, sportsmanship and horsemanship that I’ve observed is astounding to me. The friends that I’ve made and the memories that came with the NATRC exper-

ience and achievements will be with me forever.

Jonni, you have shared a wealth of knowledge with me, kept me company on the trail and reminded me always to “have fun” and “ride for Jack.” Gayle, you have enabled me in this sport long before you started competing, and I am truly happy to be able to spend time on the road and trail with you. Doanna, thank you for your phone call nearly 5 years ago that resulted in my best horse love and four-legged trail partner ever. It’s good to see you back riding and good luck with Reina.

To all of my Region 4 friends, you are so appreciated for helping with the convention in so many ways. We couldn’t have done it without you.

Thank you Specialized Saddles, for your years of sponsorships and John Nowell for your saddle fitting expertise as a Specialized Sales Rep, and as friend and photographer. It’s an honor to receive the President’s Cup and Jim Menefee buckles.

I’d like to quote a few lines from the poem, “I Did Not Know A Horse Could DoThat...” by Alissa Kelly at THE BACK TACK, a Recreation & Sports Website.

“I did not know a horse could bring people into your life that end up meaning the most to you. I did not know a horse could break your heart. I did not know a horse could pick you up when you have fallen apart. I did not know a horse could make you a winner. I did not know a horse could teach you to lose gracefully. I did not know a horse could instill patience in you. I did not know a horse could give you their heart. I did not know a horse could change your life. I did not know a horse could do all these things, but now I know.”

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1962	Suds	Morgan	Maxi Riggs
1963	Shamus	Arabian	LeRoy Krusi
1964	Warriors Merry Lady	Missouri Fox Trotter	Larry Rossi
1965	Posse	1/2 Arabian	Leah Martin
1966	Posse	1/2 Arabian	Leah Martin
1967	Rafftez	Arabian	Sandy Parker
1968	Dandy Bar IV	Quarter	Dave Nicholson
1969	Shafarr	Arabian	Mel Eriksen
1970	Lippitts Dusty Thursday	Morgan	Linda Throgmorton
1971	Casey	Grade	Beverly Tibbitts
1972	Stormy	P.O.A.	Denise Throgmorton
1973	Dagger	3/4 Arabian	Linda Peters
1974	Kandar	Arabian	Ruth Waltenspiel
1975	Double	Grade	Lynn Anne Kohlmeier
1976	Jayess Rykstan	Arabian	Ken Burkdoll
1977	El Gaynik	Arabian	Linda Waltenspiel
1978	Chicaro's Mocha	Quarter	Violet Peak
1979	Antelope New Moon	Appaloosa	Beverly Tibbitts
1980	Sailor	Grade	Gail Gouskos
1981	Flashy Tomboy	Thoroughbred	Georgia Boulton
1982	Bezarue	1/2 Arabian	Sue Eoff
1983	Capi Comet	Arabian	Ginger Johnson
1984	Mighty Aledo Gal	Quarter	John Webb
1985	Mahra Khan	1/2 Arabian	Milne Parish
1986	Cody Joe	Grade	Tammy Thompson
1987	Angel	Mule	Pat Seymour
1988	Wing Tempo	American Saddlebred	Shirley Sobol
1989	Wing Tempo	American Saddlebred	Shirley Sobol
1990	Lokman	Arabian	Barbara Harvey
1991	Spring Fever	Mule	Pat Seymour
1992	Wing Tempo	American Saddlebred	Shirley Sobol

## NATIONAL SWEEPSTAKES CHAMPION

(National High Point Horse, Number of Rides Limited to 16 Starts)

YEAR	NAME OF HORSE	BREED	RIDER
1993	Wing Tempo	American Saddlebred	Shirley Sobol
1994	Hickory's Country Gold	Missouri Fox Trotter	Bill Hinkebein
1995	Wing Tempo	American Saddlebred	Shirley Sobol
1996	Wing Tempo	American Saddlebred	Shirley Sobol
1997	Wing Tempo	American Saddlebred	Shirley Sobol
1998	Chargers Rampage	Missouri Fox Trotter	Lisa Brooks

## NEW PRESIDENT'S CUP

(National High Point Horse, Old Name Returned, Ride Limit Remains at 16 Starts)

YEAR	NAME OF HORSE	BREED	RIDER
1999	Chargers Rampage	Missouri Fox Trotter	Lisa Brooks
2000	Chargers Rampage	Missouri Fox Trotter	Lisa Brooks
2001	Sonic's Morning Star	Tennessee Walker	Gerald Ferguson
2002	Summer	Grade	Ken Wolgram
2003	Windstorm Sienna	Morgan	Wayne Tolbert
2004	Swiss Mocha	Grade	Paula Riley
2005	Windstorm Sienna	Morgan	Wayne Tolbert
2006	Diamond's Sassy Stockings	Missouri Fox Trotter	James Keene
2007	Diamond's Sassy Stockings	Missouri Fox Trotter	James Keene
2008	Generator's Magic Pride	Tennessee Walker	Gary Clayton
2009	Marquisesmischief	Arabian	Jonni Jewell
2010	Prime Sensation WH	Missouri Fox Trotter	Cheri Jeffcoat
2011	Awesomes Fire N Ice	1/2 Arabian	Ken Wolgram
2012	Susie's Stardust	Missouri Fox Trotter	Tammy Lineback
2013	Awesomes Fire N Ice	1/2 Arabian	Ken Wolgram
2014	Loco Motion	Grade	Sara Baldwin
2015	Danamyte	Arabian	Esther Diaguila
2016	Turner's Wild Card	Kentucky Mountain Horse	Lin Ward
2017	Tezuby	Arabian	Jonni Jewell
2018	By the Grace of God	Grade	Victoria Whitehead
2019	Giacomo	1/2 Arabian	Fran Muench

## JIM MENEFFEE MEMORIAL

(Combined Horse and Horsemanship)

YEAR	NAME OF HORSE	BREED	RIDER
1979	Antelope New Moon	Appaloosa	Beverly Tibbitts
1980	Sailor	Grade	Gail Gouskos
1981	Flashy Tomboy	Thoroughbred	Georgia Boulton
1982	Bezarue	1/2 Arabian	Sue Eoff

1983	Capi Comet	Arabian	Ginger Johnson
1984	Mighty Aledo Gal	Quarter	John Webb
1985	Mahra Khan	1/2 Arabian	Milne Parish
1985	Arab Incognito	1/2 Arabian	Ripley Tate
1986	Cody Joe	Grade	Tammy Thompson
1987	Angel	Mule	Pat Seymour
1988	Wing Tempo	American Saddlebred	Shirley Sobol
1989	Wing Tempo	American Saddlebred	Shirley Sobol
1990	Lokman	Arabian	Barbara Harvey
1991	Spring Fever	Mule	Pat Seymour
1992	Wing Tempo	American Saddlebred	Shirley Sobol
1993	Wing Tempo	American Saddlebred	Shirley Sobol
1994	Hickory's Country Gold	Missouri Fox Trotter	Bill Hinkebein
1995	Wing Tempo	American Saddlebred	Shirley Sobol
1996	Wing Tempo	American Saddlebred	Shirley Sobol
1997	PS Ganarmus	Arabian	Steve Lindsey
1998	Moonshiner Silver Mist	Missouri Fox Trotter	Frank Keeran
1999	Moonshiner Silver Mist	Missouri Fox Trotter	Frank Keeran
2000	Chargers Rampage	Missouri Fox Trotter	Lisa Brooks
2001	Sonic's Morning Star	Tennessee Walking Horse	Gerald Ferguson
2002	Summer	Grade	Ken Wolgram
2003	Windstorm Sienna	Morgan	Wayne Tolbert
2004	Windstorm Sienna	Morgan	Wayne Tolbert
2005	Windstorm Sienna	Morgan	Wayne Tolbert
2006	Diamond's Sassy Stockings	Missouri Fox Trotter	James Keene
2007	Diamond's Sassy Stockings	Missouri Fox Trotter	James Keene
2008	Generator's Magic Pride	Tennessee Walking Horse	Gary Clayton
2009	Prime Sensation WH	Missouri Fox Trotter	Cheri Jeffcoat
2010	Prime Sensation WH	Missouri Fox Trotter	Cheri Jeffcoat
2011	Awesomes Fire N Ice	1/2 Arabian	Ken Wolgram
2012	Susie's Stardust	Missouri Fox Trotter	Tammy Lineback
2013	Awesomes Fire N Ice	1/2 Arabian	Ken Wolgram
2014	Desert Reinbeau	Mustang	Angie Meroshnekoff
2015	Danamyte	Arabian	Esther Diaguila
2016	Turner's Wild Card	Kentucky Mountain Horse	Lin Ward
2017	Tezuby	Arabian	Jonni Jewell
2018	By the Grace of God	Grade	Victoria Whitehead
2019	Giacomo	1/2 Arabian	Fran Muench

## BEV TIBBITTS GRAND CHAMPION

(High Average Horse)

YEAR	NAME OF HORSE	BREED	RIDER
1975	Sheiks Scimitar	3/4 Arabian	Barbara Jagoda
1976	Jayess Rykstan	Arabian	Ken Burkdoll
1977	Gam's Borkaan	1/2 Arabian	Julie Munger
1978	Velvet	3/4 Arabian	Gloria Becker
1979	Antelope New Moon	Appaloosa	Beverly Tibbitts
1980	Elmer Bandit	1/2 Arabian	Mary Anna Wood
1981	Talib Amil	1/2 Arabian/Morab	Joan Throgmorton
1982	Touchees Velvette	Arabian	Elisabeth Grogan
1983	Capi Comet	Arabian	Ginger Johnson
1984	Mighty Aledo Gal	Quarter	John Webb
1985	Barthart	Arabian	David Young
1986	Arab Incognito	1/2 Arabian	Linda Tate
1987	San Barraf	Arabian	Kathy Morris
1988	San Barraf	Arabian	Kathy Morris
1989	Bo Rand	Arabian	Helen Logan
1990	Wing Tempo	American Saddlebred	Shirley Sobol
1991	Hickory's Country Gold	Missouri Fox Trotter	Bill Hinkebein
1992	Aur Shammar (Sam)	Arabian	Lory Walls
1993	Wing Tempo	American Saddlebred	Shirley Sobol
1994	Winchester Charm	1/2 Arabian	Lucy Hirsch
1995	Hickory's Country Gold	Missouri Fox Trotter	Bill Hinkebein
1996	Wilson's Abbey	Arabian	Don Parkhouse
1997	Woods Rawhide Ace	Missouri Fox Trotter	Jenny Smith
1998	Prince Alla Ba Ha	Arabian	Ellen Lovett
1999	Brown-R Dawud	Arabian	Judy Wise Mason
2000	Prince Alla Ba Ha	Arabian	Ellen Lovett
2001	Winchester Charm	1/2 Arabian	Lucy Hirsch
2002	Chargers Rampage	Missouri Fox Trotter	Lisa Brooks
2003	Symplicity Sue	Arabian	Nancy Bacon
2004	Panama Jack	Grade	Terri Smith
2005	Desert Reinbeau	Mustang	Angie Meroshnekoff
2006	Andarko (Alex)	Arabian	Lory Walls
2007	Fraidy Cat	Tennessee Walking Horse	Terri Smith
2008	Diamond's Sassy Stockings	Missouri Fox Trotter	James Keene

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2009	Andarko (Alex)	Arabian	Lory Walls
2010	Fawn Creek	Norwegian Fjord	Brandy Ferganchick
2011	Awesomes Fire N Ice	1/2 Arabian	Ken Wolgram
2012	Hot Saki	1/2 Arabian	Terri Smith
2013	Prime Sensation WH	Missouri Fox Trotter	Martha Findley
2014	Awesomes Fire N Ice	1/2 Arabian	Ken Wolgram
2015	Awesomes Fire N Ice	1/2 Arabian	Ken Wolgram
2016	Awesomes Fire N Ice	1/2 Arabian	Ken Wolgram
2017	Hot Saki	1/2 Arabian	Terri Smith
2018	Desert Reinbeau	Mustang	Angie Meroshnekoff
2019	Lonesome Lady Bug	1/2 Arabian	Terri Smith

2013	Flash of Lightening	Spotted Saddle Horse	Jameson Moulis
2015	Lincoln	Grade	Alexis Combs
2016	Shady Sunset WH	Missouri Fox Trotter	Jessica Reeter

**JUNIOR HIGH AVERAGE HORSEMANSHIP**

YEAR	RIDER	YEAR	RIDER	YEAR	RIDER
1990	Jeanne Kelly	1991	Heather Parson	1992	Shannon Mitchell
1993	Holly Ward	1994	Mica Hart	1995	Klare Chapman
1996	Klare Chapman	1997	Janelle Meuten	1998	Kara Galliher
1999	Paula Nelson	2000	Melinda Hirsch Sadler	2001	Carrie Porter
2002	Melinda Hirsch Sadler	2003	Kymerlie Shanor	2004	Kymerlie Shanor
2006	Andrew Murray	2007	Jenna Galliher	2008	Jennifer Maddox
2009	Layne Lampley	2011	Hannah VanPoolen	2012	Maggie Steinke
2013	Jameson Moulis	2015	Alexis Combs	2016	Jessica Reeter

**POLLY BRIDGES MEMORIAL  
(High Average Horsemanship)**

YEAR	RIDER	YEAR	RIDER	YEAR	RIDER
1987	Barbara Jagoda	1988	Charlie Crider	1989	Charlie Crider
1990	Betty Young	1991	Terri Roberts	1992	Terri Roberts
1993	Betty Young	1994	Betty Young	1995	Ellen Lovett
1996	Charlie Crider	1997	Angie Meroshnekoff	1998	Jenny Smith
1999	Frank Keeran	2000	Charlie Crider	2001	Lucy Hirsch
2002	Gerald Ferguson	2003	Wayne Tolbert	2004	Angie Meroshnekoff
2005	Wayne Tolbert	2006	Wayne Tolbert	2007	Elizabeth Kendall
2008	Wayne Tolbert	2009	Lory Walls	2010	James Keene
2011	Ken Wolgram	2012	Terri Smith	2013	Debbie Payne
2014	Ken Wolgram	2015	Ken Wolgram	2016	Ken Wolgram
2017	Sarah Rinne	2018	Angie Meroshnekoff	2019	Terri Smith

**COMPETITIVE PLEASURE GRAND CHAMPION  
(High Average Horse)**

YEAR	NAME OF HORSE	BREED	RIDER
2015	Silver Valley Tate	Morgan	Mary Hanson
2016	Andarko	Arabian	Lory Walls
2017	Impressive Red Rebel	Missouri Fox Trotter	Paula Riley
2018	Spirit of Spotted Alen	Tennessee Walker	Cindy Keen
2019	TA Kaiser +//	Arabian	Deanne Prusak

**COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HIGH AVERAGE HORSEMANSHIP**

YEAR	RIDER	YEAR	RIDER	YEAR	RIDER
2015	Leigh Riley	2016	Lory Walls	2017	Diane Wingle
2018	Beverly Roberts	2019	Deanne Prusak		

**JUNIOR GRAND CHAMPION  
(High Average Horse)**

YEAR	NAME OF HORSE	BREED	RIDER
1990	Friday's Applauz	Arabian	Jeanne Kelly
1991	Sadiki	1/2 Arabian	Heather Parson
1992	Shannon's Cameo	1/2 Arabian	Shannon Mitchell
1993	Saint Simon	Morgan	Holly Ward
1994	Cherokee's Pride	Appaloosa	Mica Hart
1995	Jazz	Grade	Klare Chapman
1996	Jazz	Grade	Klare Chapman
1997	Lucite	Grade	Janelle Meuten
1998	Avar Desert Storm	Arabian	Kalinda Renfro
1999	Heartlight Delila	Arabian	Sarah Neunzig
2000	MKS Fancy's Folly	Arabian	Kymerlie Shanor
2001	Cisco Kid	American Indian Horse	Carrie Porter
2002	Rita	Grade	Melinda Hirsch Sadler
2003	MKS Shamal Nejma	Arabian	Kymerlie Shanor
2004	Fortunataa	Arabian	Kymerlie Shanor
2006	TN Valley Hotrod	Appaloosa	Andrew Murray
2007	Rambler	Spanish Mustang	Jenna Galliher
2009	Kiva	Spanish Mustang	Layne Lampley
2012	Gorgeous Dixie	Grade	Maggie Steinke

**HORSE HALL OF FAME**

YEAR	NAME OF HORSE	BREED	RIDER
1986	Elmer Bandit	1/2 Arabian	Mary Anna Wood
1989	Casey	Grade	Beverly Tibbitts
1991	Barthart	Arabian	Betty Young
1993	Rebel's Raider	1/2 Arab/Appy	Marilyn Hunter
1996	Hickory's Country Gold	Missouri Fox Trotter	Bill Hinkebein
2000	Mahra Khan	1/2 Arab	Milne Parish
2002	Winchester Charm	1/2 Arab	Lucy Hirsch
2004	Brown R Dawud	Arabian	Judy Wise Mason
2010	Chargers Rampage	Missouri Fox Trotter	Lisa Brooks
2014	Swiss Mocha	Grade	Paula Riley
2015	Windstorm Sienna	Morgan	Wayne Tolbert

**BEV ROBERTS NATIONAL HORSEMANSHIP CHAMPION**

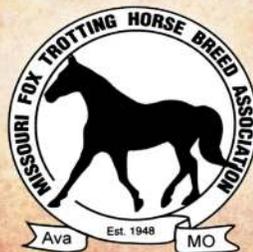
(Five National Championships on Five Different Horses)

RIDER	YR QUALIFIED	RIDER	YR QUALIFIED
Nancy Diamond	1990	Terri Smith (Roberts)	2002
Kymerlie Welp (Shanor)	2004	Bill Hinkebein	2005, 2016
Bev Roberts	2007		

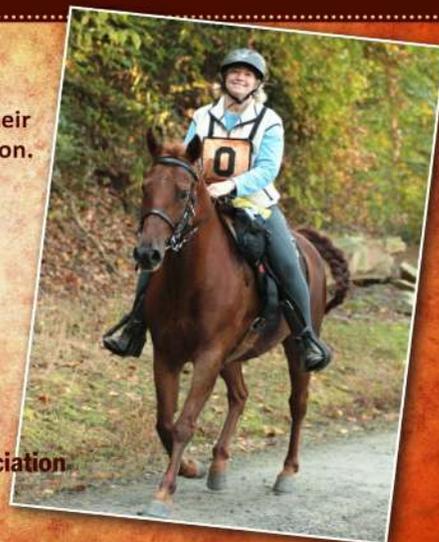


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# Drug Testing in the Equine Athlete Standardizes our Litmus Test

By Keri Riddick, DVM

In a day and age of information overload and incredible ease of accessing drugs, what compels a competitor to say no to drugs for their equine athlete? What is it about NATRC that can help set industry standards that positively promote competition while believing in a strong oversight program? We recognize that we are subject to testing at any event, but other than the knowledge of being tested, what compels us to compete on a drug-free athlete?

Certainly, we can look to the Big Lick horses and the unfortunate practice of soring and easily make a judgement call on why this is poor practice, inhumane and should be forbidden. One can simply conclude such practices do not coincide with NATRCs core beliefs. I feel this is an easy litmus test for us.

But what about the horse that may experience lameness every 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> competition? Or, the equine athlete that requires doses of

NSAIDs following competition or is on every injectable possible to keep moving forward? What about the horse that you know is not going to drink a drop until Sunday? Where does the litmus test fall for each of us?

I suggest that every individual is going to be a little different. We are each going to manage our equine athlete differently, and for the large majority, it is encouraged, permissible, acceptable, and on the occasion, sets an industry standard for us. But each of us has our own bias as to where the litmus test does not work for us. I may feel it is best for my horse to have a dose of pain reliever the next day following competition, and my fellow competitor may disagree emphatically with me. Is it allowed? Of course, we are out of competition, but is it something we should model as Best NATRC Practices? Very likely not.

In 2015, the USDA released a publication titled "Equine Manage-

ment and Select Equine Health Conditions in the United States, 2015." One of the chapters is dedicated to statistics in equine lameness, with the data collected regionally across the nation by field agents. This thorough assessment documented breeds, treatments, duration and success. One conclusion is the majority of horses (53.7%) showed lameness from 1 week to 6 months. Regarding the lameness outcome data, after 1 year, almost half of the horses initially observed as lame had resolved.

So how can this information help us in NATRC? First, I think it can help solidify that lameness happens. Sometimes it can resolve quickly, and sometimes it may be a situation that requires you to involve your horse's medical care team and to dedicate treatment and recovery time.

In the USDA 2015 publication, of the 13 listed treatments, the top four were rest, hoof care, ice/cold hose therapy and systemic treatments (oral or injectable). So develop fantastic relationships with your horse's medical team. Additionally, discuss with your veterinarian what the expectations are for your distance horse, and that due to our sport's drug testing programs, the need to consider your choices in developing treatment protocols. Print out the list of banned substances and withdrawal times so you can help each other make informed decisions on caring for your horse. If a veterinary acupuncturist, chiropractor and/or farrier is part of your health care team, inform your general veterinarian who the other moving parts are. Situations may arise where your interactive team can collaborate, treat and remedy your horse

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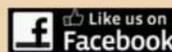
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# T-bar-S Horse Camp



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while there is still time in the competition season to reach your goals.

I believe in the necessity of our drug testing program and believe it is an exceptional way to help set our standards within NATRC. It allows us to each have our own method of caring for our athletes while not allowing our personal system of beliefs to unintentionally compromise our horses.

Knowing that statistics are against us regarding national aver-

ages of lameness, NATRC competitors are beating these odds. We learn the best practices to condition our horses, we physically stress our horses, and we commit to openly subjecting our equine athlete to drug testing. NATRC allows us to set the standard that our selection of horses, education on the care and fitness of a distance horse, and dedication to the details of their well-being results in strong, sound athletes.

NATRC's standard is proven and tested through the scrutiny of drug testing. This is where NATRC shines, where every competitor has top bragging rights and where our collective litmus test passes every single time.

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### 4-H Junior Rider Year End High Point Award

Put your valuable 4-H skills to use outside of the arena and compete for this special award. Trail riding is a great way to cross train your horse for shows, safely practice your equitation and communication in a more scenic setting, and even put those showmanship skills to use during the in-hand vet checks! Encourage your fellow 4-H friends to join you in competitive trail rides and compete for NATRC's 4-H Year-End High Point Team Award. Contact us if you would like a presentation to your club to introduce the sport and answer questions.

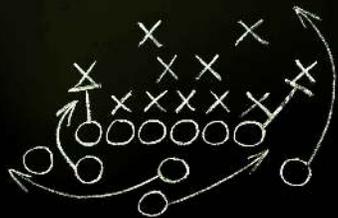
To be eligible is simple. Just compete in any division, nominate yourself, and prove that you are a 4-H member! Here are the specifics:

- 1) The award goes to the high point horse and rider team **regardless** of the division.
- 2) Your self-nomination must occur before the end of the ride year which is the second Sunday in November. (For 2020, that will be November 15<sup>th</sup>).
- 3) You must: (a) be an NATRC competing member, (b) contact Sarah Rinne at [natrc@natrc.org](mailto:natrc@natrc.org) to nominate yourself, and (c) have your 4-H leader contact Sarah to verify 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](mailto:natrc@natrc.org).

Questions? Contact: Shari Parys, [katbalu96@aol.com](mailto:katbalu96@aol.com)

# Strategy in CTR.



## Really? - Part 3

By Bev Roberts

**Y**ou bet! Now that you have made and executed your pre-ride strategy, it is time for the nitty gritty of your morning strategy before the ride starts. The goal – a calm, prepared horse and rider team and a controlled start.

In every plan, there are loads of controllable and uncontrollable things to consider. Some even impact what time you get up in the morning! Consider the forecasted weather, what went on during the night, feeding your horse, your tacking routine, your horse's temperament, the speed s/he travels at a walk, the terrain, trail conditions, your temperament, the number of competitors in your division, and more.

**Feeding strategy.** For best performance, keep the feeding regimen as normal as possible. Because horses are naturally more active grazers at night, you will want to have more than enough hay for your horse to munch on overnight.

If using water-soaked beet pulp (without molasses to avoid

the insulin spike from sugar) to help maintain your horse's gut moisture during the ride, start serving it at home in the week before the ride. Feed it, and any other feeds like pellets, oats, etc., a few hours before the ride starts, preferably before midnight to avoid a glucose/insulin spike early in the ride. It is easy to do this as the last thing you do before hitting the sack. Provide fresh hay when you get up in the morning.

**Avoid anxiety.** We all have our routines in the morning in getting ready for that day's ride. However long your routine takes you, add an extra 10-15 minutes when setting your alarm the night before to allow for the unexpected. The unexpected could be a second potty trip, a horse that rolled during the night needing a grooming touchup, un-forecasted rain, your dog lazily taking care of business, and so on. A relaxed rider equals a quiet horse (usually).

To help keep you relaxed, have a checklist of what you will carry on the trail or have all those items out in one place so you remember to grab them all. Sample items are water, collapsible fan, electrolytes, hoof pick,

pocket knife, gloves, map, helmet, lip balm, human and horse snacks, human medicine (if needed), cell phone, hankie, wad of toilet paper, GPS (Global

Positioning System) device, spurs, first aid kit.

**Know your horse.** Is your horse cold backed or excitable versus one you can mount, ride up to the starting area and stand quietly waiting for your turn to start? Better to allow for, and take, a few minutes to lunge "old Dob-

bin" before mounting.

After you are in the saddle, execute a few pre-ride attitude adjustments – sidepassing, backing, turning – to assure that your horse is listening to you. Being the morning entertainment as a bronc rider is embarrassing! Also, it can affect your safety as well as others if the herd responds similarly.

Open riders usually travel at a trot with some walking to achieve, typically, a 5 mph or better, pace. If riding Open and you plan to start trotting within sight of camp, *(Continued on page 40)*



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*Your morning routine may be in the dark. Allow time for the inevitable fumbling around.*



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*This competitor has both a hay net and a tub full of hay.*



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*A few of the Open, CP, and Novice riders awaiting ride start. No anxious horses here at this September ride.*

consider warming up your horse's muscles as you wait for your turn to start.

There are several strategies to engage if your horse is anxious to head out. Depending upon her/his degree of excitement, you can:

- face backward so your horse is looking at other horses and riders who are just standing around waiting to start.
- pick up a rein and turn your horse's head.
- do a one rein stop.
- turn you horse in tight circles (like turns on the forehand) until when you release rein and leg pressure, your horse stops and stands quietly. Do this away from the other rid-

ers. Also, it helps to have worked on this behavior modification at home so your fire breathing dragon knows what you expect.

Choose where to start in the group to best suit you and your horse. Open goes first. The Competitive Pleasure (CP)/Novice, who are sometimes intermixed, go next. With time, you will learn who likes to be up front (like to move out, have more go than whoa, or rides

gaited horses); who likes last (slower horses, horses who do not buddy, or rider preference); and, who likes being in between (have calm, quiet horses accustomed to being passed). Knowing your horse allows you to select where to start.

Thinking, planning, and adjusting to changing conditions are all part of a successful and pleasurable competition.

*Next month: strategies on the trail.*

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By Robert Eversole, Trailmeister



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Let's look at a device that will help make trailer towing less of a hassle. The EZ Connector.

If you've towed horse trailers you already know the issues with traditional trailer plugs and connectors. Dirty, corroded, bent and broken plugs and connectors make for trailer lights and brakes that don't work properly.

We've all spent more time than I care to think about taking trailer plugs

apart to repair and clean the connections before a camping trip. I've even had to do this a few times along the road. It's not pleasant. Not only is losing my ground, lights and brakes annoying, it's extremely dangerous. Those days are over.

I was impressed with this product as soon as I learned about it. I've been using it for over a year now and I've got to say it's been great. No issues at all. I hook up,

load the mules and go. I don't worry about my brakes and lights not working any-

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**2016 NATRC YEAR END POINTS and AWARDS**

**President's Cup**  
TURNNER'S WILD CARD  
(Kentucky Mountain Horse - 206 Points)  
Ridden by Lin Ward (R2)

**Congratulations Lin & Hooch**

*It took 13,137 miles to get from the small mountain town of Vailcourt, Colorado to the North American Trail Ride Conference's (NATRC) highest award, the President's Cup. Turnner's Wild Card (NATRC), a change gear, started his journey in Mount Sterling, Kentucky where he was bred, born, raised and trained by Tim Little. His first job was being a horse for Tim's daughter, where he learned to drive, trail ride and do dress work.*

*His new owner, Lin Ward found him as a 7-year-old and gave him his name as a competitive trail horse. Their journey started in December of 2000. Lin was looking for a new gaited horse. She and her husband Jim, after lots of internet research, flew to Lexington, KY and Wildcard was the second horse she looked at. After lots of groundwork and riding with Tim about him, she took him out for a short, full moon night ride. As she was getting on, Tim just happened to mention that Wildcard "had" been ridden in 6 months. Already thinking that a moonlight ride on strange horse by herself was a bit nuts, she really had some reservations. But, Wildcard just looked at all the horses she had previously, and after about 1000 miles of driving in 5 days, Wildcard was her choice. His new life began upon his delivery to the West's Colorado home the first week of January. With a "Wardly Full Moon" as their first experience together, he became Hooch.*

*NATRC is a competitive trail riding discipline that has three divisions: The Novice and Competitive Pleasure of the horse and a horsemanship judge evaluates the rider's abilities in two days. The sport has two judges. A veterinary judge evaluates the soundness, fitness, manners and trail abilities of the horses and a horsemanship judge evaluates the rider's abilities to camp with, care for, and ride their horses over long distances. NATRC's philosophy is about tranquility as about tranquility and conditioning the best trail riders possible with a strong focus on teaching.*



# 2021 Rule Change Proposals – March 3, 2020 – *Changes in Bold*

## CHANGE LIMITS FROM PLACINGS TO POINTS FOR COMPETING IN NOVICE

### SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

#### A. Divisions

#### 2. Novice

#### e. Limitations

- (1) Any horse and adult rider combination having ~~won five firsts earned 250 points, lifetime accumulation,~~ in horse (regardless of ~~division or~~ class **in Open, Competitive Pleasure, and Novice**) shall not compete for awards in Novice Horse Division. Four-year-old horses are exempt from this rule. A horse and rider combination that attains **five firsts 250 points** in horse during a ride year, and competes in a novice ride in that year while still eligible for novice horse awards, may continue to compete in Novice Horse Division for the remainder of that ride year.
- (2) Any horse and junior rider combination having ~~won five firsts and 225 points earned 250 points,~~ lifetime accumulation, in horse (regardless of ~~division or~~ class **in Open, Competitive Pleasure, and Novice**) and rider having reached age of 14 shall not compete for awards in Novice Horse Division. Four-year-old horses are exempt from this rule. An age eligible horse and rider combination that attains **five firsts and 225 250** points in horse during a ride year, and competes in a novice ride in that year while still eligible for novice horse awards, may continue to compete in Novice Horse Division for the remainder of that ride year.
- (3) Any adult rider having ~~won five firsts earned 250 points, lifetime accumulation,~~ in horsemanship (regardless of horse, ~~division,~~ or class **in Open, Competitive Pleasure, and Novice**) shall not compete for awards in Novice Horsemanship Division. A rider ~~that who~~ attains **five firsts 250 points** in horsemanship during a ride year, and competes in a novice ride in that year while still eligible for novice horsemanship awards, may continue to compete in Novice Horsemanship Division for the remainder of that ride year.
- (4) Any junior rider having ~~won five firsts and 225 points earned 250 points,~~ lifetime accumulation, in horsemanship (regardless of horse, ~~division,~~ or class **in Open, Competitive Pleasure, and Novice**) and having reached the age of 14 shall not compete for awards in Novice Horsemanship Division. A rider ~~that who~~ reaches age 14, attains **five firsts and 225 250** points in horsemanship during a ride year, and competes in a novice ride in that year while still eligible for novice horsemanship awards, may continue to compete in Novice Horsemanship Division for the remainder of that ride year.

~~(5) A rider or horse and rider combination with five firsts may compete for awards in the Competitive Pleasure Division.~~

- (6) (5)** Horse and rider combinations having won a National Championship or placed 3rd or higher in the NATRC annual high point awards (excluding regional awards) in any class in any previous year are ineligible to compete in the Novice Division except by participating Distance Only.

#### Rationale:

With low ridership, it's possible for first-time competitors to place 1st in horsemanship when they are the only competitor in their class. Thus riders are ribboning out of Novice too soon. Limitations based on point accumulation would be a better solution.

## ADD EXPERIENCED CLASS TO LEISURE DIVISION

### SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

#### A. Divisions

#### 4. Leisure

#### e. Classes

- (1) This division will offer **Experienced**, Adult and Junior Classes as defined in Section 4 B, **with the exception that Experienced teams are defined as:**
  - (a) Any NATRC judge (Veterinary, Horsemanship, Leisure).**
  - (b) Any NATRC rider with more than 250 points of any combination of Leisure Division Team and Open, Competitive Pleasure, Novice Horsemanship at the beginning of the ride year.**
  - (c) Any NATRC rider who has won a national award in a Competitive Pleasure or Open Division.**
- (2) Horse and rider will compete as a team, with their combined scores used to determine placing recognition.
  - (3) A Junior may compete in the Adult or Experienced Class.**
  - (4) Any adult may compete in the Experienced Class.**

#### Rationale:

Leisure is meant to be a home for riders new to NATRC and experienced NATRC riders who for whatever reason do not want to compete in a Novice, CP, or Open Division ride. The skill levels here are generally very different. We want to welcome both groups, but they shouldn't be competing against each other.

## CHANGE TWO MILE POINT TO FORWARD MOTION POINT

### SECTION 5 – THE RIDE

#### I. Trail Conduct

#### 5. ~~Two Mile Forward Motion~~ Point

- a. From a properly identified **forward motion** point (posted sign) ~~approximately 2 miles from the finish each day,~~ riders must maintain forward motion and not stop or dismount from this point to the finish line except in extenuating circumstances dictated by good horsemanship and/or sportsmanship. Forward motion must be via the most direct route, without stopping, following the marked trail. Any deviation may result in penalty assessment or disqualification unless dictated by good horsemanship and/or sportsmanship.
- b. No one shall interfere with the rider's forward progress and/or pacing except when necessary for the safety of the horse/rider.
- c. For Novice, Competitive Pleasure, and Open Divisions, the forward motion point should be approximately two (2) miles from the finish each day.**
- d. For the Leisure Division, the forward motion point should be approximately one (1) mile from the finish.**

#### Rationale:

Because the Leisure Division can be as short as 8 miles, requiring that one quarter of the ride be forward motion does not seem reasonable. This limits judging opportunities, trail access, and P&R location to a very limited portion of the trail. Shortening the Leisure Division point of forward motion keeps the ratio to total ride distance similar to other divisions.

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## ALLOW LENIENCE IN LEISURE DIVISION TIME PENALTIES AT COMPLETION OF RIDE

### SECTION 5 – THE RIDE

#### J. Timing and Time Penalty Points

##### 3. Early Arrivals

- a. A horse completing the day's ride in less than the minimum time and within 30 minutes prior to the minimum time shall be penalized one point per minute for each minute before the minimum time. Rider **or Leisure Division team** will also be faulted. **The number of penalty points for rider or Leisure Division team will be at the judge's discretion.**
- b. A horse **and rider team** arriving more than 30 minutes early shall be disqualified.

##### 4. Late Arrivals

- a. A horse completing the day's ride exceeding the maximum time and within 30 minutes subsequent to the maximum time shall be penalized one point per minute for each minute exceeding the maximum time. Rider **or Leisure Division team** will also be faulted. **The number of penalty points for rider or Leisure Division team will be at the judge's discretion.**
- b. A horse and rider team arriving more than 30 minutes after the maximum time will receive completion points and mileage only.

**Rationale:**

To allow some judgement is assigning time penalties to the Leisure Division.

## LEISURE DIVISION - SOURCING JUDGES and EVALUATION OF OVERNIGHT STABLING

### SECTION 5 – THE RIDE

#### B. Stabling

~~4. Competitors in the Leisure Division are excluded from stabling judging.~~

~~5. 4. Stabling options **not allowed** during competition as primary containment:~~

~~6. 5. Stallions:~~

### SECTION 6 – JUDGING

D. Leisure Division. Horses will be evaluated on trail ability and manners. Riders will be evaluated on equitation and partnership with the horse. Safety may be scored.

3. Judges **may must** be sourced from the approved Leisure Division Judges List **or the standard list. An NATRC-approved veterinary judge may serve as the full judge for this division.**
4. **This division is exempt from stabling evaluation. Overnight stabling will be evaluated for safety and must comply with NATRC stabling rules. This will not be scored.**

**Rationale:**

Our standard judges must go through additional training before judging the Leisure Division, so management must refer to the separate Leisure Division Judges List for all who have completed the appropriate requirements. Plus Equisure requires overnight stabling evaluation. Portion of Section 5 was removed since the difference in Leisure Division is better described in Section 6.

## REVISE LEISURE DIVISION PLACINGS AND POINTS DISTRIBUTION

### SECTION 9 – AWARDS

#### A. Ride Awards

3. Horse and horsemanship scores for Leisure Division will be added together to determine placing **of** teams for **Experienced**, Adult and Junior Classes. **First through tenth place teams in both classes will be recognized. Leisure Division will include first through sixth place in each class offered.**

#### C. Point Distribution

##### TYPE B RIDE – Leisure Division

Number of starters

PLACE	6	5	4	3	2	1
1 <sup>st</sup>	6	5	4	3	2	1
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5	4	3	2	1	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4	3	2	1		
4 <sup>th</sup>	3	2	1			
5 <sup>th</sup>	2	1				
6 <sup>th</sup>	1					
C**	½	½	½	½	½	½

**Rationale:**

Awarding six placings is consistent with the other divisions. Some feel it is demeaning to not make the top ten, so it is easier to only announce the top six and not draw attention to those placing well below.

## ADD OUT-OF-REGION REQUIREMENT TO PRESIDENT'S CUP CRITERIA

### SECTION 9 - AWARDS

#### B. Annual Awards

##### 2. National Awards

- a. PRESIDENT'S CUP (National Sweepstakes Champion): This award will be presented annually to the overall high point horse in the Open Division.
  - (2) The horse must be officially started in at least **four rides of any ride type made up of any combination of one** out-of-region **and or three** out-of-state rides **of any ride type.**

**Rationale:**

The President's Cup is truly a national award. It should be expected that the winner competes against horses other than those in its own region to win this prestigious award.

**RECOGNIZE OVERALL HIGH POINT NOVICE ON NATIONAL LEVEL**

**SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY**

- A. Divisions
  - 2. Novice
    - a. Age of Horses: Horses entered in this division must be at least 48 months of age. **(60 months for national awards)**
  - 3. Competitive Pleasure
    - a. Age of horses: Horses entered in this division must be at least 48 months of age. **(60 months for national awards)**

**SECTION 9 - AWARDS**

- B. Annual Awards
  - 2. National Awards
    - q. **HIGH POINT NOVICE HORSE:** Points shall be credited to horses for the purpose of determining annual high point awards in each Novice Class (i.e., Heavyweight, Lightweight, Junior), first through sixth place. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A ride counts as 1 ride; Type B ride counts as ½ ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.
 

**Age of Horses**

      - (1) Horses competing for High Point Novice Horse awards must be at least 60 months of age.
        - (a) Registered horses are considered 60 months of age as of actual foaling date on the registration papers.
        - (b) Unregistered horses are considered to be of eligible age if they have a “full mouth” (all permanent incisors having erupted and in wear) as determined by the veterinary judge.
    - r. **HIGH POINT NOVICE HORSEMANSHIP:** Points shall be credited to riders for the purpose of determining annual high point awards in each Novice Class (i.e., Heavyweight, Lightweight, Junior), first through sixth place. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A ride counts as 1 ride; Type B ride counts as ½ ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.
    - s. **HIGH POINT NOVICE TEAM:** This award is presented to the Novice Division horse and rider combination having the highest number of total points for horse and horsemanship. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A ride counts as 1 ride; Type B ride counts as ½ ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.
 

**Age of Horses**

      - (1) Horses competing for High Point Novice Team award must be at least 60 months of age.
        - (a) Registered horses are considered 60 months of age as of actual foaling date on the registration papers.
        - (b) Unregistered horses are considered to be of eligible age if they have a “full mouth” (all permanent incisors having erupted and in wear) as determined by the veterinary judge.

**Rationale:**

We want to encourage Novice Division riders to compete and to attend the national conventions. Particularly on this last point, we need to give them some reason to come. Items “q” and “r” are 1st – 6th national placings. Item “s” would be the single best combined Novice Division horse and rider. Costs: For “q” and “r”, 3 classes (junior, lightweight, heavyweight) per horse and rider x 6 ribbons (36 ribbons). For “s”, one award per year.

**RECOGNIZE OVERALL HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE PLEASURE TEAM**

**SECTION 9 - AWARDS**

- B. Annual Awards
  - 2. National Awards
    - p. **HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE PLEASURE TEAM:** This award is presented to the Competitive Pleasure Division horse and rider combination having the highest number of total points for horse and horsemanship. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A ride counts as 1 ride; Type B ride counts as ½ ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.
 

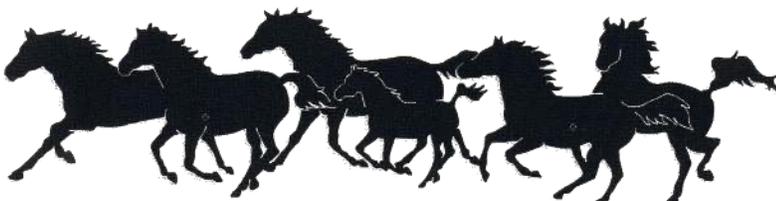
**Age of Horses**

      - (1) Horses competing for High Point Competitive Pleasure Team award must be at least 60 months of age.
        - (a) Registered horses are considered 60 months of age as of actual foaling date on the registration papers.
        - (b) Unregistered horses are considered to be of eligible age if they have a “full mouth” (all permanent incisors having erupted and in wear) as determined by the veterinary judge.

**Rationale:**

We already have an overall high point Open team with the Jim Menefee Memorial award. If we add a High Point Novice Team, Competitive Pleasure would be the only standard division without this award. For consistency and fairness, if the Novice passes, we should also include Competitive Pleasure. We are encouraging the team aspect and should do so across the board.

Rule Change Standing Schedule	
NBOD Meeting	Activity
Prior to November	Accept submitted rule changes
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Decide changes to carry forward</li> <li>• Publish for comment - <i>Hoof Print</i> and website</li> </ul>
February/March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Finalize wording</li> <li>• Publish for comment - <i>Hoof Print</i> and website</li> </ul>
July	Vote on changes
After July	Update Rule Book



## NATRC National BOD Minutes February 13, 2020, San Antonio, TX

**CALL TO ORDER** by President Angie Meroshnekoff, 8:01 a.m. February 13, 2020.

**ROLL CALL.** Angie Meroshnekoff, Jamie Dieterich, Bob Insko, Lory Walls, Bill Wingle, Laurie DiNatale, Gayle Muench, Alice Perryman, Esther Diaguila, Kris Gray, Sallie Kudra, Shari Parys and Marla Stucky. Sarah Rinne, Executive Director, via Zoom. Also attending: Patsy Conner, Sanction Chair, and Kim Cowart, Co-Chair Judges Committee.

**WELCOME.** Introductions for new board members.

**MINUTES.** November 9, 2019. **Motion by Dieterich, seconded by Gray to approve the minutes. Motion carried.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT.** Meroshnekoff. Report filed. R1 voted to re-elect Jamie Dieterich to the board. **Walls made a motion to approve the appointment of Dieterich, DiNatale seconded. Motion carried.**

**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT.** Sarah Rinne. Report filed. Discussed website and renewal issues for members. Renewed Back Country Horsemen of American and the Equine Land Conservation Resource partnerships. Adjustments were made to awards with split of Competitive Pleasure into weight classes.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT.** Muench. The original budget approved was not completely correct. Muench shared the errors in coding which reflected the expenses of 2019 less approximately \$4,000. Loss \$17,000 for 2019, projected loss for 2020 is \$35,000. Student loan discussion. Presently the repayment schedule and term are not included in the

promissory note, which needs to be added. Wingle stated it should specify the period of years allowed for repayment. It was highlighted that several of the scholarships have paid off dividends as several of them have become veterinary judges in the sport. Discussion on Hoof Print expenses. Perryman stated she'd like to be able to save and print the electronic version so it can be shared and feels it shouldn't just be a member benefit. Parys stated it is better for sponsors if our Hoof Print is a public and shareable document. **Motion by Muench, seconded by Wingle to move the Hoof Print out of the members only section on the website. Motion carried.**

**BY-LAWS & RULES.** Parys.

Rule Proposal – Change limits from placings to points for competing in Novice. Shared adjustments to the language to clean up proposal. Walls referred to using the word “team” to stay consistent with other places in the rule book. It was questioned why “combination” was

changed to “pair”. Wording changed back to combination.

Rule Proposal – Adding experienced class to Leisure Division. No changes to wording.

Rule Proposal – Change two-mile marker to forward motion point. No change to wording.

Rule Proposal – Allow lenience in Leisure Division time penalties at completion of ride. Parys questioned the consistency of the language around the definition of horse, rider and team. Language adjusted to read “horse and rider team arriving more than 30 minutes” as this covers all divisions including Leisure.

Rule Proposal – Allow evaluation of overnight stabling for Leisure Division. Discussion about when is stabling evaluation really warranted. Dieterich recommended leaving wording as is and discuss with Equisure again to make sure we are handling it correctly for our coverage.

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**Rule Proposal – Clarify expectations of Leisure Division placings versus ride announcements.** Dieterich said Andrea Rogers is concerned about mixed messages in awarding of placing and points. Meroshnekoff suggested changing the language to read “all Leisure Division classes” as opposed to defining the classes to prevent future adjustments. Recommended that the points distribution be discussed with the data team for new recommendations that make the most sense and it will be addressed via the next Zoom meeting.

**Rule Proposal – Add out of region qualification to President’s Cup criteria.** No changes to wording.

**Rule Proposal – Recognize overall high point Novice on national level.** No changes to wording.

**Rule Proposal – Recognition of overall high point Competitive Pleasure Team.** No changes to wording.

**BYLAWS.** Each region needs to look at their own bylaws to be consistent with the changes in the membership structure and dues payment in the national bylaws.

**POLICIES & PROCEDURES.** Dieterich. Dieterich requested to add a job description for the Sanction Chair. There are a lot of things the sanction chair does, and it is a comprehensive description. Meroshnekoff stated this really should be a two-person job, so we are looking for input. An apprentice or assistant. Wingle stated he is interested in assisting and being a backup. Rinne discussed the goal of succession planning for the organization, particularly these larger and time sensitive roles. **Motion by Wingle, seconded by DiNatale to add the Ride Sanction Chair job description to the Policy & Procedures. Motion carried.**

**PROTEST.** Lori Allen. Report filed. No protests.

**PLANNED AND CHARITABLE GIVING.** Muench/Elaine Swiss. Member donation has been received.

**NATIONAL HISTORIAN.** Conner. Helene Pritchard passed away just recently, and her family reached out to her to do a memorial write up. They are providing a lot of historical documents to the organization.

**RIDE SANCTIONS.** Conner. Conner emailed managers about the January 31 deadline for written notice of the ride date. Conner stated she doesn’t approve the sanction application until the application is put into Dropbox upon notification of payment. Agreed that the website should state “Pending” instead of “Confirmed”.

**CLINIC SANCTIONS.** Linda Clayton. Report filed.

**MANAGEMENT.** Swiss. Report filed. Discussion around Leisure Division inclusion with Type A rides. Wingle said it has been successful in R3, and the format has been desirable for new and experienced riders alike. There was dis-

ussion about how to bridge the gap between LeD and Novice Division. A suggestion was made to add a checkbox on the entry if it is their first non-LeD ride so we don’t lose someone in the shuffle. If they did a LeD ride they may not check the first time rider box when registering for a Novice Division ride. Parys shared how Nebraska rides are addressing this by having a LeD ride on Saturday and a B ride Novice on Sunday for riders who want to try more mileage. Meroshnekoff said LeD is a good way to encourage new ride management. R1 is developing a spreadsheet of potential ride locations to share to encourage a new ride manager to take on a ride at one of those locations.

**RULES INTERPRETER.** Wingle. Report filed. A new RI Report form has been drafted and ready for upload to the website upon review by the board. Walls asked about LeD and the RI role. The language as adjusted on the form about RI being required to attend all ride briefings to read “if feasible” for LeD. **Motion made by Parys to change the RI form as suggested, seconded by Stucky. Motion carried.**

Discussion about the revised rule book and what

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needs to be in the printed version and what would be better online. Not everything is needed in the print version. Meroshnekoff stated it is just an awkward time while transitioning and adjusting the website to move parts of the rules online. **Consensus to remove scorecards from Rule Book.**

**INSURANCE.** Rinne. No updates.

**SAFETY.** Swiss. Report filed. We still need to look at ensuring we have qualified people as safety personnel at rides.

**MARKETING.** Gray. Report filed. Committee is trying to figure out the way to use the budget in the way that makes the most return on the investment. They want to allocate the funds in the best way possible. Gray stated they could use more help on the committee to do some of the leg work.

**SOCIAL MEDIA.** Jonni Jewell. The update was covered by the Marketing Committee. 10,359 likes on our page. This is almost doubled since last year. Now it is a matter of converting these followers to members and riders. Gray discussed the challenge with some folks because we are getting interest from people in areas where we don't currently have events.

**BUSINESS MODEL & MEASUREMENTS.** Muench. Covered in Budget and Marketing reports / discussions.

**SPONSORSHIPS.** Parys. Report filed. Parys inquired about the raffle ticket sales status. Still some outstanding unsold tickets. We need to decide if we want to continue this raffle for 2020. It was suggested we continue the raffle but adjust the time of it to have more selling time. The Riding Warehouse discount code for members has changed.

**MEDIA ADVISORY.** Dieterich. Report filed. Dieterich is still seek-

ing a replacement for the position. Perryman graciously declined the position.

**RIDERS AND JUNIORS.** Perryman. No updates.

**FOUNDATION.** Conner. Electing new officers. Foundation meeting will follow the board meeting.

**NATIONAL DRUG TESTING.** Kim Murphy. Report filed. Cost per horse has increased with the new custom panel.

**VETERINARY DRUG COMMITTEE.** Dr. Tamara Gull. No report filed. The committee is in favor of increasing the drug testing fee per horse to accommodate the increased cost in testing. Meroshnekoff is concerned with raising the drug fees at this point in our low numbers. We will see how the year goes before taking action.

**TRAIL ADVOCACY AND GRANTS.** DiNatale. No new applications. The funds that were approved for the R2 location are pending disbursement as there is not yet a place for the funds to go. Insko updated the board on the status of that and will let Rinne know where the funds need to go.

**EDUCATION.** Dieterich. Report filed.

**JUDGES.** Kim Cowart. Report filed. **Motion by Muench, seconded by Stucky to accept the judge's committee nominations. Motion carried.** Cowart discussed changes to the LeD scorecard to improve usability. LeD oversight needs to be more clear. Dieterich said we can't necessarily require an apprentice ride but is suggesting that the first ride an LeD judge judges be done under a provisional status with a scorecard review post ride. The review would be for consistency and quality. Meroshnekoff said judges need ongoing education and support to improve. Cow-

art requested support from the board to allow the judges committee to promote proper/safe footwear for riders at check-in. This does not require a rule proposal, just a guideline that supports judges in enforcing safe footwear. Cowart brought up judges' renewal criteria, and some recommended adjustments to the timeframe to be more accommodating. The recommendation is to adjust it from a 12 month to a 24-month period for veterinary judges to meet the criteria. **Walls made a motion to adjust the timeframe from 12 to 24 months for veterinary judges to meet the renewal criteria, seconded by Perryman. Motion carried.** Cowart requested to offer a compensated membership to veterinary judges who are not competing. Muench inquired as to the potential financial impact. It would be approximately \$500-\$600. It was recommended to cover this at a regional level. Cowart addressed judges who have been inactive for several years and are not corresponding with the judges' committee. The recommendation is to be able to move them to inactive status. **Motion by Diaguila, seconded by Walls to move Frank Keeran and Darlene Wehr to inactive status. Motion carried.**

**HALL OF FAME.** Rinne. No applicants.

**STUDENT LOAN / SCHOLARSHIPS.** Kay Gunckel. No applications. Student loan recipient, Jason Klamm, graduated and will begin repaying his loan in April 2020.

**BREED & ORGANIZATION LIAISONS.** Stucky. Stucky will be taking over for Amy Martin officially. Dieterich wanted to address the elimination of the three ride requirement from annual breed awards. **Motion by Muench to have the NATRC breed liaison send to the breed associations the top five horses of each breed across the Open, Novice an** (Continued on page 48)

**CP divisions ridden by a current member of NATRC regardless of number of rides, seconded by Parys. Motion carried.**

**AHA.** Insko. First time a CTR horse has been named Distance Horse of the Year in the AHA publication.

**HONORARY & APPRECIATION.** Ruth Mesimer. Report filed. Recipients will be recognized at convention.

**TECHNOLOGY.** Andrea Rogers. Report filed. Coreware project update was provided. Changes have been done in baby steps, and progress is not where we want it to be. It's been a challenge working with the developer. Muench, Rogers and Rinne will meet to discuss what needs to happen going forward.

**CONVENTION & NATIONAL AWARDS.** Muench. San Antonio.

**REGIONAL REPORTS.**

**SHARED BOARD** \$325.67.

**Old Business**

1. Website/Data Integration
2. LeD/Scorecard Updates

**New Business**

**Motion by Perryman to adjourn, seconded by Diaguila. Meeting adjourned.**



# Foundation Board Meeting Minutes, February 13, 2020

Submitted by Esther Diaguila

**N**ATRC National Convention, San Antonio, TX

The Foundation Board meeting was called to order by President Patsy Conner following the General Membership meeting (at 5:30PM).

Senior Region Directors present were: Region 1 – Angie Meroshnekoff, Region 2 – Bob Insko, Region 3 – Bill Wingle, Region 4 - Alice Perryman, Region 5 – Esther Diaguila, Region 6 - Shari Parys. Also in attendance were guests Laurie DiNatale, Jamie Dieterich, Lory Walls, Gayle Muench, Kris Gray, Marla Stucky, Kim Cowart.

The election of officers for 2020 were conducted with the following results:

Treasurer - Mary Jo Malone  
Secretary – Esther Diaguila  
Vice President – Bob Insko  
President - Patsy Conner

Treasurer's Report -  
Bank Account: \$94,849.03  
2018 Income: \$ 1,456.30

Ten percent (10%) of the income is retained by the Foundation and ninety percent (90%) of the income will be moved to the General Fund as unrestricted funds.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.



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## Region 4

### Jingle Bell Jaunt A

12/7-8/20 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 27

Chair: Liebman, Cara

Judges: Vet - Hounsel, Carter; Hsp - Rogers, Becky

#### Open Heavyweight

1 / 1 SW / 99 Regal ET / Muench, Gayle

2 / 2 Razmataz DBA / Bass, Carla Jo

3 / 3 MGA's Fuerte del Energia / Rosser, Erin

#### Open Lightweight

1 / 1 Wildfire Storm / Miller, Dolly

2 / 3 Bantam Z / Mettes, Cynthia

3 / 2 TA Kaiser+/// / Prusak, Deanne

4 / 4 Rock Creek's Wild Pepper / Jones, Holly

#### Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

1 / 1 BA Minstrilstango / Whitaker, Cara

2 / 2 RBR Bailey / Bensch, Therese

#### Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

1 / 3 SW / 98 Durango 4 / Galliher, Teresa

2 / 2 Colt McGuire / Griffin, Terri

3 / 1 Roadshow Popsicle / Zimmerman, Betsy

#### Novice Heavyweight

1 / 4 SCR's Boldly Beautiful / Breckenridge, Rick

2 / 2 Thee Mishaal Nadir / Fazzino, Kim

3 / 3 Diamond / Grotheer, Wendy

4 / 1 RBR Willie / Bensch, William

P / P Brookes 2 / Bridges, Raelene

P / P Clancey 2 / Cannaday, Martie

#### Novice Lightweight

1 / 5 SW / 98 Daylight / Stecik, Eileen

2 / 2 Senioritas Pizzazz / Hall, Lauren

3 / 3 Sum Tigger / Steele, Hannah

4 / 6 CA Hennessy / Flint, Kimberlee

5 / 1 Big Cat / Leatherwood, Cynthia

6 / 4 Freedom's Apache Sam / Hoxie, Kathy

P / P Molly 9 / Steele, Brandy

P / P Blue 8 / Yeoman, Micah

#### Novice Junior

1 / 1 Blackwood Bey / Sharman, Hallie

### Jingle Bell Jaunt B1

12/7/20 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 7

Chair: Liebman, Cara

Judge: LeD - Perryman, Alice

#### Leisure Adult

1 LRR Matt's Buck Ledoux / Drumm, Jenny

2 Sundown / Orr, Joe

3 Fancy I Am / Knight, Chrissy

4 Jasper 6 / Orr, Shirley

5 Flash 9 / Bardone, Julia

6 Mishaa / Cranfill, Jenny

P Rusty's Golden Nugget / Musgrave, Teresa

### Jingle Bell Jaunt B2

12/7/20 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 4

Chair: Liebman, Cara

Judges: Vet - Hounsel, Carter; Hsp - Rogers, Becky

LeD - Perryman, Alice

#### Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

1 / 2 SW / 93 Mishaa / Cranfill, Jenny

2 / 1 Katathena / Yeoman, Micah

#### Leisure Adult

1 Jasper 6 / Orr, Shirley

2 Sundown / Orr, Joe

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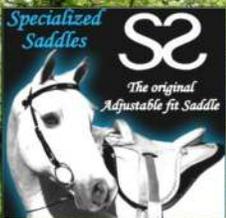
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## Region 4, continued

### 71L Scamper A

3/7/2020 R4 TX Total Riders: 27

Chair: Daniel, Doanna

Judges: Vet - Riddick, Keri; Hsp - Shanor, Kathy

#### Open Heavyweight

1 / 1 Razmataz DBA / Bass, Carla Jo

2 / 3 Regal ET / Muench, Gayle

3 / 4 MGA's Fuerte del Energia / Rosser, Erin

4 / 2 CH GoneWithTheWynd / Jewell, Jonni

#### Open Lightweight

1 / 3 SW / 98 / Giacomo / Muench, Fran

2 / 6 Rock Creek's Wild Pepper / Jones, Holly

3 / 1 TA Kaiser+// / Prusak, Deanne

4 / 2 Talyia / Murphy, Kimberly

5 / 4 Wildfire Storm / Miller, Dolly

6 / 5 Moonshadow 2 / Galliher, Teresa

Bantam Z / Mettes, Cynthia

#### Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

1 / 1 KMA Ali Gator / Spell, David

#### Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

1 / 2 SW / 96 / Moon Shadow's Black Gold / Sommer, Alanna

2 / 1 Flash Black / Liebman, Cara

3 / 4 RR Majik Knight / Swiss, Elaine

4 / 3 Colt McGuire / Griffin, Terri

P / P Roadshow Popsicle / Zimmerman, Betsy

#### Novice Heavyweight

1 / 1 Diamond / Grotheer, Wendy

2 / 3 Jasper 6 / Orr, Shirley

3 / 2 Buddy 18 / Miller, Jim J

4 / 4 Sundown / Orr, Joe

#### Novice Lightweight

1 / 1 SW / 98 / Big Cat / Leatherwood, Cynthia

2 / 3 Daylight / Stecick, Eileen

3 / 2 Sum Tigger / Steele, Hannah

4 / 5 Molly 9 / Steele, Brandy

5 / 4 CA Hennessy / Flint, Kimberlee

#### Novice Junior

1 / 1 Durango 4 / Sharman, Hallie

### 71L Scamper B1

3/7/2020 R4 TX Total Riders: 5

Chair: Daniel, Doanna

Judges: Vet - Riddick, Keri; Hsp - Shanor, Kathy; LeD - Rogers, Becky

#### Novice Junior

1 / 1 SW / 91 / Semper Fidelis / Smith, Charlie

#### Leisure Adult

1 Frio Bandito / Stevens, Toni

2 El Naseri Mareekh / Betts, Debbie

3 Ibn Sashali / Perez, Jacqueline

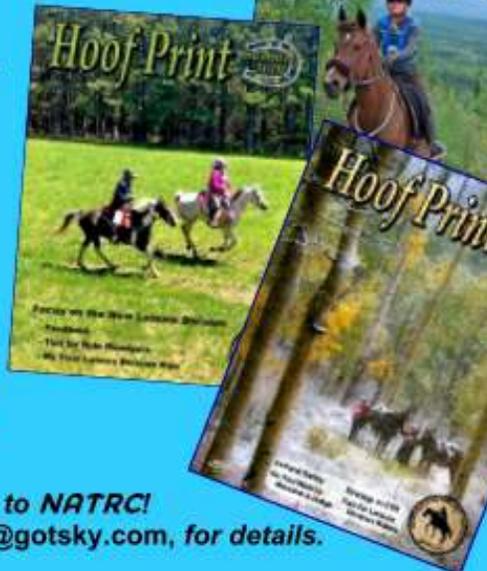
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To compile and coordinate  
*Hoof Print* content and  
 Contributions quarterly.

#### Helpful skills:

- Involvement with the sport
- Ability to stick to a time table
- Proficiency with MS Word
- Proficiency with proof reading
- Ability to work well with others
- Ability to communicate via email



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## Region 5

### Mingo Gobble Wobble B1

11/16/19 Region 5 GA Total Riders: 20

Chair: Cindy Keen

Judges: LeD - Diaguila, Esther, Lucas, Patty

#### Leisure Adult

- 1 John Henry 2 / James, Trish
  - 2 Sun Frost Flick / Fike, Connie
  - 3 Hard Rock's Smoke / DeRosa, Charmaine
  - 4 Braska / Belew, Amy
  - 5 Cinnamon Toasty / Whitehead, Victoria
  - 6 Smoke 4 / Strom, Beth
  - 7 Best Chum / Berish, Rebecca
  - 8 Beau 11 / Swift, Amber
  - 9 HGA Shakespearean Sunrise / Marshall, Carolyn
  - 10 Houdini / Stroh, John
- Jubal / Hope, Susan  
 Gambit / Kirsch, Claire

- Hank 9 / Strom, Jimmy  
 DO Living On a Prayer / Garnes, Sherry  
 DO VA Anistazio / Riddick, Keri  
 DO Steely Dans Wilha / Woodall, Courtney

#### Leisure Junior

- 1 Delight's Amber Beauty / Cook, Olivia
- 2 Mick Jagger / Patisaul, Sierra
- 3 Spotted Alen's Finale / Southerland, Callie
- 4 Poor Daddy's Wallet / Lehr, Halia

### Mingo Gobble Wobble B2

11/17/19 Region 5 GA Total Riders: 16

Chair: Keen, Cindy

Judges: LeD - Diaguila, Esther, Lucas, Patty

#### Leisure Adult

- 1 John Henry 2 / James, Trish
- 2 Hank 10 / Kota, Kim

- 3 Braska / Belew, Amy
- 4 Scooter 4 / Haley, Glynnis
- 5 Cinnamon Toasty / Whitehead, Victoria
- 6 Trinity 2 / Jones, Michelle
- 7 HGA Shakespearean Sunrise / Marshall, Carolyn
- 8 Jubal / Hope, Susan
- DO VA Anistazio / Riddick, Keri
- DO Lenox / Senecal, Anita
- DO Steely Dans Wilha / Woodall, Courtney

#### Leisure Junior

- 1 Delight's Amber Beauty / Cook, Olivia
- 2 Mick Jagger / Patisaul, Sierra
- 3 Timber Jac Joe / Lawrence, Anna
- 4 Spotted Alen's Finale / Southerland, Callie
- 5 Orient Forty / Castropoveda, Marla

### New Year's Resolution A

1/25/20 Region 5 FL Total Riders: 35

Chair: Diaguila, Esther

Judges: Vet - Dent, Susan; Hsp: Jeffcoat, Cheri

#### Open Heavyweight

- 1 / 2 Regal ET / Muench, Gayle
- 2 / 4 Jiminy Cricket / Mulligan, Jennifer
- 3 / 1 Sundancers Comanchero / Hajek, Donna
- 4 / 3 Flicka's Rose / Stroh, John

#### Open Lightweight

- 1 / 3 SW / 100 Giacomo / Muench, Fran
- 2 / 4 Lucky Sunday / Broughton, Regina
- 3 / 2 TA Kaiser+// / Prusak, Deanne
- 4 / 5 Danamyte / Smith, Helen
- 5 / 1 Papa's Alabama Express / Lucas, Patty
- 6 / Terradocs Oconee Belle / Kudra, Sallie
- / 6 I'm Captain Morgan / Baldwin, Sara
- Alena Rae / Rogers, Andrea
- P / P Catalina Comet / Moulis, Jameson

#### Open Junior

- 1 / 1 Mick Jagger / Patisaul, Sierra

#### Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

- 1 / 4 SW / 98.5 DLC Roxies Peponita / Howard, Marsha
- 2 / 3 Stanley's Waylon / Tolbert, Wayne
- 3 / 5 Spirit of Spotted Alen / Keen, Cindy
- 4 / 1 Mandella Bey / Chapman, Carolyn
- 5 / 6 Okies Roanwood 10 / Fields, Bobby
- 6 / 2 Graceful Empire / Whitehead, Victoria

#### Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

- 1 / 1 Bree / Collins, Jordan
- 2 / 2 Sun Whizard Sami / VanEysbergen, Elsa
- 3 / 5 Living On a Prayer / Garnes, Sherry
- 4 / 3 Traveler's Gray King / Findley, Martha
- 5 / 4 Impressive Red Rebel / Riley, Paula

#### Competitive Pleasure Junior

- 1 / 1 By the Grace of God / Lehr, Halia
- 2 / 2 Sir Percival / Edelstein, Kinsley

#### Novice Heavyweight

- 1 / 1 Romeo O Romeo / Haglund, Pam
- 2 / 2 Marcus 2 / Games, Barry

#### Novice Lightweight

- 1 / 1 SW / 99 Yolo / Wiggins, Kathi
- 2 / 3 HGA Shakespearean Sunrise / Marshall, Carolyn

- 3 / 2 Serengeti / Kern, Lori

oo/oo Om El Bastian / Riley, Leigh

#### Novice Junior

- 1 / 1 Timber Jac Joe / Lawrence, Anna
- P / P S Just Tremendous / Williamson, Keenan

### New Year's Resolution B1

1/25/20 Region 5 FL Total Riders: 6

Chair: Diaguila, Esther

Judges: Vet - Dent, Susan; Hsp: Jeffcoat, Cheri

#### Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

- 1 / 1 SW / 95.5 VA Anistazio / Riddick, Keri
- P / P Johns American Dream / Gosda, Renee

#### Novice Heavyweight

- 1 / 1 Shadow 9 / Hamner, Ginger

#### Novice Lightweight

- 1 / 1 SW / 94.5 Kites Stormy Lady / Haley, Glynnis

#### Novice Junior

- 1 / 1 Skeeter James / Lord, Olivia
- 2 / 2 Delight's Amber Beauty / Cook, Olivia

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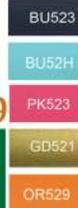
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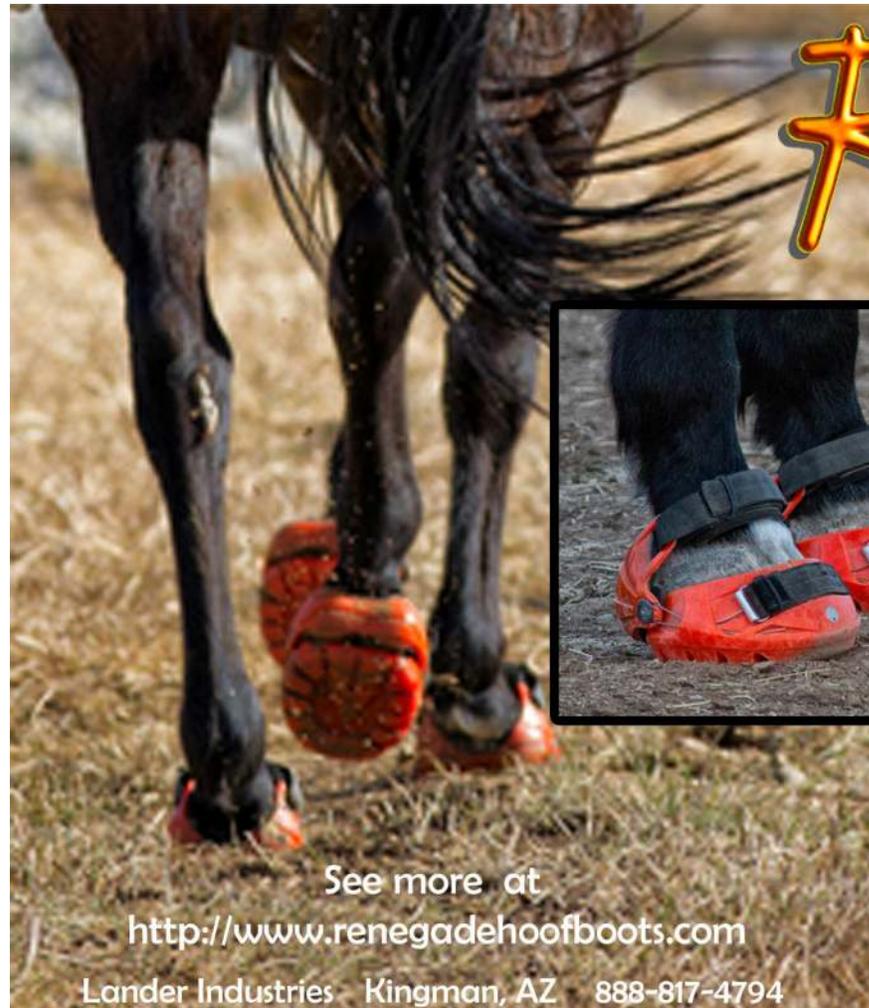


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