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*President's Cup Winner!  
Sherry Garnes & Beau*

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## 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

## Meet Our Apprentice and Provisional Judges

Members: We welcome our comments on the following apprentice and provisional judges.

Apprentice	Region	Judges:
Veterinary Amy Spies, DVM	5	▪ Have your addresses or phone numbers changed? Give the NATRC office your office, home, and cell numbers.
Leisure Erin McChesney	1	▪ Apprentice with an approved judge who has agreed to judge and supervise you.
Helen Steenman	2	<b>Ride Chairs:</b>
Linda Johnson-Conne	3	▪ Contact and secure your judges well in advance of your ride date!
Sandy Pegram	5	▪ The current Judges List is on the website.
Debbie McCullough	5	▪ If you have difficulty securing an approved judge, please contact the appropriate Judges Committee Co-Chair:
Helen Smith	6	
<b>Provisional</b>		
Veterinary Sonya McClendon, DVM	4	
Horsemanship Fran Muench	4	
Debby Starr	4	

## On the Cover

2023 President's Cup Winner  
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# President's Message



## NATRC Pride

What an amazing 2023 ride season. So many special memories were made while traveling to rides, sitting around those NATRC campfires, and of course while we were competing out on the trails.

One of my special memories was riding in the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary Indian Cave ride located in southeast Nebraska. This ride is NATRC's longest continuous ride held at the same location in the country.

Another was the large rider delegation from Region 5 who traveled halfway across the country to attend both the Kanopolis Canyons ride in Kansas and the General Albert P. Clark Memorial ride at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado the next weekend. I am sure everyone has fond memories of this past year. Collectively, our memories just add to NATRC's rich history.

I just returned from our national convention that was held in cooperation with AERC in Albuquerque. Region 3 did a fantastic job hosting this year's convention.

This year's awards banquet was truly motivational. Every award winner was an inspiration to all in attendance. A few examples of this inspiration included Sherry Garnes' President Cup speech, Bev Roberts accepting the Jim Menefee Lifetime Achievement Award, Linda Record's display of determination, and Mary Anna Woods being recognized for 25,000 competition miles in NATRC.

During convention, I visited with one of our sponsors to personally thank them for their support of NATRC. They told me that we are one of the only organizations that

they sponsor and provide a major award to, where the winner always sends a handwritten thank you note to them. What a perfect example of the impact this small gesture has. I could not have been any prouder to be a member of NATRC than when I heard this.

Our NATRC membership saw another year of growth in 2023 making it the highest since 2019. Our future is on the right trajectory. We have several initiatives underway for the 2024 ride season.

One of these is to conduct two clinics in each of our regions this year. Clinics are an inspiration in themselves. They provide an opportunity for our members, whom I consider among the best trail riders in the nation, to share their knowledge with others. A direct benefit of these clinics is an increase in the number of riders and members.

Another initiative this year is the establishment of a New Ride Outreach committee. The purpose of this committee is to provide support in establishing new rides across the country. We have members who participate in our virtual challenges and are interested in our sport but are in a location where there are no close rides. Our vision is to send an LeD consultation team to these states and coach them on how to do a LeD ride with a future goal of putting together a full "A" ride.

Our newest sponsor Top Trail is teaming up with us again this year to bring you the 2024 NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge. Signup is currently underway. You can find the link for more information and to sign up for this fun challenge on our



NATRC website. Our mileage challenge is a great motivator for you to get there and ride. This program is also very important as it generates revenue for NATRC.

I am looking forward to the upcoming ride season and being out there on the trails and sitting around the campfire with our NATRC family!

As always, keep pushing, be a class act, and never stop chasing your dreams!

Now, get those conditioning miles in and stay focused on your goals for the 2024 ride season!

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And then be sure to follow me to that next NATRC ride!

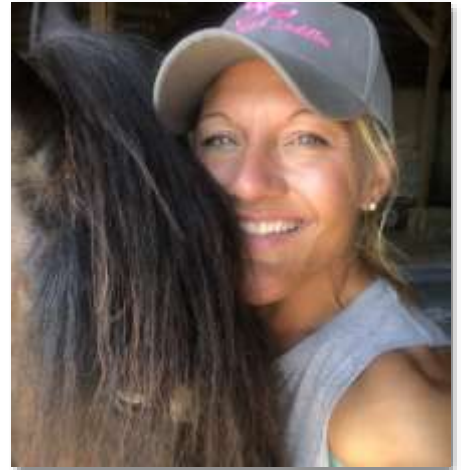
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# From Your Executive Director

## Momentum

Sarah J. Smith



Momentum...NATRC really has it and is picking up speed. After several tedious years and hard work following a strategic plan, extensive committee work, and a careful budget, we are seeing the fruits of that labor realized. Change can feel slow when we are in the moment, or looking at the year in review, but when you look collectively at the ground we have covered in five years the return becomes much clearer.

Our membership and ridership are no longer on a decline and appear to be trending toward the opposite. Our budget is stable. We are revitalizing several committees and generating a lot of great ideas and solutions for the future within them. An exciting new committee tentatively dubbed the New Ride Outreach Committee is being developed in 2024 to help bring new rides to areas of the country that don't currently host our events. Part of the plan will involve the travel of some of the committee members to those interested host locations for on-site support to help bring new rides to fruition! We hope to see some exciting expansion of our sport through this committee that will be supported by a member from each region.

I have mentioned this in past messages...but stagnancy in any organization often leads to eventual organizational dissolution because there needs to be change, energy and excitement for growth and prosperity to occur. They are necessary parts of the success equation. NATRC is doing just that with dedicated volunteers putting in the time every day to

keep our sport relevant and competitive in today's challenging recreational market. There are a lot of ways people can choose to spend their recreational time, and we want to make sure part of their time is shared with us whether riding or volunteering.

Our Leisure Division has boomed in the past few years quickly becoming a conduit of growth for our sport by affording new ride opportunities in different locations, but more importantly making our sport possible for more people. Not everyone has the time to condition for an Open ride or to get away for an entire weekend so our Leisure Division has answered that call. It has also offered the use of trails not otherwise suitable for a Type A ride due to lack of trail mileage so new ride locations have been added to the schedule to the excitement of many!

Change is inevitable... and in our case, it has been the catalyst of success. I can't thank the excellent and dedicated volunteers enough that I have had the honor and privilege of working with in the past year (and several years)

to bring NATRC to where it is today. I appreciate each and every one of you. There are many cogs in the wheel, but it takes every one of them to make the wheel turn.

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving." Albert Einstein.

NATRC has found its balance... now it's time to keep moving!



**Albert Einstein** (courtesy of vintagenewsdaily.com)



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For information about partnering, please contact our [Executive Director](#).

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2. Designate NATRC as an insurance policy beneficiary
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**Kudos All!**





# In Remembrance

## William (Bill) Hinkebein



April 18, 1942 - July 13, 2023 | Chillicothe, Missouri

William G. Hinkebein (Bill), oldest son of Sylvester and Stella (Pratt) Hinkebein was born on April 18, 1942 in St. Louis, Missouri, and passed away on July 13, 2023 at North Kansas City Hospital.

Bill was raised on a farm outside of Farmington, Missouri, with his parents and six younger brothers. He was educated in Missouri, graduating from the University of Missouri with two BS degrees, one in Animal Husbandry and the other Ag Education. He also earned his Master's Degree and Specialist Degree in Agriculture Education.

He started his teaching career in Windsor, Missouri, in 1966, went on to a vocational school and eventually moved to Chillicothe and taught agriculture at North Central Missouri College (NCMC). He stayed at NCMC as a full time teacher for 25 years and still remained as a part time educator up until his death.

When Bill retired, he had accumulated 37.5 years of full time classroom teaching. He enjoyed his students and wanted to instill in them a love of agriculture.

Bill started the equine program at NCMC and always hoped to show his students the fun of riding horses. For over 20 years, Bill, with the assistance of agriculture students at NCMC, provided horseback riding classes to handicapped students in the Trenton and Chillicothe areas.

On June 18, 1966 Bill married Jeanne Pfaff and they had four children. Their first, William, was premature and passed shortly after birth. They have seven grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. Bill and Jeanne spent many hours

attending their children's and grandchildren's sporting events, band concerts, play productions, and 4H



Family Photo

horse shows and competitions. They considered their family to be their greatest blessing.

In 1985, Bill began competing in NATRC with Missouri Fox Trotter horses he bred. Through the years he accumulated over 14,000 miles in competition. He earned numerous awards including achieving National Championships on 10 different horses, (winning the Bev Robert's National Horsemanship Champion Award *twice*). Upon receiving the award, Bill said, "This is the hardest

thing I've ever done." In NATRC's 63 years of existence, he is the sole holder of this distinction.

His successes included winning the President's Cup, NATRC's highest award.

Such successes involved an additional minimum of 14,000 miles of training and conditioning and having riding skills needed to attain this level of merit.

To his fellow competitors, It was no surprise that, as an educator, he became an approved horsemanship judge. As a competitor, he knew the in's and out's of competition and had a keen eye for judging.

Two of his greatest achievements was having his daughter, Elizabeth ride with him and win first place in Region 6 Youth Division. Several years later two granddaughters would ride with him. At the end of the second season, Bill, Jessica and Josie attained their National Championships, and Jessica was number one in the nation with Josie being second.

In addition to NATRC competitions, Bill and his family attended a yearly trail ride held around Duke, Missouri, in the beautiful Ozarks. The entire family still attends this ride. In 2023 Bill, his wife, Jeanne, and their three children, received the 45 years of attendance award.

Donations may be made to: North Central Missouri College Agricultural Department, St. Columban Catholic Church, or Pediatric Cancer Research.







# Bobby Fields

October 9, 2023



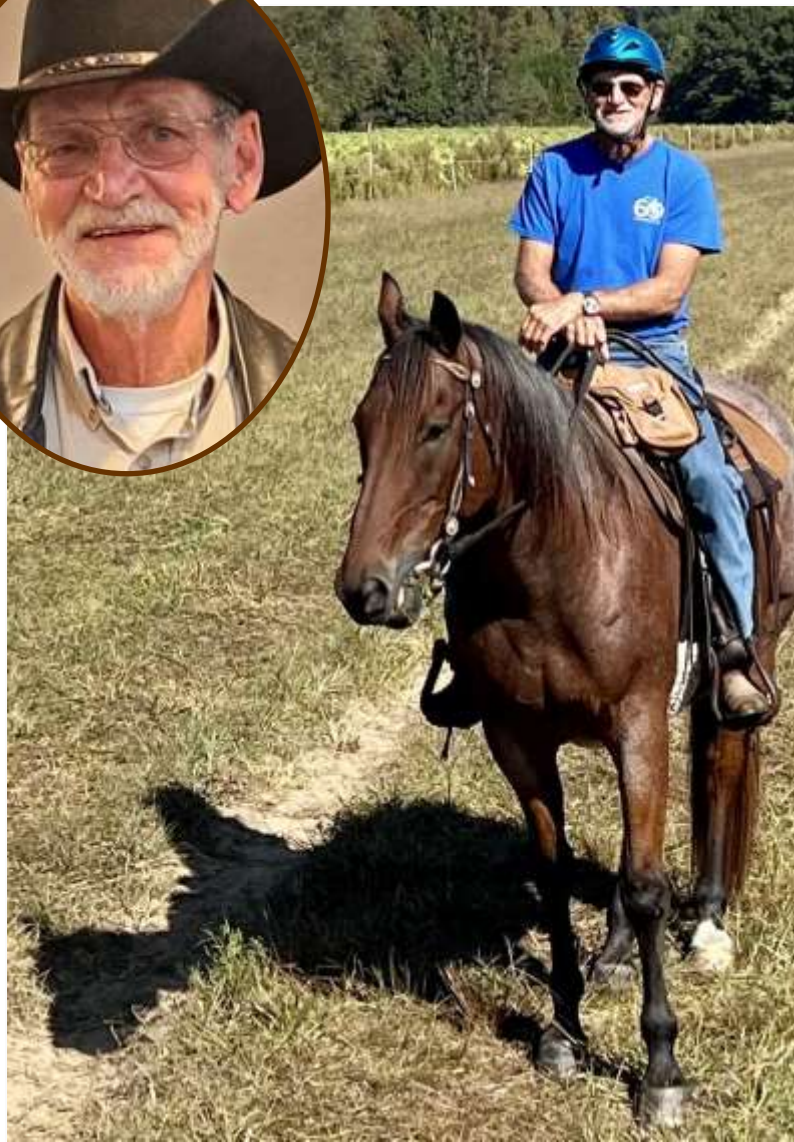
By Becky Fields

Bobby was a true gentleman. He was genuinely kind, loving, humble, honest, supportive, and hard working. He always had a positive attitude and was so very grateful for everything he had. Bobby was always happy to help others, especially with their horses.

Bobby was a gifted horseman. When we met, he knew nothing about horses, but he was a natural. He learned quickly, and soon became a successful natural horsemanship trainer. When Bobby decided to do something, he gave it his all and always wanted to do his best.

After Bobby's first NATRC ride, he was hooked. He absolutely loved it. All the riders were so kind and helpful and made him feel welcome. He never wanted to miss a ride and was so happy to be part of this special NATRC family.

Bobby was an amazing husband. He would tell me that his goal in life was to make me happy. He certainly achieved that. Bobby was the love of my life and my best friend. I will be forever grateful for the 27 years that I was blessed by this most extraordinary man.



**Bobby Fields and Okies Roadwood 10**

Photo by Sherry Garnes

Bobby collapsed on Monday morning at the Biltmore Estate after competing the weekend. We will miss our dear friend and fellow rider terribly. He was much loved in Region 5. In memory of Bobby, the region has been raising funds to purchase a defibrillator which will travel to each of the region's rides. Training in its safe use was held at the region's mini-convention.



# 2024 Appv'd Rule Changes

Changes are in **RED**.

## EXTEND COMBINED WEIGHT CLASSES FOR ONE YEAR

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

#### B. Classes

1. Heavyweight and Lightweight classes are combined into an Adult class on a temporary basis for the **2023-2024** ride year and will revert to 2022 rules unless extended by the National Board of Directors.

## APPENDICES CHANGES MAY BE MADE ADMINISTRATIVELY

### INSIDE FRONT COVER

~~Except for emergency actions and editorial corrections to published rules, all proposed rule changes/additions must be presented to the NATRC™ membership on the national website at least 45 days prior to a vote of the NATRC Board of Directors.~~

Changes to Rule Book Appendices may be made administratively, but 1) must be approved by the NATRC Board of Directors, and 2) changes must be posted on the national website 30 days prior to implementation or as soon as is practical.

## NATIONAL LEISURE AWARDS

### SECTION 9 - AWARDS

#### Annual Awards

1. General
  - c. Only the first 16 rides in Open Division, or 12 rides in Novice, or Competitive Pleasure Division officially started (See Section 5A2) in a ride year will count toward national awards. Type AA ride counts as 1½ rides; 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
  - d. A horse/rider does not have to officially start 16 Open Division or 12 in Novice, or Competitive Pleasure Division rides in order to qualify.
  - h. **All rides in Leisure Division in a ride year will count toward Leisure national awards.**

#### 2. National Awards

**HIGH POINT LEISURE TEAM:** Points shall be credited to riders for the purpose of determining annual high point awards in each Leisure Class (i.e., Experienced, Adult, Junior), first through sixth place. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the ride day.

#### Age of Horses

- (1) Horses competing for High Point Leisure Team award must be at least 48 months of age.
  - (a) Registered horses are considered 48 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 a licensed veterinarian.**

## COMPLETION ONLY (Rule Clarification)

### SECTION 6 - JUDGING

H. Completion Only: ~~A horse and rider, for the purpose of "Completion Only", are considered a team. "Completion Only" for one automatically constitutes "Completion Only" of the other.~~

1. **A horse and rider, for the purpose of "Completion Only", are considered a team. "Completion Only" for one automatically constitutes "Completion Only" of the other.**
2. A horse that checks out grade 3 lame (obviously consistently lame) or with other factors that would limit its ability to continue at the end of a ride, will not place, but may receive completion points and mileage only at the discretion of the veterinary judge or Leisure judge.
3. A horse and rider team arriving more than 30 minutes after the maximum time will not place but will receive completion points and mileage only.

## PLACINGS MUST BE ANNOUNCED (Rule Clarification)

### SECTION 9 – AWARDS

#### A. Ride Awards

2. Each division shall include first through sixth placings ~~place~~ in each horse class offered and in each horsemanship class offered. ~~, with the exception of Leisure Division as noted below.~~
8. ~~Placings and Awards~~ awards based on NATRC scoring must be ~~publicly presented publicly~~ and ~~announced individually~~ announced individually at the immediate conclusion of the ride.

# Meet Our Newly Approved Judges

## VETERINARY

**Amy Mason, DVM**

Photo by Family



## LEISURE

**Victoria Whitehead**

Photo by Self



**Norma Newton**

Photo by Self



**Marilyn Marston**

Photo by Nicole Shrack



# 2025 Proposed Rule Changes

To be voted on by NBOD in July 2024 | Changes are in **RED**

## #1a: COMBINE DIVISION WEIGHT CLASSES INTO ADULT CLASS (A TEMPORARY ONE-YEAR ACTION)

4.B.1. Heavyweight and Lightweight classes are combined into an Adult class on a temporary basis for the 2025 ride year and will revert to 2022 rules unless extended by the National Board of Directors.

*Rationale: Continue current year-to-year approval process. In the 2023 ride season, merging the Heavyweight and Lightweight classes into a single ADULT class yielded the desired results. There were many fewer tiny classes (<3 competitors) and while there were some large classes (>10 competitors), the number wasn't large and was still much less than experienced in NATRC historically. Heavyweights may be at a disadvantage competing with lightweights, but without the merge many classes essentially would have no real competition. By making the change temporary, it is slightly easier to reverse this change if ridership improves.*

## #1b: COMBINE DIVISION WEIGHT CLASSES INTO ADULT CLASS (MAKE PERMANENT)

4.B.1. Heavyweight and Lightweight classes are combined into an Adult class.

*Rationale: Same as above except last sentence. By making the change permanent, competitors know this is what to expect going forward for some time.*

## #2: VETERINARY JUDGING

### SECTION 6 - JUDGING

- A. Procedures: The judges may act together and discuss individual entrants throughout the course of the ride.
  - 2. Start of Competition
    - a. For the purposes of scoring **maneuvering trail/behavior**, soundness and horsemanship, the horse and rider shall be considered in competition from the moment that the horse is presented to the judges for preliminary examination.
  - 5. Final Examination: There must be a final examination (including condition, soundness, and **maneuvering trail/behavior**) of all horses by the veterinary and horsemanship judges after the completion of the final day's ride.
- B. Veterinary Judging: Judges shall not discriminate against any animal due to conformation or type as long as the animal performs satisfactorily. Horses are to be evaluated on the following three criteria: condition, soundness and **maneuvering trail/behavior**. Leisure Division does not have to adhere to these scoring categories.
  - 3. **Maneuvering Trail/Behavior** 15%: The evaluation of **maneuvering trail/behavior** shall include, but not be limited to, the following: disposition, response to rider, kicking, head tossing, prancing, standing for examination and mounting, buddying up, trail wise, etc.
- D. Leisure Division. Horses will be evaluated on **maneuvering trail/behavior**. Riders will be evaluated on equitation and partnership with the horse. Safety may be scored.

*Rationale: Riders have expressed concerns for many years about the heavy scoring in the trail ability/manners section of the horse scorecard. Our veterinarians should focus on what they are expertly and professionally trained to do and that is to judge metabolic conditioning, soundness and behavior. A task force made recommendations for a pilot program which was accepted by the National Board in 2022 to change the name to "Maneuvering Trail / Behavior" and to revise the scoring criteria. The pilot project has been successful. The name of the bottom section of the horse scorecard now needs to be changed in the Rule Book. The scorecard itself will be consistent with the Rule Book.*

(Affected portions of front and back of horse scorecard included here for reference only)

Scapulae	Left Hind	
Pain		
Tendons	Right Hind	
Ligaments		
<b>Maneuvering Trail / Behavior</b>		Check In
<b>15 Points</b>		
Includes, but not limited to, disposition, response to rider, kicking, head tossing, prancing, standing for examination and mount, buddying, trail wise, etc.		
Rider #	Horse Name	
	Rider Name	
DO-1 DO-2	TYPE: AA A B1	

### Scoring Guidelines

**2023 MANEUVERING TRAIL/BEHAVIOR PILOT PROGRAM to 2016 Revision**

**MANEUVERING TRAIL/BEHAVIOR 15 Points**

**Exams, Mounts:** (Max. 3 pts /observation)

Excellent (perfect standing)	+
Good standing	Good
Balancing step / slight shift or movement	-
Mild Movement (1-2 intentional steps)	-1/2
Moderate Movement (3-4 steps away, turns)	-1
Profound Movement (multiple steps / walks off)	-2

**Maneuvering Trail/ Behavior:** (Max. 3 pts /observation).  
Additional points may be taken for safety concerns.

Excellent behavior	+
Good behavior	Good
Misbehavior:	
Slight	-
Mild	-1/2
Moderate	-1
Profound	-2
Dangerous	-5, -10 or DQ

**Did Not Complete (DNC) / Pass: -3 or less**

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS FOR VET JUDGING**

File Slight 0 to -1 "File" refers to edema of the distal limb that may occur post-exercise

Moderate -1 to -2

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#3: MAKE RIDE SWEEPSTAKES AWARD A COMINATION AWARD AND AWARD POINTS TO HORSE

SECTION 9 - AWARDS

A. Ride Awards

- 4. The horse and rider team with the highest combined (horse and horsemanship) score from the Open, Competitive Pleasure and Novice Divisions shall be the recipients of the Open, Competitive Pleasure and Novice Sweepstakes Awards.

C. Point Distribution

- 4. The Open, Competitive Pleasure and Novice Sweepstakes winners will receive the highest points possible for their horses' placings based on the number of starters in the largest class of their respective division.
- 5. The Sweepstakes winner will receive points to the horse, in addition to other points won for horse, as follows: 3 points for a Type AA ride, 2 points for a Type A, 1 point for a Type B.

Rationale: Making Sweepstakes a combination award of both horse and horsemanship allows the best team to take high honors. Allowing all extra points to go to the horse follows NATRC tradition. This also enables more points to go to the horse for a National Championship which is a horse award.

Example: There is a full class (6) of ADULT competitors and three (3) competitors in the JUNIOR class in a Type-A ride. A JUNIOR who took 1st in horse and 3rd in horsemanship has the highest combined score and wins Sweepstakes. Without the Sweepstakes award, the JUNIOR horse would earn 10 points and horsemanship would earn 6 points. Sweepstakes awards the JUNIOR more points in two ways:

- 1. The ADULT class was larger, and the JUNIOR beat all the ADULT horses. As the top ADULT horse earned 16 points, so did the JUNIOR horse. The JUNIOR horsemanship points are left unchanged at 6.
- 2. Because this is a Type-A ride, the JUNIOR's horse score is increased by an additional 2 points; that is, the final JUNIOR points are 18 (16+2) for horse (1st place) and 6 for horsemanship.

#4: NATRC'S HIGHEST AWARD

SECTION 9 - AWARDS

B. Annual Awards

1. National Awards

- a. NATIONAL "JIM MENEFFEE" AWARD (Combined Horse & Horsemanship): This award will be presented annually to the overall high point horse and rider team in the Open Division.
- b. PRESIDENT'S CUP: This award will be presented annually to the overall high point horse in the Open Division.

Rationale: This changes which award gets top honors and speaks at national convention. This makes the primary focus of the top award to emphasize the partnership achieved by the horse and rider team. Our highest award would reflect the team that has demonstrated a fit, sound, well behaved equine, which with its rider, can successfully perform all the expected trail tasks better than any other team. The top horse would still receive an important award, but our top award will identify our top horse and top rider. Historically the winner of the President's Cup is usually, but not always, the winner of the Jim Menefee Memorial Award high combo). This change has our top honor recognizing the best of everything we do in our sport.

#5: STABLING

SECTION 5 – THE RIDE

B. Stabling

- 4. Stabling option not allowed during competition as primary containment.
  - a. Hobbling of any kind
  - b. Portable panels that are not securely anchored to a trailer or a tree
  - c. Electric fencing
  - d. Staking out in any manner
  - e. Stallions in portable panels
- 5. Stallions: Stallions must be double tied...

Rationale: NATRC strives to offer the safest means of care to our horses and this rule requires some clarification.



Tall Paul of Tall Paul Magic entertained convention goers before the awards banquet.

Artists at Work



Peter of Peter Menice Illustration creating a caricature of Deanne Prusak and TA Kaiser+//.

Photos by Pam Bishop

# 2023 Open National Awards

## 2023 President's Cup

### Overall High Point Open Horse

Saddle sponsored by Specialized Saddles & NATRC,

Blanket sponsored by Courtney Woodall, Buckle sponsored by Esther Diaguila, Ribbon sponsored by Marilyn Marston

## Beau ridden by Sherry Garnes 165 Points/Grade Gelding Acceptance Speech by Sherry Garnes

Good evening, everyone!

My name is Sherry Garnes, and I am from Asheville, NC. My horse's name is Beau. Beau is a 17-year-old Spotted Saddle Horse. Barry and I joke around that we believe in Beau's previous life he was a Thoroughbred. He is fun, fast, and furious. The perfect match for me.

My world started revolving around horses when my dad bought me a Shetland pony, Dan, for my first birthday. I grew up with this pony living at my grandparents' house and would visit him often as a child. My grandparents downsized their farm and sold Dan when I was a teenager.

As I became an adult, I left that part of my life behind. I became busy with work and kids. During those years I would always be drawn to horses when they crossed my path and felt a huge connection to them. I never imagined I would own one again, until a gentleman by the name of Doug DeRosa walked into one of our stores and asked if we were hiring. Doug came to work for us and soon after that I discovered he

owned a horse farm. Doug invited Barry and me down to see his farm and the horses. I will never forget the peace and joy I felt at their farm.

Charmaine DeRosa, Doug's wife at the time, invited me to go trail rid-

ing at the Biltmore Estate. We loaded her horses and off we went. She was so gracious to let me ride her beautiful Rocky Mountain Horse, Rocky. About 5 miles into the ride, I turned to her and said, "I must figure out how to do this every single day for the rest of my life."

And that I did, with the enormous help from my husband. Three weeks later, I had Beau, a trailer to haul him in and a place to board him. I was living my BEST life; it was like a dream come true.

chemotherapy. Beau had been his transportation back and forth to the barn. He was very sad to see Beau leave the farm. I promised him I would take good care of him and that I would keep his name. Beau was boarded with three other horses and settled in well at his new farm. He was 10 minutes from my home, and I was able to visit him every day.

Charmaine invited me to join their riding group. One of the ladies in the group was Mary Britt. I loved her from the start. Mary took me under

her wing and off we went. If you knew Mary, it wasn't just a trail ride, it was always an NATRC training ride. Mary along with two other individuals started NATRC on the east coast. I felt extremely lucky to have landed in this group.

I decided to do my first NATRC ride in March 2012 at Uwharrie National Forest in Troy, NC. There were five of the Waynesville girls that competed in the competition. I went to the first-time riders meeting. Courtney Woodall was in charge of it and I remember her saying your horse will be a total idiot for an hour and then

will settle down, well.... that was not the case with Beau, he was out of his mind the entire ride. We had A LOT of work to do, but I loved it! We went home, did our homework, and

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Photo by Pam Bishop

Beau came to our family as a 4-year old. I found him in Flemmingsburg, Kentucky. He was owned by one of the workers at a barn. The worker's dad had cancer and he had to sell Beau to pay for his father's



did a few rides a year for the next couple years. Beau was settling down and becoming somewhat of a well-mannered citizen.

In July of 2015, Mary passed away from pancreatic cancer. There is not a week that goes by that I don't think of her. She gave me my foundation and confidence in this sport. I know she is looking down and smiling BIG!

We moved up to the Open Division and did a few rides. It didn't go well for us with saddle fit issues, plus Beau developed COPD. I decided to give him a break from competition and start one of my other horses in NATRC. During this time, my daughter-in-law, Amber, was riding Beau a couple of times a week. They did an LeD at Mingo Trails. Beau had given Amber a lot of confidence with her riding. I was very proud of the two of them. Amber was pregnant with Logan and decided that she didn't want to ride during her pregnancy. During this time Roo, the horse I was competing on, had an injury in the pasture and was unable to compete in CTR or endurance. I had gone 3 months without riding, and that was not my plan.



Photo by Maddie Garnes & Connie Fike

Remember, I was going to do this every single day for the rest of my life.

Barry was probably exhausted with my not so good attitude and somewhat politely said, "Get yourself together: put Beau back to work and see what you can do."

I made a plan!

First, I bought a Specialized Saddle and found the finest saddle fitters and forever friends, Tiger and Jeanne Steele. Beau had been through four saddles before we met Tiger and Jeanne. They played a big part in our success.

Second, I put us on a 4-month conditioning plan. I did 3-4 rides a week using a heart rate monitor. I logged all our training rides so I could track our progress.

In March of 2021, we did our first comeback Open Division ride at Mingo Trails. The weather was warm for that time of the year. I knew Beau would struggle with the heat and humidity. We came back into camp for the P&Rs, and I was able to hose him off before going back out. Beau finished the 2-day open ride with a few points lost on metabolics. I was encouraged and hopeful we could compete in the Open Division for 2021. Beau completed eight open rides and received a National Championship in 2021. I was over the moon!

In 2022, he received his 2<sup>nd</sup> National Championship and the Bev Tibbetts Grand Champion award. This was a big year for us, Beau learned how to take care of himself on the trail and I learned how to support him when he needed it. We really came together in 2022.

I made our ride schedule for 2023. I added a few more out of region rides to the calendar. Taking one ride at a time was our plan. Our first three rides of the season were okay, nothing spectacular. The next three rides were mountainous and technical and he won sweepstakes at all three. Beau loves the

mountainous, technical trails.

At the end of May, Barry, Summer, Tucker, Beau and I packed up and headed for Kanopolis and the Air Force Academy ride. Eleven R5 riders and volunteers went on this adventure. The ride was really warm and humid, and we placed 3rd there. We stayed over at Kannapolis for the week before the Air Force ride. It was so much fun! Ty and Debbie McCullough were our tour guides for that week. They received an A+. Beau discovered prairie grass and loved it!

Off to the Air Force Academy, it did not disappoint! The weather was cool, the grass was lush and green, creeks were clear and flowing and the vibrant wildflowers were gorgeous. I learned a huge lesson at this ride, always check the shoe if you think there might be a rock. Beau did not lose any points the entire ride until vet out on Sunday where he was grade 2 lame. I felt he was a little off inside the 2-mile marker on Sunday and did not stop to check as we were riding on max time. When I got back to camp there was a stone lodged in one of his shoes. Lesson learned!

On Thursday when we arrived, the park service came by and let us know that the rattlesnakes like to hang out at the edge of the brambles and advised us to make sure the truck and trailer got closed up. I was diligent about this throughout the weekend because I am not a snake person.

We headed out on Monday morning to overnight in Kanopolis. At our second fuel stop, I got out of the truck, glanced back at the bed of the truck, and couldn't believe my eyes as there was a LARGE snake crawling out of the hole in the top of the bed rail. I was screaming, the trucker in the bay beside me was screaming, "SNAKE!" We were not moving. Barry wondered, "What on earth is going on?" I directed Barry to remove the snake from the bed of the truck. The only tools I could find for Barry to use were a broom and a plastic fence stake, which did not work as the snake retreated to the underneath of the truck. You can only imagine the 20-minute scene we had created at this truck stop with our snake removal efforts. Our next stop was Kanopolis. We can hope the snake

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was rehomed on the prairie.

When we came home from this ride, it was my birthday. My daughter-in-law, Maddie, had the best birthday present EVER on my kitchen bar. She had written a children's book, "Where Is Beau," and had it published. I have copies here if you would like to take one.

Our next ride was the Jesse James Rideout. With the heat wave in the mid-west, I was unsure of attending this ride. The weekend forecast was showing a cool down, so we decided to try it. On Thursday when we came through Kansas City, my truck thermometer read 105 degrees F. It was still hot and humid for us during the ride. John and management did a great job with all the water that was provided on the trail. We were able to hose and sponge often, and that allowed us to complete the ride. Beau finished 5th and lost some metabolic points. This was Beau's hardest ride of the season. He came home to some much-needed R&R.

The fall season started out with Ride the Edge, which is always a great ride. The week after, we headed to the 50th anniversary of the Indian Cave ride. What an honor to be there for that occasion. Everyone said you will love it if it doesn't rain. There was only a slight chance of rain in the forecast, I thought no biggie. Well on Friday evening we received 1.5 inches of rain. It was really slick going out on Saturday morning, but after about 4 miles, Beau

said, "Mom, we've got this." He figured it out. Beau took sweepstakes.

Barry had agreed early in the season to manage the Biltmore ride. I had managed this ride for the last 9 years. It was truly remarkable how this ride went flawlessly. Many thanks to Barry, volunteers, and judges. There is talk around that he should maybe be the ride manager going forward. We'll see. Beau also won sweepstakes at Biltmore.

I felt like Region 6 needed to find me a permanent residence, I was there so much. Big Hill was our last out-of-region ride for the season. The weather was perfect on Saturday, cool and crisp, perfect for Beau. Sunday not so much - 38 degrees with pouring down rain.

Beau discovered hedge apples (from the Osage Orange tree) with our travels to the midwest. He always prefers to be out front except when there are hedge apples on the trail. About halfway through the ride on Sunday, he decided it would be better for Cricket to go out front. I thought it might be all the water on the trail, but little did I know it was only so he could grab a bite of a hedge apple and then proceed to catch up to Cricket. He attempted this a few more times until I caught on to his tricks. Beau vetted out grade 1 lame at the end of the ride. His final ride was the following weekend.

We left Kansas on Monday, stayed at Patty Lucas's beautiful farm in Alabama for a couple of days and let Beau run around before the Southern Trails ride. He vetted in sound, and he was strong for the entire ride. This ended our 2023 season.

During the fall ride season, my dad's health was declining. He was one of my biggest fans, he kept up with every ride. I would walk into the hospital to visit him, and he would introduce me. The nurses and doctors would say, "Are you the one with the top horse in the nation?"

This happened numerous times. When I came back from Alabama, Dad looked at me and asked, "Did you get it done?" He passed away the week after that.

Barry Garnes was my utmost support person all year - anything I needed he had already thought of. I see a lot of ski trips in my future to repay him.

Writing this speech made me reflect over the last 3 years.

This sport has given me so much, one of those is my brother from a different mother.... Tommy Mitchell. Tommy and Red have traveled many trails with Beau and me. And we have many more to look forward to.

Jennifer Mulligan was patient with me when we need to sponge and sponge and sponge again.

Our NATRC judges have truly made me a better rider.

The support I received from my NATRC family during the fall season



will never be forgotten. It is so true - it's the people we meet along the way who help us appreciate the journey.

By far, the biggest award from this year is the relationship and bond I have with Beau; there are no words to define the trust between us. I will hold onto it for the rest of my life.

And many thanks to God for giving me this gift. Thank You!







**Sherry Garnes and Beau** Photo by Becky Pearman

## Jim Menefee Memorial Combined High Point Horse and Horsemanship

*Perpetual Trophy Donated by Jack Menefee  
Buckle sponsored by Patty Lucas  
Ribbon sponsored by Marilyn Marston*

Beau and Sherry Garnes 339 Points

## Bev Tibbitts Grand Champion High Average Horse

*Buckle sponsored by Patty Lucas  
Ribbon sponsored by Marilyn Marston*

Jiminy Cricket / Grade ..... 97.13%

### Runners Up

Beau / Grade..... 96.96%

Nchanted Prince Valiant..... 89.49%



**Jiminy Cricket and  
Jennifer Mulligan**

Photo by Nancy Sluys



**Sherry Garnes and Beau**

Photo by Becky Pearman

## Polly Bridges High Average Horsemanship

*Buckle sponsored by Patty Lucas  
Ribbon sponsored by Marilyn Marston*

Sherry Garnes ..... 99.12%

### Runners Up

Jonni Jewell ..... 97.74%

Jennifer Mulligan ..... 95.65%

# Bev Roberts National Horsemanship Champion

## Five National Championships on Five Different Horses

*Sponsored by Bev Roberts*



**AF Johnny Bravo (Hondo): 2023**

Photo by Sarah Smith

### Jonni Jewell



**Bev Roberts Presenting to Jonni Jewell**

Photo by Pam Bishop



**Segundo Brujo: 1988**

Photo by Bill Jewell



**Tezuby (Ted): 2016, 2017**

Photo by Jim Edmondson



**Ravenwood Royal Flag: 2014**

Photos by Jim Edmondson



**Marquismischief (Hank): 2006, 2009, 2010, 2012, 2013**

Photos by Jim Edmondson

### About the Award

By Bev Roberts

At the NATRC 50th Anniversary Convention, the horses (and their riders) who had five or more national championships were honored. I attended that convention and thought, "Humm, I have five national championships but on five different horses. There ought to be an award for those riders who have successfully become partners with a number of horses." So I proposed one to the national board and they agreed!

Then I had the problem of figuring out what the award should be. Laurie



**Take Five**

Colored pencil on Strathmore 500 Series 3-Ply Bristol Board  
(Reference photos by Cheryl Edmondson, Optical Harmonics, taken at Pine Grove, AR CTR, 2016)

DiNatale knew I'm an artist and suggested one of my art pieces. It took me a year to come up with a subject, but it finally hit me, something with five horses! Duh. And "Take Five," five horses taking a break was born.

I had 50 giclee prints produced, I'm signing them all. The first was awarded to Bill Hinkebein and the second to Jonni. These two were matted and framed. JD built the frame for Jonni's. As long as I am able, we'll be providing matted and framed prints to subsequent winners. I'm setting up a fund to cover the cost of framing after I'm called over the rainbow bridge.



# Overall High Point Open

## Open Adult Horse

*Ribbons sponsored by John Zeliff*

1. Beau / gr ..... Sherry Garnes / R5..... 165
2. Jiminy Cricket / gr..... Jennifer Mulligan / R5..... 149
3. Nchanted Prince Valiant / ar..... Cynthia Mettes / R4..... 122
4. Windstorm Clay / morg..... Tommy Mitchell / R5..... 90
5. Giacomo / har ..... Fran Muench / R4..... 88
6. Mountaintop Never Say Never / morg Marsha Howard / R5..... 83



**Beau and Sherry Garnes**  
Photo by Kristen Schmalzried



**Jiminy Cricket and Jennifer Mulligan**  
Photo by Nancy Fuller



**Nchanted Prince Valiant and Cynthia Mettes**  
Photo by John Newell



**Windstorm Clay and Tommy Mitchell**  
Photo by Becky Pearman



**Giacomo and Fran Muench**  
Photo by Bill Wingle



**Mountaintop Never Say Never and Marsha Howard**  
Photo by Kristen Schmalzried

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# Open Adult Horsemanship

Ribbons sponsored by Cindy Keen

- 1. Sherry Garnes / R5 ..... 174
- 2. Cynthia Mettes / R4 ..... 122
- 3. Jennifer Mulligan / R5 ..... 109
- 4. Fran Muench / R4 ..... 98
- 5. Patti Hicks / R4 ..... 94
- 6. Jonni Jewell / R4..... 82



**Sherry Garnes**  
Photo by Pam Bishop



**Cynthia Mettes**  
Photo by Pam Bishop



**Jennifer Mulligan**  
Photo by Pam Bishop



**Jonni Jewell**  
Photo by Pam Bishop



**Fran Muench**  
Photo by Pam Bishop



**Patti Hicks**  
Photo by Self



## Open Junior Horse and Horsemanship No Juniors Qualified

*"A social creature who become stressed and lonely when kept on their own, horses thrive on companionship." - Audrey Pavia*



# Open National Champions

Ribbons sponsored by Nancy and Bill Sluys



**Dino**

Photo by Bill Wingle

## Region 3

Dino / Grade ..... Scarlett Hager  
(Blanket sponsored by Cathy Cumberworth)

## Region 4

Nchanted Prince Valiant / Arabian ..... Cynthia Mettes  
Giacomo / Half Arabian ..... Fran Muench  
(Buckle sponsored by Sarah J. Smith and Ruby Rinne)  
RPH Ebony Diamond / Half Arabian ..... Patti Hicks  
(Blanket sponsored by Bev Roberts & JD Mullins)  
AF Johnny Bravo / Arabian ..... Jonni Jewell  
(Blanket sponsored by Gayle & Fran Muench)

## Region 5

Beau / Grade ..... Sherry Garnes  
(Blanket sponsored by Patty Lucas)  
Jiminy Cricket / Grade ..... Jennifer Mulligan  
(Jacket sponsored by Cindy Keen)  
Windstorm Clay / Morgan ..... Tommy Mitchell  
Mountain Top Never Say Never / Morgan.. Marsha Howard



**RPH Ebony Diamond**

Photo by Patty Lucas



**Nchanted  
Prince  
Valiant**

Photo by  
John Newell



**AF Johnny Bravo**

Photo by Jan Stewart-Taylor



**Giacomo**

Photo by Bill Wingle



**Mountain Top Never  
Say Never**

Photo by Becky Pearman



**Windstorm Clay**

Photo by Becky Pearman



**Jiminy Cricket**

Photo by Nancy Sluys



**Beau**

Photo by Maddie Garnes &  
Connie Fike



# 2023 Competitive Pleasure National Awards



## High Point Combination Adult Team

*Buckle sponsored by Jonni Jewell  
Ribbon sponsored by Marilyn Marston*

TA Kaiser+// and Deanne Prusak  
226 Points

## Grand Champion High Average Horse

*Ribbon sponsored by Marilyn Marston*

TA Kaiser+// / ar .....97.32%

### Runner Up

Dec Docs Curious Pep / qtr .....93.94%

**TA Kaiser+// and Deanne Prusak**  
Photo by Paula Sue



## High Average Horsemanship

*Ribbon sponsored by Marilyn Marston*

Deanne Prusak ..... 99.77%

### Runner Up

Logan Samuels ..... 96.81%

## High Point Combination Junior Team

*Buckle sponsored by Sherry & Barry Games  
Ribbon sponsored by Marilyn Marston*

Dec Docs Curious Pep and Logan Samuels  
150 Points

**Dec Docs Curious Pep and Logan Samuels**  
Photo by Bill Wingle



# Overall High Point Competitive Pleasure

## CP Adult Horse

1. TA Kaiser+// / ar .....Deanne Prusak / R4..... 104
2. Mick Jagger / gr..... Sierra Patisaul / R5..... 86
3. Okies Roanwood 10 / qtr..... Bobby Fields / R5 ..... 80
4. Jada Angel / har .....Lael Feist / R5..... 70
5. Sidney El Rey / gr .....Alaina Samuels / R5 ..... 65
6. Vaquero / smr ..... Teresa Galliher / R4..... 62



**TA Kaiser+// and Deanne Prusak**  
Photo by Jan Stewart Taylor



**Mick Jagger and Sierra Patisaul**  
Photo by Alan Yauck



**Jada Angel and Lael Feist**  
Photo by Richard Surdel



**Okies Roanwood 10 and Bobby Fields**  
Photo by Connie Fike



**Sidney El Rey and Alaina Samuels**  
Photo by Bill Wingle



**Vaquero and Teresa Galliher**  
Photo by Katie Breland

## CP Adult Horsemanship

1. Deanne Prusak / R4 ..... 122
2. Alaina Samuels / R5.....96
3. Sierra Patisaul / R5.....74
4. David Spell / R4.....68
5. Teresa Galliher / R4 .....60
6. Cara Liebman / R4 .....54



**Deanne Prusak**  
Photo by Pam Bishop



**Alaina Samuels**  
Photo by Bill Wingle



**Sierra Patisaul**  
Photo by Maddie Games



**David Spell**  
Photo by Pam Bishop



**Teresa Galliher**  
Photo by Katie Breland



**Cara Liebman**  
Photo by Pam Bishop

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## CP Junior Horse

Silver Tray sponsored by McDixon Ranch, Home of the Old West CTR (R2)  
Ribbons sponsored by Esther Diaguila

1. Dec Docs Curious Pep / qtr..... Logan Samuels / R5 ..... 82
2. Timber Jac Joe / qtr ..... Anna Beth Lawrence / R5.. 68
3. Paddy The Baddy / gr ..... Asheton McCollum / R5 ..... 36
4. DLC Roxies Peponita / paint ..... Mikey Patisaul / R5 ..... 19



**Dec Docs Curious Pep and Logan Samuels**  
Photo by Alaina Samuels



**Timber Jac Joe and Anna Beth Lawrence**  
Photo by Becky Pearman



**Paddy The Baddy and Asheton McCollum**  
Photo by D McCollum



**DLC Roxies Peponita and Mikey Patisaul**  
Photo by Maddie Games

## CP Junior Horsemanship

Silver Tray sponsored by McDixon Ranch,  
Home of the Old West CTR (R2)  
Ribbons sponsored by Esther Diaguila

1. Logan Samuels / R5..... 68
2. Anna Beth Lawrence / R5 ..66
3. Asheton McCollum / R5..... 26
4. Mikey Patisaul / R5 ..... 23



**Anna Beth Lawrence**  
Photo by Pam Bishop



**Asheton McCollum**  
Photo by Donya McCollum



**Mikey Patisaul**  
Photo by Alan Yuck



**Logan Samuels**  
Photo by Alaina Samuels



# Competitive Pleasure National Champions

*Ribbons sponsored by Bill and Nancy Sluys*

## Region 4

TA Kaiser+// / Arabian .....Deanne Prusak  
*(Blanket sponsored by Bev Roberts & JD Mullins)*

## Region 5

Mick Jagger / Grade ..... Sierra Patisaul  
*(Blanket sponsored by Cindy Keen)*

Okies Roanwood 10 / Quarter.....Bobby Fields  
*(Buckle sponsored by Kris Gray)*

Dec Docs Curious Pep / Quarter.....Logan Samuels  
*(Buckle sponsored by Victoria Whitehead and the StarLight Farms Family)*

Timber Jac Joe / Quarter..... Anna Beth Lawrence  
*(Blanket sponsored by Cindy Keen)*



**TA Kaiser+//**

Photo by Teresa Galliher



**Okies Roanwood 10**

Photo by Donya McCollum



**Dec Docs Curious Pep**

Photo by Victoria Whitehead



**Timber Jac Joe**

Photo by Becky Pearman



**Mick Jagger**

Photo by Maddie Garnes & Connie Fike



One of several silent auction tables of goodies.



The President's Cup



R3 Logo on Banner



Friday night awards banquet.

These four convention photos by Pam Bishop



# 2023 Novice National Awards

## High Point Combination

### Novice Adult Team

Buckle sponsored by Victoria Whitehead & the StarLight Farms Family  
 Ribbon sponsored by Marilyn Marston

StarLight's Macksimum Flex and Nancy Fuller  
 142 Points



**StarLight's  
 Macksimum  
 Flex and Nancy  
 Fuller**

Photo by Victoria  
 Whitehead

### Novice Junior Team

Buckle sponsored by Sandy Pegram  
 Ribbon sponsored by Marilyn Marston

Gretel and Virginia Meyer, 42 Points



**Gretel and  
 Virginia  
 Meyer**

Photo by Donya  
 McCollum

## Overall High Point Novice

### Novice Adult Horse

Silver Tray sponsored by McDixon Ranch, Home of the Old West CTR (R2)  
 Ribbons sponsored by Jordan Yankton

1. OGR's Romero / rkym .....Linda Record / R4/6 .....73
2. Starlight's Macksimum Flex / gr ....Nancy Fuller / R5 .....68
3. Hueco Count Victor / hwsh .....Kimberlee Flint / R4 .....66
4. Diamond N Bueno Pet / qtr ..... Cathrine Crites / R6 .....48
5. Dancers Teddy Bear / qtr.....Jordan Yankton / R3 .....44
6. SA Jabari / ar.....Jessica Poust / R4 .....36

**OGR's Romero and Linda Record**

Photo by Kristen Schmalzried



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**Novice Adult Horse** (Continued from page 24)



**StarLight's Macksimum Flex and Nancy Fuller**

Photo by Victoria Whitehead



**Hueco Count Victor and Kimberlee Flint**

Photo by Jan Taylor



**Diamond N Bueno Pet and Cathrine Crites**

Photo by Kristen Schmalzried



**Dancers Teddy Bear and Jordan Yankton**

Photo by Cathy Cumberworth



**SA Jabari and Jessica Poust**

Photo by Ivy Starnes

**Novice Junior Horse**

*Silver Tray and Ribbon sponsored by Cindy Keen*

1. Gretel / gr ..... Virginia Meyer / R5 ..... 20

**Gretel and Virginia Meyer**

Photo by Roy Hartfield



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# Novice Adult Horsemanship

Silver Tray sponsored by McDixon Ranch,  
Home of the Old West CTR (R2)  
Ribbons sponsored by Jordan Yankton

- 1. Nancy Fuller / R5 ..... 74
- 2. Linda Record / R4/6 ..... 66
- 3. Kimberlee Flint / R4 ..... 58
- 4. Jordan Yankton / R3 ..... 46
- 4. Ashley Edwards / R3 ..... 46
- 5. Megan Place / R6 ..... 42
- 6. Jessica Poust / R4 ..... 40



**Nancy Fuller**  
Photo by Pam Bishop



**Linda Record**  
Photo by Pam Bishop



**Kimberlee Flint**  
Photo by Jan Taylor



**Jordan Yankton**  
Photo by Lee Sheek



**Ashley Edwards**  
Photo by Pam Bishop



**Megan Place**  
Photo by Kristen Schmalzried



**Jessica Poust**  
Photo by Ivy Starnes



**Virginia Meyer**  
Photo by Donya McCollum

# Novice Junior Horsemanship

Silver Tray and Ribbon sponsored by Cindy Keen

- 1. Virginia Meyer / R5 ..... 22





# 2023 Regional Team Awards at National

## OPEN ADULT

### Regions 1, 1A & 2 (None qualified)

#### Region 3

1. Dino / gr ..... Scarlett Hager ..... 130
2. Rushcreek Darline / ar ..... Hannah Clark ..... 76

#### Region 4

1. Nchanted Prince Valiant / ar ..... Cynthia Mettes ..... 136
2. Giacomo / har ..... Fran Muench ..... 110
3. RPH Ebony Diamond / har ..... Patti Hicks ..... 90
4. Rohara Hasanni / ar ..... Gayle Muench ..... 88
4. AF Johnny Bravo / ar ..... Jonni Jewell ..... 88
5. Moon Shadow's Black Gold / mft ..... Alanna Price ..... 70

### Region 5

1. Beau / gr ..... Sherry Garnes ..... 233
2. Windstorm Clay / morg ..... Tommy Mitchell ..... 156
3. Jiminy Cricket / gr ..... Jennifer Mulligan ..... 131
4. Mtntop Never Say Never / morg .. Marsha Howard ..... 100
5. Papa's Alabama Express / tw ..... Patty Lucas ..... 57
6. Graceful Empire / gr ..... Victoria Whitehead ..... 55

### Region 6

#### Ribbons sponsored by Region 6

1. Rushcreek Frontier / ar ..... Helen Smith ..... 80
2. Sheesa Spotted Vaquera / ap ..... Mary Anna Wood ..... 35

## COMPETITIVE PLEASURE ADULT

### Region 1

1. CH-Eirelands Irish / hconn ..... Joyce Driggers ..... 32
2. Wind River Rose / gr ..... Maria Pilgrim ..... 30

### Regions 1A & 2 (None qualified)

#### Region 3

1. Roulette / gr ..... Terri Smith ..... 108
2. Amazing Grace / gr ..... Cheri Westmoreland ..... 98
3. Brio / gr ..... Robin Kelly ..... 52
4. Takoda Aussie's Sun / tw ..... Sharyl Walls ..... 28

#### Region 4

1. TA Kaiser+// / ar ..... Deanne Prusak ..... 98
2. KMA Ali Gator / har ..... David Spell ..... 92
3. Razmataz DBA+// / ar ..... Carla Jo Bass ..... 87
4. Vaquero / smr ..... Katie Breland ..... 86

### Region 4 (cont'd)

5. Texas Sweets / gr ..... Teresa Galliher ..... 84
6. Charlie Daniels SMA / ar ..... Cara Liebman ..... 82

### Region 5

1. Mick Jagger / gr ..... Sierra Patisaul ..... 160
2. Okies Roanwood 10 / qtr ..... Bobby Fields ..... 130
3. Sidney El Rey / qtr ..... Alaina Samuels ..... 123
4. Jada Angel / har ..... Lael Feist ..... 104
5. Merribelle Mist MHF / tw ..... Mary Dukes ..... 78
6. Suri / gr ..... Kathryn Stucky ..... 66

### Region 6

#### Ribbons sponsored by Region 6

1. Roho Honoy Mocha WH / mft ..... John Zelif ..... 21

## COMPETITIVE PLEASURE JUNIOR

### Regions 1, 1A, 2, 3, 4, & 6

None qualified

### Region 5

1. Timber Jac Joe / qtr ..... Anna Beth Lawrence ..... 134
2. Dec Docs Curious Pep / qtr ..... Logan Samuels ..... 122
3. Paddy the Baddy / qr ..... Asheton McCollum ..... 62
4. DLC Roxies Peponita / paint ..... Mikey Patisaul ..... 42

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# NOVICE ADULT

## Regions 1, 1A & 2 (None qualified)

### Region 3

- 1. Dancers Teddy Bear / qtr.....Jordan Yankton ..... 90
- 2. Imma Cool Colour / ap.....Ashley Edwards..... 74
- 3. Flickering Glory Yankee / mft.....Justin Wickes..... 50
- 3. Marlie / gr .....Stephanie Sheek... 50

### Region 4

- 1. Hueco Count Victor / hwlsh.....Kimberlee Flint .... 124
- 2. OGR's Romeo / rkym.....Linda Record ..... 82
- 3. SA Jabari / ar .....Jessica Poust ..... 76

### Region 5

- 1. StarLight's Macksimum Flex / gr ... Nancy Fuller..... 142
- 2. Iron Will / rkym ..... Therese Surdel ..... 66
- 3. Destinys Chrome Flying Eagle / kym Donna Curry ..... 57
- 4. Shimmer's Golden Perfection D / mft Kathi Wiggins ..... 54

### Region 6

*Ribbons sponsored by Region 6*

- 1. Diamond N Bueno Pet / qtr ..... Catherine Crites ..... 82
- 2. Hickorys Miss Ashley / am buck.. Megan Place ..... 74
- 2. OGR's Romeo / rkym ..... Linda Record..... 57

# NOVICE JUNIOR

## Regions 1, 1A, 2, 3, 4 & 6 (None qualified)

### Region 5

- 1. Gretel / gr.....Virginia Meyer ..... 42

# LEISURE EXPERIENCED

## Regions 1 & 1A (None qualified)

### Region 2

- 1. Copper Touch / gr.....Dayna Morgan ..... 13
- 2. Duke of Shadow Canyon / tw.....Kandace Contreras.. 12
- 3. Dunit in the Paint / paint.....Carol Evans ..... 6

### Region 3

- 1. Copper Touch / gr.....Dayna Morgan ..... 22
- 2. Lion's Design / paint ..... Teresa Milewski..... 18
- 3. Echo Affirmmed / ar ..... Cheryl Jarrett ..... 11
- 4. Travelin' Ziggy / mft ..... Lou Ann Colby ..... 7

### Region 4

- 1. Joesie Skippa Zan / qtr ..... Patty Lampley..... 35
- 2. Final Clue / ap.....Mollie Nelson ..... 26.5

### Region 4 (cont'd)

- 3. Painted in the Stars / tw.....Mary Collins..... 26
- 4. Sundown / gr.....Joe Orr..... 11
- 5. RR Majik Knight / har ..... Elaine Swiss ..... 8
- 6. Rusty's Golden Nugget / ssh ..... Teresa Musgrave..... 6

### Region 5

- 1. Spirit of Spotted Alen / tw..... Cindy Keen ..... 20
- 2. Suri / gr..... Kathryn Stucky ..... 11
- 3. Heart's Desire / ssh ..... Sandy Pegram ..... 5

### Region 6

- 1. Invest Ina Three Bar / qtr ..... Gina Kollars ..... 15
- 2. How D Golden Gail / qtr ..... John Zeliff ..... 11
- 3. Dolly / gr ..... Rianna Deselich ..... 5

# LEISURE ADULT

## Regions 1A

None qualified

### Region 1

- 1. Rocha's Jesse / gr ..... Barbara Hempstead 11

## Region 2

- 1. Cheeto / gr ..... Victoria Nelson ..... 29
- 2. Buckaroo Buck / gr ..... Catherine Dixon ..... 9.5
- 3. Griffin / gr ..... Jo Goss ..... 7
- 4. Raheeb Lakai / gr ..... Asligul Hendershot ..... 6
- 5. Trooper's Choice Eliminator / mft Reuben Contreras..... 5

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# LEISURE ADULT

## Region 3

- 1. Bush Rat Splash / ar ..... Kathy Ambrose..... 14
- 2. Palina / gr ..... Lauren Scanlan ..... 11
- 2. Big Mac's My My / mft ..... Karen Wylie..... 11
- 3. Aria / gr ..... Kate Steffes ..... 10
- 4. SS Kharady Khid / ar ..... Pamela Galchutt..... 9

## Region 4

- 1. Precious / gr ..... Julie Bills..... 53.5
- 2. Extra Special Edd / gr ..... Tom Blackmon..... 25
- 3. Tardy Duster Bueno / qtr ..... Marilyn Blackmon-Dardenne..... 21
- 4. Amarosa Hisana / ar ..... Anita Waldrip ..... 15.5
- 5. Good Boy Scout / gr ..... Deb Mosley..... 13.5
- 5. RKD Yousa Cheetah / qtr ..... Julie Liles..... 13.5
- 6. Dats Bugs Bunny / qtr ..... Tara Jones..... 12

## Region 5

- 1. Luna / gr ..... Mark Eggeman..... 7
- 2. Heidi / gr ..... Nichole Hill ..... 5
- 3. Ferrari / ssh ..... Heather Smithson ..... 3.5
- 4. Dancer / gr ..... Beverly Ruff..... 2

## Region 6

- 1. Decks Tru Grit / qtr ..... Tammy Vasa ..... 35.5
- 2. Gambler / gr ..... Christy Fields ..... 28
- 3. Rio Bravo / qtr ..... Louise McCall..... 27.5
- 4. Lennox / gr ..... Holly Barrett ..... 27
- 5. Chica / gr ..... Megan Place ..... 17.5
- 6. Doc / gr ..... Morgan Pfaff..... 15.5
- 6. Joe's Bar Flick / qtr ..... Martha Elmore..... 15.5

# LEISURE JUNIOR

## Region 1

- 1. Denebaborr / ar ..... Samantha Muller ..... 9
- 2. Valentyne / gr ..... Rhiley Muller ..... 7

## Region 2

- 1. Dakota Jack / gr ..... Taji Simeone ..... 9

## Region 1A & 3 (None qualified)

## Region 4

- 1. XEX King Lightfoot / qtr ..... Emma Walston ..... 8

## Region 5

- 1. MCF Mustang Sally / gr ..... Kay Woodall ..... 12
- 2. Echo / gr ..... Caroline Wood ..... 9

## Region 6

- 1. Ben /gr ..... Emma Fields ..... 6
- 2. Camilla PBJ / gr ..... Ruby Rinne ..... 5



# NATRC Annual Raffle Results



The winners were drawn at the National Convention awards banquet in Albuquerque, NM on February 23, 2024. We appreciate all who purchased tickets.

1st Prize	\$300 Visa Gift Card	Cindy Keen	R5
2nd Prize	\$200 Riding Warehouse Gift Card	Amelia Adair	R3
3rd Prize	\$100 Tractor Supply Gift Card	Diane Chaffee	R3
4th Prize	\$50 Cabela's Gift Card	Esther Diaguila	R5

## Congratulations to the Lucky Winners!

# 2023 National Honorary Awards

## Jim Menefee Lifetime Achievement

### Bev Roberts

Growing up in an Army family, Bev lived all across the country and abroad. She put herself through college (M.S. in Mechanical Engineering) and has worked in the auto, oil and gas, and nuclear industries. Through it all, horses, art and hard work were a constant.

Bev's NATRC career began in the early 1970s after she read an article in *Western Horseman* magazine and rode Open at the Rendezvous Ride in Wyoming. She had a blast and has been a tireless contributing member ever since.

She competed on a number of different horses throughout the past 50+ years and 8,000 miles of NATRC, earning Open national championships on five different horses, 19 International, national and regional championships and top sixes in NATRC, AERC and AHA.

Competing is not all. She has been manager of the Arkansas Traveler, a rules interpreter, secretary for vet and horsemanship judges, awards chair and P&R worker. She worked with the national safety chair to better organize safety data.

In 2007, following up on a suggest-

ion that NATRC should market and brand itself more aggressively, Bev became Marketing/Publicity Chair and put together a marketing plan with representatives from each region. She created our branding specs, submitted press releases to periodicals around the country on such topics as President's Cup winners, major rule changes, and the introduction of LeD (for which she coined the acronym). She designed numerous brochures, booth-in-a-box panels, flyers, and convention ads; has been the NATRC ad designer, E-News Chair, 2012 Raffle Chair, and Web Master. On the *Hoof Print* Advisory Committee, besides writing articles and illustrating Trail Tips, Bev designed countless ads for our sponsors. She was added to the Workers Hall of Fame in 2011. Bev wrote many parts of, and did the layout and numerous illustrations for, the current Rider's Manual.

Bev has been a sponsor for 14 years through Chiggerville Farm plus has sponsored R4 and national awards. She sponsors the Bev Roberts National Horsemanship Champion award for national champion-



**Bev Roberts**

Photo by Pam Bishop

ships on five different horses. She is the general editor of all written communications and forms, maintains a master file of over 200 forms/manuals/guides and is the "Branding Police" assuring consistency of our image to others.

The smallest of details do not pass Bev's attention and she never misses a deadline. Her work is thorough and complete. Her fellow volunteers know that Bev will deliver on time every time. She is truly one we cannot do without.



**Bev Roberts and Kay Gunckel**, Photo by Pam Bishop



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## Workers Hall of Fame Alanna Sommer Price

Past the year of 2000, when the world didn't end,  
Alanna joined Becky and George in a sport they were in.  
They overnighted their entries to ensure they had places,  
Loaded the trailer and organized their spaces.

The first check-in for Alanna was not as smooth as it could be,  
Horse Red busted her nose making her very blood-y.  
'Welcome to the sport, Sugar',  
Horsemanship Judge Shirley Parker did call,  
And Alanna and Red were introduced to the vet called 'The Claw'.

Over the years, NATRC became a horse education and love,  
She competed, volunteered and made a difference, beyond and above.  
Her dedication and commitment to our sport is unsurpassed,  
And through it all, she is positive and still has a blast!

Alanna began co-chairing the Christmas ride with Liz Scott,  
Where riders were encouraged to bring presents for seniors and tots.  
Her generosity and meals, handmade ornaments, and awards,  
Are exceptional and famous, memories made, friendships forged.

Alanna's Friday night 'Front Porch' for newbies, a hit,  
Where wonderful cookies were served, NATRC talked about a bit.  
Her great and marvelous meals at the rides were varied and new,  
Chicken tortilla casserole, hot baked potato bar, cast iron cobbles, to name a few.

Alanna now manages the Grasslands Gamble with ease.  
Where volunteers gladly help her for a smile and a please.  
She is kind and helpful and confident to boot.  
And paints beautiful wine glasses as part of the loot.

The largest regional convention in Decatur, she chaired,  
With marketing and organizing; reputable speakers were aired.  
Alanna still manages the region's conventions with care,  
Ordering fried chicken, making desserts, and helping the awards chair prepare.

To compete, she has driven to many regions to ride,  
Making friends, being respected, bringing new competitors to guide.  
She's ridden fox trotters Rascal and Shade over the hill and dale.  
She's studied, she's learned and advocated for NATRC so well.

Alanna has volunteered more than 6000 hours in R4 alone,  
Where she often wins 'Region 4 Volunteer of the Year' on her own.  
The face of NATRC, advocating both locally and nationwide,  
Volunteer Hall of Fame, is what Alanna deserves, bonafide!



**Alanna Price**

Photo by Friend



**Presentation of President's Cup Specialized Saddle by David Kaden and Tracy Webb-Kaden.**



**Table centerpieces made by Clay Sewell.**



**A team of wild horses couldn't keep Linda Record's mom from seeing her daughter receive her award.**

Photos by Pam Bishop

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**Chuck Edwards**  
Photo by Family

### R6 National Appreciation Chuck Edwards

In September of 2023, we celebrated 50 years of Chuck Edwards' involvement with NATRC. After listening to a presentation by Sharon Saare about distance riding and NATRC, Chuck and a couple friends began searching for a location to hold their own competitive trail ride. They felt a close-by newly established state park would be the perfect spot.

Chuck was instrumental in helping lay the trails used today throughout Nebraska's Indian Cave State Park. His goal of hosting the first Indian Cave CTR, thereby introducing a new equestrian sport to the Midwest, has continued every year for 50 years, with Chuck always wearing the Trail Master hat.

In 2023, Chuck was a trail master, P&R chair, and rules interpreter. He completed his fifth year in a row achieving the 100% Club. And while nowadays he rides in a Gator over those trails he developed, instead of his trusty appaloosa steeds, he can still reminisce of what the park was like so many years ago. If you look beyond the trail, you can see that the hills are still full of the same oaks and hackberries, falling leaves and paw paws, and new deer trails waiting to be explored.



**Cathy Cumberworth**  
Photo by Family

### R3 National Appreciation Cathy Cumberworth

Cathy was born into NATRC. Her parents, Bill and Judy Cumberworth, established the Navajo Lake ride in 1975 and judged and managed this and many other rides. Cathy started volunteering by helping time trail when she was 8 years old and started competing at 10.

Cathy truly wears many hats. She has served on the Region 3 and national boards and now co-chairs the national sanction committee. She manages the Navajo Lake ride, with this year being its 50th anniversary. She works behind the scenes to keep Region 3 running and helps manage and train management teams for multiple region rides.

As the most organized person you'll ever meet, she is well-suited for the jobs of ride secretary or judges' secretary. She is a warrior behind the scenes. She is the go to person for answers to rules questions; she must read the rule book in her sleep!

Cathy goes out of her way to make people feel special and always stays positive. However, if you 'think' you don't want to ride because it is cold and rainy, Cathy will tell you to "Get on your horse!" and you do!!



**Esther Diaguila**  
Photo by Pam Bishop

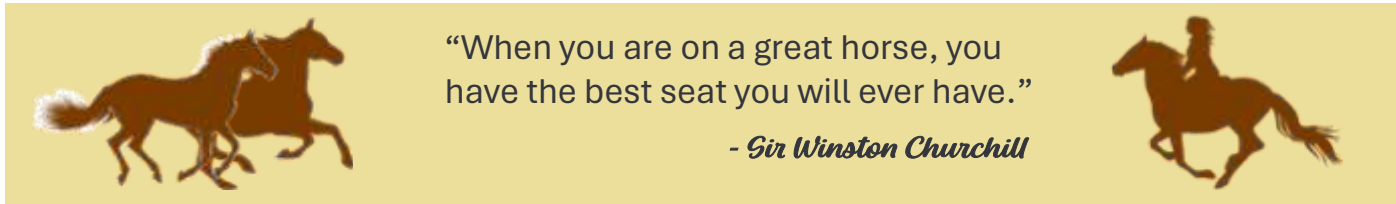
### R5 National Appreciation Esther Diaguila

Albert Camus once said, "Real generosity toward the future lies in giving all to the present." Esther Diaguila is always giving to NATRC and Region 5 in the present to help make our future bright.

Esther has given her time serving on the national and regional boards, volunteering to be on multiple committees, such as the Ride Structure Committee, the Judges Committee, and the Virtual Challenge Committee. She has mentored upcoming judges, managed and volunteered at rides, mentored juniors and new competitors, made and donated beautiful throws to be raffled off, the list goes on and on. The time she has graciously given to NATRC and Region 5 is priceless.

Esther willingly steps up to help when and where needed, even switching from competitor to horsemanship judge just before a ride to make sure it went on. Esther loves NATRC, and it shows through her endless support of the organization and the NATRC family.

We greatly appreciate Esther and all that she has done and continues to do for NATRC and our region.

"When you are on a great horse, you have the best seat you will ever have."  
- Sir Winston Churchill



# 2023 Regional Appreciation at National

## REGION 2

### Carol Evans

Carol Evans started competing in NATRC's Region 2 in 2013. She has always been a very successful competitor with a heart of gold. She has also brought several new riders into the sport and has mentored several juniors in NATRC.

Carol partnered with other riders in the Kingman, Arizona area and managed four rides near Kingman, which were fun and well attended. Carol recently embraced the Leisure Division and stepped up once again to manage a new ride at a new location near Kingman.

As a ride manager, Carol thinks of every detail, is always organized and positive, and enlists the help of great volunteers. We are confident of another big success because of the knowledge and hard work Carol puts into her rides.



**Carol Evans**

Photo by Restaurant Waiter

### Bob & Margie Insko

It isn't often a region has two people as dedicated to the sport of competitive trail riding, Region 2 and NATRC as Margie and Bob. They have managed two rides for many years, only taking a break during the Covid lock-down. They are not only the managers of two of the rides, but also act as secretaries, etc. for the



**Bob Insko**

Photo by Bev Roberts

**Margie Insko**

Photo by Pam Bishop

other Region 2 rides. Bob is also a national and regional board member.

They recently added a small trailer to their arsenal to haul all the required supplies (chairs, tables, bar-b-ques, water, etc.) to rides. Bob is always willing to share ideas to improve our organization, sometimes committing more time than he has, especially now that he and Margie are enjoying their retirement by traveling and playing golf.

Bob and Margie, thank you.

## REGION 3

### Linda Johnson-Conne

Linda Johnson-Conne is very focused on improving the NATRC experience for our members and recruiting new riders into our sport. Where others have had good ideas, she has pushed to make them happen.

Linda took the lead creating two traveling trade show booths so Region 3 can reach out to other horse communities and show people what we do. She arranged for a videographer and produced a 15-minute video of the Colorado Trail CTR to show what happens at a typical NATRC event - beautiful country, great horses, and people at a competitive and fun event.

Linda worked for two years with the US Air Force Academy to secure our long-term use of the property after they essentially decided our use fell outside their mission. By working with current and former Air Force officials, particularly with the Academy, they understood outreach to the local community is important.



**Linda Johnson-Conne**

Photo by Pam Bishop

In addition to this, Linda has been a dedicated Region 3 board member and is now our senior director on the NATRC national board. She is also on the team that brought the 2024 national convention, with AERC, to Albuquerque.

### Paula Sue

Paula started riding horses at eight or nine. She rode gymkhanas, show classes, and jumping classes. When her mother joined Region 3, Paula was all over the competition, arena free at last! She learned the



**Paula Sue**

Photo by Family

rule book, conditioned and trained her horses, and was very proud of her awards.

But horses pass, college, marriage, kids, and divorces happen, and Paula was living her life, but always missing NATRC.

When her mom started tracking points, mileage, and proofing cards, Paula became involved again, but that wasn't comparable to being out on the trail! She tried being a judge's secretary. After a few rides, she collected her own materials, forms, supplies and changed the whole judge's secretarial role. Soon the judges were requesting her and arguing about who she would work for. One judge even refused to come to Region 3 unless Paula was that judge's secretary.

Mom admired her organizational skills. When that camper door closes behind the judge and Paula, no one gets in, and the magic happens. Paula is often ready for awards a good hour before the other judge's secretary. Often, she then helps at the other table.

She is judge's secretary #1, bar none.

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## REGION 4

### LeeAnn Dreadfulwater

Introduced to NATRC by Shirley Brodersen, LeeAnn Dreadfulwater began competition in 2000 on her horse, Joker. LeeAnn has chaired regional conventions, been judges' secretary, managed Leisure Division clinics and competitions, served as president of Region 4 board and is a well-respected Leisure Division



**LeeAnn  
Dreadfulwater**

Photo by Self

judge in Region 4 and other regions. Her knowledge of NATRC and horsemanship, plus love of volunteerism, make LeeAnn a perfect candidate for this award.

Almira Nefous was LeeAnn's

second competition horse, and on our Region 4 'chat room', Nefous wrote 'postcards' home to Joker, from a horse's point of view, about his opinions on what he had to do in NATRC, like letting a total stranger look in his mouth, ha! The conversations home were very entertaining, and LeeAnn was a trendsetter for future marketing.

Cherokee by birth, LeeAnn has worked for the Cherokee Nation since 1993. She currently works on documentaries, such as Osiyo Voices of the Cherokee People, receiving eight Emmys for her work.

LeeAnn is paramount in advancing NATRC and horses through her many adventures. Her organization and leadership skills are unrivaled, and she is a fixture and an icon in Region 4.



### Holly Jones & Mollie Kelly

NATRC is a catalyst for friendships, riding buddies, volunteering and in the case of Holly and Mollie, co-managers of a very successful Mammoth Stride Leisure CTR! They both have catapulted to becoming anchors of Region 4 for their abilities to be leaders, mentors, and sources of knowledge.

Holly began competing on her Mustang, Pepper, in 2017, after being mentored by Alice Perryman. She also began volunteering immediately. She has been both a vet and horsemanship secretary, ride manager, Region 4 board member, clinic presenter, trail master and gatherer of donated prizes; good luck saying no to this girl!

Holly began mentoring Mollie in 2020 where Mollie began at a clinic in Oklahoma on KJ, a horse she won in an essay contest. She began volunteering in 2022 as secretary of the Region 4 board, ride secretary, ride manager and marketing chair extraordinaire for our sport. Mollie often welcomes riders, old and new, to her campsite for games and campfire talks, putting the fun back in NATRC!

Region 4 is so grateful for all that Holly and Mollie do to help others and continue to grow our sport!



**Holly  
Jones**

Photo by Self



**Mollie  
Kelly**

Photo by  
Deanne  
Hollenback

### Chrissy Knight

Chrissy Knight learned of NATRC from a fellow Rocky Mountain horse owner, Terri Griffin. Chrissy jumped into NATRC with both feet; she is so full of energy and vigor and is such an asset to our sport! She began competing in the 2019 Leisure Division, moved on to Novice and then to the Open Division with her beautiful horse, Callie.

In the spirit of volunteering, Chrissy would ride Leisure on Saturday and work on the P&R crew on Sunday; so commendable! She also didn't waste any time on becoming a ride manager, ride secretary, judges' secretary and now serves on the Region 4 BOD. Her leadership skills and her friendliness exude the essence of the heart and soul of NATRC.

Chrissy says the friendships she has made with like-minded horsemanship-driven people are the best part of NATRC. Region 4 is so lucky and proud to have Chrissy Knight in our region and appreciate her horsemanship, leadership, and volunteerism!



**Chrissy Knight**

Photo by Ivy Starnes

## REGION 5

### Cindy Keen

When you talk about Cindy Keen, the image of Wonder Woman always comes to mind. Yes, complete with the boots and the whip! Cindy is the lady who makes things happen in Region 5. She joined NATRC in 1988. Her resume is full of personal accomplishments: a High Point CP team on Amber in 2011, three CP National Championships, a CP

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Grand Championship with Spirit of Spotted Alen, over 4000 competitive miles on seven horses, three grand-daughters already in the saddle.

But where Cindy truly shines is in her work to bring others into NATRC. She has served for six terms on the Region 5 Board of Directors, holding the grueling job of fundraising chair for 13 years.



**Cindy Keen**

Photo by Sarah Smith

Also, for 13 years, from 2010 to 2023, Cindy has managed the Region 5 Benefit Ride. Complete with themes, costume contests, cabana boys, hydration stations and catered dinners, it is the region's biggest fundraiser and is fun. But Cindy's greatest legacy to NATRC will always be her ducklings, the scores of junior riders that she has trained, horsed, trailered and mentored through the years as they followed her to dozens of rides.

From Region 5, from our hearts.... Cindy, you are our superhero!

## Debbie & Ty McCullough

Debbie and Ty started with NATRC in 1997 in Region 6 while living in Manhattan, KS. Thanks to being invited to ride Safety in Region 5, Timber Ridge, Tennessee became their home in 2021. This move has proved to be a real benefit to our Region 5.

Both folks ribboned out of Novice early and jumped right into Open, achieving numerous national championships. After many years of competing, however, they decided that volunteering was their calling. They do so because NATRC and horses are very dear to them, be it Region 6, National, or, thankfully, Region 5.

For the past two years as Region 5 members, the McCullough's have been a part of almost every ride. They've covered considerable safe-

ty miles, helping many a harried rider and horse. Managing the 2023 Ride the Edge (having both A/B and Leisure) was their first Region 5 ride management job, but not their last. Debbie has been secretary at numerous rides. Ty is working with the new marketing group for Region 5. Their friendly approach to folks and their openness to help, even if last-minute or menial jobs, makes them a valuable addition to Region 5.



**Ty and Debby McCullough**

Photo by Tiny Dino Photo

## Nancy Fuller

Nancy Fuller has been competing in NATRC events since 2021. You'll find Nancy riding her beloved gelding, "Flex", at most of our scheduled rides. And she does double duty as a volunteer at nearly all events.



**Nancy Fuller**

Photo by Pam Bishop

Nancy is our "on-call" farrier for unexpected shoeing needs. She has "saved" numerous competitors when their horses lost shoes on the trail. As if that's not enough, Nancy willingly volunteers for almost any type of help needed to successfully stage a ride event. She recently stepped up to serve as the P&R chair for a Leisure Division ride.

Prioritizing the needs of others over her own is simply Nancy's way, even when it means losing sleep or exhausting herself after a long ride to help them. We love her kind and compassionate spirit!

Nancy is well on her way to completing a second year in the 100 Percent Club, attending every ride either as a rider or volunteer, or both. You'd be hard-pressed to find a more "can do" and caring person than Nancy. Volunteers like her are the real glue of our organization.

Thank you, Nancy, for all your hard work, dedication and enthusiasm!

## REGION 6

### Sarah J. Smith

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our Indian Cave CTR was truly one for the record books. Sarah Smith led a stellar group of volunteers to triumph over Mother Nature and celebrate our NATRC and NECTRA legend, Chuck Edwards. We all know the decades long special relationship Sarah and Chuck share. There wasn't a dry eye in the crowd as she struggled to read the wording for his commemorative plaque during the mounting block dedication.

Sarah has teamed up with Chuck to perform the trail marking and clearing, maps, and ride briefing for Indian Cave the last ten years.



**Sarah J. Smith**

Photo by Optical Harmonics

Additionally, this year, she was the ride manager, and coordinated awards and swag bags.

Let us not forget the daily role she performs in keeping our NATRC ship afloat. Let's be honest, it must surely be like herding cats most days. I don't think Sarah can ever receive enough thanks for helping us all put on our rides, complete our rides,

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organize the organization and national board, and troubleshoot questions coming through a variety of digital platforms. She's our trusted switchboard operator, the one we go to for all answers, ... oh, and she's also available as a horsemanship or Leisure Division judge.

### Alex Braun

If you have attended a Region 6 event recently, then you have directly benefited from what Alex has brought to our organization. During our rides, Alex has been a ride timer, P&R worker, cook, and campfire expert to name just a few. This past year Alex stepped up and took on the management of the Pierce Creek ride. As expected, he did an outstanding job putting this ride together.

Alex was instrumental in setting up an on-line bidding system for both our Region 6 convention and the national convention recently hosted by Region 6. During each of these events, Alex provided the technical support that ensured that our sound and presentation systems worked flawlessly.

We look forward to next year with more of Alex's wonderful campfires, delicious food, and unending support to all riders and volunteers. We appreciate everything that he has done for Region 6. We are a better region because of him.



Alex Braun

Photo by Mary Alice Braun



### Goofing Around at Convention



Scarlett Hager with her main squeeze.



Jennifer Mulligan



Sherry and Barry Garnes playing a tune with the New Mexican Marimba Band.

Photos by Pam Bishop



# 2023 Virtual Mileage Challenge

Congratulations to the NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge Top Ten national riders of 2023. These individuals, along with the top three riders from each region, were recognized at this year's convention in

Albuquerque during our Friday evening awards banquet February 23, 2024.

Each of these riders exemplified true dedication to riding during this past year. These top ten riders

totaled 11,892.85 miles in the saddle! They truly are an inspiration for us all.

Join the 2024 NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge on [Top Trail](#) and start logging those miles today!

## Top Ten National Riders

	NAME	REGION	MILES
1.	Tara Smith	3	1,760.03
2.	Lisa Jamison	5	1,741.21
3.	Robin Morris	3	1,631.03
4.	Margaret Reynolds	6	1,302.29
5.	Gayle Muench	4	1,140.16
6.	Mindy Kane	2	977.17
7.	Helen Smith	6	868.86
8.	Sharon Bailey	6	857.76
9.	Amelia Adair	3	826.66
10.	Stephanie Sheek	3	787.68

## Top Three Regional Riders

REGION 1		REGION 4	
1.	Preston Springston 690.39	1.	Gayle Muench 1,140.16
2.	Susie Cranney 322.61	2.	Alanna Price 746.84
3.	Colleen Fisk 239.10	3.	Kimberlee Flint 573.86
REGION 2		REGION 5	
1.	Mindy Kane 977.17	1.	Lisa Jamison 1,741.21
2.	Sue Feenstra 274.17	2.	Nichole Hill 440.66
		3.	Rebecca Hubbard 229.39
REGION 3		REGION 6	
1.	Tara Smith 1,760.03	1.	Margaret Reynolds 1,302.29
2.	Robin Morris 1,631.03	2.	Helen Smith 868.86
3.	Amelia Adair 826.66	3.	Sharon Bailey 857.38

## Personal Goals

### By Tara Smith, 2023 Virtual Mileage Challenge Winner

I started "stalking" Robin Morris when a friend mentioned the number of rides and miles she goes with her mule yearly. I was interested in finding new trails and someone willing to go distances. We became great friends and have since ridden many miles together. She introduced me to Top Trail and then that turned into also joining NATRC.

I began tracking my own mileage on two horses. Those two horses quickly turned into four horses. My horses are gaited and like to move out! It is amazing how many miles accumulate keeping them all legged up and ready for adventures.

Each horse definitely has its own personality, and our relationships have evolved after several hundred miles together. It is nice to know them well enough that I can pick which one will be best depending on terrain and company.

I enjoy trail riding, horse packing into the wilderness, and traveling all

over Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, Utah, and Arizona boondocking with my living quarters horse trailer.

I was excited to find that I had won the NATRC national rider award this year! Also, I had three of my horses

in the top 25. This year, 2024, I hope to get all four in the top 25 and increase my personal mileage to over 2000.



**Walker & Tara** Photo by Craig Smith

Smith rode these three gaited horses to her win. She and Walker did over 700 miles together.



**Macky & Tara**  
Photo by Craig Smith



**Cass & Tara**  
Photo by Craig Smith



# 2023 High Mileage Awards

## Rider High Mileage

Medallions presented at the Convention; Chevrons mailed directly to all of the recipients.

### 25,000 Miles - SPECIAL AWARD

*Sponsored by Region 6*



Mary Anna Wood / R6



*Mary Anna Wood*, Both Photos by Pam Bishop

### 7,000 Miles SILVER MEDALLION

Patti Hicks / R4



## Horse High Mileage

### 2,000 Miles

Jiminy Cricket / gr  
Ridden by  
Jennifer Mulligan / R5

### 1,000 Miles

RPH Ebony Diamond .....har .....Patti Hicks .....R4  
 Nchanted Prince Valiant.....ar .....Cynthia Mettes .....R4  
 Graceful Empire .....gr .....Victoria Whitehead ..R5  
 KMA Ali Gator .....har .....David Spell .....R4  
 Dec Docs Curious Pep.....qtr .....Logan Samuels .....R5  
 Foxhaven's Medicine Man .....aihr .....William Morgan .....R3  
 Mountaintop Never Say Never ..morg...Marsha Howard .....R5  
 Stars Colton Bay .....har .....Kay Gunckel .....R3

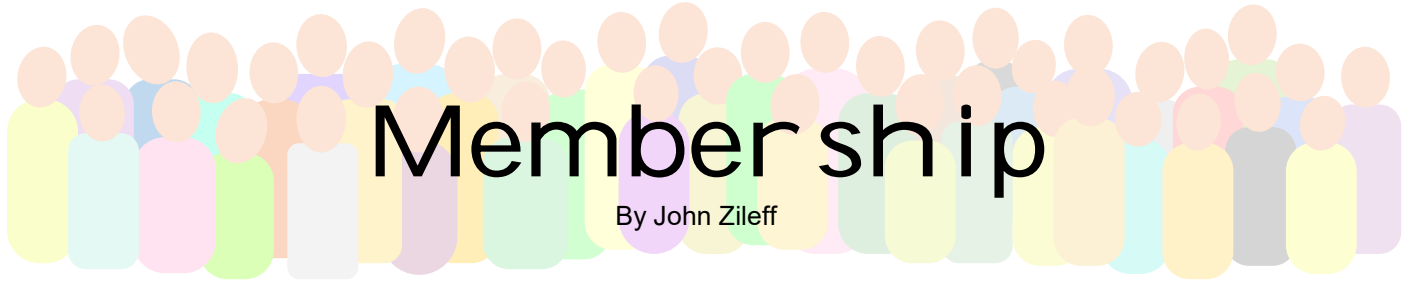
# 2023 High Point Breed Awards

<b>Breed</b>	<b>Recipient</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Half-Arabian	Giacomo ridden by Fran Muench	Arabian Horse Association
Arabian	TA Kaiser +/- ridden by Deanne Prusak	Arabian Horse Association
Appaloosa Horse	Sheesa Spotted Vaquera ridden by Mary Anna Wood	Appaloosa Horse Club
Grade	Beau ridden by Sherry Garnes	NATRC
Thoroughbred	Okie Proud ridden by Tammy Beyerle	The Jockey Club Thoroughbred Incentive Program





# Committee Corner



## Membership

By John Zileff

**Incentive Winners.** Winners of the December membership renewal incentive were announced through an E-News. The three winners, listed below, each received a free additional year of NATRC membership.

- Jim Miller from Region 4
- Renee Gosda from Region 5
- Tammy Vasa from Region 6

**Renewal and New Members.** While we showed an increase in members for 2023, we will need to continue to focus on membership this year to sustain and ultimately increase our numbers.

**Reminder.** Renew Your NATRC Membership today! If you have not

renewed your membership for the 2024 ride season, now is time to do so. We are once again offering a FREE membership to first time NATRC members! Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors!

**Illustration.** Alluring facts: Since

2016, when our free membership program was first introduced, 64 percent of the current renewing memberships have originated from this program. Our NATRC membership saw another year of growth in 2023 making it the highest since 2019.



### 2024 NATRC Standing Committee Chairs

Annual Points/Data.....	Ruth Mesimer	Policies and Procedures.....	Jamie Dieterich
Breed & Organization Liaisons..	Vacant	Protest .....	Marla Stucky
Clinic Sanction.....	Linda Clayton	Ride Management.....	Sherry Garnes
Education.....	Jamie Dieterich	Ride Sanction .....	Sarah Smith Cathy Cumberworth
E-News .....	Kimberly Murphy	Rules and Bylaws .....	Fran Muench
Foundation.....	Angie Meroshnekoff	Rules Interpreter/Safety .....	Roger Garlitz
Hall of Fame .....	Sarah Smith	Sponsorships.....	Holly Jones John Zeliff
Honorary and Appreciation.....	Ruth Mesimer	Student Loan/Scholarships .....	Marilyn Marston
HP Advisory.....	Bev Roberts Jamie Dieterich	Technology .....	Alex Braun
Juniors .....	Angie Meroshnekoff	Trail Advocacy and Grants .....	Bob Insko Linda Johnson-Conne
Judges .....	Tamara Gull, DVM Lory Walls	Veterinary Drug Committee.....	Tamara Gull, DVM
Membership.....	Mollie Kelly	Virtual Mileage Challenge .....	John Zeliff
National Drug Testing.....	Kimberly Murphy	Webinars .....	Bill Wingle Lin Ward
National Historian .....	Maria Pilgrim		
Planned and Charitable Giving..	Dayna Morgan		

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By Lory Walls, Co-Chair

Who is the JC and what does it do? Well, JC stands for Judges Committee, a standing committee defined by the NATRC by-laws.

The committee is made up of a minimum of five NATRC approved judges in good standing: at least two veterinary and three horsemanship judges. Of these, two folks are selected as co-chairs – one vet, one horsemanship. The members hold meetings either by phone, mail, electronic means or in person. A majority of the entire committee is required for any action taken.

People do not become members by chance. They are appointed annually by the president and confirmed by the national board of directors.

The committee is tasked with setting standard qualifications for judges, reviewing and screening appli-

cants for judge's cards and recommending their selection to the board. The board has final approval.

JC members are further tasked with handling concerns, complaints, or protests about judges, including thoroughly investigating the situation and reporting to, and advising, the board of directors, who make the final decision.

And finally, the JC makes *recommendations* to the board regarding changes in the scorecards, examinations, etc. Certain changes must comply with the rule book, like the change from "Trail Ability/Manners" to "Maneuvering Trail/Behavior."

Presently under discussion is the use of Questionable Soundness and giving completion only points to a grade 3 lame horse at the end of a ride.



# Thank You

For all your hard work and for serving on our national board.

Outgoing Board Members

R2, **Beni De Mattei**, Alt. 2021-2023

R3, **Bill Wingle** 2018-2023

R4, **Kimberly Murphy** 2021-2023

R5, **Esther Diaguila** 2018-2023

Best Wishes to all of you from our entire organization!

## Ride Managers Wanted



## Consider Ride Share

By Esther Diaguila

At a recent ride, I asked the ride managers in attendance to stand up. Many of these managers have been putting on the same ride for several years, some have even managed their rides for over 10 years. Managing a ride can be fulfilling and rewarding but can also be a bit stressful.

Throughout the years, we have watched rides come and go. New ride managers are eager and enthusiastic, wanting to make sure riders have a great experience. After a while, though, the enthusiasm wanes, and after about 5 years of management, burn-out

begins to set in. When this happens, the ride manager starts looking for someone to take over the ride. If the RM can't find a replacement, the ride is then discontinued.

Often, as I sit around the campfire after a ride, I hear stories of wonderful rides that are no longer. So, the question then is, "Can burnout be prevented?" The answer is, "YES!!" If a ride manager put on a ride every other year, this would give them time to decompress. I call this "Ride Share", where two volunteers trade off management every other year.

These are already established rides, maps are generally in place,

almost the same volunteers show up at that ride each year, and a new ride manager would have the original manager to use as an information resource. This is also a great way to learn what goes on behind the scenes, giving these new managers a deeper understanding of what goes on at a ride. It also gives a greater appreciation for all those volunteers!

If you have ever considered managing a ride, talk to a current ride manager and volunteer to manage that ride every other year. Let's keep those rides going!

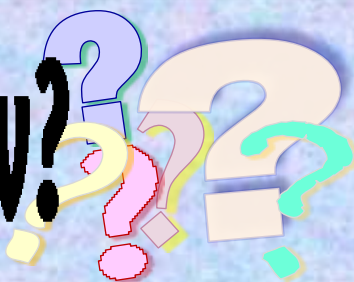


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# Did You Know?

By Jamie Dieterich, Education Chair



Rules don't cover every situation, nor do we want them to. For riders, considerations for the judges in the judges forum digest are worth knowing.

**Obstacles.** *General considerations:*

- Is it safe for horse and rider?
- Is it appropriate for the sport of competitive distance riding?
- Does it adversely affect the flow of the ride?

*Safety considerations:* NATRC has had insurance directives, complaints involving near wrecks or letters of concern about things such as:

- requiring a jump,
- maneuvering on-the-buckle,
- dragging things from the saddle,
- backing over an object,
- maneuvering over slippery rocks,
- asking novices to canter,
- using un-natural obstacles (ex. stepping on a mattress), and
- doing a one-arm mount or a moving dismount.

These are not safe and not appropriate for this sport.

**Rider Footwear.** If a rider shows up for the in-hand presentation wearing unsafe footwear, such as sandals or flip-flops, simply tell the rider that you'll be happy to examine their horse when they return wearing safe footwear.

**Neck Collars.** Properly trained, a horse can be safely tied with a neck collar to a trailer. A neck collar instead of a halter would not provide enough control for an in-hand presentation.

**Pulls.** The Judges Committee and the NBOD feel we can learn more if we track the reasons for pulls. It would be helpful if judges would indicate on each scorecard – both the rider's and the horse's – the reason for the pull.

- L = Lameness
- M = Metabolic
- DQ = Disqualified
- RO = Rider Option

For this to work be sure to be true to the codes. For instance, if the horse is judged to be Grade 1 or 2 lame, the rider may wish to opt out of the ride. That is fine, but put down the pull code as lameness instead of rider option. We hope to look at the data and report back to the membership what kinds of troubles our horses experience.

**Saddle Definition.** The Rule Book specifies that a saddle must be used. The Judges Committee and the NBOD agree for now, "If it's marketed as a saddle, it's a saddle. If it's marketed as a bareback pad, it's a bareback pad."



# SHARE!

By Kris Gray, Marketing

## Share NATRC!

Share with others you meet on the trail, at your area boarding barns, horse club meetings, wherever you go, share your love for NATRC.

Share on social media. Share the posts from the national and regional pages and feeds, share your pictures and tell people about your ride weekend, share and invite people to the events.

Share your region's event schedule. Keep copies in your truck and hand them out with your name and number written on them, stick them on windshields

and trailers you see at trail heads, gas stations, or parking lots. Drop copies off at barns near you.



## Share your love for NATRC!

One of the best ways to help NATRC grow is for you to share your love of NATRC with others!

When you talk to others about our wonderful organization and "family," they hear and feel your enthusiasm, which could make them interested in checking us out and coming to an event.

Share your love for NATRC on your social media pages, feeds and groups you are involved with. This helps get the word out about us and bring in potential new members, volunteers, and expand the NATRC family.

Spread the love, share NATRC!



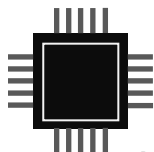
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Photo by Laurent Doussot

"A horse doesn't care how much you know until he knows how much you care." - *Pat Parelli*

## Introducing Our New Committee Chairs



**Alex Braun**  
Technology Chair

My name is Alex Braun, and my wife and I have been involved with NATRC since 2019. I currently serve as the NECTRA and Region 6 President. I have taken on many volunteer roles at several of our Region 6 rides, as well as serving as the ride manager for several of our NECTRA sponsored rides.

I have long been interested in technology and have a passion for how technology and data can improve organizations. I am a senior data analyst for a trucking company, so I work with data, as well as build custom web applications to help my company become more efficient with data and processes. I am eager to help NATRC move forward with technology to make it easier on our riders and ride management!

I also ride my horse Dan...a quirky solid paint named Spotless Rendition, and while we can't compete, we do enjoy trail riding and working on obstacles!



**Alex Braun**  
Photo by Mary Alice Braun

*NATRC is beyond thrilled to welcome Alex to our Technology team and looking forward to the future advancements we know Alex has the ability to bring to our organization!*



**Holly Jones**  
Sponsorship Co-Chair

I have been riding since I was two years old; my first pony was named Sissy. I have been around horses all my life however, with my father being an equine veterinarian and equine orthopedic surgeon. I grew up watching hunters and jumpers.

I have been married for 34 years to my husband, David, and he knew horses were part of the deal. When we met in college I had three horses, and for a wedding gift, my grandfather gave me a horse. Yes, the best gift ever!

After getting married, I started three-day eventing and loved it. We then moved to Texas where one of my students did endurance, and that started my journey in distance riding. One of my endurance friends posted about an NATRC ride, and the rest is history. I found my sport.

In NATRC, I found my passion for training horses to go distances and to be judged over obstacles. My mare, Rock Creeks Wild Pepper aka Pepper, a Mustang from Rock Creek, Wyoming has come a long way from not being able to stand still for anything to a solid horse.

Pepper went on to earn the 4<sup>th</sup> place Region 4 CP Light Horse in 2020, national High Point Mustang in 2019, 2019 Grand Champion Novice Horse, and the 2018 Reserve Champion Novice Horse.

Together Pepper and I earned the 2019 Region 4 High Point Novice Horse and Horsemanship award and the 2018 Region 4 Novice Lightweight Team Reserve Champion. In the same year I earned the Region 4 Novice Rider Reserve Champion Award, followed by the

Region 4 James Ray Singletary High Point Horsemanship award in 2019, and Region 4 4<sup>th</sup> place CP Lightweight Horsemanship in 2020.



**Holly Jones**  
Photo by John Newell

*NATRC is excited to have Holly join our excellent team of committee chairs in 2024. In addition to Holly's riding experience, she also serves as the Region 4 Vice President and is a current and past ride manager and secretary. She has served as a judge's secretary and ride cook. Holly played instrumental roles in the San Antonio national convention as the sponsorship chair, vendor chair and assisted in obtaining auction items. She filled a similar role with the Omaha national convention assisting with sponsorship duties and the silent auction. Her experience and knowledge in soliciting sponsorships and fostering those relationships will be an incredible asset to NATRC.*

*"My treasures do not clink together or glitter; they gleam in the sun and neigh in the night."  
- Arabian proverb*

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**Sherry Garnes**  
Management Chair

I joined NATRC in 2012 and have ridden in all divisions over the last few years. I have managed the Biltmore ride in Region 5 for the last 10 years and have worked in many volunteer positions. I am currently serving on the National Board of Directors and President of Region 5. It is my pleasure to accept the position as the Management Chair and will be accessible to the needs of our Ride Managers. Thank you for entrusting me with this position.



**Sherry Garnes**

Photo by Tina Anderson

*NATRC is thrilled to have Sherry join our team of national committee chairs with the expertise and strengths she brings to the table. Sherry has gone above and beyond for the managers in Region 5 providing guidance and support in addition to her own management roles. She quickly stood out in her efforts, and we are excited to have her expand that knowledge and support to our other regions and help us all improve our processes sport wide.*



Photo by Pam Bishop

**A Silent Auction Basket**



**Roger Garlitz**  
Rules Interpreter  
Chair

It is an honor and privilege to be the new Rules Interpreter/Safety Chair. I look forward to serving NATRC and our members to maintain the quality and safety of our entire organization.

I joined NATRC back in 1993, I barely knew one end of a horse from the other. Shirley Parker, Jean Green, and Patsy Conner worked hard to teach me through their score cards. They must have worked their magic as I have several score cards with scores of 100++. My first 1000-mile horse, Comar Rougezon, was the Reserve Champion Novice Horse 1994. My stallion, Adjan's T Shadow (MR T), has 1000 racing miles and 1000 NATRC miles.

I was the first person to enter a ride using a Fax machine, I started the first NATRC chat group as documented in Hoof Print. While serving as Region 4's representative on the National Board of Directors in 2011, I implemented NATRC E-News, got it up and running and then turned it over to Jean Green. I also set up the board with Go to Meeting, the precursor to Zoom meetings.

Going through my old records, the first time I can document being a Rules Interpreter for a ride was April of 2011 at Tarrant Ranch ride in Texas. I usually serve as RI and Safety for 5 or 6 rides a year. I have 1300 hours as a Region 4 volunteer and hope to get my 1500-hour jacket. In 2022, I had the great honor of receiving The Linda Reuland Memorial Day Worker of The Year award. I was an Apprentice Horsemanship judge back in 2009.

My paying job involved a degree in Quantum Electronics (now the PhD is part of Quantum Physics). I was heavily involved in the development of the C.A.T. (CT) scanner. I installed the first one in Puerto Rico. I raise registered Texas Longhorns now with my wife Jacqueline.

I urge everyone to download the RI form and see what the RI role involves at a ride. Most will be quite surprised what a detailed responsibility it is if done properly. I hope to represent NATRC as RI and safety chair as well as Bill Wingle. He set a high bar.

**Ride Safe and read your rule book.**



**Roger Garlitz**

Photo by Kim Reeves

*NATRC is pleased to welcome Roger into this very critical role! He has served as the Rules Interpreter at many rides in Region 4 in the past two seasons and earned a reputation in the national office as the Region 4 professional Rules Interpreter. Roger not only submits many reports, he excels at his duties and professionalism in this role. We know that he can share his knowledge and help our sport in many capacities.*



Photo by Pam Bishop

**A Silent Auction Basket**

# Region 6 Celebrations

## Chuck Edwards and 50 Continuous Years of the R6 Indian Cave CTR.

On September 16, Region 6 celebrated Chuck Edwards at the 50th Anniversary of the Indian Cave CTR. An emotional Sarah Smith said, "The club wanted a special way to commemorate the 50th Anniversary ride and Chuck's years of dedication in a special way." The solution: a permanent mounting block with a plaque was placed near the horse campground shelter at Indian Caves State Park for all to use and enjoy. It was donated by the Nebraska Endurance and Competitive Trail Ride Association (NECTRA) and Region 6. A separate plaque was presented to Chuck to take home. It reads:

"In the spring of 1973, Chuck Edwards, Bill Wicklund and Al Otton along with the Park Superintendent Larry Cook began establishing the Indian Cave State Park's Trail System. Using topographic maps and following wildlife trails, the men began clearing and widening the trails with hand tools and surveyor tape to make them equine and people accessible. Later, larger equipment was used for mowing down thick brush and pushing back the edges. A few new trails have been added over the years but most of them branch off from the originally laid trails.

The first equestrian camping area was near the entrance of the park across from the current museum until it was moved further into the park close to the water and dump station. The subsequent drive up experienced frequent mud, muddied rigs to be pulled and out of the slick and muddied rigs to be pulled. Today, equestrians enjoy paved camping pads, rals and two points of



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September 16, 2023 marks the 50th anniversary of Indian Cave Competitive Trail Ride. This ride was the reason Chuck and Bill began searching for a location all those years ago in order to host competition introducing a new equestrian sport to Nebraska and the Midwest region. They founded the Nebraska Endurance and Competitive Trail Ride Association which has sponsored the event since its inception in 1973. The group continues to do trail work and conservation within the park to this day.

Think of these modern explorers as you ride along in their footsteps and dreams and thank them for the beautiful opportunity we enjoy in hills of Indian Cave."

Chuck said, "The other two that helped with this – they're no longer here and they were good friends, We worked together and never had an argument to get this park cleaned up. We had to walk the trails. Nobody could love this park anymore than I could from the first time we came down here. I fell in love with this park. I know nobody thought – not even me – that we would make 50 years, but I wasn't going to give up without trying."

Everyone enjoyed cake emblazoned with "Same trails and same ride for 50 years!"



Photos by R6 Family

## Mary Anna Wood 25,000 Competitive Miles

In November, Region 6 celebrated Mary Anna Wood and her incredible accomplishment of hitting the 25,000 competitive miles mark upon completion of the Big Hill CTR.



Mary Anna started riding with NATRC in 1976. She said she never thought she would attain this milestone. "I never thought of it. I like to see the country and I like to ride.

Most of my memories are good. Some of them are really good."

Mary Anna said one of her favorite rides is Indian Cave because she likes to ride along the bluff. "Elmer always liked to ride the ridges."

She said there were parts of her Big Hill ride that were 'really good' that day. "After the two-mile and Marsha was way ahead of me, it was just me and my horse and the lake and the woods and the sky. We were having a good time. There are times when everything is going right and I just enjoy the time with me and the horse. That happens most of the time."

Mary Anna rode with Bill Wicklund to a lot of rides early in her NATRC years. "Bill was campaigning his apaloozas for medallions and Elmer and I would ride along. One of the reasons I got so many miles is because we did so much traveling with him."

At times, other people rode Elmer Bandit. He had 20,780 competitive miles when he retired.

No one in NATRC is close to the 25,000 miles that Mary Anna has accomplished. Would she do it all over again? "Sure I would," she said.

**Mary Anna - you are an inspiration to so many riders!**





# Past National Winners

## PRESIDENT'S CUP WINNERS

### OLD PRESIDENT'S CUP

(National High Point Horse, Unlimited Number of Rides)

YEAR	NAME OF HORSE	BREED	RIDER
1961	Duke	Quarter Cross	Frances Huling
1962	Suds	Morgan	Maxi Riggs
1963	Shamus	Arabian	LeRoy Krusi
1964	Warriors Merry Lady	Missouri Fox Trotter	Larry Rossi
1965	Posse	½ Arabian	Leah Martin
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1967	Raffiez	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	<b>Chicaro's Mocha</b>	Quarter	Violet Peak
1979	Antelope New Moon	Appaloosa	Beverly Tibbitts
1980	Sailor	Grade	Gail Gouskos
1981	Flashy Tomboy	Thoroughbred	Georgia Boulton
1982	Bezarue	½ Arabian	Sue Eoff
1983	Capi Comet	Arabian	Ginger Johnson
1984	Mighty Aledo Gal	Quarter	John Webb
1985	Mahra Khan	½ 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	<b>Hickory's Country Gold</b>	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
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2001	<b>Sonic's Morning Star</b>	Tennessee Walking Horse	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	<b>Diamond's Sassy Stockings</b>	Missouri Fox Trotter	James Keene
2007	<b>Diamond's Sassy Stockings</b>	Missouri Fox Trotter	James Keene
2008	<b>Generator's Magic Pride</b>	Tennessee Walking Horse	Gary Clayton
2009	Marquisesmischief	Arabian	Jonni Jewell
2010	Prime Sensation WH	Missouri Fox Trotter	Cheri Jeffcoat
2011	Awesomes Fire N Ice	½ Arabian	Ken Wolgram
2012	<b>Susie's Stardust</b>	Missouri Fox Trotter	Tammy Lineback
2013	Awesomes Fire N Ice	½ Arabian	Ken Wolgram
2014	Loco Motion	Grade	Sara Baldwin
2015	Danamyte	Arabian	Esther Diaguilla
2016	<b>Turner's Wild Card</b>	Kentucky Mountain Horse	Lin Ward
2017	Tezuby	Arabian	Jonni Jewell
2018	By The Grace of God	Grade	Victoria Whitehead
2019	Giacomo	½ Arabian	Fran Muench
2020	None – year of Covid 19		
2021	Bantam Z	Arabian	Cynthia Mettes
2022	TA Kaiser+//	Arabian	Deanne Prusak
2023	Beau	Grade	Sherry Ganes

## 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	½ Arabian	Sue Eoff
1983	Capi Comet	Arabian	Ginger Johnson
1984	Mighty Aledo Gal	Quarter	John Webb
1985	Mahra Khan	½ Arabian	Milne Parish
1985	Arab Incognito	½ 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	<b>Hickory's Country Gold</b>	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	<b>Sonic's Morning Star</b>	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	<b>Diamond's Sassy Stockings</b>	Missouri Fox Trotter	James Keene
2007	<b>Diamond's Sassy Stockings</b>	Missouri Fox Trotter	James Keene
2008	<b>Generator's Magic Pride</b>	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	½ Arabian	Ken Wolgram
2012	<b>Susie's Stardust</b>	Missouri Fox Trotter	Tammy Lineback
2013	Awesomes Fire N Ice	½ Arabian	Ken Wolgram
2014	Desert Reinbeau	Mustang	Angie Meroshnekov
2015	Danamyte	Arabian	Esther Diaguilla
2016	<b>Turner's Wild Card</b>	Kentucky Mountain Horse	Lin Ward
2017	Tezuby	Arabian	Jonni Jewell
2018	By The Grace Of God	Grade	Victoria Whitehead
2019	Giacomo	½ Arabian	Fran Muench
2020	None – year of Covid 19		
2021	Windstorm Clay	Morgan	Tommy Mitchell
2022	TA Kaiser+//	Arabian	Deanne Prusak
2023	Beau	Grade	Sherry Ganes

## 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	<b>Gam's Borkaan</b>	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	Jean Throgmorton
1982	Touches 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 Barrat	Arabian	Kathy Morris
1988	San Barrat	Arabian	Kathy Morris
1989	Bo Rand	Arabian	Helen Logan
1990	Wing Tempo	American Saddlebred	Shirley Sobol
1991	<b>Hickory's Country Gold</b>	Missouri Fox Trotter	Bill Hinkebein
1992	Aur Shammam (Sam)	Arabian	Lory Walls
1993	Wing Tempo	American Saddlebred	Shirley Sobol
1994	Winchester Charm	1/2 Arabian	Lucy Hirsch
1995	<b>Hickory's Country Gold</b>	Missouri Fox Trotter	Bill Hinkebein

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## BEV TIBBETTS GRAND CHAMPION (Cont'd from page 45)

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	<b>Diamond's Sassy Stockings</b>	Missouri Fox Trotter	James Keene
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
2020	None – year of Covid 19		
2021	Windstorm Clay	Morgan	Tommy Mitchell
2022	Beau	Grade	Sherry Games
2023	Jiminy Cricket	Grade	Jennifer Mulligan

## POLLY BRIDGES MEMORIAL

(High Average Horsemanship)

YEAR	RIDER	YEAR	RIDER
1987	Barbara Jagoda	2006	Wayne Tolbert
1988	Charlie Crider	2007	Elizabeth Kendall
1989	Charlie Crider	2008	Wayne Tolbert
1990	Betty Young	2009	Lory Walls
1991	Terri Roberts	2010	James Keene
1992	Terri Roberts	2011	Ken Wolgram
1993	Betty Young	2012	Terri Smith
1994	Betty Young	2013	Debbie Payne
1995	Ellen Lovett	2014	Ken Wolgram
1996	Charlie Crider	2015	Ken Wolgram
1997	Angie Meroshnekoff	2016	Ken Wolgram
1998	Jenny Smith	2017	Sarah Rinne
1999	Frank Keeran	2018	Angie Meroshnekoff
2000	Charlie Crider	2019	Terri Smith
2001	Lucy Hirsch	2020	None – year of Covid 19
2002	Gerald Ferguson	2021	Tommy Mitchell
2003	Wayne Tolbert	2022	Sherry Games
2004	Angie Meroshnekoff	2023	Sherry Games
2005	Wayne Tolbert		

## JUNIOR GRAND CHAMPION

(High Average Horse)\*

YEAR	NAME OF HORSE	BREED	RIDER
1990	<b>Friday's Applauz</b>	Arabian	Jeanne Kelly
1991	Sadiki	1/2 Arabian	Heather Parson
1992	<b>Shannon's Cameo</b>	1/2 Arabian	Shannon Mitchell
1993	Saint Simon	Morgan	Holly Ward
1994	<b>Cherokee's Pride</b>	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 Delilla	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
2013	Flash of Lightening	Spotted Saddle Horse	Jameson Moulis
2015	Lincoln	Grade	Alexis Combs
2016	Shady Sunset WH	Missouri Fox Trotter	Jessica Reeter
2020	None – year of Covid 19		

\*Missing years had no qualifying juniors.

## JUNIOR HIGH AVERAGE HORSEMANSHIP

(High Average Horsemanship)\*

YEAR	RIDER	YEAR	RIDER
1990	Jeanne Kelly	2003	Kymerlie Shanor
1991	Heather Parson	2004	Kymerlie Shanor
1992	Shannon Mitchell	2006	Andrew Murray
1993	Holly Ward	2007	Jenna Galliher
1994	Mica Hart	2008	Jennifer Maddox
1995	Klare Chapman	2009	Layne Lampley
1996	Klare Chapman	2011	Hannah VanPoolen
1997	Janelle Meuten	2012	Maggie Steinke
1998	Kara Galliher	2013	Jameson Moulis
1999	Paula Nelson	2015	Alexis Combs
2000	Melinda Hirsch Sadler	2016	Jessica Reeter
2001	Carrie Porter	2020	None – year of Covid 19
2002	Melinda Hirsch Sadler		

\*Missing years had no qualifying juniors.

## 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 Walking Horse	Cindy Keen
2019	TA Kaiser+//	Arabian	Deanne Prusak
2020	None – year of Covid 19		
2021	Impressive Red Rebel	Missouri Fox Trotter	Paula Riley
2022	Giacomo	1/2 Arabian	Fran Muench
2023	TA Kaiser+//	Arabian	Deanne Prusak

## COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HIGH AVERAGE HORSEMANSHIP

(High Average Horsemanship)

YEAR	RIDER	YEAR	RIDER
2015	Leigh Riley	2020	None - year of Covid 19
2016	Lory Walls	2021	Kelly Queen
2017	Diane Wingle	2022	Victoria Whitehead
2018	Beverly Roberts	2023	Deanne Prusak
2019	Deanne Prusak		

## HORSE HALL OF FAME

(Outstanding Horse Performance Record)

YEAR	NAME OF HORSE	BREED	RIDER
1986	Elmer Bandit	1/2 Arabian	Mary Anna Wood
1989	Casey	Grade	Beverly Tibbits
1991	Barthart+	Arabian	Betty Young
1993	<b>Rebel's Raider+//</b>	1/2 Arab/Appy	Marilyn Hunter
1996	<b>Hickory's Country Gold</b>	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
2021	Desert Reinbeau	Mustang	Angie Meroshnekoff

## WORKER HALL OF FAME

1998	Lew Muzzy, R2 Bill Cumberworth, R3 Ann Burns, R4	2010	Cork Weir, R4 Florence Blanks, R6
1999	Max Barmettler (posthumous), R1	2011	Bev Roberts, R4
2000	Joan & Bill Throgmorton, R1	2013	Lory & Randy Walls, R2 Susan Peters, R3 Elaine Swiss, R4
2001	Linda Shannon, R2		
2002	Phil & Betty Young, R1 Joyce & Frank Keeran, R6	2014	Larry and Barbara Gould, R4
2003	Karel Waugh, R1 Bob & Margie Insko, R2	2015	Jamie Dieterich, R1 Beni DeMattei, R2
2004	Kathy Nixon, R1	2016	Angie Meroshnekoff, R1
2005	Jim & Jan Jeffers, R1 Bill Smith, R3 Mike Bridges, R5	2017	Linda Thomason, R1 Mary Jo Malone, R2
2006	Steve Meroshnekoff, R1 Garrie and Marshall Bates, R5	2018	Chuck Edwards, R6
2009	Sue Flagg, R1 Jenny Smith, R3	2019	Shirley Brodersen, R4
		2021	Becky Rogers, R4
		2022	Dee Overholt, R3
		2023	Alanna Sommer, R4

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**BEV ROBERTS NATIONAL HORSEMANSHIP CHAMPION**

(Five National Championships on Five Different Horses)

RIDER	YR QUALIFIED
Nancy Diamond	1990
Terri Smith (Roberts)	2002
Kymerlie Welp (Shanor)	2004
Bill Hinkebein	2005, 2016
Bev Roberts	2007
Jonni Jewell	2023

**JIM MENELEE LIFETIME AWARD**

**JIM MENELEE LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP AWARD**  
(Award of Lifetime Membership for Outstanding Service)

YEAR	REG	NAME	YEAR	REG	NAME
1977	R1	Leroy Krusi	1995	R3	Michelle Glover, DVM
1978	R1	Joan Throgmorton	1996	R3	Neal McKinstry
1979	R1	George Cardinet	1997	R5	E. Larry Bentley, DVM
1980	None		1998	R2	Henry Logan
1981	R2	Bob Bohannon	1999	R6	Jerry Weil, DVM
1982	R3	Duane & Bessie Scott Family	2000	R1	James C. (Jim) Ferris
1983	R4	Ann Burnsed	2001	R1	Robert (Bob) Goulding, DVM
1984	R1	Fred Kirkham	2002	R5	Connie Driskell
1985	R1	Betty Menefee	2003	R1	Jamie Dieterich
1986	R1	Bill Throgmorton, DVM	2004	R2	Lory Walls
1987	R1	Nancy Kasovich	2005	R5	Bucky Starnes
1988	R1	Bev Tibbits	2006	R3	Bill Smith
1989	R3	Iris Mosgrove	2007	R4	Patsy Conner
1990	R6	Joann Christensen	2008	R4	Shirley Parker
1991	R3	Patricia Jubb	2009	R3	Doreen Portner
1992	R2	Elisabeth Grogan	2010	R1	Jim & Jan Jeffers
1993	R1	Rod Cole	2011	R3	Bill & Judy Cumberworth
1994	R3	Gene Naugle, DVM			

**JIM MENELEE LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD**

(Changed from an award of Lifetime Membership to Lifetime Achievement Recognition)

2012	R4	Jean Green	2018	R5	Mike Bridges, DVM
2013	R5	Paula Riley	2019	R4	Larry and Barbara Gould
2014	R6	Priscilla Lindsey	2020	None	- year of Covid-19
2015	R6	J.R. Kendall	2021	R1	Angie Meroshneko
2016	R3	Laurie DiNatale, NATRC	2022	R3	Jim Ward
2017	R2	Greg Fellers, DVM	2023	R4	Bev Roberts



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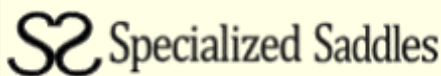
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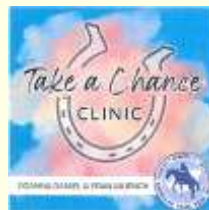
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**Bill & Diane Wingle**

**Clay Sewell**

**Cheryl Jarrett**

# Past Appreciation Award Winners

## PAST NATIONAL APPRECIATION AWARD WINNERS

Year	National	Year	National	Year	National
1982	none	1983	Bill & Judy Cumberworth, R3 Helen & Henry Logan, R2 Amanda Hyatt, R5	1984	Irene Mandeville, R1 Maryetta Stebbins, R1 Dorothy Smith, R1 Chere Bargar, R1 Al & Nancy Moss, R2
1985	JoAnn Christensen, R6 Ike Mosgrove, R3	1986	Theresa Duncan, R1 Nancy Kasovich, R1 Helene Pritchard, R5	1987	Michael Bridges, DVM, R5 Barbara Dean, R4 Rod Cole, R1
1988	Jim Wright, DVM, R6 Richard Becker, R2 Neal McKinstry, R3	1989	JoAnn Christensen, R6 Pat Jubb, R3 Elisabeth Grogan, R2	1990	Gloria Becker, R2 Henry Cook, DVM, R1 Pat Wasmund, R4
1991	Larry Bentley, DVM, R5 Jim Ferris, R1 Ann Burnsed, R4 (declined)	1992	Bev Tibbitts, R1 Helene Pritchard, R5 Gene Naugle, DVM, R3	1993	Nancy Kasovich, R1 Sylvia Rogers, R4 Ruth Bourgeois, R6
1994	Michelle Glover, DVM, R4 Nancy Moss, R2 Heidi Wallace, R1	1995	J. R. Kendall, R6 Jerry Weil, DVM, R6 Helen Logan, R2	1996	Mary Francis Britt, R5 Jill Hicks, R3 David Shannon, R2
1997	Peter Rich, R1 Henry Logan, R2 Pam Pintchuk, DVM, R5	1998	Jim & Jan Jeffers, R1 Jim Ferris, R1 Raymond Brooks, R5	1999	Bill & Jenny Smith, R3 Stephanie Ostrowski, DVM, R5 Steve & Priscilla Lindsey, R6 Ann Burnsed, R4 (declined)
2000	Shirley Parker, R4 Garrie Bates, R5 Helen Logan, R2	2001	Raymond Brooks, R5 Cheri Jeffcoat & Sharlyn McDermot, R6 Laurie DiNatale, R3	2002	Jamie Dieterich, R1 Randy Walls, R2 Sylvia Rogers, R4
2003	Lee Hoth, R3 Ray & Sue Brezina, R2 Greg Fellers, DVM, R1	2004	Sue Flagg, R1	2005	Robert Young, R1 Jim & Lin Ward, R3
2006	Bob Goulding, R1	2007	Beni DeMattei, R2 Kathleen Green, R2 Kathy Brown, R3	2008	Jennie Paddock, R4 Mark & Debbie Jones Family, R5
2009	Peter Rich, R1 Michael Peralez, DVM, R2 Linda Clayton, R5	2010	Betty Wolgram, R3 Laurie Knuutila, R1A Sue Singletery, R3	2011	Jonni Jewell, R4 Kim Cowart, R5 J. R. Kendall, R6
2012	Linda Clayton, R5 Leona Harris, R4 Phil Young, R1	2013	Jerry Sims, R3 Shirley Brodersen, R4 Cindy Keen, R5	2014	Erin Glassman, R6 Tanya Kingsley, R5 Brenda Simpson, R4 Chuck Smith & John Volkerding, R3
2015	Mary Jo Malone, R2 Debbie Jones & Vickie Moore, R5 Sarah Rinne, R6	2016	Linda Thomason, R1 Betty Wolgram, R3 Kim Cowart, R5	2017	Phil Young, R1 Phil Brodersen, R4 Marty Findley, R5
2018	Dave & Sharon Roper-Dashner, R3 Kimberly Murphy, R4 Bill Moore, R5	2019	Lory Walls, R2 Dee Overholt, R3 Jonni Jewell, R4	2020	none
2021	Pam Galchutt, R3 Shari Parys, R6	2022	Judy Cumberworth, R3 Helen Smith, R6	2023	Cathy Cumberworth, R3 Esther Diaguila, R5 Chuck Edwards, R6

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## PAST REGIONAL APPRECIATION AWARD WINNERS

### CERTIFICATES NOT SPECIFIC TO REGION

1981	Dorothy & Bernie Bargar, R1 Jan Blawat, R1	Jackie Coleman, R4 Bill Cumberworth, R3	Irene Mandeville, R1 Lew Muzzy, R2	Duane & Bessie Scott, R3
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### CERTIFICATES SPECIFIC TO REGION

YR	Region 1	Region 2	Region 3	Region 4	Region 5	Region 6
1982	Chere Bargar Suzanne Hurst Irene Mandeville Joan Throgmorton Bev Tibbitts Heide Wallace-Blonigan	Gloria Becker Richard Becker Gene Grogan Nancy Moss	Tom Butterfield Nola Frasure Ike Mosgrove	Sam & Ann Burnsed		
1983	Nora Cook Fred Kirkham Maryetta Stebbins Dorothy Smith	Richard & Gloria Becker	Louie Pavetti, DVM	Barbara & Ted Dean Diane & Ray Spencer	Bucky Starnes	Dale Jackson, DVM Marian & Al Tritch Col. Gurney Gunther & Army Corps of Engrs
1984	Pat Ersepke Greg Fellers, DVM Dale Lake	Larry Rossi Sheryl Brezina	Jim & Violet Peek	Ray Ledwig Cathie Wincovitch & Glenda Stevens	Lawton & Frances Johnston	Harold Nickeson Tom & Kay Slusher Wayne Thomas
1985	Harry Haeussler Max Barmettler Jill Pass	Noni Mickelson Brian Beckwith Susan Kewley	Pat Jubb	Arthur & Desira Byrd Lloyd Wallace Mary Lou McNeel	Shirley Sobol	Frank & Nancy Diamond Neil & Barbara Spahn Richard & Kaaren Jones
1986	Henry Cook, DVM Nancy Kauk	Sandra Williams	Jeri Avila & Laurie Butterfield	Marion Tomlin Leonard Smith, DVM	Billy Bonds Laurie Sherfese	Gerald & Virginia Peterson Chuck Edwards Jim & Roberta Bess
1987	Marilyn Hunter Bev Barmettler Jean Haugsten	Linda Dopson, DVM	Vel & Gene Naugle, DVM	Barbara Harvey Angelina Trail Riders Assn	Charlie Crider Martha Findley	Bob & Mary Scheer Mary & Jerry Weil, DVM Lucie Hess
1988	Dorothy Smith Paul DeLay, DVM Patti Pearson	Ken Truesdell Linda & David Shannon	Bill & Judy Cumberworth	Mike & Sherry Murphy Linda Reuland Kay Rumfield	Ron & Beverly Williams	Kathy & Rod Smith J. R. Kendall John & Janice Schell
1989	Reta Cole Bev Barmettler Maryetta Stebbins	Susan Kewley Walt, Larene & Willie	Bonnie & Michael Kaufman	Mary Lou & Patrick McNeel Alan & Emalu Nutter	Tom, Sandy & Jeanne Kelly Mark & Debbie Jones	Pam Bond Iowa Trail Riders Assn Dale Seymour
1990	Rita Schlim Al & Irene King Mary & Tom Bertken	Ron Watson Judy Kuplent Bonnie & Hank Peralez	Jill Talbot	Shirley Parker Oklahoma Equestrian Trail Riders Assn Charles & Trudy Kincade	The Harwell Family - Diane, Ron, Matt & Meredith Edna Cook & Michelle Cook Goza	Jackie Coleman Russ & Bethany Kness Carol Roberts
1991	Robert "Bob" Golding, DVM Karel Waugh The Young Family - Betty, Phil & David	Lew Muzzy Tom Thomas Lory & Randy Walls	Judi Tobias	Darlene Wallace Leonard Smith, DVM Danny & Michelle Glover, DVM	Judy Jesse Anne Hayward Phyllis Ellis	Sho-Me-Mo Trail Riders Riders Nebraska Endurance & Comp. Trail Riders
1992	Marilyn Hunter Carolyn Tucker Maryetta Stebbins	Noni Mickelson Trish Downing Leslie & Dave Wilson	Tom & Barbara Butterfield	Rita Hays Gretchen Pattersion-Tinker James & Belinda Henderson	Garrie & Marshall Bates Raymond & Lisa Brooks Sarah & Chris Dunn	Steve & Priscilla Lindsey Jacqui Register Dalyn Wilson, DVM
1993	Jim & Jan Jeffers Jim Ferris Nora Cook	Stephanie & David Fling Debbie Zinkl Henry & Helen Logan	Lois Arbour	Larry & Jeanne McFarland Peggy Hixson Pat Wasmund	Connie Ward Martha Findley Dianne & Gary Poovey	Dave Smith & Martha Kunkle Olivia Huddleston & Duane Daily Mary Rayburn
1994	Concord Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Assn Emma McCrary Dale & Deana Lake	Pam Ronning Wendy Bishop Joyce Miller	Dee Overholt Sue McKelvy	Larry Gould Greg Smith Rusty & Frances Henderson	Cathy Springer Jane Hillegas Julie & Jim Capaldi	Roland & Norma Newton Lucie Hess Mike & Mary Colby
1995	Paul DeLay, DVM Lynne Landis Kathy Nixon	Linda Shannon Randy Walls Trish Downing	Karen Laden Neal McKinstry	Ann Burnsed Dr. Ed & Doreen Atkinson Gretchen Patterson	John Howard Tanya Kingsley Charlie Crider	Kim Downing Marguerite Sloan Joyce Jensen

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1996	Marilyn Hunter Phil Young Jean Haugsten	Chris Wagner Judy Kuplent Larry Kelly, DVM	Lisa Sowell Clair Gamble Dale McCoy	Ann Pfeiffer Julie Watson Alice Kidwell	Stephanie Ostrowski, DVM Bobbie Hancock Kim Cowart	Susan Manley Florence Blanks Stacy & Frank Bowman / Diane & Darrell Brauner
1997	Jamie & Bob Dieterich, DVM Karel Waugh <b>San Martin Horsemen's Assn</b>	Bruce Qualset	Judi & Larry Tobias Cavalier Trail Riding Club San Juan Valley Trail Riders	Lone Star Distance Riders Angelina Trail Riders Oklahoma Equestrian Trail Riders Assn	Linda Moss Sallie Kudra Lyn Lewis	J. R. Kendall Cindy Cameron Frank Keeran
1998	Leroy Burnham, DVM McCrary Family Carol & Dan Barnes	Pam Miller	Kris Cummings	Joan Richardson Ted & Barbara Dean	Garrie Bates Lyn Lewis	Gerald & Virginia Peterson Bill Hinkebein Cheri Jeffcoat
1999	Kathy Nixon Sue Flagg Chere Bargar, Kitty Swindle & Judy Hayamizu	Roberta Dewey Linda Warnekros Linda Shannon	Iris (Ike) Mosgrove Joe Quintana, DVM	Barbara Harvey Kim McKenzie, DVM	Johnnie & Annie (Dow) Strader Gerald & Brenda Ferguson Jim & Vickie Rubeck	Dave Smith
2000	Mary Bertken Lynette Love Ellen Carter	Bob & Margie Insko Vicki & Tony Coscia Cheryl & Steve Erpelding	Kris Cummings Sue Benjamin	Maurice Nelson Cork Weir	Sallie Kudra	Ed McDevitt <b>Ed "Van" VanSciver</b> Gerald Peterson
2001	Ellen & Rufus Lovett Karel Waugh	Carrie Garufis Sylvia Beverly	Steve & Janine Ancell	Tom Richmond Doanna Gross Linda McGrath	Bucky Starnes	Becki Jackson Chuck Edwards
2002	Steve Meroshnekoff Kevin Wilson Phil Young	Virginia Schick Michael Sterns Harca	Betty Wolgram Judy Mason	Larry Gould Linda Stanford	Gary & Linda Clayton	<b>Hickory's Chillicothe Express</b>
2003	Mike Witt, DVM Bob Young, DVM Debbie Murphy	Melanie Pelczar	Milne Parish Mahra Khan	Shirley Brodersen	Shirley Sobol Tanya Kingsley	Brent Hathhorn Florence Blanks Ron Pappan, DVM
2004	Carolyn Johnson Kathryn Kennard Laurie Knuutila	Pam Miller Ray & Sue Brezina Bob & Margie Insko	Bill & Jenny Smith Bill & Judy Cumberworth	James Keene Katie Weir LeeAnn Dreadfulwater	Nancy Sluys Janis Baldwin	Martha Kunkle Lucie Hess
2005	Marlene Takle Judy Etheridge	Beni DeMattei Kathleen Green	Kip Korthuis Donna Johnson Kathy Shanor	Don Rubley Mark Cole Deanne Prusak	Wayne Tolbert Linda & Gary Clayton	J. R. Kendall Charlie Armour
2006	Neil & Kitty Weber Jack & Mary Chandler	Marcia Nelson Jim Monroe	Kathy Brown Tracey & Kip Korthuis Linell Miller	Carla Jo Bass Brenda Wyant Lisa Gallery	Ginny Tolbert Marlene Buttrey Vicki & Andrew Murray	Kim Weil Marsha Hayes Susan Manley
2007	Nancy Kasovich McCrary Family CMDTRA	none	Kay Gunckel Mike Mason San Juan Trail Riders	none	Phillip Buttrey Sara Baldwin <b>Doug O'Connel</b>	Pat Welsh Zack Edwards
2008	Sue Flagg	Lynda Sterns	Gary Inman & Linell Miller Mike & Judy Mason	Liz Scott	Mary Leslie Tammy Lineback	Ruth Mesimer
2009	Lynn Hutnick Chere Bargar, Kitty Swindle & Judy Hayamizu	Nancy Reed Liz Grogan	Jeff & Kathy Brown Susan Peters Beth Sims	Alanna Sommer	Kathy Nicholl	Cheryl & Jerry Weber Kim Weil
2010	Carol Ormond, DVM	Pima Medical Sue Brezina	Bill & Diane Wingle Chuck Smith Maarten Van Poolen	Linda Courts Linda Reuland Barbara Gould	none	Ginny Peterson J. R. Kendall Virginia Prey
2011	Betty Young Maria Pilgrim	Kandace French, Sherry Bray & Katy Taylor	Pam Galchutt Susan Peters Russ & Linda Jones	Phil Broderson Art & Dee Byrd Vickie Ives	Marty Findley	Mary Anna Wood Sarah Rinne
2012	Leroy Burnham, DVM	Dana Conklin Mary Jo Malone	Alyce Wich WSCSC	Ronald Hicks Rusty Harris Shane Murphy	Cindy Keen Kendal & Debra Porter Sandy West Pegram	Steve Lindsey
2013	Linda Thomason White Dog Ranch	Arizona Triple Crown	Dee Overholt	Becky Rogers Erman & Nettie Sands Alice Yovich	Regina Broughton Mike Daniels Courtney Woodall	none
2014	none	Beni DeMattei	none	Teresa Galliher Patti Hicks Barbara Rubley	Michelle Goza Ginny Tolbert	Fred Allwegg Trish Cleveland Marilyn Marston & Marla Stucky
2015	Darlene & Brian Schlerf	Audrey Pavia	Greg Feazell Sonny Mills Bill Wingle	Patty Lampley Becky Lucht Debby Starr	Terry Riley Andrea Rogers	Liz Klamm Gary & Mary McCoy Shari Parys

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2016	none	Elvis Lynn Bray Karen Kafka Margie Insko	none	none	Victoria Light Patty Lucas Walter & Medora Mullins	Debbie & Ty McCullough Robin Nore Christine Wallis
2017	none	Carrie Garufis	John Horne	Doanna Gross Daniel Kris Hapgood Betsy Zimmerman	Rita Lowery John Saunby Dave & Maggie Spilker	Cheryl Bohling Debbie Payne John Zeliff
2018	none	none	Husbands Club Louis & Cathy Martin	Danny Martin Cheryl Middlebrooks-Ray	Sallie Kudra Andrew Murray Nancy Sluys	Kathy Jackson David Nore
Peter Yovich from all						
2019	none	Bob & Margie Insko	Pam Galchutt Maarten Vanpoolen San Juan Valley	Amy Martin Maddie Martin Teresa Musgrave	Dream Team Carol Ault Courtney Woodall	Helen Smith Marla Stucky & Marilyn Marston
2020	none	none	none	Gayle Muench Mike & Sherry Murphy Elaine Swiss	Alan Yauck	Shari Parys Mike & Chris Wallis John Zeliff
2021	Leroy Burnham Lory Walls	none	Hannah Clark Juleen Feazell Dayna Morgan	Pat Collins Cara Liebman Fran Muench	none	Cheryl Bohling Kristen Schmalzried & Mary Licata Priscilla Lindsey
2022	Gene & Vicki Boicelli Steve Meroshnekoff	Kim Johnson & Bonnie Pollock Catherine McCord & Rob Dixon	Steve Ancell	Betsy Zimmerman David Spell Michael Perryman	Virginia & Wayne Tolbert Paula Riley Sallie Kudra	David Hayes Mary Fettes & Kristen Johansen Ruth & Rob Schindler
2023	none	Carol Evans Bob & Margie Insko	Linda Johnson-Conne Paula Sue	Chrissy Knight LeeAnn Dreadfulwater Holly Jones & Mollie Kelly	Nancy Fuller Cindy Keen Debbie & Ty McCullough	Alex Braun Sarah Smith



## ***NATRC Horse named AHA's Distance Horse of the Year***

Congratulations to our own Cynthia Mettes in Region 4 whose Arabian gelding, Nchanted Prince Valiant, was named the Arabian Horse Association's 2023 Distance Horse of the Year. Horses competing in competitive trail and/or endurance rides are eligible.

During the year, the team completed 11 NATRC Open rides, placing first and winning Sweepstakes in four of those rides, earned Valiant's NATRC National Championship as well as placing third in the nation overall.

Intermingled with their NATRC rides, the team completed two AERC 50-mile rides and placed Reserve Champion in the AHA Region 9 endurance ride. Valiant also won the AHA Region 9 Championship CTR.

### ***Nchanted Prince Valiant and Cynthia Mettes***

Photo by John Newell

*"And indeed, a horse who bears himself proudly is a thing of such beauty and astonishment that he attracts the eyes of all beholders. No one will tire of looking at him as long as he will display himself in his splendor." - Xenophon*

*"In the steady gaze of the horse shines a silent eloquence that speaks of love and loyalty, strength and courage. It is the window that reveals to us how willing is his spirit, how generous his heart."  
- Unknown*

# Reminders

Many of these reminders say to contact our Executive Director (ED). Contact Sarah J. Smith at [natrc@natrc.org](mailto:natrc@natrc.org).

## Ride Mgrs & Secretaries

### Ride Management Forms

Please download [new ride forms](#) EACH year. Last year's are **OBSOLETE!**

### Ride Management Support Fund

- Up to \$1,000 available to help defray upfront costs.
- Manager must be a member.
- Submit 1-pg [application](#) & supporting papers 90 days prior to ride.

## Riders & Members

### Membership

- [Join](#) or [renew](#) online or use form.
- New member? First year is FREE!
- Find out [which division](#) is right for you!

### Virtual Mileage Challenge

Can't travel? Ride at home and compete in our [mileage challenge](#).

### Let's Ride Seminar Series

- Watch our [website](#) for details.
- Suggest seminar topics to our ED.

### Ride Results

Find recent / past ride results [here](#).

### Give Feedback on Judges

Let [us](#) know how our apprentice and provisional judges are doing.

### Life Changes?

*Moved? Changed name?  
New phone? Added a junior?*

Please report any changes in your membership information to our ED.

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

### Points and Data

Please notify our ED of horse, rider, or ownership changes so we can properly apply points and mileage!

### NBOD Meeting Minutes

Includes [monthly and full meetings](#).

### High Point Breed Award

- Does your breed association sponsor a yearend high point breed award?
- If not, ask them to contact our ED to arrange to sponsor one.

### Rule Changes

- **October** - Deadline - submit proposals to your region's [national directors](#).
- View proposed or approved rule changes in [Resources/Rules](#).

## Riders & Members (cont'd)

- Standing Schedule:

### NBOD Meeting Activity

- Oct - Receive rule change proposals
  - Nov - Decide proposals to carry forward
    - Publish / post for comment
  - Feb/- Finalize wording
  - Mar - Publish / post for comment
  - Jul - Vote on changes
- After July - Update Rule Book*

### Honorary and Appreciation Nominations

Mark your calendars now. The 2024 write-ups (in MS Word) are due to [Ruth Mesimer](#) by 10pm CST, Sunday, 11-17-24.

### PROCEDURE

Submit nomination write-ups to your region's BOD by the region's due date. *Please keep to the word limits. The boards forward approved nomination write-ups to the H and A Chair.*

Your NBOD makes the selection at the 12/3/24 meeting. Awards presented at the 2025 national convention.

### CRITERIA

#### Jim Menefee NATRC Lifetime Achievement Award (400 words)

Awarded one time only to a person. Each region may nominate one member. The recipient gives a brief acceptance speech at the national convention. Award honors Jim Menefee, a favorite judge who was especially encouraging to Novices and first-time competitors.

#### Workers Hall of Fame (400 words)

One time only to a person, pair or couple. Each region may nominate one member. The NBOD selects one or more at their discretion.

#### National Appreciation Award (200 words)

Each region may nominate one member. The BOD selects three. Recipients eligible once every 3 yrs.

#### Regional Appreciation Award (200 words)

Each region may nominate up to three members. Nominees may be persons, pairs, or groups.

### Donations

NATRC is a non-profit organization and donations are tax deductible.

### Become a Sponsor

What is your preference? [Awards](#) - [Convention](#) - [Commercial](#) - [Personal](#)

### Goodshop / Goodsearch

*Coupons for you - donations for us!* Get coupon codes and [Goodshop](#) deals at thousands of stores, while a small percentage of what you spend goes to NATRC. Searching on [Goodsearch](#) helps, too.

## Juniors & Students

### 4-H Junior Rider

#### Yearend High Point Team Award

Use your valuable 4-H skills outside the arena and compete for this special award. Trail riding is a great way to cross train your horse for shows, to safely practice your equitation in a scenic setting, and even to use your showmanship skills during in-hand vet checks!

Encourage your 4-H friends to join you at CTRs and compete for this award. Contact us if you would like a presentation to your club to introduce the sport and answer questions.

Eligibility is simple. Compete in any division, nominate yourself, and prove that you are a 4-H member! 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, the last Sunday in November. (For 2024, November 24<sup>th</sup>).
- 3) You must: (a) be an competing member, (b) nominate yourself by contacting our ED, and (c) have your 4-H leader contact our ED to confirm that you are a 4-H member.

Additionally, in a number of states (Colorado for example), 4-H now recognizes competitive trail as a qualifying activity for a 4-H member's project. How cool is that? To document each ride, use [this form](#).

### Student Loan & Scholarship Program

Student loans and scholarships are available at the amount assigned by the National Board of Directors. Fulltime students who have been members, or whose families have been an active members for at least 3 years, preferred. We also consider students, or whose families, who have been active for less than 3 years but more than 6 months.

Priority: 1<sup>st</sup>, a student enrolled in an accredited School of Veterinary Medicine; 2<sup>nd</sup>, in studies leading to a degree in Animal Science, Nutrition, Health and/or other related equine field; 3<sup>rd</sup>, in other related equine studies; 4<sup>th</sup>, a college student in his/her senior year, then junior, sophomore, freshman. For a student loan, a student enrolled in other studies may be considered.

Scholastic achievement, financial need, and character, are also noted.

To apply, download the [Student Loan Application](#) or the [Bev Tibbits Memorial Scholarship Application](#).

Email the completed form to our ED.

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