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President's Message

Gary Clayton

The ride season is well on its way, and the economy has taken its toll on many of

the rides. I know in Region 5 we have yet to have a ride with as many as 40 entries. I hope the turnout has been better in other regions. The outbreak of the Equine Herpes Virus (EHV-1) has been a devastating blow to those on the west coast who are faced with this potentially deadly disease. I know that living in fear of your horse/horses contacting this contagious disease can be pretty stressful. I'm not aware of

any cases yet here in the East, but I am mindful of how easy it is for just one horse to bring it to this part of the country. Some rides have already been cancelled due to this problem. Everyone needs to think about the potential hazard of this disease and take actions to protect theirs horses. I would encourage each of you to check for updates from your state veterinarian's office. If not going to a ride or canceling a ride is necessary, then so be it.

It appears the danger period may be reaching an end and could very well be over by the time this is published. However we all need to be aware of

the potential hazards of this and other contagious and non-contagious diseases that can attack our horses. I speak with personal experience of what can happen. Magic, my horse who won the Presidents Cup in 2008, has come down with COPD followed by EPM. Although I do ride him often, I will never be able to compete with again.

I'm looking forward to getting back out on the road to do what we all love, and that is spending time with our horses and all the good people who are involved in this great sport.

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The Importance of Goals

Steve Kutie

2011 is now upon us, and it's time to start making a list of short and long term goals to aim for in the new year. I believe that our list of goals needs to be written down on a piece of paper and hung on the wall or fridge, so that we have to see them every day. In setting goals for ourselves, the only person that we need to answer to is ourselves; it is not our job to let others impose their will upon us. I think that every person has the will to thrive and to be a success, but some seem to get lost on their journey when influenced by others.

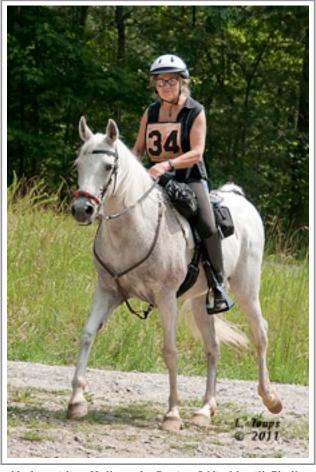
"It's not what people are willing to do to achieve their goals that keep them from achieving their goals. It is that they are not clear in defining what they are willing to give up."

- Earl Nightingale

Sometimes I think that we put too much stock in what our peers think or say; not everyone you meet knows what you have been going through in your personal life, or what hurdles you have crossed to get that green horse onto the open trail for the first time. Everyone loves to feel good about themselves and their accomplishments, even if it comes at the expense of others.

I'm a firm believer that the more we tell ourselves something, whether good or bad, it will directly affect the actions that we take. I also believe that people can worry themselves sick, or think themselves well. So if we set goals in small steps and achieve them, it lends itself to us accomplishing our larger goals.

If you are a novice rider with aspirations of competing in your first competitive trail ride, list that as your large goal and break the large goal into smaller, more manageable and attainable, steps. Determine the pieces that are necessary to achieve success every step of the way. Being able to compete with success at a lower level will serve as a stepping stone, while preparing you for the demands of competing at a higher level. It is impossible to think that you will be successful in achieving your larger goal of winning a National Championship or the President's Cup if you are unable to win at the Novice level. Don't set yourself up for failure; there is no set timeline for how long it takes to be successful.



Julie Nathan riding Holly at the Region 5 Nimblewill Challenge Ride. Photo by Linda Troup, www.momentstomemorieshome.com

Very few people have become an overnight success; achieving your goals comes from hard work and dedication.

Every person and horse has a set amount of ability. If you have the skills as a rider, do you need to find a better horse to attain your goal? Do you need to acquire the help of a professional to keep you on track? The people that surround you also help to determine how quickly you reach your goals. Find people that are positive and have your best interests in mind.

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The Importance of Goals, continued

Most goals fail due to being set too high to reach, allowing the person to become discouraged. Remember sometimes we don't always see the forest for the trees. All of our goals need to be set so that we are happy; and our happiness truly only depends on our own actions and thoughts. I try to look at it that if I fail, it only shows me what areas I need to improve on to achieve my goal.

As always: Ride Hard, Be Safe, Have Fun!

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Steve Kutie.

pleasure, dressage, team penning, halter and showmanship. All of his horses are started with the principles and theories of dressage; building a great foundation to let the horse perform to the best of their ability.



Lory Walls (Region 2) riding Alex at the Region 1 Round Valley Ride. Photo by Donna Stidolph.

Trauma on the Trail

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You're riding out yonder, far from help, when your horse gets hurt or sick. What do you do? We asked David Turoff, DVM, of Foothill Mobile Veterinary Service in Placerville, Calif., whose expertise includes large-animal rescue. Here's his advice:

DO dismount, get your horse under some shade, and remove your saddle. Then, assess the situation and your options while doing your best to stay calm.

DO administer first aid if you know how and have the necessary items; a riding companion may have what you don't. (See "Carry-Along Kit.")

DON'T leave your horse alone on the trail, if at all possible. A horse tied or tethered on his own is waiting to panic. (Horses, being herd animals, are hardwired to stay with a group to avoid being targeted by predators.)

DO summon help. Use your cell phone if you have service. If you don't, send someone to retrieve help. (If there are only two of you on the ride, be aware that your horse may become anxious when the other horse leaves.) If where you are, or can reasonably get to (more on that in a moment), isn't accessible by automobile, have the person who goes for help arrange to find a horse or an all-terrain vehicle the veterinarian can use to reach you. If you have a GPS unit, note your location; send the unit with the person who rides for help, so the search party can use it to find you.

DO try to lead your horse closer to where help will be IF you're many miles from the nearest vehicle access, there's plenty of daylight left, and your horse is capable of moving (he has, say, a laceration that's stopped bleeding and won't hinder his movement). Be sure the person going for help knows where you're headed.

DON'T try to move your horse IF help is reasonably close and can drive to where you are, dark is coming on, or your horse is too sick or wounded to move. Above all, don't push the panic button, even if the situation seems dire. Your horse needs you to remain calm and in control, and so do your companions.

Before-The-Ride-Checklist

Advance planning will pay huge dividends in the event you do run into trouble on the trail. Here's what Dr. Turoff recommends:

Don't ride alone. With three or more in your party, there's someone to go for help and someone to stay with the ill/injured horse and his rider. But even one other companion is vastly better than riding alone.

Do carry a cell phone with your vet's number (and a backup) preprogrammed into it. A GPS unit can also be extremely helpful, and will work in places where cell phones won't.

Always tell someone where your group is going and when you expect to be back.

Familiarize yourself with some of the road access points and parking areas around where you'll be going. (Where an injury occurs may be closer to one of the alternate access points than where you started.)

Ensure that someone in your party brings a basic first-aid kit. (See "Carry-Along Kit," below.) Keep a more complete kit in your trailer.

Carry-Along Kit

Wire cutters and pliers, or a multipurpose tool (such as a Leatherman®).
Emergency boot (such as Easyboot or Pro Fit) in case a shoe is thrown. (Each

rider should carry his own, in a size to fit his/her horse.)

Two sterile, non-stick, 4" x 8" pads. One leg quilt.

One roll 3- or 4-inch soft roller gauze. One roll 3- or 4-inch Elastikon® tape. Water-soluble antiseptic ointment (such as Neosporin®).

Two 8-inch lengths of 1/2-inch garden hose, fire-polished on the ends, plus K-Y® jelly or similar lubricant for snakebite complications; see "What Might Happen (& What To Do)." Clean hand towel.

Tube Banamine® or phenylbutazone. Two 10-inch lengths of 1-inch Velcro® strapping (available at hardware stores), for splinting and other binding purposes. You can also use these straps to hold your other first-aid items together.

What Might Happen (& What To Do)

Lameness from a fall, twisted joint, or hoof puncture/injury. Allow horse to rest.

Laceration from a fall or spook. Wash dirt/debris out of wound; stop or minimize bleeding by applying direct pressure with clean towel; bandage the wound with material from first-aid kit.

Colic, brought on by slight dehydration and/or stress, unfamiliar forage. Allow horse to rest; administer Banamine® or bute paste if pain becomes severe.

Tying up (stiffness and reluctance to move with no obvious cause; painresponse when you press on croup muscles; dark, sludgy urine). Allow horse to rest; any movement will make matters worse.

Snakebite. Allow horse to rest. If swelling from a bite on the muzzle begins to compromise breathing, lubricate the lengths of two 8-inch garden hoses in your first-aid kit and insert them into horse's nostrils.

Positive Thinking Doesn't Work: Positive Psychology and the Trail Rider

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Winter is over, warmer weather has definitely returned, and with the warmer weather comes more outdoor activities. Some of these activities such attending baseball games and trail riding, are fun and challenging. Some activities such as mowing grass, weeding, and repairing all the things that came apart during the last year are obligatory. Some people go from having little to do in the winter to having too much to do in the summer. Staying positive when there is nothing to do but be patient is difficult. So when summer rolls around and you are finally able to do the things you want to do, why then do you find yourself

struggling with that often times fleeting positive outlook? One explanation could be that instead of being bored, you are now tired. Yes, fatigue can chip away at your positive outlook just as much as being bored or upset. It takes effort to stay positive when you are tired.

Staying positive. Isn't this something that should come naturally to most of us? Haven't we been told countless time that positive thinking is good for us and for our health and wellbeing? Don't most of us practice being positive so we can be happier as we deal with frigid temperatures or uncomfortable situations in life?

So why is thinking positively, looking potentially unproductive? How can light hearted thinking that adds to our truth is that positive thinking doesn't work. Positive thinking alone doesn't work. I should clarify. Being a positive thinker may actually frustrate you, increase feelings of self-doubt, and ultimately may wear you down completely. Hopefully further unfounded idea that positive thoughts are all we need to create a positive,

forward to something and being upbeat, positivity make us genuinely tired? The explanation will shed some light on the happy life.

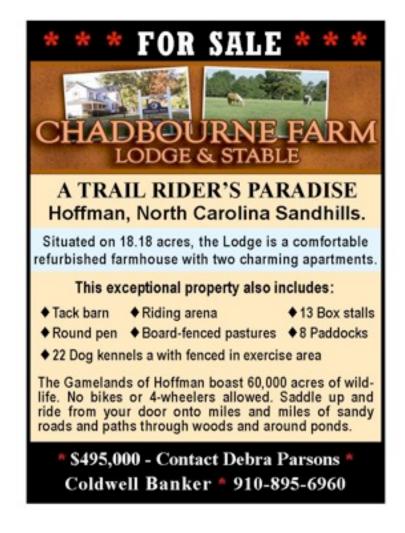
working on a research project through my work as a college professor that examines how a person's perceived level of happiness correlates (relates) to that person's wellness behaviors. In other words, do happy people engage in more healthful activities and wellness behavior? Is there a relationship between being happy and not smoking cigarettes? Are people who consistently exercise happier, more satisfied with their lives? In my preliminary look at happiness, I came across a new science called Positive Psychology, a science that has emerged over the last 5-6 years. In this article, I hope to show

Over the past few years I have been

how this new way of thinking can relate to competitive trail riding. Once the basic principles are understood and practiced, the science of Positive Psychology can help you become a better rider.

Most studies regarding human behavior and human thinking have looked at negative states of health and negative emotions, partially because there is far more interest in the negative, or dark side of human behavior than there is in positivity. Think about how stories of misfortune, sadness or anger capture people's attention. Look at the cover of magazines and notice the topic explored on talk shows. Sorrow and disability are what interests us. So why

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are we drawn to the negative and subsequently why do researchers study negativity more often than positivity? Besides being more interesting, another reason is that it is easier to study human negativity than positivity.

Negative emotions and words are actually more distinct than positive emotions and words. For example, the human face reflects emotions. There is a distinct difference between the facial expression of rage and the facial expression of anger. But the difference

isn't as great with positive emotions such as joy and gratitude, making negative expression easier to study. It is harder to often times see the difference in a face that reflects joy and one that reflects gratitude. Our language seems to reflect an emphasis on the negative as there are actually more negative words in the English language than positive ones with the ratio of 4 to 1.

From an evolutionary perspective, negative feelings and emotions have actually helped human beings survive. For example, anger helps a person focus by narrowing thoughts or actions on a specific target. A cave man gets angry at another cave man for stealing his food. His anger helps narrow his behavior by spotlighting what needs to be done in order to get the food back. No anger, no food, no survival. Have vou ever noticed that when a rider gets angry with his/her horse for not doing an obstacle, and begins to express this anger, the rider seems almost oblivious to other people around? The individual acts as if he/she is the only person around. The negativity has focused the person's behavior and words on a specific target. When people are angry they often use words that normally they wouldn't think about using. They often do things they are embarrassed about later. They think they are alone, so they speak and act as if they are.

Negativity is important for survival, is easier to detect in others, and many times this state feels good when it is expressed. The organs of the body

which pour adrenalin and other stress hormones and chemicals into the body are ignited by a survival instinct. If it is anger that initiates this adrenalin rush, and this rush feels good, then it is easy to see why getting angry may feel good. That is why it is easier to give in to negativity than work to be positive. Is positivity even needed to survive? The answer is yes. Positivity increases resiliency, is linked to better health and longer life, connects us to others socially, and helps us solve problems by increasing creativity.

How is positive thinking different from Positive Psychology, other than both recognizing that positive thinking is beneficial? Positive thinking is about creating positive self-talk and thinking favorably before something happens and sometimes after it happens. You and your horse approach an obstacle and you say "I can do this. My horse can do this, I think. But if we don't do it, well at least we tried." Or perhaps you say "My horse doesn't do obstacles very well so I am just going to ride for the joy of riding." Obviously there isn't any fundamentally wrong with this thinking. But it will not provide the long lasting results that you desire. The obstacle did not get competed and the positive thinking failed to keep you satisfied and happy. The words have lost their power.

Positive Psychology takes positive thinking and assigns meaning, after the event is over. It is in the assessment phase of any task that is completed, that a person can shape and define the event. Even if something is done to a person, something that hurts, there is a period of assessment in which meaning must be assigned to that moment in time. The importance of assigning meaning to any event (using Positive Psychology) is that it is the meaning of an event that truly adds to the creation of a happy life and happy health. Positive thinking is good, but assigning a positive meaning nurtures a person's very existence. Example: You approach an obstacle on the trail and one judge gives the following

directions: Back your horse half way over the narrow bridge which has a few boards missing, is covered by pieces of shiny aluminum foil and plastic that are blowing in the wind, and avoid the snakes that are coiled around the railings. When you stop your horse half way across the bridge, the horse in front of you will be told to gallop away. You are to pick up the two metal trash can lids and bang them together three times over your head.

Positive thinking: "Okay horse, we can do this. The two horses in front of us did it. At least we are going to try and do this. I'm not sure we'll finish but let's go give it a good ol'try. Wow, this obstacles looks impossible." So far, so good! Your horse is feeling your positive energy. You approach the bridge, get ready to back up and well, it just isn't going to happen. As you ride away from the obstacle, uncompleted, you say "Well, at least I tried. I am disappointed but hey, that was a tough obstacle. We're just having a bad ride. But next time, we'll do better. I guess I need to practice more with my horse on backing. I wonder how those other riders trained their horses to do that obstacle? Wow, they must be great trainers and riders. How should I expect myself to compete with them? I don't have much riding experience, and my horse is young and by the way, I'm only doing this because I want to ride my horse."

This self-talk is slowly going downhill. After the event is over, positive attitude and self- talk are often ineffective as they lose their energy. Most people do a poor job in the self-talk area. Most of don't believe what is said. People use self-talk almost to convince themselves that they are thinking positively, when in actuality the positive words aren't genuinely felt. What is missing is that the rider didn't find MEANING in the words after the event was over.

Positive Psychology suggests that when a genuine positive meaning is found, then that translates into the

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emotional assessment of the event, which will result in more happiness. *Pride, joy, light heartedness, love, gratitude, amusement, hope, inspiration, awe, serenity, and interest.* These are the most commonly felt positive emotions. Why not rewrite the ending of the snake covered bridge obstacle and include a positive emotion in the assessment? As a rider, can you feel amusement in your performance?

Can you find joy in the moment and gratitude to your horse for this experience? What about feeling awe for the performance of other horses and riders? Serenity in knowing you did your best? These assessments, after an event, are the pieces of the puzzles that create happiness. It has less to do with the positive thoughts

that are generated as you approach an obstacle, and more to do with the genuine assessment of the event once it is done. Without Positive Psychology, others can easily undercut the goals a rider has set if there isn't meaning in those goals. There must be alignment and meaning in the goals that are set. Riders often say that they don't care where they place or they don't care if they just blew the obstacle, because they are there for the enjoyment of riding. I say (quietly of course) that must not be the truth because words and actions aren't in alignment. Most of us ride because we want to win. We care how we place. That's the way it should be. The conflict comes when a rider says that he/she rides just for fun when truly each person wants to

win. There is no meaning, just disconnected words.

Positive Psychology demands you find meaning in emotions, ideas, behaviors, goals -- in good times and bad. Positive meanings create human strengths that create the ability to find benefit from adversity. Positive Psychology works best when things don't go well or when life is difficult. It's easy to be positive when things go your way. But remember, creating positive words and positive thinking isn't enough. Trail riders need to assign positive meanings to the event. Nurture this skill and keep it close. Think about this concept, try it, and know that it works!

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Our Machu Picchu Adventure

Teresa and Mark Smith

Machu Picchu, one of the Seven Wonders of the World, has drawn explorers and adventures since its discovery 100 years ago. Riding fine horses with a small group through the Andean wilderness had always been one of my dreams. What would it be like to combine both, then add the luxury of a warm ecolodge at the end of a day's ride? This could be the trip of a lifetime.

The mystery of magical Machu Picchu drew my husband and I from our horse property in Northern California to arrive in Cusco, Peru, for two days of acclimatization before starting our ride last November. Cusco was the center of the Inca Empire extending 2,500 miles along the Andes. They ruled 12 million people with a network of roads still in use today. When the Spanish Conquistadores arrived in 1532 their empire fell apart.

Guido, the cultural guide for our Mountain Lodges of Peru ride to Machu Picchu, gave us a tour of Cusco. Many of the Spanish cathedrals and colonial buildings were built on the foundations and walls of the Incas illustrating the mix of cultures.

Cusco offered us colorful open air markets with vendors selling a variety of fruits, vegetables, fabrics, hats, many of which I had never seen before, and also very good hotels, restaurants and shops. In the streets, you can see the local people, the descendants of the Incas, along with Peruvians from other regions and tourists from around the world. The city felt old, wise and proud of its heritage.

The night before starting the ride we met in a nice restaurant for a briefing from our hosts. Mountain Lodges of Peru is a unique and

special adventure travel company because it is all about "you" and making sure you return home with a sense of fulfillment.

They built four small intimate lodges along the Salcantay Inca Trail to Machu Picchu, each perfectly blended in their natural environment, with stylish design and bioclimatic architecture that allows for an eco-friendly operation. Their lodging and service are first class, with gourmet cuisine and amenities such as Jacuzzi, massage

and sauna.

The company is owned by a Peruvian family who deeply care for their beautiful country and its amazing heritage. They give back to the local communities by improving their living standards and offering work opportunities to their youth. They are also particularly fond of horseback riding, and their well-trained horses are blanketed and well fed under shelters every night.

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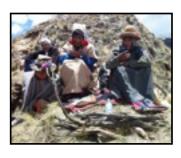
DAY 1 Early the next morning we were picked up by our guide in a small van and the real adventure began to unfold. We stopped in a village market where we were able to observe rural

Peruvian life. Next was the Inca site of Tarawasi, where we admired Incan stone walls where



the rocks were laid in an almost puzzle-like manner in the shapes of flowers. The gaps between the rocks are so small no seed has ever found a place to take root.

We visited the village of Mollepata, where MLP sponsors various projects under the auspices of Yanapana, a non-profit organization devoted to sustainability and conservation in the region. Then on to Coronilla Ranch, where our MLP Equestrian Guide, Ricardo, matched each of us with a fine American Quarter Horse. We all chose the Abetta Endurance saddle and tack over riding English.



After about an hour ride up the mountain, we stopped for a picnic lunch and

to enjoy our first breath taking view of Mt. Salcantay in the distance. This 20,000' mountain capped with snow and glaciers is the second most sacred peak in Inca mythology. We arrived at Salcantay Lodge, which sits against a high rocky cliff at the top of a huge meadow, around 4:30 pm.

We were greeted by the friendly staff, all in uniform, with hot tea and warm towels. The horses were escorted to their quarters and us to ours. We settled into our large private room with a balcony and view across the pampas up to the glaciers of Mt. Salcantay. The sunset over the Andes viewed from the huge stone outdoor hot tub with good wine and companionship topped off this day's ride.

DAY 2 This was an optional day ride to a spectacular turquoise glacier lake at the base of 21,000 ft. Humantay peak. We left in the morning and rode for about an hour.



The last part was too steep for horses so we left them behind, while Guido lead us on foot to the glacial lake at the bottom of a waterfall pouring off the massive glacier. We arrived back at the four-star lodge in time for lunch and a free afternoon. We used the high-speed Internet to catch up on our emails, had a glass of wine at the bar, and rested up before enjoying a gourmet dinner.

DAY 3 We departed about 9:00 am to cross over the 15,500 ft. pass between Mt. Salcantay and Mt. Humantay to the next lodge. We rode the ancient Inca Trail for about two hours winding up the valley beside a huge dark glacial moraine left from the receding glaciers of the Andes. I felt so small compared to the magnitude of the scenery.

Our guides led us to a small glacier lake at the base of the pass between the two mountains where we stopped for lunch. It was a mystical place with glaciers

right above us shrouded by clouds. While resting on the grass, we spotted two condors,



magnificent birds with up to a 15-foot wingspan. We mounted and crossed the pass were we encounter gusty winds with some light rain. We stopped briefly on the pass by the rock monuments to take in the enchantment of the sacred mountains, then started our descent down the eastern slope of the Andes.

We followed the glacial streams that are the headwaters of the Amazon River to another expansive pampas surrounded by the back side of Mt. Humantay. There we found the lodge in a mist of fog and light rain.

The lodge was truly a welcome sight to be greeted once again by hot tea and warm towels by the lodge staff. Wayrac Lodge is very cozy with warm fires, lots of windows and breathtaking views. We relaxed in the hot tub, followed by a fabulous dinner and an evening of dance and music performed by the local people. That night there was a storm with lightning and thunder. It was good to know that the horses had blankets, good feed and their own shelter. I was sure happy I wasn't camping as I snuggled into my down comforter in a king size bed in the middle of nowhere!

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Our Machu Picchu Adventure, continued

DAY 4 We left the lodge around 9:30 am. The storm had covered the mountains with a light dusting of snow, but the valley floor was fresh and green. We rode around the meadow to enjoy the true beauty and majesty of our awe-inspiring Andean surroundings before descending into the cloud forest below. The trail was at times challenging with some exposure

as it



narrowed above the Salcantay River. However, our horses knew the trail well and took it all in

stride. The air became warm and sweet with tropical flowers as the vegetation became more lush and colorful butterflies tagged along for the ride. The river below grew larger with every turn in the trail, becoming a raging whitewater winding through the jungle.

We rode for about four hours, mostly at a walk due to the terrain, until we crossed the river over a rustic wooden bridge leading to Collpa Lodge at 9,200 ft. Once again we were greeted by the friendly staff, but this time with lemonade and cool towels. While we enjoyed a hot tub, massage, and some

relaxing time on the lawn, the cook was preparing a special treat for us. It was the traditional feast of "pachamanca", a meal of many types of vegetables and meats cooked in the ground under hot stones, including guinea pig, a local delicacy.

In the afternoon we were visited by a group of women from the local weaving cooperative who showed us their crafts. We bought a few weavings to bring home as presents, and in doing so, give back to the local community. The MLP visiting botanist guided us along the "Orchid Trail" on the lodge's grounds, a project designed to highlight endemic species of orchids that bloom in the region and to educate locals and tourists on the need to preserve them.

DAY 5 We delayed our departure due to some rain in the early morning. The ride was about four hours over 20 km alongside the Santa Teresa River. The start of the ride was rush hour in rural Peru where there are no roads so everything must be moved on mules. We crossed a swinging bridge over the confluence of two rivers swollen by the rains where we ran into several mule trains carrying goods upslope into the Andes. Our horses stood calmly while over forty horse and mules all gathered for the crossing of the raging river. A sight to be seen!

Then we followed a new gravel road, which affords great views of the Santa Teresa river, lush jungle and local farming terraces in the steep gorge. We enjoyed good footing to trot and canter along the way through small villages. We stopped on the road at the head of a newly restored section of the Llactapacta Inca Trail. Here we say goodbye to our horses and our equestrian guide, as horses are not allowed on this trail, then enjoy a twenty-minute walk to Lucma Lodge at 6,900 ft. Bright flowers, avocado,



banana and wild cloud forest fruit trees surround this lodge. The staff showed us once more the wonderful Peruvian hospitality. The afternoon was spent relaxing in the sun, tasting different fruits and touring a small organic coffee farm.

DAY 6 Given the choice of hiking the Inca Trail or taking the van with the luggage to Agua Caliente, we chose the five-hour hike. After an early breakfast

we followed the Inca Trail for two hours up 2,500 feet to the pass were we stopped for a snack. The trail took us through a beautiful cloud forest at a moderate pace.

Then we descended to the spectacular Inca Tambo (fortress) ruins of Llactapacta which is partly covered by the jungle vegetation. Here we shared a private lunch at a farmer's home set in a grass covered clearing on the side of the mountain. From this vantage, we enjoyed a unique view of Machu Picchu from the southeast, a sight most tourists will never see.

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Our Machu Picchu Adventure, continued

We stood with the sacred mountain range we had traversed behind us, the sacred river below us, looking across to Machu Picchu, elegantly set on the next ridge top.

We felt part of the land as we continued our 3,000 ft. descent to the swinging bridge over the Urubamba River at the base of Machu Picchu. There we soaked our feet in the icy waters before walking to the Hydro train station. This was a true South American western frontier scene in sharp contrast to our small private group experience. The train departed at 3:30 pm for a 45-minute ride to the town of Aguas Calientes (6,690 ft.) along the Urubamba river gorge with its steep rock walls and jungle overhanging above the train tracks.

Upon arrival, we checked into the wonderful boutique Inkaterra Pueblo Hotel, which is set amongst acres of exotic gardens and nature trails connecting rooms to restaurant and spa facilities. That evening we toured the town shops and adjusted to civilization again.

DAY 7 Guido, our cultural guide, had patiently endowed us with an understanding of the Inca culture as we traversed the Andes and passed through eleven bio-zones. We had a feel for how hard it must have been for the Incas to control such a large empire, much less to build Machu Picchu on top of a remote ridge.

Today he led us on a private tour of the mind-boggling and mysterious lost city of Machu Picchu, allowing us to take our time with photos and questions. The invading Spanish

Conquistadores did not discover and plunder this remote sacred site. The stone temples were crafted to stand on that steep ridge through 550 years of earthquakes and weather.

The Incas had no system of writing, no wheel, no arches, no large beast of burden, and no hard metal tools, yet they build a gravity-fed water system capable of supporting their crops and hundreds of people on this steep hillside. We were all left in a state of wonder and respect for the genius of the Incas.

Late that afternoon we relaxed in our comfortable compartment of the Vistadome train which followed the Urubamba River through the jungle canyons on our way back to Cusco. Reflecting back on the journey, it really was the Trip of a Lifetime!

For information on joining this ride please contact Mark and Theresa Smith, North American MLP Equestrian Representative, equestriantrekking@gmail.com, 916.769.7701, www.mountainlodgesofperu.com.

The Horses of Machu Picchu

The horses were American Quarter Horses from Uruguay; they were very strong, well built, level headed and professionally trained for the rugged Andes mountain terrain. They were in excellent condition for the sometime demanding terrain along the trail. They were very sure footed with three nice gaits to ride the distances in comfort.

On some days we were walking, trotting and cantering with a couple of places to gallop. There were a couple of days where we mostly walked on horseback because of the steep terrain, but the views and scenery were so spectacular that we enjoyed the slower pace.

We were escorted by equestrian and cultural guides, as well as an assistant horse guide on foot. They carried extra food, drinking water, a satellite phone, first aid kit and oxygen bottle for our safety and comfort.



The Business of NATRC: Framing the Big Picture

Elaine Swiss

In comparison to the many businesses we all frequent on a regular basis, our competitive trail riding organization is not very large by any measure. We have approximately 1200 members, less than \$100,000 in annual revenue, and no physical property other than a laptop computer. Yet, we have all of the same management challenges that our much larger cousins have, whether they are for profit or not-for-profit. There are financial, legal, personnel and operational decisions made every single day.

NATRC has two employees, one full-time and one seasonal part-time, and payroll responsibility for Social Security, Medicare and Workers' Compensation insurance as well as liability insurance obligations. There are costs associated with competitions such as the scorecards, rule books, drug tests and all of the postage to mail these items to every Ride Secretary. There are the expenses of our

communications, education and outreach, such as *Hoof Print*, the website, NATRC E-news, manuals and brochures, not to mention the costs of the annual awards.

How are these things paid for? Your membership dues, which are shared with each of the regions, cover only 25 percent (one-fourth) of NATRC annual expenses. Ride income from rider member, non-member and drug fees usually covers the ride and clinic expenses. Everything else (*Hoof Print*, Convention and Annual Awards, Scholarships, and office expenses) are covered by the sale of National Sponsorships and advertising or by donations, sale of logo items and the annual raffle.

Who makes the financial, legal, personnel and operational decisions? Your elected Board of Directors does. Many hardworking volunteers, some on the Board and some not, spend

hours preparing reports and analyzing data to present to the Board of Directors so that decisions can be discussed and voted upon. Changing rules, raising membership dues or cutting *Hoof Print* expenses are not taken lightly by your elected officers.

Please spend some time examining the year-end 2010 Profit & Loss statement (p. 45-46), published again for this purpose, as well as the statement for the first three months of 2011. Study where the money comes in and where it is spent. Ask questions, offer ideas, pursue sponsors and donations. Get engaged and help your Board make the best decisions for NATRC.

NATRC may be small by many measures, but it is not small as measured by the commitment and loyalty of its membership. It's time to capitalize on it.





Dear NATRC Members,

NATRC can receive one penny for each Internet search using GoodSearch as the search engine. You wouldn't think that could add up to much, but it does. Last year we made \$409.39! You can shop using GoodShop, which includes all the big retailers, with up to 30 percent going to NATRC. Turn your search and shopping into dollars. If you aren't already, please consider going to www.GoodSearch.com and setting North American Trail Ride Conference -- NATRC (Sedalia, CO) as your preferred charity.



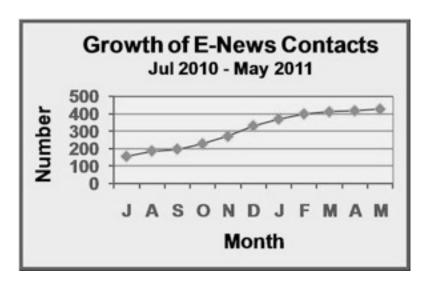
Thanks! Laurie

WHERE TO LEARN THE LATEST? NATRC E-NEWS

It's fun. It's fast. It's easy. And it's the official electronic communication channel of our organization.

While it may be more fun to ride from town to town spreading the news and announcements of NATRC, technology has taken a faster path. Your National Board of Directors invested in a subscriber-based electronic marketing software called Constant Contact. With it NATRC launched NATRC E-News.

Receive electronic announcements on upcoming NATRC rides and clinics, new sponsors and special offers, NATRC promotions and contests, and general NATRC information including details on rules changes and proposals as well as regional and national Board minutes in a timely manner by subscribing now.



To begin receiving NATRC E-News, simply go to the NATRC website (www.natrc.org) and click on "Join/Renew" along the top, then select "Join NATRC E-News." After you are directed to the E-News sign-up page, you can choose to receive a variety of different types of announcements.

If you would like to send NATRC information to all subscribers or just specific regions, contact Bev Roberts (matefey@gmail.com) or the National office (natrc@natrc.org) for help to put your announcement on the official NATRC electronic communication channel.

Marketing

Got Questions? We've Got Answers

Bev Roberts

Is this your most burning question? "How can I help grow NATRC and support our Sponsors?" If it is, we have answers for you!

The first answers are obvious. Tell all your friends about NATRC and our sponsors, attend rides and buy from our sponsors. But wait ... there's more! Use those brochures, *Hoof Prints*, patches, decals, pictures and awards that you've received or purchased to encourage folks to check out NATRC, try it and join.

Brochures

Riders, have you noticed that you have been getting brochures in your rider packets? Have you wondered what to do with them other than the obvious which is to support our sponsors by purchasing products from them? Here

are a few ideas.



Carry a few, including NATRC ones, with you when riding and give them to folks you meet. Post NATRC brochures

(always ask permission) at your local:

- feed stores,
- tack stores,
- · western wear stores,
- gas stations and convenience stores,
- farm and ranch stores,
- · Mom and Pop grocery stores,
- · veterinary offices,
- · fairgrounds,
- · arenas,
- · boarding stables,
- · cafes where the locals hang out,

- · trailer dealerships,
- · truck and auto repair shops,
- · horse rescues,
- · equestrian and agricultural colleges.

Leave brochures in waiting rooms at doctor, dentist and optometrist offices.

Give brochures to friends, relatives, neighbors and youth groups (like Little Britches, 4H, FFA).

Hoof Print

Leave copies in waiting rooms at doctor, dentist and optometrist offices.

Give them to friends, relatives, youth groups and neighbors.

When electronic copies become available, email them to friends, etc.

Patches

Put them on your clothing and jackets. Instead of buying designer T-shirts, sweatshirts, jackets, etc., with some sports team, designer name, soft drink, or whatever on them, buy plain ones for less and use the savings to buy patches to sew on them!

Decals

Place the large decals on your truck and trailer. Place the small ones on your car windows.

Pictures

Have a favorite picture of you and your horse in competition? Have it printed on your favorite coffee cup that you use at work. Enlarge it, frame it and hang it in your office. Have it printed onto a T-shirt.

Awards

Display NATRC awards in a nice vignette on your desk or credenza at work. Display awards in your home. Use NATRC and Region coffee cup awards at work. Wear your belt

buckles, mileage medallions and pendants.



In short, advertise NATRC wherever you go, every day, day in and day out by having silent displays on your clothing, on vehicles, at work

and in your home and having brochures available to hand out.

More ambitious? Here are a few more ideas.

Make a small colorful poster with color photos from rides around the edge and a list of NATRC rides within 300 miles of your town in the middle. The list of rides should include the date, location and contact information. Be sure



to say in large lettering somewhere: "To learn more, please go to www.natrc.org or call (your name)at (your phone)."

Search for your local regional publications that have a

calendar of events in the publication and on their website. Send in ride information for all rides within the publications' distribution area.

What is it the sales people say? Isn't it something like 10 percent of the calls you make will result in actual sales? So, if 100 brochures get out there where horse people congregate, then maybe 10 percent of them will give us a try and decide to become members.

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- 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.

2012 Raffle

An Adventure of a Lifetime

Bev Roberts

We are excited to announce that at the 2012 Convention in Reno, NV, some very lucky person is going to win a 2012 7-day lodge-to-lodge horseback ride to Machu Picchu! Yes, that is in Peru! The winner could be YOU

You will have a day to acclimate and to visit historical sites in Cusco, learn about Inca culture and intermix with the welcoming and courteous folks of Peru. Did we mention you could also go shopping?

Even though you will be in a very remote area, you will have modern

conveniences and access to medicine and medical care, if needed. The lodges are earth friendly and the company has many programs that give back to the local community.

The raffle includes not only the horseback ride to Machu Picchu donated by our sponsor, Mountain Lodges of Peru, but also a \$1,000 voucher to be redeemed from NATRC to apply toward your air fare or to help pay for someone to accompany you. Total prize value is \$4,000. There are nineteen dates



from the beginning of April through October from which to choose.

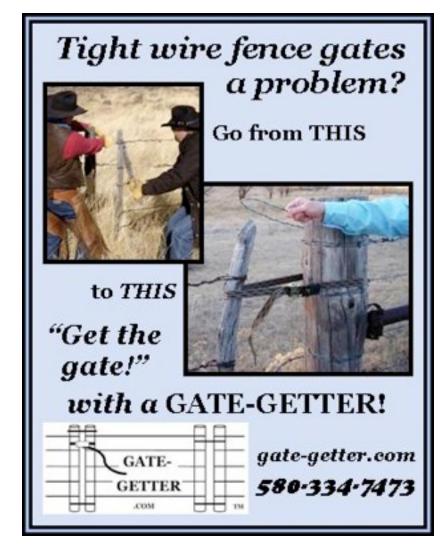
This raffle is open to everyone – members, non-members, friends, relatives, strangers. On our website (www.natrc.org) is a treasure trove of information about the trip. There is even a flyer that you can download, print and post at feed, tack, western wear, convenience stores and so on.

Tickets can be purchased online!

So if you know a bunch of folks who would love to win this raffle, contact your region's National Directors to get tickets to sell.

Ticket donations will be \$10 each or 3 for \$25, 7 for \$50, 15 for \$100. All people who sell raffle tickets will be in the running for a secret Top Seller Award (tickets purchased online with PayPal will not count).

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2012 Raffle, continued

Remember, people buying raffle tickets need not be present to win. The drawing will be held Saturday, March 10, 2012 at our convention awards banquet.

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NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE



Machu Picchu Lodge-to-Lodge 7-day Horseback Ride Raffle

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For ride information, contact Mark & Theresa Smith, 916-769-7701 Tickets: Prices: 1 - \$10, 3 - \$25, 7 - \$50, 15 - \$100

Drawing Saturday, March 10, 2012 Need not be present to Win.

For information or tickets, go to www.natrc.org or call 303-688-1677

The Rewards of the Awards

Jonni Jewell

You put hours into working, conditioning and training your horse for the upcoming NATRC ride. The weekend arrives, and you go to the event and have a wonderful time participating. But at the end of the ride, after your final check out, you are ready to hit the road and get home. You have a long drive ahead of you, and you just can't wait around for the judges to finalize scores so management can hand out awards. Besides, you feel you were in a pretty tough class, and no way could you have really won anything.

But I wanted to share some thoughts from the other side of this scenario.

Management puts hours into organizing the rides. They have done stacks of paperwork, typed on the computers until they thought they could not type any more, worked on the trails - trimming, marking, timing, and setting out signs. They have lined up judges and have key personnel ready in the different volunteer positions. Many spend extra time and effort looking for just the right awards for the event. Some actually make special, unique handmade awards for the riders to take home for their efforts.

After all the days, weeks and months laboring to put together a wonderful ride, and after a long, hard weekend, it is now final check out, and time to start getting ready for the awards presentation. But as riders finish, you see many start to load up and head home. While most ride managers will say they understand that some riders need to leave as soon as they can, it does not make it any less disappointing when they call out a name for an award, and that rider has left. The culmination of all the hard work for management is that awards ceremony. That is where they get to see the riders one more time after watching them

show the judges the partnership they have with their horse as they traversed the trails that were laid out. One last time after they have watched them show the judges the benefits of all that work and training as they completed obstacles. Management is just as excited to see how everyone placed as the riders themselves.

I understand that many riders have to be to work Monday morning. They need to get some sleep after a long weekend of riding so they can get up to go to said job to be able to have the means to be able to participate at the rides. They need to get home at a reasonable hour to get the horse taken care of. But I have watched riders who live only an hour from the ride site pull out right after check out at early to mid-afternoon, some of them selfemployed and working out of the home. Maybe the awards do not mean much to them, but I'd like some to consider what they mean to management.

Besides the emotional side of being able to top off the weekend giving out the awards, there is also a practical side of it. If a rider wins something, did they make arrangements for someone to pick it up for them? Did they let management know what to do with any awards won? If the award is something big that cannot just be dropped easily in the mail,

management now has to figure out how to get it to the winner. As crazy as it might sound to some, they feel an obligation to actually get that prize, from as simple as a ribbon that would fit in an envelope, to a lovely embroidered chair or horse blanket that would need costly shipping, to its rightful owner.

The judges would love to answer any questions you might have about your scorecard. Another consideration it that occasionally judges do make mistakes, and placings have to be adjusted. It's much easier to do that on scene rather than later in the week.

So, at the next ride, really think about if you absolutely need to leave right away to get home by the time you planned, or if you can stay for awards. And if you cannot stay, before pulling out, have the courtesy to take the time to go find the management team, thank them for the ride, and explain you need to leave and what to do with your awards and score cards. If you want things mailed, leave them a preaddressed envelope and some postage. If someone is to pick up your awards and cards, ask that person to do so, and let management know.

Awards are not just rewards for the riders, but they are rewards for the management team too. They do this for the love of the sport. Nothing more. Reward them if you can, with staying until the end.

Jonni's horse, Hank, won the 2009 President's Cup.





NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE

2012 Raffle

Drawing Saturday, March 10, 2012

> Need not be present to Win

One ticket for \$10 3 tickets for \$25 7 tickets for \$50 15 tickets for \$100

Purchase with cash, check, money order or pay online.

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May 5th,	13th, 27th
June10th,	15th, 30th
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August 4th	
September	9th, 20th
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November	6th, 26th







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So You Want to Start Open

Patti Hicks, Region 4

There are probably many of you who are contemplating riding a horse in the Open Division and who are searching for some guidance to make this transition. I started Open several years ago, have successfully ridden horses in Open after just a few CP rides, and even started a horse in Open this season.

When starting a horse for CTR competition, I do both the training and conditioning through regular consistent riding on our cattle ranch, on varied trails, as well as just going out through the woods and rough areas. I do work my horses in hand. When you go to feed in the evenings, you can spend 15 minutes a day on in-hand work and soon have a responsive well- mannered horse. I don't necessarily work on "obstacles" per se. I like to train my horses to be responsive to cues and pressure and to move each body part and feet when I ask. I try to use just natural terrain to train the horse. Getting your horse really broke so he responds to what you ask and reins and handles well is paramount to negotiating through tough terrain, observations and maneuvering obstacles.

In 2007, I competed my husband's horse due to my own having a nonriding related injury. We had been riding this horse regularly at home, had taken him camping some, and ridden safety at a few rides. Since he was still a four-year-old, we did the first four rides of the season in CP. He turned five in late April, and we moved on to Open. Domino received a national championship in his first six Open rides. In 2008, I started riding his younger sister. She had already turned five but was recovering from an injury to her hoof. We had been riding her at home, gone camping some, and I had ridden her safety a couple of times. We did two CP rides late in the year, then did an Open ride to see how she

handled it before the new season started. She placed third in that ride. I competed her in 2009 and 2010, earning a national championship. In December of 2009, I became the owner of an unbroken four-year-old palomino mare. I started her under saddle that following spring and worked and rode her at home on our ranch. I decided to compete her, and in December 2010 I went to the Region 4 Christmas ride. Since I had been riding and working her on a regular basis all year, and she was now 5 and half, I entered Open with the idea I could always pull. We finished the ride in good form and have continued the season in Open, winning the tough Arkansas Traveler. I took this mare straight from our ranch into competition.

Many think the speed of Open is detrimental to developing the mind of the trail horse. Teaching the horse to go at your requested speed and to rate and pace is a big part of training. I take the time to correct and discipline my horse even when riding Open. If my horse wants to jig or rush, I hold them to a walk or slow jog and use a pull and release of each rein independently to take away their nose. This slows their feet, captures their brain, and vet allows them to continue forward movement. Consistency is the key. Most of us work and many have small children, so time is always a factor. I have found if I can ride 15 miles a week mixing up trotting, cantering and

walking, I can condition a horse for Open and keep them fit during off time. While I pleasure ride often, I take about 90 days of steadily increasing the work and pace to ready my horse to compete Open. The steady pleasure riding builds tendon and bone strength, and the increased pace and miles builds wind and endurance. When we are competing every few weeks, I do just slow loosening up rides in between as the horse gains condition with every Open competition.

A good tip to remember is you have a maximum time, and often added hold time. It's yours to use. Don't rush and wear out your horse or frazzle his brain. Use your time wisely, and you can walk him in that last two miles. Open is an incredible fun challenge. Many of our Novice and CP riders and horses are certainly up to it. To finish an Open ride is such a satisfying accomplishment and testament to the teamwork with your horse. Horses can successfully go Open with few competitions or even start out there. You just need to ride consistently to develop their fitness level and mind.





Using a Whip at Check-in

Jamie Dieterich, Horsemanship Judge

Many of you have probably heard that if you want to use a whip at the final vet check-out, you had to have used it at the first vet check-in. The rationale for that was consistency in presentation. But where was it written?

This "guideline" for use of a whip was in a document called the *BOD Guidelines*. These guidelines were a compilation of things that didn't have a good "home." Many people, including judges, didn't know this document existed. How can you enforce something when you don't even know where it is? If things pertain to the ride or to judging, they need to be where riders and judges can find them (Rule Book, Judges Manual). If they pertain to ride management, they need to be

where ride managers can find them (Management Manual).

All the items in the former "BOD Guidelines" were individually reassigned by vote of the NBOD -- moved to manuals (Judges, Management) where they belong, incorporated into rule changes, deleted, or put into a new document called "Policies and Procedures." The current "Policies and Procedures" document is essentially a collection of administrative procedures, committee job descriptions, etc., for the National Board, and it is a constant work-in-progress.

Thus the use of a whip at check-in was never a rule and was always difficult to enforce fairly. The important thing should be whether or not the handler uses a whip appropriately. A whip should really be just an extension of the arm. The veterinary judge needs to see the horse move freely to evaluate way of going, MAW (movement, attitude and willingness) and soundness. The handler needs to present the horse to meet those goals and to maintain control. For many horses, just seeing the whip in the handler's hand encourages them to behave better or move along better.

The horsemanship judge should evaluate if the handler is using the whip appropriately. The veterinary judge will evaluate the horse's movement, and he/she will not be fooled into thinking a truly tired horse is lively and animated.



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NATRC Group Machu Picchu Trip Offer

Bev Roberts

Mountain Lodges of Peru has offered to NATRC one free 7-day Lodge-to-Lodge Machu Picchu Horseback Ride trip if we have a group of 10 up to 15 people who sign up for and go on a group trip.

This opportunity is totally separate from the 2012 Raffle.

Here's the deal. I will be organizing the trip for NATRC and MLP. The group can choose from the same list of nineteen 2012 ride dates. We have to be organized by *at least* three months before the date we want, otherwise, the date may already be full. We can, however, select a non-advertised date. The best times are April-May-June and September-October as these are the "dry" seasons. The business is closed from Thanksgiving to April.

Of course, all who attend will have to get themselves to Cusco, Peru and get a hotel room (MLP gives us their recommendations) for the number of nights you will be there prior to the ride. The MLP guide meets with everyone at their hotel for "ride briefing" the night before the ride.

Options

For folks with health concerns, here are a few things to ease your minds.

- Cusco, although ancient, has doctors and pharmacies like modern cities.
- The ride guides carry first aid kits and O2 bottles.
- The ride guides have satellite phones.
- Even though the lodges are remote, they have modern conveniences (and luxuries as well – Jacuzzi, sauna, massage!)
- The hosts' experience is that few people have altitude problems.

You will pay MLP your deposit and later the balance. NATRC and I will not be involved in any funds transactions. You can learn what these trail riders' adventures are all about in three places:

- the article on page 11 by Mark Smith about his trip in 2010;
- the NATRC website which has the two-page MLP flyer, a 36-page brochure with all the details and a brief on how MLP gives back to the community; and
- the MLP website, www.mountainlodgesofperu.com, or

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Hoof Boots Questions

Jamie Dieterich

New this year, hoof boots for sole protection are legal to use in NATRC rides. The rule reads:

- 1. There are no shoeing restrictions.
- 2. All types of hoof boots that provide sole protection are allowed. However, any attached strap, keeper, or gaiter must not extend above the pastern. The judges may request to observe the area covered by the attached strap, keeper, or gaiter.

F. Tack

- 1. Riders must use a saddle. The type of saddle and other equipment is at the discretion of the rider within the bounds of good horsemanship. However, no inhumane method of restraint is to be used.
- 2. Trail gear desired by the competitor during the ride will be carried on the

horse. No part of a rider's wearing apparel is considered trail gear.

3. Protective devices, such as bell boots or wraps, are not permissible on the legs of horses except for hoof sole protections as allowed under Section 5.E.2. The leg is defined as all structures above and including the coronet.

As with anything new, there are questions. One recent question was, "Is the gaiter that is now available with Old Mac Boots legal?" This gaiter, as described on the EasyCare, Inc. website under Old Macs, is not really a gaiter that serves as an attachment, but is rather an optional accessory designed for protection, more like a sock or a wrap. The instructions mention they can be useful in the breaking in period which implies they are intended to be temporary. This

accessory is not legal to use under our current rule.

A related question was, "With the Easyboot Glove, can I wrap athletic tape (under the boot) around the whole hoof (about two wraps)? It goes over the heel and heel bulbs, so it covers some of that hair in the back above the bulbs."

Mike Peralez, DVM, responded that "If the area in question has hair, then it is above the coronet, whether it is the dorsal aspect of the hoof, the quarters or the heel. No tape may cover any portion of the heel bulb, which is covered by hair."

Keep the questions coming. They help all of us.

Student Loan Program Available

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

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

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National Board Elections

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Hunter Jumper Rider Interns for NATRC, Learns Sport of CTR

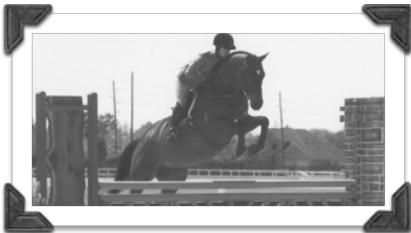
Dianne Froehlich

As a senior marketing major at St. Edward's University in Austin, Texas, I was looking for an internship to get course credit and valuable work experience. After riding for 15 years and owning five horses, I naturally wanted to work in the horse world, so I applied for the intern position at NATRC for the spring

semester. I had never heard of NATRC, but the job description seemed to combine my need for marketing experience and my desire to work in the equestrian field.

Since I compete in the hunters on a national level, I did not know what I would find in the competitive trail riding world. In my experience, trail rides were only for fun and to get our horses out of the barn for a little while. I contacted Elaine Swiss, the NATRC supervisor, for an interview in November and learned more about the position.

Elaine gave me a brief overview of the history of NATRC, including what made the sport unique from other equine competitions. She explained that I would be working with her to sell National Sponsorships to various tack and feed vendors, and that I could even earn commissions on any sales I made. I also learned that I would be expected to write press releases and articles for local and national publications as well as find websites on which to publish the NATRC ride schedule. We agreed that the job would be mutually beneficial, and I started work before the beginning of the semester.



Elaine and I selected a list of National Sponsor prospects that I thought I would be successful in approaching since I used the products or was familiar with the company. All in all, I contacted about 12 companies and was successful with only one, but it was a Bronze level package which includes ads and National Convention coverage. It was hard at first because I did not know the sport very well, and I had never done cold-calling. I don't think I want to pursue telephone sales as a career. I do believe that many of the other companies I contacted will eventually become National Sponsors though. It just takes more time than a single semester holds.

Another assignment I had from the University was to write an ethics paper about some aspect of my internship. I chose the NATRC Drug Policy and Penalties. Competitors in the hunter shows I attend are allowed to use some pain-killing drugs, so the NATRC drug-free rules and debate on penalties was interesting to me. Deciding appropriate penalties will certainly be a hard decision.

I ended my semester by volunteering as a secretary for Horsemanship judge, Kathy Budd from Colorado, at the Wimberley Wayfarer CTR in Dripping Springs,
Texas. Even after working on NATRC marketing business for three months, I didn't exactly know what to expect. One irony I came across is that some hunter/jumper riders don't take their horses out on trails for fear of injury to expensive show horses.
The exact opposite is the case in NATRC where the primary emphasis is on

soundness and safety on the trail.

The environment was relaxed, and NATRC competitors and volunteers made me feel welcome and like family from the start. Everyone understood my newcomer's confusion and spent time explaining what was happening. Kathy was open to answering my questions about what I observed and discussing the differences between riders. She even let me question her about why she scored riders' differently. I was definitely exhausted after the long weekend, I don't know how you all do it.

It is certainly a different world from mine but I can see myself entering a NATRC ride if I were to retire from the hunter world. Plus I got an "A" in my course. What a great way to combine school and horses!

25th Spanish Trail CTR

As told to Kathy Nicholl by Medora Mullins

The Five Flags Arabian Horse Association (FFAHA) celebrated its 25th consecutive Spanish Trail CTR on March 12-13 in the Coldwater Recreation Area of the Blackwater River State Forest, near Munson, Forida. This large and dedicated group of people formed their non-profit association in 1986. A member named Steve Carson had already discovered NATRC, ridden some CTRs, and liked them. He proposed that FFAHA get involved and put on a CTR at the Coldwater horse camp where members were already experienced in putting on IAHA regional and national championship rides. FFAHA leaders compared IAHA and NATRC rulebooks and thought an NATRC sanctioned ride sounded good. So the group turned in a sanction approval request and started looking around for judges in 1986. Ride Manager, Steve Carson, was turned down by numerous

vet judges since this was a new ride with new management. Bill Sherfesee had already agreed to judge horsemanship and was a key influence in getting Steve to organize an NATRC CTR at Coldwater. (Bill had been to the Coldwater campground to compete in previous IAHA rides.) With much still to be learned, Spanish Trail 1 was sanctioned for the second weekend in March 1987.

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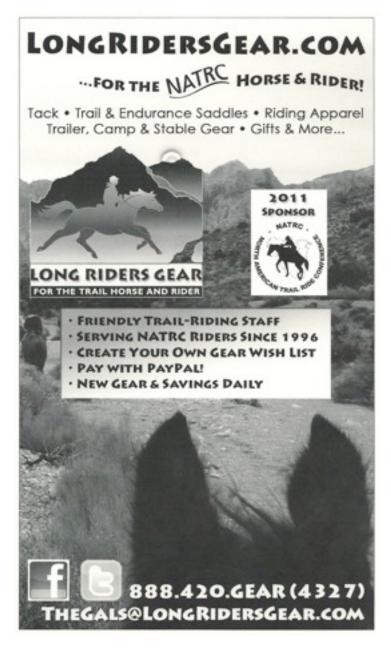
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25th Spanish Trail CTR,

To learn about putting on an NATRC CTR, Steve and Bev Carson, plus Walter and Medora Mullins, volunteered at the Naash 90/Hutchins Mountain CTR in Georgia, managed by Bill and Laurie Sherfessee.

Bill taught Steve Carson about laying out trails and managing a ride, Laurie taught Bev Carson how to be a ride secretary, and Bucky Starnes taught Walter and Medora Mullins *everything* there was to know about P&Rs at this late November 1986 ride. The Vet judge at the ride was Dr. Gene Naugle, and these volunteers from FFAHA managed to get Dr. Naugle to agree to judge at Spanish Trail 1. In addition, at every NATRC ride that Steve Carson went to, he talked up the new Spanish Trail CTR.

Since FFAHA was such a new organization (with a small starting treasury), the group realized that more support would be needed. A local 4-H club was approached. FFAHA held a clinic in both 1986 and 1987 for 4-H, and also did a presentation at a 4-H meeting, thinking that getting youth

interested in CTRs was the best way to get Novice riders into NATRC. Additionally, this was long before the computerized RMS (Ride Management System) existed, and applications had to be printed and mailed out to potential riders at a pretty significant cost. The 4-H club agreed to split costs and responsibilities for Spanish Trail 1.

Sixty riders showed up to ride Spanish Trail 1 in March 1987. The fees that year were \$59 for Open and \$56 for Novice (the CP class didn't formally exist until a trial in 1988 and full recognition in 1989). Many Region 5 riders as well as IAHA riders competed, along with eight Junior riders, most from 4-H. Steve Carson was ride manager, Bev Carson was ride secretary, Medora Mullins was trail master, Walter Mullins was P&R coordinator, and Steve Richbourg was safety rider and communications coordinator. While much is due to this core group, Spanish Trail has always depended



First snow ever at Spanish Trail Ride 1993. Photo by Medora Mullins.

on the large number of both volunteers and riders that FFAHA provided and continues to provide. Members of a local ham radio club volunteered as spotters and contacts for judges and P&Rs until five FFAHA club members studied and earned their own ham radio licenses. It is really impressive to recognize how that support has stayed constant for 25 years, with many more years still to come!

Flushed with their success at Spanish Trail 1, FFAHA put on a second CTR in September 1987, called the "Five Flags Fifty," which was a combined IAHA and NATRC ride. However, the weather was awful, with bad heat and continuous hurricane threats, so the group decided a September ride was "Never Again!" After this, the one CTR in March was enough.

Steve Carson wanted to compete in Spanish Trail 2 in 1988, so Medora Mullins agreed to manage the ride. It was a combined NATRC and IAHA ride, as well as being the first year for a CP class. Dr. Gene Naugle and Maureen Scott Robinson judged the 34 competitors.

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Spanish Trail Ride 1993 was held during what became known as "The Blizzard of the Century." Photo by Medora Mullins.

25th Spanish Trail

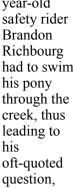
While Spanish Trail has experienced wide swings over the years in costs versus profits, the worst losses came later, when FFAHA had a viable treasury to sustain them. Starting around 1989, Spanish Trail has had mostly had full rides with lots of good sponsors. In fact, most rides have had a waiting list. Spanish Trail 4 was the first year to offer a meal package. Many FFAHA members have stepped up to be ride managers, including Steve Carson, Medora Mullins, Brenda Foreman, Alice Harris, Sarah Snarr, Charlene Dove, and, currently, Wendy Allen.

The facilities at the Coldwater Recreation area keep this a popular place to ride, and FFAHA has helped maintain these facilities over the past 25 years. There were always water and electric hookups, two barns (69 stalls, total), outside paddocks, two bathhouses, each with two showers and five toilets. Wash racks have been added, also 20 outside paddocks were

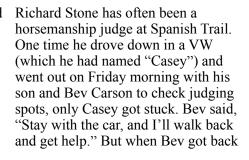
covered, and 40 others were set up and not covered, although more of these are presently getting covered. The new Cowgirls bathhouse was built in 2010. When I let my husband Jim in for a look, he proclaimed it a "spa" and wondered why the Cowboys were left with their old "outhouse"! Originally there were no fences and gates separating off the camping area, but these have also been added. In fact, FFAHA usually schedules a work weekend the week before the CTR, to repair stalls, clean bathrooms, etc. Over time, this has become less necessary, although members annually volunteer and touch-up the trail markings.

Finally, what would a 25th year celebration be without a few "legendary" stories to tell? At one early ride, Walter Mullins had marked and checked a trail running through a

creek where he reported that the water was only knee deep. However, it rained after he marked it, and 12year-old safety rider Brandon Richbourg had to swim his pony through the creek, thus leading to his oft-quoted



"How deep is knee deep?"





Spanish Trail Ride participants happily traversed through rain rather than snow in 2009. Photo by www.angryfilly.net.

with help, Richard and his son were gone, leaving no note, and no one able to find them. No Richard for vet-in either! FFAHA worked something out, and Richard finally showed up late Friday.

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In Memory of Emma McCrary



Emma McCrary, 2005. Photo provided by Jamie Dieterich.

As we were going to press, we learned that our beloved Emma McCrary, Region 1, passed away on Thursday, June 24, after a long and courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. Emma was the "Mother" of the fabulous Swanton NATRC Ride for more than 30 years. Typical of Emma, she was still riding and working on trails until fairly recently. We will really miss her.

25th Spanish Trail CTR, continued

Richard really liked Casey, because another time, he showed up towing the VW, which no longer had a battery or even a back seat. His intention was to use it to get from one judging spot to another. He told Walter Mullins that all he needed was to park on top of a hill so that he could coast down and jump start the VW. Guess how many hills there are in the Florida panhandle? Walter's ever-helpful P&R crew were assigned the task of pushing Richard and his VW down the trail until he got going fast enough to start the car! When Casey got stuck in a muddy dove field, his secretaries (Bev Carson and her sister) had to leave the back floor and push the VW out, getting covered in mud in the process. Volunteers are the greatest!

At an Open log obstacle one year, Communication Coordinator Steve Richbourg (Brandon's father) was sitting in a chair slightly off the trail, covered with a bear skin (complete with head), while rocking slowly and silently to and fro. Riders had to ride past him to get to the log obstacle. Every horse "blew" at Steve, but none dumped their riders, although there were lots of big eyes that day!

Shirley Parker, another popular horsemanship judge, designed a river-crossing obstacle just past the vehicle bridge near camp. Shirley placed herself in a canoe with a rope attached to it. Her story was that she was a person who had broken a leg and needed to be towed to shore to get to

the hospital. Each Open rider towed the canoe, but long time competitor Shirley Sobol dismounted at the shore, got someone to hold her horse Tempo, and then jerked on the rope and dumped Shirley Parker into the creek. Way to judge a judge, Shirley Sobol!

Spanish Trail 7 in 1993 presented a significant challenge of its own—snow!—in Florida! Pictures from that ride provide some of Spanish Trail's most remembered images.

As FFAHA celebrated Spanish Trail's 25th CTR, I was glad to be a volunteer taking part in this historic event. I'm sure we all look forward to joining them in future years.

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Ride Results

Arkansas Traveler

4/16-17/2011 Region Four-AR A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 38

Chairperson: Deborah Keene-Starr

Judges: Darlene Wehr DVM, Patsy Conner Novice Sweepstakes: Southern Echo Eclipse/

Langston, Kathryn-96.5

Open Sweepstakes: Marquisesmischief/

Jewell, Jonni-98.5

Open Heavyweight

1/1	Marquisesmischief/Jewell, Jonni
2/3	Building A Mystery/Lynn, Victoria
3/2	Shazam/Hilligoss, Gerald
4/4	Timber Ghost/Ives, Vickie
5/5	Sensations Sugar D/Copeland, Christina
P	First Rayt Investment/Gould, Larry

Open Lightweight

2/	Taqua Chance/Miller, Dolly
3/	Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara
4/3	Wyntez Buddy/Roberts, Beverly
5/	Texas Dually/Crothers, Kathy
6/	Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
/2	Rowdy 4/Winterrowd, Kimberly
/4	Sangria Ice/Weil, Kim
/5	Goldseekers Wish/Figg, Julie
/6	Hungarian Jade/Hirsch, Lucy

RPH Queso/Hicks, Patti

Novice Heavyweight

1/DO	Southern Echo Eclipse/Langston, Kathryn
2/1	Shes Mighty Impressive/Widon, Richard
3/2	One Bud Wiser/Frazier, Chase
P	Frosty's Blue Sabbath RSW/Hughes, Jill
P	Shadow's Last Kiss/Key, Jessica
P	KIDD/Tharp, Vicki
P	RRTear Down This Wall/
	Harrison, Monte

Advocates Banner/Wills, Meg Crown Zalil/Key, Corry

Novice Lightweight

1/3	Stacctician/Huettemann, Donna
2/1	Windchester/Taylor, Jan
3/4	Docs Waywerd Beaver/Reinhardt, Kim
4/2	Rhythm Moon/Widon, Norma

Novice Junior

1/3

1/1	Napoleon Solo/Widon, Callie
2/3	Amarillo Sky/Frazier, Ashley
3/2	Peaches 'n Cream/Wells, Hattie

Competitive Pleasure

Brandy Sioux Addis/Hathhorn, Jackie
Heza Trouble Makin Buddy/Hapgood, Kris
Talib Encore/Harrison, Ellen
Elyssa/Harrison, Kim
Midnight Bay DBA/Bass, Carla Jo
Ojala/Edmondson, Cheryl

Girl Scout Scamper - A

3/5-6/2011 Region 4-TX A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 54 Chairperson: Alice Yovich

Judges: Kay Gunckel DVM, Shirley Parker Novice Sweepstakes: Miles To go/Murray,

Open Sweepstakes: Taqua Chance/Miller,

Dolly-97

Open Heavyweight

1/1	Building A Mystery/Lynn, Victoria
2/3	First Rayt Investment/Gould, Larry
3/2	Hurricane Bay LOA/Liebman, Cara
4/4	C. 1: D 1/C T:

Streakin Rudy/Scott, Liz

Open Lightweight

1/	Taqua Chance/Miller, Dolly
2/2	Rhythm n' Blues/Green, Jean
3/1	RPH Queso/Hicks, Patti
4/3	Prime Sensation WH/Jeffcoat, Cheri
5/5	Gustavo Moon/Galliher, Teresa
6/6	Rowdy 4/Winterrowd, Kimberly
/4	Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara
	Toute Sheik/Swiss, Elaine

Novice Heavyweight

1/3	Shes Mighty Impressive/Widon, Richard
2/4	Trey Boy's All That Jazz/Brady, Carol
3/	Blondie/Watkins, Tanya
4/6	Northern Song/Nelis, Scott
5/1	Joesie Skippa Zan/Lampley, Patty
6/2	KIDD/Tharp, Vicki
/5	Bella 8/Griffin, Annette
	One Bud Wiser/Frazier, Chase

Dakota 9/Watts, Veronica

Novice Lightweight

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1/2	Miles To go/Murray, Dorothy
2/	Kwanis Cochise/Snow, Val
3/	Chinos de Tejas Emparador/Roland, To
4/	Reflections Angel/Hurd, Kelly
5/3	Cadillac Jack/Williams, Nancy
6/8	Windchester/Taylor, Jan
/1	Cinnabaar Muench, Fran
/4	Rock The Casbah/Johnson, Jonna
/5	Docs Waywerd Beaver/Reinhardt, Kimberly
/6	Ringo- Backstreet Boy/Roberts, Linda
	CWH The Sea King/Grey, Tomlyn
	Band-Aid/McGibbon, MaryAshley
	Homesteads Sweet Mocha/Pittman, Frances
	Dino/Unsell, Kristi
	Rhythm Moon/Widon, Norma
	Heyoka/Best, Jamie
P	Dakotah Red/Rayburn, Laura
P	Injun Joe/Mullaney, Joanne

Novice Junior

1/6	Napoleon Solo/Widon, Callie
2/3	Red Chili Peppy/Hagler, Linda

3/1	Gorgeous Dixie/Steinke, Maggie
4/2	Amarillo Sky/Frazier, Ashley
5/4	Who Am I/Crumbie, Micah
6/5	Mystic Traveler/Halupa, Noah
	Dreamboat Annie/Patton, Morgan
P	Magnificent Merlin/Bass, Michaela

Competitive Pleasure

1/1	Moon's Movin' Out/Daniel, Doanna
2/3	Prauline Sugar/Singletary, Sue
3/4	Midnight Bay DBA/Bass, Carla Jo
4/5	Secondhand Smoke/Ray, Cheryl
5/2	Ojala/Edmondson, Cheryl
P	Cimmetry/Collins, Mary
P	Magneto/Maddox, Jennifer

Girl Scout Scamper - B

3/5/2011 Region 4-TX **B-N Total Riders: 11** Chairperson: Alice Yovich Judges: Kay Gunckel DVM, Shirley Parker Novice Sweepstakes: Tribute to Liberty/ Williams, Erin-98

Novice Heavywreight

1/2	Tribute to Liberty/Williams, Erin
2/1	Hesatuffimpression/Murphree, Suzanne
P	Generale IXL/Skarpa, Marianne
CO	Red Rims Roan Peppy/Dear, Michael
CO	Hairpin Red Baron/Dear, Frances

Novice Lightweight

1/1	Spirit 8/Murray, Sandi
2/2	Misty 9/Manthei, Paula
P	Gatillo de fe/Terry, Joanne
P	LaDolceVita/Rosenberger, Pamela
P	Jury/Black, Tracy
P/Rider	
DO	Podans Premier/Weir, Katie

Bumble Bee

3/11/11 Region Two-AZ

B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 22 Chairman: Bob Insko Judges: Greg Fellers DVM, Pat Montgomery Novice Sweepstakes: Leus/Wolff, Maia-99.5 Open Sweepstakes: Hot Saki/Smith, Terri-100

Open Heavyweight

1/1	Carioca MDF/Brezina, Sue
2/2	Golden Ambition/Bingham, Kerry

Open Lightweight

1/2	Hot Saki/Smith, Terri
2/3	Duke of Shadow Canyon/French

3/1 Andarko/Walls, Lory 4/4 GE Spartan/Jarrett, Cheryl

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Ride Results, continued

Bumble Bee, continued

Novico	Heavyw	niaht

1/2 Bookcliff Mountain Fire/Bingham, Kenneth

2/3 Keys/Bratt, Christie

3/1 Elizabeth Taylor/O'Neill, Maria

Novice Lightweight

1/4 Leus/Wolff, Maia 2/ Sienna/Wolff, Pat

3/1 Fars Lil Gimli/Mullens, Damara

4/5 Cynder/Williams, Monique
5/ Buck 9/Shanley, Calli
6/2 Dr. Raji/Lesley, Jayne

/3 Swift/Salzman, Holly /6 Johnny/Pickard, Mary

P Crash Gordon/Watson, Britt

Novice Junior

P Wapi/Watson, Ashlee

Competitive Pleasure

1/2 Pride's College Boy/Bray, Sherrie
2/1 JOR Picasso/O'Brien, Wava
3/3 Bint Andala/Clay, December

Mt. Diablo Spring

5/7/2011 Region One-CA B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 21 Chairperson: Ellen Pofcher

Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski DVM, Karel

Waugh

Novice Sweepstakes: Tuscany Berlitz/Berlitz,

Barbara-98

Open Sweepstakes: Stealth Knight/Boicelli,

Victoria-92

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Stealth Knight/Boicelli, Victoria
 2/2 Take-A-Walkaloosa/Hess, Lucie
 CO Marilyn/Pestana, Philip

Open Lightweight

1/2 Cobay/Wolf, Jeanine

2/1 Royal Prancer/Pimentel, Michelle

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Tuscany Berlitz/Berlitz, Barbara

2/2 Kodi/Pimentel, Joe3/DO Amiaborr/Boicelli, Gene

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Sierra Sunshine/Stidolph, Donna 2/2 7th Heaven Star/Fuller, Lisa 3/3 Snap 2/Ward, Keith

Novice Junior

1/1 Garnet/Barash, Emma

Competitive Pleasure

1/5 Banner 3/Doub, Kathleen

2/2 Om El Shakeeb Dream/Dillard, Joe

3/3 Nura BL/Hoffman, Rose

4/ Fames Baydal BL/Fitts, Gary

5/ Laarkin/Brown, Tammy6/ Azzana BL/Mertens, Becky

/4 Huck Finn/Frey, Ute

/1 La Paloma Dream/Dillard, Ashley

Lakota 5/Lieberknecht, Kay

Oklahoma Land Run

(See photo page 38)

3/19-20/2011 Region Four-OK A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 36 Chairman: Don Rubley

Judges: Donna Johnson DVM, Kathy Shanor Novice Sweepstakes: Zeke/Engle, Amy-97.5

Open Sweepstakes: Cito Mocha Raton/

Cleveland, Trish-98

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Building A Mystery/Lynn, Victoria 2/2 Marquisesmischief/Jewell, Jonni 3/5 Timber Ghost/Ives, Vickie 4/3 First Rayt Investment/Gould, Larry 5/4 Shazam/Hilligoss, Gerald

Open Lightweight

Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish 1/ Rowdy 4/Winterrowd, Kimberly 2/5 PS Sabres Sun/Everhart-Valentin, Kira 3/ 4/4 RPH Queso/Hicks, Patti 5/6 Jac Natalie/Wood, Mary Anna 6/3 King's Mountain Hale Bop/Dollarhide, Patti /1 Rhythm n' Blues/Green, Jean /2 Toute Sheik/Swiss, Elaine Twister's Irish Lad/Louthan, Stacie Goldseekers Wish/Figg, Julie

Novice Heavyweight

1/3 Satin 2/Keizer, Colleen
2/2 Shania Love Bug/Hemphill, Jennifer
3/1 TO Red Fox/Rubley, Barbara
4/4 Jada/Royle, Gracie

Novice Lightweight

1/5 Zeke/Engle, Amy
2/3 Via Rhyder/Shipley, Lora
3/2 Windchester/Taylor, Jan
4/1 Docs Waywerd Beaver/Reinhardt, Kimberly
5/4 Keen Chances/Kester, Krista
CO Dances With Gold/Coldiron, Kelly

Novice Junior

1/1 HF Othello/Foster, Olivia2/2 Peaches 'n Cream/Wells, Hattie

Competitive Pleasure

1/2 He's Trouble Makin Bu/Hapgood, Kris
2/3 Midnight Bay DBA/Bass, Carla Jo
3/4 Jewels Playboy/Harris, Leona
4/ Country Star Jet WH/Keller, Donna

5/6 Sangria Ice/Weil, Kim

6/5 Brandy Sioux Addis/Hathhorn, Jackie
/1 Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Stich, Kay
Southern Echo Eclipse/Langston, Kathryn
Princess Dina/Payne, Debbie

Pinon Mesa

4/16-17/2011 Region Three-NM A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 33

Chairman: Tammy Cumberworth Judges: Ron Stuber DVM, Susie Witter Novice Sweepstakes: Ima Dynamic Star/

Poulton, Jennifer-100

Open Sweepstakes: SA Jhake/Yates, Terry-100

Open Heavyweight

Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken 2/2 Touch's Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary 3/4 Brazos Blaze/Brown, Jeff 4/3 Hungarian Caliber/Budd, Don 5/ Obie Won/Spanhoff, Olga Mariah 3/Wingle, Bill /5 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheryl /6 Doc 4/Emond, Boyd Golden Ambition/Bingham, Kerry P Take-A-Walkaloosa/Hess, Lucie

Open Lightweight

1/1 SA Jhake/Yates, Terry
2/2 Hot Saki/Smith, Terri
3/ Not a Chance/Vanpoollen, Kirt
4/4 Cedar Mesa Rushon/Budd, Kathy
5/3 All The Rage/Brown, Kathy
6/6 Hasty's Blossom/Peters, Susan
/5 Isis Khepri/Scott, Syndi
GE Spartan/Jarrett, Cheryl
Mack Arthur/Carman, Jody

Open Junior

1/1 Dartaway/VanPoollen, Hannah

Novice Heavyweight

1/3 Precious Easy Aces/Petzold, Sarah
2/1 May Day Parade/Reeder, Dawn
3/4 Shine On Playgirl/Horton, Drew
4/2 Bookcliff Mountain Fire/Bingham, Kenneth
5/5 Bailey's Angel Baby/Westmoreland, Edward

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Ima Dynamic Star/Poulton, Jennifer
 2/3 Sabrina 2/Hansford, Bobbi
 3/2 Nell 3/Horton, Mary

Competitive Pleasure

1/3 Sixes Peppy Lady/Feazell, Juleen2/1 Summer/Wolgram, Betty

JOR Picasso/O'Brien, WavaP Baby Doll's Spotted Man/Miller-Inman, Linell

P Aria/Whitman, Benedikte

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Ride Results, continued

Spanish Trail

3/12-13/2011 Region Five-FL A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 38

Chairperson: Wendy Allen, Medora Mullins Judges: Patrick Regier DVM, Kim Cowart Novice Sweepstakes: Alena Rae/Rogers,

Andrea-98

Open Sweepstakes: Windstorm Sienna/

Tolbert, Wayne-99

Open Heavyweight

1/1	Windstorm Sienna/Tolbert, Wayne
2/3	Royal Serendipity/Silver, Terry
3/2	Red Bird's Ransom W./Clayton, Gary

Open Lightweight

Nakota Bey/Buttrey, Marlene
Just a Little More/Williams, Lori Lee
Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula
Khapital/Jones, Debbie T.
Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara
Tommys Impressev Ace/Broughton, Regina
Pretty Parific/Morgan, Susan
Danamyte/Diaguila, Esther

Open Junior

Allan's Desert Rose/Goza, William

Novice Heavyweight

1/5	Ledo Sabre Rose/Atkins, Lucy
2/2	What Alotta Chrome/Rogers, John
3/1	OH Bogustus/Chapman, David
4/4	Living Proof CH/Moore, Vickie
5/3	Arrow's Saltwater Taffy/Scott, Lisa
6/6	Dixie 5/Tyler, Shannon

Novice Lightweight Alena Rae/Rogers, Andrea

1/6

2/2	Allure n Cream/Riley, Leigh
3/4	Thunder 8/Dennis, Karen
4/1	Bree/Sims, Jordan
5/3	Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia
6/5	Sunny Georgia/Lucas, Patty
	Raisin the Roof/Daniels, Michelle

Novice Junior

1/2	Flash of Lightening/Moulis, Jameson
2/1	Koda/Botts, Retta

Competitive Pleasure

Competition.	c I leadaire
1/5	Jonah/Jelks, Deborah
2/2	Gypsie Dancer L.R./Chapman, Carolyn
3/3	OH Captain Call/Buttrey, Philip
4/	Jake 4/VanEysbergen, Elsa
5	Heart's Desire/West-Pegram, Sandy
6/1	My Noble Ambition/Rand, Lori
/4	Delight's Amber Beauty/Keen, Cindy
/6	That's My George/Rand, Emily
	My Special T/Pankhurst, Teri
	Mahzouz/Corwin, Linda
P	Ibn Ionah/Bryson, Rebecca

Tarrant Ranch

4/2-3/2011 Region Four-TX
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 50
Chairman: Teresa Galliher

Judges: Randy Burgess DVM, Shirley

Parker

Novice Sweepstakes: Amarillo Sky/Frazier,

Ashlev-98

Open Sweepstakes: Rambler/Galliher,

Jenna-97

Open Heavyweight

1/2	First Rayt Investment/Gould, Larry
2/1	Building A Mystery/Lynn, Victoria
3/3	Shazam/Hilligoss, Gerald

Eagles ThunderNToby/Wicklund, Bill

Open Lightweight

1/2	Rambler/Galliher, Jenna
2/3	Taqua Chance/Miller, Dolly
3/1	Toute Sheik/Swiss, Elaine
4/5	Rowdy 4/Winterrowd, Kimberly
5/4	RPH Queso/Hicks, Patti
6/6	Goldseekers Wish/Figg, Julie
	Advocates Banner/Wills, Meg
P	Crown Zalil/Key Corry

Open DO

Kenlyn Adagissimo/Welp, Kymberlie MKS Shamal Nejma/Shanor, Kathy

Novice Heavyweight

1/1	Foxy's Koda/Bass, Christa
2/4	Northern Song/Nelis, Scott
3/2	Shes Mighty Impressive/Widon, Richard
4/5	Shadow's Last Kiss/Key, Jessica
5/3	One Bud Wiser/Frazier, Chase
6/6	Durango 3/Watts, Nancy
	Dakota 9/Watts, Veronica

Novice Lightweight

1/1

2/2	Windchester/Taylor, Jan
3/6	Ringo- Backstreet Boy/Roberts, Linda
4/	Docs Waywerd Beaver/Reinhardt,
Kimberly	
5/4	Rock The Casbah/Johnson, Jonna
6/	Rhythm Moon/Widon, Norma
/3	Dino/Unsell, Kristi
/5	CWH The Sea King/Grey, Tomlyn
	Hes a Rockstar/Van Order, Barbie
	Cadillac Jack/Williams, Nancy
	Gustavo Moon/Frazier, Dawn

Dakotah Red/Rayburn, Laura

Cinnabaar/Muench, Fran

Novice Junior

1/1	Amarillo Sky/Frazier, Ashley
2/4	Red Chili Peppy/Hagler, Linda
3/3	Napoleon Solo/Widon, Callie
4/5	Cowboy Angel/Hill, Zoe

5/2	Gorgeous Dixie/Steinke, Maggie
6/6	Mystic Traveler/Halupa, Noah
	Magnificent Merlin/Bass, Michaela

Novice DO

LRR Matt's Buck Ledoux/Drumm, Jenny

Competitive Pleasure

1/4	Moon's Movin' Out/Sommer, Alanna
2/1	Prauline Sugar/Singletary, Sue
3/2	NKR April's Jewel/Zimmerman, Betsy
4/5	Midnight Bay DBA/Bass, Carla Jo
5/3	LV King Tuck/Bradford, Candace
6/6	Tribute to Liberty/Yovich, Alice
	Take-A-Walkaloosa/Hess, Lucie
	Joesie Skippa Zan/Lampley, Layne
P	Cimmetry/Collins, Mary

Uwharrie Forest - A

3/26-27/11 Region Five-NC A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 15 Chairman: Paula Riley

Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski DVM, Richard Stone Novice Sweepstakes: Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle,

Open Sweepstakes: Just a Little More/Williams, Lori Lee-100

Open Heavyweight

Windstorm Sienna/Tolbert, Wayne

Open Lightweight

1/4	Just a Little More/Williams, Lori Lee
2/5	Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara
3/1	Prime Sensation WH/Jeffcoat, Cheri
4/3	Nakota Bey/Buttrey, Marlene
5/2	Tommys Impressev Ace/Broughton, Regina

Novice Heavyweight

Captian Kune/Talbert, Ben

Novice Lightweight

1/1	Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia
2/4	Lexus Golden Tie/Dukes, Mary
3/2	Fanci's Sharzam/Kingshill, Susan
4/3	MX Silver Hills/DeRosa, Charmaine

Novice Junior

Flash of Lightening/Moulis, Jameson

Competitive Pleasure

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1/2	Delight's Amber Beauty/Keen, Cindy
2/1	Marnos Terra Cotta/Kudra, Sallie
3/3	Oak Knoll Holly/Nathan, Julie

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Ride Results, continued

Uwharrie Forest - B

Uwharrie Forest B 3/26/11 Region Five-NC **B-N/CP Total Riders: 14** Chairman: Paula Rilev

Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski DVM, Richard

Novice Sweepstakes: Jabez/Hage, Chloe-99

Novice Heavyweight

Maarsadda/Wood, Laurie 1/1 2/2 Samurai/Hamilton, Laurie

Novice Lightweight

Nakita/Ingram, Mary Buddy 15/Thomas, Karen 2/3 Hallie 2/Wray, Cynthia 3/2 4/4 Igknight /Thomas, Katherine

Novice Junior

Jabez/Hage, Chloe 2/3 Nyk/Lundeen, Sarah 3/2 Jerico/Redford, Meggi

Competitive Pleasure

Scarlet 2/Wertz, Jennifer 1/4 2/5 Johnny 3/Cherry, Diane CMF Hallel/Hartness, Marilyn 3/1 4/3 DIA Icon/Mount, Janell 5/2 Naomi 2/Land, Carol

Indian Territory

5/28-29/2011 Region Four-OK A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 22

Chairman: Art Byrd

Judges: Pat Regier DVM, Doanna Daniels Novice Sweepstakes: Shania Love Bug/

Hemphill, Jennifer-98

Open Sweepstakes: Loco Motion/Baldwin,

Sara-97

Open Heavyweight

1/2 Shazam/Hilligoss, Gerald Justice is Sweet/Murphy, Kalinda 2/1 First Rayt Investment/Gould, Larry

Open Lightweight

1/2 Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara RPH Queso/Hicks, Patti 2/1 Goldseekers Wish/Figg, Julie 3/3

Novice Heavyweight

Sailor Shooting Star/McCullough, Sharon 1/2 2/1 SSA Aristotle/James, Richard

3/4 Clarence/Altman, Gordon

4/3 Shes Mighty Impressive/Widon, Richard

5/6 Satin 2/Keizer, Colleen 6/5 Gabe 2/Lovelace, Merry 6/6 Durango 3/Watts, Nancy Dakota 9/Watts, Veronica

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Shania Love Bug/Hemphill, Jennifer Chick Got Smashed/Morris, Allison 2/3 3/4 Docs Waywerd Beaver/Reinhardt, Kimberly Chicks Can Do It Too/Wegener, Lisa 4/2 5/5 Chipolashpanish Eyes/Altman, Terri

Novice Junior

Napoleon Solo/Widon, Callie 1/1 2/2 Dreamboat Annie/Patton, Morgan

Competitive Pleasure

Heza Trouble Makin Buddy/Hapgood, Kris 1/1 Ojala/Edmondson, Cheryl 2/2 3/3 Force Majeure/James, Janice

VA Highlands - A

5/21-22/2011 Region Five-VA A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 23 **Chairperson: Judith Shrum**

Judges: Heather Colby DVM, Connie

Driskell

Novice Sweepstakes: Kings Lasting Legacy/

Petelle, Patricia-93

Open Sweepstakes: Nakota Bey/Buttrey,

Marlene-96

Open Heavyweight

Windstorm Sienna/Tolbert, Wayne

Open Lightweight

1/2 Nakota Bey/Buttrey, Marlene FYF Inzane/Sluys, Nancy 2/4 3/5 Just a Little More/Williams, Lori lee

4/3 Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula

5/1 Tommys Impressev Ace/Broughton, Regina

Novice Heavyweight

Mary Jane/Ault, Carol

Novice Lightweight

Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia 1/1 2/2 Lexus Golden Tie L/Dukes, Mary 3/4 Alena Rae/Rogers, Andrea Jenny/Lowery, Amber 4/3 5/5 Abe 2/Blevins, Megan 6/ Paco 2/Powell, Ferd Jettie/Russell, Sarah

Novice Junior

Koda/Botts, Retta Flash of Lightening/Moulis, Jameson

Competitive Pleasure

Delight's Amber Beauty/Keen, Cindy

2/ Easy on the Bourbon/Morgan, Rosemary 3/2Oak Knoll Holly/Nathan, Julie

OH Captain Call/Buttrey, Philip 4/4 5/3 JR's Tenn Rock/Woodall, Courtney

6/5 Quintessential/Downing, Whitney

/6 Mister Smarty Bar T/Ford, Gail

VA Highlands - B

5/21/2011 Region Five-VA **B-N/CP Total Riders: 8** Chairperson: Judith Shrum

Judges: Heather Colby DVM, Connie

Novice Sweepstakes: Cisco/Barnett, Lynn-95

Novice Heavyweight

Cisco/Barnett, Lynn 2/1 Maarsadda/Wood. Laurie

Abraham Lincoln MD/Henson, Wendy 3/2

Novice Junior

Pebbles/Kosa, Victoria

Competitive Pleasure

DIA Icon/Mount, Janell 1/2CMF Hallel/Hartness, Marilyn

Competitive Pleasure DO

Foxie/Greene, Nancy

RA Mystic Deed/Findley, Martha

Patriot's Ride - A

5/28-29/2011 Region 3/CO A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 40

Chairpersons: Bill and Diane Wingle Judges: Linda Mackinnon DVM, Susie

Witter

Novice Sweepstakes: Buffnugget G/

Halterman, Susan-99

Open Sweepstakes: Hasty's Blossom/Peters,

Susan-98

Open Heavyweight

Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken 1/1 2/3 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheryl 3/2 Touch's Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary 4/4 Brazos Blaze/Brown, Jeff 5/5 Harlems Spirit of Denmark/Tarvin, Jill

Р Talk Til Midnight/Gunckel, Kay

Obie Won/Spanhoff, Olga

Open Lightweight

Hasty's Blossom/Peters, Susan 1/5 2/1 All The Rage/Brown, Kathy

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Ride Results, continued

Patriot's Ride - A, cont.

Open Lightweight, cont.

Kenlyn Stealth/Zettlemoyer, Diana 3/6 4/4 Shiloh Sphinx/Roper-Dashner, Sharon 5/2 Not a chance/Vanpoollen, Kirt Kenlyn Irish Rose/Young, Jane 6/3 SA Souix Z/Combs, Janna GE Spartan/Jarrett, Cheryl

Open Junior

1/3

Red/Combs, Alexis

2/2 Dartaway/Vanpoollen, Hannah

Novice Heavyweight

Gato/Lincoln, Dan 2/4 Shine On Playgirl/Horton, Drew May Day Parade/Reeder, Dawn 3/1 4/2 Bailey's Angel Baby/Westmoreland, Edward

Novice Lightweight

1/4 Buffnugget G/Halterman, Susan Silver Zanita/Barlow, Caralyn 2/ 3/1 Nell/Horton, Mary 4/3 Sabrina/Hansford, Bobbi SAS's Aussie/Walls, Sharyl 5/5 Governor/Lincoln, Beth 6/ Zanie's Sensational Spring/Lynch, Lesly /2 Ttamusk/Hofkamp, Sarah /6 Jake/Gillen, Shaleen

Zoey TWR/Chavanon, Elaine P Lola/Oosterhous, Allison

Novice Junior

1/1 Marcus/Chandler, Susan 2/2 Tommy/Reega, Sarah

Competitive Pleasure

1/4 Magical Serenade/Halligan, Sherri Summer/Wolgram, Betty 2/1 3/5 Sixes Peppy Lady/Feazell, Juleen Baby Doll's Spotted Man/Miller-4/2 Inman, Linell 5/3 Knights Diamond Pal/Sinnett, James 6/6 Resort Valley Sparkler/ Marquardt, Diana

Patriot's Ride - B

5/28/2011 Region 3/CO **B-N Total Riders: 4**

Chairpersons: Bill and Diane Wingle Judges: Linda Mackinnon DVM,

Susie Witter

Novice Sweepstakes: Morning Star Overton, Hannah-99.5 **Brite**

Novice Heavyweight

Sherekhan/Delerme, Gabriele

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Cayenne 5/Bond-Simmons, Pam 2/2 Finch 2/Delerme, Ramona

Novice Junior

Morning Star Brite/Overton,

Hannah

Springtime at the Biltmore - A

4/9-10/11 Region Five-NC A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 19 Chairperson: Morgan Ortiz

Judges: Michael Bridges DVM, Bill

Sherfesee

Novice Sweepstakes: Choctaw Kana/Bender,

Marjorie-95

Open Sweepstakes: Prime Sensation WH/

Jeffcoat, Cheri-98

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Marnos Terra Cotta/Kudra, Sallie 2/2 Red Bird's Ransom W./Clayton, Gary

Open Lightweight

Prime Sensation WH/Jeffcoat, Cheri 2/2 Khapital/Jones, Debbie T. 3/5 Just a Little More/Williams, Lori Lee

Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula 5/4 Tommys Impressev Ace/Broughton, Regina

Open Junior

4/3

Jetstream/Hillman, Isabel

Novice Heavyweight

KitKat/Arcelle, Jeanne

Novice Lightweight

Choctaw Kana/Bender, Marjorie

2/4 MX Silver Hills/DeRosa, Charmaine

3/1 Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia

4/3 Alena Rae/Rogers, Andrea

Competitive Pleasure

Pride's Second Girl/Curtis, Karen Dakota's Dark Knight/Hardin, Kathy 2/1

3/3 DIA Icon/Mount, Janell

4/5 Oak Knoll Holly/Nathan, Julie

Roxy Ash Moro/Perrin, Anne

Springtime at the Biltmore - B

4/9/11 Region Five-NC **B-N Total Riders: 6**

Chairperson: Morgan Ortiz

Judges: Michael Bridges DVM, Bill

Sherfesee

Novice Sweepstakes: Love's Kaleidoscope/

Young, Madeline

Novice Heavyweight

Maarsadda/Wood, Laurie P Samurai/Hamilton, Laurie

P Carolina Redrockandi/Rogers, John

Novice Lightweight

Love's Kaleidoscope/Young, Madeline 2/2 Fanci's Sharzam/Kingshill, Susan

3/3 Mr. Honey/Flint, Jeri

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Ride Results, continued

Wimberley Wayfarer - A

5/14-15/2011 Region Four-TX A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 33

Judges: Carter Hounsel DVM, Kathy Budd Novice Sweepstakes: Cadillac Jack/Williams,

Open Sweepstakes: Taqua Chance/Miller, Dolly-100

Open Heavyweight

Tribute to Liberty/Yovich, Alice Jose Baske/Masters, Jennifer

Open Lightweight

9 9
Taqua Chance/Miller, Dolly
RPH Queso/Hicks, Patti
Gustavo Moon/Galliher, Teresa
HSC Phoenix/Mettes, Cynthia
Rowdy 4/Winterrowd, Kimberly
Yippee Ki-Yay/Hester, Christi

Novice Heavyweight

Frosty's Blue Sabbath RSW/Hughes, Jill

3/2 Jake's Angelo/Taylor, Ron One Bud Wiser/Frazier, Chase

Novice Lightweight

1/	Cadillac Jack/Williams, Nancy
2/1	Dino/Unsell, Kristi
3/3	Ringo- Backstreet Boy/Roberts, Linda
4/4	Reflections Angel/Hurd, Kelly
5/	Dakotah Red/Rayburn, Laura

6/2Cinnabaar/Muench, Fran Smokey 9/Pittman, Frances /5 Rhythm Moon/Widon, Norma

Koda Sunrise/Mullaney, Joanne Docs Waywerd Beaver/Reinhardt, Kimberly Hes a Rockstar/Van Order, Barbie

CO Kwanis Cochise/Snow, Val

Novice Junior

1/1	Gorgeous Dixie/Steinke, Maggie
2/3	Napoleon Solo/Widon, Callie
3/2	Amarillo Sky/Frazier, Ashley

Competitive Pleasure

Heza Trouble Makin Buddy/Hapgood, Kris 1/1 2/3 NKR April's Jewel/Zimmerman, Betsy 3/4 Prauline Sugar/Singletary, Sue

4/2 Miles/Hudspeth, Christi 5/5 Ojala/Edmondson, Cheryl

Midnight Bay DBA/Bass, Carla Jo

Wimberley Wayfarer - B

5/14/2011 Region Four-TX **B-CP Total Riders: 8**

Judges: Carter Hounsel DVM, Kathy Budd

Competitive Pleasure

1/1	Punky/Prusak, Deanne
2/2	Brandy O'Quinn/Love, Kathleen
3/4	Cimarron's Strip/Currier, Suzanne
4/	Cheyenne/Elbel, Clayton
5/	Karma/Elbel, Cody
6/6	Einstein's Image/Degen Elbel, Leslie

/3 Lucas/Kelsch, Cynthia

Spirit/Murray, Sandi

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The following rides have been tested so far in 2011:

Region 5: Spanish Trail XX: No positives Region 2: Bumble Bee: No positives Region 6: EKAHA Hill & Dale: Results pending Region 3: Patriot's Ride: Results pending







Barbra Rubley at Oklahoma Land Run 2011, Lake Carl Blackwell, Oklahoma (see ride results, page 34). Photo by Jim Edmondson, opticalharmonics.com.

Mt. Diablo Ride, Region 1

Kay Lieberknecht

There was no diabolical aspect to the ride on May 7 at Mt. Diablo. Well, actually, not until that night, when I think the winds were 40 mph in the nice sand arena where we were camped. The horses were too tired to care anyway, and humans like my three friends don't complain when the wind just about dumps them out of their hammock and actually prevails in the competition to break down their tent. Back to the ride itself. The mountain was just as mountainous as it's always been, and was dressed in the most beautiful flowers and bushes and trees. with the largest, softest-looking poison oak leaves (but I still haven't developed any itchy streaks). The temperature was perfect (even for a few rattlesnakes, like the one a hiker scared off the trail ahead of us). The hikers and bikers were consistently

kind and not overly plentiful. The timing, trail markings and the map were wonderfully done, though I bet Open had trouble seeing certain turns as they were keeping up a quick pace. Don't you love trotting fast on flat curves?

I rode CP on my teeny little new "gifted" (as in free, not so much talented) Arab, Lakota, who had been only ten percent good three weeks earlier at our Intro to NATRC get-together. He was ninety percent good this time, but ooh, that other ten percent! Stephanie Ostrowski was the most supportive vet judge imaginable, and Lakota and I almost trampled her!

It was his competitiveness, seeing two other horses go off, while I was, well,



Ashley Stone Dillard at Region 1 Mt. Diablo Ride. Ashley started riding in the Mt. Diablo rides in 1961. Photo by Michael T. Solomon.

you can imagine, anyway, I am so glad Stephanie is pretty spry.

I love Lakota passionately – good thing! And I so enjoyed riding Mt. Diablo, on the 50th anniversary of this NATRC thing, which started right on that mountain! Horsemanship judge, Karel Waugh, was really good with everyone, and especially with "my" new Novice junior, Emma. What a cheerful horse trainer 12-year-old Emma is, dealing with Garnet's huge head heading for grass! Ariel and Nicholas came with us too, volunteering at the P&R stops and then pulling ribbons along with Emma and me on Sunday. That was amazing, to see Ariel able to pick ribbons up off the ground while still on her horse!

Ride management was so clear and coordinated in their preparation for this ride, especially during the briefing, that they set us all up for a really positive experience. There's nothing like the CMDTRA Clubhouse for ride briefing, meals and awards (and even showers!), and their cooks make the best food ever, even a vegetarian option. I hope all us California weather wimps will get out there and get ourselves and our horses in shape to do Mt. Diablo that first May weekend next year, doubling the ridership as well as the fun! Mark your calendars!



NATRC National Year End Breed Awards

The NATRC Breed Award program has two goals. One is to showcase the diverse breeds that compete and succeed in competitive trail riding. The second is to publicize our great sport to the many breed organizations so that their members can discover NATRC.

Horses from all divisions (Open, CP and Novice) who have met the criteria below are eligible for year-end National Breed Awards.

- The horse is ridden by a current member of NATRC.
- The horse has completed at least three rides in its designated region, except for Region 1A where one ride completion is required.
- The horse's registration with its breed organization(s) is current and all breed organization criteria, including membership, are met.

Below are some common questions about the program. If you have others, please contact Terry Silver, our breed award liaison, at turquoisehorses@aol.com.

How do my horse's points get reported?

When you complete a ride entry form, you are asked for your horse's breed, registered name and registration number, if any. You must also provide a copy of your horse's breed papers at *every ride*. Once the ride is completed, your horses' name, points, miles and breed are on the ride report sent to National.

What if my horse is double or triple registered?

A horse's points can count in all breeds in which it is registered. The owner/rider must report to NATRC each breed registry, the horse's name and registration number. Ride secretaries will report just one breed, so choose which one you will use. Please DO NOT ask secretaries to track more than one – they are busy enough! As long as you have contacted National about the other breeds your horse is registered with, they will be tracked.

What if my horse isn't registered with any breed organization?

The biggest breed category in NATRC is 'Grade Horse'. Since there are so many great horses that are grade, NATRC tries to locate a private sponsor for this award.

What if my horse is the only representative of its breed?

That is fine – as long as you and your horse meet the eligibility requirements above, and those of the breed organization, you may receive an award as sponsored.

Who decides if my horse gets an award?

At the end of the year, the breed award liaison receives a list from NATRC of horses who have competed. From this, the liaison narrows it down to horses eligible in each breed. The NATRC liaison then submits the information for the top five horses in each breed, regardless of division, to each breed organization. The horses are listed in descending order of points earned. It is the BREED ORGANIZATION, NOT NATRC, which makes the final decision regarding approval of a breed award sponsorship and eligibility of the recipient(s). All breed organizations have varying criteria for membership and award eligibility. Once they have determined which horse could receive the award, the organization usually contacts the owner with the good news and to verify eligibility. In the event we have a horse listed and the organization can't match it in their registry, the liaison will try to contact the owner to verify information. Your horse may be the NATRC high point horse in that breed, but it may not receive an award. Please check with your horse's breed organization to determine its criteria.

How can I check my horse's standing at year end?

Checking the accuracy of your horse's points and breed status is the rider/owner's responsibility. Please contact the National Office.

Why are some awards extravagant and others very simple?

Again, the choice of what will be presented is up to the breed organization, NOT NATRC. Some organizations give embroidered jackets, others paper certificates. Some organizations have huge memberships and are more financially fit, or the organization may focus their resources elsewhere. Just remember your horse is one of the top in its breed in NATRC!

PLEASE TAKE A MINUTE SOMETIME DURING THE RIDE YEAR BUT PRIOR TO NOV. 1 TO VERIFY THAT NATIONAL HAS CORRECT INFORMATION FOR YOUR HORSE. Contact the National Office at natrc@natrc.org. It is often too late by year end to straighten out registration glitches. Most organizations are eager to sponsor an award, but there are some who don't respond or don't give an award. Once the information is sent to the organizations, it is final.

Please remember that although your horse is listed in the top five, it may not receive an award, and that we may not know until just before the National Convention if an award has been approved. It does mean however that you and your horse had a GREAT year!

2011 NATRC Ride Schedule Current as of June 14, 2011

To make corrections or additions to the ride schedule, contact the NATRC office at natrc@natrc.org or 303-688-1677. * Sanction received; all others are based on priority dates from 2010. B = 1 day; A = 2 days; AA = 3 days. For entry forms or more information about a ride, contact the ride secretary listed on this schedule.

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*DEC 4-5 A& B-O/N/CP LIMIT: 65	CHRISTMAS AT THE RANCH, (TX-Reg 4) Killeen, TX CHR: Liz Scott, 1300 Aransas Dr., Euless, TX 76039 (817/980-1787) tnwalkinga@msn.com; Alanna Sommer trlrin4fun@verizon.net SEC: Kim Winterrowd, 214 CR 3681, Paradise, TX 76073 (817/629-5328) draftgirl@yahoo.com		
*MAR 5-6 A-O/N/CPB-N LIMIT: 60	GIRL SCOUT SCAMPER (TX-Reg 4) 7IL Ranch, Cat Spring, TX CHR: Alice Yovich, 811 Webb St., Arlington, TX 76011 (817/460-8111) ayovich@sbcglobal.net SEC: Christa Bass, 2251 Rifle Rd., Pollock, TX 75669 (936/208-1358) christabas@aol.com		
*MAR 12 B-O/N/CP LIMIT: 50	BUMBLE BEE (AZ-Reg 2) Bumble Bee, AZ CHR: Bob Insko, 526 Brazos St., Ramona, CA 92065 (760/789-1977) rminsko@gmail.com SEC: Beni DeMattei, 2827 E. Redfield, Gilbert, AZ 85234 (480/892-4120) beni2406@hotmail.com		
*MAR 12-13 A-O/N/CP LIMIT: 60	SPANISH TRAIL XX (FL-Reg 5) Blackwater River State Forest, FL CHR: Wendy Allen, 6236 Billoree Rd., Pace, FL 32571 (850/995-8562) kwtallen@bellsouth.net SEC: Keri Sims, (850/626-6072)		
*MAR 19-20 A-O/N/CP LIMIT 60	OKLAHOMA LAND RUN (OK-Reg 4) CHR: Don Rubley 524 Ash Rd., Piedmont, OK 73078 (405/373-1387) rubleys@sbcglobal.net SEC: Kate Kearby, 524 Ash Rd., Piedmont, OK 73078 (405/373-1387) kate12091952@sbcglobal.net		
*MAR 26-27 A-O/N/CP:B-N/CP LIMIT 60	UWHARRIE (NC-Reg 5) – Uwharrie National Forest, Troy, NC CHR: Paula Riley, 1915 Tower Trail, Waleska, GA 30183 (903/926-3950) parrides@aol.com SEC: Linda Clayton, 6774 W. Hayneville Rd., Hope Hull, AL 36043 (334/313-2999) lindaclay@aol.com		
*APR 2-3 A-O/N/CP LIMIT 60	TARRANT RANCH (TX-Reg 4) – Bullard, TX CHR: Teresa Galliher, 12100 Wickson Lake Rd., Bryan, TX 77808 (979/589-3022) galliher@mssblue.net SEC: Patty Lampley, 2105 Williams Glen, Bryan, TX 77808 (979/776-9111) plampley@bryanisd.org		
*APR 9-10 A-O/N/CP: B-N/CP LIMIT: 55	SPRINGTIME AT BILTMORE (NC-Reg 5) – Biltmore Estate, Asheville, NC CHR: Morgan Ortiz, 225 Holland Dr., Black Mountain, NC 28711 (828/335-1629) morgan@sobolhouse.com SEC: Connie Driskell, 524 Mills Gap Rd., Arden, NC 28704 (828/684-5650) csdintrig@charter.net		
*APR 16-17 A-O/N/CP LIMIT: 60	PINON MESA (Reg 3-NM) Farmington, NM CHR: Tammi Cumberworth, 2101 W. Coyote Drive, Farmington, NM 87401 (505-564-8675) tcumberworth@gmail.com SEC: Chuck Smith, PO Box 687, Flora Vista, NM 87415 (505/215-2625) csmith@advantas.net		
*APR 16-17 A-O/N/CP LIMIT 60	ARKANSAS TRAVELER, Mack's Pines Campground, Dover, AR CHR: Debbie Keene-Starr, 1455 Roy Taylor Rd. Russellville, AR 72802 (479/890-5567) deborahkeenestarr@yahoo.com SEC: Becky Rogers, 1048 Cardinal Dr., Argyle, TX 76226 (940/367-4411) beckykrogers@yahoo.com		
*MAY 7-8 A-O/CP:B-N/CP	***MOVED to June 18-19*** FIRST OF SPRING (CA-Reg 2) Descanso, CA. CANCELLED CHR: Margie Insko, 526 Brazos St., Ramona, CA 92065 (760/789-1977) ramonaaha@gmail.com SEC: Bob Insko, 526 Brazos St., Ramona, CA 92065 (760/789-1977) rminsko@gmail.com		
*MAY 7 B-O/N/CP NO LIMIT	MT. DIABLO SPRING (CA-Reg 1) Mt. Diablo State Park CHR: Ellen Pofcher, PO Box 732, Clayton, CA 94517 (925/672-3733) mtnoaks@earthlink.net SEC: Laurie Page, c/o CMDTRA, PO Box 419, Clayton, CA 94517 (925/672-3978) mtnoaks@earthlink.net		
*MAY 7-8 A-O/N/CP LIMIT: 60	NAVAJO LAKE (NM-Reg 3) – Navajo Lake State Park, NM CHR: Russ Jones, 625 Montgomery Lane, Aztec, NM 87410 (505/330-2524) russlinda_5@q.com SEC: Linda Jones, 625 Montgomery Lane, Aztec, NM 87410 (505/215-7620) russlinda_5@q.com		
*MAY 14-15 A-O/N/CP:B-N LIMIT: 60 SEC:	WIMBRLY WAYFARER (TX-Reg 4) Storm Ranch CHR: Elaine Swiss, 1470 Old Marble Falls Rd., Round Mtn, TX 78663 (830/825-3032) swissranch@earthlink.net Tracy Black, 7037 Comanche, Austin, TX 78732 (512/565-3854) tracy@larryblacklaw.com		
*MAY 14-15 A&B-O/N/CP LIMIT: 60	CANCELLED FAYE WHITTEMORE FARM (AL-Reg 5) — Jasper, AL CANCELLED CHR: Michelle Goza, 8046 Bluff Ridge Rd., Bessmer, Al 35022 (205/424-5036) madmae@bellsouth.net SEC: Edna Cook, 8034 Bluff Ridge Rd., Bessmer, Al 35022 (205/425-8535) rubydee@wildblue.net		
*MAY 21-22	CANCELLED REGION TWO BENEFIT (CA-Reg 2) — San Jaun Capistrano, CA CANCELLED CHR. Bob Insko, 526 Brazos St. Ramona, CA 92065 (760/789-1977) RAHA@sheqlobal net		

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*OCT 7-9 AUTUMN 90 AT BILTMORE (NC-Reg 5) – Biltmore Estate, Asheville, NC

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B-CP/N SEC: Connie Driskell, 524 Mills Gap Rd. Arden, NC 28704 (828/684-5650) csdintrig@charter.net

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*OCT 22 BAR H BONANZA (CA-Reg 2) –Gavilan, CA

B-O/N/CP CHR:Katy Taylor, 4428 Valley View, Norco, CA 92860 (951/520-0832 horseitup@yahoo.com

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OCT 22-23 HORSEMASTER'S BENEFIT (TX-Reg 4)

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LIMIT 60 SEC: Dawn Martin, 331 Windridge, Gilmer, TX 75645 (903/797-6252) horsemasters10@gmail.com

*OCT 22-23 WHISPERING PINES (MO-Reg 6) –Jadwin, MO

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*OCT 21-22 HONEYCREEK AT BIG SOUTH FORK (TN-Reg 5) -Honeycreek Camp near Big South Fork Recreational Area

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*NOV 5-6 LAST CHANCE AT THE OK CORRAL (OK-Reg 4)) Stillwater, OK

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NOV 5-6 KINGS MOUNTAIN CTR (SC-Reg 5) – Blacksburg, SC

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NOV 11-12 NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING, Denver, CO

NATRC CLINICS

April 30 Nimblewill Challenge Clinic-Canton, GA

Debbie Jones, 404/285-0891 jonescant@aol.com

April 30 Doubletree Clinic, Doubletree Horse Farm, Delta, CO

Judy Wise Mason, 970/856-7022 masonranch@aol.com

May 14 Greenland Clinic, Greenland Open Space, Douglas County, CO

Susan Peters 719/488-2267 sapeters@pcisys.net

May 14 IA Trailriders Despooking Clinic, Windrush Hills Farm

Denise Schieffer, 319/728-8737 ponyexpress11@hotmail.com

Aug 27 Turkey Creek Ranch Clinic, Newcastle, NE

Shari Parys, 402/332-4173 Katbalu9@aol.com

Oct 7 Pole Canyon, Quitaque, TX

Alanna Sommer, 940-240-0015 trlridn4fun@gmail.com

Oct 15 Kings Mountain, Blacksburg, SC

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2012 RIDES

*DEC 3-4 CHRISTMAS AT THE RANCH, (TX-Reg 4) Killeen, TX

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*MAY 5-6 WIMBERLY WAYFARER (TX-Reg 4) Storm Ranch

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*OCT 29-30 SWEET HALLOWEEN (AL-Reg 5) – Hatchct Valley Farms, Rockford, AL

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North American Trail Ride Conference Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison January through December 2010

	Jan - Dec 10	Jan - Dec 09	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
40000 · Memberships	36,434.76	46,204.79	-9,770.03
40100 · Rides	20,393.00	24,086.71	-3,693.71
42000 · Product Sales	308.42	675.08	-366.66
43000 · Sponsorships	6,002.40	4,020.98	1,981.42
43500 · Raffles	2,210.19	0.00	2,210.19
44000 · Hoofprint Ads/Subscriptions	2,966.85	184.79	2,782.06
45000 · Convention and Awards	6,147.06	6,813.50	-666.44
45500 · Judge Fee	15.00	15.00	0.00
46000 · Trail Advocacy Donations	3,256.31	87.00	3,169.31
47000 · Donations	10,377.69	1,179.33	9,198.36
48000 · Scholarship Donations	0.00	920.00	-920.00
49000 · Other Income	2,086.84	1,893.75	193.09
49999 · Interest Income	1,809.37	8,662.36	-6,852.99
Total Income	92,007.89	94,743.29	-2,735.40
Gross Profit	92,007.89	94,743.29	-2,735.40
Expense			
50000 · Member Dues to Regions	12,215.49	15,731.00	-3,515.51
51000 · Ride Costs	6,024.27	766.00	5,258.27
52000 · Clinic Expenses	900.00	600.00	300.00
53000 · Product Costs	410.01	1,085.00	-674.99
54000 · Marketing	2,998.36	529.41	2,468.95
54500 · Hoofprint	18,111.27	14,930.94	3,180.33
55000 · Convention and Award Expenses	6,859.40	6,664.10	195.30
56000 · Trail Advocacy Expenses	1,010.00	0.00	1,010.00
56500 · Staff Expenses	40,353.61	39,859.20	494.41
57000 · Administrative	13,776.78	12,739.61	1,037.17
58000 · Scholarships/Student Loans	4,000.00	5,000.00	-1,000.00
59000 · Other Expense	252.68	535.00	-282.32
59999 · Investment Expense	300.00	300.00	0.00
Total Expense	107,211.87	98,740.26	8,471.61
Net Ordinary Income	-15,203.98	-3,996.97	-11,207.01
Net Income	-15,203.98	-3,996.97	-11,207.01

North American Trail Ride Conference Profit & Loss Prev Year Comparison January through March 2011

	Jan - Mar 11	Jan - Mar 10	\$ Change
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Income			
40000 · Memberships	17,641.51	16,637.66	1,003.85
40100 · Rides	2,619.05	1,763.00	856.05
42000 · Product Sales	543.08	79.49	463.59
43000 · Sponsorships	4,341.70	950.00	3,391.70
43500 · Raffles	1,311.57	240.48	1,071.09
44000 · Hoofprint Ads/Subscriptions	887.50	60.35	827.15
45000 · Convention and Awards	1,193.17	1,621.00	-427.83
46000 · Trail Advocacy Donations	1,000.00	2,953.24	-1,953.24
47000 · Donations	542.00	264.00	278.00
49000 · Other Income	257.83	682.35	-424.52
49999 · Interest Income	1,451.91	1,665.46	-213.55
Total Income	31,789.32	26,917.03	4,872.29
Gross Profit	31,789.32	26,917.03	4,872.29
Expense			
50000 · Member Dues to Regions	9,435.49	7,046.00	2,389.49
51000 · Ride Costs	990.00	0.00	990.00
52000 · Clinic Expenses	0.00	100.00	-100.00
54000 · Marketing	1,015.78	2,605.00	-1,589.22
54500 · Hoofprint	3,835.10	2,647.82	1,187.28
55000 · Convention and Award Expenses	5,465.33	6,356.31	-890.98
56000 · Trail Advocacy Expenses	0.00	1,010.00	-1,010.00
56500 · Staff Expenses	9,534.49	9,684.63	-150.14
57000 · Administrative	2,449.18	2,863.32	-414.14
59000 · Other Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Expense	32,725.37	32,313.08	412.29
Net Ordinary Income	-936.05	-5,396.05	4,460.00
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RESUME

FOR NOMINEES TO NATRC BOARD OF DIRECTORS OR ALTERNATE PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE: DIRECTOR () OR ALTERNATE ()

In order to select a slate of nominees for this year's ballot, we need a resume of your qualifications. Please answer the following, sign the pledge and return this form to the Nominating Committee Chairman by August 1, 2011.

NAME			REGION	
ADDRESS				
CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE	
HOW MANY YEARS HAVE YOU B	EEN A NATRO	MEMBER?	?	
INTEREST IN NATRC (RIDER, MA	NAGER, JUDO	GE)		
for NATRC. Be brief and please do	it in 200 words ne back of this	or less. Th	n, related interests and what you wo e information will be used on our bal ur statement or attach an additional	llots to
Results of the election will be annotatify you, and if elected, your term			g of the Board of Directors. The NAT	RC office will
times a year. Expenses related to the has voted to split transportation cost attending the meeting. The average to attend the three meetings, include	ne Board meet sts (not rooms o e shared cost o ling transportat	ings are boo or meals) ed of the transp ion, hotel a	spected to attend the Board meeting rne by the Board members. The curr qually between all Board members wortation for 2010 was \$326.02. Total nd meals, was about \$550.00 per motors. Please check with your Regio	ent Board ho are average cost eeting. Most
Thank you for your interest in your	NATRC.			
PLEDGE:				
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Please return no later than August 1, 2011, to: Jim Ferris PO Box 300 Penn Valley, CA 95946 530/432-6513 jcferris@yahoo.com



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CHECK PLAN DESIRED

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP: All NATRC memberships include: subscription to Hoof Print, eligibility to compete for NATRC annual high score awards and championships, rider and horse mileage awards, reduced ride entry fees, sponsor discounts and automatic membership in the region where you reside.

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FAMILY \$90 /yr Household of 1 or 2 adults and children under the age of 18 as of Jan 1 (2 votes)
SINGLE ADULT \$60 /yr Single adult member (1 vote)
ASSOCIATE \$50 /yr Equine-related groups or businesses only (no vote)
JUNIOR \$40 /yr Single Junior member under age 18 (no vote)
PLATINUM MEMBERSHIP: Platinum members receive insurance benefits thorough Association Resource Group-ARG. Platinum members receive personal excess liability coverage with a \$1,000,000 policy limit. Coverage is for claims brought against members of NATRC (Platinum) arising from the use and /or ownership of a horse and for horse-related accidents involving third party bodily injury or property damage. Coverage will apply when engaged in any horse related activity, and coverage is in excess of any existing valid and collectible insurance. There is no deductible. Professional Liability is not included. Business exposures are excluded.
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Email:Birthdates of Junior(s)
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