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President's Message

Gary Clayton

The 2011 ride season is over, and we are into the 2012 season.

Now is a good time for all of us to reflect back over the past season and think about what we as individuals did or did not accomplish toward achieving our personal goals. I know that some are not pleased with the way the year

turned out, and others were able to achieve or exceed their goals. In any case, now is a good time to set your goals and start planning for another year. A good starting point is to bring out your score cards from the past year to determine where progress is needed and then design a strategy for achieving your new goals.

The same approach should be taken for the Regional and National organizations. Both suffer from the

effects of poor turnout at the rides and lower membership. Each region should look back over the past ride season and determine if the region met its goals, and if not, what were the reasons. Every NATRC member should also be asking themselves what is it they can do personally to make 2012 a better year.

I hope everyone had a great holiday season, and I will be looking forward to seeing many of you out on the trail.



NATRC Mission Statement

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

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Elaine Swiss

This month the North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC) is celebrating the tremendous diversity in the equine breeds that compete in our sport.

NATRC was founded as a non-profit organization to promote competitive trail riding and the development of the distance horse through education of the rider. Many unfamiliar with NATRC often conclude, wrongly, that the sport must be for Arabians or similar light horse breeds. Are there Arabians on the NATRC trail? Of course, right along

side the Missouri Fox Trotter, the Haflinger and the Paint, standing together in the winners' circle.

The universal attraction of NATRC is that any sound horse can be successful at the regional and national level. From the retired Thoroughbred off the track, to the world-wise Quarter Horse ranch gelding, to the rescue mare of questionable breeding, to the Morgan show ring beauty, any horse can be carefully conditioned and trained for NATRC events by its owner.

Yes, competitive trail is about using the horse you have to develop a partnership based on solid horsemanship skills and knowledge. Bring a friend so they too can see what can be accomplished on the NATRC trail with their horse, no matter what the breed.



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Kings Mountain CTR: The Ride That Gives Back

Patsy Conner, R4, Horsemanship Judge

Throughout the United States, we are losing access to trails. There are thousands of acres of beautiful land in our national forests and national parks, even ranches and private lands that once welcomed us but are no longer available. Kings Mountain National Historic Site in North Carolina and Kings Mountain State Park in South Carolina are exceptions. Kings Mountain is the location of the battle that turned the tide of the Revolutionary War in October 1781. In short, it was the tenacity of the Whigs who marched to surround Colonel Ferguson encamped on top of Kings Mountain. The patriot sharpshooters had no problem picking off the redcoats to win this decisive battle. What a thrill to walk on the ground and ride among the hills that supported the efforts that eventually led to the United States. It is with that same zeal and dedication that the Friends of Kings Mountain and the Kings Mountain CTR are mobilizing the troops and taking action to expand the 15 miles of trails

currently available for us to enjoy riding on.

Giving Back Even though there were only 17 riders entered, with the exception of only the most critical expenses, all of the entry fees went to funds to support expansion of Kings Mountain equestrian parking areas and trail. Ken and Debra Porter, Mike and Sarah Bridges, and Jack and Mary Britt dedicated their time, energy and money toward making this a well-organized, well-marked and developed trail for a most enjoyable ride. With a grant and money from the ride, the future of Kings Mountain trails is bright. There is money to expand the day parking area and build restrooms. The camping area will also be improved with more parking sites, electricity and even a bathhouse. A major part of the donation comes from the man-hours put in to clear trails and develop new ones. Ken and Mike said there is an additional eight miles of trails that have already been developed awaiting final approval by the park service.

The Ride It has been a dream of Dr. Mike Bridges to bring NATRC to this park. The fall colors radiated beauty as we began the Second Annual Kings Mountain NATRC ride. Trailmaster Ken Porter, with the able assistance of his wife, Debra, worked some magic to create the minimum mileage for Open, Novice and CP out of only 15 miles of trail. Ken and Debra measured and marked trail, while Ride Chair Mary Britt was behind the scenes helping to make Dr. Mike's dream come true. Mike moved trailers into place, brought water and showed me the trail while Sarah worked her own magic in the kitchen. Although rain dampened the ground, spirits were high as 17 riders checked in. By afternoon the rain cleared and it remained dry the rest of the weekend.

All 17 riders finished -- an outstanding group! I have never had so many judging opportunities. Ken and Mike whisked me from point to point to observe riders negotiate a variety of challenges that one might experience on a trail. There were at least eight entries on everyone's card, depending on division.

In the evening we warmed ourselves around a cheery fire. Debra and Sarah kept workers well fed with hot meals of pancakes, grits and eggs to order for breakfast, lasagna and potpie for lunches and a wonderful potluck both Friday and Saturday.

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Turn on the Haunches for Trail Riding

Steve Kutie

If you have tried to figure out how to teach your horse to turn on the haunches to get out of a tight or dead-end spot on the trail, you may wonder what the easiest way is to get started. It is really simple to teach if you follow a few simple steps. The move is just a basic crossover step done multiple times.

The first thing to think about is that this maneuver must be done with forward impulsion. We are really working on controlling the shoulders. I tend to not worry about the position of the hips or a pivot foot as it will tend to take care of itself as the horse learns to cross over and move the shoulders. If a horse is driving forward and moving his shoulders correctly, he sometimes needs to reposition his pivot foot. I do not want a horse to be swapping ends.

Forward motion is the key in teaching your horse to cross his outside front leg over his inside front leg. Start with a left turn. Ride in a 10-foot circle to the left. Watch your horse's outside (right) front leg and every time it steps under your outside leg, say "Step." As the horse's outside leg is under your outside leg, it is in the perfect position to influence the next step, which will be a forward cross over step, with the horse's outside (right front leg) crossing over his inside left leg. By using this "step" approach, you ask your horse to step over one step and then push him forward and back out onto the 10-foot circle.

Repeat the sequence of steps until your horse is willingly crossing over one step and then walking out. Now ask for two cross over steps and again push your horse out onto the 10-foot circle. Keep repeating the sequence so that you have your horse willingly moving the shoulders.

The aids and positioning for moving the shoulders are the same as the aids used while circling. Your outside leg is back by the rear cinch helping to drive



Steve Kutie

your horse forward and holding his hips to the inside of the circle. Your inside leg is at the front girth holding the horse's body in the shape of the small circle and not letting the horse drop the left shoulder into that circle. While driving your horse forward, turn your upper body slightly toward the inside of the circle as if you have eyes in your chest.

Releasing your inside leg allows your horse to step over into the turn, rather than staying on the circle. Your outside

rein is pressed against the horse's neck, but not pulled across the centerline. Pulling the outside rein across the center of your horse's neck will cause him to tip his nose to the outside of the turn and drop his shoulder to the inside. Your inside rein will be slightly lifted to help position the horse's nose to the inside of the turn.

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

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Doing It Up Right Going Downhill

Kay Lieberknecht, RN, R1

Does your horse get “rushy” going downhill, or slow to a mincing pace, go sideways, or be high-headed on a steep slope down? Does it feel like you’re being thrown about by the horse’s movements, or do you get feedback that your upper body is swaying when you ride downhill? I’ve had all these experiences, and I’d like to share what has helped.

If your horse seems to have problems going downhill, it may well be discomfort. While it could be arthritis, it’ll help to eliminate other possible causes of discomfort, starting with saddle fit. So, put the saddle on your horse, jiggling it on the back to get it to sit in its natural, settled spot. Girth it up so that you can fit your hand between the horse’s elbow and the front of the girth – so that when going downhill the girth will not irritate the horse’s elbow. Tighten the girth enough that you can fit two fingers between the girth and the horse’s body at the bottom – not at the side, as different horses may be flat-sided or round-barreled, invalidating that test of appropriate tightness. Too tight of a girth won’t prevent saddle movement enough to be worth the discomfort that constriction causes.

Check that there is at least an inch of space between the gullet of the saddle and the horse’s spine, all the way front to back. Check that the saddle sits level, doesn’t look like it will tilt you backward or forward when mounted. Make sure the end of the rigid part of the saddle at the back doesn’t go behind being even with the last rib, as the transverse processes (the sideways-pointing bones coming off each vertebra) of the lumbar spine beyond there can’t tolerate pressure.

The rigid part of the saddle that sits just behind the shoulder needs to always stay off of and behind the scapula. When saddled, have someone lift your horse’s front leg and pull it forward

while you feel that rear edge of the scapula as it moves toward the saddle; there should not be a pinch at all. If your fingers suffer any pressure, check that you actually have the saddle jiggled into its natural settling point and not girthed up too far forward. If the saddle is in the right position and there is a pinch between the shoulder and the saddle, you pretty much need a different saddle, as this is a really painful experience for the horse all the time, but especially going downhill, as they have to reach, causing the scapula to slide into that heavily solid saddle.

Hopefully your saddle fits right and your horse has ideal conformation, with great withers and a topline making an uphill slope from rump to withers. But that still doesn’t mean the saddle won’t end up sliding forward as they go downhill, irritating their shoulders or elbows or withers. I rode a horse with withers that were well-defined and laid back. After 20 miles of hills, she had a quarter-sized sore on her withers, from the saddle riding forward going downhill. Now she always wears a crupper, which keeps the saddle back in place. When the horse has low

withers and straighter shoulders, a crupper is quite vital to keep the saddle from interfering with elbows and shoulders when riding downhill. In order for a crupper to do its intended job, it must be adjusted so that it is quite snug.

Saddle fit being accounted for, the next solution to difficulties going downhill is riding light and balanced in that saddle. I remember being taught as a child to lean back going downhill, which made sense to me. However, it didn’t make sense to my horse; he’d end up sore over the loins – behind the saddle, where the transverse processes of the lumbar vertebrae start. Ow, picture this! My feet are out in front and my back is tilted rearward - you can just feel that pressure angled right down through and behind my saddle into my horse’s spine! With that kind of discomfort, how is he going to round his back up, engage his hindquarters, and get the heaviness off his front end to do a controlled and efficient downhill gait? I’ve got to lighten up!

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To get light in the saddle, first start on flat ground and be sure your feet are placed directly below your hips. In your usual riding posture, if your horse disappeared from under you, would you land on your face, fanny or feet? If you land on your face, you are in some version of the fetal crouch, hunkered forward with toes down. If you land on your fanny then you may be “low-riding,” braced against the stirrups. If you land on your feet, ready to run, you’re in position to be light off your horse’s back.

It helps in your goal of keeping your feet under your hips if your saddle fits you as well as it fits your horse. If the stirrups naturally hang way forward of your sit in the saddle, you’d better have size 13 feet! It helps to have the stirrups at a length to keep your feet level and knees bent as you stand up to just clear your saddle’s seat.

To stop the bracing against the stirrups that causes you to tilt backward, forget about trying to keep your heels down. Instead, relax your ankles with your feet level and supported. How much would your leg weigh all by itself? That is all the weight that should ever be pressing on each stirrup.

So what do you do with the rest of your poundage if you’re supposed to be light in the saddle? You engage your inner thigh muscles and your gluteus (fanny) muscles so that you can barely feel the saddle under your seat bones. Try this without stirrups, staying relaxed from the knees down. You may get sore as you develop these muscles, which is why you start out being light when it really counts -- on hills, both up and down. Once these muscles get in shape there will no longer be pain over your seat bones or in your crotch, no matter how long you ride!

When you are light in the saddle and heading downhill, you will float along with your back perpendicular to your horse’s back. You may feel like you are tilting forward in relation to level ground, but you are really staying correctly balanced with your horse. You want to send your weight down through your thighs and into your

knees, rather than into your seat bones or your feet. This weight-in-your-knees feel keeps your feet from swinging too far forward and gives you a secure seat while still remaining “light”-- a nice experience of flowing with your horse’s motion.

Now to address the upper body sway. Imagine the way it feels to the horse as they go down a hill, having your body lean right-left-right-left, tugging the saddle repeatedly. No, not really like a massage...How much better if your lower body is supple, stretching down with this side, then that side, matching the horse’s movement, so that your upper body floats above the horse. In beginning to do this you can feel the horse’s movement best if you stay down in the saddle, so let go of being totally light as you learn. Match your hips to your horse’s shoulders and do a belly dance, flexing at your waist and keeping your upper body still. Drop your left hip as your horse’s left shoulder stretches down, then your right hip with their right shoulder. Think of it as pedaling down the hill with your horse. After doing this for a while, look down and see how your belly moves;

you’re a great dancer as your lower body moves with your horse and the upper body is still.

I was riding trail with a friend who is a champion English show rider. She was on one of my horses, a mare who can do what I call the Mustang Shuffle, a stepping pace that is very fast downhill. My friend was not looking relaxed ahead of me, so I was trying to convince her that leaning back downhill was not so good as getting up off the saddle and kind of walking with the horse with her legs. She skeptically tried it, and suddenly she was way out ahead of me. The horse got comfortable and capable of moving out with her Mustang Shuffle under her really light and balanced rider. Horse and rider each took first in that competitive trail ride!

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Once you have a well-fitted saddle and you are light and balanced as you dance down hills with your horse, you may still have a horse that gets “rushy” or balky or just plain weird going downhill. Maybe the horse needs to be taught how to take advantage of all you’ve done to make it easy going downhill, learning how to defy gravity and keep their weight off their knees and carried by their strong hindquarters.

So you’re riding downhill and partway down you just stop your horse, staying light and balanced. The horse has to resist the downward pull of gravity by rounding their back up, tucking their rump, and using their hind legs to stop. Now have your horse back up a couple

steps. This further reminds their hindquarters of their power to resist gravity. Now walk on down the hill, light, balanced, moving with your horse. Notice that your horse’s progress down is more relaxed and controlled, willing even. Repeat the whole affair, just like steps in a dance routine, getting more fluid each repetition.

Any time the horse starts to act wrong going downhill, try the stop-and-back routine and check yourself for lightness and balance. If you and your horse still have a problem going downhill, do seek more help – from a saddle fitter, a veterinarian, even a body worker for yourself. Happy trails!

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NATRC's New Medication and Treatment Policy

Mike Peralez, DVM

Several years ago, NATRC appointed an Ad Hoc Committee to develop an updated medication and treatment policy. The Committee had to address the rapidly changing technologies of drug detection as well as the increasing numbers of treatment options.

In parallel deliberations, AERC's Veterinary and Legal Committees collaborated to produce a scientifically-based, comprehensive medication policy ideally suited to the sport of long-distance trail riding. With AERC's permission, NATRC ultimately adapted that policy to meet our own needs.

The three-part policy became effective in 2011. The first part is in NATRC's "Policies and Procedures" and simply states, "The penalty for the administration of a prohibited substance or treatment may include, but is not limited to, ride disqualification or suspension of NATRC privileges."

The comprehensive appendices are updated yearly and are posted on www.natrc.org. Appendix A gives us specific prohibited substances by their generic and trade names. Appendix B lists prohibited medications by category. Appendix C provides a clear list of allowed substances. Appendix D spells out the threshold levels of certain substances, below which they are not considered prohibited. In no way misinterpret that NATRC has approved allowable limits of a prohibited medication. We simply recognize that drug detection technology has advanced to the point of detecting miniscule amounts of substances, levels of which are deemed not to influence the horse during competition.

NATRC is now up to speed with AERC, FEI and other organizations involved in long distance equestrian competitions, and is a proactive partner in securing the welfare of our equine athletes.

- Greg Fellers, DVM

Appendix E delivers *advisory or general* guidelines regarding known detection times of certain medications. Individual detection times vary based on many factors including size, health, dosage and route. Be aware that, because of these individual variations, a horse may still test positive, and the rider will be responsible for that

positive test and its possible penalties regardless of intent.

Section 7 in the NATRC Rule Book is completely devoted to the specific rules of prohibited substances and treatments. The final part, the penalty phase, was passed at the November 2011 NBOD meeting. (See separate article on new rules passed.)

The purpose of these rules "in equines during NATRC rides is both to protect the equines from harm and to ensure fair competition. Equines should compete under their natural abilities without the influence of any drug, medication or veterinary treatment." Furthermore, the new rules promote the philosophies of NATRC, especially where we are asked "to demonstrate the best methods of caring for equines during and after long rides without the use of artificial methods or stimulants."

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What Are We Looking for in Horsemanship Judging?

A rider sent this question to one of our horsemanship judges after a ride. The judge appreciated the constructive approach and replied that this had changed her perspective. Rider feedback can make us rethink technique. Send questions to Patsy Conner, Judges Committee Co-Chair, or to Jamie Dieterich, Education Committee.

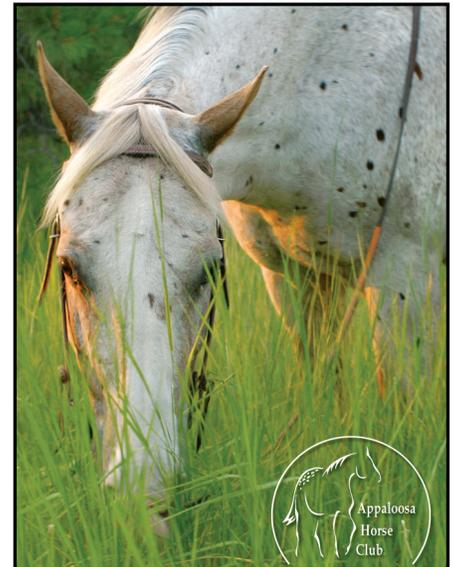
Why is it important to do a perfect full pass when moving sideways over a log?

The purpose of our "contrived" observations involving turns, backs and side passes is to simulate actual trail situations. So, if a trail situation involves stepping sideways over a log that is parallel to horse, why would it be important that we make them do a perfect full pass with both front and rear legs crossing over the log at the same time and in front of the other leg? This maneuver, which actually requires the horse to stand momentarily on two legs, is more apt to cause a stumble or rub than allowing the front end to lead slightly so that three feet are touching the ground at all times (as is normal in a

walk, anyhow). We should be looking for the safest and simplest way to "get it done." If I found myself in a situation where I needed my horse to step sideways over a fair-sized log to avoid something dangerous, I would be looking for quiet obedience, not show-ring perfection. I don't think I would even attempt to make him do that very difficult maneuver over an eight-foot log, since it is not what I consider to be the safest way to get the job done.

I have had vet judges deduct points because my horse did not do a perfect, "show ring" side pass when asked to move over and hang a ribbon. Points may also be deducted because the pivot foot moved too much while doing a turn on the forehand or haunches. In judging "manners and trail-ability," shouldn't we be looking at how quietly and calmly a horse responds instead of whether or not he puts his feet in the exact position?

Note: See Steve Kutie's article, *Turn on the Haunches for Trail Riding*, p. 7.



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Use Facebook to Spread the Word

Jonni Jewell

Many of us are on *Facebook*. All of the regions have *Facebook* pages/groups, along with a National NATRC page where they post about upcoming rides, share ride stories and photos. One of the best (free) ways we can advertise NATRC is through *Facebook*.

Many of your *Facebook* friends, I am guessing, participate in our rides, but I'd also guess many do other horse sports and may know very little about us. So when you share about a ride you are looking forward to, or a ride you just attended, be sure to include NATRC in the wording. Many have posted "I had a great ride at the CTR this weekend." Saying, "Had a great time at the NATRC ride this weekend" will get people familiar with NATRC. They may start asking you about this sport and organization. Repetition, builds familiarity. The more they see "NATRC" the more familiar they become.

After a ride, post a photo or a quick update. Show your *Facebook* friends what a great time you have at these rides. When they ask questions, share NATRC information or where to get that information, with them.

Also, if you are on any *Facebook* pages dedicated to the breed of horse you ride, horses in general or horse magazines, they are great places to reply and share. "Trail Rider Magazine" has a page and is always asking questions like "Where are you riding this weekend?" Let them know that you are going to an NATRC ride!

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Consistency in P&R Scoring

Mike Peralez, DVM, Veterinary Co-Chair, Judges Committee

Some concerns have been expressed over the last few months regarding P&R protocol. The pulse and respiration counting techniques must be uniform and applied to all competitors equally.

To measure pulse recovery, a stethoscope is placed on the left side of the horse behind the elbow and in front of their girth region. The count is taken for 15 seconds and recorded on the P&R card.

Another concern is the 10-minute recovery time. All horses have recovery checks at 10 minutes, even if a horse has recovered within that time, e.g., six minutes. There are several reasons for the 10-minute recovery period. First, the 10-minute period protects our horses. All horses get the same break period and have an equal chance to recover. This uniformity further

promotes a level playing field. Second, from a logistical point-of-view, the 10-minute recovery allows for an orderly P&R stop. Can you imagine a P&R line-up with horses leap-frogging one another because of different (out of order) recovery times? What a mess! Finally, rides are timed with a planned 15 minutes for P&R stops. Sticking to a 10-minute recovery period keeps riders from using the P&R stop as a way to gain time.

Respiration is counted at the flank on the left side of the horse. The number that is recorded on the P&R card is the number of breaths (inspiration/expiration cycles) counted in one 15-second interval. There are no exemptions for any reason including breed of horse, weather factors, or rate of respiration, e.g. "panting." If a horse is "panting," the 15 second count is

not divided by four (or any other number) to find the recordable respiration rate. It is critical at this point, especially involving a potential "hold", that the count be true and accurate.

Competitive trail riding is a small sport where everyone knows each other and often sees one another at many rides during the year. It is human nature to want to help riders and/or friends while out on the trail. However, for the protection of our horses, it is imperative that pulse and respiration be taken and recorded accurately. At no time shall a P&R captain make a judgment call as to the ability of a horse to leave a P&R stop when the pulse or respiration count is elevated.

Do not fall to the temptation of giving a lower reading when the actual count may result in a "hold" or point deduction.

To let a poorly recovered horse leave the stop is dangerous and reckless. Metabolic problems may occur down the trail. In addition, the intentional recording of incorrect P&Rs is a form of cheating and is a huge disservice to those honest competitors who spend time and money preparing for our rides.



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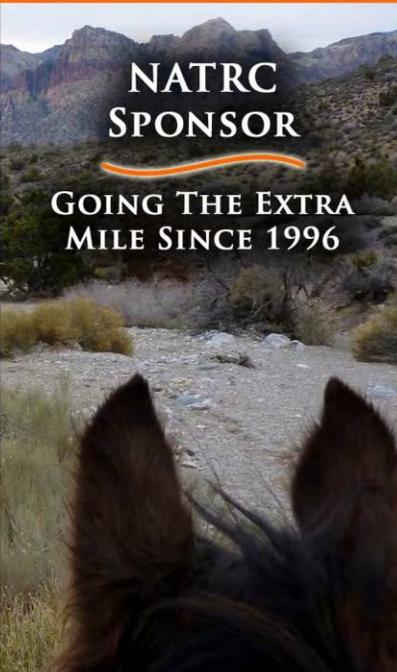
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The Tevis That Almost Wasn't

Ken Wolgram

At noon on Thursday, Oct. 6, Betty, Susie Witter (NATRC Horsemanship judge) and I were sitting in Truckee, Calif. wondering what was going to happen with Tevis because almost two feet of snow had fallen in 24 hours. About 9:30 p.m. we got a call from a Tevis volunteer telling us that the trail was being modified, check-in and the ride start would be in Auburn. Early Friday, we headed to Auburn.

Ice and I timed-out Saturday morning. He was incredible. He kept getting stronger all day, and, after leaving Foresthill at 5 p.m. with 50 riders in front of us, he used that full gas tank to pass many riders on the way to our 22nd place finish at 10:12 p.m.

Riding with me was Region 3 member Cheryl Jarrett on Spartan, finishing 23rd at 10:12 p.m. NATRC Region 3 member Jane Young finished 90th on Rosie at 2:23 a.m. Former member Brandy Ferganchick on her Norwegian Fjord Dodger finished as the coveted "turtle," in 123rd place at 5:21 a.m.

My wife Betty and I both well understand what it's like NOT to finish. Betty was one for two and I'm now at four completions in seven attempts.

Region 3 NATRC member Kirt van Poolen on her Curly horse Chance rode over 60 miles before being pulled at Chicken Hawk/Volcano West. It takes months and sometimes years of training, conditioning, dedication, and commitment even to make it to the start of the Tevis and all riders who even start should feel a great sense of accomplishment

The best way to describe what was accomplished by the Tevis ride management and volunteers this year is to use their own words. Ride director Chuck Stalley said, "It took us 16 months to prepare for this year's Tevis, and 24 hours to change it."

Merri Melde describes it well in her article, 2011 Tevis Cup: Just Marvelous, on EnduranceNet:

"Thursday night at 6:15 PM, with 36 hours left till start time, ride management decided to move the start of the ride to Auburn. So began the massive reorganization and re-coordination of 700 volunteers, trail marking, water stops, sweep riders, communications people, and myriad other details required to get some 60 new (or in a new direction) miles of trail marked and made safe for nearly 200 horses and riders...they all deserved the big silver Tevis buckle this year, for getting to the start, sticking around despite the weather, for rolling with the changes, for riding in the 56th Tevis Cup, and finishing this year in the ride that almost didn't happen."



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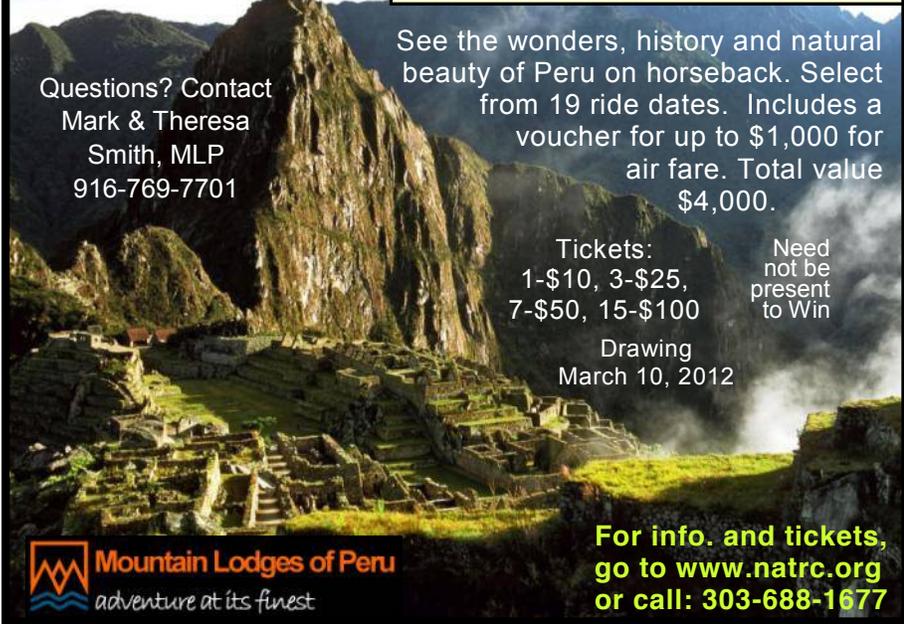
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Group Trip Shaping Up

Bev Roberts

Planning for the Machu Picchu trip is moving right along. We are in the midst of finalizing what costs can be expected that are not included in the Mountain Lodges of Peru package such as air fare to Lima, air fare from Lima to Cusco, and hotel in Cusco prior to beginning the adventure.

Mark Smith, who can answer detailed questions any trip attendees may have, has worked with me to set aside two dates for the group. Those dates are June 10 and Oct. 10. Based on the preferences of the group members, it is looking like June 10 will be it!



Urubamba River Gorge

At this writing, we have 13 folks on our interested list and there is room for two more. By the time you receive your *Hoof Print*, those going on the trip will have paid their deposits. If we have fewer than 15 folks, there will still be time to sign up and send in your deposit for this fabulous "trip of a lifetime."

Contact me at matefey@gmail.com for the latest status and to learn how you can join the group!



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Exercises to Help Your Equitation

Jamie Dieterich

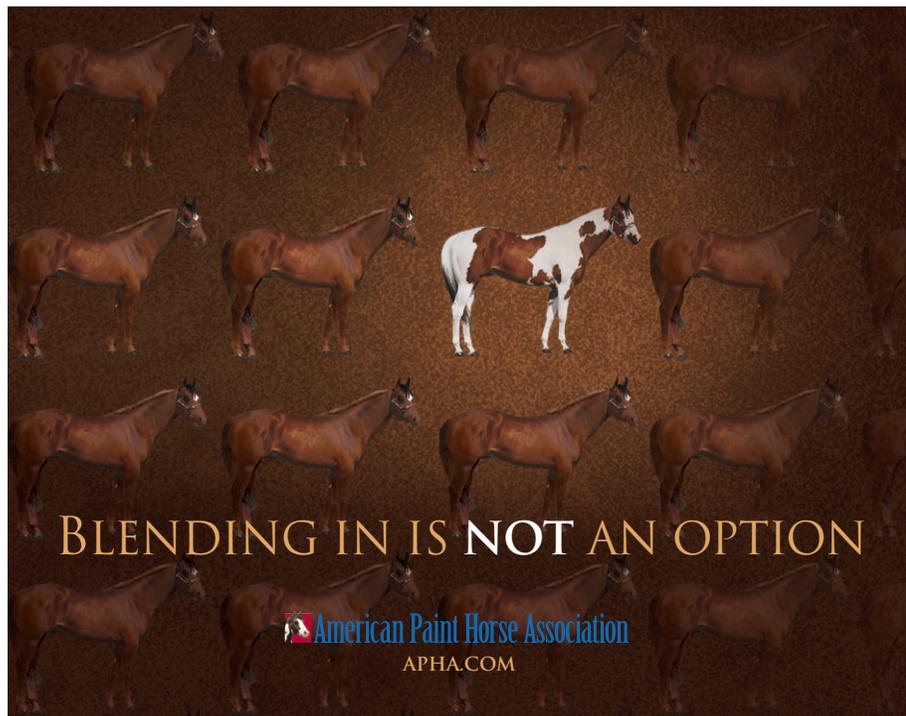
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For an application, contact the NATRC Executive Administrator at natrc@natrc.org. Please complete the form in Word and submit via email to the NATRC Executive Administrator at natrc@natrc.org.



Blue Ribbon Safety

Patti Hicks, Safety Rider Chair

One major goal for ride management is a safe, accident-free ride. Many of the regions procure a Safety Chairperson to help management attain this.

One duty of the Safety Chairperson is to solicit qualified safety riders. A knowledgeable safety chair can delegate point riders, pair up more compatible or experienced/less experienced, and “knows the area”/“doesn’t know the area” teams for a more efficient use of safety riders. This is invaluable for ensuring the competitors are well-covered should they get off trail or have an emergency, such as an accident to themselves or their horse.

It is also helpful to have volunteers with emergency and first aid care training. Just being able to recognize a rider or horse that is suffering from dehydration, heat stress or excessive fatigue can save a life.

The Safety Chairperson and rider volunteers along with the competitors should attend the ride briefings and pay attention to information concerning the trail and maps. Dangerous places such as bogs are often pinpointed as well as safe places to water. Confusing areas of trail are described and the safety rider needs to be able to correctly direct the riders.

Safety riders can carry basic first aid items to assist riders and horses until they can be transported to camp. A good safety horse is calm and dependable and conditioned to cover the miles of trail. Often they must ride farther or faster to find lost riders or get help in an emergency. An important focus of NATRC is the safety of all associated with a competitive trail ride. Safety Chairpersons and riders should take this role seriously. You have been tasked with an important job.

By finding qualified volunteers and delegating duties appropriately, ride management can achieve the goal of a safe ride -- which is everyone's blue ribbon winner.



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Southeastern Equestrian Trail Conference

A Great Way to Engage in Trail Advocacy

Erin Glassman

This past July I was able to attend the Southeastern Equestrian Trails Conference held in Auburn, Ala. Founded by Dr. Gene Wood of Clemson University, this conference has been taking place since 1988 to convene with people interested in building, maintaining and enjoying equestrian trails. Currently there are 14 states involved in the southeastern region, although anyone is welcome to attend the conference.

Many topics were covered at the conference, including a trail maintenance "field trip" at a nearby forest with equestrian trails the day before the official lectures began. Dr. Wood lead us through some of the areas on the trail that were examples of erosion that would one day necessitate a realignment (moving the trail slightly over) or a reroute (completely changing the route of the trail) because of safety issues. Dr. Wood discussed in detail the effects of how hooves loosen soil on a trail and depending on the terrain (i.e., if it were a down slope that runs with the natural flow of water), that soil would eventually erode away, potentially causing unsafe footing for a horse. It was very interesting to view trails in such light; personally I have ridden quite a few trails and never thought about my impact upon the terrain. This knowledge is and will be very valuable to our fight to keep access to trails—learning how we can minimize our impacts on the terrain for continued use with minimal impacts can prove us as a group (both NATRC and equestrians as a whole) to be responsible land users. As responsible land users, we can gain respect and the reputation to be allowed to be on our precious national lands. We can also use information such as this to help us plan new trails or repair existing trails to help build sustainable trails.

Other presenters during the conference discussed topics such as the Recreational Trails Program, a federally funded program that issues grants for trail and off-highway transportation programs (see www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/rectrails/), as well as building sustainable trails, equestrian community development, engaging youth in horseback activities/trails, multi-use trails and how a group reopened horse activity in restricted use trails, private forest management and horse trails, grant writing tips, a Leave No Trace presentation and a speech on preserving trail riding as a national/cultural heritage.

I attended as many of the presentations as I could. I will briefly try to summarize the key points I took home from this conference. Trail riding is our heritage, both as equestrians and as U.S. citizens (without horses, this country may never have been what it is today from the exploration, settlement and advances and historical downfalls). We must do what we can to

preserve this way of life. To do this, we must educate ourselves in ways to cooperate/coordinate with other users/ management agencies, to conserve the trails and relationships we have currently and to create new spaces/ relationships and perhaps passions for horseback activity in our youth to carry on our own heritage! Any or all of these are no small task to undertake, but they are very worthy to all of us as distance competitors, as equestrians, as people who enjoy our national lands.

In conclusion, this conference was a great one to attend to gain perspective and learn about others' struggles/ triumphs and to network with other horsemen/women in our common effort. Next summer's conference will be held July 12–14 in Lexington, Kentucky. I encourage any of our members to join my effort to attend. More information can be found at www.southeasternequestriantrails.com.



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Marketing TV and Other Musings

Bev Roberts

In 2010, R5 member Joyce Lewis, appeared on TV in the Extreme Trail Challenge competition and plugged NATRC.

In 2011, Shelly Bachicha of R3 and her Mustang cross, Macho, were among the 100 finalists in the ACTHA America's Favorite Trail Horse competition and appeared on Horse TV on Nov. 22.

Regina Broughton, R5, and her Appaloosa, Tango, appeared on TV in the two minute "Ask the Expert" ADM segment of Rick Lamb's, "The Horse Show" on Nov. 1, also plugging NATRC.

We are starting to get some visibility on national TV programs! Is there a show produced by your local TV station having to do with horses? Tell us about it. Maybe we can get you on TV to talk about CTR and NATRC.

If any of you live in college towns that have equine programs, please let me know. We will see if we can arrange for you to be a guest speaker at one of the classes. Don't worry; we have materials to help you prepare for speaking.

Are any of you 4-H leaders or scouting leaders or know someone who is? Do the programs have horsemanship or horse care badges? Well then, yes, you guessed it, please see if you can instruct on NATRC/CTR/ horse care over long distances, or let me know who to contact to see about arranging for you to teach.

Marketing isn't a one person job. We all are representatives of our sport. Feel free to send me ideas and contacts. Contact me at:

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One last note on how you can help. With the convention just around the corner, if you are an award winner, download the sample press release on the ride documents page of our website, http://www.natrc.org/documents_ride.htm. Then get creative with a release to send to your local and regional newspapers and all breed publications about your national and regional awards! Feel awkward about tooting your own horn? Ask someone else to write or submit the release on your behalf.

News Around the Regions

Want to know what is going on in the other five regions in a timely manner? All of the regions post newsletters on their websites.

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Safety Riders

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Jean Green, Ride Management Chair

Having qualified safety riders is an absolute must for a ride. Finding qualified safety riders can be difficult. A Ride Safety Chair can help a ride manager coordinate the activities of safety riders.

The Safety Committee, chaired by Larry Gould, has developed a Power Point seminar that highlights the qualifications and responsibilities of safety riders. This 20-minute program is available to use at regional conventions to help promote the value and importance of safety riders. Contact Larry or your national representatives for more details.

Watch for notices from Patti Hicks, R4, for more information on safety riders and safety rider programs.

Line Up for Safety

Be careful not to tailgate in the check-in and check-out lines. Just because a horse isn't sporting a red ribbon in his tail doesn't mean he won't kick if he feels crowded. Keeping a horse length between you and the horse in front of you applies in camp just as much as it does on the trail.

And.....remember, where horses are milling around, you are in a very vulnerable position if you are sitting on the ground.

A reminder from your Safety Committee Chair, Larry Gould.



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Hoof Print Going Electronic

Many of you chose the option to receive *Hoof Print* electronically on the 2011 membership form, and many of you have realized the advantages of the color format and the ability to store the publication on your computer. The Summer, Fall and Winter 2011 issues have been/ will be available on the website, www.natrc.org, in the Documents section.

In response to some concerns, we delayed the transition to 100 percent electronic delivery. For 2012, the printed version of *Hoof Print* will be available **by request** on your renewal form.

We anticipate the 2013 print version will be available only by paid subscription.

NATRC NATIONAL CONVENTION

March 8-10, 2012

Reno, Nevada

In conjunction with AERC National Convention

Tentative Schedule – watch for updates



It Takes Two

Thursday, March 8

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

NATRC National Board of Directors meeting. Guests welcome.

Friday, March 9

8:00 am – 6:00 pm

TRADE SHOW & TACK SWAP

Free for all attendees. You are welcome to bring and/or buy at the annual tack swap (10% of proceeds donated to AERC)

7:30 am – 8:45 am

John Parke, Moderator

HOT TOPICS: *

How can AERC Serve Both our Young and More Seasoned Riders?*

9:00 am – 10:45 am

Stagg Newman, Moderator

ENDURING WISDOM FROM ENDURING VETERANS *

Panelists include Valerie Kanavy and John Crandell III.

11:00 am – 12:30 pm

Susan Garlinghouse, DVM, MSci

ON-TRAIL EMERGENCIES *

How to deal with equine medical emergencies on the trail – colic, heat exhaustion, tying-up, thumps, and general first aid.

2:00 pm – 3:15 pm

Melissa and Robert Ribley

A TRIP BACK IN TIME *

Melissa and Robert, long-time AERC members, will revisit endurance riding from its early years through to the present-day sport.

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Speaker TBA

NUTRITION CONCERNS OF THE ENDURANCE HORSE *

8:00 pm – Midnight

\$10. FRIDAY NIGHT DANCE

Saturday, March 10

7:30 am – 8:30 am

John Parke, Moderator

HOT TOPICS: The Vet Check of the Future*

8:00 am – 5:00 pm

TRADE SHOW & TACK SWAP (Free)

8:45 am - 10:45 am

Jeanette (Jay) Mero, DVM

EQUINE TREATMENT: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW*

How to avoid treatments and what you need to know.

1:30 PM – 3:00 PM

Susan Garlinghouse, DVM, MSci

DEHYDRATION Dos and DON'Ts*

A look at how dehydration impacts equine health and performance.

3:15 pm – 4:30 pm

Mary Durando, DVM, PhD, DACVIM

HEART RATES and HORSES*

Dr. Durando discusses recent research findings.

Note: Mary Durando's talk will be moving to Friday; check for an updated schedule

Times listed are subject to change. Please check leaderboards at convention, or visit the registration desk.

*All listings with an * require a ticket purchase.

NATRC 2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION
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NATRC member Jean Green attempts to dry off the back of her horse, Blue, during the R4 ride, Christmas at the Ranch.

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Gritty Performance

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The Women's Surface Creek Saddle Club was well represented when one of its members, Brandy Ferganchick of Eckert, Colo., and her Norwegian Fjord horse Fawn Creek Thor (Dodger) completed the Tevis 100-mile, one-day endurance ride on Oct. 8, 2011. The ride was held between Lake Tahoe and Auburn, California.



Brandy Ferganchick and Fawn Creek Thor.
Photo by Bill Wingle, with permission.

The Tevis Cup Ride is considered the world's premier endurance ride and often less than half of the horse and rider teams finish. This year, 234 contestants from around the world started the ride and 129 finished. Better Garrett of Eckert, part of Ferganchick's support crew, said Dodger is the first Norwegian Fjord horse to ever complete the Tevis

and was the most photographed horse of the event. It is unusual for a draft pony to enter such a race, let alone finish it. The local club is especially

proud of their accomplishment, noting that it is doubly amazing since a couple of months ago Brandy broke her femur. It is a testament to her stamina and determination that she was able to ride her horse for almost 24 hours straight. The Norwegian Fjord horse association will feature Brandy and Dodger on the front cover of its publication.

In 2010, Brandy and Dodger were first Open Lightweight team in Region 3, second in the nation in both Open Lightweight horse and horsemanship, third in line for Overall Open Horse and Horsemanship with all classes combined, received a 1,000-mile mileage award, earned a National Championship, and Dodger won the coveted national High Average Horse Bev Tibbitts Grand Champion award.

Ride Results

Indian Cave

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 18

Chair: Sarah Rinne

Judges: Pat Regier, DVM, Cheri Jeffcoat

Novice Sweepstakes: LL Remington/Marston, Marilyn-97

Open Sweepstakes: Hungarian Jade/Hirsch, Lucy-96

Open Heavyweight

P Royal Sunset/McCullough, Ty

Open Lightweight

1/2 Hungarian Jade/Hirsch, Lucy

2/1 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish

P Fantasy Moon Dancer/Wood, Mary Anna

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 LL Remington/Marston, Marilyn

2/2 Baskolisa/Orth, Jason

3/3 Lobo's Travelin Miss Wendy B/Kendall, Larry

Novice Lightweight

1/2 Mr. Chico Lindo/Smith, Yvonne

2/1 Shadow's Dancer C./Nore, Robin

3/3 Goodness Gracious/Childs, Maggie

CO Nikita's Chilli Sensation WH/Stucky, Marla

Novice Junior

1/2 Vikens Bear A Cuda/Kimmen, Katlyn

2/1 Cheyenne 1/Robbins, Courtney

Competitive Pleasure

1/4 Sir Timothy Gold/Andre, Tamara

2/5 Steppin'Out Annie D/Prey, Virginia

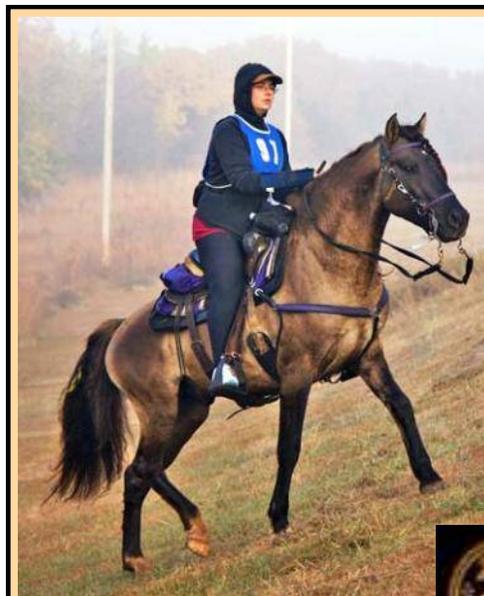
3/1 MPS Peppodoconita/Parys, Shari

4/2 The Tanks a Blazin'/Clapper, Tina

5/3

Country's Lonesome Dove/McCullough, Debbie

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Ride Results, *continued*

Autumn at Biltmore A

10/8-9/11 Region Five-NC
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 14
Chairman: Morgan Ortiz
Judges: Mike Bridges, DVM, Bill Sherfese
No Open Sweepstakes
Novice Sweepstakes: Roxy Ash Moro/Perrin, Anne-99

Open Heavyweight

P Windstorm Sienna/Tolbert, Wayne

Open Lightweight

P Nakota Bey/Buttrey, Marlene

Novice Heavyweight

1/2 Living Proof CH/Moore, Vickie
2/3 Mary Jane/Ault, Carol
3/1 Arrow's Saltwater Taffy/Scott, Lisa

Novice Lightweight

1/3 Roxy Ash Moro/Perrin, Anne
2/4 Ibn Ionah/Moore, William
3/6 MX Silver Hills/DeRosa, Charmaine
4/1 Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia
5/2 MoMo/Myers, Lee
6/5 Love's Kaleidoscope/Young, Madeline
P Quail Roost Camile/Stewart, Breck

Competitive Pleasure

1/1 Delight's Amber Beauty/Keen, Cindy
2/2 JR's Tenn Rock/Woodall, Courtney

Autumn at Biltmore AA

10/7-9/11 Region Five-NC
AA-O Total Riders: 6
Chairman: Morgan Ortiz
Judges: Mike Bridges, DVM, Bill Sherfese
Open Sweepstakes: Susie's Stardust/
Lineback, Tammy-96

Open Heavyweight

1/2 Susie's Stardust/Lineback, Tammy
2/1 Marnos Terra Cotta/Kudra, Sallie

Open Lightweight

1/2 Just a Little More/Williams, Lori lee
2/3 Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula
3/1 Tommys Impressev Ace/Broughton, Regina
4/4 AL Kasah/Sexton, Annet

Autumn at Biltmore B

10/8/11 Region Five-NC
B-N/CP Total Riders: 8
Chairman: Morgan Ortiz
Judges: Mike Bridges, DVM, Bill Sherfese
Novice Sweepstakes: Nakita/Ingram, Mary-99

Novice Heavyweight

P Jethro Vandys Brass Dandy/Carraher, Kathy

Novice Lightweight

1/2 Nakita/Ingram, Mary
2/5 Cisco 9/Wechsler, Frances
3/4 Hallie 2/Wray, Cynthia
4/1 Traveler's Gray King/Phillips, Ditte
5/3 Ghost/Ward, Pamela
6/6 Oscar/Lazenby, Kay

Competitive Pleasure

1/1 BF Matisse/Hill, Sherri

Bar H Bonanza/R2 Benefit

10/22/2011 Region Two-CA
B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 14
Chair: Kathy Taylor
Judges: Micheal Peralez, DVM, Jim Ferris
Novice Sweepstakes: MyCole/Frick, Denise-98
Open Sweepstakes: Carioca MDF/Brezina, Sue-93

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Carioca MDF/Brezina, Sue
2/2 Patient Laddie/Malone, Mary Jo

Open Lightweight

1/2 Midas Touch SA/Niebergall, Susie
2/3 Marilyn/Pimentel, Michelle
3/4 Misty/Mader, Debra
4/1 Duke of Shadow Canyon/French, Kandace

Novice Heavyweight

1/2 Gulastras Encore/Herron, Chris
2/3 Beau/O'Neill, Maria
3/1 MMR'S Magic Rifle/Verbree, Caroline

Novice Lightweight

1/2 MyCole/Frick, Denise
2/1 VV Desert Ice/Mathews, Shelley

Competitive Pleasure

1/2 Angyl Bey Mist/Garufis, Carrie
2/1 Sea Dragon/Walls, Lory
3/3 Smokey Sedona/Kafka, Karen

Chokecherry Canyon

9/24-25/2011 Region Three-NM
A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 25
Chair: Judy Cumberworth and Abbie Hazelwood
Judges: Shannon Leska, DVM and Kathy Shanor
Novice Sweepstakes: Bailey's Angel Baby/
Westmoreland, Edward-97
Open Sweepstakes: Hot Saki/Smith, Terri-100

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheryl
2/3 Touch's Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary
3/2 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken
4/4 Mariah 3/Wingle, Bill

Open Lightweight

1/2 Hot Saki/Smith, Terri
2/1 Hasty's Blossom/Peters, Susan
3/3 Not a chance/Vanpoolen, Kirt
P Cedar Mesa Rushai/Mason, Judy
Wise
P Bell Two Eyed Badger/Cumberworth, Cathy

Open Junior

1/1 Dartaway/Vanpoolen, Hannah

Open DO

GE Spartan/Jarrett, Cheryl

Novice Heavyweight

1/2 Bailey's Angel Baby/Westmoreland, Edward
2/3 Bookcliff Mountain Fire/Bingham, Kenneth
3/4 SC Mystyc Rosebud/Schnitzler, Deb
4/1 Precious Easy Aces/Bingham, Kerry

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Ima Dynamic Star/Poulton, Jennifer
2/2 Ros Jabez/Dashner, Dave

Competitive Pleasure

1/2 Sixes Peppy Lady/Feazell, Juleen
2/1 Summer/Wolgram, Betty
3/3 The Missouri Reverend/Wingle, Diane
4/4 Baby Doll's Spotted Man/Miller-Inman, Linell
5/6 JOR Picasso/O'Brien, Wava
6/5 CRR BootScootin/Roper-Dashner, Sharon
P Chance's Irish Threat/King, Tom

Competitive Pleasure DO

DO-1 Ramber's Danny Rose/Carman, Jody

NATRC Ride Schedule

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at [www.natrc.org/RideSchedule/
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Ride Results, *continued*

Cowboy Camp

9/24/2011 Region One-CA

B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 26

Chair: Jean Armer

Judges: Leroy Burnham DVM, Karel Waugh

Novice Sweepstakes: Sierra Sunshine/

Stidolph, Donna-100

Open Sweepstakes: Desert Reinbeau/

Meroshnekoff, Angie-100

Open Heavyweight

- 1/2 Stealth Knight/Boicelli, Victoria
- 2/1 Take-A-Walkaloosa/Hess, Lucie
- 3/3 Amiaborr/Boicelli, Gene

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 Desert Reinbeau/Meroshnekoff, Angie
- 2/2 Marilyn/Pimentel, Michelle
- 3/3 Kamiko/Thurman, Ariel

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/DO Blue Camel/Brown, Doug
- 2/1 Kodi/Pimentel, Joe
- 3/2 Tango Sierra/Harvey, Laura
- 4/3 Diamond H Shalako/Vovchuk, Virginia
- P Laarkin/Brown, Tammy

Novice Lightweight

- 1/1 Sierra Sunshine/Stidolph, Donna
- 2/2 SC Tecka/York, Debbie

Novice Junior

- 1/2 Garnet/Diaz, Sonya
- 2/5 Royal Prancer/Barash, Emma
- 3/3 Rosemarie's Dream/Szupello, Sierra
- 4/1 Kaylee/Johnson, Carlie
- 5/4 Sugs Hot Lynx/Nelson, Jodie

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/4 SQR Pearl Moon/Whittall, Zoe
- 2/2 OM El Shakeeb Dream/Dillard, Joe
- 3/3 La Paloma Dream/Dillard, Ashley
- 4/1 Lady Tigers Hysyn/Schlerf, Haley
- 5/ Lakota 5/Lieberknecht, Kay
- 6/6 Thee Vandal/Ostrowski, Stephanie
- /5 Huck Finn/Frey, Ute
- MJ Abiad Amir/Ferris, Jim

Dave Smith Fall Fiesta

9/17-18/11 Region Six-IA

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 41

Chair: Alycia Carlsborg

Judges: Kay Gunkel, DVM, Jackie Coleman

Novice Sweepstakes: DM'S Eye of The Tiger/

Altwegg, Noreen-97

Open Sweepstakes: Cito Mocha Raton/

Cleveland, Trish-97

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Countrys Touch WH/Hinkebein, William
- 2/2 My Nightmare/White, Vickie
- 3/3 Spot Me Wild/Sylvara, Karen
- P Diamond Rio/Blue, Erica

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
- 2/2 Hasty's Blossom/Peters, Susan
- 3/4 Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna
- 4/3 Hungarian Jade/Hirsch, Lucy
- 5/5 Vistas Rascal/Updyke, Lauren
- P Susans Classichik/Johansen, Kristen
- P Sir Lancelot/Armstrong, Margaret

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/3 DM'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen
- 2/4 Artemis/Doyle, Mary
- 3/1 Sheik 3/Winkelman, Karen
- 4/2 RW Braveheart/Ginn, Mary
- 5/5 Sequoyah/Hall, Scott
- 6/6 Sun Rock Glory Blaze/Bouska, Alan
- Jordan 3/Beckham, Diane
- P Con Alagnia/Duke, Judith
- P Sambo Willy/Roetlin, Diane

Novice Lightweight

- 1/1 Mr. Chico Lindo/Smith, Yvonne
- 2/3 Goodness Gracious/Childs, Maggie
- 3/2 Shadow's Dancer C./Nore, Robin
- P Gabe 3/McCulloch, Dena
- P AZ Soloman/Chamberlain, Debbie

Novice Junior

- 1/2 Vikens Bear A Cuda/Kimmen, Katlyn
- 2/1 SF LA Traviesa/Hildebrand, Sydney

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/1 Sir Timothy Gold/Andre, Tamara
- 2/3 Skya/Abbott, Christine
- 3/5 Steppin'Out Annie D/Prey, Virginia
- 4/2 MPS Peppodoconita/Parys, Shari
- 5/ Country Star Jet WH/Keller, Donna
- 6/6 Gold Dust Summer of Stars/Messick, Brenda
- /4 Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Stich, Kay
- AK Magma/Levinson, Rhonda
- Diamond Reo/Caskey, Bethany
- Lil Bit o' Bask/Caskey, Echo
- P Truly A Gift/Elder, Janis
- P Flames/Bergez, Brittney
- P Justa Hercules/Bennet, Ann
- P Calypso De Tiempo/Hall, Erin

Heart of Dixie A

9/25-26/11 Region Five-AL

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 30

Chair: Tammy Lineback

Judges: Heather Colby, DVM, Cheri Jeffcoat

Novice Sweepstakes: Kings Lasting Legacy/

Petelle, Patricia-94.5

Open Sweepstakes: Just a Little More/

Williams, Lori lee-98.5

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Windstorm Sienna/Tolbert, Wayne
- 2/3 Royal Serendipity/Silver, Terry
- 3/2 Amir Ibn Sahhar/Goza, Michelle

Open Lightweight

- 1/5 Just a Little More/Williams, Lori lee
- 2/4 Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara
- 3/3 Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula
- 4/ Danamye/Diaguila, Esther
- 5/1 Nakota Bey/Buttrey, Marlene
- 6/2 Khapital/Jones, Debbie T.
- /6 My Noble Ambition/Rand, Lori
- All Color's Shadow/Lewis, Mary
- Royal Sky/Woodall, Courtney

Open Junior

- 1/1 Calamity Jane's 44 Magnum/Lineback, Marcyase

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/2 Dusty Dawn Little Lady/Lewis, Ray
- 2/3 Ledo Sabre Rose/Atkins, Lucy
- 3/1 Rio 3/Cunningham, Pamela
- P Mary Jane/Ault, Carol
- P Jack 5/Guccione, Penny
- P Casey's Charming Lady/Prince, Ayako

Novice Lightweight

- 1/1 Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia
- 2/4 Thunder 8/Dennis, Karen
- 3/5 Braska/Belew, Amy
- 4/3 Sunny Georgia/Lucas, Patty
- 5/6 Rain 3/Draper, Josephine
- 6/2 Raisin the Roof/Daniels, Michelle
- Hef/Stricker, Bettyie

Novice Junior

- 1/1 Flash of Lightening/Moulis, Jameson

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/1 Delight's Amber Beauty/Keen, Cindy
- 2/2 Dakota's Dark Knight/Hardin, Kathy

Competitive Pleasure DO

- Prime Sensation WH/Jones, Mark H

Heart of Dixie B

9/25/11 Region Five-AL

B-N Total Riders: 2

Chair: Tammy Lineback

Judges: Heather Colby, DVM, Cheri Jeffcoat

Novice Sweepstakes: Tri-Mi Dealers Choice/

Abbott, Cathy-97

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 Sam 6/Gosda, Renee

Novice Lightweight

- 1/1 Tri-Mi Dealers Choice/Abbott, Cathy

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Ride Results, *continued*

Honey Creek A

10/22-23/2011 Region Five-TN

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 40

Chair: Gary Williams

Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski DVM, Kim Cowart

Novice Sweepstakes: Scatoaks Major Jake/Hall, Julie-99

Open Sweepstakes: Susie's Stardust/Lineback, Tammy-100

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Susie's Stardust/Lineback, Tammy
- 2/2 Windstorm Sienna/Tolbert, Wayne
- 3/3 Marnos Terra Cotta/Kudra, Sallie
- 4/4 Royal Serendipity/Silver, Terry

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 Khapital/Jones, Debbie T.
- 2/2 Just a Little More/Williams, Lori lee
- 3/3 Prime Sensation WH/Findley, Martha
- 4/5 Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula
- 5/ That's My George/Rand, Emily
- 6/4 Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara
- /6 Tommys Impressev Ace/Broughton, Regina
- Gator/Lathrop, Lynn
- My Noble Ambition/Rand, Lori

Open Junior

- 1/1 Calamity Jane's 44 Magnum/Lineback, Marcy

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/6 KitKat/Arcelle, Jeanne
- 2/4 Nite Moves/Dunn, Alison
- 3/5 Rio/Cunningham, Pamela
- 4/2 Mary Jane/Ault, Carol
- 5/1 Living Proof CH/Moore, Vickie
- 6/3 Arrow's Saltwater Taffy/Scott, Lisa

Novice Lightweight

- 1/2 Scatoaks Major Jake/Hall, Julie
- 2/3 Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia
- 3/4 Lexus Golden Tie L/Dukes, Mary
- 4/ Alena Rae/Rogers, Andrea
- 5/ MX Silver Hills/DeRosa, Charmaine
- 6/5 Texas/Murray, Alyssa
- /1 Sunny Georgia/Lucas, Patty
- /6 Ibn Ionah/Moore, William
- Raisin the Roof/Daniels, Michelle
- Fanci's Sharzam/Kingshill, Susan

Novice Junior

- 1/1 Flash of Lightening/Moulis, Jameson
- 2/2 Tucker/Rogers, Natalie

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/2 Sampson/Rogers, Heather
- 2/1 DIA Icon/Mount, Janell
- 3/3 TN Valley Hotrod/Murray, Andrew
- 4/5 Q-Tip/Rogers, Cynthia
- 5/4 Dakota's Dark Knight/Hardin, Kathy
- 6/ Serria/Greene, Nancy
- /6 Delight's Amber Beauty/Keen, Cindy
- Easy on the Bourbon/Morgan, Rosemary

Honey Creek B

10/22/2011 Region Five-TN

B-N Total Riders: 6

Chair: Gary Williams

Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski DVM, Kim Cowart

Novice Sweepstakes: Pedro/Choate, Kim-98

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 Show Me The Money/Laws, Karen

Novice Lightweight

- 1/4 Pedro/Choate, Kim
- 2/3 Brodie/Dyer, Pamela
- 3/2 Dixie Dot/Griswold, Lois
- 4/1 Sugar/Clark, Tara
- 5/5 Ernie/Atkinson, Brittany

Horsemasters Benefit A

10/22-23/2011 Region Four-TX

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 41

Chairman: Larry Gould

Judges: Darlene Wehr DVM, Shirley Parker

Novice Sweepstakes: Hes a Rockstar/Van Order, Barbie-99.5

Open Sweepstakes: Building A Mystery/Lynn, Victoria-99.5

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Building A Mystery/Lynn, Victoria
- 2/2 Adjan's TShadow/Garlitz, Roger
- 3/3 Tribute to Liberty/Yovich, Alice

Open Lightweight

- 1/5 Toute Sheik/Swiss, Elaine
- 2/2 Taqua Chance/Miller, Dolly
- 3/6 Rhythm n' Blues/Green, Jean
- 4/4 Gustavo Moon/Gallihier, Teresa
- 5/ Goldseekers Wish/Figg, Julie
- 6/1 RPH Queso/Hicks, Patti
- /3 Rowdy/Winterrowd, Kimberly

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/DO Southern Echo Eclipse/Langston, Kathryn
- 2/1 Foxy's Koda/Bass, Christa
- 3/4 Swingin Deacon/Howell, Charon
- 4/3 WOA Hals Angel/Berger, Douwe
- 5/2 Shes Mighty Impressive/Widon, Richard
- 6/5 Northern Song/Nelis, Scott
- /6 Medicine Wolf 2/Dreyfus, Susan
- P SSA Aristotle/James, Richard

Novice Lightweight

- 1/6 Hes a Rockstar/Van Order, Barbie
- 2/1 Ringo- Backstreet Boy/Roberts, Linda
- 3/3 Einstein TA/Berger, Maria
- 4/2 Cinnabaar/Muench, Fran
- 5/5 Docs Waywerd Beaver/Reinhardt, Kimberly

- 6/4 Jim's Diamond/Bivens, Marilyn
- My Sunshine/Grogan, Annette
- P Jury/Black, Tracy
- P Sunday Eagle/Hargreaves, Sue

Novice Junior

- 1/3 Napoleon Solo/Widon, Callie
- 2/4 Red Chili Peppy/Hagler, Linda
- 3/2 Amarillo Sky/Frazier, Ashley
- 4/1 Gorgeous Dixie/Steinke, Maggie
- 5/5 Peaches 'n Cream/Wells, Hattie
- 6/6 Magnificent Merlin/Bass, Michaela
- P Dreamboat Annie/Patton, Morgan

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/2 Heza Trouble Makin' Buddy/Hapgood, Kris
- 2/1 Rowdy Yates/Ives, Vickie
- 3/5 Spooky Doo/Bass, Carla Jo
- 4/6 Ojala/Edmondson, Cheryl
- 5/3 Prauline Sugar/Singletary, Sue
- 6/4 Jewels Playboy/Harris, Leona
- P Force Majeure/James, Janice

Horsemasters Benefit B

10/22/2011 Region Four-TX

B-CP Total Riders: 6

Chairman: Larry Gould

Judges: Darlene Wehr DVM, Shirley Parker

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/1 WH Picos Cozmic/Broderson, Shirley
- 2/2 Freedom/Shooth, Teri
- 3/3 Blackwood Bey/Fazzino, Kim
- 4/4 LaDolceVita/Rosenberger, Pamela
- 5/6 Xena 2/Sanford, Christine
- 6/5 Victor BowTie/Jordon, Pamela

Jackson Forest A

8/20-21/2011 Region 1-CA

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 14

Chair: Steve Merosnekoff

Judges: Carol Meschter, DVM, Jamie

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Novice Sweepstakes: Sierra Sunshine/Stidolph, Donna-97

Open Sweepstakes: Desert Reinbeau/Meroshnekoff, Angie-98

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Take-A-Walkaloosa/Hess, Lucie
- 2/2 Tura Lura/Cannon, Linda

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 Desert Reinbeau/Meroshnekoff, Angie

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 Tango Sierra/Harvey, Laura

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Ride Results, continued

Jackson Forest A, continued

Novice Lightweight

- 1/1 Sierra Sunshine/Stidolph, Donna
2/2 Garnet/Powers, Alexis

Novice Junior

- 1/2 Sugs Hot Links/Nelson, Jodie
2/1 Kaylee/Johnson, Karlie

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/4 OM El Shakeeb Dream/Dillard, Joe
2/2 MJ Abiad Amir/Ferris, Jim
3/1 La Paloma Dream/Dillard, Ashley
4/3 Kamiko/Thurman, Ariel
5/5 Sarafina/Nelson, Caitlin
6/6 Gentleman Jac/Armer, Jean

Jackson Forest B

8/20/2011 Region 1-CA

B-N Total Riders: 3

Chair: Steve Merosnekoff

Judges: Carol Meschter, DVM, Jamie Dieterich

Novice Sweepstakes: Blue Camel/Brown, Doug -97

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/DO Rider Blue Camel/Brown, Doug
2/1 Laarkin/Brown, Tammy
3/DO Rider Thee Vandal/Ostrowski, Stephanie

Kings Mountain

11/5-6/2011 Region Five-SC

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 17

Chair: Mary Britt

Judges: Mike Bridges, DVM, Patsy Conner

High Point CP Combo- Dakota's Dark Knight/Hardin, Kathy

Novice Sweepstakes: Alena Rae/Rogers, Andrea-94

Open Sweepstakes: Susie's Stardust/Lineback, Tammy-98

Open Heavyweight

- 1/2 Susie's Stardust/Lineback, Tammy
2/1 Marnos Terra Cotta/Kudra, Sallie
3/3 Windstorm Sienna/Tolbert, Wayne

Open Lightweight

- 1/5 Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara
2/2 Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula
3/1 Khapital/Jones, Debbie T.
4/4 Tommys Impressev Ace/Broughton, Regina
5/3 Just a Little More/Williams, Lori lee

Open Junior

- 1/1 Calamity Jane's 44 Magnum/Lineback, Marcy

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 Mary Jane/Ault, Carol

Novice Lightweight

- 1/2 Alena Rae/Rogers, Andrea
2/1 Lexus Golden Tie L/Dukes, Mary

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/1 Dakota's Dark Knight/Hardin, Kathy
2/3 Black Jack/Curtis, Karen
3/2 Delight's Amber Beauty/Keen, Cindy
4/5 Pride's Second Girl/Curtis, Ted
5/4 DIA Icon/Mount, Janell

Last Chance at the OK Corral

11/5-6/2011 Region Four-OK

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 47

Chair: Don Rubley

Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Janine Ancell

High Point CP Combo: Smoke-N-Jaz's Big

Man/Stich, Kay

Novice Sweepstakes: Napoleon Solo/Widon, Callie-99.5

Open Sweepstakes: Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken-98

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken
2/3 Sir Timothy Gold APJ/Andre, Tamara
3/2 LL Remington/Marston, Marilyn
4/5 Building A Mystery/Nelis, Scott
5/4 Timber Ghost/Grey, Tomlyn
6/6 Take-A-Walkaloosa/Hess, Lucie

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 Rhythm n' Blues/Green, Jean
2/4 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
3/3 RPH Queso/Hicks, Patti
4/6 Taqua Chance/Miller, Dolly
5/5 Rowdy/Winterrowd, Kimberly
6/2 Nikita's Chilli Sensation WH/Stucky, Marla
P DJ Maverick/Lysinger, Patricia, Lori

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/4 Sun Rock Glory Blaze/Bouska, Alan
2/1 Shes Mighty Impressive/Widon, Richard

3/2 DM'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen

- 4/3 T O Red Fox/Rubley, Barbara
5/5 Tootie/Jacob, Kate
6/6 Thunder/Lovelace, Merry

Novice Lightweight

- 1/1 Hes a Rockstar/Van Order, Barbie
2/6 Rock Me Amadeus/Engle, Amy
3/3 Cinnabaar/Muench, Fran
4/2 Supercallifragilistic/West, Kendall
5/ Mouse/Stewart, Rose
6/5 Shania Love Bug/Hemphill, Jennifer
/4 Haidaseeker Playboy Caudill, Andrea

Goodness Gracious/Childs, Maggie
SC Akil Gassur/Brinck, Travis
Docs Waywerd Beaver/Reinhardt, Kimberly
Koweta Tracker/Shipley, Lora
Siscos Mighty Spirit/Stich, Danielle

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Ride Results, continued

Last Chance, *continued*

Novice Junior

- 1/1 Napoleon Solo/Widon, Callie
- 2/2 Amarillo Sky/Frazier, Ashley
- 3/5 Pecan Creeks Bright Shadow/O'Melia, Emily
- 4/4 Gorgeous Dixie/Steinke, Maggie
- 5/3 Mirage/Lyons, Brittany
- P Hez Obviously Daddys/Sherrill, Kayla

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/1 Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Stich, Kay
- 2/ Country Star Jet WH/Keller, Donna
- 3/ Spooky Doo/Bass, Carla Jo
- 4/5 Heza Trouble Makin Buddy/Hapgood, Kris
- 5/ Tulsa Time/West, Cheryl
- 6/6 Summer/Wolgram, Betty
- /2 Cisco Bey/Glassman, Erin
- /3 Princess Dina/Payne, Debbie
- /4 Ojala/Edmondson, Cheryl
- Lee's Royal Chance/Jackson, Becki

Pole Canyon A

10/8-9/2011 Region Four-TX

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 35

Chair: Alanna Sommer

Judges: Kay Gunckel, DVM, Kim Cowart

Novice Sweepstakes: Red Chili Peppy/Hagler, Linda-97

Open Sweepstakes: Rhythm n' Blues/Green, Jean-98

Open Heavyweight

- 1/2 Touch's Yeller Gold/Inman, Gary
- 2/1 Building A Mystery/Lynn, Victoria
- 3/3 Take-A-Walkaloosa/Hess, Lucie
- P Shazam/Hilligoss, Gerald

Open Lightweight

- 1/6 Rhythm n' Blues/Green, Jean
- 2/2 Taqua Chance/Miller, Dolly
- 3/3 RPH Queso/Hicks, Patti
- 4/5 Rowdy 4/Winterrowd, Kimberly
- 5/4 Tote Sheik/Swiss, Elaine
- 6/1 Hot Saki/Smith, Terri
- DJ Maverick/Lysinger, Patricia

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 Swingin Deacon/Howell, Charon
- 2/3 Artex/Lejal, Julie
- 3/4 Shes Mighty Impressive/Widon, Richard
- 4/2 Northern Song/Nelis, Scott
- P TO Red Fox/Rubley, Barbara

Novice Lightweight

- 1/2 Einstein TA/Berger, Maria
- 2/3 Reflections Angel/Hurd, Kelly
- 3/4 Docs Waywerd Beaver/Reinhardt, Kimberly

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- 4/1 Cinnabaar/Muench, Fran
- P Farewell Angelina/Hilligoss, Gina

Novice Junior

- 1/3 Red Chili Peppy/Hagler, Linda
- 2/1 Amarillo Sky/Frazier, Ashley
- 3/2 Napoleon Solo/Widon, Callie
- 4/4 Gorgeous Dixie/Steinke, Maggie

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/1 Baby Doll's Spotted Man/Miller-Inman, Linell
- 2/2 Spooky Doo/Bass, Carla Jo
- 3/ Heza Trouble Makin Buddy/Hapgood, Kris
- 4/3 Princess Dina/Payne, Debbie
- 5/5 NKR April's Jewel/Zimmerman, Betsy
- 6/6 Moon's Movin' Out/Hagler, Brenda
- /4 Jewels Playboy/Harris, Leona
- Ojala/Edmondson, Cheryl

Pole Canyon B

10/8/2011 Region Four-TX

B-N Total Riders: 2

Chair: Alanna Sommer

Judges: Kay Gunckel, DVM, Kim Cowart

Novice Sweepstakes: A Shirazz/Ambrose, Yvonne-94

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 A Shirazz/Ambrose, Yvonne
- P Zav Charge A Win/Ambrose, Robert

RAHA Rally A

10/8-9/2011 Region Two-CA

A-O/CP Total Riders: 9

Chair: Margie Insko

Judges: Kimberly Sargent DVM, Pat Montgomery

Open Sweepstakes: Carioca MDF/Brezina, Sue-89.5

Open Heavyweight

- 1/3 Carioca MDF/Brezina, Sue
- 2/1 Soldier/Peterson, Catherine
- 3/2 Patient Laddie/Malone, Maryjo

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 Duke of Shadow Canyon/French, Kandace
- 2/2 Misty/Mader, Debra

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/2 Angyl Bey Mist/Garufis, Carrie
- 2/1 MAR Fabio Boomer/Walls, Lory
- 3/3 Smokey Sedona/Kafka, Karen

Competitive Pleasure DO

Festival Windchime/Berg, JoAnne

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Ride Results, *continued*

RAHA Rally B

10/8/2011 Region Two-CA

B-O/N Total Riders: 12

Chair: Margie Insko

Judges: Kimberly Sargent DVM, Pat

Montgomery

Novice Sweepstakes: Hashee/Fairbanks, Sheila-93.5

Open Sweepstakes: Kenya Riverlee/Sterns, Lynda-93.5

Open Heavyweight

1/1 A Bit of Jazz/Reed, Nancy

Open Lightweight

1/1 Kenya Riverlee/Sterns, Lynda

Novice Heavyweight

1/DO Prides Steppin Sparkle/Barnes, Jane
2/1 MMR'S Magic Rifle/Verbreer, Caroline
3/3 Steppin Gypsy Rose/Pelly, Linda
4/2 Beau 10/O'Neill, Maria
P Reba/Kafka, Steven

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Hashee/Fairbanks, Sheila
2/2 Sherman/Rabbitt, Elizabeth

Novice Junior

P Hot Midnight/Taniguchi, Trisha

Novice DO

P Kodiak Kid/Winters, Donna
P Sofisticate Harrison, Vicki

Region Five Benefit A

9/3-4/2011 Region Five-GA

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 22

Chairman: Cindy Keen

Judges: Mike Bridges, DVM, Kim Cowart
Novice Sweepstakes: Tatoo/Beiersdoerfer, Elaine-96

Open Sweepstakes: Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula-99

Open Heavyweight

1/2 Susie's Stardust/Lineback, Tammy
2/3 Windstorm Sienna/Tolbert, Wayne
3/1 Royal Serendipity/Silver, Terry
4/4 Marnos Terra Cotta/Kudra, Sallie
5/5 Red Bird's Ransom W./Clayton, Gary

Open Lightweight

1/1 Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula
2/ Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara
3/2 Khapital/Jones, Debbie T.
4/5 Just a Little More/Williams, Lori lee
5/3 Tommys Impressev Ace/Broughton, Regina
6/6 Royal Sky/Woodall, Courtney
/4 Nakota Bey/Buttrey, Marlene

Open Junior

1/1 Calamity Jane's 44 Magnum/Lineback,
Marcy

Novice Heavyweight

P Braska/Belew, Amy

Novice Lightweight

1/3 Tatoo/Beiersdoerfer, Elaine
2/2 Roxy Ash Moro/Perrin, Anne
3/1 Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia
4/4 Scatoaks Major Jake/Hall, Julie
P Thunder 8/Dennis, Karen

Competitive Pleasure

1/2 Eb's Done Deal/Curtis, Karen
2/1 Black Jack 2/Curtis, Ted

Region Five Benefit B

9/3/2011 Region Five-GA

B-N Total Riders: 8

Chairman: Cindy Keen

Judges: Mike Bridges, DVM, Kim Cowart
Novice Sweepstakes: FLF Meeko/Placek, Robyn-99

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Mary Jane/Ault, Carol

Novice Lightweight

1/4 FLF Meeko/Placek, Robyn
2/1 Supre Promise Keeper/Mabey, Marge
3/3 Magnum/Perdue, Juliet
4/2 Threat's Ebony Dawn/Whitehurst, Wynnette

Novice Junior

1/3 JR's Tenn Rock/Moulis, Jameson
2/1 Three Weeks Tardy/Wilson, Rachel
3/2 Lunar Eclipse/Schneider, Johanna

Region Four Benefit A

9/10-11/11 Region Four-TX

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 35

Chair: Kimberly Winterrowd

Judges: Carter Hounsel, DVM, Jean Green
Novice Sweepstakes: HSC Encore/Copeland, Selena-97

Open Sweepstakes: Taqua Chance/Miller, Dolly-97

Open Heavyweight

1/4 Tribute to Liberty/Yovich, Alice
2/1 Hurricane Bay LOA/Liebman, Cara
3/2 Awesomes Fire N Ice/Wolgram, Ken
4/5 Shazam/Hilligoss, Gerald
5/3 Justice is Sweet/Murphy, Kalinda

Open Lightweight

1/2 Taqua Chance/Miller, Dolly
2/1 Toute Sheik/Swiss, Elaine

3/4 HSC Phoenix/Mettes, Cynthia

4/3 Goldseekers Wish/Figg, Julie

P RPH Queso/Hicks, Patti

P Crown Zalil/Key, Corry

Open DO

GE Spartan/Jarrett, Cheryl

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Shes Mighty Impressive/Widon,

Richard

2/4 KHF Czarina/Ice, Lily

3/3 Isoceles/Lincoln, Kathy

4/2 Swinging Deacon/Howell, Charon

Novice Lightweight

1/2 HSC Encore/Copeland, Selena

2/1 Hes a Rockstar/Van Order, Barbie

3/5 Einstein TA/Berger, Maria

4/3 Docs Waywerd Beaver/Reinhardt, Kimberly

5/4 Jury/Black, Tracy

P PWF Wayward Wynd/Goolsby, Ann

P/Rider DO LRR Matt's Buck Ledoux/Drumm,
Jenny

Novice Junior

1/2 Red Chili Peppy/Hagler, Linda

2/3 Napoleon Solo/Widon, Callie

3/1 Gorgeous Dixie/Steinke, Maggie

4/4 Amarillo Sky/Frazier, Ashley

5/5 Dreamboat Annie/Patton, Morgan

Competitive Pleasure

1/6 Spooky Doo/Bass, Carla Jo

2/4 Heza Trouble Makin Buddy/Hapgood,

Kris

3/2 Ojala/Edmondson, Cheryl

4/1 Summer/Wolgram, Betty

5/5 Moon's Movin' Out/Hagler, Brenda

6/3 Amira/Smith, Tracey

RFF Cannonette/Rieck, Miriam

Region Four Benefit B

9/10/11 Region Four-TX

B-N Total Riders: 2

Chair: Kimberly Winterrowd

Judges: Carter Hounsel, DVM, Jean Green

Novice Sweepstakes: Jake/Holle, Stan-94

Novice Heavyweight

P Otis/Roscoe, Charlie

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Jake/Holle, Stan

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Ride Results, *continued*

Rendezvous

9/3-4/2011 Region Six-KS

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 29

Chair: Rhonda Levinson

Judges: Patrick Regier, DVM, Priscilla

Lindsey

Novice Sweepstakes: RW Braveheart/Ginn, Mary-99

Open Sweepstakes: Countrys Touch WH/Hinkebein, William-99

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Countrys Touch WH/Hinkebein, William
- 2/2 My Nightmare/White, Vickie
- 3/3 Steppin'Out Annie D/Prey, Virginia

Open Lightweight

- 1/4 Hungarian Jade/Hirsch, Lucy
- 2/3 Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna
- 3/1 Sangria Ice/Weil, Kim
- 4/2 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
- 5/5 Twister's Irish Lad/Louthan, Stacie
- CO DJ Maverick/Lysinger, Patricia
- CO RPH Queso/Hicks, Patti

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 RW Braveheart/Ginn, Mary
- 2/3 Sun Rock Glory Blaze/Bouska, Alan
- 3/4 LL Remington/Marston, Marilyn
- 4/5 Hytone Tenase Whiskey J/S/Norris, Jerry
- 5/2 DM'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen

Novice Lightweight

- 1/2 Nikita's Chilli Sensation WH/Stucky, Marla
- 2/4 BRA Leonardo/Norris, Troy
- 3/1 Brandy Sioux Addis/Copple, Kyla
- 4/3 Goodness Gracious/Childs, Maggie
- P Bella 9/Kester, Krista

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/2 Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Stich, Kay
- 2/4 Razonn Trail Dancer/Colby, Mary
- 3/3 Country Star Jet WH/Keller, Donna
- 4/6 Razonn Cody/Colby, Michael
- 5/5 Skya/Abbott, Christine
- 6/1 Sir Timothy Gold/Andre, Tamara

Competitive Pleasure DO

- Jac Natalie/Hathorn, Jackie
- Wineglass Rouge/Leif, Stefanie
- Grace Hungarian Tiszta 4/Nelson, Eric

Ride the Edge A

9/10-11/11 Region Five-TN

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 31

Chair: Wayne Tolbert

Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski, DVM, Leigh Gowdy-King

Novice Sweepstakes: Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia-99

Open Sweepstakes: Nakota Bey/Buttrey, Marlene-99

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Marnos Terra Cotta/Kudra, Sallie
- 2/2 Susie's Stardust/Lineback, Tammy
- P Royal Serendipity/Silver, Terry

Open Lightweight

- 1/2 Nakota Bey/Buttrey, Marlene
- 2/1 Khapital/Jones, Debbie T.
- 3/ Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara
- 4/4 Just a Little More/Williams, Lori Lee
- 5/ Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula
- 6/6 Tommys Impressev Ace/Broughton, Regina
- /5 That's My George/Rand, Emily
- /3 My Noble Ambition/Rand, Lori

Open Junior

- 1/1 Calamity Jane's 44 Magnum/Lineback, Marcy

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/3 Mary Jane/Ault, Carol
- 2/2 Nite Moves/Dunn, Alison
- 3/4 KitKat/Arcelle, Jeanne
- 4/1 Viva Blue/Grantham, Laura

Novice Lightweight

- 1/5 Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia
- 2/1 Mr. Chico Lindo/Smith, Yvonne
- 3/3 Texas/Raymond, Alyssa
- 4/2 Sunny Georgia/Lucas, Patty
- 5/4 Tatoo 2/Beiersdoerfer, Elaine
- 6/6 Raisin the Roof/Daniels, Michelle

Novice Junior

- 1/1 Tucker 5/Rogers, Natalie

Novice DO

- Clementine 2/Baumgardner, Debra

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/2 Sampson 1/Rogers, Heather
- 2/3 Q-Tip/Rogers, Cynthia
- 3/4 Heart's Desire/West-Pegram, Sandy
- 4/ Easy on the Bourbon/Morgan, Rosemary
- 5/5 Dakota's Dark Knight/Hardin, Kathy
- 6/1 TN Valley Hotrod/Murray, Andrew
- /6 DIA Icon/Mount, Janell

Ride the Edge B

9/10/2011 Region Five-TN

B-N/CP Total Riders: 4

Chair: Wayne Tolbert

Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski, DVM, Leigh Gowdy-King

Novice Sweepstakes: Croley's Disco Gypsie/Shrum, Judith-93

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 Croley's Disco Gypsie/Shrum, Judith

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/1 CMF Halle/Hartness, Marilyn

Competitive Pleasure DO

- Serria/Greene, Nancy
- RA Mystic Deed/Findley, Martha

Riding to the Rescue

10/1-2/2011 Region Six-KS

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 26

Chair: Karen Everhart

Judges: Pat Regier, DVM, Priscilla Lindsey

Novice Sweepstakes: LL Remington/Marston, Marilyn-100

Open Sweepstakes: Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna-98

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Shazam/Hilligoss, Gerald

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 Winchester Charm/Wood, Mary Anna
- 2/2 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
- 3/3 Hungarian Jade/Hirsch, Lucy

Open DO

- PS Sabres Sun/Everhart-Valentin, Kira

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 LL Remington/Marston, Marilyn
- 2/3 DM'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg,

Noreen

- 3/4 Sun Rock Glory Blaze/Bouska, Alan
- 4/2 RW Braveheart/Ginn, Mary
- 5/5 Hytone Tenase Whiskey J/S/Norris, Jerry
- 6/6 Jada/Royle, Gracie

Novice Lightweight

- 1/4 BRA Leonardo/Norris, Troy
- 2/1 Shadow's Dancer C./Nore, Robin
- 3/5 Nikita's Chilli Sensation WH/Stucky, Marla
- 4/3 Rannah's Jubilee/Sirridge, Althea
- 5/2 Goodness Gracious/Childs, Maggie
- 6/6 SC Akil Gassur/Brinck, Travis

Novice DO

- Thunder 9/Loos, Robert

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/1 Sir Timothy Gold APJ/Andre, Tamara
- 2/4 MPS Peppodoconia/Parys, Shari
- 3/5 Truly A Gift/Elder, Janis
- 4/2 Razonn Trail Dancer/Colby, Mary
- 5/3 Princess Dina/Payne, Debbie
- 6/ Cinder/McDevitt, Mary
- /6 Skya/Abbott, Christine
- P Razonn Cody/Colby, Michael

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Ride Results, *continued*

Robbers Route

9/24-25/2011 Region Four-OK

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 26

Chair: Becky Rogers

Judges: Darlene Wehr, DVM, Patsy Conner

Novice Sweepstakes: Einstein TA/Berger, Maria-96.5

Open Sweepstakes: RPH Pocos Domino/Hicks, Patti-99

Open Heavyweight

1/2 First Rayt Investment/Gould, Larry
2/1 Sand Magic /Murphy, Kalinda

Open Lightweight

1/1 RPH Pocos Domino/Hicks, Patti
2/5 Rhythm n' Blues/Green, Jean
3/3 Rowdy/Winterrowd, Kimberly
4/2 Taqua Chance/Miller, Dolly
5/4 Goldseekers Wish/Figg, Julie

Novice Heavyweight

1/DO Southern Echo Eclipse/Langston, Kathryn

Novice Lightweight

1/2 Einstein TA/Berger, Maria
2/4 Hes a Rockstar/Van Order, Barbie
3/3 Ginger 14/Clawson, Annie
4/1 Cadillac Jack/Williams, Nancy
5/5 Docs Waywerd Beaver/Reinhardt, Kimberly

Novice Junior

1/1 Red Chili Peppy/Hagler, Linda
2/2 Peaches 'n Cream/Wells, Hattie

Competitive Pleasure

1/1 Heza Trouble Makin Buddy/Hapgood, Kris
2/ Moon's Movin' Out/Sommer, Alanna
3/2 DDA Fancy Anisah/Wyant, Brenda
4/3 Almira Nefous/Dreadfulwater, LeeAnn
5/5 Rebles Klasiqeluvbug/Gallery, Lisa
6/6 Spooky Doo/Bass, Carla Jo
/4 Adjan's TShadow/Garlitz, Roger
Ojala/Edmondson, Cheryl
Nellie's Last Tango – SC/Lucht, Becky
Wyntez Buddy/Roberts, Beverly
Cimmetry/Collins, Mary

SYVAHA Sage Hill A

11/5-6/2011 Region Two-CA

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 34

Chair: Kathy Stegman

Judges: Heather Colby, DVM, Pat

Montgomery

CP High Point Combo: LA Paloma Dream/Dillard, Ashley

Novice Sweepstakes: SC Tecka/York, Debbie-99.5

Open Sweepstakes: Midas Touch SA/Niebergall, Susie-100

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Carioca MDF/Brezina, Sue
2/2 Stealth Knight/Boicelli, Victoria
3/4 Forever Ebony Rose/Heinrich, Laura
4/3 Tennessee Freedom/Poorman, Beverly
5/6 Green Gables Frogan/Von Ilten, Jill
6/5 Monarch's Gift/Morris, Lori
Ramblin Winston/Rockwell, Shayna
P A Bit of Jazz/Reed, Nancy

Open Lightweight

1/1 Midas Touch SA/Niebergall, Susie
2/2 Joe/Allan, Margaret
3/3 Valley Oaks Jubilant Song/Hardesty, Micah
P Kourageus Sky/Brooks, Wendy

Open Junior

1/1 Quincy's Foxy Girl/Von Ilten, Bailea
2/3 Lily's Painted Knicker/Olsen, Christopher
3/4 HotShot/Poorman, Brandon
4/2 Damascus/Hardesty, Mikaela
5/5 By Golly Miss Molly/Poorman, Alison
6/6 Diamond's J/Poorman, Spencer

Novice Heavyweight

1/3 Shadow's Sizzlin Senation/Barnett, Tom
2/1 Retro Blue/Shipman, Cynthia
3/4 Don El Nocoma/Jones, Paula
4/2 MMR's Magic Rifle/Verbree, Caroline

Novice Lightweight

1/1 SC Tecka/York, Debbie
2/2 Sierra Sunshine/Stidolph, Donna
3/3 Blue's Ransom/Conkle, Vicki
4/4 Stella/Walsworth, Nancy

Competitive Pleasure

1/3 LA Paloma Dream/Dillard, Ashley
2/5 Angyl Bey Mist/Garufis, Carrie
3/ Fawn Ledge Magnifique/Berg, JoAnne
4/2 OM El Shakeeb Dream/Dillard, Joe
5/ Gentleman Jac/Armer, Jean
6/4 Marilyn/Pimentel, Michelle
/1 Sea Dragon/Walls, Lory
/6 MCF's Kato/Lange, Becky

SYVAHA Sage Hill B

11/5/2011 Region Two-CA

B-N Total Riders: 7

Chair: Kathy Stegman

Judges: Heather Colby, DVM, Pat

Montgomery

Novice Sweepstakes: VV Desert Ice/Mathews, Shelley-99.5

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Kodi/Pimentel, Joe
2/2 Docs Gotta Remedy/Goetting, Bruce
3/3 Stardust Remington Steele/Grientz, Katrin

Novice Lightweight

1/1 VV Desert Ice/Mathews, Shelley
2/2 Cache Kahill El Jamall/McFarlane, Kathy
3/3 Pepito/Elleston, Marsha

Novice DO

P Jackie Blue/Alaya, Rita

WA State Horse Park & Ride A

9/10-11/11 Region 1-WA

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 4

Chair: Kathryn Lewandowsky

Judges: Ron Stuber, DVM, Lory Walls

Novice Sweepstakes: Cirocco/Clark, Denise-90

Open Sweepstakes: SA Seraphim/Podeszwik, Barbara-99

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Take-A-Walkaloosa/Hess, Lucie

Open Lightweight

1/1 SA Seraphim/Podeszwik, Barbara

Open Junior

1/1 Wajjih El Nefous/Lehnert, Stella

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Cirocco/Clark, Denise

WA State Horse Park & Ride B

9/10/11 Region 1-WA

B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 4

Chair: Kathryn Lewandowsky

Judges: Ron Stuber, DVM, Lory Walls

No Novice Sweepstakes

Novice Lightweight

DQ Ultimate Kingston/Hopp, Janell

Competitive Pleasure

1/1 Psyniprty/Talbot, Barb
2/2 SA Fair Dinkum/Mahoney, Lynn

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NATRC Board of Directors Minutes

Summary Nov. 12, 2011 Denver

CALL TO ORDER by Gary Clayton, 8 a.m., Nov. 12, 2011.

ROLL CALL All BOD members, except Beni DeMattei, present. Ray Brezina present as Alternate for Region Two. Laurie DiNatale, Executive Administrator, and Patsy Conner, Sanction Chair, present. Guests: Susan Peters and Pam Galchutt.

MINUTES July 9, 2011. Call for corrections.

Walls moved to accept minutes, Dieterich seconded. Motion approved.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT Clayton stated that the BOD needs to look at cutting costs. Committee assignments and their duties need to be reviewed. BOD members should make their interests known on which committee they want to devote their efforts to.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT DiNatale. In the EA report, DiNatale had raised the question of reducing her hours in an effort to cut costs. The BOD felt that the work load necessitates a full-time position.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT Swiss distributed and reviewed documents showing a financial summary and profit and loss comparisons. Memberships and Rider Fees need to drive revenue. Sponsorships are at \$10,000, but could be increased with the help of one or two more people working in that area. Raffle has the potential to do better than last year's. Donations are down. Estate Planning is a large area that needs to be investigated. Many of our members would like to remember NATRC in their estate but have not been asked or shown the ways to accomplish that. Kim Cowart offered to spearhead that effort. Swiss reviewed expenses and reinforced that we don't have an expense problem; we have a revenue problem. Hoof Print is an unsustainable expense at 17.41 percent. **Motion by Weil, seconded by Brezina, to accept the Treasurer's Report. Motion approved.**

BYLAWS & RULES See Rules Report in this issue of *Hoof Print*.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES Dieterich is working on enabling links in document.

PROTEST Cowart. No Protests filed.

NOMINATION Ferris. Bylaws vote eliminated the ballot by National to elect National Directors. Clayton asked for announcements by Region on the newly elected Directors and Alternates. Region One-Phil Young-Alternate, Region Two-Bob Insko-Alternate, Region Three-Susan Peters-Director, Region Four-Elaine Swiss-Director, Region Five-Gary Clayton-Director, and Region Six-Christine Abbott-Director.

RIDE SANCTION Patsy Conner distributed and reviewed report. Six rides have been cancelled.

CLINIC SANCTION Report filed by Linda Clayton. Nine clinics held in 2011. Four were reimbursed \$100 each for insurance. **Motion by Swiss, seconded by Walls, to reimburse \$100 per region to the first clinic to apply in each region. Motion approved.**

MANAGEMENT Report filed by Jean Green. Green continues to communicate with Ride Managers via ENews and Hoof Print articles. Susan Peters shared her practice of having Safety Riders assigned to specific riders or groups of riders, such as juniors. Discussion on the benefits and concerns of this practice. Peters stated that this is only possible if you have a large pool of Safety Riders. BOD agreed that anyone riding with competitors needs to be either an official Safety Rider or a competitor. Walls pointed out to the BOD that our Rulebook does state that the behavior of competitors, or people associated with the competitors, can have implications for disqualification of that competitor. Dieterich stated that Patti Hicks is working with the Safety Committee on a program to encourage qualified Safety Riders.

RULES INTERPRETER DeMattei. No Report.

INSURANCE DiNatale. Will be meeting with Diane Leshner later this month. Encouraged BOD to send her questions for that meeting.

SAFETY Gould. Gould stated that a serious accident had happened at Chokecherry. Peters was an eye witness and described the accident. Patti Hicks of Region Four will be an active member of Safety Committee. Hicks, Gould, and Swiss will work to create a Safety Rider Presentation on Qualified Safety Riders for National and Regional conventions.

BOD Minutes Summary, *continued*

MARKETING/ PUBLICITY Bev Roberts. Report submitted by Roberts and reviewed by Swiss. Need to sell more raffle tickets. Roberts sent a Branding document to the BOD with usable headers for most applications. **Motion by Dieterich, seconded by Swiss, to approve newest Branding Document. Motion approved.**

BUSINESS MODEL & MEASUREMENTS Swiss. Cancellations of rides and decrease in number of riders affect the measurements. Ride attendance is our most important issue. Membership has stayed roughly the same as last year. Three regions did meet their membership goals. Most regions met their number of competitions goals. March 2012 meeting will be where goals are set for 2012. Swiss asked BOD to think about those goals before March. Peters shared what has helped her get more people to the rides she has managed. Clinics are a big factor. New riders need one-on-one encouragement. Peters emphasizes to prospective competitors that our sport is relatively less expensive than many other horse sports. She also emphasizes the educational aspect of NATRC. She would like to see NATRC find ways to make it easier to manage rides. She suggested a clinic teaching riders how to ride a GPS ride.

MEDIA ADVISORY Dieterich gave report as *Hoof Print* Advocate. Dieterich stated that unlike in the past, we are now overloaded with content for *Hoof Print*. She is trying to cut down content to 32 pages. Much of the information can go on the website, like ride schedule, ride results and information that stays the same from issue to issue. *Hoof Print* is not only an enormous commitment of funds, but also a large time commitment for those few that work on it. Swiss sent a Request for Quotes (RFQ) for 2012 *Hoof Print* in early October. Committee will report the result of the section of *Hoof Print* Editor and Webmaster to the BOD.

The Transition plan for *Hoof Print* (HP) was presented. The plan for Winter 2011 issue is to send the electronic link only to those who have requested it, with printed version to everyone else.

Committee suggested that the 2012 Spring HP be all electronic except that those who request the printed version pay a \$15 subscription. Clayton stated that Region Five has a lot of resistance to paying for *HoofPrint*. **Motion by Swiss, seconded by Weil, to stay with Transition Plan as presented, with Electronic version being the default unless the printed version has been requested and a \$15 subscription paid. Motion defeated. All except Smith, Abbott, Cowart and Weil opposed motion.** Wolgram stated that for non-competitors HP is the only benefit of being a member. She felt that we will lose members if a subscription is required. Cowart stated that for those who ask what else do they get, he points out that the main thing they benefit from is the continued existence of our sport. **Motion by Swiss, seconded by Ferris, that the Transition Plan for HP will be revised to say that the Electronic version will be the default. Printed version, at no charge in 2012, must be requested. Motion unanimously approved.** Swiss reported that NATRC Facebook page is popular.

DRUG TESTING Jerry Weil DVM. Reported that testing has revealed no positives this year.

VETERINARY DRUG COMMITTEE Michael Peralez, DVM. No action.

TRAIL ADVOCACY & GRANTS Report filed by Erin Glassman. No Trail Grant applications received. Glassman attended the SETC.

EDUCATION Jamie Dieterich. Various articles submitted to Hoof Print. Collaborated with Mike Peralez, DVM and Jean Green on respiration counting ENews article. Committee continues to work on the updating of manuals.

MEMBERSHIP Betty Wolgram. She has representatives in all regions.

JUDGES M. Peralez/P. Conner. Scorecard review. Scorecard Committee tries to encourage judges to be educational and include instructive comments on the cards. The committee would like to look at different approaches to the scorecard review. One approach may be to send the yellow copy of the scorecard to the judge with a quarterly letter directed to all judges, instead of comments directed individually.

Committee would like to develop a mentoring process for new applicants in Horsemanship judging. This mentoring program could continue through apprenticeship process.

Motion by Walls, seconded by Dieterich, to approve Boyd Emond, DVM as a Vet Judge. Motion approved.

Committee commented on the recent Protest reiterating that Judge's instructions must be clear. Conner distributed an electronic scorecard that was developed and tested at Robbers Route Ride with CP division. The test proved that it is feasible to do the scorecard electronically. Wolgram liked the positive aspect of this version. Gould asked Weil if Vet Card could be done electronically, and Weil felt that it could be done. Each judge would have their own comments stored within the program.

Conner stated that Sue Flagg has submitted her resignation as a judge.

Meeting was closed for discussion on recent Letter of Concern (LOC). Wolgram was excused since she had submitted the LOC.

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BOD Minutes Summary, *continued*

Conner and Dieterich submitted a document outlining some of the Philosophies of the Co-Chairs of the Judges Committees regarding judging shown below and asked the BOD to engage in a closed discussion on that subject. Conner, Dieterich, Peters, and Galchutt excused themselves.

Document distributed:

PHILOSOPHIES OF CO-CHAIRS

1. Continue to promote the original philosophies of NATRC.
 - a. Horse judging should emphasize the importance of condition and soundness.
 - b. Horsemanship judging should emphasize the importance of the rider doing justice to the horse to help it do the miles. Equitation to help the horse do the miles is a high priority.
2. NATRC is an educational, competitive distance riding sport.
3. Promote Mike Peralez's guidelines for obstacles:
 - a. Is it safe for horse and rider?
 - b. Is it appropriate for competitive distance riding?
 - c. Does it adversely affect the flow of the ride?
4. Horsemanship: Learning occurs by doing; thus, we believe there is great value in evaluating the choices a rider makes for the horse – i.e. what is the best way to do xyz?
Control is important – i.e. being able to step over a log carefully.

Meeting reopened. Consensus by BOD that committee should quit doing individual comments to the Judges for awhile, and that more of a general review of the scorecards with a letter to all judges may be more appropriate at this time.

HALL OF FAME Jackie Coleman. No report.

STUDENT LOAN/SCHOLARSHIPS Christine Abbott. No applications.

FOUNDATION No report. Foundation will meet in March.

BREED & ORGANIZATION LIAISONS.

A.H.A Bob Insko. No report. Walls will ask Insko to write an article on AHA ride sanctioning.

BREED LIAISON Terry Silver and Shari Naylor are working with Breed Associations on reciprocal ads.

HONORARY & APPRECIATION Christine Abbott.

Nominations for the Jim Menefee Honorary Lifetime Award are: Bill & Judy Cumberworth, Jean Green and Shirley Sobol. Bill & Judy Cumberworth will be the recipients.

Workers Hall of Fame nominations were Bev Roberts and Randy & Lory Walls. Bev Roberts will be the recipient. Nominations for National Appreciation were Kim Cowart, Jonni Jewell, JR Kendall, and Betty Young. Kim Cowart, Jonni Jewell, and JR Kendall will be the recipients.

Regional Appreciation Awards for National Recognition

Region 1: Maria Pilgrim, Betty Young, Region 2: Sherrie Bray, Kandace French, Katy Taylor, Region 3: Pam Galchutt, Russ and Linda Jones, Susan Peters, Region 4: Phil Brodersen, Art and Dee Byrd, Vickie Ives, Region 5: Marty Findley, and Region 6: Sarah Rinne, Mary Anna Woods.

ANNUAL POINTS/NATRC DATA Gloria Becker/Cheri Jeffcoat/Laurie DiNatale. No report.

NATIONAL RECOGNITION Becker/DiNatale/ Abbott. No report.

CONVENTION 2012 Region Two reports that they will be in Reno, March 8-11, 2012, at the Grand Sierra.

CONVENTION 2013 Region Three. Location being investigated, probably Denver.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SHARED BOD AMOUNT \$312.70.

REGION REPORTS

Region One Dieterich. New webmaster. Junior rider rebate program for juniors doing at least 2 rides. Region One has Facebook page. Region helps Ride Management.

Region Two Walls. Rides were cancelled because of EHV and rain. Region will add more clinics.

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BOD Minutes Summary, *continued*

Region Three Wolgram. Region is in good financial shape. Mini-convention will be March 23-24, 2012, in Craig, CO. No rides were cancelled by EHV outbreak. Kay Gunckel asked if High Point CP Combo can be published with ride results. DiNatale will work on that project.

Region Four Swiss. Lots of young energy in the region. Mini-convention is February 18th, themed "Safety First". There are six people who have achieved in "100% Club" in Region, meaning they have attended every ride in Region.

Region Five Clayton. Sallie Kudra, and Mary Britt work hard on membership recruitment. Efforts to coordinate trailer-pooling to rides. Ten rides for 2012, with possibly 2 new rides. Will lose Benefit ride site of 30 years.

Region Six Abbott. Six rides in 2011. Six for 2012, with a possibility of 2 new rides. Region is working on mentoring new ride management. The Region lost money in 2011. Electronic newsletter has helped cut costs. Region has new Provisional Vet Judge, mentored by Kim and Jerry Weil.

Old Business

1. Go to Webinar and Electronic meetings-Ferris will send the BOD documents on using program. He will act as Administrator. After BOD receives the documents they can call or email Ferris to set up meetings.
2. Need new webmaster. Covered earlier.

New Business

1. Partnerships with other associations. Consensus that AERC, ETI, State Horse Associations, TTC, Breed Associations, 4H, FFA, Ride & Tie, and Pony Club are all associations that may be good partners for NATRC to co-market or hold rides with.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Clayton stated that although he is open to running for President again in this election of officers, he will not pursue that office after this election.

Motion by Walls to nominate Clayton for President, Ferris seconded. Brezina called for nominations to be closed. Motion carried. Motion by Dieterich to nominate Walls for Vice-President, Ferris seconded. Brezina called for nominations to be closed. Motion carried.

Motion by Cowart to nominate Swiss for Treasurer, Gould seconded. Ferris called for nominations to be closed. Motion carried.

Clayton asked Committee Chairs to be active with their committees and to take on more responsibilities. Clayton asked each Chair to look at their committees and see if they can expand on the committee. **Motion by Walls, seconded by Ferris, to adjourn. Motion approved.**

2011 NATRC Year-end Award Sponsorship

NATRC invites you to consider sponsoring a year-end award. Make this your yearly tax-deductible donation to NATRC. We appreciate any individual, club or business sponsorship. Sponsorships ensure the continued high quality of our awards. All sponsorships will be acknowledged in *Hoof Print*.

An embroidered rump rug is awarded to each first place overall Open and CP winners. A blanket (\$130) is awarded to each first-time National Champion Horse. A chevron (\$15) is awarded to each repeat National Champion. A blanket (\$130), buckle (\$150), ribbon (\$10) and trophy are awarded to the Presidents Cup winner. A buckle (\$150), ribbon (\$10) and trophy are awarded to the Bev Tibbetts Grand Champion winner. A beautiful ribbon (\$10) is awarded to all winners. We try to accommodate requests for specific sponsorships. Please indicate both a first and second choice. Date of receipt will receive priority.

PRESIDENTS CUP:

__ SILVER BUCKLE (\$150)
__ BLANKET (\$130) qRIBBON (\$10)

FIRST TIME NATIONAL CHAMPION HORSE:

__ BLANKET (\$130) Horse Name _____
REPEAT NATIONAL CHAMPION HORSE & RIDER TEAM:
__ CHEVRON (\$15) Horse Name _____

BEV TIBBITTS GRAND CHAMPION AWARD:

__ SILVER BUCKLE (\$150) __ RIBBON (\$10)

OVERALL HIGH POINT OPEN HORSE AND HORSEMANSHIP AWARDS:

__ EMBROIDERY ON RUMP RUG (First Place) (\$20) __ RIBBON (First through sixth place) (\$10)
Horse _____ Horse Name _____ Region _____
Horsemanship _____ Rider _____ Region _____

OVERALL HIGH AVERAGE COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HORSE AND HORSEMANSHIP AWARDS:

__ EMBROIDERY ON RUMP RUG (First Place) (\$20) __ RIBBON (First through sixth place) (\$10)
Horse _____ Horse Name _____ Region _____
Horsemanship _____ Rider _____ Region _____

REGIONAL HORSE AND RIDER TEAM AWARDS:

__ RIBBON (First through sixth place) (\$10)
Horse/Rider Names _____ Region _____

SPONSOR NAME AND ADDRESS:

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Make check payable to NATRC. Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ **Mail To: NATRC Sponsorship**
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The Scorecard Says It All

Elaine Swiss

We all understand the role of the scorecard in NATRC. It's where our performance is recorded in black and white and in triplicate. It becomes part of our ...gasp!...permanent NATRC record.

What we personally do with the scorecard is entirely up to us. We can barely cast a glance at it as it sails into the backseat of the truck. We don't even have to claim it after the awards ceremony if we are so minded. Or we can read it carefully, determine where improvements are needed, and begin to adjust our training program to perform better the next time.

The National Board of Directors implemented a scorecard for your organization in 2009. Instead of soundness, trail manners, safety and equitation, NATRC measures the number of competitions, the average number of competitors, and the number of members in each of its six regions, as well as revenue and profit at the National level. The Board sets

and approves the goals for each year at its February Board meeting.

The results were not encouraging in 2011 with the organization missing all of its goals. This poor performance was not a result of aggressive goals as the goals were conservatively set for an increase of two rides from 2010, an increase of 10 percent in the average number of competitors per ride and an increase of 1 percent in membership. In addition, the Revenue goal was set to decrease 3 percent from 2010 with a loss of 2 percent!

In summary, the number of competitions fell short by one, the average competitors per ride was short by 13% and membership was short by 1%. These results caused a significant shortfall in revenue and another large financial loss. While several regions surpassed some of their goals, all regions fell short in average competitors per ride which **is the single most important measurement for national, regional and individual ride financial success.**

What do we do with this scorecard for 2011? The same that we would do if we wanted to improve our performance in the next competitive trail ride. We study it carefully, determine where improvements are needed, and adjust our programs. Some of those adjustments mean we have to change the way we do things, or the results for 2012 will be the same as they were in 2011. Would any of us be happy with that? Please support your National and regional leadership by embracing the changes and determining what you can do to achieve a winning scorecard in 2012.

Facebook

Did you know that NATRC is on Facebook? Look us up and join in!



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Be sure your email address is correct on your 2012 membership renewal form so you won't miss an issue! If you want the printed B/W version of *Hoof Print*, you must choose this option in 2012.



Register for the 2012 NATRC Convention, p. 23

Approved Rule Changes for 2012

November 2011 NBOD

1. Page 5-2, Section 5.F.1. **Reads:** 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.

Change to read: Riders must use a saddle **and headgear with attached reins**. The type of saddle, **headgear with reins** and other equipment is at the discretion of the rider within the bounds of good horsemanship. **Approved**

2. Page 1-1 **Reads:** A. Membership

1. Any person interested in the purposes of this organization may be eligible for membership upon proper application and payment of the required dues.
 - a. Adult Membership: Any person 18 years of age or over.
 - b. Junior Membership: Any person under the age of 18 as of the beginning of the ride year.
 - c. Family Membership: A household of one or two adults and children under the age of 18 as of January 1.
 - d. Associate Membership: Any firm, partnership, group, or any other business sufficiently interested in the promotion of the horse and horse-back riding, upon proper application and the annual payment of dues.
 - e. Single Lifetime Membership: Any person of any age.
 - f. Family Lifetime Membership: A household of one or two adults at time membership is obtained and any children under the age of 18 as of January 1.
2. Each membership, except lifetime, shall be for a period of twelve months commencing January 1 each year regardless of the month in which payment of dues is received. All membership fees are due on January 1 each year.
3. Each Senior and Single Lifetime Membership is entitled to one vote. Each Family and Family Lifetime Membership is entitled to two votes.

Change to read:

1. Any person interested in the purposes of this organization may be eligible for membership upon proper application and payment of the required dues.
 - a. **Yearly** Membership
 - 1) Adult Membership: Any person 18 years of age or over.
 - 2) Junior Membership: Any person under the age of 18 as of the beginning of the ride year.
 - 3) Family Membership: A household of one or two adults and children under the age of 18 as of January 1.
 - 4) Associate Membership: Any firm, partnership, group, or any other business sufficiently interested in the promotion of the horse and horse-back riding, upon proper application and the annual payment of dues.
 - b. Lifetime Membership
(NOTE: new lifetime memberships are no longer offered after March 2011)
 - 1) Single Lifetime Membership: Any person of any age.
 - 2) Family Lifetime Membership: A household of one or two adults at time membership is obtained and any children under the age of 18 as of January 1.
2. Each membership, except lifetime, shall be for a period of twelve months commencing January 1 each year regardless of the month in which payment of dues is received. All membership fees are due on January 1 each year.
3. Each Senior and Single Lifetime Membership is entitled to one vote. Each Family and Family Lifetime Membership is entitled to two votes. **Not Approved**

Please Note: At the November 12, 2011 NBOD meeting, Lifetime Memberships were increased to \$5000 for single and \$10,000 for family memberships.

Change to read:

1. a. 3) **Family Household** Membership: A household of one or two adults and children under the age of 18 as of Jan. 1. **Not Approved**

3. Add to Section 7. E. Violations and Enforcement Procedures:

1. Any rider/owner violating these rules at an NATRC ride shall forfeit any completion or placing for the ride. NATRC may impose additional penalties for violation of these rules on any person responsible for the violation. Normally, the rider and owner shall be considered the persons responsible for the custody and care at a ride. Accordingly, the rider and owner shall avoid liability for additional penalties for violation of this rule only by showing by clear and convincing evidence that:
 - (a) some other person outside of the rider or owner's control was responsible for the violation and
 - (b) the rider or owner bore no fault for the violation. **Approved**

Financial Statements

North American Trail Ride Conference

Profit & Loss

January - September, 2011

	Total			% of Income
	Jan - Sep, 2011	Jan - Sep, 2010 (PY)	% Change	
Income				
40000 Memberships	29,301.03	24,431.97	19.93%	48.37%
41000 Rides	11,561.05	12,733.00	9.20%	19.09%
42000 Product Sales	620.88	202.86	206.06%	1.02%
43000 Sponsorships	7,352.90	5,031.00	46.15%	12.14%
43500 Raffles	2,275.07	822.37	176.65%	3.76%
44000 Hoofprint Ads/Subscriptions	1,042.28	765.40	36.17%	1.72%
45000 Convention and Awards	3,270.36	4,867.06	32.81%	5.40%
46000 Trail Advocacy	1,000.00	3,246.83	69.20%	1.65%
47000 Donations	1,900.60	11,017.69	82.75%	3.14%
47500 Scholarship Donations	100.00			0.17%
48000 Other Income	69.31	-75.20	192.17%	0.11%
49000 Interest Income	2,081.06	1,713.08	21.48%	3.44%
Total Income	\$ 60,574.54	\$ 64,756.06	6.46%	100.00%
Gross Profit	\$ 60,574.54	\$ 64,756.06	6.46%	100.00%
Expenses				
50000 Member Dues to Regions	13,104.49	10,678.09	22.72%	21.63%
51000 Ride Costs	2,238.42	5,536.20	59.57%	3.70%
52000 Clinic Expenses	200.00	900.00	77.78%	0.33%
53000 Product Costs		24.00	100.00%	0.00%
54000 Marketing	1,196.93	2,787.96	57.07%	1.98%
54300 Raffle	1,070.53	129.25	728.26%	1.77%
54500 Hoofprint	10,546.18	11,624.45	9.28%	17.41%
Expenses	5,465.33	6,859.40	20.32%	9.02%
56000 Trail Advocacy Expenses	500.00	1,010.00	50.50%	0.83%
56500 Staff Expenses	29,534.81	29,913.91	1.27%	48.76%
57000 Administrative	8,247.73	8,729.70	5.52%	13.62%
58000 Scholarships/Student Loans		4,000.00	100.00%	0.00%
59000 Other Expense	20.00	141.93	85.91%	0.03%
59999 Investment Expense		300.00	100.00%	0.00%
Discrepancies	770.81			1.27%
Total Expenses	\$ 72,895.23	\$ 82,634.89	11.79%	120.34%
Net Operating Income	\$ 12,320.69	\$ 17,878.83	31.09%	20.34%
Net Income	\$ 12,320.69	\$ 17,878.83	31.09%	20.34%

NATRC 2011 Performance Scorecard

	Region One			Region Two			Region Three			Region Four		
	2010	Goal	Actual	2010	Goal	Actual	2010	Goal	Actual	2010	Goal	Actual
No. of Competitions	6	7	6	4	5	4	9	9	9	11	11	12
Avg Competitors per ride	28	31	24	23	25	25	42	46	40	42	47	40
No. of Members	154	155	156	126	127	107	240	241	236	212	220	226
	Region Five			Region Six			National			Total		
	2010	Goal	Actual	2010	Goal	Actual	2010	Goal	Actual	2010	Goal	Actual
No. of Competitions	11	11	12	7	7	6				48	50	49
Avg Competitors per ride	31	34	30	37	41	29				36	39	34
No. of Members	228	229	238	160	164	157	100	100	100	1220	1236	1220

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MEMBERSHIP FORM - RENEW, JOIN OR PURCHASE ITEMS ONLINE AT WWW.NATRC.ORG

Memberships run from January 1-December 31. We offer eight membership plans: four Regular; two Lifetime and two Platinum. The Platinum plans receive all the benefits of the Regular plans plus personal excess liability coverage with a \$1,000,000 policy limit.

CHECK PLAN DESIRED

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP: All memberships include: electronic national newsletter-*Hoof Print*, your region's newsletter, E-News subscription, eligibility for annual national and regional high score awards and championships, horse and rider mileage awards, reduced ride entry fees, sponsor discounts, and automatic membership in your region.

- ___ **FAMILY**..... \$90 /yr Household of 1 or 2 adults & children under the age of 18 as of Jan 1 (2 votes)
- ___ **SINGLE** \$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)

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: One time membership payment.

- ___ **FAMILY**..... \$10,000 Household of 1 or 2 adults & children under the age of 18 as of Jan 1 (2 votes)
- ___ **SINGLE** \$ 5,000 Single adult member (1 vote)

PLATINUM MEMBERSHIP: Platinum members receive insurance benefits through 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.

- ___ **FAMILY**..... \$130 /yr Household of 1 or 2 adults & children under the age of 18 as of Jan 1 (2 votes)
- ___ **SINGLE** \$ 80 /yr Single adult member (1 vote)

ANNUAL LIFETIME MEMBER PLATINUM UPGRADE: ___ \$20 Single ___ \$40 Family

NATRC Specialties (Optional)

- ___ Patch (inc. w/new membership). \$5.00
- ___ 10" Round NATRC Emblem Sticker.. \$5.00
- ___ 4" Round NATRC Emblem Sticker.. \$3.00

A 2012 Rule Book is free with your membership. The Rule Book can be downloaded now from www.natrc.org or a hard copy requested from the office by email, natrc@natrc.org in early 2012.

\$ TOTAL ENCLOSED _____ (Colorado residents please add 2.9% on Specialty Items)

No access to a computer in order to receive your electronic *Hoof Print*? To receive a print copy, please check here:

Please list first and last names, especially those with different last names, of all competing family members.

Name(s) _____ Jr(s) Birthdates _____
 Street _____ City _____
 State, Zip _____ Phone (_____) _____
 Email _____ **(WE REALLY NEED THIS TO UPDATE OUR DATABASE. IT WILL NOT GO OUTSIDE OF NATRC. THANKS!)**

New member? Will you share how you found out about NATRC? _____

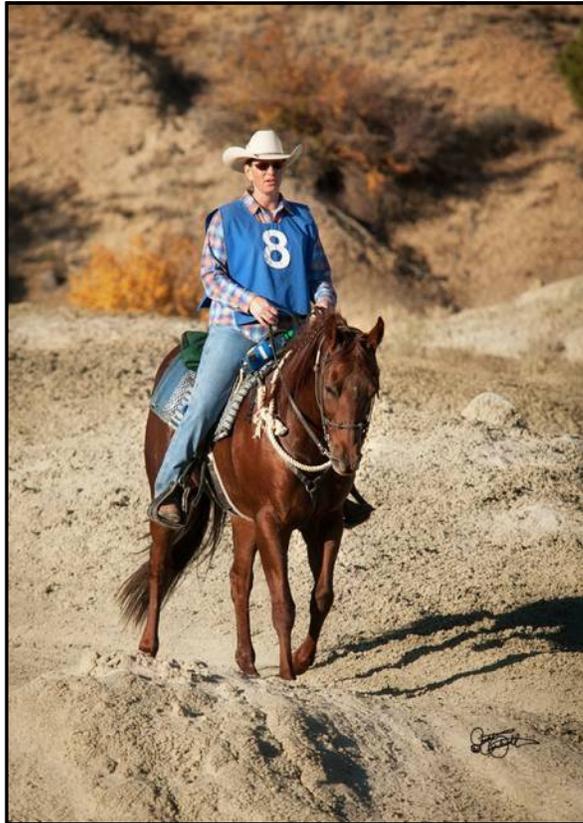
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What Can Happen in the Blink of an Eye

Cathy Cumberworth, R3

I will never forget the morning of September 24, 2011. What started out as a beautiful morning, heading out from the Chokecherry trail ride camp for my first competitive trail ride in 18 years, all changed drastically five miles out. As I reached the first P&R of the ride, I got off my horse who didn't want to stand still for the required 10 minutes. I knew going into this ride that she probably wouldn't do well on the P&R's since she doesn't like to stand still, but I was more concerned with riders that were stopped next to me. Sure enough, we made it through the P&R with a 14 pulse and 9 respiration, losing a point. As I went to mount my horse, she still didn't want to stand still, so I stepped back out of the stirrup, settled her down some and tried again. This time I committed myself to a walking mount. I knew my riding partner, Terri Smith, was waiting for me to head over to the veterinary judge for a metabolic check and backing obstacle.

As Shannon Leska, DVM, tried to check my horse, Bell, she still would not hold still. Terri was kind enough to let me try the obstacle first since she knew my horse wouldn't stand. We got through our metabolic check, and I received instructions from my father, who was giving instructions to all the riders to back around a tree from ribbon to ribbon. I swung my horse into position, settled her, and then asked her to back. This is where things went from bad to worse in a split second. As I asked Bell to back up, she reared, and it was so high that my father wasn't able to catch her reins. As I fell off (or bailed off), she took a step herself and lost her balance.



Cathy Cumberworth riding Bell. Photo with permission by Cristy Cumberworth.

I hit the ground, and I distinctly remember thinking to myself, "When is she going to step on me?" At that moment I felt the crushing weight over my entire body. I remember screaming and looking over and seeing her struggle to get to her feet. At that point my dad grabbed her reins with one hand and kept me from moving with the other. My horse stood up, and Jerry Sims grabbed her from my dad and walked her away. I started yelling, "My lower back, my lower back," and my dad asked me to wiggle my toes. He had already made the assessment that, at minimum, I had injuries to my pelvis. He stood up, called 9-1-1, and left to meet the ambulance a few miles away, down on the highway.

My mother was also close by at the time of the accident when she noticed a horse struggling to stand up. Deciding to drive over to see what was going on, she received the news that it was my horse that had fallen on top of me. She came over and stayed with me while my dad left to escort the ambulance to where we were. It seemed like a short amount of time, but I knew that it had to have been 20 minutes or so. All I remember is being covered with blankets, and shortly thereafter my mom was babbling about giving birth to my siblings, and the entire time she was stroking my hair. All I could do was ask her to "Stop petting me."

As the ambulance followed my father on the dirt roads, the EMT's decided they didn't want to transport me back out on that bumpy road, and that it was necessary to call in the Air Care helicopter. I remember the EMT's and volunteer fire fighters arriving, assessing my situation, strapping me to the backboard and starting an IV. As I lay there, they asked, "What is your pain level on a scale of 1-10?"

My reply was a 4, but this was before they started to move me. The entire time that I was laying there, the only thing that hurt was my sternum since I was lying on my left side. I have to thank my mother for not letting me or anyone else move me, even though all I wanted to do was roll over and lay on my back. Within a few minutes of the emergency crew getting there, I could hear the helicopter circling overhead. I remember one guy covering my eyes with his hand while it landed on a helipad about a hundred yards away.

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The only information the helicopter pilot had was to fly to mile marker 4 on the La Plata highway and head west until he could see the ambulance below. I had my mom pull my cell phone out of my pocket, and she gave it to my sister who snapped a picture as I was carried towards the helipad.

As the engines warmed up and we lifted off, all I could focus on were the two guys in the back with me. The older gentleman was telling the younger guy “No, don’t turn that, that’s the wrong knob, and no, that’s too far.” It seemed like only a minute until we were landing again. As they took me out of the helicopter, the older of the techs explained to the younger one that he was in control and had to steer the gurney. I think he hit three or four walls just getting me into the ER.

Once in the ER, I remember people starting to cut off my clothes, covering me up and assessing my injuries. I remember thinking, “Thank God my father took my boots off at the scene; I didn’t want them cutting those off as well.” In all this chaos, I got the question again, “What is your level of pain on a scale of 1-10?”...by this time it had escalated to an 8. Shortly after getting x-rays and a cat scan, I remember them talking about how my blood pressure was dropping quickly. They determined that my right lung had collapsed, and they needed to insert a chest tube—which is the reason I’m thankful mom didn’t let me move earlier. They numbed the skin for the incision, but they decided, since my blood pressure was dropping so rapidly, they couldn’t give me any other medication. They tied my right arm above my head so I wouldn’t hit the doctor—or more importantly get into his surgical field. Mind you, my right collar bone was broken at the end by my shoulder, so I don’t think I would have been able to do either. The entire time they were putting in my chest tube, all I could do was scream, since eight of the 12 ribs that were broken were on my right side. Every time they pushed the tube into my body, the ribs would collapse slightly causing



Cathy’s helicopter ride. Photo with permission by Cristy Cumberworth.

excruciating pain and making my pain jump to a 12 on that pain scale.

I remember my brother walking in, and apparently my first words to him were, “This is a bunch of ****.” I was so mad that my horse had done such a stupid thing. This is the horse that I adore, that I’ve owned and ridden for more than 10 years. I’ve been on this horse in show arenas, roping arenas, pastures gathering cattle in some sticky situations—heck, we even marked half the trail and timed the 23-mile Open loop the weekend before the trail ride. We had ridden through that exact same location a dozen times. I couldn’t understand how she could do such a thing. I had heard that back at camp people were saying “She wasn’t ready” or “She was being ridden with ulcers.” Neither was or is true. How does one really know what a horse is going to do under stress; I certainly didn’t and still don’t. This was the last thing I would have ever expected her to do.

After they stabilized me in the ER, a nurse told me they were taking me up to the ICU, and that she was going to insert a catheter. It was at this point

that I realized how serious this fall was. I remembered as a kid going to the ICU with my father so he could check on a patient. The ICU was where the “REALLY sick or injured” people went. Before getting the chest tube, I thought I would be out of the hospital in a day or two, not eight days later. I spent three days in the ICU where they monitored my blood counts carefully; I came pretty close to needing a blood transfusion. Suddenly Tuesday morning everything turned around, and my blood counts went in a positive direction. That night they moved me next door to the Step Down unit. Not only were they starting to wean me off the IV pain medication, they also pulled my catheter and expected me to suddenly have the ability to roll onto a bed pan. That first night in the Step Down unit was the worst night of them all. After three days there, they decided to move me three rooms down to the surgical unit. This is when the real torture started with physical therapy. They got me to sit up and put my legs and feet over the side of the bed. The next day it was onto a sliding board and into a wheel chair.

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Finally on Sunday, they decided it was time to release me. Even though I still had my chest tube in place, the doctor figured I was in good hands at home with my father who is a retired internal medicine physician. My father was able to talk the doctor into making a house call to pull my chest tube a few days later.

Once the chest tube was out, I was on the road to recovery. Yes, that first week home was rough for my parents and for me. On top of them having to help me do everything, it was time for my mother to get another round of chemo. That Friday was pretty rough for my dad having to tend to two sick family members. We knew that he was going to have to be out of town the next weekend, so I did all I could to make life easier for mom and teach myself to move from bed to chair to toilet and back again. As each day passed, I felt better and better and was finally able to function all day long. I decided it was time to return to work. I went and worked for a few hours three weeks post injury and returned full time exactly one month after the accident. My co-workers couldn't believe that I was back so quickly. I was anxious to return to normal or at least get close to it. During those two weeks after getting out of the hospital, people asked how I felt, and if my broken ribs were sore. After thinking about it, I realized the ribs had never really bothered me, probably because I was focusing on my sore sternum and pelvis. There were a few days that my collar bone felt like it was on fire, but it never bothered me enough to not use my arm to help move me around. I can't explain why I wasn't in more pain, but I wasn't. I even stopped using all prescription pain medications by week #3, and by week #4 I was off the Ibuprofen and back to a solid 1 on the pain scale.

It's now the beginning of November, and I have 16 days until my next doctor's appointment (not that I am counting.) This appointment will determine if I am released from the wheel chair. I am ready to get back to

my life and return to normalcy, whatever that might be. I can't believe the amount of support my family, friends and co-workers have given me, and they are all owed a huge THANK YOU! My dad had to muscle me on and off the bed, toilet and shower, without being able to touch my torso, since it was broken all over. My dad and sister have been on cath care up to my house every other day. My brother has become my chauffeur to and from work. My sister-in-law, Tammy, and I have bonded in a whole new way with her having to help me shower the first week I was home. My mom took care of my dog and daily needs, working around her own medical needs. I had lots of moral support from all the trail riders who live locally and from my friends that don't have anything to do with horses. Most importantly, I have to acknowledge the need of a positive attitude. It is necessary and beneficial to the healing process. Also necessary to the healing process is a temporary substitute horse. If I'm not allowed to ride the real four legged kind for a few months, I will utilize the one my co-workers gave me, a stick horse that lopes, whinnies and snorts when you pinch his ear.

I also need to thank those who were at the scene of my accident, who did their best to keep me comfortable and keep my mom from stressing too bad: Kathy Shanor and Shannon Leska, who (I think) dug out the cactus I landed on, Jerry Sims who took care of my horse after my father caught her, the La Plata Volunteer fire department, San Juan Regional EMT's and the helicopter crew who all responded so quickly, my sister, who took a picture of me laying on the ground (to use as black mail) and one of them loading me into the helicopter. I later posted that picture on Facebook, letting my distant friends know what had happened. I'm sure there are more, but I'm still not aware of who all was there. Just know that I thank each and every one of you, who not only helped to save my life, but who have helped me heal and continue to support me in my healing

process every single day. You are all very dear to me and have impacted my life forever.

Epilogue:

Well, it's now the end of December and I'm feeling great! I went back to work on Oct. 24, one month after the accident. I remained in a wheel chair until Wednesday, Nov. 16, when I was finally allowed to try my walking legs again. We went straight from the doctor over to physical therapy to get pointers on using a walker. The therapist suggested using crutches instead and lent me two. I "walked" out of there and never looked back. By that Saturday, I was moved back into my own house again. I used the crutches for about a week, but was able to walk without assistance by Thanksgiving. Boy, did I have A LOT to be thankful for this year! I had only one issue with walking again; my calf muscles killed me. They were by far the most painful part of walking again. Other than getting my instructions on crutches, I haven't been required to do any physical therapy.

Each day I was able to do more and more and became less and less sore/stiff. It's now the last week of December, three months since my fall, and I don't have any major symptoms or pain. I wasn't allowed to carry more than 10 pounds on my right shoulder for a few weeks, and it lets me know when I try to do too much. Since my last appointment, I have no restrictions. "If it hurts, don't do it" were the only orders from my doctor. There is one longer term restriction though; he doesn't want me to ride again until March. That actually works out great, since I am a fair weather rider, and I don't mind being banned during the cold winter months.

Thanks again to everyone's thoughts and prayers. To all my family members who sacrificed something to get me better. I wouldn't have been able to do any of this without them. I'm looking forward to (an uneventful) 2012.

Happy trails.

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Behind the Scenes of the Rick Lamb Show

Regina Broughton, R5

In mid-September, I got a phone call from Terry Silver, my good NATRC buddy. She asked me if I could possibly make a trip to Louisville, Kentucky on Oct. 2 for a taping of an "Ask the Expert" nutrition segment of *The Horse Show* with Rick Lamb. She had been asked by Bev Roberts, who was unable to do it, and Terry couldn't make it.

Terry chose me because I live within a day's drive from Louisville. She bribed me with flattery, saying I have a big smile, and that Tango is very photogenic. Tango is my 12-year-old Appaloosa gelding. He's a bright white, flea-bitten grey horse who stands 16-hands high. He's been a NATRC horse since 2005. I told her that of course we would do it.

I made plans to go. Rick Lamb e-mailed details of the shoot. I would be filmed at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, Oct. 2, at Locust Hill Farm in Prospect, Kentucky. I was not to wear solid white, solid black or a busy pattern. The horse could be fancy or plain, tacked or untacked, as long as it was clean. I would have to say very little.

Rick said he'd introduce me, Judy Reynolds, DVM, and my horse, and then I'd ask the expert a short nutrition question. The entire piece would only be two minutes long, so the rest of the segment would be Dr. Reynolds' answer to my question. He said not to worry if I flubbed up, that mistakes would be fixed in editing -- phew! Compensation: no cash. (Darnn!) I would have to sign a release before the shoot, and otherwise I would



Tango, Regina Broughton, Rick Lamb and Judy Reynolds, DVM.

receive two bags of ADM premium feed and a DVD of all 26 "Ask the Expert" segments. The segments would begin airing on Oct. 25, 2011.

Luckily, Terry Silver found a local couple, Maggie and Tom, who have a horse property outside of Louisville. They would be happy to put Tango and me up for the night before the taping.

On Saturday, I headed out to my barn in Bristol, Tennessee, to get Tango ready for our trip. The weather had turned cold and drizzly, so I opted not to give Tango a bath before I went. Hopefully, Maggie and Tom would have a wash stall at their farm if the weather would be warm enough to bathe him. My husband, Jeff, helped me get ready and bid me farewell.

It was drizzling until I got out on the interstate, but the rest of the six-hour trip was sunny and uneventful. When I was about an hour away from Louisville, I got a phone call from Jane Switzer, the producer of the show, who asked me to come for my taping at 9:30 a.m. rather than at 8:00 a.m. It

was supposed to get very cold, possibly freezing that night, and I was glad to have a later time.

As I pulled into Maggie and Tom's farm, I was thankful to have the opportunity to stay at such a beautiful location. They had two large paddocks on either side of their long driveway fenced in black wood fencing that Kentucky farms are famous for. At the top of the driveway were a lovely six-stall horse barn and a huge brick home. I pulled up near the barn and Marley,

an energetic Chocolate Lab, came bounding out to meet Tango and me. Maggie and Tom were close behind. They helped me unload Tango and walked us out to the paddock where I could turn him out for a while. In the meantime, Maggie offered to drive over to the taping location, about 20 miles away, so that I'd be familiar with the place before I had to pull a trailer over there. I was delighted for the offer. We checked out Locust Hill Farm, a beautiful property with a fantastically renovated plantation home and grounds.

When we got back to Maggie and Tom's, the weather was still cool and blustery -- too cold for a bath for Tango. He didn't look too bad, except that he had rolled in the pasture and had a few green stains. Sometimes having a white horse is a pain! Maggie and I brought Tango in and got him settled in a stall for the night. We fed all of the horses, and Tom took us out to dinner in the town of LaGrange at a local pub. We had a nice dinner, came home tired, and quickly retired to bed.

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Regina and Tango at the Autumn at the Biltmore ride.

At 6:00 a.m. the next morning, I was out in the dark in the barn, cleaning up Tango with Clorox wipes, a damp cloth, Cowboy Magic Detangler, and brushes. It was freezing outside, literally. There was a hard frost covering everything. I had to get Tango's blanket out of the trailer because he was standing in the stall shivering. It was pretty early to be so cold in Kentucky and Tennessee, and he was just starting to get a winter coat.

I decided he was clean enough and headed back into the house to get myself ready. I don't normally wear makeup, but decided that a TV appearance warranted it. I dressed in a lilac-colored button-down shirt and black boot-cut riding pants with black paddock boots. I had sewn my NATRC patch above the front pocket on the shirt. I wanted it to be very visible. Luckily I had remembered to throw in my heavy jacket. I needed it! I had tea and toast with Maggie and Tom, loaded Tango into his trailer, said my thank-you and good-bye and headed over to Locust Hill Farm.

Jane Switzer, the producer, was in her van at the entrance to the farm when I got there. She introduced herself and showed me where to park. As I unloaded Tango and got him ready, Jane told me that she was from California, and that our fellow NATRC rider and Appaloosa owner, Lucie Hess, had stayed at her farm during Lucie's recent trek to all of the 2011 Region 1 rides. It's a small world, isn't it?

Jane got a call from the barn saying that Rick and Dr. Judy Reynolds, from ADM Alliance Nutrition, were ready for me. I walked Tango toward the barn where I was met by Andrea, Dr. Reynolds' daughter. She had the release for me to sign and asked me several questions about Tango: what I did with him, his age, what I currently feed him, what his issues are, etc. She told me a little bit about ADM feeds and then sent me down to the barn where the taping would take place. I walked through the barn, and waiting for me outside at the end of the barn were Rick Lamb, Dr. Reynolds, and Diana Lamb, the camerawoman. They introduced themselves, and then Diana told me where to go with Tango and where to stand. I got to my spot, and while she adjusted the cameras, Rick asked me a few questions about Tango and me.

Dr. Reynolds and I were talking about NATRC when Diana said she was ready to begin. Before I knew it, we were being filmed! Rick was very professional, but informal, and asked me about Tango. I told them about his age, gender, and use as a NATRC

horse, and then asked my question about how to keep weight on him during the competitive trail season and also over the winters. Dr. Reynolds suggested that Tango might do well on PRIMEGLO premium feed that includes stabilized rice bran. She told a little bit more about the feed, and the segment was over.

Rick closed the segment by thanking everyone. Tango was such a ham; as Rick was thanking him, he reached over with his nose as if trying to give Rick a kiss! Or maybe he was just trying to smell the microphone, but it was cute. We did a second take, and I think our conversations were more relaxed, but I sure hope they edit in Tango's kiss at the end!

After the taping, they all thanked me and told me how beautiful and what a character they thought Tango was. He is a show-off, and I really think he enjoyed this experience. Using my camera, Diana took several pictures of Rick and Dr. Judy with Tango and me. We then went back out to Andrea who took several photos of Tango with both her camera and mine to document his body condition. Then I proceeded to the parking lot where I was given two bags of ADM's PRIMEGLO feed and one bag of Forage First Horse Treats. I spent a few more minutes talking to Jane Switzer about her horses and about her time with Lucie, and then loaded Tango and headed back to Bristol.

It was a fun experience. I can't wait to see the completed segment on TV!

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