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Veterinary Judges

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Horsemanship Judges

Patti Hicks (R4)
Wayne Tolbert (R5)

Horsemanship Judges

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Applicants

Veterinary Judges

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President's Cup Winner
Loco Motion
and
Sara Baldwin
at the 2014
Indian Territory Ride
in Region 4**

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President's Message

As a recap from my last message I will reiterate a few things. First is a sincere belief in the smarts and savvy of our members and an educated guess that you folks prefer substance over smoke and mirrors. Secondly is a bullet-pointed highlighting of my thinking from there:

- NATRC is an organized sport.
- Organized sports have standards.
- NATRC is a judged sport.
- Judged sports have standards for consistent judging.
- Our riders deserve to expect a standard of *consistent* judging.

If you accept that NATRC is an organized sport then you have to accept that like all organized sports we have rules and accepted guidelines, recommendations, and standards to be followed, including for our judging, and that those organizational guidelines and standards should be set by the organization—not by each individual judge or representative. Can you imagine any other equine sport where the standards and best practices for judging were left to the imagination of each judge? Whether it's the show ring, dressage, reining, cutting, jumping, team penning or combined driving the competitor enters the event knowing what is needed in order to place well. There are *known expectations*. But our NATRC judging often leaves competitors confused about what is good trail equitation or trail skills or whether their horse is even being judged on fitness and soundness. *The fact that our sporting*

event takes place in the woods and on the trail makes it no less of an organized sport.

A good example of inconsistent judging that confuses riders is the judged mount. Science and good horsemanship clearly show that there is less torque on a horse's back when mounting from terrain (whether natural or from a mounting block) than when mounting from the flat. Yet sometimes our riders are asked *specifically* to mount from the flat. Why? We all know that it is necessary for most of us to be able to mount our horse from any situation, but if we are truly interested only in seeing good control and a quiet mount, why put the horse's back at risk? Let's do right by our riders and horses and not ask for mounts from the flat.

Another example of inconsistency becomes glaringly obvious when most judges watch for safety and maintaining of control at all times, and then others ask the riders to drop their reins and canter or perform some maneuver without rein control. It is satisfying and fun to know you and your horse are able to communicate so well with just leg aids, and I practice this myself at home in the confines of a ring. However it presents a conflicting and inconsistent picture for our sport to promote safety while some of our judges ask for no hands riding. This was brought home to me by a newish rider trying to learn "the NATRC way" and ride as safely and properly as she could. She didn't consider it safe to just drop the reins, but didn't want to lose points. What, she asked, was the right thing for her to do? Did NATRC, she asked, consider it ok for the judging to be that inconsistent? Let's do right by our riders and consistently put safety first and not contradict each other.

Multiple riders have come forward clearly agitated, upset, and sometimes angry at the inconsistent judging of rider position on the uphill. Good position should be easily identifiable from judge to judge, and we should not expect our riders to learn a new or differing set of skills for every judge they encounter. That is disrespectful of the folks who spend their money with us. There is plenty of good information on proper uphill position. Several articles can be found at [Judges' Resources](#). Let's do right by our riders and get on the same page for the correct uphill position.

When presenting horses at vet check some riders are finding the same ambiguous standards as for uphill position. They don't know which is correct. We have judges telling them to stay on the inside of the circle when circling the horse in hand; we have judges telling them they must stay on the outside of the circle; and we have judg-

es who judge the effort for safety and success, and don't declare one side of the horse preferable over the other, *as long as the effort works*. Recently a rider came to me in tears because she was told the opposite thing by two judges at two rides in a row. Let's do right by our riders and judge the effort for safety and success.

Establishing better consistency within our judging is not about control. It is about professionalism and respect for the organization and its members. Organizational requirements, recommendations, and standards are set by NATRC and should be followed by its representatives (in this case our judges). Oversight of those requirements is the responsibility of the organization, but our members can help by holding all of its representatives to the guidelines set by NATRC. There is no reason our judges cannot operate in a consistent and professional manner while also being the unique individuals they are. In fact, this consistent professionalism will promote a more relaxed and stress free environment for our riders. Uncertainty creates anxiety, and our riders have chosen to spend their hard earned money with us and we owe them the most inviting environment possible.

NATRC has smart and savvy members who deserve consistent judging. While we all share the responsibility of maintaining consistency, clarity, and authenticity it is the organization that has the responsibility of first establishing reasonable guidelines and standards and providing any and all necessary support to ensure the success of our judges. Our judges then have the responsibility of adhering to those guidelines. When you combine those two things, you have the basis for a solid foundation of quality and professionalism within our organized sport. Our riders, both new and old, deserve no less.

Many happy trails and much success to all of you. Thank you!



Sincerely and respectfully,

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President, NATRC



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Spring Fever



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The NBOD recently approved two Bev Tibbitts Memorial Scholarship applications. One is for Taylor McNeel, Region 4. Taylor is studying Agricultural Business at Southern Arkansas University and hopes to become an agriculture policy advocate. The second is for Jason E. Klamm, Region 6. He is a high school senior and is interested in studying Animal Science and Nutrition at Kansas State University in the fall.

Congratulations Taylor and Jason!

"Do the best you can until you know better. Then, when you know better, do better."

—Maya Angelou

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Spring Fever, a 13.1 hand mule and winner of the 1991 President's Cup, passed away on December 30, 2014 at the age of 31 ½. Spring Fever and Pat Seymour also won the Jim Menefee Memorial (combined horse/horsemanship) in 1991. Spring Fever had an impressive career with 3,560 miles in competition.

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A Success Story

Pat Seymour and Spring Fever
1991 President's Cup Award Winner

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

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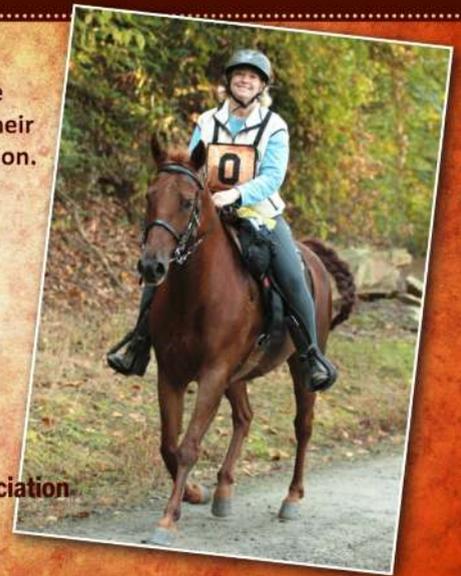
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2014 Jim Menefee Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award

Priscilla Lindsey, Region 6

It is amazing how much one person can influence both new and existing members, adding a personal touch and going the extra mile to make a difference in our experience. After 32 years of involvement in NATRC, Priscilla Lindsey continues to give back to our organization in major ways while setting a fine example of good horsemanship and understanding the foundation of our sport.

As a Horsemanship Judge since 1997, Priscilla has a keen eye, giving valuable feedback on our scorecards and excellent explanations during ride briefings of how we can improve our efficien-

cy and form. Many light bulbs go off as she illustrates how to properly ride a downhill or execute a smoother side pass. She not only tells us how to achieve these improvements but explains why it will help our horses! Her background in Centered Riding has given her the training to recognize good equitation as well as the imagery she shares to allow our bodies to cue properly. Priscilla always has a smile and encouraging attitude, putting us at ease during obstacles and remaining approachable to discuss ways to improve. She is an example to all of us on how to interact with our newer riders.

As a mentor, Priscilla gives countless hours and will drive hundreds of miles to assist in the success of a ride, helping to manage, check trails, lend a hand with P&R's, assist her husband in preparing ride meals, or aid in secretarial work. Often she will help a first-time ride be successful by donating her judging fees. Priscilla is a valuable asset when hosting clinics as she is motivational while sharing her thorough knowledge of our sport, helping all classes of riders improve their scores. It is a common sight at events to see her assisting with saddle fit. Her articles in Hoof Print are another excellent example of helping us become better competitors and horsemen in general. Mentoring Apprentice Horsemanship Judges helps a new generation maintain the same consistency in scoring and comments.

As a leader in our organization, Priscilla has served as Chair of the National Judges Committee for Horsemanship, was a National Board of Directors Alternate in 2010-2011 and continues to serve as a Member through 2014. She is currently Co-Chair of the Breed Organization Liaison. She has been even more involved on a Regional basis, serving as a Board Member in Region 6 as well as Vice President and President.

Thank you, Priscilla, for your years of dedication and giving us the knowledge to become better partners for our horses on the NATRC trail.



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2014 Jim Menefee Honorary Lifetime Achievement Award

Priscilla's Acceptance Speech

First let me say a really big "thank you." I do appreciate this honor for what has basically been my life's work—at least for the second half of my life. I had another life before NATRC—and yes, I call it Neigh-track rather than N-A-T-R-C. A 33-year habit is hard to break. But what better name to call us than to think of hearing your horse *neigh* as you travel a *track*—through the woods, over the prairie or up a mountain.

I like to think of life as a journey, and I believe in having goals in your life—and those goals should include living young, having fun, and arriving at your destination (preferably as late as possible) with a smile on your face because you've enjoyed the ride. I've certainly been enjoying mine!

In 1981, my life changed dramatically when I quit a professional job, married Steve, and rode my first NATRC ride. I'm not going to bore you with tales of the scores and scores of rides I've ridden, managed or worked through the years, as much as I would like to. Let me just say I had no idea how my life would change when I ventured off to that first ride—all by myself, with my little 2-horse trailer and pup-tent. Let me just say a little about that first ride. There was no welcoming committee or assigned mentor, and hardly anyone spoke to me. I figured out what to do by watching the other people in camp. I had my first experience

of suddenly having a different horse than what I had when I left home—my mellow little mare was suddenly a fire-breathing war horse! It rained all day the first day of the ride, and I was cold and miserable. But.... the second day was sunny, warm and beautiful, I had an incredible ride, and I was hooked!

From that weekend on, my life took a new path. NATRC became a major focus of my life. Not just the riding, but managing rides, volunteering for every job and eventually becoming a judge. But that wasn't all. I already enjoyed breeding horses as a hobby, but then Steve and I decided to make a business of breeding and training horses suited specifically for the sport of competitive

trail riding. Starting with my two Arab mares, we developed a breeding program that we still continue today. We've bred, raised and trained horses to top national wins—twice missing the President's Cup by just a few points. I think I have ridden at least 16 different horses in NATRC competitions! And, I've helped many other people get started in the sport.

My horses and I have enjoyed many, many wonderful places—some places that we will never see again. I have ridden over the Continental Divide, above the clouds, and watched lightning strikes hit the ground in the valley below me. I've enjoyed fantastic views from Pigeon Mountain in Georgia. I've galloped the trails of the LBJ Grasslands. I've ridden along beautiful Brushy Creek in Iowa before it was covered up by a new lake. We still ride the Kansas hills where I began and will continue to do so as much as possible.

Through the years I also studied equitation as it related to distance riding, including taking the instructor's course for Centered Riding. I've studied with such wonderful instructors as Linda Tellington-Jones, Donna Snyder-Smith, Wendy Murdock, Susan Harris, Sally Haney and Judith Cross-Strelke. I enjoy teaching riding as much as riding itself, and hope I can continue to do it for many years to come.

Thank you again for this honor! See you on the trail!



*Priscilla Lindsey & NATRC
President Kim Cowart*

National Appreciation

Brenda Simpson - Region 4

When you're off trail course,
On a mixed up horse,
Who ya gonna call?
Brenda Simpson!

In NATRC, you always want Brenda Simpson on your team; she is the calm in the midst of turmoil and can quiet a dramatic storm. Since 1984, Brenda has been a natural compass, excellent navigator and trail marker, as she is not afraid of hard work, and she is very giving to

our sport. Brenda managed Robbers Route/Arrowhead CTR's for many years, making the rides fun with dinner and a dance.

Brenda saved the life of a horse that was in distress in the water. She shushed the hysterical crowd, and after much work, helped the horse swim free. Just as super hero The Lone Ranger, Brenda is a NATRC CTR phenomenon!

Brenda's sense of humor, and amazing story teller talents make her a favorite at every ride. She brings high energy to the ride and can spin the best of yarns around a campfire. Her cheerful smile can lift up the lowest of spirits and calm the dragon in many.

When you need a friend,
To the very end,
Who ya gonna call?
Brenda Simpson!

Tanya Kingsley - Region 5

I have known Tanya since I became involved with NATRC over 20 years ago. The first time we met was at the last Nash 90 held in Georgia. Lynn Lathrop and I were new, doing P&Rs, when an Open rider said 'I want Tanya' and Tanya came up to do the P&R. Afterwards she told us not to worry about it – so typically Tanya.

She has worn many hats in Region 5 – competitor, board member,

highly sought after judges' secretary, P&R Coordinator/worker, convention Hospitality Suite co-chair nationally and regionally – but perhaps her most demanding and time-consuming hat is the Points and Awards chair for Region 5. And she has worn that hat more than 23+ years now. She tirelessly and graciously works to obtain beautiful and fitting awards for our Region 5 competitors. At this

writing, she is once again serving as regional board alternate while keeping up with points and gathering the regional awards.

There is no one I can think of more deserving of this appreciation award than my very dear friend, Tanya Kingsley, one of the best things ever to happen to Region 5 and NATRC.

Erin Glassman - Region 6

Erin Glassman does not hesitate to jump in where needed, lending her experience and enthusiasm to make rides successful and grow our sport. Even with a full plate of young children at home, a demanding job, building a new house, and competing on her horse, she volunteers in many important capacities including as our National Trail Advocacy Chair, National Board of Directors Alternate, Co-Chair of the 2015 National Convention, Region 6 President, Ride Manager, Trail Master and so much more.

It was not surprising to see Erin at one recent ride explain the trails at

the ride briefings, help out as Vet Judge Secretary, assist timing in riders, announce awards, and pop up wherever she was needed throughout the weekend. A few years ago, she managed a ride while nine months pregnant and later continued to volunteer as much as she could even with a broken back.

There is no stopping Erin's dedication! Her energy and constant can-do attitude are contagious and we appreciate all that she does for NATRC.



Erin Glassman

Workers Hall of Fame

Larry and Barbara Gould - Region 4

Contributions to our sport can be measured in many ways, from volunteering in every possible NATRC role, to providing regional and national leadership and management experience, to mentoring and tirelessly helping fellow competitors at rides year after year after year. By these measures and more, Larry and Barbara Gould represent the very best in giving back to NATRC.

Unknown to most, Barbara began competing before Larry nearly 30 years ago. Soon the entire Gould family, including numerous foster children, became fixtures in Region 4. From the beginning, Larry and Barbara could be counted on to provide food, replace or repair broken tack, nail on a shoe and pull out others' rigs in the worst weather conditions. Larry and Barbara have raised not only their own children in NATRC, they have provided guidance, advice and love to new and

old competitors alike. "Get Larry. He can fix it/do it/ tell us," is a common statement in Region 4.

When Barbara decided to stop competing more than a decade ago, she dedicated herself to volunteering, earning regional recognition for the most volunteer hours in Safety countless times, coordinating the Safety teams at nearly every ride. Ride managers know that when Barbara is in charge, the Safety riders will be prepared and the competitors will be well cared for, no matter what should happen on the trail.

Larry has served on the National Board of Directors multiple terms, lending his years of experience as a competitor and skilled horseman to discussions. He provides fellow Board members with common sense approaches to the fundamental issues plaguing the sport.

In recent years, Larry and Barbara have co-managed Horsemasters, one of the region's most popular rides. Because NATRC is the only equine organization allowed on the property once each year, it takes hours of Barbara and Larry's time to clear and mark trail for weeks at a time, done in addition to the regular time-consuming management duties. As a team, they do whatever it takes to insure everyone has a good experience, from hunting loose horses into the wee hours, to checking on the safety of the horses in camp during tornado warnings when everyone else is hunkered down in the storm shelter.

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2014 NATRC Horse Hall of Fame

Swiss Mocha

NATRC recognizes exceptional horses that have consistently placed at the highest levels of competition over many years and many miles of competition. In 1986, NATRC inducted its first Horse, Elmer's Bandit, into the Horse Hall of Fame. Since then, there have been 8 other horses honored.

This year, we recognize the 10th, **Swiss Mocha** (aka Coco), owned by Paula Riley. At the time of her applica-

tion, Coco had completed 170 NATRC competitions over 14 years. She won sweepstakes at 20 of these competitions and traveled 9500 competition miles. She won 11 National Championships, was regional (in Regions 4 and 5) High Point Open Lightweight Horse three times, and was National High Point Open Lightweight Horse twice. In 2004 Coco won the President's Cup, presented to the national Overall High Point Open Horse.

At 20 years old, Coco continues to compete at the highest levels of Open competition. In 2014, she completed an additional 12 rides, with three more sweepstakes wins, and now has over 10,250 miles in competition. She won her 12th National Championship and in overall Open competition, she was third in the nation. Let's give a big hand for this wonderful horse!

Swiss Mocha's Acceptance Speech

Hi, my name is Swiss Mocha, but my mom calls me Coco. I was a strange baby because my sire was a foundation Missouri Fox Trotter and my dam was a foundation QH. When I was little, I didn't have a clue about what to do with my feet! However, my mom says I got the best of both breeds. From my sire, I got the 4-beat gaits, head bob, and floppy ears. From my dam, I got a BIG engine and a sensible brain. And the best thing was that all the various parts of me were put together very well, making me strong and surefooted. When I was 4 months old, my mom taught me to lead, tie, and trailer – in just one weekend. When I was 6 months old, my mom took me to Texas to stay with her.

She spent the next four years teaching me everything I needed to know to be an NATRC competitive trail horse. I studied hard and was a quick learner – and I like to compete! We started in the Novice Division and stayed there for two years before moving on to Open competition. I like Open competition because it is FAST, but it can be hard, too. But the harder it is, the better I like it! Sometimes I thought my mom was trying to tire me out, but I fooled her – I always had a reserve of energy!

Once upon a time, my mom gave me a personality test. I wanted to be a Rock Star or a Prima Donna but it turns out that I am a Butler! I'm always asking 'What can I do for you?' and in anticipating what comes next. While I listen to Mom a lot, I've taught her to listen to me, too. She encourages me to make some decisions for myself. This was important the day I slipped on a rock and found us falling into a ravine. I looked down and found a spot to land on my feet and suffered only minor scrapes. I was scared at the bottom of the ravine and wanted to climb out. But Mom was laying in my only path out and said 'No'. She asked me

to back up and wait, which I did. We have a lot of trust in one another.

Mom tries to make the competitions interesting and fun. And doesn't get overly agitated when I don't do everything right, which makes it all ok. I pay close attention to the footing in the trail. When I see rocks, I know to slow down and we always walk going up or down hills. When I see a bunch of strange people in the trail, I pay close attention to the horses in front of me. I know that I'm going to be asked to do what they do. And I become confused if Mom asks me to do something different from them!

I love it when we come to a rest stop because I get to take a nap. Mom pours water on me, checks my feet, scratches my head, and takes a nap with me. When the fellow comes up and says 'start', she takes a deep breath and lets it out very slowly. I do too.

We have competed in NATRC for 14 years now and have over 10,000 miles in competitions. I didn't always win, but it was fun when I did. I have a whole wall in Mom's house dedicated to various ribbons, plaques, awards, and medallions. Mom says I'm like the Energizer bunny; I just keep going and going. I think of myself more like the Engine that Could. **I think I can, I** (Continued on [page 11](#))



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think I can, I know I can!!! Best of all, underneath my pretty white coat is the heart of a race horse – I **LOVE** to run!

We've become old ladies now and are slowing down a bit. Mom has arthritis and sometimes I have to be very careful with her. I'm starting to feel some aches and pains too. She takes good care of my health and is very protective of my legs. In addition, I get to go to a chiropractor and massage therapist (yummm) regularly.

Thank you all for recognizing the accomplishments of this Engine that Could. When I see you on the trail, consider my flopping ears a 'wave'.

Happy Trails,

Coco

Coco is a bit stuck on herself, so I'd like to say a few words for those of you who might aspire to stand where I am right now. I want you to know that there is NO perfect horse.

First and foremost, this horse is a HUGE 'panic-aholic'. She spooks at her shadow and then spooks again because it moved. If startled while tied to the trailer, she WILL break something and leave for parts unknown. Thanks to all of you who have helped me hunt for my horse, in all hours of the day and night. I thank NATRC from

the bottom of my heart for approving portable panels. Coco LOVES her pen because it keeps her safe.

Second, because of her mixed heritage, Coco moves 'funny', which can be of concern to a Vet judge. To help with this, I take it upon myself to ensure that the judge sees the same 'funny', short-strided in the rear, thing all the time. At my age, trotting with my horse in large circles is an effort, but that's what it takes to get a consistent gait throughout the presentation.

In addition, Coco is a headstrong mare. Her determination, drive, and want to 'go', often gets in the way of a smooth performance. I work hard at keeping her calm, quiet, and controlled (but don't always succeed).

Another caution: Coco has good feet. My good friend, Larry Gould, took care of her feet for the majority of her career in NATRC. And then I moved to Georgia. I'm on my 13th farrier at this

point. Poor hoof care has caused her to carry excess fill, stress her suspensories, and even go lame. The moral here is don't let someone else mess up your horse.

As I said above, the moral here is that there is no perfect horse. Find a horse, with good basic confirmation, that you love to ride -- and work with, around, and through the problems. Sometimes the light at the end of the tunnel is a rainbow.

Thank you for this rainbow.

Paula Riley

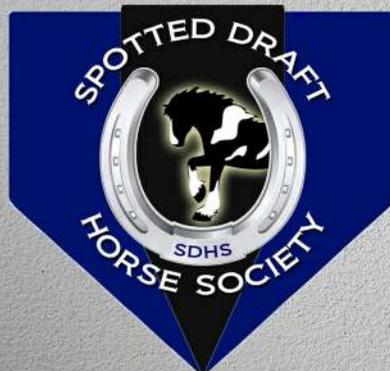


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Region 1 Awards

Open Heavyweight Sponsored by Region 1

1. Gene Boicelli / Amiraborr / ar.....53
2. Laura Harvey / Pistol Pete DF / ar.....40

Open Lightweight Sponsored by Region 1

1. Angie Meroshnekoff /
Desert Reinbeau / must.....113
2. Donna Stidolph / Sierra Sunshine / gr.....87
3. Stephanie Swain / Palistar / ar.....41

No Open Junior Qualified

Competitive/Pleasure Sponsored by Region 1

1. Haley Schlerf / HM Raina Bo Surely / har..122
2. Joe Dillard / OM EL Shakeeb Dream / ar..90
3. Debbie York / OM EL Bilbao / ar.....86

No Novice Heavyweight or Lightweight qualified

Novice Junior

1st & 2nd place ribbons sponsored by Angie Meroshnekoff

3-6 places sponsored by Erin Glassman

1. Karlie Johnson / Carson EL Maj / ar.....97
2. Kirsten Johnson / Lucky Eddie / gr.....93
3. Megan Smith / Pipi / gr.....40
4. Ilsa Madison / Denebaborr / ar.....35
5. Molly Anderson / Beauhemian / gr.....32
6. Jordan Hunter / Jezebel / gr.....26

Region 1A Awards

Ribbons Sponsored by Laurie Knuutila

No Open Heavyweight or Open Junior qualified

Open Lightweight

1. Brenda Grogan / Willow Bey Star / har.....32
2. Terri Mielke, / Dynamic's Spirit / tw.....26
3. Donna Forrester /
Flash's Gentleman Jim / mft.....24

Competitive/Pleasure

1. Kelly Stevenson / Brisco / gr.....20
2. Sarah Gotschall / Spiffy / gr.....12
3. Jeanie Fabich / My Kia to Success / gr.....8
3. Ashlynn Kirk / Gypsy / gr8

No Novice Heavyweight or Novice Junior qualified

Novice Lightweight

1. Cindy Luther / Merrylegs / POA.....12



Angie Meroshnekoff



Haley Schlerf



Region 2 Awards & Appreciation

Beni DeMattei

Beni joined NATRC in 2000, the same year as her first ride, Boulevard Boulder Bash riding Spyder Man. From that point forward, Beni was hooked on distance riding and NATRC.

Beni was elected Region 2 president in 2006, a position she still holds. Beni was elected to the NBOD in 2009, also a position she still holds. Beni has also become the region's resident Rules Interpreter whenever needed, a job that is often hard to fill in our small region.

She volunteers whenever there is a need, for example, she is the secretary for all three of the Arizona Triple Crown rides in the region. Oh, by the way she is our webmaster, RMS person, responsible for points/awards and has now agreed to take on part of the points and awards for National.

Thank you Beni, without you, we in Region 2 would be in big trouble.

Open Heavyweight

Sponsored by Lory & Randy Walls

1. Catherine Peterson / Zackary / gr.....50

Open Lightweight

Sponsored by Lory & Randy Walls

1. Lory Walls / Sea Dragon / ang-ar.....97
2. Kandace French / Pride's Smoke and Mirrors / tw.....38

Open Junior

Sponsored by Erin Glassman

1. Caden Williams / RA Chloe / ar.....40

Competitive/Pleasure

Sponsored by Lory & Randy Walls

1. Sherrie Bray / Pride's College Boy / tw.....124
2. Karen Kafka / Smokey Sedona / mft.....68

No Novice Heavyweight Qualified

Novice Junior

Sponsored by Erin Glassman

1. Brianna Floyd/ Rocky / gr.....69

Novice Lightweight

Sponsored by Lory & Randy Walls

1. Becky Carl / QCA Sonrey / ar.....69
2. Sarah Watson / Red Squirrel / gr.....52



Beni DeMattei



Lory Walls



Sherrie Bray

Region 3 Awards & Appreciation

Open Heavyweight

1. Ken Wolgram /
Awesomes Fire N Ice / har.....176
2. Matt Baker / Peanut / gr.....116
3. Cheri Westmoreland / Dee Bar / gr.....96
4. Jim Ward / Gen's Rockin Shadow / tw.....80

Open Lightweight

1. Terri.Smith / Hot Saki / har.....138
2. Roxann Lane /
Phantom's Masquerade / gr.....130
3. Lin Ward / Turner's Wild Card / kym.....100
4. Syndi Scott / Isis Khepri / ar.....56

Open Junior

Sponsored by Erin Glassman

1. Alexis Combs / Lincoln / gr.....36

Competitive/Pleasure

1. Betty Wolgram / Summer / gr.....114
2. Dianna Thearin / Winnie / gr72
3. Sharyl Walls / SAS's Aussie / tw.....64
4. Brandy Ferganchick /
Cedar Valley's Torden Fjell / Norf.....62
5. Linell Miller-Inman / Danner / tw.....60
6. Diane Chaffee / RR Skye Robyn / ar.....54
6. Betty Garrett /
Royal's Rock'N EZ Cinnabar / mft.....54

Novice Heavyweight

1. Linda Johnson-Conne /
Solid Country Gold Skye / hasb.....108
2. Donna Lewis / Thunder / gr98
3. Dayna Morgan / Levi / gr88
4. Karen Wylie / Big Mac's My My / mft.....78
5. John Horne / Tuff / gr.....76
6. Leona Arnett / Lite Foot Slow Poke / har...72

Novice Lightweight

1. Calleen Olson / Dakota Cole / mft.....54
2. Candice Lagasse / Authentic / gr.....40

Novice Junior

Sponsored by Erin Glassman

1. Tori Ware / Pur Ty Rain Danc / ar.....72

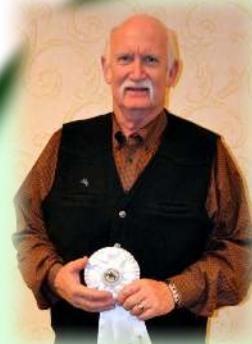
Chuck Smith & John Volkerding

By Sharon Roper-Dashner

I have known Chuck Smith for many, many years - since he accompanied his parents on NATRC competitive rides when he was a young boy. From that time forward, I have had the privilege to work with Chuck in many different capacities. Always, the main thing to stand out is his pleasant and eager approach to helping in any way he can. Chuck treats everyone with respect and goes out of his way to make our region and our rides a great experience for all who are participating. It is with pleasure that I personally appreciate Chuck and all he does for Region 3.

John Volkerding is a treasure. John has tirelessly taken on the task of being our Stirrup Editor and getting our newsletters out to the membership for many years now. He never complains and is always creative about each edition he puts together. As far as I know, John is not particularly a horse person, but he supports this region with an energy and capacity that few others would attempt.

Both Chuck and John together are very deserving of receiving the National Regional Appreciation Award for 2014.



John Horn



Betty Wolgram



Jim Ward & Ken Wolgram



Lin Ward



Region 4 Awards

Open Heavyweight

1. Jonni Jewell /
Ravenwood Royal Flag / har.....194
2. Shirley Brodersen /
WH Picos Cozmic / ar.....134
2. James Keene /
Diamond's Sassy Stockings / mft.....134
3. Larry Gould /
First Rayt Investment / har.....100
4. Cheryl Edmondson /
Ojala ArielMoon / har.....38

Open Lightweight

1. Elaine Swiss / NH Muscats Jewel / ar.....165
2. Dolly Miller / Wildfire Storm / ssh.....164
3. Barbie Van Order /
Hes a Rockstar / must.....144
4. Kris Hapgood /
Heza Trouble Makin' Buddy / gr.....74
5. Patti Hicks / RPH Queso / Paint.....61

No Open Junior qualified

Competitive/Pleasure

1. Carla Jo Bass / Razmataz DBA / ar.....172
2. Betsy Zimmerman /
NKR April's Jewel / morg.....156

3. Alice Yovich / Tribute to Liberty / har.....82
4. Vicki Tharp / Ellie / gr54
5. Kathleen Love /
Solidly Prinzippled / Paint.....41
6. Marjorie Shenkir / Buck / gr32

Novice Heavyweight

1. Gayle Muench / Selket Majinsky / ar.....104
2. Gayna Smith /
Croells Dancin' Kip / Paint.....95
3. Sharon McCullough /
Express's Ghost D / mft.....92
4. Amy Crane / Employed at Longlast / qtr....84
5. Tanya Watkins / Belleton / gr.....65
6. Annette Griffin / Tally / sptdrft.....64

Novice Lightweight

1. Cara Kale / Painted Indian / SMR.....125
2. Rene Teeman /
Foxy's Travelin Osage Moon / mft.....74
3. Claire Kirsch / Gambit / gr.....56

Novice Junior

Sponsored by Erin Glassman

1. Madeline Martin / Opportunity Knox / kym.88
2. Brooke Sims /
Dance Inside The Sun / HOA.....58



*Jonni Jewell, Shirley Broderson,
James Keene & Larry Gould*



*Patti Hicks, Kris Hapgood, Barbi
Van Order, Dolly Miller & Elaine Swiss*



Annette Griffin



Alice Yovich



Carla Jo Bass

Region 4 Appreciation

Barbara Rubley

Barbara Rubley was raised in and around NATRC competitions by her parents Sharon and Don Rubley. She grew up around horses and NATRC, learning the principles of horsemanship and safety. These principles have been carried on by Barbara, as she is an excellent competitor and volunteer.

Many a horsemanship and vet judge in Region 4 have benefited from the professionalism of Barbara as their secretary. She is pre-

cise, hard-working and conscientious in her endeavors as a volunteer. As helpful as she is cheerful, Barbara is an asset to the judges, making sure the score cards are correct.

Barbara is invaluable as the very important job of Rules Interpreter. She is knowledgeable of the rules of NATRC, which is so helpful to ride managers when needed. Recently, when she was called upon for a ruling, Barbara knew the

protocol needed immediately, and followed through to the very end with the Ride Manager. She also filled out a very conclusive RI report, explaining the situation in detail.

From Chapter one, as a Junior rider to now, Barbara Rubley has been a dedicated advocate and continues to add chapters in her NATRC book of life.

Patti Hicks

In June of 2003, an East Texas barrel racer decided to try a CTR, and entered Robber's Route in September. In October she posted, "I am thoroughly hooked and enjoying this sport. I do believe it is addictive."

Patti Hicks and Monday moved to the Open Division in December of 2004. She went on to place well in Region 4 in 2005. In 2007, she rode her horse Domino to a National Championship. She went on to win National Championships on Star in 2010, Queso in 2011 and again on Star in 2012.

Patti started giving back to Region 4 early in her CTR career. She

was Trailmaster, then Volunteer at Cass County Trails CTR 2007 and 2008. She served on the R4 Board of Directors from 2007 through the present. She has served on various committees including Nomination Chair, Rider Owned Number Coordinator, and New Member Chair. As Vice President in 2013, she stepped up and took over the reins when the President resigned, making sure that Region 4 held together.

Patti has started her journey to becoming a NATRC Horsemanship Judge, serving NATRC in yet another way, thank you Patti Hicks!



Patti Hicks

Teresa Galliher

Tremendous, Encourager, Mentor, Family Oriented, and Excellent Horse Person are words describing Teresa Galliher. Region 4 is so lucky and blessed to have such a dedicated and wonderful person participating in our sport. We applaud Teresa for her hard work and dedication!

Teresa has managed the Sawdust CTR and the Tarrant Ranch CTR for years. She has also taken responsibility and followed through

with countless volunteer positions, performing each job efficiently and professionally. While balancing volunteering and competing, Teresa manages to finish the season with plenty of awards too.

Mentoring is Teresa's strong suite; she has brought many new competitors to NATRC. She gives the riders the gift of confidence and riding skills that will last them a lifetime. Teresa is kind, welcoming and fun to be around.

One year a Junior Rider's horse was unable to compete; not only did Teresa loan her a wonderful Mustang for the ride year, but also took her to plenty of rides, when her parents couldn't attend. The Junior Rider won her National Championship and was the number one Junior Rider in the Nation, thanks to the kindness of Teresa!

Thank you Teresa for your love and dedication to NATRC Region 4!

Region 5 Awards

Open Heavyweight

1. Gary Clayton / Goodnight's Masterpiece / tw..... 184
2. William Moore / Victory CH / har..... 142

Open Lightweight

1. Paula Riley / Swiss Mocha / gr..... 248
2. Sara Baldwin / Loco Motion / gr..... 206
3. Martha Findley / Prime Sensation WH / mft..... 180
4. Keri Riddick / SCF Cindy Lou Who / har..... 164
5. Esther Diaguila / Danamyte / ar..... 162
6. Regina Broughton / Tommys Impressev Ace / ap. 140

No Open Junior Qualified

Competitive Pleasure

1. Ray Lewis / Dusty Dawn's Little Lady / tw..... 224
2. Debbie T. Jones / RCC Follow Me / har..... 172
3. Cindy Keen / Spotted Alen's Finale / tw..... 163
4. Patricia Petelle / Kings Lasting Legacy / qtr..... 156
5. Sandy Pegram / Heart's Desire / ssh..... 145
6. Courtney Woodall / Spirit of Spotted Alen / tw..... 120

Novice Heavyweight

1. Vickie Moore / Shades / gr..... 248
2. Margarita Duchesne / Admiral / ssh..... 103
3. Ariel Duchesne / Stanley's Travis / rkym..... 90
4. Teresa Wolf / Zakreb Ogon / ar..... 78
5. Pam Haglund / Romeo O Romeo / Paint..... 74
6. Kathy Carraher / Pusher's Blue Treasure / tw..... 54

Novice Lightweight

1. Mary Lewis / Carbon's Royal Belle / tw..... 161
2. Andrea Rogers / Alena Rae / har..... 134
3. Cathy Abbott / Tri-Mi Dealers Choice / mft..... 84
4. Pam Callaghan / Wrangler / gr 66
5. Mary Dukes / Lexus Golden Tie L / mft..... 54
5. Katie Ward / Rowdy / gr 54
6. Karen Gamble / Cooool Hand Luke / ar..... 46

Novice Junior

Sponsored by Erin Glassman

1. Natalie Evans / Captian Kune / gr..... 56
2. Jacob Garnes / Ace / gr 25



Paula Riley & Sara Baldwin

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Region 5 Appreciation

Ginny Tolbert

Ginny Tolbert's association with NATRC began in 1996 when she and her husband Wayne brought their daughter, Rebecca, to a CTR in Tennessee. Ginny didn't know much about trail riding, and almost nothing about NATRC, but she recognized that a love of horses, disciplined riding, and the camaraderie of our group was good for her family.

Riding J.J.'s Grand Finale, Ginny earned over 1000 miles. During those miles she discovered pleasure came during fellowship with Region 5. Riding, she learned, was a distraction from her favorite part of the weekend. Meeting and greeting new riders and volunteering were her true calling.

Creations from her pottery studio at High Meadows Farm became coveted awards. As ride timer Ginny puts the beginning moments and final finish line into perspective with confidence, organization, and a sincere, "Have a good ride!" Her name and her reputation as a priceless volunteer in Region 5 were recently pointed out when Wayne introduced himself to new riders and they replied, "Oh, you're Ginny's husband!"

Ginny has volunteered at almost every Region 5 ride; has managed and/or been the ride secretary and timer for over 75 rides. She reflects the most valued characteristics of the NATRC spirit.

Michelle Goza

Michelle Goza started in NATRC in 1985 as a 24-year-old. She epitomizes the NATRC spirit—riding, managing the Faye Whittemore ride in Jasper, Alabama, and rescuing starved and abused horses.

Michelle has won a national championship, placed nationally, and won several regional awards. She has involved both of her sons in the sport. William got his 1000 miles when he was 13. Her younger son, Clint, has ridden one ride. Of her horses or mules, Andy was her favorite. Michelle bred him, raised him, and rode him for a few thousand miles. William got his 1000 miles on him and Clint rode him, but was not able to complete on him due Andy's pasture injury.. The old fellow at 28 is still around.

More recently, Michelle has been involved in horse rescue organizations. She's helped with, Helping Horses Alabama, Dusty Trails, Arabian Horse Rescue, and she is now starting AERS and saving horses throughout Alabama. She has personally saved or helped somewhere around 200 horses.

Other facts Region 5 riders want to know about Michelle are: Yes, she wears a sports bra. Her husband does exist. And, she hopes to do some rides next year with Clint.

4-H Junior Rider Year End High Point Award

To encourage participation by 4-H members, NATRC offers a 4-H Junior Rider Year End High Point Award.

- The award goes to the high point rider and high point horse **regardless** of the rider's division.
- The award is a self-nominating award. The nomination must occur before the end of the ride year, which is the second Sunday in November. This year, it will be November 8, 2015.
- The rider must (1) be a member of NATRC (2) send Laurie DiNatale an email (natrc@natrc.org) stating that they are a 4-H member and (3) have their 4-H leader verify that they are a member with an email to Laurie DiNatale (natrc@natrc.org).

In a number of states (Colorado is one example), 4-H now recognizes competitive trail riding as an activity that qualifies as a 4-H member's project.

Questions?

Contact Angie Meroshnekoff,
awhitedog@aol.com.

Chair, Riders and Juniors
Committee



Congratulations!
Erin Glassman
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Thank You
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Region 6 Awards

Open Heavyweight

Sponsored by Region 6

1. Marilyn Marston / L.L.Remington / har166
2. Vickie White / My Nightmare / ar145
3. Shari Parys / Mika / mft130
4. William Hinkebein / Country's Magic Fox WH / mft.. 96

Open Lightweight

Sponsored by Debbie Payne

1. Trish Cleveland / Cito Mocha Raton / HOA.....189
2. Robin Nore / Shadow's Dancer C / mft.....90
3. Patti Dollarhide / Pistol Annie / Mule.....66

No Open Junior Qualified

Competitive/Pleasure

Sponsored by Region 6

1. Marla Stucky / EZ Rocket WH / mft.....174
2. Noreen Altwegg / D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger / mft.....162
3. Alan Bouska / Fives Bert Harlan / qtr.....137
4. Mary Colby / Razonn Trail Dancer / har.....94

5. Margaret Reynolds / Dun Come Unzipped / qtr.....89
6. Mary Anna Wood / Winchester Charm / har.....86

Novice Heavyweight

Sponsored by Region 6

1. Sharron Ankerson / Lethal Status / Paint.....137
2. Tammy Vasa / Windy V / gr.....103
3. Mary Hanson / KS Bluestem Lady Liberty / morg....78
4. John Vasa / Bartending For Money / qtr.....63

Novice Lightweight

Sponsored by Debbie Payne

1. Kerri Ross / T-Bone B Blacky / morg.....149
2. Sharon West / Little Jet Fuel / qtr.....94
3. Jennifer Fischer / Auli Sabah / ar.....69

Novice Junior

Sponsored by Region 6

1. Jason Klamm / Risky Snickers / Paint.....54
2. Ryan Klamm /Angel's Ricochet Shot / tw.....42



Kerri Ross, Sharon West, & Jennifer Fischer



Marilyn Marston, Vickie White, Shari Parys & William Hinkebein



Sharon Ankerson, Tammy Vasa, & Mary Hanson



Jason Klamm & Ryan Klamm



Mary Anna Wood, Noreen Altwegg, Marla Stucky & Alan Bouska



Margaret Reynolds



Trish Cleveland, Robin Nore & Patti Dollarhide

Region 6 Appreciation

Fred Altwegg

Despite being a very capable rider, Fred Altwegg prefers to volunteer at NATRC rides, much to our appreciation! While supporting his wife Noreen as she competes, he faithfully works at every ride in our Region year after year, as much as harvest allows!

Fred is a constant on our Pulse & Respiration team, often serving as Chair. He does an excellent job training new volunteers and keeping things running smoothly and consis-

tently. Fred always has a smile on his face, a friendly bearing and a story if you have time. He brings a mounting block along for those who need a boost, and has an encouraging word and laid back demeanor to help put riders and volunteers at ease. We are always relieved to see Fred at a ride, knowing we will have an efficient P&R team with his dedicated help. We certainly appreciate seeing him at a great deal of our rides!



Fred Altwegg

Trish Cleveland

Always a fierce competitor who has done all her homework, Trish Cleveland sets a high bar for the rest to strive toward. After beginning this sport in 1991 with a sweet Quarter Horse mare, Deacons Dolly, and earning four National Championships between 1999 and 2004, she showed us what can be done with proper conditioning and management. Starting over again with Cito Mocha Raton, quite the spitfire compared to Dolly, Trish taught us about perseverance and dedication, earning Mocha's sixth National Championship this year. Attending 100% of our Region's rides, new and old, is appreciated but not as much as her thoughtful, handwritten thank you

notes sent to ride management after each ride!

While it is hard to volunteer as much as she would like with home commitments, Trish still manages to do vital jobs within our Region. She handles our Rider Vest program, allowing us to purchase a number each year, keeping track of the extra set of vests and informing ride secretaries of assigned numbers. She also records all our Worker points and awards our valuable volunteers at year-end as milestones are reached. The extra recognition she gives to Trail Masters or Ride Managers or Ride Secretaries at convention time is greatly appreciated.



Sarah Rinne & Trish Cleveland

Marilyn Marston & Marla Stucky

It's hard to imagine Region 6 without Marilyn Marston and Marla Stucky! Their friendly attitudes and contagious fun in camp and along the trail always brighten every ride.

Since the days of "Frick" and "Frack", these two sisters have added a lot to our events. Not only do they often attend every ride in the region, but they also manage the 100% Club for the rest of us to set the same goal.

Ever striving to better their own horsemanship and scores, they still take the time to mentor new competitors, especially Marla while riding Competitive Pleasure as she started a new horse. They further reach out to spread the NATRC word by chairing our booth at the Kansas Equifest. We appreciate their welcoming and light-hearted attitudes and are grateful to have them be such excellent advocates of our sport.



Marla Stucky & Marilyn Marston

High Mileage Awards

High Mileage Rider Chevrons and Medallions

4000 Miles – Bronze Medallion
Shirley Brodersen / R4

7000 Miles – Silver Medallion
Carla Jo Bass / R4

11,000 Miles
Lucy Hirsch / R6
Judy Wise Mason / R3

5000 Miles
Mark H. Jones / R5
Jonni Jewell / R4
Jim Ward / R3

9,000 Miles
Trish Cleveland / R6
Angie Meroshnekoff / R1

12,000 Miles
Paula Riley / R5

6000 Miles
Lory Walls / R2

10,000 Miles – Gold Medallion
Jean Armer / R1
Sponsored by Region 1
Terri Smith / R3

High Mileage Horse Awards

1,000 Mile Horse Awards

Om El Shakeeb Dream.....	Arabian.....	Joe Dillard / R1
Magical Serenade.....	Half Arabian.....	Sherri Halligan / R3
Sixes Peppy Lady.....	Paint.....	Juleen Feazell / R3
NH Muscats Jewel.....	Arabian.....	Elaine Swiss / R4
SCF Cindy Lou Who.....	Half Arabian.....	Keri Riddick / R5
Raisin the Roof.....	Spotted Saddle Horse.....	Michelle Daniels / R5
My Noble Ambition.....	Spotted Saddle Horse.....	Lori Rand / R5
Victory CH.....	Half Arabian.....	William Moore / R5
Dusty Dawn's Little Lady.....	Tennessee Walker.....	Ray Lewis / R5
Sunny Georgia.....	Tennessee Walker.....	Patty Lucas / R5
Goodnight's Masterpiece.....	Tennessee Walker.....	Gary Clayton / R5
Mr. Chico Lindo.....	Grade.....	Yvonne Smith / R6
Shady Sunset WH.....	Missouri Fox Trotter.....	William Hinkebein / R6
Mika.....	Missouri Fox Trotter.....	Shari Parys / R6
Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man.....	Missouri Fox Trotter.....	Kay Stich / R6

2,000 Mile Horse Awards

First Rayt Investment.....	Half Arabian.....	Larry Gould / R4
Loco Motion.....	Grade.....	Sara Baldwin / R5
D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger.....	Missouri Fox Trotter.....	Noreen Altwegg / R6
L.L.Remington.....	Half Arabian.....	Marilyn Marston / R6

3,000 Mile Horse Award

My Nightmare.....	Arabian.....	Vickie White / R6
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4,000 Mile Horse Award

Cito Mocha Raton.....	Horse of America.....	Trish Cleveland / R6
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6,000 Mile Horse Award

Desert Reinbeau.....	Mustang.....	Angie Meroshnekoff / R1
Diamond's Sassy Stockings.....	Missouri Fox Trotter.....	James Keene / R4

10,000 Mile Horse Award

Swiss Mocha.....	Grade.....	Paula Riley / R5
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1,000 Mile Horse Awards:
*Shari Parys, R6; William Hinkebein, R6;
Yvonne Smith, R6; Lori Rand, R5; Elaine Swiss, R4*



3,000 Mile Horse Award:
Vickie White, R6



2,000 Mile Horse Awards:
*Marilyn Marston, R6; Noreen Altwegg, R6;
Sara Baldwin, R5; Larry Gould, R4*



4,000 Mile Rider Award:
Shirley Brodersen, R4



4,000 Mile Horse Award & 9,000 Mile Rider Award:
Trish Cleveland, R6



6,000 Mile Horse Award & 9,000 Mile Rider Award:
Angie Meroshnekoff, R1



7,000 Mile Rider Award:
Carla Jo Bass, R4



11,000 Mile Rider Award:
Lucy Hirsch, R6



10,000 Mile Horse Award & 12,000 Mile Rider Award:
Paula Riley, R5

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Trish Cleveland / R6

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Overall
EZ Rocket WH /
Marla Stucky / R6
Region 1
No qualifying member
Region 2
No qualifying member
Region 3
No qualifying member
Region 4
Diamond's Sassy Stockings /
James Keene
Region 5
Prime Sensation WH /
Martha Findley
Region 6
EZ Rocket WH /
Marla Stucky



*Elaine Swiss,
Arabian*



*Ken Wolgram,
Half-Arabian*



*Sara Baldwin,
Grade*



*Marla Stucky,
MFT*



*James Keene
MFT*



*Angie Meroshnekoff,
Mustang*



*Patti Dollarhide,
Mule*



*Jason Klamm,
Paint*

Grade

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Morgan

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Mustang

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Eduardo el Negrito Knight /
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Solidly Prinnzipples /
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Reserve
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Heart's Desire /
Sandy Pegram / R5

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Dusty Dawn's Little Lady /
Ray Lewis / R5

High Average Competitive/Pleasure Awards

Horse

1st & 2nd Place Ribbons sponsored by Region 6,
5th Place Ribbon Sponsored by Lory & Randy Walls

1. EZ Rocket WH / mft.....Marla Stucky (R6).....97.808%
2. D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger / mft....Noreen Altwegg (R6).....97.787%
3. Dusty Dawn's Little Lady / tw.....Mary Lewis (R5).....97.781%
4. Razmataz DBA / ar.....Carla Jo Bass (R4).....97.653%
5. Pride's College Boy / tw.....Sherri Bray (R2).....97.078%
6. Heart's Desire / ssh.....Sandy Pegram (R5).....96.807%



EZ Rocket WH & Marla Stucky

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Horsemanship

1st Place Ribbon Sponsored by Erin Glassman,
2nd Place Ribbon Sponsored by Lory & Randy Walls,
4th & 5th Place Ribbons Sponsored by Jonni Jewell

1. Haley Schlerf.....R1.....99.831%
2. Sherrie Bray.....R2.....99.100%
3. Courtney Woodall.....R5.....99.077%
4. Betsy Zimmerman.....R4.....98.788%
5. Carla Jo Bass.....R4.....98.666%
6. Cindy Keen.....R5.....98.304%



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Bill Smith Memorial trophy awarded to the First Place winner

**4th & 6th Place Ribbons Sponsored by Region 6,
James Keene's 5th Place Ribbon Sponsored by Jonni Jewell**

1. Awesomes Fire N Ice / har.....	Ken Wolgram / R3.....	130
2. Ravenwood Royal Flag / har.....	Jonni Jewell / R4.....	113
3. Goodnight's Masterpiece / tw.....	Gary Clayton / R5.....	110
4. L.L.Remington / har.....	Marilyn Marston / R6.....	91
5. Diamond's Sassy Stockings / mft.....	James Keene / R4.....	84
5. Victory CH / har.....	William Moore / R5.....	84
6. My Knightmare / ar.....	Vickie White / R6.....	81



Ken Wolgram, Jonni Jewell, Marilyn Marston, James Keene and Vickie White

Overall Open Heavyweight Horsemanship

Bruce Becker Memorial trophy awarded to the First Place winner

2nd Place Ribbon and Vickie White's 6th Place Ribbon Sponsored by Region 6

1. Ken Wolgram / R3.....	112
2. Marilyn Marston / R6.....	107
3. Jonni Jewell / R4.....	103
4. James Keene / R4.....	100
5. William Moore / R5.....	84
6. Vickie White / R6.....	82
6. Gary Clayton / R5.....	82

Overall Open Lightweight Horse

4th Place Ribbon Sponsored by Region 6,
 5th Place Ribbon Sponsored by Jonni Jewell,
 6th Place Ribbon Sponsored by Beni DeMattei

1. Loco Motion / gr.....	Sara Baldwin / R5.....	196
2. Desert Reinbeau / must.....	Angie Meroshnekoff / R1.....	169
3. Swiss Mocha / gr.....	Paula Riley / R5.....	140
4. Cito Mocha Raton / HOA.....	Trish Cleveland / R6.....	132
5. NH Muscats Jewel / ar.....	Elaine Swiss / R4.....	126
6. Sea Dragon / ang-ar.....	Lory Walls / R2.....	95



Sara Baldwin, Angie Meroshnekoff, Paula Riley, Trish Cleveland, Elaine Swiss, & Lory Walls

Overall Open Lightweight Horsemanship

1st Place Ribbon Sponsored by Region 1,
 4th Place Ribbon Sponsored by Region 6,
 5th Place Ribbon Sponsored by Beni DeMattei

1. Angie Meroshnekoff / R1.....	164
2. Paula Riley / R5.....	134
3. Sara Baldwin / R5.....	108
4. Trish Cleveland / R6.....	103
5. Lory Walls / R2.....	102
6. Elaine Swiss / R4.....	95

Overall Open Junior Horse

Sponsored by Erin Glassman

1. RA Chloe / ar.....Caden Williams / R2.....26
2. Lincoln / gr.....Alexis Combs / R3.....18



Caden Williams & RA Chloe

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Overall Open Junior Horsemanship

Sponsored by Erin Glassman

1. Caden Williams / R2.....26
2. Alexis Combs / R3.....18

4-H Award High Point Horse & Horsemanship

Sponsored by Shari Parys

Novice: Opportunity Knox / kym / Madeline Martin / R4

Overall Open High Average Horse Bev Tibbitts Grand Champion Award

Awesomes Fire N Ice
Ken Wolgram (R3).....99.044%

Runners Up:

Loco Motion
Sara Baldwin (R5).....97.850%
Ravenwood Royal Flag
Jonni Jewell (R4).....97.560%



Awesomes Fire N Ice and Ken Wolgram
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Overall Open High Average Horsemanship Polly Bridges Memorial Award

Ken Wolgram (R3).....99.685%

Runners Up:

James Keene (R4).....99.623%
Jonni Jewell (R4).....99.242%

Jim Menefee Combined Horse & Horsemanship

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Desert Reinbeau &
Angie Meroshnekoff

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President's Cup

Acceptance Speech by Sara Baldwin

I didn't get to this special point in time in a single season or a single year. So it feels like I have a lot to say wound up inside me and I can't wait to get started.

I must begin by thanking the world's greatest horse enabler who is with me tonight. Doug has been so supportive. He even let me steal his horse. He and I are in business together, which means that this past year, he actually did a lot of my work while I went traveling off with my horse and dog. Like any good horse husband, he helps with the lifting and loading. But this past year, I can recall two instances where he kept me from quitting. So thanks for the pushing as well as for pulling more than your weight.

I also want to thank the ride managers, volunteers, and judges. While I think it would be wonderful to name names, after 85 rides and ten years, we would be here all night. You were willing to step up and say, "I can, I will." You were willing to take the time, do the work, and even risk the money. Without you this sport would simply die.

I also need to thank Jameson Moulis for riding Motion at Christmas in the Pines. She did a beautiful job. She inspired me to improve so that I could succeed in this quest.

Winning the President's Cup took me a long time. I think it stretches as far back as October 2005, when I first saw Mo-

tion and said "Open Champion." It has been a wild ride on a difficult and wonderful horse. I'm sure that many of you who have seen us over the years are really wondering, "How did those two ever get that far?"

Please know that versions of this speech have been drifting through my head for years rather than just the last few months. But my thinking about what to say changed earlier this year, thanks to Facebook.

A thread started on NATRC's page about riding after illness, injury, and with chronic conditions. There were so many

comments that my computer locked up.

Somehow riding heals us and makes us stronger. I am proud to be one of you. You are my people, my tribe.

This is not an easy sport. The Facebook incident had me asking, "Why are all these older, ill, and infirm people out there trying so hard, setting goals and working year after year? For me, the answer is there every time I go to the barn and see the brightest eye, every time I look across the pasture and see the most graceful, fluid movement. It's there every time I settle in the saddle and feel the spark of energy that is Motion. He makes me want to be a better person. And that is love.

We all have horses we love. If there is any one thing I have learned on my wild ride, it is that the love of the horse is the heart and soul of horsemanship. It is the reason for the journey.

I should have been up here telling you why my horse is special rather than presuming to give a speech about horsemanship. But, in the spirit of NATRC, it is horsemanship that leads us to choose these horses, that helps us train them, and makes us care for them so well. And it is horsemanship that brings us together in this sport and together this night. I'll be ever grateful to Motion for giving me this opportunity to speak to you.



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President's Cup

Motion's Road to the President's Cup

By Sara Baldwin

Reprinted from the R5 Newsletter, Fall 2014/Winter 2015

Motion's road to the President's Cup probably began in October 2005 when I first saw him and said, "Now there's an Open Champion." I was shopping for an extra horse, a husband horse, one to use on trail work and day rides so that my NATRC horse, Image, could focus on moving up in competition. I've been telling awful Motion stories for years. I don't know that I've ever tried to explain why I stuck with him, why I kept trying, or why I've believed firmly for years that he could win the President's Cup.

Riding Motion is like a drug. He loves to go down the trail and his energy passes to me. His step is light and springy. His pace is balanced and sure footed. He will pace, gait and trot, gallop and lope. And considering that he can spin, flip, and levitate, Motion is a superior athlete. He will go anywhere, as long as it is forward down the trail. I have ridden Motion through icy rivers and flooded streams deeper than his chest and climbed banks taller than his head. I have ridden him along highways in the Ozarks, through wetlands and flint hills in Kansas, through deep sand in Texas and Florida, in the pouring rain in Tennessee, and the broiling sun

and wind in Oklahoma. In thousands of miles of training and competition, he has gotten tired, gotten stressed, but has never quit. And he usually finishes a ride stronger and hotter than he starts.

I never gave up on Motion because I chose him. In 2008, my first NATRC horse was injured. I had cancer. Somewhere along the miles of trails and roads near my home, I decided to put all that behind me and compete; on Motion. He was difficult, scary and too much horse for me, but he was the horse I had.

I accepted the challenge to train Motion in this sport. I had a physically gifted horse with a difficult brain. The lessons he has taught me over the past five years have finally shown me that

he is an extremely smart and sensitive horse. I am 100 percent responsible for his actions. He is not easy. He requires intense focus, calm, softness, and discipline. Meeting the emotional and physical demands of riding him has taught me about managing myself as well. So training me has been a part of training him.

I am also 100 percent responsible for his care. It has taken years to work out the right feeding program, the right shoeing, the right bridle, saddle and pads. I have also learned to recognize when he needs rest and chiropractic care. Sixteen rides in one year is a lot of miles! He is a great traveler, but I had to learn to take it easy and take better care of him on the thousands of trailer miles too.

Horsemanship is a journey; this one has been long and winding. It has been a NATRC journey of the selection, training, and care of a special horse. I don't exactly remember when the President's Cup became the goal for Motion, but it has been out there a long time. All of my fellow competitors and Region 5 family deserve thanks for helping me mark such a milestone in my life.



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Communicating Expectations

By Kimberly Winterrowd, Management Committee Chair

How many times have you volunteered to fill a valuable role for a ride, such as the timer, ride secretary, safety chair etc.? Have you volunteered in the same role many times and at various rides over the years? How well do you know all of the duties of that position? Have you ever seen them listed out for you? As a Ride Chair do you make certain each member of your team has a listing of their assigned tasks? How about a little quiz: (Answers at article end.)

1. Whose duties are these?
 - Carry First Aid material in your vehicle.
 - Verify all vehicles have valid insurance and all drivers have valid drivers' licenses.
2. Whose duties are these?
 - At lunch stop, call each rider's number loud and clear 5 minutes before rider's departure time.

- Know the precise minimum and maximum total elapsed times for each division per the time and distance schedule for each day's ride.
3. Whose duties are these?
 - Know the driving times to each P&R stop and synchronize arrival and departure of all vehicles.
 - Pre-assign an assistant who will give completed cards in numerical order to vet secretary and assist in recording on scorecards if needed.

All of us perform best when we know exactly what is expected of us. The newly revised [Management Manual](#) details all of the duties required of each position on the ride management team in a format that makes them clear and easily accessible. The electronic version now contains hyperlinks in the Table of Contents

to every section and to every volunteer position instruction/ description. This makes it easy to find what you are looking for. A print edition will soon be mailed out to the ride chairs and secretaries.

As a ride chair you may wish to take on some of the duties that are listed for others, and or you may have additional tasks to add to a given team member. By using the lists provided in the manual you can copy and edit as needed to make clear sets of responsibilities for your valuable volunteers. By providing them with a list you can rest assured that they know what is expected. This will help to make the ride more organized and more fun for both the riders and volunteers alike.

Answer to quiz 1. Trailmaster; 2. Ride Timer; 3. P&R Chair

Reminder from the Points & Data Committee

Cheri Jeffcoat

1. To be eligible for year-end awards, membership dues must be paid by the second Sunday in November, the end of the Ride Year.
2. It is the responsibility of the owner of the horse to accurately report/ verify the horse's breed to NATRC.
3. Year-end breed awards. Many breed organizations sponsor year-end high point breed awards. Memberships in NATRC and the breed association are required.
4. Questions about the horse and/or rider records should be directed to NATRC.



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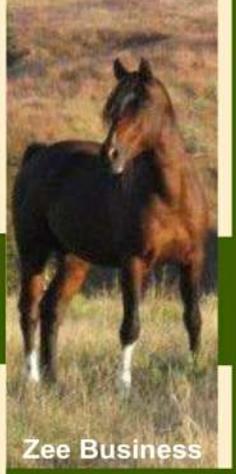
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Get Over Fear of Upsetting Your Horse: Horses Need Us to Challenge Them

By Nelly Cooper

Jennifer Kutch messaged me through *Facebook* to tell me that reading my book helped her solve many problems with her horse, Mack. But she still struggled with a bolting issue and wanted to know if she could call and discuss it with me. "Absolutely," I replied! (I'm thrilled when readers contact me!) When we talked on the phone later on, I learned that Jennifer would have four or five good rides in a row, and then suddenly Mack would spook at something (anything, nothing) and go bolting off. She wanted to solve the issue for once and for all. I don't blame her.

During the course of our conversation, I asked Jennifer lots of questions. One of them happened to be, "Do you feel comfortable disciplining your horse when you're in the saddle?" Her answer revealed an important clue.

"No, I really don't," she said. "When I first bought Mack, his previous owner told me that she found she could only push him so far without upsetting him. That thought has been stuck in my mind since day one, so I've always gone a little bit easy on him."

All horses get upset when we start pushing them outside their comfort zones. They throw fits. They have a right to. They are prey animals. Comfort zones to them are literally a matter of life and death. But it is only by calmly, steadily, fairly pushing horses beyond their comfort

zones that we actually become their comfort zones.

Horses' fits can be intimidating, but to become good leaders we have to learn how to deal with them calmly. Horses can't help the fact that they are a lot bigger than us and can easily hurt us. We just have to be aware of that and be smart about **a)** pushing our horses past throwing fits about stuff while we are standing on the ground; **b)** keeping their bodies away from ours so they can't possibly hurt us; and **c)** trying our best not to push horses so far that they panic and hurt themselves.

Here's an example: Suppose I try to lunge a horse over a little jump but the horse stops right in front of it, turns to me and rears up instead. I've clearly pushed the horse far enough to



Jennifer Kutch and Mack

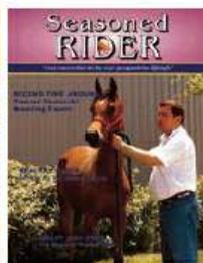
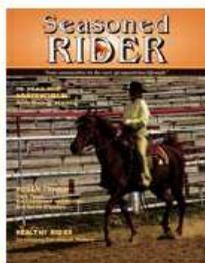
upset him. That's okay. What's not okay is for me allow his rearing to scare me. Even if it does, I'm going to pretend like it doesn't for the horse's sake. (Horses can't stand it when their behavior freaks *(Continued on page 36)*

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us out.) Once the horse settled down, I would resume lunging and pretty quickly try to send him over the jump again. He'll be much more likely to jump it this time (here's the important part) **because** I didn't allow his fit to intimidate me.

Now if the horse happens to rear a second time, I would help him out by breaking the exercise down into smaller pieces.

I would walk with him over the jump a few times, and then send him out on the lunge to walk over it alone before bringing him back up to a trot. I wouldn't let the fact that he threw a fit about it at first prevent me from pushing the horse outside his comfort zone... but nor would I hesitate to make it easy for him to go there without throwing a fit.

Jennifer is on her way to becoming a great leader, but

Mack knows she is still a bit intimidated by him. After dealing with enough of his challenges, the time has come for Jennifer to get confident challenging Mack without fear of upsetting him. I suggested she start by asking a friend to help her create bomb-proofing sessions that push Mack outside his comfort zone. By working with her horse amidst all kinds of distractions that might upset him, she will give herself ample opportunity to become the calm, stabilizing factor that can prevent him from bolting anytime, anywhere.



With a passion for horse and rider safety, bomb-proofing expert Nelly Cooper founded ALPHA Equestrian to promote leadership

education in the riding lesson industry. Her book, The ALPHA Equestrian Challenge, complements riding instruction by helping riders gain a clear understanding of horse behavior, good leadership skills, and the know how to prevent horses from reacting dangerously out of fear. Available at alphaequestrian.com and on Amazon. Nelly lives in Grand Rapids, MI.



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On the Marketing Horizon

By Bev Roberts

The data have been analyzed from the February 2014 online survey. In answer to the question, "Do you have any other ideas on how to get new riders to come to our rides," the top three categories of ideas were rides, ride fees, and clinics/mini-rides.

Rides: Folks suggested such things as more rides, more 1-day rides, the ability to arrive, ride and go home the same day, streamlining check-in, check-out and briefings, minimizing wait times on the trail, and changes to divisions and classes.

Fees: Discounted or free entry fees were seen as incentives for newbies to try a ride and to return. Some ideas were: ride three-get one free, second

ride discount, award a nice jacket (or something) for completing "x" rides in a newbie's first year, riding club group rates, and greater junior discounts for families.

Clinics/Mini-rides: A lot of folks thought clinics should be held with sanctioned rides, be near major metro areas, include overnight camping, give participants discounts for sanctioned rides, and be presented at non-distance rides and other horse events.

Following close behind were **Advertising** (more online ads and local flyers; fewer print ads), **Mentoring** (nothing beats one-on-one instruction and support), **Educating** (YouTube channel, talks, clinics and booths at clubs, expos, fairs, etc.) and **Individual Effort** (always being welcoming and helpful to newbies plus participating in advertising, mentoring and educating.)

All of the above plus much more was presented to our na-

tional board at its 2015 convention meeting. The board and each regional director has prioritized national and regional task lists for promoting NATRC. The board members were asked to take on some tasks that they'd be interested in. They and existing committee chairs need your help.

Activities that are, or may be, on the horizon are an updated brochure, downloadable handouts, more enhanced member services, Just Ask campaign, Booth-in-a-Box, clinic guide, branded apparel and gear, loyalty programs, YouTube Channel with educational videos, updated introductory DVD, speakers bureau, updated rider's manual, youth representatives... to name a few.

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Priscilla Lindsey, Horsemanship Judge

Longeing (also spelled and pronounced Lungeing) is the ideal way to show your horse to the veterinary judge for the soundness check. Proper preparation and training can show your horse to best advantage and also display your horsemanship skill.

A 30 to 40-foot diameter circle will best show the horse's gait. This requires the lead line to be a minimum of 12', with 15' being better. This still requires you to walk a smaller circle inside the horse's larger one (called "parallel longeing") rather than standing still in the center of the circle. Standing in the center can be done with a line that is 20' or longer, but it tends to become difficult to handle the extra length of line. Have enough line to be able to keep both hands on the line at all times for security and still be able to handle any excess. Experiment with different lengths to find what works best for you and your horse.

Training your horse before the competition is essential for a smooth presentation. Learn to hold the line correctly, with both hands on the line, the leading hand connected to the horse and in the same hand as the direction of travel; the driving hand holding any excess line and the whip, if used. Using body language or raising the whip, drive your horse's shoulder away from you to form increasingly larger circles.

When first starting to longe, move the horse's whole body away from you. If you move only your horse's shoulder, you will be placing yourself in kicking range of the hind feet. Walking toward the horse's shoulder or girth area in a bold manner with hands raised will usually accomplish this. A whip may also be used as an extension of your arm to signal if necessary. Never take backward steps away from the horse, as this will cause it to turn toward you making increasingly smaller circles. This can also invite the horse to cut into the circle and dangerously crowd you.

To trot the straight line to the center of the area for the circling presentation, fold the excess line back and forth rather than coiling it into loops. Circular loops can quickly tighten around your hand if the horse should bolt. When trotting the horse to the right (clockwise), hold the leading line (to the horse's head) in your right hand and the folds of extra line in your left (driving hand). Feed out the folds of line as you drive your horse into the desired size of circle. Reverse the hands on the line when trotting the horse in the opposite direction. The driving hand can hold a whip or can spin a short length of the end of the line. The horse should be trained at home to increase or decrease its speed by responding to a raising or lowering of the whip (or hand) or increasing spin of the line. The horse can also be taught to respond to verbal commands, such as: walk, trot, canter, easy (to slow down) and whoa (to halt.)

To reverse directions, it is best to teach the horse to stop at the end of the line, face you, and wait for you to switch hands on the line and give the signal to turn and start off in the other direction. The horse that waits for your cues is much safer than the horse that spins around on the end of the line to reverse, or, even worse, the one that cuts across the circle and charges into your space. It is a good obedience and patience lesson for the horse to learn to stop and stand

on the end of the line. It should stand still and let you approach and touch it if you want to, remain standing as you step away, and not reverse and trot until you have switched hands on the line and cued it to do so. This cue can be raising the leading hand, pointing in the direction you want the horse to turn, then raising the driving hand or whip, or spinning the end of the line.

To receive an "Excellent" from the horsemanship judge, the handler gives quiet, confident cues and always handles the horse, the line and the whip in a safe manner. The horse should have perfect manners on the line, trotting the circles with its attention always on the handler, and with its head tipped to the inside of the circle rather than gazing off at other horses or activities.

Working your horse on the longe line at home is beneficial in several ways: to settle a horse that is full of energy before riding, to make a horse more obedient to voice commands and your body language, to develop balance and suppleness in a horse and to exercise one when it cannot be ridden.



This Novice team is just starting their circling presentation. Notice the excess line in the right hand, pointing in the direction to go with the left hand, and the horse's eye on its handler with body bent in the curve of the circle and nose tipped in.

Nebraska Horse Trail Riding Expo

By Shari Parys

Some of our R6 members have taken educating and recruiting new members to heart in a big way! The Horse Trails Committee of the Nebraska

ka Horse Council hosted the trail riding expo at Chance Ridge near Omaha on March 21-22.

Our own Tammy Vasa chaired this event. Several other NATRC members helped to organize it, including Mary Hanson, Sharon Ankersen, Diane Beckham and Shari Parys.

Our sport of Competitive Trail Riding was definitely emphasized throughout the event. The Nebraska Endurance & Competitive Trail Ride

Association (NECTRA) had a booth in the vendor area, Shari did a demonstration about CTR, and Sarah Rinne did a PowerPoint talk about stepping it up from pleasure riding to competitive distance riding. Shari's vet also talked about conditioning for longer rides and how to check a horse's metabolics and fitness while conditioning. The whole NATRC team was very excited about participating in this Horse Trail Riding Expo and helping to spread the word about CTR to the people who attended.

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Trail Marker

by Erin Glassman,
NATRC
Trails Advocacy
Chair

Choosing the Positive, Part 2

I geared the last half of my previous article on choosing the positive. Since that time, I have been reading *The Happiness Advantage* by Shawn Achor and wanted to share some thoughts with you.

What is so great about this book? Positive psychology studies how people predominately see the world, (roughly either in a positive way or a negative way) and what effects it has on their success and overall happiness in life. In a way, this book debunks older thoughts such as if you work hard and do your best, you will be successful and happy in life. The author argues that based on many studies and his own observations at Harvard University, positive individuals are more happy and successful in their lives than negative individuals.

A lot of the theories behind these findings suggest that those who are more positive tend to be relaxed and are able to open up more of their "visual field" to opportunities around them, whereas those focused on the negative may be closed off to opportunities to advance. This is not unlike when we are tense in the saddle (negative, expecting bad), we tend to unintentionally find ways out of the saddle and when we are more relaxed, we tend to be able to sit through rougher times.

Another theme I find very interesting is that people see their work in three different ways. There are those who see work as jobs--a burden to go to, a place they have to

go to begrudgingly; those who see work as careers, or ways to advance themselves in life; and those who see work as a calling--a way to fulfill meaning and purpose in their life through helping the greater good.

What is most interesting is that the author says that there are those in janitorial positions who consider their jobs a calling and there are doctors who see their work as a job! What does that mean exactly? Anyone can find meaning and purpose to their work, it's all in a person's perspective. How is what I do contributing to the bigger mission of my workplace (or in my case, my volunteer position)?

Does this mean, if you're in general prone to see the dour side of things, you are doomed to a life of less success? Absolutely not. Mr. Achor shows us that our brains have this amazing capability to grow new areas when we practice new skills and get better at seeing things in a more positive light. This concept is called neuroplasticity--basically the ability of beings to change their brains.

One technique I am trying out on my hubby (a prime example of someone who sees the world in a

negative shade of gray; Glassman Half Empty vs. Glassman Half Full ;) is to try daily to talk about three good things that happened that day. Is it working? The jury is still out, but it is kind of fun to see him try to shift his perspective around!!

At this point, you may be asking yourself what this has to do with Trail Advocacy? Here's my answer--everything!! Why not use this information to help keep our perspectives positive? The more positives we look for and see, the more creative solutions we can come up with for "opportunities" that come along. Let's look for the good in other trail users, the common things we all enjoy, and hold each other to a higher standard of behavior and respect. Maybe it's here that we can march towards more trails and peaceful enjoyment of our beloved nature.

Please send me your accounts of trail work you and people in NATRC have participated in! Photos of the project would be great, but not necessary for publication! Any trail issues and or concerns--reach me at ejacob716@gmail.com.

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Rule Change Proposals for 2016

Please read the following proposals carefully and contact your Region's National Board of Directors members to voice your opinion on these proposals. The National BOD will consider these again in July 2015, will finalize the wording, and will vote on them in November 2015.

LEG PROTECTION (Pg 5-2)

SECTION 5 – THE RIDE

- E. Hoof Protection/ **Leg Protection**
1. There are no shoeing restrictions.
 2. All types of hoof boots that provide sole protection are allowed. However, any attached strap, keeper, or gaiter must not extend above the pastern. The judges may request to observe the area covered by the attached strap, keeper, or gaiter.
 3. **Optional hoof boot accessories (not an integral part of the hoof boot) that extend above the coronet are not permitted.**
 4. Protective devices, such as bell boots, wraps, **or wraps/socks under hoof boots** are not permissible on the legs of horses. The leg is defined as all structures above and including the coronet.
- F. Tack
1. Riders must use a saddle and headgear with attached reins. The type of saddle, headgear with reins, and other equipment is at the discretion of the rider within the bounds of good horsemanship. However, no inhumane method of restraint is to be used.
 2. Trail gear desired by the competitor during the ride will be carried on the horse. No part of a rider's wearing apparel is considered trail gear.
 3. ~~Protective devices, such as bell boots or wraps, are not permissible on the legs of horses except for hoof sole protections as allowed under Section 5.E.2. The leg is defined as all structures above and including the coronet.~~

Rationale: Many riders and Rules Interpreters have questions about what types of boots or accessories are permissible. Moving #4, currently under Tack (F.), to Hoof Protection would help to further clarify what's permissible.

COMPETITIVE/ PLEASURE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP (Pg 9-5)

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

B. Annual Awards, 2. National Awards

- j. COMPETITIVE/ PLEASURE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: In the Competitive/ Pleasure class a horse shall be declared a National Champion when all the following requirements are met within the first 12** rides officially started in the same year. Type A ride counts as 1 ride, Type B ride counts as ½ ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.
- (1) Awarded two firsts or one first and two second placings from any ride type.
 - (2) Awarded the first or second placing from any ride type in any two states or two regions, or is awarded a national placing in HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE/ PLEASURE HORSE.
 - (3) Accumulated 75 points. **Lower to 65 points if horse is limited to first 12 rides.**
 - (4) Horses competing for a National Championship Competitive Pleasure award must be at least 60 months of age.
 - (a) Registered horses are considered 60 months of age as of actual foaling date on the registration papers.
 - (b) Unregistered horses are considered to be of eligible age if they have a "full mouth" (all permanent incisors having erupted and are in wear) as determined by the veterinary judge.

**** or raise number of rides to 16 if the requirements are to be the same as for an Open National Championship.**

NATIONAL NOVICE AWARDS (Pg 9-6)

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

B. Annual Awards, 2. National Awards

- p. HIGH POINT NOVICE HORSE: Points shall be credited to horses for the purpose of determining annual high score awards in each Novice class (i.e., HWT, LWT, JR), first through sixth place. Only the first 6 rides officially started will count. Type A ride counts as 1 ride, Type B ride counts as ½ ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride. These criteria will be used for the purpose of determining various championships and additional awards which may be considered in the future.
- q. HIGH POINT NOVICE HORSEMANSHIP: Points shall be credited to riders for the purpose of determining annual high score awards in each Novice class (i.e., HWT, LWT, JR), first through sixth place. Only the first 6 rides officially started will count. Type A ride counts as 1 ride, Type B ride counts as ½ ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride. These criteria will be used for the purpose of determining various championships and additional annual awards which may be considered in the future.

Purpose: Each of our divisions deserves to be recognized nationally.

CHANGES TO DISTANCE ONLY/NOVICE ELIGIBILITY (Pg 4-2)

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SECTION 4 - DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

A. DIVISIONS, f. Limitations

- (7) No accredited NATRC horsemanship or horse judge shall compete for horse or horsemanship awards in the Novice Division.
- (8) Any rider having attained 3,000 miles in competition or having won two or more National Championships, President Cup, Jim Menefee Combined Horse and Horsemanship, Bev Tibbitts Grand Champion High Average Horse, or Polly Bridges Memorial High Average Horsemanship in any class in any previous year is ineligible to compete for horse or horsemanship awards in the Novice Division.

Purpose: To reduce the appearance of impropriety by having experienced NATRC competitors competing a horse in the Novice Division regardless of their horsemanship status of DO. It was discussed that an experienced competitor does have a competitive advantage despite riding a green horse.

CHANGE IN SWEEPSTAKES POINTS (Pg 9-6)

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

C. Point Distribution

3. The Open Sweepstakes winner will receive points based on the number of starters in the Open Division, equal to the highest points awarded for the total number of horses in the Open Division in any of the three Open classes. The Novice Sweepstakes winner will receive points based on the number of starters in the Novice Division, equal to the highest points awarded for the total number of horses in the Novice Division in any of the three Novice classes.
4. The Sweepstakes winner will receive points, in addition to other points won for horse, as follows: 3 points for a Type AA ride, 2 points for a Type A ride, one point for a Type B ride.
5. Points earned in one class will not be added to points earned in another class by the same horse or rider. 9-6 Revised 01/2014

CHANGES TO RIDE OFFICIALS/SAFETY RIDER/SAFETY PERSONNEL (Pg 3-2)

SECTION 3 – MANAGEMENT OF RIDES

B. Ride Officials

6. Safety Riders Personnel: One or more safety riders personnel designated by Ride Management will follow competitors be available on the trail to assist any horse or rider in event of emergency. Safety riders personnel must be 18 years of age or over.

Purpose: To reduce liability for Ride Management and NATRC. Not all safety personnel are on horseback nor do safety riders always directly follow the riders. Stating safety riders 'will follow competitors' could be interpreted as legally binding. Using the term safety personnel allows Ride Management to designate safety riders, P&R crew members, safety personnel on ATVs etc.

PROPOSED RULE CLARIFICATIONS

REMOVAL OF UNNECESSARY STATEMENT (Pg 9-5, 9-6)

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

B. Annual Awards, 2. National Awards

- l. HIGH POINT OPEN HORSE: Points shall be credited to horses for the purpose of determining annual high score awards in each Open Class, (i.e., HWT, LWT, JR), first through sixth place. Only the first 16 rides officially started will count. Type AA ride counts as 1½ rides, Type A ride counts as 1 ride, Type B ride counts as ½ ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride. ~~These criteria will be used for the purpose of determining various championships and additional awards which may be considered in the future.~~
- m. HIGH POINT OPEN HORSEMANSHIP: Points shall be credited to riders for the purpose of determining annual high score awards in each Open Class, (i.e., HWT, LWT, JR), first through sixth place. Only the first 16 rides officially started will count. Type AA ride counts as 1½ rides, Type A ride counts as 1 ride, Type B ride counts as ½ ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride. ~~These criteria will be used for the purpose of determining various championships and additional annual awards which may be considered in the future.~~
- o. HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE/ PLEASURE HORSEMANSHIP: Points shall be credited to riders for the purpose of determining annual high score awards in the Competitive/ Pleasure Division, first through sixth place. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A ride counts as 1 ride, Type B ride counts as ½ ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride. ~~These criteria will be used for the purpose of determining various championships and additional annual awards which may be considered in the future.~~

Rationale: Starting in 1975, the Rule Book read, for Annual High Score Awards, "Points will be credited to horses for the purpose of determining annual high score awards in each open division (at that time, HWT, LWT and JR were divisions rather than classes), as well as the various championships and additional annual awards to be considered in the future."

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In 1985, the wording was changed to read:

HIGH POINT OPEN HORSE: Points shall be credited to horses for the purpose of determining annual high score awards in each Open Class, (i.e., HWT, LWT, JR), first through sixth place. This criteria will be used for the purpose of determining various championships and additional awards which may be considered in the future.

“This/ these criteria” originally applied to points being credited. It kept being pushed to the end of the paragraph. (1) It is not necessary for the meaning, and (2) it is not reasonable to make a statement that certain criteria will apply to “various championships and additional awards”. Each championship and award should be very specific to itself.

RIDE YEAR CLARIFICATION (Pg 9-1)

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

B. Annual Awards, 1 General

- e. Horses receiving annual awards must be ridden by a member during the ride year of NATRC.
- f. Riders receiving annual awards must be members during the ride year of NATRC.
- g. Ride year will end immediately after the second Sunday in November.
- h. A non-member joining NATRC at any time during the ride year in which he has competed in a ride will start to accumulate points from the first ride ridden in that year. (For exceptions see Section 9.2a(3), 2c(5), 2e(5), 2k(4)).
- i. h. Points are based on the table in Section 9C4.
- j. i. In order to qualify for annual awards the competing horse or rider must have completed at least three rides of any ride type in their designated Region (See Section 10 for Region 1A requirements).

Rationale: Many riders don't realize they must be members by the end of the ride year. Section 1 – General, describes membership for 12 months beginning January 1. The only place “ride year” is defined is under Section 2 – Sanctioned Rides and Clinics.

POINT DISTRIBUTION (Pg 9-6)

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

C. Point Distribution

- 1. Points shall be based on the number of starters in a Class. Points will be awarded as outlined in table of section C-5 (6). Each division may have All or Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior classes.
- 2.4. Disqualified or pulled horse and rider receive no points.
- 3.2. DO horse and rider receive no points.
- 4.3. The Open Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to the highest points awarded for the total number of horses in the Open Division in any of the three Open classes. The Novice Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to the highest points awarded for the total number of horses in the Novice Division in any of the three Novice classes.
- 5.4. The Sweepstakes winner will receive points, in addition to other points won for horse, as follows: 3 points for a Type AA ride, 2 points for a Type A ride, one point for a Type B ride.
- 6.5. Points earned in one class will not be added to points earned in another class by the same horse or rider. 9-6 Revised 01/2014

Purpose: For clarification of how points are awarded.

Partner Friends of Sound Horses News

In early March, Friends of Sound Horses (FOSH) commended the University Of Mississippi (“Ole Miss”) and Batson Children’s Hospital for disassociating themselves from the big lick Tennessee Walking Horse classes that will be exhibited at the Mississippi Charity Horse Show in late March, 2015.

FOSH had provided extensive research and information to University and Hospital officials on the big lick

and practice of soring. Officials also undertook independent due diligence.

FOSH President, Teresa Bippen said, “This was a difficult decision for the University in light of the stated charitable purpose of the show proceeds; however, FOSH feels that University officials realized there was no win for them receiving proceeds from a big lick horse show.”

Soring, illegal for 45 years yet still a widespread practice, is the deliberate chemical or mechanical infliction of

pain upon a horse’s hooves and limbs to create an unnatural, exaggerated, high stepping gait for the show ring.

FOSH is a national leader in the promotion of natural, sound gaited horses and actively fights against abuse and soring of Tennessee Walking Horses. For more information about FOSH, the only national organization that represents multiple gaited breeds, or to become a member, please visit www.fosh.info.

Membership Recruiter's Report

By Jerry Sims

Please welcome the following new and rejoining members to NATRC. If I left you out or misspelled your name please let me know. Thank you for joining.

Region 1

Jordan Mc Osker,
Jessica Olejnik

Region 1A

Amanda Kramer

Region 2

Kathy Stegman

Region 3

Dewitt Daggett, Mary Gills,
Karen and Sarah Laden,
Megan Avevedo, Rose
Carter, Ashley Moore

Region 4

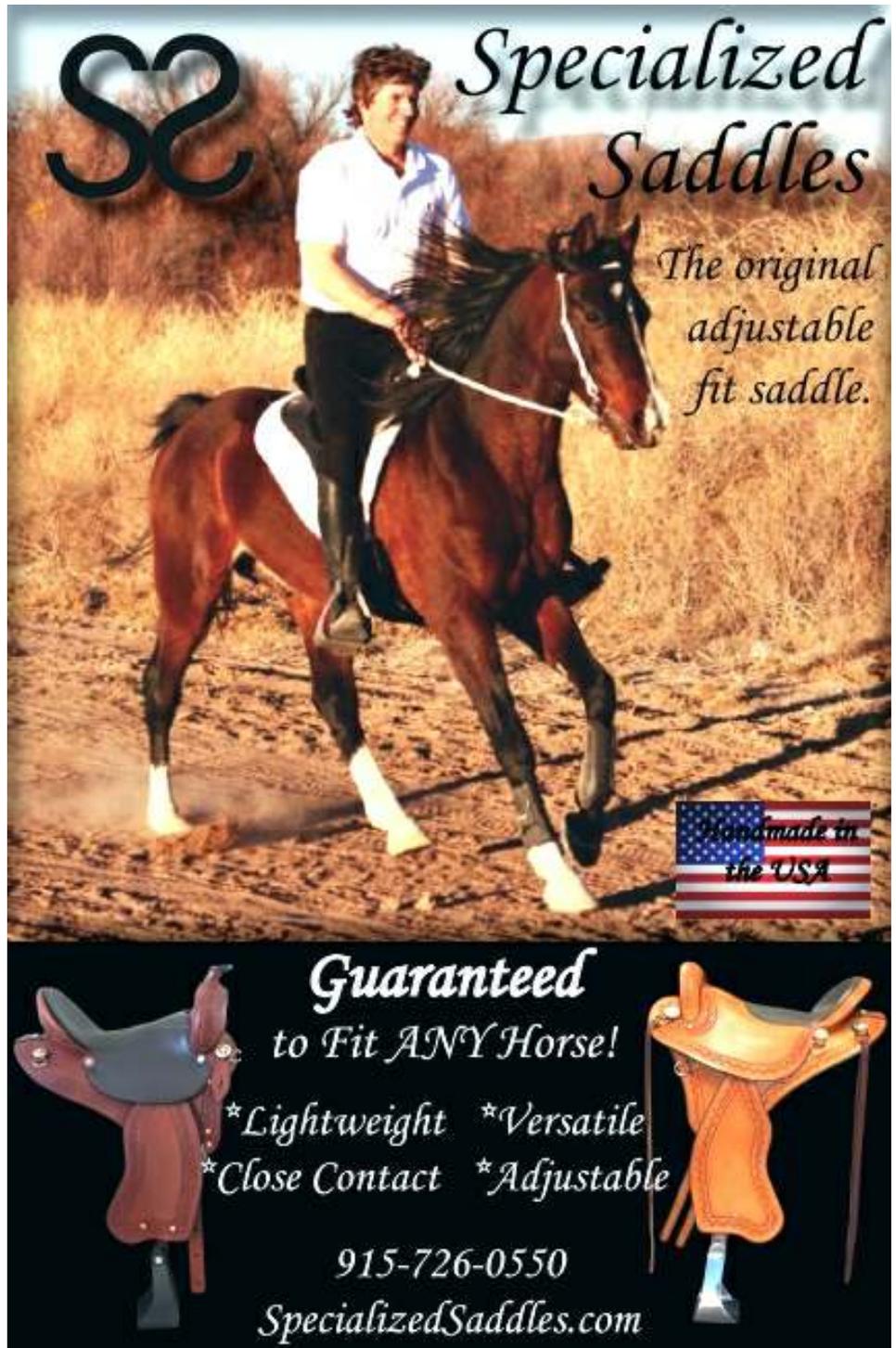
Claire Kirsch, Kathryn Paul,
Monique Vincent, Jody, Travis
and Jace Clark, Melissa
Campbell, Ann Wallace

Region 5

Coyte Martin, George and
Kathryn Schaefer, Anna
Christopher, Victoria Light,
Carolyn Mills, Cynthia Taber,
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– Kim Cowart

National Board of Directors Meeting Summary, Kansas City, MO

February 19, 2015

CALL TO ORDER by Kim Cowart, 8:00 a.m., February 19, 2015.

ROLL CALL. Dieterich, Meroshnekoff, Malone, DeMattei, Sims, Horne, Yovich, Gould, Cowart, Clayton, Rinne, and Parys present. Laurie DiNatale, Executive Administrator.

Patsy Conner, as Sanction Committee Chair. Guests included Drake Rinne, Laurie Knuutila and Bob Insko.

MINUTES. November 8, 2014. Call for corrections. **Sims moved to accept minutes, Horne seconded. Motion approved.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Cowart outlined some of the topics and issues that would be discussed in the meeting. Welcomed Kim Winterrowd as the new Management Committee Chair and Betty Wolgram as the new Membership Retention Chair. Cowart thanked Cris Ballard for her service as Publicity Committee Chair.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT. DiNatale reported that renewals are in process.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT. Malone reviewed reports. We are healthy financially. Income is down. Expenses are down. Jim Ward is willing to do another Ranch Raffle in 2016. Ride Manager Support Fund has awarded \$5,650 to five ride managers. Four ride managers were able to return \$2,235.

BY-LAWS & RULES. Sarah Rinne (Wayne Hyatt). See Rules Report in Hoof Print and on Website.

Cowart suggested that Rulebook may need to be broken into 2 separate documents. One would include rules that apply to the management of rides. The other would include rules that apply to competition. Horne suggested a "Rider's Handbook" that would include the rules that riders need to be familiar with. It could be an outline of what they need to know, with references to the rules in Rule Book. Rand would like to see different organization of the Rulebook. She would also like to see money devoted to creating a Basic Rider's Handbook.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. Dieterich. Added - needs approval:

20. MEMBER SERVICES PROGRAM

The Member Services Program is an annually renewable program in which participating businesses or organizations provide discounts to NATRC members and friends who contact those businesses or organizations through NATRC's website Member Services page. (Both businesses and organizations will be referred to as 'businesses' in the remaining material in this section.)

A. Presence on NATRC Website

1. The businesses' logos, brief information about the businesses, their discounts, and discount codes, will be placed on the NATRC's Member Services page with a link to their websites. Each business will supply:
 - a. a high resolution digital copy of its logo
 - b. the URL address for the link to its website
 - c. the code, if any, to be used in purchasing a product or service
 - d. desired wording
2. The businesses will only be on the Member Services page on NATRC website (the NATRC Home page will have a Member Services button)

B. Advertising

1. NATRC will publish a quarterly reminder in *Hoof Print* for members to visit the website Member Services page
2. Any business wishing to advertise in *Hoof Print* will be charged the rates as given in the current Ad Specification sheet.

C. Eligibility

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1. Any reputable business may provide member services.
2. Sponsors may also provide member services.

22. NATIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS (NBOD)

A. Meetings – Schedule

The date of the National Convention and February NBOD meeting can vary at the request of the host region. Subsequent NBOD meetings will be held the second **full** weekend in July and the second **full** weekend in November. (Re-worded from BOD Guidelines, 11/87)

Consensus to adopt proposed updates to Policies and Procedures.

PROTEST. Meroshnekoff. No current Protests.

RIDE SANCTION. Patsy Conner reviewed her report.

CLINIC SANCTION. Linda Clayton. Report filed. For 2015 we presently have sanctioned three clinics in Region 5 and one clinic in Region 6.

Motion by Malone, seconded by Parys, to approve \$200 per Region (\$100 each for the first two clinics sanctioned in Region) for insurance reimbursement. Motion approved.

MANAGEMENT. Kim Winterrowd. The Management Committee would like to report that the 2015 revised edition of the Management Manual is online for download now ([Management Manual](#)), and the print version is in the works and should be ready to mail out soon. One of our goals was to get all management instructions in one place rather than having separate documents on the web site that get updated without changes made in the Management Manual. The electronic version contains hyperlinks in the Table of Contents to every section and to every volunteer position instruction/ description. This makes it easy to find what ride management is looking for. Printed editions will be mailed to ride managers and secretaries. Managers can

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download the .pdf file for easy use on electronic devices for quick reference. Cowart stated that we need to empower the ride managers to act as CEO's of their rides.

RULES INTERPRETER. DeMattei. Looking at who is the RI from each region, it seems that there are a few that are the favorites and used a lot. Of the 54 reports that were turned in, 30 reported being held up on the trails as a problem to some degree.

There were 19 reports that said the trail timing was adjusted after the start of the ride. One ride in December reported an accident.

INSURANCE. DiNatale. No changes to insurance. New application for 2015 is interactive, but must still be downloaded to send an original signature to Equisure.

SAFETY. Gould. Reported an accident at Christmas in the Pines Ride. An accident at

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STAR ride was not reported. Andrew Murray has assembled a list of items that he feels should be included in a safety pack.

MARKETING/ PUBLICITY. Tabled until Roberts arrives.

NATIONAL AWARDS PRESENTATION. Hosting Region will handle awards presentation at the banquet.

SOCIAL MEDIA. Rinne. Our national Facebook group had another spike in members. We currently have 1,935 "likes" for the national page. It is up by 63 since the last report in July. Our national group had a slightly higher rate of growth with 1,271 members which has increased by 83 members since November. There have been some good discussions on the group in the past couple of months which has increased participation and drawn more members. Promotion of rides and NATRC events has become the norm rather than the exception. With the large number of NATRC members active on Facebook, it has become one of the best avenues for free advertising and event promotion.

BUSINESS MODELS AND MEASUREMENTS. Swiss. Report filed. In report Swiss reported good news, specifically in Regions 1, 2, 3 and 6. All four of these regions had some increases over the year in average competitors per ride or in members or both. Overall, the performance in total is so-so, but Swiss urged BOD to focus on how the good news came about and repeat those actions to have a better year in 2015.

SPONSORSHIPS. Swiss will continue to work on sponsorships.

RAFFLE. No report. Consensus not to hold a raffle in 2015 but to ask Jim Ward if he will head up a Ranch Raffle for 2016.

MEDIA ADVISORY. Dieterich. Reported on the following projects.

- Management Manual. Jean Green, Bev Roberts, Laurie DiNatale, Jamie Dieterich.
- Publicity Brochure. Committee is working on this project. Bev Roberts will proof.

- Regional Websites. Please help monitor your respective region's site for accuracy in contact info, dates, working links, and sponsors.

RIDERS AND JUNIORS. Meroshnekoff. The number of Juniors competing at rides in 2014 was up a bit over 2013 but not many of those did more than one ride. Region 1-15 junior riders/ 7 of those did 2 or more rides. Region 2-7 junior riders/ 3 did 2 or more rides. Region 3-11 junior riders/ 9 did two or more rides. Region 4-13 junior riders/ 4 did two or more rides. Region 5-20 junior riders/ 3 did two or more rides. Region 6-5 junior riders/ 2 did two or more rides. Meroshnekoff reported that R1 junior members will be voting at the R1 annual meeting to elect a Junior Representative to attend the Regional board meetings. Not as a voting board member, but to be a voice and to be involved in the discussion. The juniors are very excited about this opportunity and Meroshnekoff encouraged other regions to try this.

FOUNDATION. Meeting set for Saturday 8:45 a.m.

DRUG TESTING. Jerry Weil, DVM. No report. Discussion on penalties for drug violations. Some felt that penalties should be tougher. Gould felt that penalties need to be tailored to each offense. Gould will assemble a list of possible penalties for drug offenses. Greg Fellers, DVM is our representative to CA Drug Testing Program. CA decides which events are tested. Generally more shows than trail rides are chosen for testing.

VETERINARY DRUG COMMITTEE. Michael Peralez, DVM. No report.

TRAIL ADVOCACY. Erin Glassman. No Trail Grant Applications at this time. Glassman has started the preliminary work of discussing partnerships and educational material with Back Country Horsemen of America. Glassman wants to work with BCHA on trail building and advocacy. Glassman believes that engaging our membership in trail maintenance and building will help us in the future to be able to compete on our trails.

Glassman is in discussions with Randy Rasmussen, Chief Lobbyist for BCHA, and also with Pete Kriger, BCHA Education Chair.

EDUCATION. Dieterich. Such things as standing in the stirrups and being out of the saddle going uphill, aligning with the trees going uphill, leaning back in the saddle going downhill, gripping with the knees going up and down hills, asking for a flat-ground mount, asking horses to jump an obstacle or back over a log, asking the rider to drop the reins to do an obstacle, having to carry your horse's lunch on your horse, using a whip at check-in and check-out, and longeing or trotting the horse in hand are examples of inconsistencies or misconceptions in our horsemanship judging. Many veterinary judges ask for a display of skills in multi-part obstacles that are not representative of the trail of the ride, and they forego metabolic and soundness checks to do so. We offer education through evaluation (judging), so our judging has to follow standards to achieve better consistency and credibility. At the November 2014 meeting, the NBOD approved some minimum standards for veterinary judging, and those have been distributed to our veterinary judges. Several references/ resources for all judges have been posted on the NATRC website. Presenting information alone does not make an educational experience. That information must be absorbed and learned. Motivation stimulates learning, and relevancy stimulates motivation; i.e. we need to know something matters before we're motivated to learn that something. How we manage a competitive distance horse matters a lot to the horse, so it should matter a lot to us. NATRC is a competitive distance sport. We are a 501 (c)(3) organization based on education.

MARKETING/ PUBLICITY/WEBSITE. Bev Roberts. Roberts explained Trademarking process. Roberts presented a Promotional Plan for NATRC. **Motion by Rand, seconded by Horne, to have our Webmaster** (Continued on [page 48](#))

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investigate and report on search engine optimization services. Motion approved. Roberts presented a prioritized task list for which we need volunteers (members and board members alike) to accomplish the tasks. Cowart suggested that we need promotional materials that can be sent to those doing booths.

ENEWS. Jean Green filed report. At the end of 2014 we had 1563 active contacts, an increase of 171 for the year. With renewals for 2015 we now have 1591. It seems that some ride chairs are not taking full advantage of the E-News to promote their rides. Some only use the Open for Entry E-News, while others request several reminders with new information encouraging riders to enter.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT. Jerry Sims. Sims reported that we have 40 new and rejoining members through January 2015. Sims encouraged BOD to welcome new riders.

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION. Betty Wolgram. New to position. Will be working on projects to retain our present members. Wolgram is open to suggestions.

JUDGES. Mike Bridges, DVM/Priscilla Lindsey. Lindsey reported on Apprentice and Provisional Judge status. Liz Yorke, DVM, has been moved to Provisional. Dieterich noted that the new Judges Committee needs to be ratified by the BOD. The nominees as submitted by President Cowart were: Veterinarians: Mike Bridges, DVM—co-chair, Greg Fellers, DVM, Donna Johnson, DVM, and Kate Jacob, DVM. Horsemanship: Priscilla Lindsey—co-chair, Nancy Kasovich, Lory Walls, and Becky Rogers. Riders: Angie Meroshnekoff, Louise Vasquez, Jonni Jewell, and

Marty Findley. Committee was confirmed by BOD.

Dieterich distributed Vet Judging Standards and CRI Report. Discussion on CRI and its use in NATRC.

HALL OF FAME. Jackie Coleman. No Report. Swiss Mocha will be inducted into the Hall of Fame.

STUDENT LOAN/SCHOLARSHIPS. DeMattei. We have received two applications for the Bev Tibbitts Memorial Scholarship. The first one is from Taylor McNeel, Region 4's scholarship recipient 2013 and the Bev Tibbitts Scholarship in 2014. She is studying Agricultural Business at Southern Arkansas University and hopes to become an agriculture policy advocate. The second is from Jason E. Klamm, a Region 6 member. He is a high school senior and is interested in attending Kansas State University in the fall. He wants to study Animal Science and Nutrition. The Student Loan Fund has funds available for distribution. DeMattei recommended a scholarship of \$1000.00 to each applicant. It was noted that Policies and Procedures need to be updated to reflect that, up to budgeted amount. \$1000.00 was awarded each to Taylor McNeel and Jason Klamm.

BREED & ORGANIZATION LIAISONS.

- A.H.A. Bob Insko. The biggest item that changed at AHA that affects NATRC is the elimination of the AHA Breeders Sweepstakes "Points" program. One thing that hasn't changed is that NATRC Rides dual-sanctioned as AHA Local Rides still allow those AHA riders participating in the Achievement Awards program to get credit for their points "automatically" as the results are submit-

ted to AHA by ride management. The dual-sanctioned ride is held under NATRC rules, using NATRC scorecards, and NATRC placings. There is also the benefit that the results submitted to AHA by ride management are the "official" results for AHA and the NATRC results can be submitted directly to AHA to satisfy the AHA reporting requirements. So, the two remaining reasons to dual-sanction a NATRC ride as an AHA Local Ride would be in an attempt to get more riders, and to save AHA riders enrolled in the Achievement Awards program the \$5 filing fee for the AHA Open Event form for this ride.

- **BREED LIAISON.** Terry Silver will be chairing this committee. Silver presently works with breed associations on breed awards.

HONORARY & APPRECIATION. Ruth Mesimer. Certificates have been printed by Mesimer and will be awarded at National and Regional Awards banquets.

ANNUAL POINTS/NATRC DATA/NATIONAL RECOGNITION. Cheri Jeffcoat/ Laurie DiNatale. Jeffcoat is working with Andrea Rogers of R5 as a replacement for some of her duties in the future. DiNatale reported that Lory Walls and Beni DeMattei have been a tremendous help with award calculation, confirmation, and ordering. Dieterich has completed the Script for award ceremony.

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

CONVENTION 2015. Region 6. Rinne reported that all preparations have been completed.

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"Through your hands you should be many things to your horse: a friend to be respected and trusted, a quiet, steady influence whom will reward good behavior with a word and a touch and bad behavior with a calculated correction using the rope or rein. I do not include the term partner in this because a partner has an equal say."

—Nancy Kasovich, NATRC Horsemanship Judge

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CONVENTION 2016. Region 1. Dieterich reported that R1 will be working with AERC to hold the convention in Reno, NV.

Regional Reports will be posted on the new BOD/Committee Chair Facebook page.

Shared BOD amount is \$337.99.

Old Business:

1. Electronic Scorecards. No action.
2. Riders Manual. Dieterich is working on revision.

New Business:

1. Strategic planning. Discussion will continue. Roberts covered parts of the plan in her presentation.

Motion by Sims, seconded by Gould, to adjourn. Motion approved.

Addendum:

Saturday, February 21, 2015. BOD reconvened to elect Foundation members. **Motion by Meroshnekoff, seconded by Yovich, to elect Meroshnekoff, Malone, Sims, Gould, Cowart, and Rinne as Foundation BOD members. Wayne Hyatt, Patsy Conner, and Laurie DiNatale will continue as Outside Directors. Motion approved.** Upon examination of the Foundation Bylaws, it was discovered that the Foundation Annual Meeting does need to be held at the NATRC Convention, so the meeting could not be postponed to July as previously discussed. Consensus to continue the past practice of electing the Senior NATRC BOD member as the Foundation BOD member unless that NATRC BOD member declines. **Motion by Meroshnekoff, seconded by Rinne, to adjourn the meeting. Motion approved.**

Full Minutes on file at National Office.

Next meeting to be held July 11, 2015. Informal meeting in the evening on July 10, 2015. Double-Tree by Hilton Hotel Denver, 3203 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80207.

North American Trail Ride Conference Profit and Loss

January - December 2014

	TOTAL		
	Jan - Dec 2014	Jan - Dec 2013 (PY)	Change
Income			
Memberships	34,285	35,966	(1,681)
Platinum Membership Upgrade	2,776	2,959	(183)
Rides	28,244	28,750	(506)
Product Sales	183	261	(78)
Sponsorships	6,636	7,958	(1,322)
Raffles	2,678	8,843	(6,165)
Hoof Print	938	1,565	(628)
Convention and Awards	6,384	6,707	(324)
Judge Fee	15		15
Trail Advocacy		500	(500)
Donations	209	2,939	(2,730)
Scholarship Donations	865		865
Other Income	405	546	(140)
Interest Income	1,767	1,863	(95)
Non Profit Income		(250)	250
Unapplied Cash Payment Income		0	0
Total Income	\$85,384	\$ 98,606	\$ (13,222)
Gross Profit	\$85,384	\$ 98,606	\$ (13,222)
Expenses			
Member Dues to Regions	7,090	8,600	(1,510)
Platinum Membership Upgrades	2,843	1,611	1,232
Ride Costs	6,534	6,706	(173)
Clinic Expenses	500	600	(100)
Product Costs	380		380
Marketing	5,078	1,830	3,248
Raffle	54	1,743	(1,688)
Hoof Print	6,609	6,927	(318)
Convention and Award Expenses	8,220	4,591	3,628
Staff Expenses	28,095	41,654	(13,559)
Administrative	12,730	12,349	381
Scholarships/Student Loans	2,000		2,000
Other Expense	142	90	52
Total Expenses	\$80,274	\$ 86,701	\$ (6,427)
Net Operating Income	\$ 5,110	\$ 11,905	\$ (6,795)
Net Income	\$ 5,110	\$ 11,905	\$ (6,795)

Even when we feel
like we're lost,
as long as we keep
moving we'll always
end up somewhere.

— Mark Rashid
"Considering The Horse"

**North American Trail Ride Conference
Balance Sheet**
As of December 31, 2014

ASSETS	<u>TOTAL</u>
Current Assets	
Bank Accounts	
First Bank Checking #8697.....	28,354.64
First Bank Liquid Assets #2485.....	148,688.23
First Bank Student L/S #2493.....	86,990.57
Foundation Accounts.....	91,675.77
Total Bank Accounts.....	\$ 355,709.21
Total Current Assets.....	\$ 355,709.21
TOTAL ASSETS.....	\$ 355,709.21
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Other Current Liabilities	
Ride Management Support Fund.....	42,585.00
Federal Payroll Taxes Payable.....	583.92
Sales tax payable.....	-1.00
State Payroll Taxes Payable.....	117.00
Total Other Current Liabilities.....	\$ 43,284.92
Total Current Liabilities.....	\$ 43,284.92
TOTAL LIABILITIES.....	\$ 43,284.92
Equity	
Foundation Equity.....	10,299.54
Foundation Earnings.....	2.69
Retained Equity.....	244,048.00
Retained Earnings.....	52,964.08
Net Income.....	5,109.98
TOTAL EQUITY.....	\$ 312,424.29
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY.....	\$ 355,709.21

Taking The Bull by the Horns...

Ride manager Liz Klamm, RR6, has taken the advertising bull by the horns for her Exploring Sand Hills ride.

With the help of the national Marketing & Publicity team, she put together a press release for her ride and sent it to all the local and regional publications and the Kansas State Parks site. Her release appeared in the KS State Parks, Ammoland, High Plains Journal, Rural Messenger, Stayin' in the Loop, and maybe more. She and Erin Glassman also appeared on a local TV show.

At publication time, Liz had 65 entries and half of them were novices!

Note to Judges...

Judges: Note the reasons for pulls on the scorecards. Write the reason for the pull in big, bold lettering across the face of the card. Make it clear with a line across the card, as well.

1. Rider Option (RO)
2. Lameness (L)
3. Metabolic (M)
4. Surface Factors (SF) cuts, injury, sore backs, etc.
5. Disqualified (DQ)
6. We look at the data to determine why horses are pulled. In the interest of accuracy, be sure to be true to the codes. For instance, if the horse is judged to be Grade 1 or 2 lame, the rider may wish to opt out of the ride. Simply write down the pull as 'Lameness'. Rider Option should be reserved for those situations involving only the rider, e.g. illness, injury, or for those wishing not to continue.



Making the Most of NATRC E-News

By Jean Green

As E-News Chair, I've noticed that some people get a lot more out of our Constant Contact E-News than others by simply using it. Once ride chairs have their ride information updated, most ride chairs will click the RMS email button when they open the ride. Some don't do that.

NATRC pays for the Constant Contact E-News so that we can use it to promote our sport. It is available for your use to:

- Send updates, pictures, links, and reminders for your ride
- Send links to the ride info page on the RMS or regional web site
- Send out committee findings or reports
- Announce regional meetings or clinics
- Announce that regional newsletters are online

Here is how it works. We have multiple mailing lists set up so that you can target just the people who are interested in what you have to say. I can send an E-News to all of the membership, or just specific regions, or just to those people who have subscribed to receive certain mailings listed below.

When you join NATRC or renew your membership, you are automatically added to the National News list. This means you will get everything. So at the beginning of each year, or if you update your membership information, you may need to change your profile.

If you don't want all of the emails, go to the bottom of any E-News you receive and click Update Profile/Email Address. You will receive an email with a link to the Constant Contact web site where you can select one or all of the following lists. For in-

stance, you can choose to receive only the E-News for your region.

You do not have to completely unsubscribe if you want to limit the number of E-News you get. Ride information is sent just to the ride region and its neighbors. Most emails go to the National News list, including advertisements for our sponsors and *Hoof Print* availability. Others are limited just to the list selected. I usually send everything to the small Regional or National Newsletter Editor and Webmaster lists. So, if you are on one of those lists by error and want to get fewer emails, remove yourself from those lists. The Hoof Print Subscriber list is for those who only want to know when the new *Hoof Print* is posted.

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 CO = Completion Only / P = Pulled / DO = Distance Only / DQ = Disqualified

Region 2

S.T.A.R. A

1/17-18/2015 R2-AZ
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 17
 Chair: Karen Kafka
 Judges: Lucy Hirsch, DVM, Jamie Dieterich
 CP Combo: BR Elusive Flame/Jarrett, Cheryl
 Novice Sweepstakes: Gypsy Elite Willow/
 Noake, Sharon-94.5
 Open Sweepstakes: Gen's Rockin Shadow
 /Ward, Jim-94

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Gen's Rockin Shadow/Ward, Jim
 P Dee Bar/Westmoreland, Cheri

Open Lightweight

1/2 Turner's Wild Card/Ward, Lin
 2/1 Sea Dragon/Walls, Lory

Open Junior

1/1 Rocky/Floyd, Brianna

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Gypsy Elite Willow/Noake, Sharon
 2/3 Arizona Outlaw's Kachina MR/
 Carter, Rose
 3/4 Ripley/Scott, Velma
 4/2 Dunit in the Paint/Evans, Carol

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Boots/Watson, Sarah
 CO Ranger/Pickard, Mary

Competitive/Pleasure

1/3 BR Elusive Flame/Jarrett, Cheryl
 2/1 Soldier/Peterson, Catherine
 3/2 Cappuccino's Sweet Sensation/
 French, Kandace
 4/5 Pop Star/Tripp, Beth
 5/4 Sun-Ray's Mamma Jamma/Brown, Tammy
 P Medicine Wolf/Dreyfus, Susan

S.T.A.R. B

1/17/2015 R2-AZ
 B-N Total Riders: 5
 Chair: Karen Kafka
 Judges: Lucy Hirsch, DVM, Jamie Dieterich
 Novice Sweepstakes: Mister Dibbs/
 Larsen, Rachel-97

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Velvet's Pina Colada MR/Perret, Manuela
 2/2 Legend's Outlaw MR/Kruse, Paul

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Mister Dibbs/Larsen, Rachel
 2/2 Tallonted Falcon WA/Stinemetz, Rhea
 P Bailey-Irish-Crème/Koons, Pam

M&M A

3/14-15/2015 R2-AZ
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 13
 Chair: Sherrie Bray
 Judges: Greg Fellers DVM, Jerry Sims
 CP Combo: Soldier/Peterson, Catherine
 Novice Sweepstakes: Hesa Blaze/
 Lucas, Scott-94.5
 Open Sweepstakes: Sea Dragon/Walls, Lory-96

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Smokey Sedona/Kafka, Karen

Open Lightweight

1/1 Sea Dragon/Walls, Lory
 2/2 BR Elusive Flame/Jarrett, Cheryl

Open Junior

1/1 Rocky/Floyd, Brianna

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Hesa Blaze/Lucas, Scott
 2/2 Dunit in the Paint/Evans, Carol
 P Arizona Outlaw's Kachina MR/
 Carter, Rose

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Amira Alysha/Floyd, Elizabeth
 P Boots/Watson, Sarah

Competitive Pleasure

1/1 Soldier/Peterson, Catherine
 2/2 Cappuccino's Sweet Sensation/
 French, Kandace

3/3 Curiosa CR/O'Brien, Wava
 4/4 Medicine Wolf/Dreyfus, Susan

M&M B

3/14/2015 R2-AZ
 B-N Total Riders: 3
 Chair: Sherrie Bray
 Judges: Greg Fellers DVM, Jerry Sims
 Novice Sweepstakes: Mister Dibbs/
 Larsen, Rachel-97.5

Novice Heavyweight

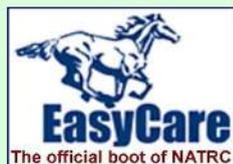
1/1 Roo/Kelley, Sheryl

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Mister Dibbs/Larsen, Rachel
 P Tallonted Falcon WA/Stinemetz, Rhea

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Region 4

New Year's Ride at 7IL A

1/3-4/2015 R4-TX
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 15
 Chair: Marjorie Shenkir
 Judges: Pat Regier, DVM, Patti Hicks
 CP Combo: Petite BonSheik/Swiss, Elaine
 Novice Sweepstakes: Polka Dot/
 Hebert, Maddie-99
 Open Sweepstakes: Razmataz DBA/
 Bass, Carla Jo-99

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Razmataz DBA/Bass, Carla Jo
 2/2 Juan Mighty Duke/Ambrose, Yvonne
 3/3 First Rayt Investment/Gould, Larry
 4/4 Oliver Queen/Steinke, Maggie

Open Lightweight

1/3 Hes a Rockstar/Van Order, Barbie
 2/1 Wildfire Storm/Miller, Dolly
 3/2 Moonshadow/Galliher, Teresa
 4/4 Painted Indian/Kale, Cara

Novice Heavyweight

1/DO Tally/Ramirez, Roland
 2/1 Croells Dancin' Kip/Smith, Gayna

Novice Junior

1/1 Polka Dot/Hebert, Maddie

Competitive/Pleasure

1/4 Petite BonSheik/Swiss, Elaine
 2/2 Tribute to Liberty/Yovich, Alice
 3/3 TA Kaiser/Prusak, Deanne
 4/1 Moon's Movin' Out/Sommer, Alanna

New Year's Ride at 7IL B

1/3/2015 R4-TX
 B-CP Total Riders: 3
 Chair: Marjorie Shenkir
 Judges: Pat Regier, DVM, Patti Hicks
 CP Combo: Big Cat/Leatherwood, Cynthia

Competitive/ Pleasure

1/3 Big Cat/Leatherwood, Cynthia
 2/2 Sum Tigger/McBride, Chloe
 3/1 Sherman/Evangelisto, Christa

Louisiana Purchase A

3/7-8/2015 R4-LA
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 26
 Chair: Jan Stewart
 Judges: Tamara Gull DVM, Shirley Parker
 CP Combo: Petite BonSheik/Swiss, Elaine
 Novice Sweepstakes: Blue Diamond Dealer/
 Muench, Fran-88
 Open Sweepstakes: Ravenwood Royal Flag/
 Jewell, Jonni-94

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Ravenwood Royal Flag/Jewell, Jonni
 2/2 First Rayt Investment/Gould, Larry
 3/3 Razmataz DBA/Bass, Carla Jo
 4/4 Fortuna PaintedMoon/Edmondson, Cheryl
 5/5 Oliver Queen/Steinke, Maggie
 P Secondhand Smoke/Ray, Cheryl

Open Lightweight

1/1 Moonshadow/Galliher, Teresa
 2/5 Painted Indian/Kale, Cara
 3/3 Talib Encore/Rogers, Becky
 4/2 Wildfire Storm/Miller, Dolly
 5/4 Hes a Rockstar/Van Order, Barbie

Novice Heavyweight

1/4 Tally/Wines, Bridget
 2/1 Selket Majinsky/Muench, Gayle
 3/2 Croells Dancin' Kip/Smith, Gayna
 4/3 Peddin' the Bucks/Hagler, Brenda
 5/5 Belleton/Watkins, Tanya

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Blue Diamond Dealer/Muench, Fran
 2/2 Jazz/Hailey, Ermine

Novice Junior

1/1 Polka Dot/Hebert, Maddie

Competitive/Pleasure

1/1 Petite BonSheik/Swiss, Elaine
 2/2 NKR April's Jewel/Zimmerman, Betsy
 3/3 Moon's Movin' Out/Sommer, Alanna
 4/4 Calamity Jane's 44 Magnum/Hagler, Linda
 5/5 Tribute to Liberty/Yovich, Alice
 6/6 TA Kaiser/Prusak, Deanne
 Buck/Shenkir, Marjorie

Louisiana Purchase B

3/7/2015 R4-LA
 B-CP Total Riders: 2
 Chair: Jan Stewart
 Judges: Tamara Gull DVM, Shirley Parker

Competitive/Pleasure

1/1 Woodland's Silver Reign/Accardo, Flash
 2/2 Mikimoto BF/Bibb, Maranda

Reminder

If an NATRC horse (that has competed) has been bought or sold, the mileage will not go with that horse unless the buyer or seller notifies the National Office that the horse has changed hands. We need the current and past owners' names, breed and registration number (if applicable) in order to move the mileage to the new owner.

If you change your name, please notify the National Of-

fice so we can put your mileage with your current name.

If you see that your name or your horse's name is incorrect in the *Hoof Print*, please notify the National Office and ask for a correction. The RMS is a privately owned and maintained system. If you corrected a name on the RMS System, it will NOT be corrected on the National database until you notify us of the change.



Region 5

Christmas in the Pines A

12/6-7/2014 R5-FL
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 34
 Chair: Vickie Moore, Lisa Scott
 Judges: Heather Raynack DVM, Kim Cowart,
 Elizabeth Yorke DVM (Apprentice)
 CP Combo: OH Bogustus/Chapman, Carolyn
 Novice Sweepstakes: Pusher's Blue Treasure/
 Carraher, Kathy-90.5
 Open Sweepstakes: Sunny Georgia/
 Lucas, Patty-96.5

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Goodnight's Masterpiece/Clayton, Gary
 DQ Canyon/Morrow, Gordon

Open Lightweight

1/2 Sunny Georgia/Lucas, Patty
 2/4 Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula
 3/3 Flash of Lightening/Baldwin, Sara
 4/1 Danamye/Diaguila, Esther
 5/5 Hes a Rockstar/Van Order, Barbie

Novice Heavyweight

1/4 Pusher's Blue Treasure/Carraher, Kathy
 2/1 Admiral/Duchesne, Margarita
 3/2 Stanley's Travis/Duchesne, Ariel
 4/6 Dakota/Haglund, Pam
 5/5 Grace/Light, Victoria
 6/ RRF's Full Throttle/Curry, Donna
 /3 Pebbles/Crews, Stephanie
 P Tootie/Hollis, Chelsea
 P Paints All Colors/Davis, Sharon

P Poky/Dawson, Andy
 P Hammer/Dawson, Randall
 P Spirit/Hart, Nancy
 P Zakreb Ogon/Wolf, Teresa

Novice Lightweight

1/3 Winston/Mills, Carolyn
 2/DO Kiss Afire Babe/Riddick, Keri
 3/4 Brandi/Jakovcic, Lesley
 4/1 DLC Roxies Peponita/Howard, Marsha
 5/2 Shades/Banks, Sarah

Novice Junior

1/1 Winston/Hollis, Briley
 P Copper/Hachtel, Amanda

Competitive/Pleasure

1/1 OH Bogustus/Chapman, Carolyn
 2/4 Spirit of Spotted Alen/Woodall, Courtney
 3/3 Mariah's Secret/Riley, Leigh
 4/5 Spotted Alen's Finale/Keen, Cindy
 5/2 Prime Sensation WH/Findley, Martha
 6/6 Dusty Dawn's Little Lady/Lewis, Ray
 Prewitt's Little Pride/Leland, Leslie

Christmas in the Pines B

12/6/2014 R5-FL
 B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 13
 Chair: Vickie Moore, Lisa Scott
 Judges: Heather Raynack DVM, Kim Cowart,
 Elizabeth Yorke DVM (Apprentice)
 Novice Sweepstakes: Brandy/
 Morissette, Patricia-94.5
 Open Sweepstakes: Allans Desert Rose/
 Goza, Michelle-100

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Allans Desert Rose/Goza, Michelle

Novice Heavyweight

1/2 Ella/Christopher, Anna
 2/1 Dixie/West, Donna
 CO Phantom/Florey, Laura
 P Shadow's Evening Shade/Gray, Kristen

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Brandy/Morissette, Patricia
 2/2 Dreamy/Janson, Kristy
 CO Cristela Joy/Taber, Cynthia
 P Nifty Scooter Jac/Timmons, Donna

Novice Junior

1/1 Patrick/Buck, Kelsea

Competitive/Pleasure

1/3 Carbon's Royal Belle/Lewis, Mary
 2/1 Thee Vandal/Ostrowski, Stephanie
 3/2 Song/Moulis, Jameson

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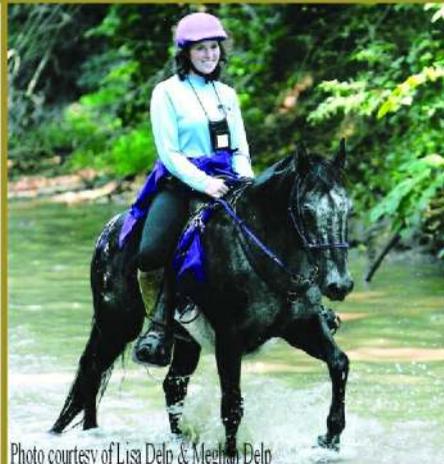


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Region 5

Spanish Trail

3/14-15/2015 R5-FL
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 29
 Chair: Wendy Allen
 Judges: Patrick Regier DVM, Shirley Parker
 CP Combo: OH Bogustus/Chapman, Carolyn
 Novice Sweepstakes: Admiral/
 Duchesne, Margarita-97
 Open Sweepstakes: Danamyte/
 Diaguila, Esther-99

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Victory CH/Moore, William
 2/2 Windstorm Clay/Mitchell, Tommy
 3/3 Red Bird's Ransom W./Clayton, Gary

Open Lightweight

1/2 Danamyte/Diaguila, Esther
 2/3 Hes a Rockstar/Van Order, Barbie
 3/1 Sunny Georgia/Lucas, Patty
 4/4 Tommys Impressev Ace/Broughton, Regina
 P Preacher/Baldwin, Sara

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Admiral/Duchesne, Margarita
 2/4 Shadow's Evening Shade/Gray, Kristen
 3/3 RRF's Full Throttle/Curry, Donna
 4/2 Stanley's Travis/Duchesne, Ariel
 5/6 Gabriel/Piezon, Sherry
 6/5 Spirit/Hart, Nancy
 P Easy Peasy/Rigel, Patricia

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Shades/Lowery, Rita
 2/2 Winston/Mills, Carolyn

Competitive/Pleasure

1/2 Kings Lasting Legacy/Petelle, Patricia
 2/1 OH Bogustus/Chapman, Carolyn
 3/6 Mariah's Secret/Riley, Leigh
 4/5 Dusty Dawn's Little Lady/Lewis, Ray
 5/4 Carbon's Royal Belle/Lewis, Mary
 6/ Impressive Red Rebel/Riley, Paula
 /3 RCC Follow Me/Jones, Debbie T.

TR What's Smokin/Jones, Mark H.
 Honors Black Cloud/Leland, Donald
 Dixie/Leland, Leslie
 Bentley/Pegram, Sandy

Competitive/Pleasure DO

Smart Johnny/Tolbert, Wayne

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