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President's Message

Far and away one of the best ways to keep someone coming back (to anything from a sport to a restaurant) is to be authentic about what you say you are. Treat folks such that when they leave they are saying to themselves and each other, "I want to come back". How do we do that? Being friendly and welcoming is a given; however, there are other basic behaviors that are equally as compelling.

Are we being authentic, and what does that mean in the context of NATRC? It means are we doing what we say in regards to our judging, are we following our own guidelines, do we follow our mission, vision, and philosophy and our hard carved Strategic Plan? More than once I've said it, and I'll repeat it again. NATRC attracts smart and savvy folks who are not fooled by smoke and mirrors, and who recognize a lack of authenticity.

Recently I talked about the Elephant in the Room - some representing us as one thing, others as something else. Such mixed signals and varied representation really damages our authenticity and credibility and can be very confusing to newer folks. I'm not suggesting anyone's doing this purposefully. Rather it probably depends upon how each individual perceives the sport, and how it was first presented to them.

Imagine, if you will, the perception of a newcomer brought to a ride by a friend who has gushed about how great NATRC is. NATRC is a distance competition, you, the newcomer, are told, where you can really test yourself and your horse. The fittest, soundest, and sanest horse wins the day, and your physical and mental conditioning programs are *both* important.

However, at the actual ride, the pace is so slow, and no stress is put on the horse. Your condition-

ing program was for naught as you walked most of the ride. And goodness - the obstacles you were asked to do. Although you could do them, you wonder what they had to do with a sane and competent competitive trail horse doing a distance competition. You were looking for a challenge, and although the people were nice, you just did not find things quite as your friend had portrayed.

Or - you are brought to a ride by a friend who has gushed about how great NATRC is. NATRC is a trail competition, you are told, where you can really test your horse on all those skills and maneuvers you've practiced at home. The best trail horse wins, you are told, and your horse really doesn't have to be all that fit because NATRC encourages all breeds and types of horses. However, at the ride you find you have to ride 40 miles! over 2 days, and you even had to trot a good bit of it. And that Vet Judge? She kept checking your horse's hydration, capillary refill, mucous membranes, listening to heart and lungs and gut sounds, and even checked something called anal tone!. She kept checking out your horse's withers, legs, back and loins, and doggone it if she didn't keep having you trot to see if your horse was sound. And she took off points for that! And although you were asked to show some of yours and your horse's skills, you were really expecting more. You were looking for a challenge, and although the people were nice, you just did not find things quite as your friend had portrayed.

Authenticity surely affects our credibility. And, of course, that affects the value of our judging and whether it is believable. Right now we are a judged sport, so if our judging isn't authentic to what we

say, and if our riders don't have faith in our process, then we lose credibility and the integrity of our judging and structural soundness of our organization suffers.

So bear with me as I use an analogy to finish illustrating my point. Think about going into any business - could be a restaurant. You have a craving for good BBQ. Not pizza, not chicken wings. Just BBQ. The sign says, "Good BBQ at a good price"; "Fast and friendly service." You're met by a courteous and respectful greeter who very efficiently guides you to your table. Your server answers all your questions about the menu with a quiet confidence. She knows exactly what she's talking about. Very quickly your drink orders are taken, and shortly thereafter so is your food order. The wait for your food is not too long. The BBQ is good. The service is good - fast and friendly. There is an air of competence about the place. Folks know what they're doing. This business is authentic. It is just as advertised. It is credible. It is competent. And it is very professional. You leave happy. You leave feeling good about spending your money there. You leave knowing you want to go back.

Be authentic. Be credible. Be competent. Be professional. Treat people like we want them to come back. And they WILL come back.



Respectfully,
Kim A. Cowart
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- Representing the sport in a professional manner
- Being respectful when giving an opinion
- Substantiating information before giving an opinion
- Being kind and courteous to others

Meet Our New Judges, Judge Applicants, Apprentices and Provisionals

Congratulations Newly Approved Judge!

Horsemanship: Jan Jeffers (R1) (Reinstated)

Members: Your comments to the Judges Committee on the following applicants, apprentices or provisional judges are welcome.

Veterinary Judges Applicant

Alina Vale, DVM (R2)

Horsemanship Judges Provisional

Jill E. Talbot (R3)

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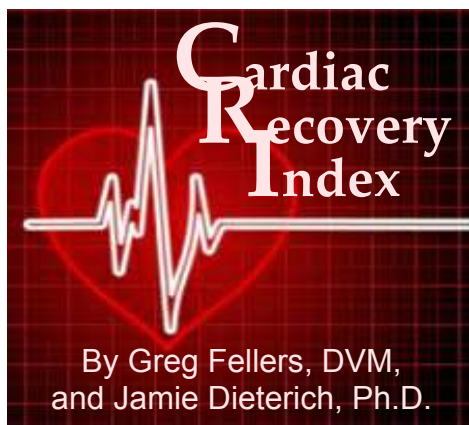
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Successful muscular effort depends on the muscle tissues being supplied with adequate oxygen from blood pumped by the heart. Research has shown that there is a training effect in that as fitness improves, the heart rate response to the exercise involved becomes more efficient, and that there is a more rapid decrease in the heart rate after the exercise stops. Thus, heart rate recovery is an important indicator of a horse's level of fitness. Standardized treadmill tests are a useful research tool, but taking the pulse is a practical, useful test in the field. Failure of optimum heart rate recovery could be due to inadequate conditioning for that level of work, musculoskeletal pain, dehydration, or other metabolic problems.

Pulse and respiration (P&R) recoveries after 10 minutes have been used as a measure of the horse's condition on NATRC rides since the inception of the sport. The pulse is counted for 15 seconds, recorded, and scored according to guidelines set by the Judges Committee.

Nancy Kasovich, horsemanship judge and past NATRC President, recalls being good friends with Kerry Ridgeway, DVM, when he started his practice in Santa Rosa in the 60's. Dr. Ridgeway was an NATRC veterinary judge, and they talked about how a smart rider could sometimes whisper a horse through borderline P&R's. It was then that Dr. Ridgeway began formulating an idea for more accurately measuring heart recovery without the "whisper effect".

Dr. Ridgeway credited Dr. Jim Steere, Novato, CA, with also having a part in "indexing" a recovery heart rate. Dr. Steere's idea was that a percentage of recovery might provide a

better way of determining recovery. They tried a system of retaking the pulse every 5 minutes until the pulse reached a certain percentage. Although the idea was good, it was logistically hard to do in practice. Dr. Ridgeway then, over a 2-year period, collected data on four NATRC rides. He used the concept of a paired heart rate, the first being taken when the horse was presented for examination, and the second heart rate being taken after a short trot-out. After comparing this data with the fatigue scores as determined from the usual fatigue parameters, he found that the "OK" horses fell under a beautiful bell shaped curve, and the definitely fatigued horses routinely fell outside the curve. In 1985, Dr. Steere, head veterinarian for the Levi Ride and Tie, gave Dr. Ridgeway the go-ahead to try the (now called) CRI at a particular checkpoint on the ride. Later that year, Dr. Ridgeway used a refinement of the technique at the 1985 Race of Champions in Colorado. He and the other veterinarians were enthused about the results and the conclusions drawn from "questionable to continue" horses.

Since then, the Cardiac Recovery Index (CRI) has been used extensively in AERC endurance rides and has become a useful tool in other equine sports as well. The basic procedure is to take the horse's pulse, ask him to be trotted out for 125 feet and back, and re-take the pulse at exactly 1 minute after the start of the trot. Ideally, the second pulse should be equal to or less than the first. Both the initial count and "recovery" count are important. In endurance rides, the CRI is used as one of the parameters to determine a horse's ability to continue. A horse with an initial pulse of 44

beats per minute (bpm) and a second/recovery count of 48 bpm would be considered fully recovered. But a horse that exhibits an initial count of 64 and a recovery count of 68 would be considered metabolically questionable. However, the standardization of a procedure and scoring protocol in NATRC rides has been problematic.

In 2014, Kim Cowart, President of NATRC, initiated a conversation about consistency of judging and standardization of processes for the sake of our riders and our sport. In response to Kim's challenge, we started talking about the possibility of utilizing the CRI on a more routine and consistent basis at our rides. As Kim said, we veterinarians should be there for the horse. Eighty-five percent of the weight of our judging should be put toward condition and soundness. Over the past several years, with the gradual lessening of the challenge of the rides, both in reduced mileage and reduced speed, it has become increasingly difficult to identify those horses who are not as fit as others.

You've asked us to evaluate the horse's condition, and the CRI is a good tool to use for that.

Our working premise is that the CRI could be a valuable tool in assessing just how well the horses are handling the day's work. The data from the CRI is objective and can be scored objectively, just as is the case with P&R checks. The CRI does not actually have to be done by the veterinarian, again just as with P&R checks.

To properly run a CRI, a fair amount of room plus adequate and capable personnel are essential. The CRI needs to be run near the end of the day's competition for the results to be the most valid. It also needs to be run in a way that does not inhibit the progress of the ride.

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After quite a bit of discussion around all these concerns, we proposed conducting the CRI at the end of each day exactly 10 minutes after crossing the finish line and using a scoring system that took into account both the initial and recovery pulse counts. We participated in several CRI's at Region 1 and Region 2 rides in 2014 and 2015, and others conducted the CRI test on horses at rides in other regions.

Several lessons have been learned. One is that good communication before the ride between the ride veterinary judge and ride management helps set the stage for cooperation and success. Another is that a clear, calm explanation of the CRI value and procedure at ride briefings goes a long way towards addressing riders' concerns. The procedure can be competently performed by P&R teams, but they should be the "A" teams to help instill confidence in the riders. Since counts are taken at exactly 1 minute, recounts are not "part of the deal." Ten minutes post-finish presented logistical problems for the riders, and a window of 15-30 minutes post-finish offers more flexibility without compromising the value of the test. The horse does not necessarily have to be trotted by the rider.

Scoring has been a tough issue to address. Jerry Gillespie, DVM, head of AERC's Research Committee and a specialist in equine cardio-pulmonary physiology, has been investigating the use of the median (mid-point) CRI count. This mid-point addresses both of the important criteria – the initial count and the recovery count – and makes a lot of sense.

There is a scoring moratorium on the CRI for 2016. We hope many of you will try the test and record values on the scorecards without actually deducting points. This will be a year of gathering and analyzing data that will hopefully add to our understanding and implementation of the CRI in NATRC competitions. Our current suggested protocol and scoring log is presented separately in this issue. Please see www.natrc.org for the most current! We will follow the data to a finished protocol and scoring system.

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—Kim Cowart

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CARDIAC RECOVERY INDEX (CRI) PROTOCOL GUIDELINES FOR USE AT NATRC™ RIDES

1. The Procedure:

- The CRI is best performed near the end of the day's ride, making the results as valid as possible. There needs to be enough room and sufficient personnel so that the CRI is performed with a minimum of delay to the progress of the ride.
- Be prepared to start the CRI 15 minutes after the first rider completes.
- The current recommendation is to perform the CRI in camp, after the day's ride has been completed. Each rider reports for the CRI, with horse untacked, between 15 - 30 minutes after completion time.
- The ride timer shall give each finisher a slip of paper with their finish time, in real time. All CRI personnel shall have their watches in sync with the ride timer.
- Riders are responsible for arriving on time for their check. Tardiness that prevents comparative evaluation may be penalized.
- A course 125 feet long with even footing is required, ideally marked with either cones or chalk. Enough room for at least two trotting lanes is required.
- The personnel to conduct the CRI shall be experienced P&R team members, veterinary students, and/or a veterinarian. Depending on the size of the ride, there should be at least two people (two trotting lanes), preferably three, able to take the pulse so that there is no waiting.
- Preferably one scribe with a clipboard and a CRI log can do the recording for all of the pulse takers (see attached "Log"). If personnel are limited, each pulse taker can record their own results.
- **A "resting pulse" is taken for a 15-second count. The horse is asked to trot out 125 feet and return. The pulse taker notes the time at the exact beginning of the trot. At exactly 1 minute, a "recovery pulse" is taken. Those two pulse numbers are given to the scribe along with the competitor's number. The same person must take both pulses.**
- **The rate of the trot is not a particular factor, as there will be more or less rest time depending on a fast or slow trot. The horse is easily able to trot the 250 feet in less than 1 minute. Note: A substitute may trot the horse for the rider.**

2. Scoring:

- **Record the initial pulse, the 1-minute recovery pulse, and calculate the median/ mid-point of the two values.**
- Round down fractions. Score the median value according to the P&R scoring guidelines.

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CRI Log

	Horse Number	Time In	Time @ CRI	Resting Pulse 15 sec	Recovery Pulse 15 sec.	Median* Pulse	Median Pulse Score (Round down fractions)	Suggested Scoring Guidelines
1								$\leq 12 = 0$
2								13 = -1
3								14 = -2
4								15 = -3
5								16 = -4
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* Halfway between resting and recovery. Example: 11/16: Median=13.5. Median Rounded Down=13.

Honoring Nancy Kasovich

Most of you either know the woman I'm going to introduce - having ridden with her or been judged by her. We are very privileged to have such an accomplished horsewoman as one of our current Region 1 judges.

Sue Eoff, who competed for many years in NATRC, and won the President's Cup as a Junior, wanted to ensure that this woman's story was not lost. So Sue wrote a biography titled "Seeing Through the Eyes of the Horse" that spans the early years as a horse trainer to the many years as a competi-



tor, past President of NATRC, past member of the Board of Directors and as a horsemanship judge. Of course I'm speaking of none other than our very own Nancy Kasovich.

Nancy has spent her life seeing the world through the eyes of the horse and promoting good horsemanship. Nancy's husband Bob Smith once advised her "Remember many are horse riders, few are horsemen". Nancy is a genuine horseman, and we are honored to have her in our sport.

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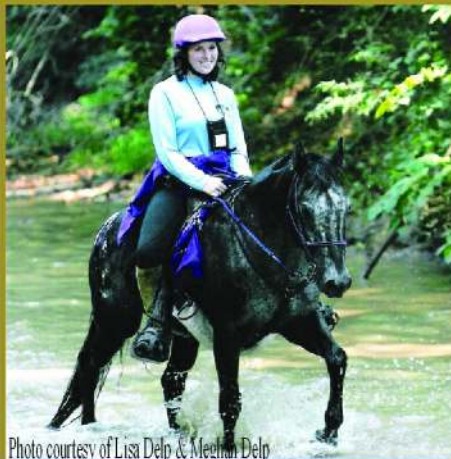


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2015 Jim Menefee Lifetime Achievement Award

J.R. Kendall

Few have taken the NATRC reins with such authority and commitment as J.R. Kendall and seen our organization through important years of change. Serving on the National Board of Directors from 1991-1996, Vice President in 1993, and President in 1994 and 1995, J.R. learned important lessons on proper insurance coverage and how the title of a volunteer role may import unintended responsibility, and helped ensure better protection for us in future years through individual ride insurance and the new title of Rules Interpreter. He returned to the National Board of Directors as an alternate in 2012.

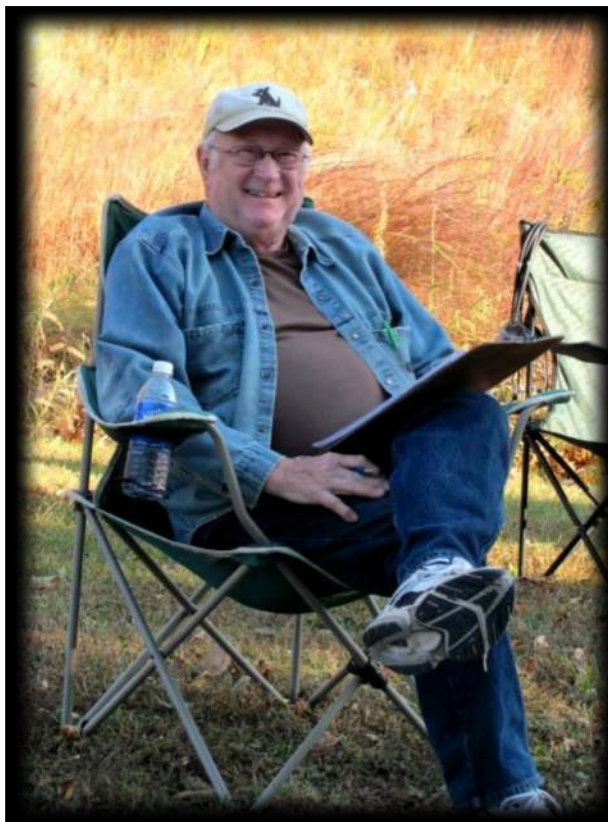
While his contributions on a national level are commendable, J.R. has made the biggest difference with his commitment to Region 6. Serving as our President, Vice President, Secretary/Treasurer, and as a member of the Region 6 Board of Directors over many years, he has been an integral part of its success. He also was involved in the 1982 re-organization when the number of regions changed to six. Even when not serving on the board, J.R. will often attend meetings to give input and keep up to date.

J.R. has been an important source of knowledge for managing NATRC conventions with his vast experience. He chaired or co-chaired five National conventions from 1979 to 2009, as well as numerous regional conventions. He is willing to mentor others and offer assistance where needed.

As a board member and elected official for the Eastern Kansas Arabian Horse Association (EKAHA) since the club's inception, he is able to partner this organization with NATRC to have a large presence at the Kansas Equifest every year. J.R. also served as a certified steward for the Arabian Horse Association CTR division. Due to his strong commitment to the distance horse in these different capacities, he was presented the prestigious Horseman of the Year award by the American Royal Society in 2011.

On a more local level, J.R. has been a driving force for the EKAHA Hill & Dale CTR held consecutively for 35 years, serving as Ride Chair for 30 of those, along with managing numerous Region 6 Benefit Rides. He has volunteered in many capacities at other rides over the years, accruing almost 25,000 worker points.

J.R.'s warm greeting and sense of humor welcome members new and old to NATRC events every year. The time he spends to mentor and assist others is appreciated, along with his enduring commitment to our sport. His leadership on a regional and national level helped strengthen us and lead us to where we stand today.



J.R. Kendall

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Reminder from Cheri Jeffcoat, Points and Data Committee and Terry Silver, Breed and Organizational Liaison

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

4-H Junior Rider Year End High Point Award

Just for Juniors

Are you a 4-H member? Know someone who is? Encourage your friends to do competitive trail rides. They and you can compete against each other to win NATRC's 4-H Junior Rider Year-End High Point Award.

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

- The award goes to the high point horse and high point rider **regardless** of the rider's division.
- Your self-nomination must occur before the end of the ride year, which is the second Sunday in November. (For 2016, that will be November 13th.)
- You must (1) be an NATRC member, (2) send an email to Laurie DiNatale, natrc@natrc.org, stating that you are a 4-H member, and (3) have your 4-H leader also send Laurie an email verifying that you are a 4-H member.

Additionally, in a number of states (Colorado is one example), 4-H now recognizes competitive trail as an activity that qualifies as a 4-H member's project. How cool is that?!

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National Appreciation

Mary Jo Malone – Region 2

A member and competitor since 2001, Mary Jo joined the Region 2 BOD in 2008, serving as secretary. Still not enough, she really stepped up in 2012 by managing two introductory clinics and one ride each year. Mary Jo has introduced two new rides to Region 2; “Beat the Heat” and “Vail Lake”. Her clinics are very successful and often bring in new riders.

As a manager, she is typically the person marking trails and pulling ribbons after the ride, all while working full-time. If she isn't managing a ride, she is working it or riding in it. She has worked nearly every position in ride

management and will often work and ride and do whatever it takes to keep rides going in these times of limited rider numbers.

In addition to rides, Mary Jo has organized several Region 2 Annual General Conventions/Award Banquets and has been intricately involved in the last few National Conventions hosted by Region 2. She is currently the NBOD treasurer.

Mary Jo is a very important member of NATRC, and Region 2 would like to honor her with this National Appreciation Award in recognition of all she does for our national organization.



Debbie Jones and Vickie Moore – Region 5

Debbie Jones and Vickie Moore are Region 5's volunteer team to call for a first time project that has to be done right. Each has competed, managed rides, served as judges' secretaries and extended a helping hand to riders new and old, but in 2015 they teamed up for a special project.

Region 5, a long time limited exhibitor at the Alabama Horse Fair, wanted to upgrade its NATRC Exhibi-

tion at that event in 2015. The Region turned to Debbie and Vickie to “put on the show”. Together they spent months putting together a spectacular exhibit booth, arranging the forty volunteers needed to man the booth, arranging for qualified folks to provide a dozen information presentations on NATRC topics, obtaining give away baskets and handouts to draw folks in to the exhibit, and crafting the perfect pitch for the

exhibit to be used in the event's printed program. Then they manned the booth throughout the event to assure the quality control and accuracy of message needed for a successful marketing event. They did all that with smiles on their faces and never a cross word!

Region 5 was “made proud” by the efforts of these dedicated members of NATRC.

Sarah Rinne – Region 6



Since 1988, when she was the little girl with the big smile competing as a youth in NATRC, Sarah Rinne has loved our sport and spent her life dedicated to it. You can find her at rides throughout the year filling in wherever she is needed, from P&R crew member to Judge's Secretary, Rules Interpreter, Ride Chair and more. She is a current Region 6 board member and past President, Ride Coordinator, and Co-Chair of the highly successful 2015 National Convention.

Sarah's devotion to our organization led her to become a Horseman-ship Judge with a keen eye and helpful feedback, and her fierce passion took her through the process quickly and

competently. If she has a free weekend, you will often find her mentoring new riders or working with current members to improve their skills.

As Vice President of the National Board of Directors and our Bylaws and Rules Committee Chair, she is dedicated to the long-term success of NATRC. Sarah maintains our social media presence on a national basis, keeping us connected and reaching new people.

That she accomplishes all this while raising a young family and working a demanding job, is a testament of her commitment and deserves our appreciation.

2015 NATRC Workers Hall of Fame

Beni DeMattei – Region 2

Beni DeMattei is the definition of “WORKER”. She joined NATRC in 2000, the same year as her first ride, Boulevard Boulder Bash on SpyderMann+. From that point Beni was hooked on distance riding and NATRC.

Although Beni does not compete much anymore, she is always available to fill any job before, at or after a ride. She was elected Region 2 president in 2006, a position she still holds. Beni was elected to the NBOD as a Region 2 representative in 2009, also a position she still holds.

She volunteers whenever there is a need: she is the ride secretary

for all three of the AZ Triple Crown rides for the third year in a row; has also become the region’s resident RI whenever needed, a job that is often hard to fill in a small region like Region 2. She is the Region 2 webmaster, RMS person, responsible for regional points/awards and has now agreed to take on part of the points and awards for National. She does ride packets and is always working on fund raisers for the region.

Without “Worker Bee” Beni, Region 2 and National would be in big trouble!



Jamie Dieterich – Region 1 Sponsored by Linda Clarke

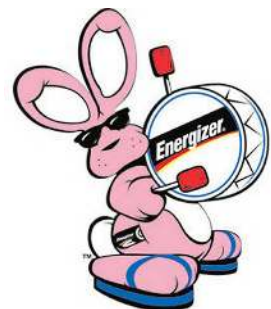
In Region 1 she is known as our little guardian angel . . . or as our Energizer Bunny! You see her small figure scurrying across ride camp, she never goes anywhere at low speed, always on the go, always busy, always helping WHEREVER needed. She seems to be completely tireless. Before she moved away from our area earlier this year, she served as either the Horsemanship Judge or the Rules Interpreter at virtually all of our rides, for nearly as long as any of us can remember. In the rare instance when she didn’t have an “official” job, she could be found working as a Judge’s Secretary, or driving judges and/or P&R crews in her own vehicle, or just being an invaluable gofer. She also takes hundreds of photographs of horses and riders and volunteers and uses those pictures to put together our wonderful regional awards program every year.

She still serves as our National BOD representative and as our region’s Ride Coordinator, both of which she has done for many years. And she is still on the Region 1 BOD,

overseeing us and keeping us all on track. She is somehow able to come up with every file, every email, every historic award, and every whatever whenever that information is needed. Her filing system is utterly amazing. In all honesty, we would be lost without her! And so much of what she does for our region, she also does for National, and more. She is the proof-reader and advisor for both Hoof Print and our region’s Leadline newsletter.

How can such a tiny person have such an enormously full plate? And she juggles it all flawlessly. Guardian Angel, yes! Energizer Bunny, yes! Jugglemeister, yes! Or, simply put, Super Wonder Woman, yes!!! Santa Claus may have his worker elves but NATRC is blessed to have this incredible multi-tasker. She is a Shire workhorse in a small Arabian body!

Oh, and she also goes by the name of Jamie Dieterich. She is TRULY a very worthy inductee into the NATRC Workers Hall of Fame.



2015 NATRC Horse Hall of Fame

Windstorm Sienna

Owned, ridden and loved by Wayne Tolbert, R5

Acceptance Speech by Wayne Tolbert

In NATRC, the accomplishments of any horse or rider are not done in isolation but with the help and encouragement of other riding partners. I therefore want to express my thanks to some of the many partners with whom Sienna and I had the privilege to ride—Jack Britt, Mary Britt, Kim Cowart, Carl Strickland, Marty Findley, Debbie Jones, Cheri Jeffcoat, Lori Rand and many, many others. I especially want to thank Regina Broughton and Tango and Trish Cleveland and Deacon's Dolly for the many rides we did together.

Sienna competed in 3 NATRC regions (4, 5 and 6), encompassing 16 states and (counting one ride in 2002 in Ontario, Canada) in two countries. She competed 14 years—12 ½ in the Open Division logging over 9,000 miles. I never worried about loading her up and heading across country to any ride, anywhere. Perhaps her single greatest asset was her steady reliability, going at one point 9 years without being pulled (and placing in all 112 of these Open Division rides). She completed 157 of the 160 rides we started. She traveled extremely well. She had a very calm demeanor in camp; never got loose or offered to run away and she ALWAYS ate and drank in camp and on the trail. She had great metabolics, only losing on average P & R points one ride every two years or so.

Sienna was the Region 5 High Point Novice horse in 1998, her first year in competition. She



subsequently won the President's Cup twice—in 2003 and 2005; earned 11 National Championships; won Open Sweepstakes at 20 rides and was a three time winner of the Jim Menefee Combined Horse and Horsemanship Award. In her 12 1/2 years as an Open horse Sienna completed 143 rides, placing first or second in 88. In addition, Sienna was the High Point Morgan in NATRC from 2001-2007 and 2009 and 2011. She was recognized by the American Morgan Horse Association as the High Point Distance Champion (2003-2007 and 2009-2010).

I always had complete confidence with her on the trail. Even when she got upset with "trail dynamics" (or what she considered my abysmally poor trail management decisions) she never bucked, reared, spun or did anything evil or dangerous. When she spooked, which was rarely, she froze in place. We have encountered bear, wild hogs, bees, wild turkeys, and once even an escaped emu without incident. I have ridden many training/conditioning and trail marking rides alone without the slightest hesitation. However, during competition Sienna was not a perfect horse; she was herd-bound and at times was challenging to ride. She would always obey but could make grudging compliance an art form.

Sienna had "heart". She never, ever offered to quit and in fact did her very best in the toughest rides winning Open Sweepstakes in four of the hottest and most humid rides we ever did.

Sienna is now happily retired. This is a decision I made after she fractured the coffin bone in her left hind in 2012 in the pasture. She is now sound, rideable and cavorts with our other horses but I decided not to risk re-injury by putting her back in competition. I feel she earned her retirement. She will always have a place on my farm and in my heart.

Region 1 Awards

Novice Heavyweight

No R1 Novice Heavyweight Qualified

Novice Lightweight

No R1 Novice Lightweight Qualified

Novice Junior - Ribbons sponsored by Region 1

1. Lucky Eddie / gr.....	Kirsten Johnson.....	84
2. Lola / gr.....	Claire Cichocki.....	70
3. Nausicca Maj / ar.....	Karlie Johnson.....	65
4. Valentyne / gr	Savannah Gipson.....	49
5. Mistress Jezebel / gr.....	Lily Redin.....	46
6. Denebaborr / ar.....	Ilsa Madison.....	34

Competitive Pleasure - Ribbons sponsored by Region 1

1. OM El Shakeeb Dream / ar.....	Joe Dillard.....	94
2. OM El Nairobi / ar.....	Ashley Dillard.....	90
3. HM Raina Bo Surely / har.....	Haley Schlerf.....	80
4. Kat Man D / ar.....	Michelle Pimentel.....	50
5. OM El Bilbao / ar.....	Debbie York.....	36
6. Bodacious Tailfeathers / gr.....	Kay Lieberknecht.....	33

Open Heavyweight - Ribbons sponsored by Region 1

1. Pistol Pete DF / ar.....	Jean Armer.....	48
2. YS Tyrone / Paint.....	Davern Kroncke.....	36

Open Lightweight - Ribbons sponsored by Region 1

1. Desert Reinbeau / must.....	Angie Meroshnekoff.....	97
2. Sierra Sunshine / gr.....	Donna Stidolph.....	66
3. Palistar / ar.....	Stephanie Swain.....	46

Open Junior

No Region 1 Open Junior Qualified



Haley Schlerf and Debbie York



Davern Kroncke and Jean Armer



Karlie Johnson, Claire Cichocki, and Kirsten Johnson



Angie Meroshnekoff, Donna Stidolph and Stephanie Swain

Region 1 Appreciation

Special Recognition – Kitty and Neil Weber

Kitty Weber had been on the R1 BOD serving as Treasurer and was a competitor for several years when she had a fall with her horse at a competition in April of 1997 and broke her back. That winter, wanting some motivation for recovery, she volunteered to chair the 1998 National Convention in Santa Rosa. She then chaired the R1 mini-convention in the same place in

1999.

Continuing with a long, slow recovery, and ever since, Kitty has cheerfully served as Rules Interpreter and Timer for “too numerous to count” R1 rides. Her husband, Neil, has accompanied and helped her, served on P&R crews, and has also handled raffles at many R1 rides and events.

Kitty and Neil Weber have made a

serious life-commitment to contribute to NATRC. They serve wherever needed – even supplying coffee and hot cocoa if ride management forgets.

The Weber’s are moving from R1 to R6. We wish them well, but we are REALLY going to miss them, not only because they’re great workers, but because they’re wonderful people.

Darlene and Brian Schlerf

When you need something done, call a busy person – and this couple of NATRC regulars is busy.

Do you need someone to handle the paperwork? Call Darlene. She can run your raffle, round up the raffle prizes, manage silent auction fund raisers, and be your ride clinic secretary, assistant ride timer, last minute ride secretary and much, much more.

Need a cook? Brian is much in demand as ride cook, helps fill water

tanks, fills in at P&R’s and keeps riders safe as a highway crossing guard.

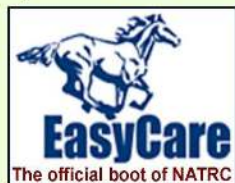
Together Darlene and Brian Schlerf not only help physically at most of the rides in our region, as well as Regional and National conventions, their company, BAS Roofing, has been a long time sponsor of awards at both the Regional and National levels.

Thank you Darlene and Brian Schlerf for all you do for Region 1.



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Region 1A Awards

No Novices Qualified

Competitive Pleasure - Ribbons sponsored by Laurie Knuutila

1. Brisco / gr Kelly Stevenson.....12
2. Gypsy / gr.....Ashlyn Kirk.....8

Open Heavyweight

No R1A Open Heavyweight Qualified

Open Lightweight - Ribbons sponsored by Laurie Knuutila

1. Willow Bey Star / morab..... Brenda Grogan.....28
2. Sealy's True Gusto / tw..... Stefanie Bergman.....22

Open Junior

No R1A Open Junior Qualified



Brenda Grogan



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Region 2 Awards & Appreciation

Novice Heavyweight

1. Hesa Blaze / ar.....Scott Lucas.....52

Novice Lightweight

1. Amira Alysha / ar.....Elizabeth Floyd.....35

Novice Junior

No Region 2 Novice Junior Qualified

Competitive Pleasure

1. Soldier / mule.....Catherine Peterson.....70
2. Pride's College Boy / tw.....Sherrie Bray.....30
3. Ford Mustang / must.....Hillary Schifferer.....27

Open Heavyweight

1. Smokey Sedona / mft.....Karen Kafka.....38

Open Lightweight

1. Sea Dragon / ang-ar.....Lory Walls.....68

Open Junior - Ribbons sponsored by Glassman Family

1. Rocky / mule.....Brianna Floyd.....49



Sherrie Bray



Karen Kafka



Lory Walls

Audrey Pavia

Region 2 would like to recognize Audrey Pavia for all of the contributions she has made to our organization.

Audrey first learned of NATRC over 30 years ago while living in Brooklyn, NY in an ad in the Appaloosa Journal. She wrote to the National club (snail mail in those days) and asked them to send her information. After receiving the information, she was convinced this was a sport she wanted to participate in.

Her first NATRC ride was Sage Hill in April 2000, riding a friend's horse and both she and the horse won second place and she was hooked! She has since ridden rides and clinics on both of her Spanish Mustangs, Milagro and Rio.

She continued her NATRC education by volunteering at P&Rs and took on publicity for Region 2. She started the Region's Facebook page, which now has 283 members, and has set up a Twitter account. She is a current Regional Board Member and has been working to take on our website and our quarterly newsletter, "Round Up".

Audrey understands we need to use Internet and social media to help our Region increase membership and riders, and we are grateful to have her as part of our sport!

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Region 3 Awards

Novice Heavyweight

1. Safara / gr.....John Horne.....130
2. Levi /gr.....Dayna Morgan.....106
3. Dash of Quick Silver / qtr.....Sandie Simons.....102
4. Legends Legacy Lena / gr.....Paula Alley.....46
5. Fannie / paint.....Stephen Bishop.....44
6. Anna's Rhett Buttler / rkym.....Susan Grabbe.....42



*Janna Combs and
Callen Olson*

Novice Lightweight

1. Dakota Cole / mft.....Callen Olson.....126
2. Buffnugget G / mft.....Susan Halterman.....106
3. Emmit / gr.....Janna Combs.....86
4. Sunrise's Buenos Dias / mft.....Amelia Adair.....76
5. Solito / ar.....Jill Strandquist.....66
6. Mr San Puppy / qtr.....Louise Ehrich.....58

Novice Junior - Ribbons sponsored by the Glassman Family

1. Kokopelli Moon / mtpl.....Natalie Brooker.....132
2. Kiara / gr.....Bri Clarke.....68
3. Kayenta / gr.....Olivia Brandt.....54
4. MSA Chloe / ar.....Megan Acevedo.....50

Competitive Pleasure

1. Cedar Valley's
Torden Fjell / norf.....Brandy Ferganchick.....185
2. Summer / gr.....Betty Wolgram.....148
3. Strawberry Shortcake / gr.....Diane Wingle.....110
4. Royal's Rock'N EZ Cinnabar / mft...Betty Garrett.....106
5. Curiosa CR / Peru Horse.....Wava O'Brien.....96
6. BHR Hosan China Moon / har.....Vicki Heniser.....94
6. SAS's Smokey Annie Oakley / tw..Juleen Feazell.....94

Open Heavyweight

1. Awesomes Fire N Ice / har.....Ken Wolgram.....182
2. Dee Bar / gr.....Cheri Westmoreland.....160
3. Gen's Rockin Shadow / tw.....Jim Ward.....116
4. Mariah / gr.....Bill Wingle.....90
5. Thunder / gr.....Donna Lewis.....52
6. Bookcliff Mountain Fire / tw.....Kenneth Bingham.....44

Open Lightweight - Sponsored by Greg and Juleen Feazell

1. Turnner's Wild Card / kym.....Lin Ward.....120
2. BR Elusive Flame / ar.....Cheryl Jarrett.....102
3. Mr. Cool / ap.....Terri Smith.....90
4. Tres Beau / gr.....Jennifer Poulton.....80
5. Solid CountryGold Skye / hasb.....Linda Conne.....64
6. Regala de la Estrellas / pf.....Diana Marquardt.....60

Open Junior - Ribbons sponsored by the Glassman Family

1. Lincoln / gr.....Alexis Combs.....80
2. GT / gr.....Sydney Bingham.....48



*Betty Wolgram and
Juleen Feazell*



Jim Ward



Alexis Combs



Ken Wolgram



Lin Ward

Region 3 Appreciation

Greg Feazell

When pondering who to nominate for an appreciation award, you look back at the previous year to see who has stepped up and gone above and beyond the call of duty for NATRC. One of the first to come to mind is Greg Feazell. Greg does not ride, but attended every Region 3 ride in 2015 along with his wife, Juleen, who does ride.

Greg has been a ride timer several times, worked P&R's, helped cook, and worked many other odd jobs

that needed doing. Greg is always willing to offer his help even if not asked to do so. He does this with a willing attitude, and always treating others with respect. If Greg sees you doing something, he is one of the first to come offer his help.

Region 3 is very fortunate to have an outstanding friend and contributor at our rides! Greg, on behalf of Region 3, we appreciate you and thank you for all you do for us!



Bill Wingle

When Bill Wingle realized that his wife Diane was going to continue taking off with her horse for NATRC CTR weekends and leave him behind, he decided to join her. They found him a "husband safe" horse named Mariah

and they were off together for their first CTR in 2008. Since then Bill has been a valued member of NATRC!

Bill has donated many of his precious hours managing rides, helping scout trail, competing, he is an expert

with a GPS (tries his best to teach all of us how to use one) and he's the best map maker on the planet! Region 3 admires and respects Bill's honesty, caring heart, and wonderful intelligent spirit!

Sonny Mills

There are many tireless workers and individuals worthy of recognition in our local NATRC area, but perhaps

one of the most important groups is the safety riders always present at our rides.

Safety riders are the last ones out in the morning, help anyone that needs assistance, pick up ribbons, lost hoof boots and dropped items, arrive at lunch stops to what's left of the food, and are the last ones back at camp in the heat of the afternoon. There are many people to thank in this group, but Sonny (Ivan) Mills may have the longest track record of all the safety riders. He has been sweeping behind the NATRC riders for close to twenty years.

We would like to recognize Sonny for his years of hard work, along with recognition to all the safety riders that contribute greatly to the success of our rides. It's comforting to know that when everyone is out on the trail riding hard, if something unforeseen should happen, assistance will arrive shortly.

Please join us in appreciating Sonny Mills for all his contributions to our rides!



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Region 4 Awards

Novice Heavyweight

1. Selket Majinsky / ar.....Gayle Muench.....124
2. Belleton / gr.....Tanya Watkins.....118
3. Croells Dancin' Kip / paint.....Gayna Smith.....100

Novice Lightweight - Ribbons sponsored by Elaine Swiss

1. Blue Diamond Dealer / tw.....Fran Muench.....86
2. Apple Jack / gr.....Rafannette Doole.....82
3. Jazz / tw.....Ermine Diekman.....44

Novice Junior - Ribbons sponsored by Glassman Family

1. Polka Dot / gr.....Maddie Hebert.....80

Competitive Pleasure

1. Tribute to Liberty / har.....Alice Yovich.....150
2. Moon's Movin' Out / mft.....Alanna Sommer.....148
3. Petite BonSheik / har.....Elaine Swiss.....108
4. TA Kaiser / ar.....Deanne Prusak.....84
5. Wyntez Buddy / ar.....Beverly Roberts.....68
6. NKR April's Jewell / morg.....Betsy Zimmerman.....66

Open Heavyweight

1. Razmataz DBA / ar.....Carla Jo Bass.....142
2. WH Picos Cozmic / ar.....Shirley Broderon.....106
3. First Rayt Investment / har.....Larry Gould.....100
4. Oliver Queen / gr.....Maggie Steinke.....56

Open Lightweight

1. Wildfire Storm / ssh.....Dolly Miller.....154
2. Hes a Rockstar / must.....Barbie Van Order.....128
3. Moonshadow / ssma.....Teresa Galliher.....114
4. Painted Indian / smr.....Cara Kale.....58

Open Junior

No R4 Open Junior Qualified



Gayle Muench



Maddie Hebert



Carla Jo Bass



Barbie Van Order



Elaine Swiss, Alanna Sommer, and Alice Yovich

Region 4 Appreciation

Becky Lucht

NATRC and Region 4 are so fortunate to have such a special, talented, motivational and inspirational individual within the organization. This member is Becky Lucht. Becky has always been there in whatever capacity that is needed in Region 4.

She has worked and prepared trails as well as timed the trails for many of the Oklahoma rides. When Region 4 hosted the 2014 NATRC National Convention, Becky was an invaluable member of the Convention Committee. She single handedly secured all of the Convention sponsors and vendors. This took hundreds of

hours talking over the phone, numerous emails, developing contracts, securing thousands of dollars in sponsorship fees and personally driving to OKC several times to visit with the vendors and sponsors as well as meeting with convention venue personnel in planning the space needed for the vendors. Becky used her artistic talents and designed the convention logo "Thundering Into Bricktown" for the programs, banners and t-shirts.

Region 4 greatly appreciates our hard working, dedicated and talented Becky Lucht!

Debby Keene-Starr

Notorious outlaw Myra 'Belle' Starr, was born in days of old, To set the pace for relative Debby Keene-Starr, to steal the gold. An NATRC outlaw, in her very own right, so very strong and bold. She has served and is accomplished at every job in our sport, so I'm told.

Belle Starr rode with the Jesse James gang, for years so long, As Debby has her own gang with NATRC, working very strong. She manages the Arkansas Traveler CTR like a fine tuned song, Rain, sleet or snow, you're safe with Debby and can't go wrong.

As judge's secretary, Debby is concise and neat, She's a teacher's teacher by trade, and can't be beat. As Rules Interpreter, Debby is knowledgeable and professionally elite, Good as Ride Secretary, Safety Chair, P&R Worker, Chef, Go-Fer, Repeat!

Debby Keene-Starr is Region 4's star and gets the job done, Her work ethic and outlaw 'fire' makes her comparable to none. She's cool under pressure, and under 'the gun', Plus, she's a delight and makes all our NATRC memories fun!

Patty Lampley

Patty Lampley starting riding NATRC CTR's in the early 2000's. Her first rides were on a borrowed horse. Later, she bought some of those borrowed horses and started competing on her own!

Patty has been a mentor to many, including her own daughters who grew up in NATRC, and has brought new members into the organization. Patty has been Ride Secretary four times and is going for her fifth time for the March 2016 7IL CTR. Patty has also taught others how to be a Ride Secretary. Patty has been a regular safety rider for many years, has marked trails for the rides she secretaries, and for other rides, has worked P&Rs, and has competed on a number of different horses in multiple classes/divisions.

Patty is always willing to help out anyone who needs help at a ride. She is a great asset, and Region 4 appreciates her immensely!



Region 5 Awards

Novice Heavyweight

1. By the Grace of God / gr	Victoria Light.....	169
2. Pusher's BlueTreasure / tw.....	Kathy Carraher.....	106
3. Ruby / gr.....	Ben Talbert	101
4. Gabriel / gr	Sherry Piezon	74
5. RRF's Full Throttle / rkym.....	Donna Curry.....	60
6. Pocco / qtr.....	David Harrison.....	50

Novice Lightweight

1. DLC Roxies Peponita / paint. .	Marsha Howard.....	218
2. Shades / gr.....	Rita Lowery.....	176
3. Dotty / gr.....	Linda Galbraith	84
4. Rowdy / gr.....	Katie Ward	81
5. Brandi / gr.....	Lesley Jakovcic.....	74
6. Winston / qtr.....	Carolyn Mills	62

Novice Junior - Ribbons sponsored by the Glassman Family

1. Spirit of Spotted Alen / tw	Hannah Hatcher.....	31
2. Delight's Amber Beauty / tw.....	Janna Stanley.....	30
3. Prince / gr.....	Janna Stanley.....	26
4. Lena Honey / gr.....	Elizabeth Sharkey.....	24
5. Bonnie Hijaker / qtr.....	Olivia Lord.....	20

Region 5 – Competitive Pleasure

1. Mariah's Secret / gr.....	Leigh Riley.....	230
2. Spotted Alen's Finale / tw.....	Cindy Keen.....	155
3. Dusty Dawn's Little Lady / tw.....	Ray Lewis.....	144
4. Kings Lasting Legacy / qtr.....	Patricia Petelle.....	116
5. OH Bogustus / ssh.....	Carolyn Chapman.....	110
6. My Noble Ambition / ssh.....	Lori Rand.....	106

Open Heavyweight

1. Windstorm Clay / morg.....	Tommy Mitchell.....	159
2. Victory CH / har.....	William Moore.....	144
3. Terradocs Oconee Belle / morg.....	Sallie Kudra.....	142
4. Red Bird's Ransom / mft.....	Gary Clayton.....	120
5. Goodnight's Masterpiece / tw...	Gary Clayton.....	105

Open Lightweight

1. Danamye / ar.....	Esther Diaguila.....	325
2. Swiss Mocha / gr.....	Paula Riley.....	220
3. Sunny Georgia / tw.....	Patty Lucas.....	209
4. Prime Sensation WH / mft.....	Martha Findley.....	146
5. Tommys Impressev Ace / ap	Regina Broughton.....	114
6. Cataline Comet / gr.....	Jameson Moulis.....	37

Open Junior - Ribbon sponsored by the Glassman Family

1. RaJahada / gr.....	McKinsey Ware.....	48
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Lori Rand and Cindy Keen



Sallie Kudra



Esther Diaguila



Patty Lucas



Martha Findley

Region 5 Appreciation

Terry Riley

For many years now in Region 5, the first person you see as you approach a P&R is Terry Riley. Her trademarks are a big smile, witty comments, and brightly painted fingernails. And Terry is a BIG LSU football fan.

Terry doesn't let her handicaps slow her down. She can be found helping her mom set up camp, running around camp visiting, sitting near check-in greeting folks, or hunting for

coffee in the morning. Her physical limitations never keep her from positioning herself on the side of a hill, out in the baking sun, or in a torrential rainfall to best serve the P&R. She never complains; she is happy to serve.

Terry is always looking for ways she can help out. In addition to her P&R role, she has assisted with check-in, been weigh master, and more recently, is helping with sales at the

Region 5 store. Her cheerful, outgoing personality can't help but put a smile on your lips.

Terry is one of only a handful who has earned the "blue jacket" for 100% participation at Region 5 rides. And even though she does not ride, she is a valuable asset to the region with her dedicated work.

Andrea Rogers - by Janell Mount

Let me tell you about an amazing woman! I met Andrea Rogers a few years ago at an NATRC Region 5 trail ride. I was immediately drawn to Andrea because of her quiet nature, the way she handled her horse, and how she approached people with her quiet confidence.

Over the years I have grown to appreciate Andrea and her dedication to NATRC even more. We have ridden many rides together and just last year

she asked me to be her ride secretary for the Carolina Derby in South Carolina. Working with Andrea on the Carolina Derby, I saw how committed to our sport and how much she does for the sport and our region. She is always thinking of new ways to help NATRC grow. For example, she worked with other Carolina rides to create the "Carolina Triple Crown" to encourage more rider participation and to encourage new competitors to "try our sport".

There are many people that we appreciate, many people stand out and you know who they are, but most of the time it's the quiet hard working people who don't get recognized for all they do, Andrea Rogers is one of those amazing people!

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Region 6 Awards

All Novice ribbons sponsored by Region 6

Novice Heavyweight

1. Windy V / gr.....	Tammy Vasa.....	112
2. KSP Dakota Rambler / morg.....	Pat Hanes.....	78
3. Singing Winds Rosita / morg ..	Cheryl Bohling.....	72
4. Miss Rebels Cut N Oak / paint	Lisa Johnson.....	68
4. Steppin'Out Annie D / mft.....	Ken Prey.....	68
5. Fine Art Design / tw.....	Audrey Morris.....	64
6. Johnnie Whoa Jo / qtr.....	John Zeliff.....	60

Region 6 - Novice Lightweight

1. Sasha / gr.....	Helen Smith.....	112
2. Auli Sabah / ar.....	Jennifer Fischer.....	63
3. Jim Bob's Cookie / tw.....	Mary Licata.....	50
4. Shaatekhs Thunder / ar.....	Joyce Shively.....	43

Region 6 – Novice Junior

1. Shady Sunset WH /mft.....	Jessica Reeter.....	102
2. Country Mocha WH / mft.....	Josie Reeter.....	68

Competitive Pleasure -Ribbons sponsored by Region 6

1. EZ Rocket WH / mft.....	Marla Stucky.....	170
2. Lethal Status / paint.....	Sharron Ankersen.....	150
3. Silver Valley Tate / morg.....	Mary Hanson.....	138
4. Fives Bert Harlan / qtr.....	Alan Bouska.....	120
5. Roho Honey Mocha WH/ mft	William Hinkebein.....	111
6. Smokin Hot Cutie / har.....	Shari Parys.....	90

All Open ribbons sponsored by Region 6

Open Heavyweight

1. My Nightmare / ar.....	Vickie White.....	110
2. L.L. Remington / har.....	Marilyn Marston.....	92
3. Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man / mft.....	Kay Stich.....	90
4. Little Ann / kym.....	Liz Klamm.....	80
5. Spot Me Wild / ap.....	Karen Sylvara.....	20

Open Lightweight

1. Cito Mocha Raton / hoa.....	Trish Cleveland.....	227
2. Rushcreek Allie / ar.....	Brenda Messick.....	137
3. Dun Come Unzipped / qtr....	Margaret Reynolds.....	130
4. Princess Dina / mft.....	Debbie Payne.....	78
5. Pistol Annie / Mule.....	Patti Dollarhide.....	70
6. Shadow's Dancer C. / mft.....	Robin Nore.....	58

Open Junior

1. Angel's Ricochet Shot / tw.....	Ryan Klamm.....	59
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Shari Parys, Marla Stucky and Mary Hanson



Liz Klamm and Kay Stich



Marilyn Marston and Trish Cleveland

Region 6 Appreciation

Liz Klamm

Liz has been instrumental in growing our sport by advertising effectively in print and on television to spread the word about NATRC. We appreciate Liz not only for introducing a new ride in 2014, Exploring Sand Hills CTR, but also for adding a Friday clinic to it in 2015 to help new competitors get the best introduction to our sport early in the ride season.

But Liz does not stop there to help people get started! She will mentor others in her free time and often lends her own horses for them to ride, so they can experience the sport on a sea-

soned horse and know better what is involved and how to prepare their own mount in the future. She also provided one of her horses to help attract interest in our NATRC Region 6 booth at the Kansas State Fair in 2015.

We are especially blessed as Liz also brings her two sons, Jason and Ryan, to compete and bring our Junior classes back to life; and her husband Andy accompanies the family to take the most breathtaking pictures at our rides. Even a back injury this year could not keep Liz's spirit and enthusiasm for the sport down for long.



Gary and Mary McCoy

Whenever we need a helping hand in Region 6, you can count on Gary and Mary McCoy. While competing over the past two decades, they both take time to also volunteer in numerous capacities at the rides, conventions, horse expos, and clinics. They traveled to South Dakota multiple years to run a booth at that Horse Fair and raise awareness of NATRC in a new area, along with their long-time commitment to advertising our sport at

the Nebraska Horse Expo and recent Horse Trail Riding Expo.

Gary and Mary are current members of the Region 6 Board of Directors. Both have spent countless hours clearing, marking, mapping and timing CTR trails in Nebraska. They also traveled to Kansas to volunteer for the 2014 Heartland Challenge.

Mary coordinates our most important award, Diamond of the Year, annually. She also volunteered to pre-

pare the National awards for presentation at the 2015 NATRC national convention, which involved an entire room of ribbons, plaques, trophies, buckles, blankets and more to be organized for an efficient ceremony. Mary has served as Trail Master and Co-Chair of rides, and Gary never refuses a call for help and his good sense of humor brightens any NATRC event.

Shari Parys



Shari creates an atmosphere of camaraderie for riders new to the sport of CTR by making them feel part of the NATRC family. She mentors and rides with new competitors. She hosts clinics to educate riders on how to achieve higher skill levels.

Shari serves Region 6 by being a member of the national and regional boards. Shari is editor of the Region 6 newsletter and she updates and maintains the Region 6 website. She supports the mission of Region 6 by being a ride manager at the Turkey Trot and Branching Out CTR's. She spends

hours riding, marking and clearing trails for Indian Cave and the PonyX-press rides and volunteers as ride secretary for Indian Cave. She serves as President of the Nebraska club, NECTRA, which hosts two CTR's a year.

Shari enthusiastically shares her knowledge of horses and CTR with new and seasoned competitors. She promotes the sport which helps to insure the future of NATRC. She selflessly gives of her time to support the functions of NATRC and Region 6.

"The most effective way to do it, is to do it."

—Amelia Earhart

2015 Competitive Pleasure National Champions

Ribbons sponsored by Bill and Nancy Sluys



Betty Wolgram

Region 3

Cedar Valley's Torden Fjell.....norf.....Brandy Ferganchick
Summer.....gr.....Betty Wolgram

Region 4

Moon's Movin' Out.....mft.....Alanna Sommer

Buckle sponsored by Elaine Swiss

Petite BonShiek.....har.....Elaine Swiss
Tribute to Liberty.....har.....Alice Yovich

Buckle sponsored by Alanna Sommer



Alanna Sommer

Region 5

Spotted Alen's Finale.....tw.....Cindy Keen
Dusty Dawn's Little Lady.....tw.....Ray Lewis
Mariah's Secret.....gr.....Leigh Riley

Region 6

Silver Valley Tate.....morg.....Mary Hanson
EZ Rocket WH.....mft.....Marla Stucky



Elaine Swiss



Cindy Keen



Mary Hanson



Marla Stucky



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2015 Open National Champions

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Brenda Grogan

Region 1A
Willow Bey Star.....morab.....Brenda Grogan

Region 3
Awesomes Fire N Ice.....har.....Ken Wolgram
Gen's Rockin Shadow.....tw.....Jim Ward
Turner's Wild Card.....km.....Lin Ward
Dee Bar.....mule.....Cheri Westmoreland
Lincoln.....gr.....Alexis Combs



Ken Wolgram



Barbie Van Order

Region 4
Razmataz DBA.....arab.....Carla Jo Bass
Hes a Rockstar.....must.....Barbie Van Order

Region 5
Danamye.....arab.....Esther Diaguila
Prime Sensation WH.....mft.....Martha Findley
Sunny Georgia.....tw.....Patty Lucas
Windstorm Clay.....morg.....Tommy Mitchell
Victory CH.....har.....William Moore
Swiss Mocha.....Gr.....Paula Riley



Carla Jo Bass



Patty Lucas

Region 6
Cito Mocha Raton.....hoa.....Trish Cleveland
L.L. Remington.....har.....Marilyn Marston

Buckle sponsored by Marla Stucky

Rushcreek Allie.....arab.....Brenda Messick
Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man.....mft.....Kay Stich

Blanket sponsored by Kris Hapgood



Martha Findley & Trish Cleveland



Esther Diaguila



Marilyn Marston



Jim Ward, Lin Ward & Alexis Combs



Kay Stich

2015 High Mileage Awards

High Mileage Rider Chevrons & Medallions

4000 Miles – Bronze Medallion

Cheryl Jarrett / R3
Teresa Galliher / R4
Sara Baldwin / R5
Elaine Swiss / R4

5000 Miles

Dolly Miller / R4

6000 Miles

Vickie White / R6
Sallie Kudra / R5

7000 Miles – Silver Medallion

Beverly Roberts / R4

8,000 Miles

Mary Colby / R6
Gary Clayton / R5

9,000 Miles

Ken Wolgram / R3
Martha Findley / R5

10,000 Miles – Gold Medallion

Angie Meroshnekoff / R1
Sponsored by Ron and Debbie York
Betty Wolgram / R3

13,000 Miles

Paula Riley / R5

15,000 Miles – Diamond Medallion

Larry Gould / R4

23,000 Miles

Mary Anna Wood / R6



*4000 Mile Rider:
Elaine Swiss, R4*



*6000 Mile Rider: Sallie Kudra, R5;
9000 Mile Rider: Ken Wolgram, R3;
9000 Mile Rider: Marty Findley, R5*



*10,000 Mile Riders:
Angie Meroshnekoff, R1 &
Betty Wolgram, R3*



*1000 Mile Horse:
Lory Walls, R2, &
Karen Kafka, R2*



*1000 Mile Horse:
Jim Ward, R3, &
Lin Ward, R3*



*1000 Mile Horse:
Carla Jo Bass,
R4*



*1000 Mile Horse:
Sallie Kudra, R5 &
Esther Diaguila, R5*



*2000 Mile Horse: Alanna Sommer, R4,
Alice Yovich, R4, &
Barbie Van Order, R4*



*3000 Mile Horse:
Ken Wolgram, R3*



*5000 Mile Horse:
Trish Cleveland, R6;
6000 Mile Horse:
Marty Findley, R5*



*7000 Mile Horse:
Betty Wolgram, R3*

2015 High Mileage Awards

High Mileage Horse Awards

1000-mile Horse Awards

Sierra Sunshine.....	gr.....	Donna Stidolph / R1
Sea Dragon.....	ang-ar	Lory Walls / R2
Smokey Sedona.....	mft.....	Karen Kafka / R2
BHR Hosan China Moon.....	har.....	Vicki Heniser / R3
Kokopelli Moon.....	mtpl.....	Natalie Brooker / R3
Bookcliff Mountain Fire.....	tw.....	Kenneth Bingham / R3
Regala de la Estrellas.....	pf.....	Diana Marquardt / R3
Turnner's Wild Card.....	kym.....	Lin Ward / R3
Gen's Rockin Shadow.....	tw.....	Jim Ward / R3
WH Picos Cozmic.....	ar.....	Shirley Borderson / R4
Wyntez Buddy.....	ar.....	Beverly Roberts / R4
Razmataz DBA.....	ar.....	Carla Jo Bass / R4
Wildfire Storm.....	ssh.....	Dolly Miller / R4
Terradocs Oconee Belle.....	morg.....	Sallie Kudra / R5
Alena Rae.....	har.....	Andrea Rogers / R5
DIA Icon.....	ar.....	Janell Mount / R5
Mariah's Secret.....	gr.....	Leigh Riley / R5
Danamyte.....	ar.....	Esther Diaguila / R5
Angel's Ricochet Shot.....	tw.....	Ryan Klamm / R6
Shadow's Dancer C.....	mft.....	Robin Nore / R6
Dun Come Unzipped.....	qtr.....	Margaret Reynolds /

2000-mile Horse Awards

Mariah.....	gr.....	Bill Wingle / R3
NKR April's Jewel.....	morg.....	Betsy Zimmerman / R4
Moon's Movin' Out.....	mft.....	Alanna Summer / R4
Tribute to Liberty.....	har.....	Alice Yovich / R4
Hes a Rockstar.....	must	Barbie Van Order / R4

3000-mile Horse Awards

Dee Bar.....	mule.....	Cheri Westmoreland / R3
Awesomes Fire N Ice.....	har.....	Ken Wolgram / R3

5000-mile Horse Award

Cito Mocha Raton.....	hoa.....	Trish Cleveland / R6
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6000-mile Horse Award

Prime Sensation WH	mft.....	Marty Findley / R5
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7000-mile Horse Award - Silver Medallion

Summer.....	gr.....	Betty Wolgram / R3
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10000-mile Horse Award - Gold Medallion

Winchester Charm.....	har.....	Lucy Hirsch / R6
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2015 High Point Breed Awards

APPALOOSA

Appaloosa Horse Club
Tommy's Impressive Ace /
Regina Broughton / R5

HALF-ARABIAN

Arabian Horse Association
Awesomes Fire N Ice /
Ken Wolgram / R3

ARABIAN

Arabian Horse Association
Danamyte /
Esther Diaguila / R5

HORSE OF THE AMERICAS

Horse of the Americas Association
Cito Mocha Raton /
Trish Cleveland / R6

MISSOURI FOX TROTTERS

Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association

Overall

EZ Rocket WH /
Marla Stucky / R6

Region 1

Sun-Ray's Mamma Jamma /
Tammy Brown

Region 2

no qualifying member

Region 3

Dakota Cole /
Caleen Olson

Region 4

Moon's Movin' Out /
Alanna Sommer

Region 5

Prime Sensation WH /
Martha Findley

Region 6

EZ Rocket WH /
Marla Stucky

MORGAN

American Morgan Horse Association

Silver Valley Tate /
Dwight & Mary Hanson / R6

MULE

American Donkey and Mule Society

Pistol Annie /
Patti Dollarhide / R6

PAINT HORSE

American Paint Horse Association

Lethal Status /
Sharron Ankersen / R6

PASO FINO

Paso Fino Horse Association

Regala de la Estrellas /
Diana Marquardt / R3

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HORSE

Rocky Mountain Horse Association

RRF's Full Throttle /
Donna Curry / R5

SPOTTED SADDLE HORSE

Spotted Saddle Horse Breeder's & Exhibitor's Assn.

Sunny Georgia /
Patty Lucas / R5

TENNESSEE WALKING HORSE

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

Sunny Georgia /
Patty Lucas / R5

GRADE

Cheri Jeffcoat

Swiss Mocha /
Paula Riley / R5
Mariah's Secret /
Leigh Riley / R5



Ken Wolgram, Half Arabian



Esther Diaguila, Arabian



Mary & Dwight Hanson, Morgan



*Caleen Olson,
Alanna Sommer,
Marty Findley, &
Marla Stucky,
Missouri Fox Trotters*



*Patty Lucas,
Spotted Saddle Horse &
Tennessee Walker*

2015 Overall Competitive Pleasure Awards

Horsemanship

1st Place Silver Bowl sponsored by Patricia Petelle

1. Leigh Riley.....	R5.....	120
2. Marla Stucky.....	R6.....	112
3. Betty Wolgram.....	R3.....	108
4. Beverly Roberts.....	R4.....	103
5. Alanna Sommer.....	R4.....	99
6. Brandy Ferganchick.....	R3.....	92



Tribute to Liberty & Alice Yovich

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Leigh Riley & Mariah's Secret

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Horse

1st Place Silver Bowl sponsored by Patricia Petelle

1. Tribute to Liberty / har.....	Alice Yovich / R4.....	114
2. Mariah's Secret / gr.....	Leigh Riley / R5.....	110
3. Summer / gr.....	Betty Wolgram / R3.....	104
4. EZ Rocket WH / mft.....	Marla Stucky / R6.....	102
5. Silver Valley Tate / morg.....	Mary Hanson / R6.....	100
6. Cedar Valley's Torden Fjell / norf.....	Brandy Ferganchick / R3	92

2015 Competitive Pleasure Grand Champion High Average Awards

HORSEMANSHIP

Leigh Riley.....	R5.....	98.988%
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Runners Up:

Marla Stucky.....	R6.....	98.936%
Alanna Sommer.....	R4.....	98.936%

HORSE

Silver Valley Tate / morg.....	Mary Hanson (R6).....	98.653%
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Runners Up:

EZ Rocket WH.....	Marla Stucky (R6).....	98.247%
Mariah's Secret.....	Leigh Riley (R5).....	97.851%



Silver Valley Tate & Mary Hanson

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2015 Overall Open Heavyweight Awards

Horsemanship

Bruce Becker Memorial Awarded to First Place

1. Ken Wolgram.....	R3.....	123
2. Gary Clayton.....	R5.....	116
3. Jim Ward.....	R3.....	90
4. Cheri Westmoreland.....	R3.....	84
5. Kay Stich.....	R6.....	78
6. Sallie Kudra.....	R5.....	72



*Sallie Kudra, Jim Ward,
Kay Stich & Ken Wolgram*



*Awesomes Fire N Ice &
Ken Wolgram*

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Horse

Bill Smith Memorial Awarded to First Place

1. Awesomes Fire N Ice / har.....	Ken Wolgram / R3.....	139
2. Gen's Rockin Shadow / tw.....	Jim Ward / R3.....	94
3. Dee Bar / gr.....	Cheri Westmoreland / R3.....	92
3. Windstorm Clay / morg.....	Tommy Mitchell / R5.....	92
4. Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man / mft.....	Kay Stich / R6.....	80
5. L.L.Remington / har.....	Marilyn Marston / R6.....	78
5. Razmataz DBA / ar.....	Carla Jo Bass / R4.....	78
6. Victory CH / har.....	William Moore / R5.....	77



*Gen's Rockin Shadow &
Jim Ward*

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2015 Overall Open Lightweight Awards

Horsemanship

Sponsored by Marla Stucky

1. Esther Diaguila.....	R5.....	188
2. Trish Cleveland.....	R6.....	154
3. Paula Riley.....	R5.....	114
4. Patty Lucas.....	R5.....	96
4. Barbie Van Order.....	R4.....	96
5. Dolly Miller.....	R4.....	80
5. Margaret Reynolds.....	R6.....	80
6. Brenda Messick.....	R6.....	79



*Esther Diaguila, Trish Cleveland, Patty Lucas,
Barbie Van Order & Lin Ward*



Esther Diaguila

Horse

1st Place Silver Bowl sponsored by Linda Clarke

1. Danamye / ar.....	Ester Diaguila / R5.....	187
2. Cito Mocha Raton / hoa.....	Trish Cleveland / R6.....	169
3. Sunny Georgia / tw.....	Patty Lucas / R5.....	121
4. Swiss Mocha / gr.....	Paula Riley / R5.....	110
5. Hes a Rockstar / must.....	Barbie Van Order / R4.....	107
6. Turnner's Wild Card / kym.....	Lin Ward / R3.....	86



*Cito Mocha Raton &
Trish Cleveland*

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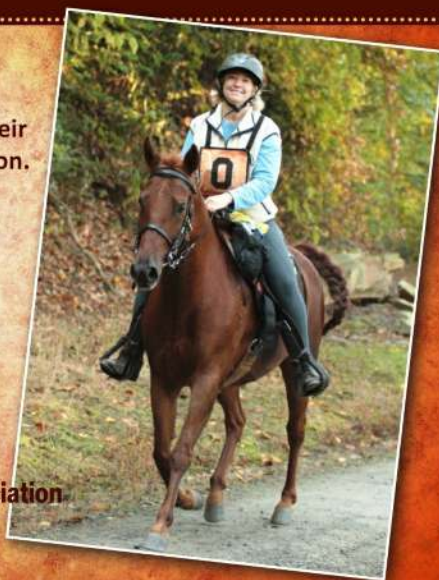
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4-H Award High Point Horse & Horsemanship

Sponsored by Shari Parys

Open : Lincoln / gr / Alexis Combs / Region 3

Overall Open Junior Awards

Horsemanship

1st Place Silver Bowl and all ribbons sponsored by the Glassman Family

1. Alexis Combs.....	R3.....	60
2. Brianna Floyd.....	R2.....	30
3. Ryan Klamm.....	R6.....	29
4. Sydney Bingham.....	R3.....	24
4. McKinsey Ware.....	R5.....	24

Horse

1st Place Silver Bowl and all ribbons sponsored by the Glassman Family

1. Lincoln / gr.....	Alexis Combs / R3.....	60
2. Rocky / mule.....	Brianna Floyd / R2	31
3. Angel's Ricochet Shot / tw....	Ryan Klamm / R6.....	30
4. GT / gr.....	Sydney Bingham / R3.....	24
4. RaJahada / gr.....	McKinsey Ware / R5.....	24



Alexis Combs



Lincoln & Alexis Combs
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Rocky & Brianna Floyd
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Jr. High Average Horsemanship

Jacket sponsored by Shari Parys
Blanket and Ribbon sponsored by the Glassman Family

Alexis Combs.....	94.760%
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Jr. Grand Champion Horse

Jacket sponsored by Shari Parys
Blanket and Ribbon sponsored by the Glassman Family

Lincoln / gr.....	Alexis Combs.....	93.367%
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***Awesomes Fire N Ice &
Ken Wolgram***

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2015 Polly Bridges Memorial Overall Open High Average Horsemanship

**Ribbon sponsored by
Angie Meroshnekoff**

Ken Wolgram.....99.798%

Runners Up:

Esther Diaguila.....99.155%

Paula Riley.....98.346%

2015 Bev Tibbitts Grand Champion Overall Open High Average

**Buckle sponsored by
Patricia Petelle,**

Ribbon sponsored by Angie Meroshnekoff

Awesomes Fire N Ice / har.....Ken Wolgram.....99.744%

Runners Up:

Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man.....Kay Stich.....98.024%

Cito Mocha Raton.....Trish Cleveland.....96.680%

2015 Jim Menefee Memorial Combined Horse & Horsemanship

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Danamyte, ridden by **Esther Diaguila** 187 points



2015 President's Cup

What a Ride!!

Acceptance Speech by Esther Diaguila

Mark Frost once said, "Life is not a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely in a pretty and well-preserved body. But rather, to skid in broadside, thoroughly used up, totally worn out, and loudly proclaiming WOW what a ride."

Wow! I am really here!, with each of you, right here where riders like Bev Tibbitts, Lisa Brooks, Shirley Sobol, James Keene, Wayne Tolbert, and Cheri Jeffcoat have stood and been awarded this awesome President's Cup. My life is good, but at this moment, it's amazing.

The journey that Dana and I have taken to reach this place is a testament to the philosophy of training and conditioning that makes NATRC the incredible equine sport that it is today. That I am standing here is due in large part to my husband, Paul; his patience and support were instrumental in this achievement.

In the beginning, if anyone had told me that I would be able to compete against the level of competition I was riding with in Region 5's Open Division, I might have laughed. But, the truth is I took every opportunity that I was given to observe, learn from, and be trained by individuals like Cheri Jeffcoat, Marty Findley, Paula Riley, Regina Broughton and Trish Cleveland.

I'm not going to let you believe that Dana was on board with this at the beginning in March of 2015. At Spanish Trail, we were in the last 3 miles of the ride. Shirley Parker had created an interesting obstacle: backing around a bush, then making a 90° turn to continue backing between two trees. Dana was eager to get back to camp and decided she had no time for playing with bushes and trees. I had to insist. That's when she seemed to say, "If we have to do this, we're going to get it over with." Up, around the bush and through the trees at warp speed.

As soon as we had backed through the trees, she stopped and her attitude clearly said, "Are you happy now?"

Even after 5 years she can still surprise me. During the Georgia on My Mind Competition in 2014, a tiny drainage ditch became the Grand Canyon to Dana. She proceeded to leap it. I was not expecting this, and as she landed, my heels dug into her sides. This was the one and only time Dana ever bucked, and off I came. I think it surprised Dana as much as me!

NATRC riders once again showed the true sportsmanship they are known for. Several of the Open riders stopped to help; Paula Riley caught Dana and brought her back. Bill Moore, Patty Lucas and several others helped me back on my horse and stayed with me as we continued the ride and eventually came back to camp. I had several people offer pain meds, and one fellow rider loaned me a compression sleeve that helped to get me through the rest of the ride.

But I'm getting ahead of myself; I want to recognize some special friends that shared the journey with us this

year.

Most of my Region 5 rides were with Regina Broughton and her Appaloosa gelding, Tango. I feel blessed that I had the opportunity to see this incredible team work together before Tango's retirement. More than once I had to put Dana behind Tango's big butt, and Dana knew when I did that she had really messed up. Riding with Regina was fun, and she knew how to help me with my pacing. When we were going up hills, Tango would go out front and just power up those inclines. When we needed to make time, Dana would go first with her big trot. I enjoyed our teamwork.

Patty Lucas was another wonderful ride partner. After getting off trail at the French Broad Classic on the Biltmore Estate this past year, we found ourselves 45 minutes behind maximum time. Patty never grumbled or whined, she was encouraging and cheerful as we cantered and galloped to make up time. At the P&R both horses pulsed down nicely, and we were actually able to make it in on middle time. Before this, I had been very insecure about cantering along with another horse, but with Patty's confidence and Dana's conditioning, our partnership grew even stronger.

Riding with Bill Moore and Tommy Mitchell was enormous fun this year. I began to think of them as "The Boy's Club". Sometimes their trail riding was more like two cowboys out for a good time instead of a riding competition, but it gave me an opportunity to observe Bill's relationship with his Arab, Victory, and reflect on my partnership with Dana. Dana has learned to trust me, and I have learned to trust her. Sometimes you have to let your horse make decisions without trying to micro-manage.

Going out of region was a bit scary for me. I'm so thankful that everyone welcomed Paul and me and treated us like we were long



Danamyte & Esther Diaguila

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lost family. A very special thanks to Trish Cleveland and Marilyn Marston for allowing me to ride with them at the PonyXpress Ride. This was a magical ride over rolling hills and through an old pony express station, painstakingly recreated. All fears evaporated, and Dana and I had a grand time! New friendships were made, Cricket Dooley, Patti Hicks, and so many others. Thanks, everyone, for such a warm welcome to an out-of-region rider.

Some experiences out of Region 5, like trying to comply with health reg-

ulations in every state and a few trips to the emergency room for both Paul and me were uncomfortable, but I would say the good experiences far outweighed the bad.

Now at the end of this you might be trying to decide if this is a fantasy trip, a reality show, or a horror tale.

So let me conclude with this quote from Zig Zigler.

"When obstacles arise, you change your direction to reach your goal; you do not change your decision to get there."



If you have been thinking about traveling out of region, trying to go for the "cup", attending more rides, or moving up to Open Division, just do it. It's a journey worth the ride, and what a ride it is!

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Statistics for the Curious . . .

Number of Horses by
Region with 1,000 or
more NATRC
Competition Miles

REGION	NUMBER
1	78
2	56
3	107
4	157
5	155
6	153
Region Unknown	123
Total	829

Prime Sensation WA

2000 - 2016

By Marty Findley

On February 26, 2016, I lost my beloved Prime. A gate left open, two curious and trusting horses wandered into the road, and both had to be euthanized.

Only a few days before, on February 20, 2016 in Reno, Nevada, I had talked with so many people who knew Prime and had ridden him. I wanted to share this little tribute with all who knew him.

His athletic ability was well known, but perhaps you were not aware of

some of his personal attributes. Raised and ridden by Bill Hinkebein, he earned three National Championships and multiple Region 6 awards. In 2006 he finished 63 miles of the Tevis Cup, sound, pulled only because of time constraints.

On to his second owner, Cheri Jeffcoat, where his manners were polished. With Cheri, he was our Presidents Cup winner (2010), Jim Menefee Combined horse and Horsemanship winner (2009-10), plus earned four more National Championships.

I entered his life when my Arab could no longer compete

because of a debilitating condition, and my husband was tired of my crying about not being able to go to NATRC rides and compete in Open. Prime was my 9th horse

to start in NATRC and in some ways my biggest challenge. He only trusted Cheri and himself. Frequently at Region 5 rides if she was the judge, she had to hold her arms down by her sides when giving directions or he would side pass left and right as she talked. As we worked out our relationship, he won five more

National Championships, the Bev Tibbitts High Average Award, and the NATRC High Point Lightweight horse in 2013.

After the first year we bonded to such an extent that I could walk up to him in the pasture and halter him. To those who really knew him, this was the ultimate acknowledgement of trust where Prime was concerned. This magnificent Missouri Fox Trotter always had my heart. Raised by a General George Patton, trained by a Hillary Clinton, he finally spent his last years with me, Alice in Wonderland.



*Prime and Marty at the
Virginia Highlands ride,
Region 5, June 2015*

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NATRC Student Loan Program

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

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

A loan will be made based upon financial need, scholastic achievement, and character of the applicant as determined by the Student Loan/Scholarship Committee.

A loan is to be repaid in monthly installments with an annual interest rate of 3% charged on that loan, beginning not later than six months following graduation or when the recipient ceases to be a full-time student.

For an application, contact the NATRC Executive Administrator at natrc@natrc.org, or download [NATRC Student Loan Application](#).

Please complete the form in Word or as an interactive PDF and submit via email to the NATRC Executive Administrator at natrc@natrc.org.

The Story of My



By Victoria Light

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I've never thought of myself as an addict. I've spent my life surrounded by strong personalities with strong addictions like alcohol, cigarettes, work and even religion. I have been given opportunities to indulge myself into any and all of these "vices". But somewhere in the back of my head I have always heard my mother's voice "Everything in moderation, Victoria, everything in moderation." I have grown past the years that I felt were the most dangerous, the years I was most susceptible to the influence of others. I thought I was safe.

I was wrong.

It turns out I have had this hidden addiction all of my life. I have been lying to myself for years. Telling myself "It's ok. It's just a past time. A form of recreation. You could survive without it if you had to." I have since realized I could not. I was not pressured into this addiction. It was not a peer pressure type thing. As a matter of fact, no one around me did it, and maybe that is why I dismissed its importance.

Looking back, I can see how my addiction has grown. It started off small...borrowing and begging just to be around it. Then increasing to owning it myself. Eventually, my entire life revolved around it. My husband tries to be supportive, but he just doesn't understand it. How could he? It is not his addiction.

It has changed how I live. How I react and talk to people. It affects holidays and vacations. I have missed work because of it. There is not one aspect of my life that it has not touched.

It was not until September 2014 in Troy, Alabama that I found others like myself. Others willing to go out in the cold and rain to feed their addictions. To care for it. To

treat it better than we treat ourselves.

I have now found a support group that I am willing to share myself with. To consider my family. If you are reading this, you are that supportive family. Thank you. Together we are stronger and better for it.

It is my understanding that the first step is to admit you have this addiction and the second step is to figure out what you are going to do about it. So, here it goes. I, Victoria Light, am addicted to horses and these are my goals:

- 1) Creating communication between myself and my horse. This includes trust and respect in both directions.
- 2) Creating an environment around me of education for myself, my fellow riders and our horses.
- 3) Creating attainable goals for me and my horse while maintaining an atmosphere of fun. For only through pushing past our comfort zone do we improve ourselves.

I don't ever think I will nor do I want to kick this addiction, but I feel that with the support of my NATRC family all of these goals can be accomplished.

Living and loving with horses.



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Blazing a Trail...

The importance of trail design to the success of a ride

By Kimberly Murphy, Management Chair

“It’s the Way You Ride the Trail That Counts” – Dale Evans

One of the most critical aspects of ride management and planning is the selection of a trailmaster and the layout/design of the trails themselves. Each ride location presents its own unique set of challenges and opportunities. A good trailmaster can take on those challenges and give the riders the opportunity to fully enjoy the ride experience.

All of the required aspects of ride trail design are included in the [Rule Book](#) and [Management Manual](#). There are a number of things that the trailmaster must consider when determining how to best use what they have to work with at a ride location. They must consider the distances required for the Novice, CP and Open divisions as well as what pace to set for each group within the guidelines, taking into consideration the terrain, weather etc. They must consider where to locate the P&R stops, at what points the judges will see the riders on trail, and how best to plan and allow for the required two metabolic checks and soundness checks per day for the veterinary judge. They must also include at least four checkpoints on the trail to allow riders to orient themselves. Perhaps most importantly of all, they must make the trail markings distinct and obvious to the riders. That is a full plate...and it takes an organized and resourceful individual to put it

all together. Here are a few tips and techniques to keep in mind when planning the trail for your ride:

- Keeping the divisions closer together on trail gives more opportunities for judging. Adding in a side loop for the Open riders or a short cut for Novice and CP somewhere between 5 and 10 miles out can help to keep the Novice, CP, and Open groups closer together, allowing the judges to complete an observation and more easily get ahead to catch the riders at another point along the trail. If the two groups are allowed to get farther and farther apart, with the first Open rider on minimum time and the last Novice or CP possibly running on maximum, it becomes very difficult to finish and get to the next judging point in time.
- Plan where the vet judge will have good terrain for a soundness check on trail. Consider where you will place the metabolic checks, taking into consideration any possible back up or hold times occurring that could create an un-level playing field for those observations.
- Consider locations of access points for judging and time how long it takes to drive from place to place.
- Consider where and how horses will have access to water on trail. Are there safe natural sources or will you need to haul water out to places on trail?
- Remember that although the trailmaster is tasked with identifying/planning possible observation points, they do not design or come up with the observation itself. Give the judge

something to work with and let them decide what they will do at the location.

- When planning for P&R stops, consider the weather conditions for the ride. Will it be hot? If so, a spot in the shade or open to a breeze is better. Also consider the need for room for P&R crews to move around the horses safely. Can the ambulance trailer get to the location to pick up pulled horses if necessary?
- When you are finished marking trail, consider having a person unfamiliar with the trails come to ride with you. Put that rider in front of you and give them the map. If they miss a turn or have places they are unsure where to go, that will tell you where you need to add ribbons or a sign/marker. Very often when we become familiar with a trail, we are no longer able to look at it with those new eyes. What is obvious to us may be confusing when you don't know the trails.
- Have contingency plans. Plan ahead for possible alternate routes around areas that can become dangerous when very wet, and pre-figure the ride timing in the event you may need to reduce the speed for safety. This pre-planning will make the ride weekend much less stressful when Mother Nature throws a wrench in the works.

Remember that the trail should be challenging in terms of terrain/miles but easy to follow with markings and map. We are a distance competitive trail sport, with 85% of the score for the horse based on the evaluation of its condition and soundness. The trail should therefore be challenging enough to allow for separation of the horses by the veterinary judge - rewarding those that are conditioned and prepared for the ride.

S.T.A.R. Ride (San Tan Area Ride)

By Annie Murphee

Horses are the most magnificent creatures! Never in my fourteen years would I have imagined that I would be given this incredible opportunity.

I've been riding horses since I was a little girl, but recently I was introduced to a horse expert, Karen Kafka. She has shown me a whole new sport - competitive trail riding. I absolutely love that I am able to be outside with my horse in the beautiful country and ride for two days at a time!

I joined the North American Trail Ride Conference and just completed my first event. I was so impressed that there was a horsemanship judge and a vet judge who observed and critiqued me throughout the whole event. I have wanted to be a large animal vet since I was two, so it was especially motivating for me to see an equine vet in action. I liked how NATRC volunteers took pulse and respiration on the horses at certain checkpoints to make sure my horse was healthy and able to continue.

When I was introduced to the sport, I was a bit nervous. It was all so new to me. I wasn't sure if it was a sport that would be accepting of kids. I soon found that not only does the sport

support junior riders, they offer enthusiastic and personal help. I was blessed with a sponsor for my first ride by a

gracious rider named Tammy Brown. She sponsored me in memory of her husband, Doug, as they both shared a passion for horses.

I spent that first ride alongside a mentor rider, Hillary. She owns the horse that I lease - a mustang named "Ford".

NATRC has already provided me with an exceptional experience, surrounded me with knowledgeable horse-loving people, and has given me new-found confidence in a sport that I now am addicted to.

I look forward to the miles we have yet to go!



Annie Murphee at the STAR ride.

Statistics for the Curious...

Number of Horses by Breed
with 1,000 or more NATRC
Competition Miles through 2015

Arabian.....	298
Half Arabian.....	137
Grade.....	129
Missouri Fox Trotter.....	64
Appaloosa.....	47
Tennessee Walking Horse.....	29
Quarterhorse.....	28
Morgan.....	21
Mule.....	11
Paint.....	9
Paso Fino.....	8
Spanish Mustang.....	8
Mustang.....	7
Spotted Saddle Horse.....	6
American Indian Horse.....	5
Horse of the Americas.....	3
Racking Horse.....	3
American Part Bred Horse.....	2
American Saddlebred.....	2
Kentucky Mountain Horse.....	2
Peruvian Horse.....	2
Thoroughbred.....	2
AIHR Half Breed.....	1
Anglo-Arabian.....	1
Mountain Pleasure.....	1
Nakota.....	1
Norwegian Fjord.....	1
Rocky Mountain Horse.....	1

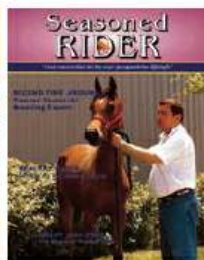
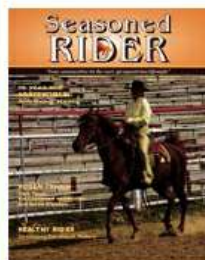
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RULE PROPOSALS CARRIED FORWARD FROM NBOD MEETING 2-18-2016

Addition of a Non-Competing Adult Supporting Membership

SECTION 1 - GENERAL

A. Membership

1. Any person interested in the purposes of this organization may be eligible for membership upon proper application and payment of the required dues.
 - a. Yearly Membership
 - (1) Adult Membership: Any person 18 years of age or over.
 - (2) Junior Membership: Any person under the age of 18 as of the beginning of the ride year.
 - (3) Family Membership: A household of one or two adults and children under the age of 18 as of January 1.
 - (4) Associate Membership: Any firm, partnership, group, or any other business sufficiently interested in the promotion of the horse and horse-back riding, upon proper application and the annual payment of dues.
 - (5) Supporting Membership: Any person 18 years of age or over. Not eligible for individual ride awards unless the non-member rider fees are paid at the ride. Not eligible for year end and mileage awards unless Adult membership fee is paid before the end of the ride year.
 - b. Lifetime Membership
 - (1) Single Lifetime Membership: Any person of any age.
 - (2) Family Lifetime Membership: A household of one or two adults at time membership is obtained and any children under the age of 18 as of January 1.
2. Each membership, except lifetime, shall be for a period of twelve months commencing January 1 each year regardless of the month in which payment of dues is received. All membership fees are due on January 1 each year.
3. Each Adult, Supporting, and Single Lifetime Membership is entitled to one vote. Each Family and Family Lifetime Membership is entitled to two votes.

Rationale: Older riders who quit competing can easily be lost to NATRC membership. Other members who have joined, even for a year or two, and are not competing may not renew for other reasons, economic, family changes, horse issues, etc. A less expensive membership could encourage them to remain. Suggest \$40.00 for supporting membership.

Note: No monies should be returned to the regions for the supporting memberships. No loss would be incurred by NATRC.

Hoof Protection/Leg Protection

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, gaiter or accessory must not extend above the pastern. Socks and wraps under hoof boots or any of their parts are allowed if they do not extend above the pastern. The judges may request to observe the area covered by the attached strap, keeper, gaiter, or accessory.
3. (Move from 5 F 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.

And change to:

Protective devices, such as bell boots, splint boot or leg wraps are not permissible on the legs of horses except as part of hoof sole protection as allowed in 5 E 2. . 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: (1) Socks and wraps under hoof boots or their accessories have been considered leg protection. Is it more appropriate to consider these as hoof boot protection?

(2) Moving #3 from the current section (5 F) on tack to the rules on shoeing and hoof protection makes more sense.

Junior Competitor Proposal

SECTION 4 - DIVISIONS, CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

B. Classes

3. Junior
 - a. Age 10 through 17. The rider must be 10 years old to enter competition; thereafter the age of a junior shall be determined by whatever their age is as of the beginning of the ride year and this age shall continue throughout that ride year.
 - b. Juniors may not compete in Novice Heavyweight, Novice Lightweight, or Senior classes. Juniors may compete in Open Heavyweight or Open Lightweight classes if weight requirements are met.

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- c. Juniors (See Section 4 B3a) may not ride stallions.
- d. No weight requirements apply if competing in Junior Class.

Change to:

- 3. Junior
 - a. Age 8 through 17. The rider must be 8 years old to enter competition; thereafter the age of a junior shall be determined by whatever their age is as of the beginning of the ride year and this age shall continue throughout that ride year. Juniors under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult (18 years or over) on the trail unless the junior rider has at least 300 competition miles or has completed a minimum of 10 rides of any ride type.
 - b. ~~Juniors may not compete in Novice Heavyweight, Novice Lightweight, or Senior classes. Juniors may compete in Open Heavyweight or Open Lightweight classes if weight requirements are met.~~
 - e-b. Juniors (See Section 4 B3a) may not ride stallions.
 - e-c. No weight requirements apply if competing in Junior Class.

Rationale: Multiple families have indicated this has been a large factor in their either not joining NATRC, or stepping away from NATRC and going to other distance riding organizations so that their children could compete with them. This proposal would reduce those losses in the future.

RULE CLARIFICATIONS CARRIED FORWARD

Ride Results and Office Procedure

SECTION 2 - SANCTIONED RIDES AND CLINICS

- A. Rides
 - 2. Fees
 - b. A rider's fee as established by the Board of Directors will be sent with the ride results within 7 days following the ride (count each rider who officially starts, see Section 5 A2). After receipt by the NATRC office of all scores, points will be recorded on behalf of the competitor who is a current member or who joins at any time during a year in which that rider has competed in a ride.

Change to:

- A. Rides
 - 2. Fees
 - b. Rider fees and notification of completion of ride results will be sent to the NATRC national office within 7 working days following the ride. All riders who officially start the ride shall be counted. The NATRC national office will download all scores and then record rider's points and mileage. The rider's fee amount will be established by the Board of Directors on an annual basis.

Rationale: The proposed change would better describe the current office procedure as well as emphasize the 7-day post ride time frame to submit ride results.

Clarify Definition of Ride Year

SECTION 2 - SANCTIONED RIDES AND CLINICS

- A. Rides
 - 1. Sanctioning
 - d. Ride year will end ~~immediately after~~ the second Sunday in November.

SECTION 1 - AWARDS

- B. Annual Awards
 - 1. General
 - e. Ride year will end ~~immediately after~~ the second Sunday in November.

Rationale: Eligibility for year-end awards is based on membership by the end of the ride year as opposed to the calendar year.

The age of Juniors is defined by the beginning of the ride year, Section 4 B 3 a. "The rider must be 10 years old to enter competition; thereafter the age of a junior shall be determined by whatever their age is as of the beginning of the ride year and this age shall continue throughout that ride year."

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If the ride year ends "immediately after the second Sunday in November," it's unclear when the beginning of the ride year is. Deleting "immediately after" in two places would give a more precise definition of the end of the ride year and thus also to the beginning of the ride year.

Points Distribution Clarification

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

C. Point Distribution

1. Disqualified or pulled horse and rider receive no points. (Move to 3)
1. Points shall be based on the number of starters in a Class according to the Points Distribution Table.
2. DO horse and rider receive no points. DO participants are not counted as starters in a ride. DO horses and riders receive no points.
3. Disqualified or pulled horse and rider receive no points.
4. The Open Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to the highest points awarded in any of the three Open classes. The Novice Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to the highest points awarded in any of the three Novice classes.
5. 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. Points earned in one class will not be added to points earned in another class by the same horse or rider.

Rationale: To define how points are assigned and to introduce the points distribution table. Points Distribution Table is located directly following #6 above.

North American Trail Ride Conference

Balance Sheet As of December 31, 2015

		Total As Of	
		Dec 31, 2015	Dec 31, 2014 (PY)
ASSET			
Current Assets			
Bank Accounts			
First Bank Checking #8697	10,976	27,464	
First Bank Liquid Assets #2485	148,863	148,688	
First Bank Student L/S #2493	80,066	86,991	
Total Conference Accounts	239,905	263,143	
Foundation Accounts			
Foundation First Bank Chkg#4964	8,684	8,539	
Foundation--KFB Annuity	37,511	37,511	
Foundation Fidelity - Z69-235580	46,369	45,626	
Total Foundation Accounts	92,564	91,676	
Total Bank Accounts	332,469	354,819	
Other current assets			
Student Loans Receivable	5,000	0	
Total Other current assets	5,000	0	
Total Current Assets	337,469	354,819	
TOTAL ASSETS	337,469	354,819	
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
Other Current Liabilities			
Ride Management Support Fund	35,585	42,585	
Federal Payroll Taxes Payable	92	584	
Sales tax payable	0	(1)	
State Payroll Taxes Payable	168	117	
Total Other Current Liabilities	35,845	43,285	
Total Current Liabilities	35,845	43,285	
Total Liabilities	35,845	43,285	
Equity			
Foundation Equity	11,041	10,299	
Foundation Earnings	3	3	
Retained Equity	244,048	244,048	
Retained Earnings	57,184	52,964	
Net Income	(10,652)	4,220	
Total Equity	301,624	311,534	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	337,469	354,819	

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

ROLL CALL. Dieterich, Meroshnekoff, Malone, Insko, Gunckel, Chuck Smith for Horne, Yovich, Muench, Cowart, Rand, Rinne, and Parys present. Laurie DiNatale, Executive Administrator. Beni DeMattei, R2 Alternate. Patsy Conner as Sanction Committee Chair. Laurie Knuutila, *Hoof Print* Editor.

MINUTES. November 14, 2015. Call for corrections. **Meroshnekoff moved to accept minutes, Rand seconded. Motion approved.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Cowart welcomed Bob Insko, R2, Kay Gunckel, R3, and Gayle Muench, R4. Cowart reviewed some of our goals, how we have met them, or what we still need to work on.

EXECUTIVE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT. DiNatale. Is in the middle of membership renewal process.

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT. Malone reviewed reports. Income is down. Malone distributed budget and reviewed. Muench started discussion on Marketing NATRC.

Motion by Muench, seconded by Gunckel to allot \$5,000 to marketing in budget. Motion withdrawn. Discussion on revising budget, with consensus to add \$5,000 to each of the following categories; paid advertising, website design and member loyalty. Malone will send a new budget to the BOD. **Motion by Insko, seconded by Muench to approve budget as submitted, until a revised budget can be reviewed and approved. Motion approved.**

Guests. Dave Dashner, Sharon Roper, Greg and Juleen Feazell.

BY-LAWS & RULES. Sarah Rinne (Wayne Hyatt). See Rule Report in this issue of *Hoof Print*.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. Dieterich and Green. Discussion on raising awareness on regional activities, including regional balloting, for all BOD members. We also need to develop a basic fact sheet to be used when writing stories about NATRC or answering interview questions.

PROTEST. Meroshnekoff. No protests.

PLANNED AND CHARITABLE GIVING. Cowart. No report

RIDE SANCTION. Patsy Conner reviewed her report.

CLINIC SANCTION. Linda Clayton. Report filed.

MANAGEMENT. Kim Murphy. No report filed. Parys reported that weight cards have been implemented.

RULES INTERPRETER. DeMattei reported that time delays were reported on four out of the five rides that have sent reports. Discussion on competitors who did not stay in camp with their horses. While this is not against the rules, it may not be prudent since riders should monitor their horses overnight.

INSURANCE. DiNatale. No changes to insurance. Diane Leshner of Equisure will be at the General Meeting to answer questions.

SAFETY. Bob Insko will be chairing this committee.

MARKETING/ PUBLICITY/WEBSITE/E-NEWS. Bev Roberts. Report filed. Jean Green sent report on E-News.

NATIONAL AWARDS PRESENTATION. Region 1 as hosting region will handle awards presentation at the convention.

SOCIAL MEDIA. Rinne. Rinne and Jonni Jewell monitor page to keep it positive and constructive. Page has been used successfully for a poll on proposed rule change. Rinne has created a YouTube Channel for NATRC.

BUSINESS MODELS AND MEASUREMENTS. Swiss. No report filed.

MEMBER LOYALTY. Rinne and DeMattei are researching awards.

SPONSORSHIPS. Parys sent report. Parys is working to get sponsorships back on track. Committee will be evaluating the list of sponsorship levels and the valuations of the benefits. After it has been revised, the committee will send to the BOD. Parys emphasized that potential sponsors should be directed to the committee for contact.

Guests. Greg Fellers, DVM, and Joan Throgmorton.

Greg Fellers, DVM, addressed the BOD regarding the CRI and its history

and protocol. Dr. Fellers was questioned on the value of the CRI in our sport. Dr. Fellers stated that it is important because we are asking our vet judges to evaluate conditioning of the horse. He felt that the CRI is a valuable tool and that heart rate is still the most critical evaluation of recovery.

MEDIA ADVISORY. Dieterich filed report. Dieterich outlined the various committee chairs and their roles in working with media resources. Laurie Knuutila's contract as *Hoof Print* Editor will be renewed.

RIDERS AND JUNIORS. Meroshnekoff. No report.

FOUNDATION. Conner. Meeting scheduled after the General Meeting on Saturday.

DRUG TESTING. Kay Gunckel, DVM, will take over this committee.

VETERINARY DRUG COMMITTEE. Michael Peralez, DVM. No report. Consensus to add glaucine to the drug appendix pending the official recommendation from the vet drug committee.

TRAIL ADVOCACY. Mary Hanson is the new chair of the committee.

EDUCATION. Dieterich. Report filed. The development of the CRI protocol is at the top of the Education Committee's efforts. Riders Manual is undergoing final review. The "Basic CTR" manual has been reviewed. Dieterich asked BOD to consider basic "Rules of the Ride: Be safe – Be considerate – Be on time."

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION. Cowart. No one was named for these areas since this is the responsibility of the entire BOD. The free memberships to brand new members are our major focus. We need outreach to all of the new members to make sure they feel comfortable and will want to stay with us. This needs to be done by each region.

JUDGES. Kay Gunckel, DVM/Priscilla Lindsey. Lindsey filed report. Jill Talbot has done one Provisional Ride. **Motion by Dieterich, seconded by Meroshnekoff, to reinstate Jan Jeffers as a Horsemanship Judge. Motion approved.**

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Judges Committee has made the recommendation for a path to reinstatement for Dr. Regier. **Motion by Rand, seconded by Yovich to take the Judges Committees recommendation to offer Dr. Regier a path to reinstatement of his judges card. Motion approved.**

Judges Committee needs to be ratified by the BOD. The nominees as submitted by President Cowart were: *Veterinary*: Kay Gunckel, DVM—co-chair, Greg Fellers, DVM, Donna Johnson, DVM, Mike Bridges, DVM, and Kate Jacob, DVM. *Horsemanship*: Priscilla Lindsey—co-chair, Nancy Kasovich, Lory Walls and Becky Rogers. *Rider*: Angie Meroshnekoff, Jonni Jewell, Keri Riddick and Marty Findley.

Motion by Rinne, seconded by Dietrich to ratify the 2016 Judges Committee as presented. Motion approved.

HALL OF FAME. Jackie Coleman. Windstorm Sienna will be inducted into the NATRC Horse Hall of Fame at this convention.

STUDENT LOAN/SCHOLARSHIPS. Smith for Horne. Two scholarship applications and one student loan submitted. **Motion by Smith, seconded by Muench to award \$2500 to Madeleine Martin. Discussion. Smith amended motion to revise figure to \$2000. Motion approved.** The other Scholarship and Student Loan applications were not approved.

BREEDS & ORGANIZATIONS.

- **BREED LIAISON.** Terry Silver. No report. Breed awards have been awarded by various associations and will be awarded on Saturday night.
- **AHA LIAISON.** Bob Insko. AHA has approved a Sport Horse Class at some rides if an approved judge is hired.

HONORARY & APPRECIATION. Ruth Mesimer. Report filed.

ANNUAL POINTS/NATRC DATA/ NATIONAL RECOGNITION. Cheri Jeffcoat/Laurie DiNatale. No report.

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

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North American Trail Ride Conference

Profit and Loss - Budget vs Actual

January - December, 2015

	TOTAL		Over/Under Budget
	Actual	Budget	
Income			
Memberships	33,107	34,195	(1,088)
Platinum Membership Upgrade	2,424	2,700	(276)
Rides	27,767	27,995	(228)
Product Sales	203	120	83
Sponsorships	784	10,000	(9,216)
Raffles	1,460	800	660
Hoof Print	1,097	650	447
Convention and Awards	8,751	5,000	3,751
Trail Advocacy	25	0	25
Donations	745	250	495
Other Income	345	400	(55)
Interest Income	1,703	1,775	(72)
Total Income	\$78,411	\$83,885	\$ (5,474)
Gross Profit	\$78,411	\$83,885	\$ (5,474)
Expenses			
Member Dues to Regions	9,005	7,085	1,920
Platinum Membership Upgrades	2,361	2,560	(199)
Ride Costs	6,048	6,200	(152)
Clinic Expenses	400	1,200	(800)
Product Costs	1,228	3,100	(1,872)
Marketing	7,414	18,025	(10,611)
Raffle	20	0	20
Hoofprint	6,970	7,860	(890)
Convention and Award Expenses	7,420	8,170	(750)
Staff Expenses	32,299	32,970	(671)
Administrative	13,697	12,715	982
Scholarships/Student Loans	2,000	2,000	0
Other Expense	201	115	86
Total Expenses	\$89,063	\$102,000	\$ (12,937)
Net Operating Income / (Loss)	\$ (10,652)	\$ (18,115)	\$ 7,463
Net Income / (Loss)	\$ (10,652)	\$ (18,115)	\$ 7,463



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North American Trail Ride Conference

Profit and Loss - Actual vs LY

January - December, 2015

	TOTAL		
	Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec	
	2015	2014 (PY)	Change
Income			
Memberships	33,107	34,285	(1,178)
Platinum Membership Upgrade	2,424	2,776	(352)
Rides	27,767	27,378	389
Product Sales	203	183	20
Sponsorships	784	6,636	(5,852)
Raffles	1,460	2,678	(1,218)
Hoof Print	1,097	913	184
Convention and Awards	8,751	6,384	2,367
Judge Fee	0	15	(15)
Trail Advocacy	25	0	25
Donations	745	209	536
Scholarship Donations	0	865	(865)
Other Income	345	405	(60)
Interest Income	1,703	1,767	(64)
Total Income	\$ 78,411	\$ 84,494	\$(6,083)
Gross Profit	\$ 78,411	\$ 84,494	\$(6,083)
Expenses			
Member Dues to Regions	9,005	7,090	1,915
Platinum Membership Upgrades	2,361	2,843	(482)
Ride Costs	6,048	6,533	(485)
Clinic Expenses	400	500	(100)
Product Costs	1,228	380	848
Marketing	7,414	5,078	2,336
Raffle	20	54	(34)
Hoofprint	6,970	6,609	361
Convention and Award Expenses	7,420	8,220	(800)
Staff Expenses	32,299	28,095	4,204
Administrative	13,697	12,730	967
Scholarships/Student Loans	2,000	2,000	0
Other Expense	201	142	59
Total Expenses	\$ 89,063	\$ 80,274	\$8,789
Net Operating Income / (Loss)	\$ (10,652)	\$ 4,220	\$ (14,872)
Net Income / (Loss)	\$ (10,652)	\$ 4,220	\$ (14,872)

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CONVENTION 2016. Region 1. Convention Chair, Linda Thomason reported that there are 101 people registered for the convention, 97 for the national banquet and 39 for the R1 breakfast.

Regional reports were skipped due to time.

Shared BOD amount is \$461.10.

Old Business:

1. Electronic Scorecards. No action.
2. Riders Manual. Dieterich is working on revision.
3. Strategic planning. Cowart reviewed strategic planning, items which have been accomplished, and projects we still need to work on.
4. Banners. Rand and Bev Roberts worked long and hard on the new banners. They will be used for the first time at this convention at the NATRC booth. Rand will be in charge of shipping.
5. RMS. Peter Yovich will maintain the RMS. Cowart gave prices for hosting RMS. Cowart will solicit three to five more bids. Peter Yovich will look at ways to improve the RMS and make it more user-friendly.
6. NATRC Historian. Patsy Conner has accepted the position and will formulate a plan on archiving materials in various locations. Conner has solicited bids from companies that do scanning and would like to start with all the old *Hoof Prints*, then manuals. **Motion by Muench, seconded by Rinne to approve a budget of \$1000 for scanning of historical documents. Motion approved. Motion by Cowart, seconded by Rinne to modify the budget to allow for \$1000 for history documentation. Motion approved.**

No New Business.

Motion by Insko, seconded by Yovich, to adjourn. Motion approved.

Minutes on file at National Office.

Next meeting to be held July 15-16, 2016, at the Doubletree Stapleton North, 4040 Quebec Street, Denver, CO 80216.

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Region 2

STAR A

1/16-17/2016 R2-AZ
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 16
 Chair: Beni DeMattei
 Judges: Lucy Hirsch DVM, Jamie Dieterich
 CP Combo: Andarko/Walls, Lory
 Novice Sweepstakes: Lucero/Yuill, Tami-92.5
 Open Sweepstakes: Soldier/
 Peterson, Catherine-94

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Soldier/Peterson, Catherine
 2/2 Smokey Sedona/Kafka, Karen
 P DS Trinity/Lynn, Julia

Open Lightweight

1/1 AM Star Reward/Winemiller, Cristina

Open Junior

No First place horse

2/1 Rocky/Floyd, Brianna

Novice Heavyweight

1/2 Gypsy Elite Willow/Noake, Sharon
 2/1 Dunit in the Paint/Evans, Carol

Novice Lightweight

1/3 Lucero/Yuill, Tami
 2/1 Tiger/Schifferer, Hillary
 3/2 A Tiempo/Hahne, Renee

Novice Junior

1/1 Ford Mustang II/Murphree, Joanna

Competitive Pleasure

1/1 Andarko/Walls, Lory
 2/2 Pride's College Boy/Bray, Sherrie
 3/4 Medicine Wolf/Dreyfus, Susan
 4/3 Pride's Smoke and Mirrors/
 French, Kandace
 P Sun-Ray's Mamma Jamma/Brown, Tammy

STAR B

1/16/2016 R2-AZ
 B-N Total Riders: 3
 Chair: Beni DeMattei
 Judges: Lucy Hirsch DVM, Jamie Dieterich
 Novice Sweepstakes: Boots/Watson, Sarah-97.5

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Boots/Watson, Sarah
 2/2 Amira Alysha/Floyd, Elizabeth

Novice Junior

1/1 System/Price, Heather

Region 4

Wimberly Wayfarer A

12/5-6/2015 R4-TX
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 25
 Chair: Elaine Swiss
 Judges: Carter Hounsel DVM, Becky Rogers
 CP Combo: TA Kaiser/Prusak, Deanne
 Novice Sweepstakes: Belleton/
 Watkins, Tanya-93
 Open Sweepstakes: Tezuby/Jewell, Jonni-97

Open Heavyweight

1/3 Tezuby/Jewell, Jonni
 2/4 Razmataz DBA/Bass, Carla Jo
 3/5 Tribute to Liberty/Yovich, Alice
 4/6 Selket Majinsky/Muench, Gayle
 5/1 Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Stich, Kay
 6/2 L.L.Remington/Marston, Marilyn

Open Lightweight

1/4 Moonshadow/Galliher, Teresa
 2/1 Wildfire Storm/Miller, Dolly
 3/3 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
 4/2 Moon's Movin' Out/Sommer, Alanna

5/5 Hes a Rockstar/Van Order, Barbie
 6/6 Tally/Griffin, Annette

Open Junior

1/1 Polka Dot/Hebert, Maddie

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Belleton/Watkins, Tanya
 2/2 Indira DD/Baxter, April
 3/3 Boogeyman/Dieckman, Ermine

Novice Lightweight

1/2 Casanova de Mi Corazon/
 Musgrave, Teresa
 2/1 Aelfleah Idlewild/Holm, Sharon
 3/3 Buck/Shenkir, Marjorie
 P UpBeat/Rinn, Nancy

Competitive Pleasure

1/2 Ellie/Tharp, Vicki
 2/1 TA Kaiser/Prusak, Deanne
 3/5 Firecrackers Jose CP/Roberts, Linda
 4/4 Giacomo/Muench, Fran
 5/3 LRR Matt's Buck Ledoux/Drumm, Jenny

Wimberly Wayfarer B-1

12/5/2015 R4-TX
 B-CP Total Riders: 3
 Chair: Elaine Swiss
 Judges: Carter Hounsel DVM, Becky Rogers

Competitive Pleasure

1/2 Jose's Royal Gold/Martin, Amy
 2/1 Croells Dancin' Kip/Smith, Gayna
 3/3 Artex/Lejsal, Julie

Wimberly Wayfarer B-2

12/6/2015 R4-TX
 B-CP Total Riders: 3
 Chair: Elaine Swiss
 Judges: Carter Hounsel DVM, Becky Rogers

Competitive Pleasure

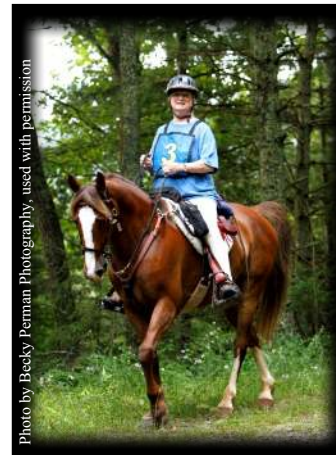
1/1 Cimmetry/Collins, Mary
 2/3 Ray/Blake, Kendall
 3/2 Capril/Milligan, Misten



Betty Wolgram



Elaine Swiss



Marty Findley

Region 5

Christmas in the Pines A

12/5-6/2016 R5-FL
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 29
 Chair: Douglas McConnell
 Judges: Natalie Goldberger DVM, Cheri Jeffcoat
 CP Combo: Spotted Alen's Finale/Keen, Cindy
 Novice Sweepstakes: Sassy/Smith, Mary-96
 Open Sweepstakes: Painter's Polka Dots/
 Molaison, Melissa-98

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Goodnight's Masterpiece/Clayton, Gary
- 2/4 Windstorm Clay/Mitchell, Tommy
- 3/3 Victory CH/Moore, William
- 4/2 By the Grace of God/Light, Victoria
- P Dusty Dawn's Little Lady/Lewis, Ray

Open Lightweight

- 1/3 Painter's Polka Dots/Molaison, Melissa
- 2/2 Prime Sensation WH/Findley, Martha
- 3/4 Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara
- 4/1 Swiss Mocha/Riley, Paula
- 5/5 Cataline Comet/Moulis, Jameson

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 Zeke/Crews, Stephanie
- 2/2 Pocco/Harrison, David
- 3/4 Flick's Anna Eighteen/Hart, Nancy
- 4/3 Gabriel/Piezon, Sherry
- P Sun Frost Flick/Fike, Connie

Novice Lightweight

- 1/1 Matt Dillon/Mills, Carolyn
- 2/4 Rhea Sunshine/Colclough, Ashley
- 3/2 Spirit of Spotted Alen/Ward, Katie
- 4/3 Numero Majestic Tres/Lowery, Rita
- CO Freedom's Derby Sam/Corcoran, Kathleen

Novice Junior

- 1/2 Sassy/Smith, Mary
- 2/1 Setting Sun Masterpiece/Hachtel, Amanda

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/5 My Noble Ambition/Rand, Lori
- 2/4 Papa's Alabama Express/Lucas, Patty
- 3/3 DLC Roxies Peponita/Howard, Marsha
- 4/1 Spotted Alen's Finale/Keen, Cindy
- 5/2 Lucky Sunday/Broughton, Regina
- P Mandella Bey/Chapman, Carolyn
- P Smart Johnny/Tolbert, Wayne

Christmas in the Pines B

12/5/2016 R5-FL
 B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 14
 Chair: Douglas McConnell
 Judges: Natalie Goldberger DVM, Cheri Jeffcoat
 CP Combo: Heart's Desire/Pegram, Sandy
 Novice Sweepstakes: Dawson/
 Moore, Cassidy-99
 Open Sweepstakes: Flash of Lightening/
 McDaniel, Fiona-97

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 Flash of Lightening/McDaniel, Fiona
- 2/2 Standing Ovation/James, Trish
- 3/3 Kiss Afire Babe/Riddick, Keri

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 Dawson/Moore, Cassidy
- 2/2 SilverMist/Rigel, Patricia
- 3/3 Rudy/Swartzendruber, Samantha

Novice Lightweight

- 1/1 Cristela Joy/Taber, Cynthia

Novice Junior

- 1/4 Bentley /Hatcher, Hannah
- 2/1 Delight's Amber Beauty/Stanley, Janna
- 3/3 Lena Honey/Sharkey, Elizabeth
- 4/2 Stormy Morning's White
Chynna/Crutchfield, Julianne

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/1 Heart's Desire/Pegram, Sandy
- 2/3 Sey Proofs Joy/Winegarner, Marsha
- 3/2 Appalachian Spring/Moss, Linda

New Year Resolution A

1/30-31/2016 R5-FL
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 33
 Chair: Esther Diaguila
 Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski DVM,
 Cheri Jeffcoat
 CP Combo: Heart's Desire/Pegram, Sandy
 Novice Sweepstakes: Pocco/Ward, Katie-98
 Open Sweepstakes: Windstorm Clay/
 Mitchell, Tommy-98

Open Heavyweight

- 1/3 Windstorm Clay/Mitchell, Tommy
- 2/2 Goodnight's Masterpiece/Clayton, Gary
- 3/4 Dusty Dawn's Little Lady/Lewis, Ray
- 4/1 Victory CH/Moore, William

Open Lightweight

- 1/3 Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara
- 2/6 Terradocs Oconee Bell/Kudra, Sallie
- 3/5 R-Kons Able/Sluys, Nancy
- 4/1 Painter's Polka Dots/Molaison, Melissa
- 5/2 Kiss Afire Babe/Riddick, Keri
- 6/4 Sunny Georgia/Lucas, Patty
- Nirus Nez/Annis, Margie

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/2 Ruby/Talbert, Ben
- 2/3 Majors Valentine/Price, Debbie
- 3/1 Zeke/Crews, Stephanie
- 4/4 SCV Safires Flame/Rankin, Benny
- P Thee Vandal/Light, Victoria

Novice Lightweight

- 1/3 Pocco/Ward, Katie
- 2/2 Matt Dillon/Mills, Carolyn
- 3/5 Freedom's Derby Sam/Corcoran, Kathleen
- 4/4 Mojito Gold/King, Deborah
- 5/1 Inspector Gadget/Miller, Destiny
- P Song/McDaniel, Fiona

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/ Lucky Sunday/Broughton, Regina
- 2/4 RCC Follow Me/Jones, Debbie T.
- 3/1 Heart's Desire/Pegram, Sandy
- 4/ PH Twin Blue/Long, Amy
- 5/ Impressive Red Rebel/Riley, Paula
- 6/ Ga Notorious Black Bart/Tarrant, Nanci
- /2 DLC Roxies Peponita/Howard, Marsha
- /3 Jasmine/Woodall, Courtney
- /5 TR What's Smokin/Jones, Mark H.
- /6 Spotted Alen's Finale/Keen, Cindy
- Cowboy's Little Cowgirl/Kurtz, Robin

New Year Resolution B

1/30/2016 R5-FL
 B-O/N Total Riders: 10
 Chair: Esther Diaguila
 Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski DVM,
 Cheri Jeffcoat
 Novice Sweepstakes: Fire Dancer/
 Ellenburg, Beth-98
 Open Sweepstakes: My Noble Ambition/
 Rand, Lori-100

Open Lightweight

- 1/3 My Noble Ambition/Rand, Lori
- 2/1 Standing Ovation/James, Trish
- 3/2 Carbon's Royal Belle/Lewis, Mary

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 Zakreb Ogon/Wolf, Teresa

Novice Lightweight

- 1/2 Fire Dancer/Ellenburg, Beth
- 2/1 Numero Majestic Tres/Lowery, Rita

Novice Junior

- 1/4 Bonnie Hijaker/Lord, Olivia
- 2/3 Spirit of Spotted Alen/Hatcher, Hannah
- 3/1 Lena Honey/Sharkey, Elizabeth

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—Mark Rashid

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<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE\$60 /yr Single adult member (1 vote)	<input type="checkbox"/> SINGLE ...\$ 5,000 Same
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<input type="checkbox"/> JUNIOR\$40 /yr Single Junior under age 18 (no vote)	

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