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Each time I manage an NATRC ride, I gain respect and appreciation for everyone involved in putting together a successful ride. From the volunteers who so willingly give of their time and resources to make our rides possible, to the riders who, in many cases, travel long distances to participate, to our judges who are dedicated to our sport and want nothing but the best for you and your horse. We are very fortunate to have so many wonderful individuals associated with our favorite sport.

Do things always go the way we plan or the way we want? No, they do not. We would like to think they always will, but that is not necessarily the case. It is during these challenging times, when it seems everything is not going our way, we have an opportunity to show our true character. We have a choice. We can either “react” to the situation at hand with various excuses or finger pointing and blaming others, or we can “respond” and focus on what can we do better and turn a negative into a positive.

We say we are the premier CTR organization, and I believe that we are. The little things that we all do collectively reinforce this belief. We should always represent ourselves in a positive manner. Whether it is welcoming that new rider both in camp and out on the trail as they compete or simply showing respect to our judges and their scoring by using their feedback to improve our skills and enhance that partnership with our horse.

As we near the end of another successful ride year, I encourage all of you to finish strong and have fun. Share the enthusiasm you have for NATRC with others. Bring a new rider along with you to your next ride. Be that someone who brings out the best in others! Show respect, keep pushing, live your dreams, and be a class act!

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Provisional
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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

North American Trail Ride Conference Mission Statement
The North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC) promotes horsemanship and horse care as they apply to the sport of distance riding by offering a variety of challenging and educational experiences designed to strengthen horse and rider partnerships.
I’ve made a conscientious effort to spend less time on social media in the past year for a variety of reasons, but a lot of it stems from the fact that I get tired of what I see. Complaints, pointless arguing and a whole lot of cruelty. The only answer is to stay away from it, so I do.

However, once in a while I find some shining lights or little useful tidbits, and I happened to find one that led to my message in this article. It was a post shared by a teacher and a large poster he keeps in his classroom visible for his whole class to see at all times that reads:

#1 CLASSROOM RULE
If what you are doing:
INTERFERES with learning
HURTS someone’s heart or
PREVENTS you from being your best self
YOU SHOULDN’T BE DOING IT.

I share this because our sport is not lacking human unkindness and disrespect amongst our ranks just like all other organizations, work places, families and friend groups.

This has, however, become more prevalent and visible in the past couple of years, and we can theorize away given the multitude of societal factors we’ve experienced starting with the pandemic and its waterfall effect on the economy and social lives.

We were all forced to seclude ourselves and perhaps lose some of our civility and social skills. Priorities were significantly shifted for many, and finances were tightened or depleted. While those are all understandable reasons for changes in how we engage publicly, or how much we go out and do social activities, they should not change how we treat one another.

In the past year, I have received more complaints about competitors treating ride management, judges and volunteers with disrespect. These folks are the life blood of our sport, and without them we have no rides!

I have also received complaints about ride management and judges treating competitors with disrespect and being less than professional and helpful in an organization that prides itself on being welcoming and education based.

Riders are our customers, and without them we don’t have a reason to exist! I look at the regular email correspondence I receive on a daily basis, and it is becoming the norm for folks to simply make demands for information. There are no longer cordial greetings…a simple hello or good morning.

When did we stop being professional, polite and kind? Is it part of the convenience of our electronic world that we can hide behind now that we lose our civility and respect?

Our social media pages are quite busy, which is a good thing because we need the visibility and promotion of our events and sport. It is a free and easy way to share the gift of NATRC. We have a lot of great material being shared with helpful tips for riders, news about upcoming or ongoing events and opportunities for learning such as our incredible webinar series and virtual challenges.

With that being said, there are some things being posted that really don’t need to be, and there are posts that can be construed as negative. We have a lot of pages and groups that represent NATRC between our national and regional entities.

It is up to each and every one of us to ensure positive and respectful communication. We want to be the place people are drawn to because we are civil, respectful and behave like appropriate adult human beings. Seeing rude posts, arguments or nasty comments on social media is a discredit to our organization and is a turn off to new and interested folks giving us a gander.

We will not likely get a second chance.

We treat our horses and other animal companions with the utmost care, concern and healthy respect. Let’s show the same towards our fellow humankind. We all stand to be reminded of the #1 classroom rule, so let’s get back to the basics and ensure NATRC is the place where people want to be.
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THIRD: 25 winners will each receive two $10 Riding Warehouse Gift Cards

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*The point standings are subject to change with the year-end audit.*
*Memberships for 2022 must be paid before November 1, or points will be forfeited.*
*All rides completed through July 1, 2022 are included.*
*Please email any questions to natrc@natrc.org and include “Points” as your subject.*

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**True Rewards**

By Linda Galbraith, DVM

I look at judging as a privilege, which allows me an opportunity to share riders’ unique relationships with their horses. The old saying is true, "We never stop learning." My goal, with my horses, has always been to learn and improve. That is what competition is about.

Judging not only helps me share some of my knowledge as a veterinarian, but I also learn from each rider. I try to see negativity as a misdirected reaction to the struggles that come with any endeavor. When competing, I personally look for those "constructive comments" to improve my horsemanship.

Winning is nice, but it is the journey, the work, the time, the mistakes, and the effort to improve that is my true reward. I hope as a judge I can convey that the "points off" are not penalties, but are rewards for the courage to be judged, and hopefully guidance to be used to find the "holes" that will give us the focus to continue the work with direction and a positive attitude.

The bonus for me as a competitor, and a judge, are the end-of-day smiles, the camaraderie, the support we have for our competition (whether they beat us or not), the pride we all have in our horses, and most importantly, the relationships we all share because we respect and appreciate how lucky we are to have the opportunity to share our lives with horses.
Mark your calendars now. Include this information in region news-letters. Talk about it during CTR ride briefings. The 2022 Honorary and Appreciation write-ups (in Word) are due to Ruth Mesimer at RuthM9496@gmail.com by 10pm CST, Sunday, November 20, 2022 in Microsoft Word format.

These awards include:

- Jim Menefee NATRC Lifetime Achievement
- Workers Hall of Fame
- National Appreciation
- Regional Appreciation for National Recognition

PROCEDURE

Brain storm with your fellow region members and prepare write-ups for deserving folks in your region. Submit nominations and write-ups to your region’s BOD for approval by the due date that your Region has set. PLEASE, keep the word limit in mind on each nomination and submit in Word format.

Forward (by a person designated by each region’s board) the approved nomination write-ups to the Honorary and Appreciation Chair.

Your national board members receive all of the approved nominations and make their selection at the December 6, 2022 meeting. NATRC presents the awards to the chosen recipients at the following national convention.

CRITERIA

Jim Menefee NATRC Lifetime Achievement Award - awarded one time only to an individual. Each region may nominate one NATRC member for the award. The national BOD selects one. The recipient gives a brief speech upon accepting the plaque at the national convention. This award honors Jim Menefee, a favorite judge who was especially encouraging to Novices and first-time competitors. **Write-up limited to 400 words.**

Workers Hall of Fame - one time only to an individual, pair or couple. Each region may nominate one member for the award. The BOD selects one or more at their discretion. **Write-up limited to 400 words.**

National Appreciation Award - each region may nominate one member for this award. The BOD selects three. A recipient can be eligible only once every 3 years. **Write-up limited to 200 words.**

Ruth Mesimer, Honorary and Appreciation Chair

Many watchful eyes for a judged mount at the Cavalier Ride, Region 3, 1972. The rider is Diane Nicholson.
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**Some competitors choose to do only some of the challenge tasks or sets.**

**COMPETITOR BRACKET EXPLANATION**

- **A** - Experienced with > 1500 miles
- **B** - Experienced with < 1500 miles
- **C** - New with 0 miles
- **D** - Junior age 10 - 17
One of the greatest things about NATRC is the focus we put on rider education in order to make them better equestrians in general. In that focused education, we place much of the weight on the care, conditioning and selection of our horses, as it rightfully should be.

The Gap
The major gap I have found in our education is simply the focus on our own care, health and well-being as riders... we are just as important in the equation! You may have the best and most fit horse, but if you aren’t on your “A” game, more than simply not presenting your horse to its fullest potential, you could actually be hurting your horse in subtle or not so subtle ways.

You don’t have to be a world class athlete to do what we do, but being reasonably fit and healthy is something you should desire for both you and your horse. No distance is exempt from the benefit of rider fitness and care. Whether you are pleasure riding, doing your first Leisure Division competition or doing your 100th Open Division ride...you as a rider stand to benefit from taking care of yourself. Having a fit horse for distance riding is critical for their safety and well-being; having a basic level of rider fitness enhances YOUR safety and well-being equally.

Fatigue
Rider fatigue is one of the major factors in rider option (RO) pulls for long distance competitions greater than 50 miles. It is the second highest pull category for 100-mile endurance races, second only to lameness.

Rider fatigue and compromised equitation can lead to issues in your equine such as a sore back or less than optimum natural gait and movement. When we get tired, we get loose and sloppy in the saddle, and trust me... your horse feels it, most likely worse than you do.

A conditioned horse with an unconditioned rider only goes so far. As a rider, your life in the saddle is much better at the end of the ride when you have a little gas left in the tank and muscles that aren’t trembling with fatigue. To boot, your horse still needs, and deserves, a lot of post ride care before you kick back with that tasty beverage and ice pack.

Are you abnormally exhausted post ride? Do you experience muscle cramps during and after rides? Do you experience frequent headaches during and after rides? These can all be indicators that you need to look at your pre-ride preparation plan as well as self-care during the ride itself.

Barriers
We all have barriers of some kind whether they are physical, emotional, financial etc. It is
critical to identify those barriers or limitations and work with them. Do not ignore them! In order to be realistic in your goals and training, you need a realistic baseline. Working through injury recovery or a long term/permanent disability takes thoughtful and responsive planning as well as appropriate professional consultation. You’ll go to almost any expense for your horse…but what about yourself? Can you get by without spending a lot of money on yourself in order to achieve your goals? The answer is often yes.

The beauty of our sport is that it is truly the melting pot of equine sports…come as you are! You don’t need the fanciest of things to ride with us. With that being said, you should be willing to invest in you and your needs. Think about what you spend on your horse for properly fitting tack, feed, supplements, veterinary care and other wholistic care services. Are you doing any of this for yourself? If we aren’t functioning at our best, we can’t do our best for our horses even if we think we can. Under the surface, all of those small issues add up and play a role in our success or hiccups as we work towards our goals. Be willing to invest in you!

Mental Limitations

Successful and healthy riding isn’t just about the physical mechanics of the body, but it is equally about the rider’s state of mind and mental well-being. We may not always be able to readily fix what ails us emotionally, but being aware of our mental health status, and preparing for it can go a long way toward preventing negative situations with horses and people.

As humans, it is far easier to let our egos get in the way and say “I’m fine” when we truly need to take that mental health break and do some self-care. Like dealing with physical limitations with the body, recognizing and respecting our emotional limitations at any given moment can go a long way in ensuring better rides, less overall stress and better relationships with others.

Fitness and Lifestyle

Effective training programs are never one size fits all! Fitness programs as well as nutrition are as unique as you are. If you choose to work with a professional trainer or dietician, interview them as if you would an employee for a job because they should be working for you. If they have a very rigid approach and apply a “cookie cutter” method to all clients, I would be very hesitant to engage in that program unless it seems to be a good fit for you.

The critical factor with any fitness and nutrition program is sustainability long term and looking at what you are doing as a lifestyle rather than a temporary fix or diet. It will shift your entire focus and therefore life path. We talk about “soft eyes” in centered riding…consider this using your “soft eyes” in life!

Avoid gimmicks! Entrepreneurs capitalize on our human desire for instant gratification, especially in the health and beauty areas, and are continually developing fitness programs, machines, tools, and dietary supplements that should deliver a super model body in a box within 30 days or less...all for the low price of $500, but if you buy it right now you can get it 50% off! I’m not saying there aren’t some valid purchased programs out there (hey, I’m a P90X person myself), but you need to ask yourself if you can sustain it without having to continue to pay a person, place or business in order to maintain a similar level of success?

It is part of human nature to follow the path of least resistance. I hate to break it to you, but there just isn’t an easy way to get fit and healthy other than doing the work and making lifestyle changes.

When you do the work and shift your lifestyle, your body starts to do the work for you and works in a way that is natural to its own functions. You don’t necessarily need a gym or a trainer to get a reasonable level of fitness! Achieving fitness does not have to be a formal event, but you do need to make a conscientious effort around it. Schedule time for it so that it is a priority in your day even if it is 30 minutes three to four times per week. If you don’t do enough, you won’t have results.

I also caution about doing too much, especially in the beginning. Just like horses, long slow distance applies to us as well. Always assess where you are realistically and work your way up as! I like to share the “Boom/Bust Cycle” because we as humans are notorious for it and are capable of it because of this little thing we have called an ego. The simple way to describe it is we go to the gym, work out way too hard for our bodies and spend weeks recovering and nursing an injury. After the injury is relatively healed, we try to make up for lost time and push too hard again, aggravate the previous injury, and thus we are in the Boom/Bust Cycle. Pain does make you compensate somewhere, so make sure to start slow and build yourself up.

There are so many ways to achieve fitness, and you can do most of them at home; everyone has the opportunity to do something. Horseback riding in and of itself is a good form of exercise, but it only benefits certain muscle groups. Depending how you ride, or how much or little you ride, supplemental programming is important. Running, walking/hiking, weight lifting/strength training, yoga, Pilates, martial arts, swimming, plyometrics, cycling, rowing and kayaking are all examples of great fitness activities, and most of these can be structured or modified to accommodate the majority of physical limitations or disabilities.

Self-Prep

In the days leading up to a long-distance ride or competition, we spend time preparing our horses by resting them, hydrating them, often preloading them with electrolytes and hydrating mash...you should be doing the same for yourself!

No matter the weather, start hydrating and consuming electrolytes daily to prepare your body for the work and electrolyte loss to come. If you can get ahead of it, and stay ahead of it, you can prevent the (Continued on page 14)
deficit that can negatively impact your ride. Dehydration and electrolyte imbalance are some of the primary causes of rider fatigue, discomfort and injury. If you are actively or heavily working out, it is best to reduce your activity at least three days prior to the ride or competition to allow your body a fair recovery period.

If possible, reduce your stress! What can you take care of the week before? Don’t try to do everything at the last minute before you leave as the stress increases your cortisol levels. While this isn’t always a bad thing, continuous stress is, and the more you can plan and manage in advance, the healthier your overall experience will be. Your horse will thank you...and probably load better too!

**Self-Care**

In addition to fitness activities, there are many self-care methods for the body and mind that I have utilized (most of which I have also used on my equines!). Such methods include chiropractic, acupuncture, acupressure, massage, pulsed electro-magnetic field therapy (PEMF), transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation (TENS), physical therapy, aromatherapy, essential oils (therapeutic grade), and Epsom salt soaks to name a few.

At the ride, make sure you are eating and hydrating! If you are riding Saturday, or both Saturday and Sunday, make sure you are prepping on Friday with plenty of water and electrolytes. Consume healthy fats and proteins so you are fueling your body with the energy it needs to do its job. Saturday morning (or before the day’s ride) as you are caring for your horse, prepare your own electrolyte beverage and consume it completely (at least 12 to 16 ounces of water).

I am a big fan of branch-chain amino acids (BCAAs) in combination with my electrolytes before and after a ride. BCAAs are essential nutrients including leucine, isoleucine, and valine. They’re found in meat, dairy, and legumes. Depending on your preference, and whether or not you eat breakfast, eat something light that’s protein or healthy fat dense.

If you tend to get hungry while you ride, pack a protein enriched snack like jerky, protein bars, or mixed nuts, that can not only get you by, but are also of actual energy value to your brain and muscles. Make sure you pack the right snacks based on your dietary needs! We can buy our matching tack; have the latest plaid riding tights and the best mane braiding skills in all of NATRC…. BUT, if we don’t take care of ourselves on the inside, we might just be looking fabulous in the back of an ambulance or on the side of the trail waiting for a safety rider.

Pack plenty of drinking water and refill anytime you have the opportunity! Remind yourself to drink while on trail. It is easy to focus on your horse, your horse’s needs and the mission at hand rather than thinking about yourself. DRINK! Make sure to pack electrolyte tablets or energy gels with you if you are doing longer distances. I even recommend them for shorter distances as the person who needs them may not always be you! I’ve shared them with others in trouble or discomfort.

Are you responsible for another rider? Perhaps you have a junior rider in your care. Not only do you need to ensure you are taking care of yourself in order to be responsible for them, but you are also setting an example and educating them in the same practice for their success and well-being going forward.

Upon returning to camp, get off your horse and fix yourself an electrolyte drink right away, even if you don’t feel thirsty. Your horse won’t mind, and you might even be a little less cranky. You may not feel ready to eat right away (that is normal...your body takes time to reacclimate out of performance/work mode before “waking up” your other system functions). When your appetite returns, start with a small meal of easy proteins and anti-inflammatory foods. Don’t go for that bag of chips or leftover pasta in the fridge right away even though it may be tempting. Save that for later!

**Closing**

We love our horses and our sport, and we get to enjoy beautiful trails across the country riding with NATRC. Let’s make the most of those miles by being as healthy as possible, both physically and mentally, so we can be better riders, friends, professionals and people in general.

Human health in the equestrian industry is highly overlooked, even in the long distance and endurance riding world despite the physicality of it. We can change that, by making changes in ourselves and through education, which is what NATRC does best!

Questions? I can be reached at saddle1up@live.com or on Instagram@saddle_1_up.

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One of the unique aspects of NATRC that sets us apart is our evaluation of horsemanship and equitation, which is not a fundamental component of any other distance equestrian sport in the nation. We should be proud of that, because it truly makes us great in many ways, and we really shine when we compete or participate in other equestrian events. The work we do with NATRC shows.

— Sarah J. Smith
I am so blessed that I was able to compete in NATRC rides with my two children.

My son, JJ, started riding competitive trail when he turned 10 years old. We drove all the way with a friend to Herber, UT, for his first ride. I have the cutest picture of him running with his white paint horse, Marshmallow, with shorts and cowboy boots. Unfortunately, his mare’s arthritis in her hocks flared up, so she was pulled after the first day’s ride. JJ got to stay in camp with a nice family and play in the beaver ponds!!!

Next JJ had the opportunity to ride on two experienced NATRC horses to show him the ropes - Roxanne Lane’s horse, Foxy, and Linelle Miller’s horse, Dutch. These horses gave JJ the confidence he needed to compete the next year on Marshmallow’s foal, Sassy.

A funny story riding with JJ. We were tired and wanting to get back to camp. We started talking about if we were stranded out in the wilderness, and we had to eat each other, who would have to go first. He said I would because I was older, but I said he would since he would be much more tender to eat and I would be tough. It was just for fun and got us on down the trail.

At one ride, we were nearly to the 2-mile point, and we stopped to let horses eat some green grass. Sassy must have gotten bitten by a bee and just started bucking. JJ stayed on for the first five bucks, but then came off and Sassy took off. We watched her gallop all around and catch up with another group of competitors. Luckily they brought her back, and JJ climbed back on. It took 15-20 minutes, and now we were late getting back on time. We cantered on a nice Jeep trail all the way back to camp; what fun!!!

When Ashley turned ten, she joined us on her wonderful white Arab gelding, Sport. We were the three musketeers. JJ road out front, I rode in the middle, and Ashley rode in the back. Sport was a really slow walker. Once Ashley learned how to canter, she would purposely hold back just so she could canter to catch up.

It was truly a joy to ride together as a family. Just like you build a bond with your horse with the many miles down the trail, you also build an incredible bond with the riders you share the trail with. I shared many miles of trails, both in competition and on training rides, with both JJ and Ashley. I will always cherish those years.

JJ and I ended up moving up and competing in Open. JJ was a fierce competitor. As a junior rider, he was always someone for other Open riders to watch out for winning Open Sweepstakes.

Ashley’s horse, Sport, was not an Open horse, so she continued riding in the Novice division where she excelled as she developed her riding skills. She and Sport had many memories riding with another junior rider, Morgan, and by herself.

Ashley stopped at a stream on one ride to give Sport a drink and wet his legs down. Sport ended up stepping on her hand, and she smacked him with her other hand to get off. Sport ended up running off, leaving her standing, by herself, next to the stream. Luckily, an unfamiliar rider came down the trail ponying Mr. Sport. She wiped her tears, climbed back on, and rode back into camp with this wonderful rider who took her under her wing. NATRC family.

My kids both competed in the show ring with their horses. I feel they excelled there as well because of the skills and confidence they gained from NATRC.

I was truly blessed to have this time on horseback with my children. NATRC is truly a family sport!
Moved? Changed Name? Sold a Horse? Bought One? Added a Junior? Different Phone?
Please report any changes in your membership information to the national office. Such changes might include your name, a move to a different address or region, the sale of a horse, or the addition of juniors to a family membership - particularly if a junior has a different last name.

Basic changes like address, phone number and email address can be made on the website under “My Account” at the top right hand side of the screen. It’s your responsibility to keep your information up to date.

Sarah J. Smith 402-806-8708 natrc@natrc.org

4-H Junior Rider Year End High Point Award

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

Encourage your fellow 4-H friends to join you in competitive trail rides and compete for NATRC’s 4-H Year-End High Point Team Award. Contact us if you would like a presentation to your club to introduce the sport and answer questions.

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:

1) The award goes to the high point horse and rider team regardless of the division.
2) Your self-nomination must occur before the end of the ride year which is the second Sunday in November. (For 2022, that will be November 13th).
3) You must: (a) be an NATRC competing member, (b) contact Sarah J. Smith at natrc@natrc.org to nominate yourself, and (c) have your 4-H leader contact Sarah to verify 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?

A form to use for documentation at the ride is available here or contact Sarah at natrc@natrc.org.
Scoring the horse in NATRC competitions consists of evaluating condition (40 points), soundness (45 points) and trail ability and manners (15 points). Trail ability and manners (TA&M) includes, but is not limited to disposition, response to rider, kicking, head tossing, prancing, standing for examination and mounting, buddying up, being trail wise, etc.

Veterinary judges are there to not only conduct thorough examinations for scoring and placings, they are also there to keep the horses safe, to advocate for the welfare of the horse, and to educate riders about how they can help their horses compete as athletes.

Review of horse scorecards in 2021 indicated that the minimum standards of two metabolic checks and one soundness check per day on trail, evaluation of the horse back in camp, and evaluation of the horse for soundness before starting the second day of a 2-day ride (and the third day of a 3-day ride) weren’t always being met. Further, the largest percentage of points off were often taken on TA&M. Overall for 2021, of total points lost on horse scorecards, 40% were on condition, 20% on soundness, and 40% on trail ability and manners.

The NBOD considered several questions:
1) Are we meeting riders’ expectations?
2) Are the results consistent with our expectations of the veterinary judge role?

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Two large aspects are to adjust some scoring guidelines and to revise the TA&M category name to Maneuvering Trail & Behavior. Veterinary judges are not trained to evaluate obstacles in the same way as horsemanship judges and should be encouraged to look at obstacles through the lens of behavior rather than horsemanship.

The task force also recommended changing minimum “standards” to minimum “requirements.”

These proposed revisions will be indicated in red font on the back of the 2023 horse scorecards. We hope all riders, judges, managers and members will support this pilot program. Your participation will help us learn what works and what we can improve.
Tell me if you fit into any of these scenarios. . .

An avid NATRC participant and love the challenge but find yourself always looking forward to the next ride, wishing there were more events to participate in.

An NATRC legend, spending years (decades?) participating in rides but are now shifting focus to other areas of your life but you still enjoy riding and miss the competitive-factor of events – a nice little motivator to keep you and your equine active.

A new NATRC member looking for more motivation to get out and ride more to condition both you and your equine for more miles so you can level-up at your next event ride.

Blink once if you can relate to any of these scenarios.

Inspiration Nation

If you can relate to any of the above scenarios or just want to spend more time with your equine, you’re going to love the Top Trail Horse program. There is a whole community of trail-loving riders who feel the need to compete with their steed…. and you can find them at TopTrailHorse.com – an online virtual trail riding challenge for those who love to track their rides and compete for the coveted bragging rights of being the Top Trail Rider + Horse.

With Top Trail Horse, you can feed your competitive spirit by keeping track of the real-time leaderboard for Quarterly and Annual top trail riders (and horses). This provides excellent motivation to keep you riding nearly all year long which will help keep you and your horse in great condition for event days.

As a bonus, you may even win some awesome prizes during quarterly giveaway drawings. These drawings are recorded live and broadcast in the Top Trail Horse Facebook group where you will find thousands of other avid trail riders to help inspire and motivate you along the way.

How Does It Work

To get going, you can join Top Trail Horse online and opt for the NATRC add-on, selecting your NATRC region upon sign-up (NATRC membership required for add-on). A Top Trail Horse membership goes hand-in-hand with your NATRC membership and is treated as its own virtual ride challenge – but lasts all year!

In the Top Trail NATRC forums, you can see in real-time how you and your equine rank in your region and nationally with other members. Great incentive to keep you motivated to put in the miles and ride!

To record and report your mileage, you can use any app that allows you to download your GPX file so you can submit it via the Top Trail website. For even easier use, we recommend the EasyTrails GPS tracking app since it integrates directly with the Top Trail website and you can load your rides straight from the app. You can track miles for your equine partner, even if you have multiple partners – just select which equine when you upload your ride or update it later.

Awards & Rewards

All new members receive a “Ride and Shine” iron-on patch to proclaim their trail riding love! In addition, members receive annual certificates acknowledging their lifetime miles and their annual miles for that year. Plus, you will earn mileage rocker patches for notable cumulative milestones you achieved that year (1000 miles, 2000 miles, etc.). It feels good to have your time and riding efforts recognized and rewarded. Plus, the entire Top Trail community loves to see photos of your adventures and will cheer you on all year via the Top Trail Facebook Group. The Top Trail Horse program is a fantastic way to keep you motivated, even through the hard months, to keep on riding!

How To Join

The Top Trail Horse program is $68/year for Premium ($52/year for Basic) Top Trail Membership and the NATRC add-on. You can sign up on our website and get going immediately!

Future Expansion

Recently, Top Trail Horse (online mileage program) and Top Horse Trails (online trail directory) merged and will be creating a whole set of trail riding tools through an exclusive equestrian trail riding app and improved website experiences. The future of trail riding is coming and it’s our mission to help get more equestrians out on trails…. whether you’re riding for pleasure or training for your next NATRC event - we want to help make your trail riding experience easier and more enjoyable.

The first step is to sign-up with Top Trail Horse and join the online NATRC ride challenge. Sign-up now!
NATRC Student Loan & Scholarship Program

Student loans and scholarships are available according to the budgeted amount, at the discretion of the National Board of Directors. 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 3 years. Consideration will also be given to a student or a student’s family who has been an active member for less than 3 years but more than 6 months.

Priority will be given first to a student enrolled in an accredited School of Veterinary Medicine; second in studies leading to a degree in Animal Science, Nutrition, Health and/or other related equine field; third in other related equine studies; fourth to a college student in his/her senior year, then junior year, sophomore year, freshman year. For a student loan, consideration may also be given to a student enrolled in other studies.

Other considerations include financial need, scholastic achievement, and character of the applicant as determined by the Student Loan/Scholarship Committee.

For an application, contact the NATRC Executive Director at natrc@natrc.org, or download the Student Loan Application or the Bev Tibbitts Memorial Scholarship Application.

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

"COMPETITIVE TRAIL RIDING - Experience what you and your horse can achieve!"
Yep that’s it! Henry (Rohara Hassani) completed Tevis this year with my husband Gayle on his back. Previously Gayle had completed three 100 mile endurance rides. Two were the Tevis…undeniably the mother of all 100’s. The third was Big Horn in Wyoming.

Gayle started riding in NATRC in 2014 on Traveler and achieved a National Championship on Reggie in 2020. In 2021, he competed SA Jabari and garnered the Region 4 Rookie Horse of the Year riding in the Open division. Since December, Henry has completed seven Open rides from New Mexico to Florida including the challenging Navajo Lake in New Mexico and the Alabama Trail Scamper. That was about 400 miles of high quality training during competitions. He had another 250-300 miles of training including miles in the mountains near Crested Butte, Colorado.

After consulting with Jonni Jewell, our friend and NATRC mentor (OK most anything horse related), we decided that Henry’s training and conditioning were up to the challenge. I knew Gayle would put Henry’s best interest and health first during the ride so…Here we go; Gayle switched his ride registration over to Henry! So on to the ride. Gayle would need to rate Henry to enable him to pulse down and trot soundly at the 12 vet checks they would encounter along the 100 miles.

Gayle had made the decision to basically start in the middle to the back of the field of about 130 horses to diminish the possible emotional effect of horses flying past early in the ride. It worked initially as they walked down the road (in a huge herd) to the start line. But once they stopped to wait for the start, Henry got pretty worked up and was fully lathered under his breast collar by the time they actually started.

Gayle used the terms “jack hammer trot” and “rear hoof slams” to explain the excess movement that did not result in much forward progress for the first 5 miles of the ride. Another

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rider was very complementary regarding Gayle’s riding skills as he “stayed on” during Henry’s shenanigans at the start.

Henry finally settled in and started eating up the miles. Gayle’s NATRC and previous Tevis experience kept him on task, although he felt that they were behind on his targeted pace. Gayle uses a basic timing plan that Jonni Jewell shared with him a few years ago when we crewed for her on one of her Tevis completions. Gayle sticks to his plans and is typically successful doing so. He knew they could make up time later.

There are two mandatory 1-hour holds where the ride crew (usually a few horse-wise friends of the rider) can assist to refuel and rejuvenate the horse and rider. Our ride crew this year consisted of Helen Smith, an NATRC competitor from Region 6, and daredevil foxhunter, Melanie Martin, a friend and successful AERC ride competitor/manager who had completed Tevis previously, and myself. The first hour long stop was at Robinson Flat at mile 36. Gayle reported that upon leaving that stop Henry long trotted most of the next 14 miles where possible.

They started passing people and were set up to ride mostly solo into the first canyon. It was perfect timing for Melanie Martin to be at Chicken Hawk at mile 64 to assist Gayle with cooling Henry down as the temperatures had soared, and they had had a pretty good climb into the vet check. Henry was hot and had elevated pulse rate and respirations. When they arrived at mile 68 at Forest Hill around 7:30 p.m., Gayle and Henry were again recharged with the help of crew. They took off into the night with the temps finally dropping and moon coming out about midnight.

Along the Tevis trail, there is not a lot of natural water but the competitors do have to cross the American River. Henry has had water crossing issues, but he didn’t hesitate to go into the river. However, when he did, Gayle said he heard Henry’s breath catch as the cold water hit his chest. Gayle commented he also gasped as the cold water came up almost to his knees. As he rode, the water was very slow to drain from his waterproof boots!

At Lower Quarry, just 6 miles from the finish, Gayle noticed Henry’s heart monitor reported Henry’s rate was almost down without use of cooling with water. The vet checked him at a 56 heart rate but gut sounds were low (C). The vet cleared him, suggesting that Gayle could go by the out timer and let Henry eat or get on down the trail to Auburn. The vet recommended that he hit the trail. So they went on, passing another 10-15 people. Henry picked up a nice long trot and slipped across No Hands Bridge and on to Auburn.

"NATRC offers more! MORE for your competition dollars! More miles, time with your horse, fun, learning opportunities, and camaraderie."
We saw Gayle and Henry cross the finish line where Henry tried to drain the water tank. Melanie, Helen and I joined them and we all walked over to the stadium. Henry’s gait and impulsion were seemingly unaffected as they did their victory lap around McCann stadium. Gayle and Henry proceeded to Head Vet Dr. Mike Peralez (former NATRC rider) to get checked out. Henry pulsed down very quickly and passed his final metabolic and soundness check. Gayle had completed Tevis with a fairly inexperienced long distance horse.

Gayle had mentioned to me many times that Henry had an “interesting” personality. He had really discouraged me from purchasing him after seeing his “snake head” and whites of his eyes while standing in the cross-ties.

But I do have to mention that another friend told me not to look at a prospective horse’s face as you don’t want to be swayed by “just another pretty face”. Jonni Jewell had murmured something about him being a possible Tevis prospect (which I had no interest in for myself).

Henry didn’t really fit any of the criterion I had set when I was looking for an additional horse: maximum 15 hands, no white feet/legs, and pleasant attitude. That all went away when I saw how he moved and his conformation. I fell in love. I guess I may be able to pick them, maybe not ride them….but Gayle certainly can. Congratulations Gayle on another successful Tevis ride on an NATRC horse!
Not planning ahead is planning to fail. Things happen and being able to handle minor inconveniences on your own can keep you on the trail and your trip without having to call for help. Just about anything in your truck, trailer or tent that can snap, crack, rip loose, tear, bend, leak, spark, or fall off will do exactly that—and always when you’re out enjoying a trail ride 40 miles from nowhere and 10 miles from the nearest cell phone reception.

The whole trick to maintaining inner tranquility and not letting a mini disaster spoil your trip is to have a well-equipped emergency toolkit on hand. It should contain basic items that can help you deal with everyday problems and annoyances.

Sure, you could call your roadside assistance company and wait for an hour. Or, you could prepare for the worst, and be back on the road in 10 minutes.

No matter how well constructed your horse trailer is, eventually something will have to be tightened, loosened, pounded flat, pried or cut. Here are some mostly inexpensive yet important items that newcomers and veteran campers alike should pack for every trip, both big and small.

**What to Keep in Your Traveling Emergency Toolkit**

**4 Essentials:**
- Fire extinguisher – for keeping a small fire from becoming unmanageable.
- Jumper cables – for saving the day if your leave your headlights on.
- Jump starter battery pack – for saving the day if your leave your headlights on, and you’re on your own.
- First Aid Kit – for being your own doc until a real one can arrive.

**10 Tools:**
- Phillips head and flat bladed screwdrivers – for tightening and loosening screws; also for prying items apart.
- Pliers – for holding machine nuts while installing or removing, or squeezing items together.
- Channel-lock pliers – for dealing with oversized machine nuts or turning pipes.
- Adjustable Crescent wrench – for tightening and loosening bolts and machine nuts.
- Claw hammer – for straightening what got bent, bending what got straightened, driving nails and stakes, and pulling them out again, and providing “persuasion” where needed.
- Pocket knife – for cutting rope and twine, stripping wire insulation, or just whittling if you’re so inclined.
- Wire cutters – for cutting electrical wire, or turning metal coat hangers into marshmallow skewers.
- Small tape measure – for determining how much ground clearance you’ll have while trying to get over that boulder embedded in the road.
- Mini hacksaw – for cutting away twisted bolts, damaged metal work, thicker plastics...anything where a knife won’t work.
- Folding tree saw – for cutting trees that have fallen across the only road out and you can’t back up.

**3 Things to Keep Stuff Together:**
While glue won’t mend a broken heart, it’ll fix lots of other things and can keep a situation from going from bad to worse.
- Glue – for high strength repairs of most anything.
- Zip ties – for bundling bits and bobs and keeping them out of the way.
- Duct tape – for a universal fix-it that’s good for practically any repair.

**5 Things to Help Keep the Lights On:**
Nothing is more aggravating than trailer lights blinking on and off on their own. Or having a police officer pull you over because a brake light is out. That’s why having a few select electrical items in your well-equipped traveling toolbox can be unbelievably handy.
- Electrical tape – for preventing sparks and keeping fuses from blowing.
- Spare fuses in various amperage ratings – for replacing blown fuses on your power panel.
- Spare bulbs for brake, turn and running lights – for saving you from a traffic violation or worse.
- Head-mounted LED flashlight – for working in the dark where you need both hands free.
- Multi-meter – for identifying electrical problems.

**9 Tire Changing Tools:**
- Roadside Triangles – for being seen if you have to change a tire on the side of the road. Get at least three of the DOT approved ones.
- Reflective safety vest – for being seen if you have to change a tire on the side of the road.
- Wheel chocks – for keeping the vehicle from rolling when you don’t want it to.
- Trailer aid – for an easier way to lift a trailer for changing a tire.

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● Lug wrench – for changing a tire.
● Can of Fix a Flat – for a temporary tire fix until you can get into a repair shop.
● Gloves – for keeping your hands in one piece while you’re making repairs.
● Tire pressure gauge – for making sure your tires are ready to roll.
● Portable air compressor – for inflating a flat the easy way.

3 Miscellaneous Items I Won’t Go Without:
● Multi Tool – for solving a million and one everyday problems.
● Permanent Maker – for marking your things, and keeping track of which wire is which.
● Communications Device other than cell phone – for getting help when there’s no bars on the phone.

My goal with all of these items is to be able to make a temporary fix to get me home if something were to break and have a reliable way to call for help if I cannot make the appropriate repairs.

So there you have it…the ultimate basic emergency toolkit. 34 must-have vacation savers, and they all fit in a standard tool bag.

As always, for more practical information on trail riding and camping with equines, give the TrailMeister a visit at www.TrailMeister.com. The site is also the world’s largest guide to horse trails and equine camps. The article on the website gives links for purchasing each item on the list.

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**Trail Tip – Following Too Close**

Don’t Crowd –
Keep at least one horse-length between you and the rider in front of you.
As a minimum gauge, you should be able to see hocks of the equine in front.

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**Forms**

Ride Chairs & Secretaries

PLEASE DOWNLOAD NEW RIDE FORMS EACH YEAR

LAST YEAR’S ARE OBSOLETE!
CALL TO ORDER by President John Zeliff, 9:04 a.m. July 16, 2022.
ROLL CALL. Donna Stidolph, R1 Alternate, Jamie Dieterich, Bob Insko, Lory Walls, Cathy Cumberworth, Bill Wingle, Kim Murphy, Cara Liebman, R4 Alternate, Esther Diaguila, Kris Gray, Marla Stucky, John Zeliff and Sarah J. Smith, Executive Director. Guests Margaret Reynolds, Sanction Co-Chair Patsy Conner, and Honorary & Appreciation Chair Ruth Mesimer attended.

MINUTES. February 24, 2022. Motion by Wingle, second by Murphy to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT. Zeliff. Working to send out monthly updates to the membership to keep people up to date and engaged. Mileage challenge goal was 50 entrants, and once that was reached the goal became 75, and that was also reached. Hoping to hit 100. Social media is active, and he is recycling the memes now. We still need a Hoof Print volunteer.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT. Smith. Membership is still down. Despite the initial surge and early member drive, the momentum didn’t continue. 176 new free members have joined for 2022. Smith is encouraging more outreach for those who did not renew from 2021.

TREASURER’S REPORT. Gray. Member revenue up early but has plateaued. Rider fees are steady this year since rides are happening but they aren’t up. Feels like we are in a decent position financially for mid-year.

BY-LAWS & RULES. Wingle. RP1 – Change the end of the ride year. Motion to approve by Walls, second by Wingle. Motion carried.

RP2 – Combine division weight classes into adult classes (temporary one-year action). Wingle shared class comparison data for reference. Motion to approve by Walls, second by Wingle. Wingle, Stidolph, Inkso, Cumberworth, Liebman, Stucky and Walls in favor. Dieterich, Murphy, Gray and Diaguila opposed. Motion carried.

RP3 – Novice and Leisure Adult Eligibility Consistency. Motion by Walls to approve, second by Wingle. Motion carried.

RP4A – Lower the age of all junior competitors in any division to age 8. Motion by Murphy to approve, second by Wingle. Wingle, Cumberworth, Murphy, Liebman, Gray, Diaguila, and Stucky in favor. Dieterich, Stidolph, Inkso and Walls opposed. Motion carried.

RP4B – Lower Age of Leisure Junior Competitors. Adjustment of language under Section D, Eligibility of Riders. Proposal invalidated due to RP4A passing.

RP6 – Junior Competitors Supervision. Motion by Gray to approve, second by Stucky. Stidolph opposed. Motion carried.

RP8 – Sanction Language. Motion by Walls to approve, second by Wingle. Motion carried.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES. Dieterich. One action item regarding ride sanctions after confusion at a recent ride. Suggested language for handling the changing of an A ride to a B ride if a B ride has already been scored and placed in the same weekend. Wingle had concerns about the sanction chair needing to approve changes during the ride. Motion to approve by Dieterich, second by Walls. Dieterich, Walls, Stidolph, Murphy, and Liebman voted in favor. Wingle, Insko, Cumberworth, Gray, Diaguila and Stucky opposed. Motion failed. Dieterich will take it back to the committee for revision and requested suggested language from the board.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION. Margaret Reynolds. Video presentation shared from American Horse Council meeting. Reynolds asked how much of our board agenda is spent on critical areas that will actually benefit the organization? We need to look to the future. Juniors, alliances with other organizations,

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adjusting perceptions around NATRC, encouraging new members, hearing the voice of new members, supporting rides and ride management and improving our technology are important considerations. Zeliff gave the board an assignment using the 2018 task force PowerPoint to identify three significant things for the board to focus on that they believe would have the most impact on the future of NATRC.

PROTEST. Stucky. Report submitted. There was one protest from the first ride in Region 6, Tally Ho. It was decided there were no rules broken.

PLANNED AND CHARITABLE GIVING. Swiss and Cowart. No report.

NATIONAL HISTORIAN. Conner. Report filed. Historical photos are being shared to Hoof Print. Conner has stacks of old sanction summaries; it was decided they can be disposed of.

RIDE SANCTIONS. Conner. Issues with managers opening ride types in RMS for registration that are not sanctioned. Managers can request to add divisions and types and that can be added fairly quickly, but it does have to be approved by the sanction chairs.

CLINIC SANCTIONS. Linda Clayton. Report filed. Clinics in R1 and R6 noted.

RIDE MANAGEMENT. Swiss and Diaguila. No report.

RULES INTERPRETER. Wingle. 28 completed rides so far this year. A few accidents with most being minor. A couple of people went to the hospital, but no significant injuries were reported. There were some mapping issues reported. Hold times reported, mostly due to rider bunching. R1’s are getting better about submitting maps with their reports.

MARKETING/PUBLICITY/E-NEWS. Murphy/Gray. Murphy has sent 22 E-News announcements since the last meeting. 2,556 subscribers now. Gray stated we are still not doing any paid advertising but utilizing free social media. Gray encouraged if regions are using FB events for their rides to make NATRC a co-host because it helps with visibility and shared marketing.

VIRTUAL CHALLENGES. Zeliff/Murphy. It is not too late to take advantage of the mileage challenge. Murphy stated the first obstacle set just closed with 34 participants. The second set is now open and is an all-in-hand challenge set.

SPONSORSHIPS. Vacant. Zeliff has two names of people interested in possibly taking on sponsorships. We could use more potential suggestions because we need to get this program back on track.

HOOF PRINT ADVISORY. Dieterich and Muench. Hoof Print was a little late. Dieterich would like to have someone from each region to submit regional information and articles.

JUNIORS. Meroshekoff. No report.

FOUNDATION. Conner. No changes.

NATIONAL DRUG TESTING. Murphy. Nothing to report; pushing for end of the season testing.

VETERINARY DRUG COMMITTEE. Dr. Tamara Gull. No report.

TRAIL ADVOCACY AND GRANTS. Insko. Nothing at this time.

EDUCATION. Dieterich. Ruth Mesimer has been reviewing and scanning in scorecards. We are seeing a lot of math and scoring inconsistencies on scorecards. Having faster access to the scorecards and raising questions to the judges quicker has been a big help.

MEMBERSHIP. Zeliff. Putting a lot of information out to this committee to try to boost membership in each region. The information he recently shared was published in Hoof Print.

JUDGES COMMITTEE. Walls. Two LeD applicants have completed the LeD apprenticeship process, and the Judges Committee recommends approval. Motion by Walls to approve Sara Baldwin and Sherrie Bray as LeD Judges, second by Wingle. Motion carried.

HALL OF FAME. Smith. No applicants.

STUDENT LOAN/SCHOLARSHIPS. Marilyn Marston. No applicants.

BREED & ORGANIZATION LIASONS. Stucky. Nothing new to report.

A.H.A. Insko. Nothing to report other than having an in-person meeting.


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TECHNOLOGY/WEBSITE. Smith. There has been some positive progress on the data and tech side. Andrea Rogers is building a new Excel system for tracking rides and points data to make mid-year and year end results tabulations much simpler and allow us to work in the system simultaneously.

WEBINARS. Wingle. Smith did a good job on the first webinar.

CONVENTION & NATIONAL AWARDS. Convention 2023 will be in Sacramento.

REGIONAL REPORTS. R1. Dieterich–the region is struggling for riders. They are pretty healthy financially, so rather than having the manager bear the cost of the ride, the region will. R2. Insko – ride coming up Labor Day weekend and then two others in the fall. R3. Wingle – decent rides and entries. Several rides planned for the fall. The region won’t be sponsoring the rides, but the region is putting together a grant to help managers mitigate a loss. R4. Murphy – 4 rides so far with 5 fall rides scheduled. Two new ride locations. R5. Diaguila – healthy ride schedule, 5 rides so far with 5 more scheduled. H Cooper Black was dually sanctioned with AERC and Ride and Tie. R6. Stucky – several rides and clinics. LeD rides have been more successful than the A rides.

SHARED BOARD. NA

OLD BUSINESS.

1. Judging Consistency Task Force – the scorecard pilot project will be restarted for 2023, but it will take widespread education and visibility.

NEW BUSINESS.

1. Special Presentation. Margaret Reynolds.
2. 2023 Rule Change Proposals. See above.
3. Enhanced Sponsorship with Distance Depot. Items with our logo embroidered; 10% to NA-TRC.
4. 2022 NATRC Raffle. 1st prize - Afghan; 2nd prize - jacket; 3rd – 25 winners for (2) $10 RW gift cards.

Next monthly meeting will be September 6, 2022 @ 6:30 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

2023 RULE CHANGES – Approved July 16, 2022

#1: CHANGE THE END OF THE RIDE YEAR

SECTION 2 - SANCTIONED RIDES AND CLINICS

A. Rides
   1. Sanctioning
      d. Ride year ends the last Sunday in November.

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

B. Annual Awards
   1. General
      e. Ride year ends the last Sunday in November.

#2: COMBINE DIVISION WEIGHT CLASSES INTO ADULT CLASS

(A TEMPORARY ONE-YEAR ACTION)

SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

A. Divisions
   1. Open
      d. Classes
         (1) This division will offer Adult and Junior Classes in horse as defined in Section 4 B.
   2. Novice
      d. Classes
         (1) This division will offer Adult and Junior Classes in horse as defined in Section 4 B.
   3. Competitive Pleasure
      d. Classes
         (1) This division will offer Adult and Junior Classes in horse as defined in Section 4 B.

B. Classes
   1. The Heavyweight and Lightweight classes are combined into an Adult class on a temporary basis for the 2023 ride year and will revert to 2022 rules unless extended by the National Board of Directors.
   2. Riders 18 or older at the beginning of the ride year must compete in the Adult class.
SECTION 9 – AWARDS

A. Ride Awards

1. A sanctioned ride having an Open, Competitive Pleasure and Novice Division will offer Adult and Junior Classes in horse and horsemanship.

B. Annual Awards

2. National Awards
   a. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: In the Open Division Adult Class, a horse shall be declared a National Champion when all the following requirements are met within the first 16 rides officially started in the same year.
   b. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: In the Competitive Pleasure Division Adult and Junior Classes, a horse shall be declared a National Champion when all the following requirements are met within the first 12 rides officially started in the same year.

3.  Junior
   a. Juniors may compete in Open, Competitive Pleasure or Novice Division Adult Classes. Juniors may compete in Leisure Division Adult or Experienced Classes.

SECTION 10 – REGION 1A AWARDS

B. Annual/Year-end Awards

2. National Awards
   a. National Championship: In the Open Division Adult Class, a horse shall be declared a National Champion when all the following requirements are met within the first 16 rides officially started in the same year.
   b. National Championship: In the Competitive Pleasure Division Adult and Junior Classes, a horse shall be declared a National Champion when all the following requirements are met within the first 12 rides officially started in the same year.

#3: CONSISTENCY IN LIMITATIONS FOR NOVICE DIVISION AND LEISURE ADULT CLASS

SECTION 4 - DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

A. Divisions

2. Novice
   e. Limitations
      (1) Any horse and adult rider combination having earned 250 points, lifetime accumulation, in horse (regardless of class in Open, Competitive Pleasure, and Novice) or in Leisure Team, shall not compete for awards in Novice Horse Division.
      (2) Any horse and junior rider combination having earned 250 points, lifetime accumulation, in horse (regardless of class in Open, Competitive Pleasure, and Novice) or in Leisure Team, and rider having reached age of 14 shall not compete for awards in Novice Horse Division.
      (3) Any adult rider having earned 250 points, lifetime accumulation, in horsemanship (regardless of horse, or class in Open, Competitive Pleasure and Novice) or in Leisure Team, shall not compete for awards in Novice Horsemanship Division.
      (4) Any junior rider having earned 250 points, lifetime accumulation, in horsemanship (regardless of horse, or class in Open, Competitive Pleasure and Novice) or in Leisure Team, and having reached the age of 14 shall not compete for awards in Novice Horsemanship Division.
      (5) Horse and rider combinations having won a National Championship or placed 3rd or higher in the NATRC annual high point awards in each Competitive Pleasure Class (i.e., Adult, Junior), first through sixth place.

### RULE CHANGE STANDING SCHEDULE

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point awards (excluding regional awards) in any class in Open or Competitive Pleasure in any previous year are ineligible to compete in the Novice Division.

(6) No accredited past or present NATRC horsemanship, veterinary or leisure judge shall compete for horse or horsemanship awards in the Novice Division.

4. Leisure e. Classes

(1) This division will offer Experienced, Adult and Junior Classes as defined in Section 4 B, with the exception that Experienced teams are defined as:

(a) Any past or present NATRC judge (veterinary, horsemanship, leisure).

(c) Horse and rider combinations having won a National Championship or placed 3rd or higher in the NATRC annual high point awards (excluding regional awards) in any class in Open or Competitive Pleasure in any previous year.

(d) Any NATRC rider having attained 1,500 miles in competition or having won one or more National Championships, President’s Cup, Jim Menefee Combined Horse and Horsemanship, Bev Tibbitts Grand Champion High Average Horse, or Polly Bridges High Average Horsemanship in any class in any previous year.

SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

B. Classes

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. Riders must be able to care for their horse with minimal assistance. Riders 12 and under must ride with an adult sponsor or a junior sponsor, 13 or older with more than 250 NATRC miles, with a limit of two per sponsor. The sponsor must also be a registered participant in an appropriate division. If the sponsor cannot continue, a sponsor on trail can be substituted with another appropriate competitor or DO rider.

b. Juniors may compete in Open, Competitive Pleasure or Novice Division Adult Classes. Juniors may compete in Leisure Division Adult or Experienced Classes.

D. Eligibility of Riders

1. All persons of minimum competitive age or older are eligible to compete in NATRC, except:

SECTION 2 – SANCTIONED RIDES AND CLINICS

A. Rides:

1. Sanctioning

f. Rule violations may cause loss of placings, points, and mileage to the competitors.

g. Failure to comply with established NATRC sanctioning guidelines up to 14 days prior to the ride date may cause denial or revocation of sanction. Further failure to comply with sanctioning guidelines or rules will cause a review of the ride by the sanction chair, executive committee, and representative from the judges committee. The review committee will render a judgement on allowing placings, points, and mileage.

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## Region 1

### Cowboy Camp A
5/21-22/22 Region 1 CA Total Riders: 3
Chair: Maria Pilgrim
Judges: Vet - Kay Gunckel; Hsp - Lory Walls

**Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight**

1 / 1 SW - 98 FV AUR Silver / Stamper, Dannan
Novice Lightweight
P / P Morgan 3 / Shen, Robin

**Novice Lightweight**

1 / 1 SW - 79.5 FV AUR Asad / Mielke, Daniela

Judges: Vet - Kay Gunckel; Hsp - Lory Walls; LeD - Jim Ferris

**Competitive Pleasure Lightweight**

1 / 1 Desert Reinbeau / Meroshnkeff, Angie
2 / 2 HRA Mazerati / Swain, Stephanie

**Competitive Pleasure Junior**

1 / 1 SW - 99 Wind River Rose / Monlux, Anais
2 / 2 Thishobbytookmyassets / Kelly, Chesney

**Novice Heavyweight**

1 / 1 Lightning's Mountainfrost / Bradly, Whitney

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### Novice Lightweight

1 / 2 / SW - 100 Khlassic Krome / Kumar, Sheila
2 / 1 / Dorothy / Hansen, Ember

### Novice Junior

1 / 1 / ROL Born to Dance / Pows, Regan

### Leisure Adult

1 Apollo / Lauterbach, Kay

### Leisure Experienced

DO Kamiko / Lieberknecht, Kay

### Leisure Junior

1 Denebabor / Muller, Samantha
2 Valentyn / Doering, Rebekah
3 C J / Geimer, Cassidy
4 Lucky Eddie / Egerer, Lorelei
5 Mogley / Cudney, Rebecca

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## Region 2

### Spring Fling B1
4/23/22 Region 2 CA Total Riders: 16
Chair: Margie Insko
Judge: LeD - Sherrie Bray

**Leisure Adult**

1 Springlake Maximus / Hinkle, Jennifer
2 Boo 2 / Young, Gail
3 Seneka / Hunter, Erika
4 HL Devils Tinky Jinx / Grutz, Karin
5 Jo 2 / Keyes, Dee
6 Cash 5 / Morofski, Johanna

**DO Denali 2 / Boraz, Katharine**

**Open Lightweight**

1 SW - 93 Rohara Hasanni / Muench, Gayle

**Leisure Junior**

1 SW - 99 Playboy's Lady Ann CC / Stanifer, Molly

**Novice Lightweight**

2 / 1 Mr. Cool / Edwards, Ashley

**Competitive Pleasure Lightweight**

1 / 1 Mr. Cool / Edwards, Ashley

**Novice Heavyweight**

2 / 1 SW - 99 Wind River Rose / Monlux, Anais

**Novice Junior**

1 / 1 SW - 99 Wind River Rose / Monlux, Anais

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### Navajo Lake A

5/7-8/22 Region 3 NM Total Riders: 13
Chair: Bill Cumberworth
Judges: Vet - Amy Mason; Hsp - Jerry Sims

**Open Heavyweight**

1 SW - 93 Rohara Hasanni / Muench, Gayle
2 Echo Affirmmed / Jarrett, Cheryl
3 HRA Mazerati / Swain, Stephanie
4 Playboys Reno Velvet / Wickes, Emily

**Novice Heavyweight**

1 Apollo / Lauterbach, Kay
2 Brio 2 / Kelly, Robin
3 ROL Born to Dance / Powis, Regan

**Leisure Adult**

1 Copper Touch / Morgan, Dayna
2 Talk Til Midnight / Gunckel, Kay
3 Jobebule / Conne, Linda
4 Lil Miss Daisy Mae / Halterman, Susan
5 SS Kharady Khid / Galchutt, Pamela

**Leisure Junior**

1 Little Joe 3 / Belyaev, Yulia
2 Takoda Aussie’s Sun / Walls, Sharyl
3 Talk Til Midnight / Gunckel, Kay
4 Lil Miss Daisy Mae / Halterman, Susan

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## Region 3

### Greenland Open Space B1
6/4/22 Region 3 CO Total Riders: 24
Chair: Bill Wingle
Judge: LeD - Diane Wingle

**Leisure Adult**

1 Azizah / Rice, Azure
2 Cochise 2 / Master, Page
3 Docs Crown Whiskey / Dean, Amy
4 Cherry / Edwards, Nia
5 Midnight 3 / Blake, Michelle
6 Chipeta / Beucler, Jean

**Novice Lightweight**

1 SW - 98 Sugar Daddie / Smith, Terri
2 / 1 SW - 97 Playboy's Lady Ann CC / Stanifer, Molly
3 Lightning McQueen / Johnson, Amanda

**Leisure Junior**

1 Little Joe 3 / Belyaev, Yulia
2 Takoda Aussie’s Sun / Walls, Sharyl
3 Talk Til Midnight / Gunckel, Kay
4 Lil Miss Daisy Mae / Halterman, Susan
5 SS Kharady Khid / Galchutt, Pamela
6 Norma Jean / Marquardt, Diana

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### Greenland Open Space B2
6/5/22 Region 3 CO Total Riders: 13
Chair: Bill Wingle
Judge: LeD - Diane Wingle

**Leisure Adult**

1 Silver Cross Bravo / Montgomery, Patrick
2 Cochise 2 / Master, Page
3 Alen’s Boys Knight Out / Martens, Pamela
4 Azizah / Rice, Azure
5 Asparagus / Bach, Jann
6 Skipping Array / Mason, Amy

**Novice Lightweight**

1 / 1 SW - 99 Wind River Rose / Monlux, Anais
2 / 2 LS Silver Lining / Hardy, Rainy

**Leisure Junior**

1 Takoda Aussie’s Sun / Walls, Sharyl
2 Talk Til Midnight / Gunckel, Kay
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**Region 5**

**Spring in Dixie A**
4/9/22 Region 5 AL Total Riders: 26
Chair: Sherry Garnes
Judges: Vet - Stephanie Ostrowski; Hsp - Wayne Tolbert

**Open Heavyweight**
1 / 1 SW - 100 Windstorm Clay / Mitchell, Tommy
2 / 2 Rohara Hasanni / Muench, Gayle
3 / 3 Jimmy Cricket / Mulligan, Jennifer
P / P Flicka’s Rose / Stroh, John

**Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight**
1 / 2 SW - 100 Oikes Roanwood 10 / Fields, Bobby
2 / 1 Beau 11 / Garnes, Sherry
3 / 3 Wishbone Two Eyed Jak / Barclay, Kathryn
4 / 4 Mnttop Never Say Never / Howard, Marsha

**Alabama Trail Scamper A**
5/21-22/22 Region 5 AL Total Riders: 18
Chair: Marsha Howard
Judges: Vet - Linda Galbraith; Hsp - Wayne Tolbert

**Open Heavyweight**
1 / 1 SW - 98 Windstorm Clay / Mitchell, Tommy
2 / 2 Rohara Hasanni / Muench, Gayle
P / P Jimmy Cricket / Mulligan, Jennifer

**Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight**
1 / 2 SW - 100 Oikes Roanwood 10 / Fields, Bobby
2 / 1 Beau 11 / Games, Sherry

**Virginia Highlands A**
6/18-19/22 Region 5 VA Total Riders: 24
Chair: Nancy Sluys
Judges: Vet - Stephanie Ostrowski; Hsp - Kim Cowart

**Open Heavyweight**
1 / 1 SW - 98 Windstorm Clay / Mitchell, Tommy
2 / 1 Jimmy Cricket / Whitehead, Victoria

**Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight**
1 / 1 Oikes Roanwood 10 / Fields, Bobby
2 / 2 Mnttop Never Say Never / Howard, Marsha
3 / 2 Wishbone Two Eyed Jak / Barclay, Kathryn
4 / 4 Mnttop Never Say Never / Howard, Marsha

**Spring in Dixie B1**
4/9/22 Region 5 AL Total Riders: 9
Chair: Patty Lucas
Judges: Vet - Stephanie Ostrowski; Hsp - Wayne Tolbert

**Competitive Pleasure Lightweight**
1 / 1 SW - 96 Dotty / Galbraith, Linda

**Novice Heavyweight**
1 / 1 Celestial’s Wings of Destiny / Hendrikse, Mark
P / P Johnny Reno / Wolf, Teresa

**Alabama Trail Scamper B1**
5/21/22 Region 5 AL Total Riders: 6
Chair: Marsha Howard
Judges: Vet - Linda Galbraith; Hsp - Wayne Tolbert

**Competitive Pleasure Lightweight**
P / P South of Easy / Petelle, Patricia

**Novice Heavyweight**
1 / 1 SW - 65 Kensington Palace / Eggeman, Brandy
P / P Celestial’s Wings of Destiny / Hendrikse, Mark
P / P Johnny Reno / Wolf, Teresa

**Novice Lightweight**
P / P Celestial’s Dream Spirit / Banks, Sarah
P / P Kentucky / Ellison, Victoria

**Novice Heavyweight**
P / P Calypso’s Crescent / Martin, Jameson

**Virginia Highlands B1**
6/18/22 Region 5 VA Total Riders: 2
Chair: Nancy Sluys
Judges: Vet - Stephanie Ostrowski; Hsp - Kim Cowart

**Open Lightweight**
1 / 1 SW - 98 SH Encantada / Stock, Verena

**Novice Heavyweight**
1 / 1 SW - 98 SH Encantada / Stock, Verena

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### Region 6

**Tally Ho A**
4/9-10/22 Region 6 KS Total Riders: 13
Chair: Mary Licata
Judges: Vet - Lucy Hirsch; Hsp - Norma Newton

#### Open Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW - 89 L.L.Remington / Marston, Marilyn
P / P King's Charley R.E. / Wech, Kris

#### Open Lightweight
1 / 1 VA Caradelle / Reynolds, Margaret
P / P Magic Player / Wood, Mary Anna

**Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight**
1 / 1 Roho Honoy Mocha WH / Zeff, John

2 / 2 DM's Sweet Chilly Pepper – SC / Wingle, Bill

**Novice Heavyweight**
1 / 2 SW - 91.5 EZ Rocket WH / Stucky, Marla
2 / 3 Kaique Rain / Cleveland, Trish
3 / 1 The Missouri Reverend / Wingie, Diane

**Novice Lightweight**
6 / 3 Benners Montana Rosebud / Landuyt, Julie
P / P Annie Oakley / Houghton, Melvin

**Kanopolis Canyon A**
5/21-22/22 Region 6 KS Total Riders: 21
Chair: Marilyn Marston
Judges: Vet - Verona Chaffin; Hsp - Priscilla Lindsey

#### Open Heavyweight
1 / 1 King's Charley R.E. / Wech, Kris

#### Open Lightweight
1 / 1 SW - 99 TA Kaiser / Prusak, Deanne
2 / 4 Rushcreek Frontier / Smith, Helen
3 / 8 Envy My Fame / Brinck, Travis
4 / 6 Allumination MCS / McCutchen, Lori
5 / 2 RPH Ebony Diamond / Hicks, Patti
6 / 3 VA Caradelle / Reynolds, Margaret
8 / 5 Moon Shadow's Black Gold / Price, Alanna
8 / 8 Mardigras RA / Peticolas, Cynthia

**Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight**
1 / 1 SW - 96 Roho Honoy Mocha WH / Zeff, John
2 / 2 Sparks on Blacktop / Shoenehair, Leon

**Kanopolis Canyon B1**
5/21/22 Region 6 KS Total Riders: 6
Chair: Marilyn Marston
Judge: LeD - Debby Starr

**Kanopolis Canyon B2**
5/22/22 Region 6 KS Total Riders: 3
Chair: Marilyn Marston
Judge: LeD - Debby Starr

**Pony Express At Rock Creek Station B1**
6/11/22 Region 6 NE Total Riders: 9
Chair: Helen Smith
Judges: Vet - Tamara Gull; Hsp - Esther Diaguila; LeD - Debby Starr

#### Open Lightweight
1 / 1 SW - 97 VA Caradelle / Reynolds, Margaret

**Novice Heavyweight**
1 / 1 SW - 90 Cowboy 6 / Smart, Debra

**Novice Lightweight**
1 / 1 L.L.Remington / Marston, Marilyn

**Leisure Adult**
1 Cowboy 6 / Smart, Debra
2 Barbee / Bohling, Cheryl
3 Xanara / Samo, Silla
4 WMA Platinum / Kaye, Mary
5 Shadow Mayhem / Samo, Sabriya

**Leisure Experienced**
1 Hungarian Jade / Wood, Mary Anna

**Pony Express At Rock Creek Station B2**
6/12/22 Region 6 NE Total Riders: 7
Chair: Helen Smith
Judges: Vet - Tamara Gull; Hsp - Esther Diaguila

#### Open Heavyweight
1 / 1 L.L.Remington / Marston, Marilyn

#### Open Lightweight
1 / 1 SW - 97.5 Allumination MCS / McCutchen, Lori

#### Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW - 96 Roho Honoy Mocha WH / Zeff, John

**Novice Lightweight**
1 / 1 SW - 96.5 OGR's Romeo / Record, Linda

**Novice Adult**
1 WMA Platinum / Kaye, Mary
2 Annie Oakley / Landuyt, Julie

**Leisure Experienced**
1 Hungarian Jade / Wood, Mary Anna

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### Mozingo Lake B1

- **6/25/22 Region 6 MO**
- **Total Riders:** 11
- **Chair:** John Zeliff
- **Judge:** LeD - Sarah J. Smith

**Leisure Adult**

1. Sylvester / Frederick, Cheryl
2. Fiddler 2 / Rasmussen, Kim
3. Xenara / Samo, Sila
4. WMA Platinum / Kaye, Mary
5. BlackHawk / Gautier, Vickie

**Leisure Junior**

1. Shadow Mayhem / Samo, Sabriya
2. Rossharon Ashes / McNiff, Sandra

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#### Mozingo Lake B2

- **6/26/22 Region 6 MO**
- **Total Riders:** 8
- **Chair:** John Zeliff
- **Judge:** LeD - Sarah J. Smith

**Leisure Adult**

1. Sylvester / Frederick, Cheryl
2. Fiddler 2 / Rasmussen, Kim
3. Xenara / Samo, Sila
4. WMA Platinum / Kaye, Mary
5. BlackHawk / Gautier, Vickie

**Leisure Junior**

1. Shadow Mayhem / Samo, Sabriya
2. Barbee / Bohling, Cheryl

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### Pierce Creek LeD B1

- **7/9/22 Region 6 IA**
- **Total Riders:** 17
- **Chair:** Mary Fettes
- **Judge:** LeD - Debby Starr

**Leisure Adult**

1. Sylvester/ Frederick, Cheryl
2. Johnny Ringo / Kennedy, Shaina
3. Midge / Gast, Catherine
4. Barbee / Bohling, Cheryl
5. Lennox / Barrett, Holly
6. Isaiah / Robinson, Deb

**Open Lightweight**

1. SW - 99 VA Caradelle / Reynolds, Margaret
2. Allumination MCS / McCutchen, Lori
3. Rushcreek Frontier / Smith, Helen

**Novice Lightweight**

1. SW - 97.5 OGR’s Romeo / Record, Linda
2. WMA Platinum / Kaye, Mary

**Leisure Adult**

1. Midge / Gast, Catherine
2. Sylvester / Frederick, Cheryl

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### Jesse James Rideout B1

- **8/27/22 Region 6 MO**
- **Total Riders:** 28
- **Chair:** John Zeliff
- **Judges:** Vet - Verona Chaffin; Hsp - Norma Newton; LeD - Alice Perryman

**Open Heavyweight**

1. 1 / L.L.Remington / Marston, Marilyn

**Open Lightweight**

1. SW - 99 VA Caradelle / Reynolds, Margaret
2. Allumination MCS / McCutchen, Lori
3. Rushcreek Frontier / Smith, Helen
4. RPH Ebony Diamond / Hicks, Patti
5. Moon Shadow's Black Gold / Price, Alanna

**Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight**

1. P / P Sparks on Blacktop / Shoenhair, Leon
2. SW - 99 PVA Light Nthe Storm / Johansen, Kristen
3. Cito Mocha Raton / Cleveland, Trish
4. Annie Oakley / Wood, Mary Anna

**Competitive Pleasure Lightweight**

1. SW - 97.5 OGR’s Romeo / Record, Linda
2. WMA Platinum / Kaye, Mary
3. Dolly 3 / Deselich, Rianna

**Leisure Adult**

1. Midge / Gast, Catherine
2. Sylvester / Frederick, Cheryl
3. Cowboy 6 / Smart, Debra
4. Domino 4 / Powers, Connar
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