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2022 President’s Cup Winner
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Huge shout out to Region 1 for being wonderful convention hosts as we gathered in Sacramento for the 2023 national NATRC convention. Our convention theme was Horses, Hills, and Golden Trails and the weekend did not disappoint. The convention speakers were fantastic. Thank you to everyone in Region 1 who made this special event possible. If you have not been to a national NATRC convention, be sure to add that to your NATRC bucket list.

During this year’s convention, I had the opportunity to sit down and visit with two of our original NATRC riders! It seemed only appropriate as we were meeting in Region 1 where it all began for NATRC that I would meet a special NATRC couple there, Joe and Ashley Dillard. Ashley rode in the very first NATRC ride ever at Mount Diablo in California in September of 1961! That next year Ashley and Joe rode NATRC rides together! It was one of many convention highlights for me.

National convention left me inspired and very motivated for the 2023 ride season. From my conversations with Joe and Ashley to watching our members being recognized at the awards banquet. From listening to excellent presentations to being able to meet other NATRC members from across the country.

I am looking forward to the upcoming ride season, being out there on the trails, and sitting around the campfire with our NATRC family! As always, keep pushing, be a class act, and never stop chasing those dreams!

John Zeliff
NATRC President
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Meet Our New Apprentice and Provisional Judges

Members: The Judges Committee welcomes your comments on the following apprentice and provisional judges.

Veterinary Judges

Apprentice

Amy Mason, DVM (R3)
Vivian Gay McWilliams Quam, DVM (R5)

Provisional

Julie Gauthier, DVM (R5)
Amy Spies, DVM (R5)

Horsemanship Judges

Apprentice

Fran Muench (R4)

Provisional

Jan Jeffers (R1)

Leisure Division Judges

Apprentice

Debbie McCullough (R5)
Victoria Whitehead (R5)

Veterinary and Horsemanship Judges:
- Has your address or phone number changed? Please notify the NATRC office of any changes. Indicate home, cell and office numbers.
- Apprenticing must be done with an approved judge who has agreed to judge and supervise you.

Ride Chairs:
- Secure your judges early. Remember, you must contact and secure your judges well in advance of your ride date!
- Obtain the current Judges List from the website.
- If you have difficulty securing an approved judge, please contact the appropriate Judges Committee Co-Chair:

Veterinary

Tamara Gull, DVM
405/744-8164, 979/324-7961
tguil@missouri.edu

Horsemanship & Leisure

Lory Walls
619/895-0491
lorywalls6@gmail.com

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.

Code of Ethics

We, the NATRC National Board of Directors, Executive Director, judges, committee members, and employees are ambassadors of our sport whether at an organized event or informal gathering. There is an implied code of ethics to adhere to. This code of ethics dictates that we behave professionally, courteously and responsibly. This includes:

- 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
Gloria Becker started competing in NATRC around 1970. She successfully campaigned her horse, Velvet, winning not only regional and national lightweight top honors, but also the Grand Champion award in 1978. Meanwhile she worked on clinics and rides, often as ride secretary when her husband, Richard, was ride chair.

She was the horse & rider mileage secretary from 1982-84; NATRC Secretary from 1985-1993; and the secretary for horse and horsemanship points from 1996-2013.

How many times did someone say, “Ask Gloria.” To say NATRC was her life would be an understatement.

Gloria left us in November 2021.
Bill and Joan Throgmorton were involved in distance riding and NATRC for many years. In 1962 and 1963, while still in vet school, Bill and two other students, Leroy Burnham and George Cardinet, Jr., began initial research on pulse and respiration (P&R) recovery. This meant going to competitive rides and drawing blood from horses. Joan went along to help, and both of them were impressed with the people they met and the horses they saw.

After graduation, Bill continued his research on pulse and respiration and dehydration. He included endurance as well as competitive horses. The result of this research marked the beginning of objective guidelines, i.e., P&R recovery and dehydration in judging competitive and endurance horses. This meant better protection for horses under stress.

Joan was anxious to get a horse and start competing but had to wait until after they moved to Gilroy. They bought a Quarter horse. Bill and Joan along with a number of other people grew very frustrated trying to find out when and where the NATRC rides were going to be held. They wanted a membership and the right to vote.

NATRC's founding fathers agreed to hold a meeting in 1967. A number of important decisions were made at this meeting. An election was held, the board of directors was expanded, and Bill was voted as a member of the board. Joan became the first NATRC Secretary (unpaid for many years), a position she held until October 1978. She did the newsletter, set up all the files, membership, bills and began keeping track of horse and rider mileage, which she continued doing for many years. During this time, she also competed in many rides, won many awards, hauled a number of junior riders, besides her own kids, and was and still is an avid and tireless worker for trails.

Bill became an NATRC veterinary judge in 1965. In 1968, he became a veterinary judge for the Tevis Cup Ride. He also judged a number of other endurance rides as well as competing in both types of rides.

Bill and Joan believed strongly in NATRC's original philosophy and selected and bred horses for many years that demonstrate the soundness, disposition and hardiness needed to make top competitive trail horses. Among the many regional and national awards this family has achieved are two President's Cups, won by daughters, Linda and Denise.

This couple was very involved with ride management. They helped start the Gilroy Hot Springs Ride, sponsored by the San Martin Horsemen's Association. This was the oldest consecutive NATRC ride, still ongoing after 30 years (at the time of this award). In 1969, they were active in the management of the first Uvas Ride. They continued to support this ride in many capacities until the last one in 1982.

Bill was chair and Joan secretary many times on both the above rides. Some of the "firsts" on their rides included the first 3-day ride, the first A Open, B Novice ride, the first belly dancers, and possibly the first roasted pig in a pit. Joan managed or helped on one ride in 1969, two rides per year from 1970 to 1982, and one ride from 1983 to 2000, for a grand total of 45. She served in every management position, often several at once. She laid out trails for all these rides. She was extremely good at finding and making new trails.

During the early years, Bill trained new judges and judged many new rides at his own expense, sometimes traveling great distances throughout the country. The result helped expansion of NATRC nationwide and creation of new regions. Bill wrote the original NATRC Judges Manual. During his last term serving on the board, Bill proposed the idea for the NATRC Foundation and was instrumental in getting it approved.

Joan was a horsemanship judge for a number of years and also judged new rides at no cost to management. She spent many hours on the phone and writing letters to new ride managers, always encouraging and giving invaluable advice. She wrote the original NATRC Management Manual.

This dynamic duo made NATRC a big part of their lives. They both said that the people they have met through this organization have been truly special. They continued to learn about horses and horsemanship. They enjoyed seeing a big part of this country and making friends wherever they traveled. They continued to fight for trails.

Read more about Bill here.
Read more about Joan here.
In 2013, we launched AmazonSmile to make it easier for customers to support their favorite charities. However, after almost a decade, the program has not grown to create the impact that we had originally hoped. With so many eligible organizations—more than 1 million globally—our ability to have an impact was often spread too thin.

We are writing to let you know that we plan to wind down AmazonSmile by February 20, 2023. We will continue to pursue and invest in other areas where we’ve seen we can make meaningful change—from building affordable housing to providing access to computer science education for students in under-served communities to using our logistics infrastructure and technology to assist broad communities impacted by natural disasters.

To help charities that have been a part of the AmazonSmile program with this transition, we will be providing them with a one-time donation equivalent to three months of what they earned in 2022 through the program, and they will also be able to accrue additional donations until the program officially closes in February. Once AmazonSmile closes, charities will still be able to seek support from Amazon customers by creating their own wish lists.
Thank You to the 2023 National Convention Committee

- Chairperson – Angie Meroshnekoff
- Hotel Coordinator – Angie Meroshnekoff
- Convention Assistants – Linda Thomason & Maria Pilgrim
- Secretary – Joyce Driggers
- Registration – Joyce Driggers, Donna Stidolph, Linda Thomason
- Publicity – Linda Thomason
- Speakers – Angie Meroshnekoff
- AV / Technology – Donna Stidolph
- Emcee – Maria Pilgrim
- Name Tags – Donna Stidolph
- Hospitality – Donna Stidolph
- Logo Design – Bev Roberts & Angie Meroshnekoff
- Welcome Baskets - NBOD – Anne Anderson
- NBOD Liaison – Angie Meroshnekoff & Maria Pilgrim
- Photographers – Linda Thomason & Donna Stidolph
- Silent Auction – Linda Thomason & Stephanie Swain
- Tours / Side Trips – Maria Pilgrim
- National Awards Banquet – Angie Meroshnekoff
- National Awards Program (Saturday) – Sarah J. Smith & Jamie Dieterich
- Region 1 Awards – Linda Thomason
- Region 1 Awards Program (Sunday) – Jamie Dieterich

With Thanks and Appreciation to our 2022 Outgoing Directors from the entire organization!

Jamie Dieterich – Region 1  Cathy Cumberworth – Region 3

Join us at the longest standing ride in the nation!

50th Annual Indian Cave Competitive Trail Ride & Celebration!

September 16-17, 2023
Indian Cave State Park, Shubert, NE

ONE Type A (2-day) Ride
Open / Competitive Pleasure / Novice
TWO Type B (1-day) Rides – B1 Saturday & B2 Sunday
Open / Competitive Pleasure / Novice / Leisure
Saturday Evening Celebration!

For detailed ride information and fees, click here.

Sponsored by Nebraska Endurance & Competitive Trail Ride Association (NECTRA)
To understand the growing relationship between Topaz the Paso Fino, myself and the Army Corps of Engineers Holleman Bend Horse Trail in Granville, TN, we have to go back a few years to 2016. That’s the year my husband found our dream fixer-upper farm featuring the federal horse trail running in front of it. I no longer had to transport in order to condition my distance horses. I thought I had it made!

At our new facility, I developed a model of a rental stable that focused on the longevity, health and happiness of the horses first and foremost. After all, most of the horses I was using were my former endurance horses and current NATRC horses. I had spent years training them, conditioning them, and partnering with them.

There was one problem with this idea of depending solely upon my physical abilities to make my living - I already have permanent damage from decades of severe Rheumatoid Arthritis and Lupus that can affect my mobility. While I am currently able to climb up on those 16 hand Tennessee Walking Horses that I’m incorporating in my rental stable, I knew as a 4’10” woman that I needed a replacement for my retired Icelandic.

I purchased a Paso Fino from a woman, who after a massive stroke and additional health problems, had to sell all of her horses and give up her training business. She wanted her precious youngster, Topaz, to go to a petite adult who was looking for their heart horse. We connected, and now Topaz is my permanent mobility mount and official guide horse.

My business grew, and by 2021, I realized that if the stable continued to grow at the current rate, I’d be able to quit teaching and become a true entrepreneur! Knowing I wouldn’t be able to really compete in distance events much, I joined the Top Trail virtual distance program in January of 2022. Thus began the logging of miles.

As Topaz is NOT a natural lead horse and is very opinionated, you can imagine the disagreements we’ve had. She had gotten well practiced at reversing past things she refused to go forward by. She learned the sidepassing cues as she went sideways past other things. For the first few months of riding, I do believe almost half of the miles I logged on her were going in either reverse or sideways!

We covered miles and miles during training, guiding, checking trail after storms, walking the dogs or herding my neighbor’s loose cattle back to their pasture. After about six months under saddle, she finally had that eureka moment and realized that her work was much easier done in a slow forward walk - instead of sideway or reverse. She has become perfect under saddle.

My goal with the partnership I’m developing with Topaz, is to be writing an article about our continued partnership in 30 years ... when I’m 80.
INDIAN CAVE
50 YEAR CELEBRATION 1973-2023
SEPTEMBER 16-17 SHUBERT, NEBRASKA

The longest continuously held Competitive Trail Ride in NATRC history.

Same location. Same managing club. Same founder and Trail Master, Chuck Edwards. Year, after year, after year, for 50 years.

We are looking for photos!

The Indian Cave CTR archive photos were lost many years ago, and we would like to put together a photo timeline of the history of this amazing location for our September competition and celebration.

If you have attended this ride in the past 50 years, please take a journey through your albums, and see if you have photos of when you joined us as a competitor, safety rider, volunteer, or even as a visitor to the park and rode the trails.

Send in JPG format with year noted to alexdouglasbraun@gmail.com by Aug 15
Jamie wears so many “hats” for NATRC and does so many things for us, we can’t even count them. Mostly she works tirelessly behind the scenes. She never seeks credit or recognition. We’ll bet that a lot of members have no idea of the breadth of everything she does for us, or we’ll eat our hats.

Like Bev Tibbits (her mentor), Jamie’s name is practically synonymous with NATRC.

Need something done? Ask Jamie. You’d better be quick about it, though, before she asks you how she can help.

We wonder how she has room in her closet for so many hats! Not only that, how does she transport them during her annual treks between Alaska and the lower 48? We can only guess she wears her organizer one then. Here are a few others we can think of off the top of our hats!

- Initiator, Intermediary, Proofreader, Reviewer, Editor - Jamie is involved with keeping forms (over 100 of them), bylaws, proposed rule changes, our rulebook, policies and procedures, active and inactive judges lists, Judges Manual, Management Manual and many more documents up-to-date.
- Liaison - for putting updated forms and other information on the website.
- Chair (3 hats) - Information and Education Committee, Media Advisory Board, Policies & Procedures
- Member (2) - Judges Committee, Drug Committee - both Ex Officio: non-voting member as Education chair. She passes on material/decisions coming out of the committees to where needed. Examples: the recent task force recommendations for Trail Ability updates on the horse scorecard, updating active and inactive judges lists, drug appendices for the rule book.
- Creator, Maintainer - of list of approved judges
- Preparer - of newly approved judges’ certificates. (Would that make her a certificator?).
- Distributor - of annual points and data assuring that the correct information makes its way into Hoof Print, the convention program and onto our website.
- Writer (3) - Non-fiction, Technical, Script - of veterinary subjects, history, education articles, letters, and the convention awards program
- Researcher - instrumental with Mike Parez, DVM, in researching, justifying, testing and setting the guidelines for use of the Cardiac Recovery Index (CRI) by vet judges.
- Judge (3) - Horsemanship, Leisure Division, Virtual Obstacle Challenge
- Director - representing R1 on the national board
- Instructor - at clinics and as horsemanship and LeD judge
- Policy Maker – involved in finalizing and publishing policies like the recent dangerous equine and dog leash ing policies.
- Solicitor - of articles for Hoof Print
- Award Winner (2) - 2003 Jim Menefee Lifetime Award, 2015 Worker Hall of Fame - She hasn’t rested on her laurels and has kept right on contributing and volunteering.

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● Competitor - 320 rider miles. You won’t find Jamie’s name in national performance awards lists on the website. She tips the scales on the worker side!
● Author - of an unknown number of articles and instructional material for R1, national newsletters and websites and our manuals – rider’s manual, judging and management, policies and procedures, etc.
● Photographer - at rides
● Go For - when not acting in an official capacity at rides, helps wherever she can
● Movie star - participant in educational webinar videos
● Coordinator – of R1 Rides and Clinics
● Administrator - of the Ride Management Support Fund
● Friend - to everyone
● Ambassador - of NATRC to any and all she meets

A big THANK YOU, Jamie, from all of us on the national board of directors. We take our hats off to you!

The four “amigas.” From left to right, Patsy Conner, Lory Walls, Laurie DiNatale and Jamie at the LBJ Texas Whitehouse in San Antonio. How does she have time to wear her tourist hat?

Trail Tip - Stay Hydrated

Your horse isn’t the only member of your team who is losing salts and minerals while working. Besides drinking water, you may need to take salt tablets to be alert and help your horse.
A ward-winning equestrian author Margi J. Evans has released a new novel, a work of historical fiction set during World War II in Czechoslovakia. Already honored with several literary awards, the book is a delight for history and horse lovers from teens to adults.

Evans’ novel, inspired by a true story, will touch your heart as no other horse story has before. World War II is raging. Hitler is hiding away the world’s most beautiful purebred horses in a little village in Czechoslovakia. He is using Lipizzaners, Thoroughbreds, and the prize Polish Arabians in his experiments to create the perfect warhorse.

A peculiar 12-year-old boy from the village named Teodor becomes the groom for one of those special horses, Witez II, one of the most famous Arabian stallions of all time. Witez helps the boy face his challenges and find his voice at a time when little is known about the condition now known as autism. The book is an “exquisite blend of historical fact and intricate details about autism...” said the Midwest Book Review.

The Stallion and His Peculiar Boy blends the suspense of a World War II military rescue operation with the subsequent challenges of resettlement in a new land.

Other reviews:
- Maincrest Media. "Readers will fall in love with Evans' masterful plotline and stunning use of descriptive imagery."
- Readers’ Favorite. "Evans brings history to life in this fictional account, one so rich in detail and realism that you are enfolded in the fabric of the story."

About the Author:
M.J. Evans is the award-winning, best-selling author of twenty-two books, most of which center around horses or horse-fantasy creatures. As a lifelong equestrian, she combines her love of horses with her passion for writing. Born and raised in Oregon, Oregon State University graduate, former teacher of junior high and high school students, she now lives in Colorado with her husband Tom, a poodle, and two horses. Her proudest accomplishment is raising five children without ever having to visit them in prison! Those same wonderful children have given her twelve incredible grandchildren and many names to use in her books. A few of her awards are the Amazon.com Best Selling Author, Mom’s Choice, Nautical Book, Feathered Quilt, Reader’s Favorite, and Purple Dragonfly. You can find her books here.
The membership renewal incentive was a success! Three drawings were held, beginning in November, for everyone who renewed their NATRC membership for the 2023 ride season. Congratulations to our three membership renewal incentive winners and thank you to all of you who renewed your membership.

December 1st Winner:
Amy Ramsager, R5, won a NATRC logo jacket from The Distance Depot

December 15th Winner:
Althea Sirridge, R6, won a $50 gift card from Riding Warehouse

January 1st Winner:
Mindy Kane, R2, won a NATRC logo gear bag from The Distance Depot

If you have not yet joined or renewed your NATRC membership for the upcoming year, now is an excellent time to do so. A new ride season is just getting started and we have an exciting year ahead. Membership also makes you eligible to participate in our 2023 NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge, which provides even more fun, and challenges for all of us. Click here to join or renew your NATRC membership today.
For The Record...

Did you know that for completed competition mileage through 2022:

Our riders have logged over **2.7 million** miles

One rider, Mary Anna Wood, has **24,700** miles

Four additional riders have logged over **15,000** miles, and
20 riders have logged **10,000 - 14,500** miles.

Likewise the horses have:

Logged over **2.7 million** miles

Two, Elmer Bandit and Wing Tempo, have gone over **20,700** miles, and
Four have logged **10,000 - 11,600** miles.
Pulse and respiration counts that fall within the established criteria (12 and below for pulse; 9 and below for respiration) are not penalized in any of the divisions – Open, CP, Novice or LeD – and should not be used as tie breakers. For example, pulse count of 10 or a pulse count of 12 (in 15 seconds) are scored the same with no penalty to the horse. A count of 10 does not break a tie over a count of 12.

Pulse counts above 12, or respiration counts above 9, ARE penalized as reflected in the scoring, and those scores can be used to break a tie.

Said another way: a P&R count of 10/4 does not break a tie against a 11/5. However, a P&R count of 10/4 would break a tie against a 13/5.

Pulse and respiration must meet hold criteria together. If the hold criteria are 16 go/17 hold, a count of 17/6 would cause a holdover. If the second count were 15/17, there would be a second holdover because the respiration didn’t meet hold criteria.

Until more data is available, the Judges Committee does not allow for a pulse to be taken and scored through a heart rate monitor alone. The committee guidelines require a manual 15-second count with a stethoscope, and that count be scored on the card.
The 2022 NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge was a huge success with seventy-seven riders logging a total of 39,814.34 miles! The top ten riders nationally along with the top three riders from each region all received special NATRC medallions. Thank you to everyone who participated.

The mileage challenge is a whole lot of fun. With the instant leaderboard updates each time you upload your miles, it quickly becomes an excellent motivator for getting out there and ride.

For the complete results click here.

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“My belief in life is that we can all get along together if we try to understand one another. You'll meet a lot of people and have a lot of acquaintances, but as far as having friends - they are very rare and very precious. But every horse you ride can be your friend because you ask this of them. This is real important to me. You can ask the horse to do your thing, but you ask him; you offer it to him in a good way. You fix it up and let him find it. You do not make anything happen, no more than you can make a friendship begin.”

—Ray Hunt

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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
Jim Ward – Region 3

Jim began his NATRC career in 1997, competing in 5 out of the 6 national regions, often placing at the national level and receiving multiple National Championships. Few have been able to match his longevity as he still competed in the Open division into his 76th year.

Besides competing, Jim Ward was always one to volunteer and mentor. He was one of the first national marketing chairs. He encouraged Specialized Saddle to sponsor a regional award and then finally a national one, being the President’s Cup Saddle each year.

Jim, with his wife Lin, organized the national Six Ranch Vacation raffle, bringing hundreds of dollars to NATRC while providing the membership with a chance for a free week of camping and riding.

Jim, with his wife Lin, managed multiple rides in Westcliffe, Colorado that included the Love of Horses, Bear Basin, and Music Meadows. Besides managing rides, he and Lin helped in major ways at many other rides. For new ride managers, he was always an open-source book for advice and mentoring without being intrusive. When things needed doing, he was there. He wore all hats:

- Ride Manager
- Ride Trail Master (flagger, de-ribbon, etc.)
- Judges Secretary
- Awards Chair
- Caterer and cook extraordinaire (at too many rides to count, while also competing in Open)
- Chief Gopher, he could handle whatever came up

Jim rarely if ever turned down a request for help from management or a rider. He was there from the beginning to mark trail and often the last to leaving assisting with tear down of a camp. He even sacrificed his own riding so that Lin could judge a ride when the planned judge could not attend.

Jim was always a character. He and Lin understood NATRC is about more than just the competition. We are a family, and it was important to bring long time riders together with new competitors, so everyone felt welcome. For many years, he and Lin hosted Happy Hours at every Region 3 ride they attended, often every ride they attended, increasing the comradery of the participants.

We recognize Jim. While he can no longer accept the award, he would certainly appreciate the honor from his many friends and competitors!
Dee Overholt - Region 3

We thank Dee Overholt for the tremendous impact she has had in Region 3 and on all of us. Dee is a mentor to every rider and ride manager regardless of their experience or time in NATRC.

Dee has been a member of NATRC since the 1980’s. She competed for many years accumulating over 4000 NATRC competitive miles and earning two National Championships on her horse, Windwalker.

Over the years Dee has worn many hats, from Region 3 board of director in the 1990’s to manager of the Willow Springs CTR and the long-standing Colorado Trail CTR, which, for many years, she was also trail master, keeping this ride going year after year.

These days Dee is still traveling to nearly every Region 3 ride, donating her time, money, and experience to those who need her. She has been timer, rules interpreter, judge’s secretary, and any other job management can use her help with.

Recently Dee stepped up to chair the Region 3 yearly workers awards. She took on the task when the worker record keeping was a mess, got it organized, and made sure workers got their well-deserved awards. We appreciate Dee taking on this huge task.

As a leader and volunteer, Dee has won, by a general vote of Region 3 members, the Sue Bretag service award in 1996 and again in 2002. This is a very prestigious worker award and one of the highest honors in our region.

Dee is a humble lady. We honor and recognize her for her many years of hard work, compassion, and embodiment of NATRC values.

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 last Sunday in November. (For 2023, that will be November 26th).
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.
Judy Cumberworth - Region 3

Judy Cumberworth started NATRC in 1972 and rode her first ride that same year. Along with her husband, Bill, and their children, Judy became hooked with NATRC’s values and philosophies.

After competing again in 1974, she worked with Bill to start the Navajo Lake Trail Ride in 1975. Navajo Lake has run continuously ever since and is the 2nd longest running ride in NATRC. Over the years, Judy worked on numerous rides in the New Mexico area as well as Region 3 as a whole.

Judy became a horsemanship judge early on and judged in several regions throughout the country. She also served on the Region 3 and National Board of Directors for many years and brought good humor, along with a common-sense approach to furthering NATRC’s values.

Judy was a true trail advocate and championed for a shared trail system between horse riders and other outdoor sport activities.

Judy embodied NATRC. For 50 years, she volunteered in numerous capacities to make our region and organization a success for all involved.

Read more about Judy here.

Helen Smith - Region 6

If you have been around Helen for any amount of time, you’ve surely found it’s hard to not get caught up in her whirlwind of enthusiasm, as she enchants you with her British accent and ever-present smile. She is a spark of energy our organization has needed. She, and her naughty pony, Jessie, began competing in 2014 in Regions 3, 4 & 6.

Helen has managed Region 6’s Ponca Hills Clinic/LeD, Branching Out Clinic/LeD, PonyXpress at Rock Creek Station, and Tally Ho over the last number of years. In addition to managing, she many times is also the ride secretary and trail master at these same rides, and for other rides in our region. As a rider, Helen will mentor anyone needing a confident partner, and specifically two new juniors this year.

Helen managed the 2019 Region 6 Convention in Beatrice, Nebraska and the 2022 NATRC National Convention in Omaha, Nebraska. Her unfailing belief in success over the daunting restrictions of Covid 19 helped power the convention forward after a year’s delay. The convention’s silent auction was brought online for the first time with Helen’s guidance.

We appreciate all that Helen has given to NATRC!

Coupons for you - donations for us! Get the best coupon codes and deals at thousands of stores large and small, from goods to travel, all while a small percentage of what you spend goes to NATRC. You save money and help us. Don’t forget to check the promo codes at www.goodshop.com the next time you are shopping online.
2022 Region 1 Team Awards

Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight
Ribbons sponsored by Region 1
1. Wind River Rose / gr........................Maria Pilgrim.........................31
2. FV AUR Silver / ar..........................Dannan Stamper ...................30

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight
Ribbons sponsored by Region 1
1. HRA Mazerati /ar..........................Stephanie Swain....................35
2. CH-Eirelands Irish / har...................Joyce Driggers.......................33

Novice Heavyweight
Ribbons sponsored by Region 1
1. Lightning’s Mountainfrost / tw........Whitney Brafto.........................26

Novice Lightweight
Ribbons sponsored by Region 1
1. Dorothy / gr.................................Ember Hansen...................... 42

Novice Junior
Ribbons sponsored by Region 1
1. ROL Born to Dance / ar.................Regan Powis......................... 20

Leisure Adult - Regional Recognition
1. Andy / gr..........................................Rachel Vitorelo......................6.5

Leisure Junior - Regional Recognition
1. CJ /gr........................................Cassidy Geimer......................14
2. Denebaborr / ar............................Samantha Muller....................9
3. Mogley / gr....................................Rebecca Cudney.....................8

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NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE
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Gene and Vicki Boicelli

Gene and Vicki were members of the Concord Mt Diablo Trail Riding Association for many years, dating back to the 1970’s. Gene volunteered at rides whenever he could, encouraged by his wife Vicki, who managed one of the rides. Then, like for many of us, life took a different turn for a while.

To our tremendous benefit, they decided it would be a good idea to get involved again. Gene stepped in and started competing. He was so enthused, he started putting on a ride himself. That was 2009, and he’s kept the Round Valley ride going ever since - persevering through extreme heat, trail closures for eagle nesting, and multiple park bureaucracies.

The Round Valley ride is distinguished not only by its difficulty and its beauty, but also by the atmosphere in camp and on the ride. Gene’s quirky sense of humor makes the ride meetings entertaining, which means that people actually enjoy them!

Gene and Vicki have both competed in many R1 rides, and Gene served on the R1 BOD. Although she did it quietly, we know Vicki was a major force in this endeavor. People like them keep the rest of us going, and we owe them a huge thanks and round of applause.

Steve Meroshnekoff

Steve is always there for us. We’ve all seen him at a ride: staring under the open hood of someone’s truck, helping change a tire or jimmying a lock, hauling water, heading up a P&R crew with stethoscope and cards in hand. He has put up and taken down trail markers, mostly by truck but sometimes on horseback!

He has done P&Rs at hundreds of rides, has managed two rides a year for 17 years, was chair of the R1 Wonder Workers program for many years, and served on the R1 BOD.

Steve reassures riders and makes them feel comfortable. He’s there with a sympathetic ear for others when times get tough. He has been his wife’s (Angie’s) support system at home, on the trail, and in her travels as she competes and campaigns in and out of region and serves on the NBOD.

Volunteers are the backbone of our organization, and Steve Meroshnekoff has been one of the great ones.
**2022 Region 2 Team Awards**

**Leisure Experienced - Regional Recognition**
1. Show Me Billy / gr............................Catherine Peterson................20
2. Duke of Shadow Canyon / tw Kandace French Contreras..............17

**Leisure Adult - Regional Recognition**
1. Trooper’s Choice Eliminator / mft....Reuben Contreras...............17.5
2. Buckaroo Buck / gr..........................Catherine Dixon.....................5.5

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**2022 Region 2 Appreciation**

**Rob Dixon & Catherine McCord Dixon**

It isn’t often a region has fairly new members leap forward with both feet and take on all kinds of responsibilities. Catherine and Rob certainly did! They have now managed a new ride for 2 years. They are not only the managers, but cooks, chief bottle washers, trail masters, raffle persons, makers of awards & wash rags, drivers and, by the way, they provide the camp site for the ride on their wonderful property. Without their enthusiasm and hard work, the region would be limited to only two ride managers and would not be drawing new members from the northern part of our region (11 first time riders at the October ride).

Thank you, Catherine and Rob.

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**Kim Johnson & Bonnie Pollock**

The dynamic duo from Boyd Ranch. These two are a pair of invaluable Region 2 assets.

Kim Johnson and Bonnie Pollock are co-ride managers for two of the Region 2 NATRC rides. They have both been very supportive of NATRC. Their first NATRC ride was the Boyd Ranch Adventure Gala (BRAG) at the ranch in Wickenburg, AZ in 2018. Since then, they have added a second NATRC Ride, Frolicking Fools, and now host two rides per year. The trails are always well marked, and they always have volunteers lined up.

Thanks again, Kim and Bonnie, for being fantastic ride managers in Region 2.

It is only with the dedication of ride managers that we can have our rides.

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“The mission/vision/philosophy of NATRC has stood us in good stead for over 50 years now. Sticking with these guidelines has allowed us to become the best at what we do — educating and informing horsemen and horsewomen about how to care for and manage their horses over long distance trail competitions. This is what we do and No One Does it Better.”

—Kim Cowart
Steve Ancell was introduced to NATRC in 1982. Steve, along with his wife Janine, became very involved in Region 3 as competitors and volunteers. Steve was a quiet, but strong force. For many years, Steve and Janine managed the El Jinete ride (Purgatory) in Colorado. This ride is particularly hard to manage as the ride takes place above 10,000 feet and the winter snow can wreak havoc on the trails. Steve would coordinate a team (and most often do a lot of the work himself) to clear the trails for the upcoming ride season. He was trail master, manager, chef, and anything else needed to make this ride a success.

Steve and his family volunteered in many capacities throughout Region 3 and were always willing to help wherever and whenever.

Steve trained horses and was a true horseman. He was always willing to share his knowledge with other riders to better their own partnerships with their horse even when he was competing against them himself. The rider and horse’s safety were always his first priority; competition came second.

Read more about Steve here.

"Riding: The dialogue between two bodies and two souls aimed at establishing perfect harmony between them."

—Waldemar Seunig
## 2022 Region 4 Team Awards

### Open Heavyweight
1. Razmataz DBA+/ar.................................Carla Jo Bass.............122
2. Fancy I Am / rkym.................................Chrissy Knight..........84
3. Rohara Hasanni / ar..............................Gayle Muench.........80
4. MGA’s Fuerte del Energia / pf............Erin Rosser.............60

### Open Lightweight
1. Vaquero / smr.........................................Teresa Galliher.....142
2. RPH Ebony Diamond / har................Patti Hicks...............136
3. TA Kaiser+/ar........................................Deanne Prusak ....125
4. Moon Shadow’s Black Gold / mft........Alanna Price...........120
5. Bantam Z / ar........................................Cynthia Mettes......110
6. Wildfire Storm / ssh...............................Dolly Miller .........86

### Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight
1. Mishaal Nadir KFA / ar......................Kim Fazzino..........98
2. Gypsy / gr.................................................Wendy Grotheer...44

### Competitive Pleasure Lightweight
1. Moonshadow / ssma............................Katie Brelan...........144
2. Sinan Mishaal Odyssey / ar...............Teri Shaath..........126
3. Giacomo / har......................................Fran Muench........112
4. Charlie Daniel’s SMA / ar...............Cara Liebman..........100
5. Pharoah Victor / ar.........................Helen McMahon.......48
6. Jake’s Trails and Trials / gr.............Jan Stewart..........21

### Novice Heavyweight
1. RR Jets Pistol Blue / qtr......................Rebecca Vess..........48
2. Jakes Mystical Daisy / qtr.................Marla Ropp ..........42

### Novice Lightweight
1. Verveda / gr........................................Mikayla Jennings....134
2. Mageed Ibn Kamal Ma / ar...............Mollie Kelly...........98
3. SA Jabari / ar.........................................Jessica Poust......86
4. OGR’s Romeo / rkym.........................Linda Record........76

### Leisure Experienced - Regional Recognition
1. Jasper / gr............................................Shirley Orr.........37
2. Sundown / gr.........................................Joe Orr..............27
3. Painted in the Stars / tw.....................Mary Collins.........21.5
4. The Miracle of Voodoo / gr..............Alice Perryman.......18
5. Jake’s Trails and Trials / gr.............Jan Stewart...........15
6. Sky / gr................................................Karen Quirk.......11

### Leisure Adult - Regional Recognition
1. Final Clu / ap......................................Mollie Nelson........25
2. Good Boy Scout / gr.........................Deb Mosley.........8
3. Myss Gdache / gr...............................Anita Waldrip......7.5
4. Champ the Scamp / gr......................Sharon McFarland..5.5
5. Einstein’s Image / gr.........................Leslie Elbel........4
6. Top Spring Lottie / rkym....................Rita Price..........3.5
David Spell

In 2018, a new guy showed up at some rides. Right away, David Spell took hold of the reins as competitor and volunteer by signing up to compete alongside his partner at the Scamper Ride in Region 4. A few weeks later he was “voluntold”, but very willingly acquiesced, to be timer at Pole Canyon. Most recently, since 2019, he and Cara Liebman have taken on managing the Jingle Bell Jaunt each December.

Other volunteer activities he has taken on are: trail master, trail marking, P&R’s, 2020 Convention Hospitality Room co-chair, and horsemanship judge secretary.

David has ridden consistently and shown his capacity to learn how to care for his horse. He brings his humor and positive outlook on life to the rides, and always has a smile or hug to spare making everyone feel welcome at a ride. At one point, checking into compete with secretary Elaine Swiss at a ride, he added an item to her list of things to tell competitors and volunteers, “Tell David Spell he’s the best!”

David, you are the best! We’re so glad you’re part of our NATRC family!

Michael Perryman

“glass full kind of guy” who is a “fearless and confident rider,” genuinely happy when competitors do well, patient, friendly and always willing to help; that is how other safety riders and competitors describe Michael Perryman. He is very good with finding his way around the trails, and he has a definite knack for always being in the right place at the right time when a safety rider is needed on trail.

Michael joined NATRC in 2016 competing at Wayfarer at Parrie Haynes and competed throughout 2017. Michael received recognition in the 100% participation club in 2018 and 2021.

He has served on P&R’s, been on call as a farrier, trail master for Raising the Bar CTR since 2017 and is always prepared to help with truck/trailer issues. His wife, Alice, says he’s always got the right tools on hand to help people with mechanical or camping issues.

Michael previously received Region 4 Outstanding Day Worker award for 2 years, and his horse has been recognized as the Outstanding Non-Competitive Horse. He is currently serving on the Region 4 Board.

Michael, you’re an outstanding representative of all facets of our sport and we appreciate all you’ve done!

Betsy Zimmerman

Chances are if you’ve been at a Region 4 ride this past year, you’ve run into Betsy Zimmerman. If you’ve ridden a Leisure ride, she’s probably been your judge at least once! Or you may have run across her quietly observing a ride while serving as rules interpreter, a job she is meticulous about. You may have been to a ride where she’s been a secretary or a ride that she’s managed. You may have even competed with her.

Betsy has been a longtime NATRC presence and frequently gives back to our sport with her work. This Texas gal may be small in stature but has a big impact in Region 4 and beyond. When the new Leisure Division was started in NATRC, Betsy became one of its first judges. Betsy is always striving to expand her knowledge, and she generously gives her time to other riders to help them improve.

Betsy is friendly, fair and unfailingly reliable. If she says she will take on a task, you can rest easy knowing it will be done and done well. Thank you Betsy; we want you to know how much we all appreciate you!
2022 Region 5 Team Awards

Open Heavyweight
1. Windstorm Clay / morg......Tommy Mitchell.......152
2. Jiminy Cricket / gr..............Jennifer Mulligan.......102

Open Lightweight
1. Beau / gr...........................Sherry Garnes .........138

Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight
1. Okies Roanwood 10 / qtr...Bobby Fields.............252
2. Wishbone Two
   Eyed Jak / paint.............Kathryn Barclay.......178
3. Mtntop Never
   Say Never / morg.............Marsha Howard........152
4. By the Grace of God / gr...Victoria Whitehead....96
5. Dec Docs
   Curious Pep / qtr...........Shae Gragg.........34

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight
1. Mick Jagger / gr .............Sierra Patisaul.........156
2. Impressive
   Red Rebel / mft..............Paula Riley...........154
3. Danamyte / ar..................Esther Diaguila.......100
4. Om El Bastian / ar..........Leigh Riley ..........89
5. Hollywood / gr................Charmaine DeRosa....52
6. Maverick / gr..................Mary Jo Lent...........34

Novice Heavyweight
1. Jada Angel / har..............Lael Feist...............156
2. McCurdy's
   Hollywood / mcc...........Kathi Wiggins.........104
3. CodeRed / gr...................Therese Surdel.......92
4. StarLight's
   Macksimum Flex / gr........Nancy Fuller...........68
5. Kensington Palace / thrb.....Brandy Eggeman......46

Novice Lightweight
1. StarLight's
   Masterpiece / gr...........Mackie Rader...........84
2. Dec Docs
   Curious Pep / qtr...........Donya McCollum......82
3. Shez A Tiger Lily / tw......Tina Anderson..........78
4. Tymeless VF / ar.............Kortnie Floyd.........54
5. LW An-La-Rosa
   Silk / har................Shannan Hearne...........40

Novice Junior
1. Timber Jac Joe / qtr........Anna Beth Lawrence 127
2. Rocky / gr.....................Asheton McCollum....72

Leisure Experienced - Regional Recognition
1. Spirit of
   Spotted Alen / tw..........Cindy Keen...............17
2. South of Easy / qtr.........Patricia Petelle........13

Leisure Adult - Regional Recognition
1. Suri / gr.........................Kathryn Barclay......15
2. Calamity Jane / gr..........Michelle Klasing.......14
3. Luna / gr.......................Robin Brudi...........10.5
4. Can’t Catch
   Semper Fi / qtr..............Margaret Plott.........9.5
5. StarLight's
   Macksimum Flex / gr........Nancy Fuller...........8.5
6. Eagles Road Runner / gr...Kelly Simmons..........3.5

Leisure Junior - Regional Recognition
1. Gretel / gr.....................Virginia Meyer..........19
2. Delight's Amber
   Beauty / tw..................Mikey Patisaul.........10
2. Watermelon / gr.............Caroline Wood.........10
2. Echo / gr......................Campbell Morrow.....10
3. Floodwatch in
   Full Force / tw.............Abby Rose Watson......4

"NATRC offers more!
MORE for your competition dollars!
More miles, time with your horse, fun,
learning opportunities, and camaraderie."
Region 5 enthusiastically nominated Virginia and Wayne Tolbert to be recognized for their enormous and continuing contributions to NATRC.

Wayne and Virginia Tolbert began competing as a family with their daughter, Rebecca, in 1997. When she went to college, they continued to ride, work, and contribute.

Virginia, Ginny to Region 5, has been the ride secretary so many times that we’ve lost count, and she patiently trains others for the job. She checks us in, times us out and back in, organizes meals, transports ride equipment, makes awards, and stays to help clean up when the riders pull out of camp. Ginny is a problem solver; her cool head and ingenuity have saved many ride managers.

Wayne completed a spectacular career with his Morgan mare, Windstorm Sienna (inducted into the NATRC Hall of Fame in 2016). He retired her but did not stop competing, reaching over 10,000 rider miles in 2018. He continues to mentor riders, write articles for Hoof Print, travel the regions as a horsemanship judge, and mentor apprentice judges, (donating his expenses to the guest region). This year Wayne and Ginny celebrate 20 years of managing Ride the Edge CTR. They are certainly exemplary members of NATRC.

Paula Riley

Ever since being introduced to competitive trail riding in the 1980s, Paula Riley has been one of NATRC’s most formidable competitors and stalwart leaders. She has also been a trusted mentor and dear friend to so many of us in the organization. Trail master, ride secretary, board member — you name it, she has been “all in all the way!”

As a competitor, Paula has won the President’s Cup and multiple national championships. In a single year, Paula won two national championships — one each on her two horses, Rusty and her Hall of Fame mare, Coco, on which she has logged over 11,000 competition miles.

As a leader, she has been an encouraging and supportive mentor to many. She penned a booklet, “Paula’s Pointers”, to share the valuable lessons she had learned during thousands of miles spent in the saddle riding trails.

Paula has an unrelenting passion for our sport coupled with genuine interest in and engagement with her co-riders. Her enthusiasm is contagious, and she is always striving to make our sport better. We are so blessed to have the benefit of her experience and dedication.

Region 5 sure appreciates our Paula!

Sallie Kudra

When thinking of Sallie, think of a wonderfully comfortable, stable, southern, three-legged stool. The three legs being: 1) her beloved Morgan horses, 2) NATRC, 3) her friends. She loves her horses and can talk for hours about them. She loves NATRC, her devotion of time and energy showing it. After Sallie retired, she took up a part time job to continue funding her NATRC participation. She loves her friends, seeing them (with clear-eyed reality) for who they are, whom she supports and defends with the tenacity that marks everything she does.

Sallie is part of the Old Guard (when your participation is measured in multiple decades, you’re “Old Guard”, a bridge to the early years of Region 5. She has supported NATRC, and especially Region 5, in multiple areas as an accomplished competitor, ride secretary, judges’ secretary, Leisure Division judge, regional and national board member and membership chair.

We appreciate Sallie, her steadfast devotion to NATRC, and her courageous representation of all that she believes in!
2022 Region 6 Team Awards

Open Heavyweight
Ribbons sponsored by Region 6
1. L.L. Remington / har.................................Marilyn Marston..........................43

Open Lightweight
Ribbons sponsored by Region 6
1. Rushcreek Frontier / ar..........................Helen Smith..............................90
2. Allumination MCS / ar............................Lori McCutchen.........................87
3. VA Caradelle / ar.................................Margaret Reynolds......................69

Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight
Ribbons sponsored by Region 6
1. Roho Honoy Mocha WH / mft..................John Zeliff..............................62
2. Sparks on Blacktop / paint.....................Leon Shoehair..........................24

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight
Ribbons sponsored by Region 6
1. PVA Light Nthe Storm / ar.....................Kristen Johansen.......................53
2. Goodness Gracious / har........................Maggie Childs..........................46

Novice Lightweight
Ribbons sponsored by Region 6
1. Dolly / gr................................................Rianna Deselich......................71
2. OGR’s Romeo / rkym..............................Linda Record..........................42
3. Roho Honoy Mocha WH / mft..................John Zeliff..............................6
4. How D Golden Gail / qtr.......................John Zeliff..............................5

Leisure Experienced - Regional Recognition
1. Rushcreek Concho / ar..........................Helen Smith..............................17
2. Silver Valley Tate / morg--------------------Dwight Hanson.......................9.5
3. Roho Honoy Mocha WH / mft..................John Zeliff..............................6
4. How D Golden Gail / qtr.......................John Zeliff..............................5

Leisure Adult - Regional Recognition
1. Sylvester / rkym.................................Cheryl Frederick.......................37
2. Midge / gr........................................Catherine Gast..........................23
3. Xenara / awssr................................Sila Samo...............................17.5
4. Barbara / gr......................................Cheryl Bohling.........................13
5. Shadow Mayhem / awssr......................Sabriya Samo..........................12
6. Cowboy / gr......................................Debra Smart..........................9.5

Leisure Junior - Regional Recognition
1. Camilla PBJ / gr.................................Ruby Rinne..............................4
One of the unsung heroes of any ride is someone willing to step in wherever there is a need, often at the last minute. These heroes seldom get any recognition. One of these valuable people is David Hayes.

He begins with helping to get the trails ready: from routine maintenance to emergency chain saw work to clearing a downed tree across the trail, to driving an ATV over the rugged, rocky trails to put up marking ribbons!

Then when ride day arrives there is always a need of some kind, an essential worker is missing! "We need a timer!" "We need a driver for a judge!" "We need someone to drive the ambulance trailer!" "We really need one more P&R worker!" "We need someone to go to town for: gas, batteries, charcoal, something!"

We have never known David to say "no" to any request! Every ride needs a hero like David Hayes!

It has been 3 years since Region 6 had a ride in Iowa, and 3 more years before that to the previous one. But this year we had the pleasure of having two rides and a clinic to attend in Iowa. Mary Fettes and Kristen Johansen stepped up and represented their Hawkeye state with two well run and beautiful rides.

Mary took on the challenge of a new venue for the Pierce Creek Clinic and Leisure Division ride. She had an experienced team familiar with the park and local organizations to prompt entries. And although many waited until the week of the ride to enter, causing Mary some lost sleep, the ride ended with two very full adult classes and one determined junior. It was a beautiful weekend and a lovely campground.

Mary then added Kristen to her team, and with the help of some veteran ride management, was able to revive the Stephens Forest Fall Fiesta. The park was a blaze of fall colors, and the trails were challenging. Ride entries were low but couldn’t take away from the glorious weather and finale of our season. We look forward to next year in Iowa with these wonderful ladies at the helm.

Ruth and Rob Schindler jumped into NATRC with all four feet this year. Ruth has been coming to the Branching Out Clinic and Leisure ride for a few years, but this year something changed. She decided that competing wasn’t really her thing, but riding safety on her trusty mare, Luna, was just the ticket. In addition, she was able to enjoy the trails and comradery of competition all the same.

Lucky for us, her husband, Rob, attended as well and was willing to help with the P&R’s. His happy smiling face was a welcome addition to our sparse troupe of workers. We want to thank them for volunteering and hope to see them both again next year.
2022 National Champions

Competitive Pleasure
Ribbons sponsored by Bill and Nancy Sluys

Region 4
Giacomo / Half Arabian.................................Fran Muench
Moonshadow / Spanish Mustang....................Katie Breland

Region 5
Okies Roanwood 10 / Quarter Horse..............Bobby Fields
Wishbone Two Eyed Jak / Paint....................Kathryn Barclay
Mntop Never Say Never / Morgan..................Marsha Howard
Impressive Red Rebel / Missouri Fox Trotter...Paula Riley
Mick Jagger / Grade.....................................Sierra Patisaul
By the Grace of God / Grade.........................Victoria Whitehead

Fran Muench
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Katie Breland
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Bobby Fields
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Kathryn Barclay
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Marsha Howard
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Victoria Whitehead
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Ribbons sponsored by Nancy and Bill Sluys

Region 4
TA Kaiser +/ / Arabian..............................Deanne Prusak
RPH Ebony Diamond / Half Arabian......Patti Hicks
(Blanket sponsored by Kim & Shane Murphy)
Rohara Hasanni / Arabian......................Gayle Muench
(Blanket sponsored by Jonni Jewell)
Vaquero / Spanish Mustang..................Teresa Galliher

Region 5
Windstorm Clay / Morgan....................Tommy Mitchell
Beau / Grade.......................................Sherry Garnes
(Blanket sponsored by Patty Lucas)
Jiminy Cricket / Grade..........................Jennifer Mulligan

Region 6
Allumination MCS / Arabian...............Lori McCutchen
(Buckle sponsored by Marilyn Marston)
## 2022 High Mileage Awards

### High Mileage Rider Awards

- **7,000 Miles - Silver Medallion**
  - Teresa Galliher / R4
  - Cynthia Mettes / R4

### High Mileage Horse Awards

#### 1000 Mile Horse
- Mick Jagger / gr.................Sierra Patisaul / R5
- Vaquero / ssma....................Teresa Galliher / R4
- Bantam Z / ar......................Cynthia Mettes / R4
- Okies Roanwood 10 / qtr........Bobby Fields / R5
- Moon Shadow’s Black Gold / mft.................Alanna Price / R4

#### 2000 Mile Horse
- TA Kaiser +/- / ar.................Deanne Prusak / R4
- Beau / gr............................Sherry Garnes / R5
- Spirit of Spotted Alen / tw......Cindy Keen / R5
- VA Caradelle / ar..................Margaret Reynolds / R6

#### 3,000 Mile Horse
- Moonshadow / ssma..............Katie Breland / R4
- Sunny Georgia / tw...............Patty Lucas / R5

### 2022 High Point Breed Awards

#### Half-Arabian
- Arabian Horse Association
  - Giacomo ridden by Fran Muench

#### Arabian
- Arabian Horse Association
  - TA Kaiser +/- ridden by Deanne Prusak

#### Missouri Fox Trotters
- Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Assoc.
  - Overall
    - Impressive Red Rebel ridden by Paula Riley
  - Region 1
    - None
  - Region 2
    - None
  - Region 3
    - Copper’s Comet ridden by Cathy Cumberworth
  - Region 4
    - Moon Shadow’s Black Gold ridden by Alanna Price
  - Region 5
    - Impressive Red Rebel ridden by Paula Riley
  - Region 6
    - Roho Honoy Mocha WH ridden by John Zeliff

#### Paso Fino
- Paso Fino Horse Association
  - MGA’s Fuerte del Energia ridden by Erin Rosser

#### Appaloosa Horse
- Appaloosa Horse Club
  - Focus Jessie ridden by Sarah Smith

#### Grade
- NATRC
  - Beau ridden by Sherry Garnes

#### American Indian Horse
- American Indian Horse Registry
  - Foxhaven’s Medicine Man ridden by William Morgan

#### Rocky Mountain Horse
- Rocky Mountain Horse Association
  - OGR’s Romeo ridden by Linda Record

#### Haflinger Horse
- American Halfinger Registry
  - Syda ridden by Mary Oliphant

#### Tennessee Walking Horse
- Tennessee Walking Horse Breeders’ & Exhibitors’ Association
  - Papa’s Alabama Express ridden by Patty Lucas
2022 Overall High Point Novice Awards

Heavyweight Horsemanship
Silver Tray sponsored by Kris Gray

1. Lael Feist / R5 ...................................................74
2. Kathi Wiggins / R5 ............................................52
3. Therese Surdel / R5..........................................46
4. Nancy Fuller / R5..............................................38
5. Rebecca Vess / R4...........................................24
6. Marla Ropp / R4................................................22

Lightweight Horsemanship

1. Mikayla Jennings / R4........................................70
2. Donya McCollum / R5.........................................59
3. Mollie Kelly / R4................................................54
4. Jessica Poust / R4................................................50
5. Mackie Rader / R5.............................................46
6. Linda Record / R4.............................................45

Junior Horsemanship

1. Anna Beth Lawrence / R5.....................................68
2. Asheton McCollum / R5.....................................36

Heavyweight Horse
Silver Tray sponsored by Kris Gray

1. Jada Angel / har ..................................Lael Feist / R5....................82
2. McCurdy's Hollywood / mcc .................Kathi Wiggins / R5.................52
3. Code Red / gr........................................Therese Surdel / R5................46
4. StarLight's Macksimum Flex / gr ..........Nancy Fuller / R5..................30
5. Kensington Palace / thrb...............Brandy Eggeman / R5..............26
6. RR Jets Pistol Blue / qtr...................Rebecca Vess / R4................ 24

Lightweight Horse
R6 Ribbons sponsored by Region 6

1. OGR’s Romeo / rkym .................Linda Record / R4.................73
2. Verveda / gr........................................Mikayla Jennings / R4...........64
3. SA Jabari / ar.........................................Jessica Poust / R4.................52
5. Dolly / gr........................................Rianna Deselich / R6...........42

Junior Horse

1. Timber Jac Joe / qtr .............................Anna Beth Lawrence / R5....67
2. Rocky / gr...............................................Asheton McCollum / R5....36

Overall Novice Horse and Rider Team
Jada Angel / har and Lael Feist 156 points
### Heavyweight Horsemanship
**Silver Tray sponsored by Kris Gray**

1. Bobby Fields / R5............................................114
2. Kathryn Barclay / R5.......................................102
3. Victoria Whitehead / R5....................................92
4. Marsha Howard / R5...........................................80
5. Kim Fazzino / R4..................................................50
6. Shae Gragg / R5.....................................................35

### Lightweight Horsemanship
**Silver Tray sponsored by Kris Gray**

1. Sierra Patisaul / R5...........................................78
2. Fran Muench / R4...............................................72
3. Paula Riley / R5..................................................68
4. Katie Breland / R4...............................................66
5. Teri Shaath / R4..................................................60
6. Cara Liebman / R4..................................................54

### Heavyweight Horse
**Silver Tray sponsored by Kris Gray**

1. Okies Roanwood 10 / qtr..................Bobby Fields / R5................114
2. Wishbone Two Eyed Jak / paint.....Kathryn Barclay / R5................94
3. Mtntop Never Say Never / morg.....Marsha Howard / R5................90
4. By the Grace of God / gr..............Victoria Whitehead / R5.............76
5. Mishaal Nadir KFA / ar......................Kim Fazzino / R4..................48
6. Copper's Comet / mft..................Cathy Cumberworth / R3............40

### Lightweight Horse

1. Giacomo / har...................................Fran Muench / R4................110
2. Impressive Red Rebel / mft..............Paula Riley / R5...................86
3. Mick Jagger / gr................................Sierra Patisaul / R5.............78
4. Moonshadow / ssma......................Katie Breland / R4...................78
5. Sinan Mishaal Odyssey / ar...............Teri Shaath / R4...................66
6. Danamyte / ar.................................Esther Diaguila / R5............50
7. Om El Bastian / ar..............................Leigh Riley / R5................49

### Overall Cp Horse and Rider Team
**Ribbon sponsored by Kris Gray**

Oakies’ Roanwood 10 / qtr and Bobby Fields 252 points
2022 Overall High Point Competitive Pleasure Awards

Grand Champion High Average Horsemanship

Victoria Whitehead..................................................98.22%

Runners Up:
Bobby Fields............................................................98.10%
Sierra Patisaul..........................................................97.02%

Grand Champion High Average Horse
Buckle and Ribbon sponsored by Jonni Jewell,
Sarah J. Smith & Ruby Rinne

Giacomo/Half Arabian.................................................99.22%

Runners Up:
Okies Roanwood 10 / Quarter Horse.........................98.17%
Wishbone Two Eyed Jak / Paint.................................95.83%
## 2022 Overall High Point Open Awards

### Heavyweight Horsemanship
**Bruce Becker Memorial awarded to first place**
R6 Ribbons sponsored by Region 6

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### Heavyweight Horse
**Bill Smith Memorial awarded to first place**
Ribbons sponsored by John Zeliff

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2022 Overall High Point Open Awards

Polly Bridges Memorial
High Average Horsemanship

Sherry Garnes....................................................99.55%

Runners Up:
Tommy Mitchell..................................................99.54%
Lori McCutchen..................................................97.96%

Bev Tibbitts Grand Champion
High Average Horse

Beau / Grade......................................................98.60%

Runners Up:
Allumination MCS / Arabian...............................98.55%
Windstorm Clay / Morgan................................... 98.23%

Jim Menefee Memorial
Combined Horse & Horsemanship Award
Perpetual Trophy Donated by Jack Menefee

TA Kaiser +/- and Deanne Prusak.......................199 Points
TA Kaiser +/- ridden by Deanne Prusak

(102 points)

Acceptance Speech By Deanne Prusak

Kaiser entered my life in 2014. He was not my first horse, though. In 2013, I retired my beloved Punky, whom I had trained from birth, due to arthritic knees, and turned her out in my pasture with her mother. I had two horses but neither could be ridden any more. This was when Wendye Gardiner, a fellow endurance rider and top trainer for Toskhara Arabians, told me about Kaiser.

Kaiser was born at Toskhara Arabians farm (the TA in his name) in 2007. His sire was Gallup and his dam was Katrynna, both from the Polish line. When he was 3, he was trained by Wendye for the discipline of Hunter Pleasure. He did the AHA show circuit from 2010 to 2013 under six different riders with several owners and leasees before he wound up back at Toskhara Arabians to be sold.

Wendye told me I would love him, but I was skeptical as he was a main ring show horse. She offered to try him out on the trail. She called me right back after her ride and exclaimed, “This is the best trail horse I’ve ever ridden!” I had to try him out for myself.

Indeed, he was well-behaved on the trail. He was gentle. He felt safe. He responded well. He looked sound. He struck me as highly intelligent. I couldn’t find anything wrong. However, it was emotional for me to take that next step, to move on from my beloved Punky. It is hard to replace a horse you raise from a foal and have such a strong attachment to. She was a hard act to follow, but I knew I had to move on. I bought him and took him home to join the two mares.

He was the first registered Arabian I owned, plus he was Sweepstakes nominated. I was excited to try the AHA shows with him and earn his Legion of Honor and Supreme Legion of Honor (the +/- in his name). As with all my horses, I started him in dressage. He moved up through the levels, earning championships and qualifying scores, which helped me ultimately earn my USDF Bronze medal. He had moments of brilliance and was physically able to do the movements, but mentally he was irritable and fussy. He struggled with the relaxation and submission the sport demands.

We dabbed in other disciplines at the AHA shows, such as English, trail and sport horse, (Continued on page 39)
but the arena made him tense and spooky. I found that, in fact, he was more relaxed out on the trail, but he had some phobias to overcome. For one thing, he hated water. I enlisted the help of friends who would pony us into ponds and across creeks. He was also suspicious of strange footing. Logs were very frightening.

In order to introduce him to trail competitions, we did Texas Trail Challenges, which consisted of obstacles set up along a short trail. He was a little scared of some of their very creative obstacles. Eventually we focused more on distance riding. He enjoyed AERC LDs, but he was very slow. His trot was a very steady slow tempo, unconcerned by any antics going on around him. He stopped at difficult footing and took his time to think his way through. He was never going to top 10 at an AERC ride!

In 2016 we did the CTR at the AHA Distance Nationals in Oklahoma. That year the CTR was an arduous 70 miles in 2 days. Placing was based on vet scoring. He won Reserve Champion. It seemed CTR was the way to go.

I started him in NATRC in CP to break him into the sport. At one of the first rides, it was the NATRC vet who pointed out he had a soundness issue in his hind end. After an MRI at Texas A&M, the vets discovered he had severe arthritis in his hocks, with cartilage damage and bone edema - at 8 years old! Eventually, with light riding and periodic steroid joint injections, he regained soundness, but the vets thought it was questionable whether he would be suited for hard-core distance.

I cautiously kept him in CP for five years and he remained sound. He earned two National Championships in CP in 2018 and 2019. In fact, in 2019 he cleaned up at the National level, winning first place CP Horse, Grand Champion High Average Score, High Point Arabian and reached his 1000 miles.

What more was there to do but to give Open a try and get a National Championship there, too?

Our new goal in Open began in 2020. Well, we all know what happened that year. During the height of the Covid pandemic almost all rides were canceled. Region 4 still held a few rides and we did all of them. He earned several firsts in Texas and 82 points but did not earn a National Championship.

Feeling like that year didn’t count anyway, we tried for a National Championship again in 2021. He got his required placings, but didn’t earn enough points. We were plagued with boot rubs, shoes twisting off, and canceled rides. The worst was missing all the fall rides due to a front leg bone chip that required laser therapy and rehab for a couple of months. It was another disappointing year but we dusted ourselves off for 2022. We will get that National Championship yet!

The 2022 ride season began in December 2021 with the Jingle Bell Jaunt. He was fresh off his rehab and sound again. I had entered him in Open, but I got cold feet. It was one thing to be carefully doing rehab and another to trot 6 hours a day over Hill Country rocks. I switched to CP to use it as a conditioning ride, knowing it wasn’t going to count towards anything in Open. Not a good start to our goal.

A month later, I felt ready to put him in Open. We went to New Year’s Resolution, an easy flat sandy ride in Florida. He was sound, but he placed last, mostly due to gut sounds flipping from 1 to 2 back and forth, which I attributed to it being freezing cold and I didn’t give electrolytes. Again, not a good start.

The Region 4 spring rides started in March with the first one being the 7IL Scamper located just minutes from my house. The 7IL Ranch is where I regularly ride and train. I’ve done the NATRC ride there every year, but have never placed well. I didn’t expect anything different this time, either. I dragged my feet over there anticipating I wouldn’t do well. My poor attitude suddenly disappeared when an old friend came up to me and exclaimed, “That horse LOVES you! He is so happy doing this!” That made me feel so good that nothing else mattered. Even if we bomb, he still loves me. As it happened, he had a wonderful ride, scored 100 with 13 pluses, and won the ride and Sweepstakes in a full class. We got one of our required first placings. Now we just need an out of state first.

As it turns out, the next ride was out of state, in Louisiana. Again, he had a marvelous ride. He won and got Sweepstakes in a full class. We had our required placings and just needed points. The next ride was at the C bar Ranch back in Texas. Again, he won and got sweepstakes in a full class. The points had racked up. All he needed were 15 (Continued on page 40)
more points to get a National Championship. Alas, Region 4 wasn’t having any more rides until the fall, and it was only April! I didn’t want to wait until the fall. Anything can happen. Look what happened last year. He’s in super shape, he’s sound, he’s on fire, we need to keep it going. We need to go out of region for those remaining points.

Region 3’s NAN Ranch in New Mexico was a ride I had wanted to do for years. Pictures showed lovely desert scenery and a spectacular 1920’s Spanish style ranch complex in the Mimbres River Valley. I always dreamed about riding my Arabian in the desert. I just needed a reason to go and now I had one.

From Houston it was just a couple of days drive. I arrived at the ranch road and headed towards the river with the ranch on the other side. Well, what they don’t tell you is – there is no bridge! You have to drive into and across the river to get to it. I have a converted Ford van, no 4-wheel drive, no clearance, and no traction. It gets stuck in the dew on my grass. I was about ready to turn around and drive home, but the ranch lady convinced me to try it, saying “I’ve been here for 20 years and no one has ever gotten stuck.” Worried I would be the first, I tried it. Amazingly, I got that thing across.

That was the first of several unique experiences, which included a 60-mph windstorm with tumbleweeds flying through the air, dust pelting like a dermabrasion and tree limbs crashing down. All of this during the Friday vet check. However, the most precious memory is from the last obstacle on Sunday at the P&R. Everyone was there, P&R people, both judges and their entourage, management, photographer, etc. We had to open and back through a gate. This had been a challenge for the other Open horses, but Kaiser flowed through beautifully. Every single person there cheered and gave a standing ovation. It was so touching. He won and got sweepstakes in another full class. He finally earned his National Championship and it was only May.

We took the summer off from competing and awaited the Region 4 fall rides. I was really looking forward to the first one, Fall Frolic at Storm Ranch, but it didn’t start off very well. I broke my pinky toe a couple of days before. I taped my toes together and headed for the ride, not knowing how I would make it through 2 days of trotting. On the way to the ride, the van started making noises and the check engine light came on. It made it to the ride, and I parked in a field with no shade in the 100-degree heat. Then of course my generator wouldn’t start, rendering me with no air conditioning. I didn’t think anything else could go wrong.

I confidently went to the pre-ride vet check. After the trot out, the vet glumly said, “I see a little something in that right hind.” He qualified as it was only questionable and mentioned it because the vet thought I would want to know. Yes, but now all I could do was worry. I lunged him every 5 minutes, pulling people over to watch him go. I took video and sent that to people who weren’t even at the ride. What should I do? Should I even bother to compete? Then it hit me... it was his hock arthritis again. He was due for a joint injection. Thinking it would be better to ride him and let him warm out of it, I competed. Indeed, he was sound going down the trail, but checked out on Sunday with a Grade 1. We placed third, ending our winning streak.

The next day I took Kaiser to the vet and had his hock injected with steroids. I got the van and generator repaired. Everything was fixed. We were all ready for the next ride at the Wayfarer Out West. Boy, was that a tough ride, climbing rocky steep mountains. It was so steep we were told we should hand walk down if we didn’t have a crupper on the saddle. Kaiser was doing super. He went up and down like it was nothing. He had great P&R’s and metabolics. However, by the end of the first day, he was lame again in that right hind. I was perplexed as to why he was sore after he had the injection. I decided to pull him rather than put him on those tough trails again on Sunday.

I went back to my vet to find out why the injection didn’t work. He said the steroid wasn’t helping him anymore. He needed to be injected with something else, but we would have to wait several weeks until the steroid dissipated. That meant we would miss the next few rides. In the meantime, he got shockwave treatments. This made him sound almost immediately, but I didn’t trust he would hold up for a ride until he got that injection. Finally at the end of October, his hock was injected with Pro Stride, made of platelets from his blood. I was hopeful but didn’t know if it would help. I needed to test it out.

The last Region 4 ride was in November at Bell Cow Lake in Oklahoma. After Wayfarer, I was too gun shy to enter the 2-day ride. I decided to do the 1-day Open B ride as a good test. Happily, he was sound the entire day. We were back in business again.

Bell Cow was the end of the 2022 NATRC ride season. We had achieved our goal of an Open National Championship. We had completed 7.5 Open rides in six different states winning first and Sweepstakes in six of them with four being full classes. This propelled him to the top Open horse in the nation and the winner of 2022 NATRC President’s Cup. To me it represents not only this year’s achievements, but also all the previous years of careful dedicated training and conditioning, turning a show ring horse into an NATRC star.
### Past National Winners

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New communications devices are on the market, and more are on the way. Last year Apple introduced a new feature for their latest line of cell phones – emergency SOS via satellite. T-Mobile and SpaceX plan to allow existing cell phones to use orbiting satellites for text messages. The coming year may prove to be quite exciting in terms of backcountry communications.

You've heard of InReach, Spot, and other communicators that are stand-alone or pair with your phone to communicate through a satellite when there's no cell phone coverage. Now, you can forego those extra gadgets and have a phone that can do much more than your old phone.

Satellites are Everywhere
With nearly 20% of the U.S. and virtually all of the remote areas where we ride and camp unreachable by traditional cellular networks, expanded communication offerings are a game changer when it comes to staying in touch.

Far above the Earth, zipping by at 16,000 miles per hour, are thousands of communication satellites. More are being launched daily. Mostly, they're too distant to be seen unless you're in a very remote area on a very dark night when you can spot the blinking of the satellites as they zip across the night sky. Although they're mostly out of sight, these technological marvels could be vital for getting you help when you (or someone you love) are stranded, injured, and out of cell service range. You can connect to these satellites to contact an emergency dispatcher when you can't make a phone call.

Until the past few years, only professionals owned or used satellite communication devices. Most casual trail riders and horse campers didn't have the budget or expertise to use an expensive device with a hard-to-read LCD that displayed a plethora of obscure data UTM, GMRS? What? When we left the security of the cellular grid, we relied on maps, memory, and crossed fingers. All that has changed with recent crops of more affordable and easier to use, satellite messengers and now regular cell phones.

Satellite Networks are Key
Of course, nothing is easy, and with satellite messaging, the alphabet soup that describes it can be confusing. Making matters worse is that despite the many makes and models of devices available, there's a fair bit of overlap in the services they connect to. The diagram below should help with that.

As you can see, during an emergency in a remote area, any of these devices will connect you with emergency services personnel to get you help. The routes they go through to get you that assistance varies. From government-funded groups to private enterprises, the SOS message will most likely go through. As an end user of these devices, you'll have to decide what works best for you and your unique needs.

PLBs Work
The device that worked for me when I rolled down a river while attached to an also tumbling mule was a PLB. A PLB, or Personal Locator Beacon, is a uni-tasker that does one thing exceedingly well. It uses the government-funded COSPAS-SARSAT system to send your distress signal to a national mission control center whose military personnel then contact local law enforcement or Search and Rescue services nearest you to organize a rescue.

How that worked in my case:
Once I reached the shore and determined that I wouldn’t be riding out, the PLB was activated. Then the waiting started. With a PLB, there is no confirmation that the message was sent or received, making the wait seem much longer.

The distress message was relayed through a network of 92 orbiting satellites to the airmen staffing the U.S. Mission Control Center in Florida. These U.S. service men and women confirmed the distress message was authentic. They then contacted the Helena County, Montana, Sheriff's Department. The Sheriff in turn directed 2 Bear Air (Continued on page 44)
to start spinning helicopter rotors. All this happened in minutes, although those minutes seemed like days as I waited on the river bank.

The best value for SOS / Emergency use is a device on the proven and free governmental COSPAS / SARSAT network, such as a PLB. The downfall of this is the lack of two-way messaging.

**SOS or More?**

For non-emergency communication options, we have to dive deeper into the diagram shown above. When trying a new device, I narrow the field by examining the network first rather than looking at specific devices.

The Iridium network, with its 66 satellites, is used by InReach, Zoleo, ACR, and other brands. The GlobalStar network, with its 24 satellites, is used by Apple and Spot devices. Both networks have worked everywhere I tested them, from Montana’s Bob Marshall Wilderness to the wilds of Ohio.

Messages transmit faster through Iridium’s network, and that’s due to having twice as many satellites in the sky than GlobalStar.

**Coming Soon**

If my theory is correct that more satellites equal better coverage, then we’re in for quite a ride once the T-Mobile StarLink venture begins sometime in 2023.

As you can see, the world of communications is much larger than in the days of smoke signals, and there’s a lot to consider. I will leave you with this parting thought regarding devices. The initial purchase price is only one part of your decision. To find the total cost of satellite communicators, you must include activation costs and ongoing subscription plans. Once those expenses are figured in, a unit with a higher upfront cost may be cheaper over the long haul.

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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.

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SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

B. Classes
1. Heavyweight and Lightweight classes are combined into an Adult class on a temporary basis for the 2024 ride year and will revert to 2022 rules unless extended by the National Board of Directors.

**Rationale:** Due to small Heavyweight and Lightweight classes in all regions, in all divisions (O/CP/N), at many rides, there is a lack of competition at events, and competition for year-end awards can be heavily biased by the competitors’ class based on available points. Additionally, the ability of competitors to earn National Championships can be little more than a participation award. There are arguably performance reasons to have Heavyweight and Lightweight classes, but current competitor numbers do not justify both classes.

**#R2 APPENDICES CHANGES MAY BE MADE ADMINISTRATIVELY**

INSIDE FRONT COVER

Except for emergency actions and editorial corrections to published rules, all proposed rule changes/additions must be presented to the NATRC™ membership on the national website at least 45 days prior to a vote of the NATRC Board of Directors.

Changes to Rule Book Appendices may be made administratively, but 1) must be approved by the NATRC Board of Directors, and 2) changes must be posted in the Hoof Print and/or the national website 30 days prior to implementation or as soon as is practical.

**Rationale:** Ride card changes, changes to the Drug Rule Appendices by the Veterinary Drug Committee, and other changes to the Rule Book Appendices seem to happen without following the formal Rule Book change process. While the Appendices are part of the Rule Book, they have been treated differently. Either these changes need to follow the official process used for the main part of the Rule Book, or we need to declare how Appendices changes are handled.

SECTION 9 - AWARDS

B. Annual Awards
1. General
   c. Only the first 16 rides in Open Division, or 12 rides in Novice, or Competitive Pleasure Division officially started (See Section 5A2) in a ride year will count toward national awards. Type AA ride counts as 1 ½ rides; Type A ride counts as 1 ride; Type B ride counts as ½ ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.
   d. A horse/rider does not have to officially start 16 Open Division or 12 in Novice, or Competitive Pleasure Division rides in order to qualify.
   h. All rides in Leisure Division in a ride year will count toward Leisure national awards.

2. National Awards
   t. **HIGH POINT LEISURE TEAM:** Points shall be credited to riders for the purpose of determining annual high point awards in each Leisure Class (i.e., Experienced, Adult, Junior), first through sixth place. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the ride day.

   **Age of Horses**
   (1) Horses competing for High Point Leisure Team award must be at least 48 months of age.
   (a) Registered horses are considered 48 months of age as of actual foaling date on the registration papers.
   (b) Unregistered horses are considered to be of eligible age if they have a “full mouth” (all permanent incisors having erupted and in wear) as determined by a licensed veterinarian.

   **Rule Change Standing Schedule**

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(Continued on page 47)
Rationale: The Leisure Division is our largest group of competitors and should be recognized. Regarding a ride limit, Leisure horses are not stressed as Open or Novice/CP horses and should be able to do unlimited 8-12 mile rides if they are in condition.

#R4: COMPLETION ONLY (CO) (RULE CLARIFICATION)

SECTION 6 - JUDGING
H. Completion Only: A horse and rider, for the purpose of “Completion Only”, are considered a team. “Completion Only” for one automatically constitutes “Completion Only” of the other.
1. A horse and rider, for the purpose of “Completion Only”, are considered a team. “Completion Only” for one automatically constitutes “Completion Only” of the other.
2. A horse that checks out grade 3 lame (obviously consistently lame) or with other factors that that would limit its ability to continue at the end of a ride, will not place, but may receive completion points and mileage only at the discretion of the veterinary judge or Leisure judge.
3. A horse and rider team arriving more than 30 minutes after the maximum time will not place but will receive completion points and mileage only.

Rationale: Distance Only is very well defined on page 4-4 (4.C.1 – 4.C.12). Conditions for disqualification are defined on page 6-3 (6.F. items 1-2). Completion Only should be well defined. Note: 5.J.4.b is the same a the new 6.H.3. This is intentional and while not ideal, it is felt needed in both locations.

#R5: PLACINGS MUST BE ANNOUNCED (RULE CLARIFICATION)

SECTION 9 – AWARDS
A. Ride Awards
2. Each division shall include first through sixth placings place in each horse class offered and in each horsemanship class offered., with the exception of Leisure Division as noted below.
8. Placings and Awards – awards based on NATRC scoring must be publicly presented publicly and announced individually at the immediate conclusion of the ride.

Rationale: Because the rule has been read in an unconventional way, and the practice could be repeated, it is felt a clarification is needed.

2024 PROPOSED RULE APPENDICES CHANGES

#A1: ALLOW BASIC INJURY CARE DURING RIDE

Appendix B. Categories of Prohibited Substances
30. Topical agents, including ophthalmic, otic, dermal and wound ointments, and or liniments that contain any prohibited substance.
31. Topically applied isopropyl alcohol.

Appendix C. Allowed Substances
12. Topical agents, including ophthalmic, otic, dermal and wound ointments, and liniments, if they do not contain any prohibited substance.
13. Topically applied isopropyl alcohol.

Rationale: NATRC encourages competitors to take the best care of their equines possible. Many minor scrapes could be treated without affecting the performance of the equine. Even small wounds can become infected. Encouraging competitors to either pull for minor injuries or requiring them to put their equines health at risk seems counter to our philosophy of taking the best care possible of our animals. These treatments still would need to be seen, and allowed, by the vet judge and the injuries themselves can lead to point deductions.

#A2: ALLOW PREVENTATIVE ULCER TREATMENT DURING RIDE

Appendix A. Prohibited Substances
Omeprazole****

***** (e.g. Gastroguard, Ulcerguard, Prilosec, Losec) administered in any amount higher than the preventive dose of 1mg/kg per day.

Appendix B. Categories of Prohibited Substances
33. Acid neutralizers (e.g. Maalox, Neighlox).

Appendix C. Allowed Substances
12. Omeprazole (e.g. GastroGard®, UlcerGard®, Prilosec®, Losec®) administered at a preventative dose no higher than 1 mg/kg/day.
13. Acid neutralizers (e.g. Maalox, Neighlox).

Rationale: Equines that compete and travel extensively commonly have diagnosed or undiagnosed ulcers. Many consider treating these conditions as good care. Preventative level doses of the medications have also not been shown to enhance equine performance in equines beyond any issues caused by the ulcers themselves.
The drug companies would have us believe that every horse has ulcers and that we are uncaring horse moms if we do not give our ulcer prone horses omeprazole. If you believe that, then I have an acre of swampland in Florida I would like to sell you.

I am against allowing omeprazole in competition. In addition to what we have already learned from Dr. Tamara Gull (Winter 2023 Hoof Print, page 26), there is no proof that long-term “preventative” use helps the horse or causes no harm. It is still a drug.

If a horse develops an ulcer, the rider should treat it per their vet’s instructions (yes, using prescription high dose omeprazole) and not compete. In the meantime, figure out what caused the ulcer in the first place. Then remove that trigger and give the horse a year off. Resume competition and if it develops again, retire the horse from competition rather than trying to keep her or him going with a DRUG. (My horse developed an ulcer, I did not know it, and nearly lost him to colic at a ride.)

In my mind, omeprazole is a performance-enhancing drug. It may work for some horses and not for others. (There goes the level playing field out the window.) If it works, then horses who should not be competing, compete. That is “enhancing” or enabling their performance. In other words, they cannot perform without it.

As I said, riders should be looking at why their horses have ulcers, then change what is causing the problem, and NOT rely on some drug to keep them going at risk to their wellbeing.

I certainly would not breed horses that are so nervous that they cannot even tolerate trailer rides, or trail riding competition, or change in routine, or leaving home, or whatever. Doing so goes against the first NATRC philosophy — “To stimulate greater interest in the breeding and use of good horses possessed of stamina and hardiness and qualified (my emphasis) to make good mounts for trail use.”

Let’s not lose sight of our philosophies by slowly chipping away at them. It is up to owners to keep their horses safe, happy and healthy, even if it means no longer competing a horse who cannot handle stress.

Statement AGAINST Omeprazole

By Bev Roberts

Gastric ulceration is painful for the horse and as such, constitutes a welfare issue. In our sport, frequent, long-distance travel is common. For many horses, this is a stress-inducing situation and often results in ulcers. Should we leave these horses to suffer when there is a medication available that can prevent ulcers?

The argument can be made that omeprazole is akin to painkillers, but the distinction here is that painkillers mask the pain but do not treat the underlying cause of that pain. Omeprazole is designed to alleviate the pain, but also to help in the healing and prevention of reoccurring ulcers.

While any responsible horse owner would not consider competing a horse with ulcers, using a preventative dose during transport and competition in a horse prone to ulcers is good horse management.

Competing a horse on painkillers, masking the pain, can result in even greater injury, but with omeprazole, stopping gastric ulcers before they got started would prevent pain in the first place.

Allowing the use of a preventive dose of omeprazole would also result in “leveling the playing field” as it creates a fair competition by allowing the horse to compete on equal terms with other horses that are not prone to ulcers.

We ask much of our horses. We put them in situations that are stressful, and can cause painful ulcers. Should we not take steps to try to alleviate and prevent that type of situation for the welfare of our trusty partners? I would hope so.

Statement FOR Omeprazole

By Esther Diaguila

“Safe, Fun, Challenging - Come Ride With Us!”
CALL TO ORDER by President John Zeliff, 8:00 a.m. PST, February 16, 2023.

ROLL CALL. Angie Meroshnekoff, Donna Stidolph, Bob Insko, Lory Walls, Linda Johnson-Conne, Bill Wingle, Fran Muench, Kim Murphy (via Zoom), Esther Diaguila, Kris Gray, Marla Stucky, John Zeliff and Sarah J. Smith, Executive Director (via Zoom). Guests MaryJo Malone (Region 2), Marilyn Marston (Region 6), H & A Chair Ruth Mesimer, Jamie Dieterich, P & P and Education Chair, Patsy Conner, Sanction Chair, and Bill Cumberworth attended via Zoom.

WELCOME. Welcome new directors and introductions. New directors are Linda Johnson-Conne and Donna Stidolph.

MINUTES. November 12, 2022. Motion to approve minutes by Walls, second by Stucky. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT. Zeliff. Encouraged two clinics per region. Top Trail was sold to another person, and she has big plans and ideas for it. It is now a ten-day submission window instead of three which should help our members. USEF has gone green and using technology almost exclusively. They are incentivizing the use of electronic forms which is something we could look into promoting. Pilot project is going well.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT. Smith. Smith shared the current membership numbers as they are down significantly, even for this early in the year. Partnership with ELCR was renewed as well as our D & O policy.

TRESURER’S REPORT. Gray. Membership incentive drive helped with those early renewals. Ride revenue is up significantly which is good. 2022 was the final year of the $10,000 three-year anonymous donation. Drug testing did not happen last year due to vial availability, but we will have that expense this year. Smith is maintaining the salary reduction from 2022 into 2023 which saves $12,000 annually. Standard expenses are unchanged such as Hoof Print and annual memberships. We are recouping funds year by year by positive net income.

RULES & BYLAWS. Wingle. Rules were submitted at the fall meeting, and final rule wording will be discussed today.

RP1 – Combine weight classes continued into 2024. Motion by Walls, second by Stucky. Muench opposed. Motion carried.

RP2 – Appendices changes may be made administratively. Amending language to 30 days’ notice rather than 45 days. Motion by Meroshnekoff, second by Muench. Walls opposed. Motion carried.


RP4 – Completion Only. Clarification of conditions for CO. Motion by Walls, second by Muench. Motion carried.

RP5 – Placings must be announced. Clarification. Language adjusted to add stronger wording around placing announcement. Motion by Walls, second by Muench. Motion carried.

DRUG APPENDIX CHANGES

A1 – Allow basic injury care. Motion by Walls, second by Diaguila. Motion carried.

A2 – Allow preventative dose of omeprazole during ride. Motion by Walls, second by Gray. Motion carried.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES. Dieterich. Worked to clarify the election of Foundation directors at large as well as protocol for the meetings, particularly with all of the online meetings we are holding. It always comes up, can the president vote? In large boards, typically no. In small boards, which ours is, the president typically can, so that is in the clarification. Motion by Walls, second by Wingle to accept clarifications. Motion carried.

PROTEST. Stucky. No protests.

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

NATIONAL HISTORIAN. Conner. Continues to scan and store documents. If anyone is interested in taking over as historian, please be considering it. Meroshnekoff stated that Joan Throgmorton passed away February 3.

RIDE SANCTION. Conner. Brief discussion about the (Continued on page 50).
ride that did not award properly according to the rules. Cathy and Patsy are sending a letter upon sanction approval regarding award stipulations and requirements.

CLINIC SANCTION. Linda Clayton. There are currently four approved clinics for 2023. One in Region 3, one in Region 5 and two in Region 6. Zeliff stated the more clinics the better, and clinic managers are willing to share materials as well so reach out. Combining clinics with LeD’s has been well received.

RIDE MANAGEMENT. New chair being sought for this committee.

RULES INTERPRETER/SAFETY. Wingle. Four rides completed so far. One event was cancelled. One accident resulted in a broken ankle and a hospital transport. The award situation at CITP was briefly discussed. One ride had a longer hold time, but it was attributed to rider bunching and not a judge or management issue.

MARKETING/PUBLICITY/ENEWS. Murphy. Sent 40 different E-News since July. Open and click rate has been good per the industry rate. It was suggested doing regional E-News announcing each region’s next upcoming three rides to get people interested and engaged.

VIRTUAL MILEAGE CHALLENGE. Results audited and posted. Smith will be sending out the medallions after convention. At one point there were 92 entries, but not all may have entered mileage. Top Trail is working to develop their own app to make mileage upload more seamless.

SPONSORSHIPS. Zeliff. Working with Debby Starr to boost sponsors. Meroshnekoff suggested Purina as they are speaking at the convention. Riding Warehouse renewed for 2023.

MEDIA ADVISORY. Dieterich. In a transition phase with Hoof Print. No decision made on changes to Hoof Print. We need to decide for next year, but will table until July for a decision.

JUNIORS. Meroshnekoff. No report. Discussion about various junior rider incentives across the regions to encourage young people and families to ride.

FOUNDATION. Conner. Foundation meeting to follow the board meeting. The board needs to elect a new member to replace Laurie Knuttila who’s term has expired. Conner recommended Bill Cumberworth to fill her vacancy. Dieterich stated the board also needs to re-elect the board member positions, traditionally the senior directors from each region. Motion by Meroshnekoff to nominate senior directors to the Foundation board, second by Walls. Motion carried.

VETERINARY DRUG COMMITTEE. Tamara Gull, DVM. Report covered discussion about the use of omeprazole in NATRC.

TRAIL ADVOCACY & GRANTS. Insko. One outstanding grant in R2. No new grants. Nothing on a national level.

EDUCATION. Dieterich. There are still issues with consistency that are being addressed and will be an ongoing project. Dieterich stated this is addressing consistency within a ride, and from ride to ride. There also needs to be consistent standards within an organization.

MEMBERSHIP. Zeliff. Membership renewal incentive was successful again this year. We need more fresh ideas for recruitment and retention. Reach out to members who are no longer coming around, and remind them that they can still be involved without riding.

JUDGES COMMITTEE. Walls. Updates on people in the judging apprentice and provisional processes. Norma Newton completed the requirements for LeD judge and is recommended for approval. Walls made a motion to approve Norma Newton as LeD judge, Wingle seconded. Motion carried.

Student Loan/Scholarships. Marilyn Marston. Requested that board members encourage (Continued on page 51)
older juniors preparing for college to consider applying for loans and scholarships through NATRC.

BREED & ORGANIZATION LIASIONS. Stucky. Struggling to get responses from breed organizations. Several high point horses will not receive awards because owners are not members of the breed organizations. Stucky asked that members be reminded to join their breed organizations in order to continue to build our relationships with them.

HONORARY & APPRECIATION. Mesimer. Report filed. November 19, 2023 is the deadline for nominations.

TECHNOLOGY/WEBSITE. Smith. We are pushing forward on getting ride registration and data management under one roof. Alex Braun is one of our members working on the project and putting together a proposal for our developer on what is still needed to make it all happen. Costs are not yet known and will have to be budgeted for.

WEBINARS. Wingle and Muench. Smith did the first webinar of 2023. Micah from Top Trail will be putting on the next webinar. They are seeking both topics and presenters so suggestions are welcome.

CONVENTION & NATIONAL AWARDS. Meroshneffoff. Hotel contract was lost, so dates got changed.

Attention!

Ride secretaries and judges.
The front of the 2023 horse scorecard is the same as 2022. Because there are no weight classes next year, NON-juniors will automatically be in the Adult Class. Just make one circle around Hwt Lwt.

Attendance very low. Gray talked about online participation for seminars.

REGION REPORTS. R1-Meroshneffoff. 5 rides scheduled, two LeD only. R2-Insko. RAHA was the first ride to break even in several years. This year looking at three full rides and three LeD only. R3-Wingle. Eight to ten rides planned this year. One clinic for sure. Navajo Lake is the first ride. Things are picking up for this year. R4-Murphy. One ride so far, eleven total on the schedule. All full rides. New ride near San Antonio and some new managers. Creating a new website for the region. R5-Diaguila. Two rides have occurred. Eleven rides on the schedule. Some new ride managers as well. R6-Stucky. Three A rides, three LeD rides. Still trying to encourage people to manage rides. Regional convention is coming up. NATRC will be represented at Equifest.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF SHARED BOARD AMOUNT - $471.29 Motion by Gray to adjust mileage rate to IRS rate each year, second by Johnson-Conne. Motion carried.

Old Business

1. Pilot Project Update (Lory). Zoom meeting in December for veterinary judges and another one in January for both veterinary and horsemanship judges. The video is available for the regions now, and it is encouraged that it be shared with as many members as possible. Scorecards and rider comments are being evaluated following rides. Program will be reviewed again in July.

2. NATRC Fundraising idea – 2024 NATRC Calendar. Using photos from rides, two photos from each region for the calendar. Thought was to develop the calendar and make it a preorder item so we have an idea on how many to order.

New Business

1. Regional zoom meetings to go over 2024 rule proposals. Feedback was received about wanting more communication about rule proposals in the regions. It has been suggested that national directors host regional zoom meetings in the coming couple of months to discuss the rule proposals, get feedback from the membership and simply be more transparent. Target months would be April and May. We could even do two in March, two in April and two in May.

2. Future National Conventions. We need to start thinking about this in a less sentimental way. Despite efforts, have conventions run their course? Young people aren’t attending conventions. We need to be practical and thinking ahead.
   a. 2024 Region 5
   b. 2025 Region 3
   c. 2026 Region 2
   d. 2027 Region 4
   e. 2028 Region 6
   f. 2029 Region 1

3. Increasing judging pool. Discussion about ways to recruit and retain new judges. Managers are struggling to find judges for rides.

Next meeting April 4th via Zoom beginning at 6:30 p.m. CDT.
### Region 2

**Boyd Ranch Adventure Gala B1**
12/10/2022 Region 2 AZ Total Riders: 16  
Chair: Johnson, Kim  
Judge: LeD – Bray, Sherrie  
Leisure Adult  
1. Buckaroo Buck / Dixon, Catherine  
2. Star 13 / Jarman, Jill  
3. Cheeto / Nelson, Victoria  
4. Night Hawk / Noake, Sharon  
5. Dunt in the Paint / Goos, Jo  
6. Griffin / Evans, Heather  
7. Annie 10 / Lauck, Marni  
8. Tequila de Cienti / Heritage, Mariann  
9. Toby 4 / MacDougall, Mark  
10. Moses / Putnam, Patrick  
11. Annie 10 / Lauck, Marni  
12. Tequila de Cienti / Heritage, Mariann  
13. Toby 4 / MacDougall, Mark  
14. Moses / Putnam, Patrick  

Leisure Junior  
1. Dakota Jack / Simeone, Taji  
2. Connie 2 / Palmer, Mckenna  

**Boyd Ranch Adventure Gala B2**
12/11/2022 Region 2 AZ Total Riders: 9  
Chair: Johnson, Kim  
Judge: LeD – Bray, Sherrie  
Leisure Adult  
1. Dunt in the Paint / Evans, Carol  
2. Cheeto / Nelson, Victoria  
3. Griffin / Goos, Jo  
4. Buckaroo Buck / Dixon, Catherine  
5. Insondable / Glinski, Patricia  
6. Logan 2 / Hauber, Michala  
Tequila de Cienti / Heritage, Mariann  
Raheeb Lakai / Hendershot, Asligul  
Leisure Junior  
1. Dakota Jack / Simeone, Taji  

### Region 4

**Jingle Bell Jaunt A**
12/3, 4/2022 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 23  
Chair: Liebman, Cara  
Judges: Vet - Hounsel, Carter; Hsp - Daniel, Doanna  
Open Adult  
1 / 5 SW - 98 RPH Ebony Diamond / Hicks, Patti  
2 / 3 Moon Shadow's Black Gold / Price, Alanna  
3 / 2 TA Kaiser+1 / Prusak, Deanne  
4 / 1 Nchantedprincevaliant / Mettes, Cynthia  
5 / 4 Fancy I Am / Knight, Chrissey  
6 / 6 Vaquero / Galliher, Teresa  
Cocktails and Lace / Burns, Robin  
Rohara Hasanni / Muench, Gayle  
P / P Promises Do Come Tru / Krause, Jennifer  
P / P Dream Unspoken / Lange, Carol  
Competitive Pleasure Adult  
1 / 1 SW - 98 Giacomo / Munche, Fran  
2 / 2 Razmatz DBA+/+ / Bass, Carla Jo  
3 / 5 Rock Creek's Wild Pepper / Jones, Holly  
4 / 3 Wildfire Storm / Miller, Dolly  
5 / 4 Moonshadow 2 / Breland, Katie  
6 / Hindi Sahid / Jewell, Jonni  
/ 6 Gypsy 15 / Grotteher, Wendy  
Novice Adult  
1 / 2 SW - 95 Bob Larew / Larew, Mike  
2 / 1 SA Jabari / Poust, Jessica  
3 / 3 Zip 2 / Larew, Megan  
4 / 4 Hueco Count Victor / Flint, Kimberlee  
5 / 5 RR Jets Pistol Blue / Vess, Rebecca  
Novice Junior  
1 / 1 Mac / Vess, Emmalin  
Jingle Bell Jaunt B1  
12/3/2022 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 13  
Chair: Liebman, Cara  
Judge: LeD - Perryman, Alice  
Leisure Adult  
1. Amarosa Hisana / Waldrip, Anita  
2. Dibs / Liles, Julie  
3. Taulia / Olivas, Tina  
Leisure Experienced  
1. Final Clu / Nelson, Mollie  
Leisure Junior  
1. XEX King Lightfoot / Walston, Emma  

**Jingle Bell Jaunt B2**
12/4/2022 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 9  
Chair: Liebman, Cara  
Judges: Vet - Hounsel, Carter; Hsp - Daniel, Doanna; LeD - Perryman, Alice  
Competitive Pleasure Adult  
1 / 1 SW - 80 The Miracle of Voodoo / Steinke, Maggie  
Leisure Adult  
1. Amarosa Hisana / Waldrip, Anita  
2. Good Boy Scout / Mosley, Deb  
3. Tejons Hannah / Woodcock, Missy  
Leisure Experienced  
1. Final Clu / Nelson, Mollie  
2. Painted in the Stars / Collins, Mary  
3. Shah Rysa / Black, Tracy  
Leisure Junior  
1. XEX King Lightfoot / Walston, Emma
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**Region 5**

**Christmas in the Pines A**
12/9, 10/2022 Region 5 FL Total Riders: 20
Chair: Baldwin, Sara
Judges: Vet - Galbraith, Linda; Hsp - Shanor, Kathy

**Open Adult**
1 / 3 SW – 98 Nchantedprincevaliant / Mettes, Cynthia
2 / 1 Beau 11 / Garnes, Sherry
3 / 4 Jada Angel / Feist, Lael
4 / 6 Wishbone Two Eyed Jak / Meyer, Alan

**November Pleasure Adult**
1 / 3 SW - 95 TA Kaiser+ / Prusak, Deanne
2 / 5 Giacomo / Muench, Fran
3 / 3 Seventhiningstretch / Kilpatrick, Ed
4 / 2 RPH Ebony Diamond / Hicks, Patti
5 / 2 Windstorm Clay / Mitchell, Tommy
6 / 3 South of Easy / Petelle, Patricia

**Competitive Pleasure Junior**
1 / 1 SW - 98 Graceful Empire / Whitehead, Victoria
2 / 2 Plicka's Rose / Stroh, John
3 / 1 SW - 100 Sidney El Rey / Samuels, Alaina
4 / 2 Ramone' / Crews, Stephanie

**Novice Adult**
1 / 1 SW - 99 Hollywoods LilPistol / Black, Wyspr
2 / 3 Strait Georgette Max / McIntire, Matthew
3 / 2 Liberty Bell 2 / Snow, Val
4 / 2 P / P Romeo O Romeo / Hагlund, Pam
5 / 6 P / P Traveling Fancy / Gosda, Renee

**Novice Junior**
1 / 1 Delight's Amber Beauty / Patissau, Mike
2 / 2 Poor Daddy's Wallet / Gragg, Norasen

**New Year Resolution A**
1/28, 29/2023 Region 5 FL Total Riders: 21
Chair: Diaguila, Esther
Judges: Vet - Galbraith, Linda; Hsp - Tolbert, Wayne

**Open Adult**
1 / 1 SW - 98 Papa's Alabama Express / Lucas, Patty
2 / 2 Flicka's Rose / Stroh, John
3 / 2 My Skip Leaguer / McCall, Rebecca
4 / 3 Heidi / Hill, Nichole
5 / 5 LC Valentine Bo 193 / Hornsby, Virginia

**Competitive Pleasure Junior**
1 / 1 DLC Roxies Peponita / Gragg, Shae
2 / 3 Taz 3 / Henson, Lisa
3 / 4 My Skip Leaguer / McCall, Rebecca
5 / 6 Heidi / Hill, Nichole

**Novice Adult**
1 / 1 SW - 99 Hollywoods LilPistol / Black, Wyspr
2 / 2 Strait Georgette Max / McIntire, Matthew
3 / 2 Rusty 13 / Cook, Crissi
4 / 3 Taz 3 / Henson, Lisa
5 / 4 George / McLaughlan, Kathy
6 / 5 Shez A Tiger Lily / Anderson, Tina

**Novice Junior**
1 / 1 Delight's Amber Beauty / Patissau, Mike
2 / 2 Poor Daddy's Wallet / Gragg, Norasen

**New Year Resolution B1**
1/29/2023 Region 5 FL Total Riders: 7
Chair: Diaguila, Esther
Judges: Vet - Galbraith, Linda; Hsp - Tolbert, Wayne; LeD - Baldwin, Sara

**Open Adult**
1 / 1 SW - 98.5 Papa's Alabama Express / Lucas, Patty
2 / 2 Mtntop Never Say Never / Howard, Marsha

**Competitive Pleasure Adult**
1 / 4 SW - 97 George / McLaughlan, Kathy
2 / 1 Stanley's Waylon / Tolbert, Wayne
3 / 2 DLC Roxies Peponita / McCollum, Donya
4 / 3 Ramone' / Crews, Stephanie
5 / 5 Little Missy McCurdy / Daniels, Michelle

**New Year Resolution B2**
1/29/2023 Region 5 FL Total Riders: 9
Chair: Diaguila, Esther
Judges: Vet - Galbraith, Linda; Hsp - Tolbert, Wayne; LeD - Baldwin, Sara

**Leisure Adult**
1 DLC Roxies Peponita / Gragg, Shae
2 Taz 3 / Henson, Lisa
3 My Skip Leaguer / McCall, Rebecca
4 Heidi / Hill, Nichole
5 LC Valentine Bo 193 / Hornsby, Virginia

**Leisure Junior**
1 Delight's Amber Beauty / Patissau, Mike
2 Poor Daddy's Wallet / Gragg, Norasen

**Leisure Experienced**
1 Braska / Belew, Amy
2 Spirit of Spotted Alen / Keen, Cindy

**Maggie May's Dance**
1 Braska / Belew, Amy
2 Spirit of Spotted Alen / Keen, Cindy

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- Single adult age 18 or over
- Single child age 10 through 17
- Household

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Jr(s) Birthdates_________________________________________________

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City_____________________________________________________________

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