President’s Cup Winner!
Sherry Garnes & Beau

NORTH AMERICAN TRAIL RIDE CONFERENCE
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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

Meet Our Apprentice and Provisional Judges

Members: We welcome your comments on the following apprentice and provisional judges.

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Veterinary Amy Spies, DVM 5
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Helen Steenman 2
Linda Johnson-Conne 3
Sandy Pegram 5
Debbie McCullough 5
Helen Smith 6
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What an amazing 2023 ride season. So many special memories were made while traveling to rides, sitting around those NATRC campfires, and of course while we were competing out on the trails.

One of my special memories was riding in the 50th anniversary Indian Cave ride located in southeast Nebraska. This ride is NATRC’s longest continuous ride held at the same location in the country.

Another was the large rider delegation from Region 5 who traveled halfway across the country to attend both the Kanopolis Canyons ride in Kansas and the General Albert P. Clark Memorial ride at the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado the next weekend. I am sure everyone has fond memories of this past year. Collectively, our memories just add to NATRC’s rich history.

I just returned from our national convention that was held in cooperation with AERC in Albuquerque. Region 3 did a fantastic job hosting this year’s convention.

This year’s awards banquet was truly motivational. Every award winner was an inspiration to all in attendance. A few examples of this inspiration included Sherry Games’ President Cup speech, Bev Roberts accepting the Jim Menefee Lifetime Achievement Award, Linda Record’s display of determination, and Mary Anna Woods being recognized for 25,000 competition miles in NATRC.

During convention, I visited with one of our sponsors to personally thank them for their support of NATRC. They told me that we are one of the only organizations that they sponsor and provide a major award to, where the winner always sends a handwritten thank you note to them. What a perfect example of the impact this small gesture has. I could not have been any prouder to be a member of NATRC than when I heard this.

Our NATRC membership saw another year of growth in 2023 making it the highest since 2019. Our future is on the right trajectory. We have several initiatives underway for the 2024 ride season.

One of these is to conduct two clinics in each of our regions this year. Clinics are an inspiration in themselves. They provide an opportunity for our members, whom I consider among the best trail riders in the nation, to share their knowledge with others. A direct benefit of these clinics is an increase in the number of riders and members.

Another initiative this year is the establishment of a New Ride Outreach committee. The purpose of this committee is to provide support in establishing new rides across the country. We have members who participate in our virtual challenges and are interested in our sport but are in a location where there are no close rides. Our vision is to send an LeD consultation team to these states and coach them on how to do a LeD ride with a future goal of putting together a full “A” ride.

Our newest sponsor Top Trail is teaming up with us again this year to bring you the 2024 NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge. Signup is currently underway. You can find the link for more information and to sign up for this fun challenge on our NATRC website. Our mileage challenge is a great motivator for you to get there and ride. This program is also very important as it generates revenue for NATRC.

I am looking forward to the upcoming ride season and 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 your dreams!

Now, get those conditioning miles in and stay focused on your goals for the 2024 ride season!

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And then be sure to follow me to that next NATRC ride!

John Zeliff, President
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Momentum…NATRC really has it and is picking up speed. After several tedious years and hard work following a strategic plan, extensive committee work, and a careful budget, we are seeing the fruits of that labor realized. Change can feel slow when we are in the moment, or looking at the year in review, but when you look collectively at the ground we have covered in five years the return becomes much clearer.

Our membership and ridership are no longer on a decline and appear to be trending toward the opposite. Our budget is stable. We are revitalizing several committees and generating a lot of great ideas and solutions for the future within them. An exciting new committee tentatively dubbed the New Ride Outreach Committee is being developed in 2024 to help bring new rides to areas of the country that don’t currently host our events. Part of the plan will involve the travel of some of the committee members to those interested host locations for on-site support to help bring new rides to fruition! We hope to see some exciting expansion of our sport through this committee that will be supported by a member from each region.

I have mentioned this in past messages…but stagnancy in any organization often leads to eventual organizational dissolution because there needs to be change, energy and excitement for growth and prosperity to occur. They are necessary parts of the success equation. NATRC is doing just that with dedicated volunteers putting in the time every day to keep our sport relevant and competitive in today’s challenging recreational market. There are a lot of ways people can choose to spend their recreational time, and we want to make sure part of their time is shared with us whether riding or volunteering.

Our Leisure Division has boomed in the past few years quickly becoming a conduit of growth for our sport by affording new ride opportunities in different locations, but more importantly making our sport possible for more people. Not everyone has the time to condition for an Open ride or to get away for an entire weekend so our Leisure Division has answered that call. It has also offered the use of trails not otherwise suitable for a Type A ride due to lack of trail mileage so new ride locations have been added to the schedule to the excitement of many!

Change is inevitable… and in our case, it has been the catalyst of success. I can’t thank the excellent and dedicated volunteers enough that I have had the honor and privilege of working with in the past year (and several years) to bring NATRC to where it is today. I appreciate each and every one of you. There are many cogs in the wheel, but it takes every one of them to make the wheel turn.

“Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must keep moving.” Albert Einstein.

NATRC has found its balance…now it’s time to keep moving!
National Sponsors and Partners

Sponsors
We appreciate and applaud our sponsors. Their support aids our success. In buying goods and services from them, you also help the sport you love!

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Partners
We exchange website logos and links for mutual support and marketing presence. The breed associations also provide us with year-end high point breed awards.

For information about partnering, please contact our Executive Director.

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Make an Impact on NATRC’s Future Through Planned Giving
Three simple and effective ways to give.
1. Request In Lieu of Flowers contributions by mourners
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By giving to NATRC, an organization that holds a unique place in your heart, you are ensuring that we can continue to promote equine and equestrian safety through trail competitions and education programs, and to develop and maintain trail systems throughout the country.

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National Awards Committee
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Kudos All!
In Remembrance

William (Bill) Hinkebein

April 18, 1942 - July 13, 2023 | Chillicothe, Missouri

William G. Hinkebein (Bill), oldest son of Sylvester and Stella (Pratt) Hinkebein was born on April 18, 1942 in St. Louis, Missouri, and passed away on July 13, 2023 at North Kansas City Hospital.

Bill was raised on a farm outside of Farmington, Missouri, with his parents and six younger brothers. He was educated in Missouri, graduating from the University of Missouri with two BS degrees, one in Animal Husbandry and the other Ag Education. He also earned his Master’s Degree and Specialist Degree in Agriculture Education.

He started his teaching career in Windsor, Missouri, in 1966, went on to a vocational school and eventually moved to Chillicothe and taught agriculture at North Central Missouri College (NCMC). He stayed at NCMC as a full time teacher for 25 years and still remained as a part time educator up until his death.

When Bill retired, he had accumulated 37.5 years of full time classroom teaching. He enjoyed his students and wanted to instill in them a love of agriculture.

Bill started the equine program at NCMC and always hoped to show his students the fun of riding horses. For over 20 years, Bill, with the assistance of agriculture students at NCMC, provided horseback riding classes to handicapped students in the Trenton and Chillicothe areas.

On June 18, 1966 Bill married Jeanne Pfaff and they had four children. Their first, William, was premature and passed shortly after birth. They have seven grandchildren and a host of nieces and nephews. Bill and Jeanne spent many hours attending their children’s and grandchildren’s sporting events, band concerts, play productions, and 4H horse shows and competitions. They considered their family to be their greatest blessing.

In 1985, Bill began competing in NATRC with Missouri Fox Trotter horses he bred. Through the years he accumulated over 14,000 miles in competition. He earned numerous awards including achieving National Championships on 10 different horses, (winning the Bev Robert’s National Horsemanship Champion Award twice). Upon receiving the award, Bill said, “This is the hardest thing I’ve ever done.” In NATRC’s 63 years of existence, he is the sole holder of this distinction.

His successes included winning the President’s Cup, NATRC’s highest award.

Such successes involved an additional minimum of 14,000 miles of training and conditioning and having riding skills needed to attain this level of merit.

To his fellow competitors, it was no surprise that, as an educator, he became an approved horsemanship judge. As a competitor, he knew the in’s and out’s of competition and had a keen eye for judging.

Two of his greatest achievements was having his daughter, Elizabeth ride with him and win first place in Region 6 Youth Division. Several years later two granddaughters would ride with him. At the end of the second season, Bill, Jessica and Josie attained their National Championships, and Jessica was number one in the nation with Josie being second.

In addition to NATRC competitions, Bill and his family attended a yearly trail ride held around Duke, Missouri, in the beautiful Ozarks. The entire family still attends this ride. In 2023 Bill, his wife, Jeanne, and their three children, received the 45 years of attendance award.

Donations may be made to: North Central Missouri College Agricultural Department, St. Columban Catholic Church, or Pediatric Cancer Research.

Family Photo
By Becky Fields

Bobby was a true gentleman. He was genuinely kind, loving, humble, honest, supportive, and hard working. He always had a positive attitude and was so very grateful for everything he had. Bobby was always happy to help others, especially with their horses.

Bobby was a gifted horseman. When we met, he knew nothing about horses, but he was a natural. He learned quickly, and soon became a successful natural horsemanship trainer. When Bobby decided to do something, he gave it his all and always wanted to do his best.

After Bobby’s first NATRC ride, he was hooked. He absolutely loved it. All the riders were so kind and helpful and made him feel welcome. He never wanted to miss a ride and was so happy to be part of this special NATRC family.

Bobby was an amazing husband. He would tell me that his goal in life was to make me happy. He certainly achieved that. Bobby was the love of my life and my best friend. I will be forever grateful for the 27 years that I was blessed by this most extraordinary man.

Bobby collapsed on Monday morning at the Biltmore Estate after competing the weekend. We will miss our dear friend and fellow rider terribly. He was much loved in Region 5. In memory of Bobby, the region has been raising funds to purchase a defibrillator which will travel to each of the region’s rides. Training in its safe use was held at the region’s mini-convention.
EXTEND COMBINED WEIGHT CLASSES FOR ONE YEAR

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 2023-2024 ride year and will revert to 2022 rules unless extended by the National Board of Directors.

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 on the national website 30 days prior to implementation or as soon as is practical.

NATIONAL LEISURE AWARDS

SECTION 9 - AWARDS

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 1½ rides; Type A ride counts as 1 ride; Type B ride counts as ½ ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.
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
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.

COMPLETION ONLY (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.

PLACINGS MUST BE ANNOUNCED (Rule Clarification)

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

A. Ride Awards
2. Each division shall include first through sixth placings 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.
2025 Proposed Rule Changes
To be voted on by NBOD in July 2024 | Changes are in RED

#1a: COMBINE DIVISION WEIGHT CLASSES INTO ADULT CLASS
(A TEMPORARY ONE-YEAR ACTION)

4.B.1. Heavyweight and Lightweight classes are combined into an Adult class on a temporary basis for the 2025 ride year and will revert to 2022 rules unless extended by the National Board of Directors.

**Rationale**: Continue current year-to-year approval process. In the 2023 ride season, merging the Heavyweight and Lightweight classes into a single ADULT class yielded the desired results. There were fewer tiny classes (<3 competitors) and while there were some large classes (>10 competitors), the number wasn’t large and was still much less than experienced in NATRC historically. Heavyweights may be at a disadvantage competing with lightweights, but without the merge many classes essentially would have no real competition. By making the change temporary, it is slightly easier to reverse this change if ridership improves.

#1b: COMBINE DIVISION WEIGHT CLASSES INTO ADULT CLASS
(MAKE PERMANENT)

4.B.1. Heavyweight and Lightweight classes are combined into an Adult class.

**Rationale**: Same as above except last sentence. By making the change permanent, competitors know this is what to expect going forward for some time.

#2: VETERINARY JUDGING

**SECTION 6 - JUDGING**

A. Procedures: The judges may act together and discuss individual entrants throughout the course of the ride.

2. Start of Competition
   a. For the purposes of scoring maneuvering trail/behavior, soundness and horsemanship, the horse and rider shall be considered in competition from the moment that the horse is presented to the judges for preliminary examination.

5. Final Examination: There must be a final examination (including condition, soundness, and maneuvering trail/behavior) of all horses by the veterinary and horsemanship judges after the completion of the final day’s ride.

B. Veterinary Judging: Judges shall not discriminate against any animal due to conformation or type as long as the animal performs satisfactorily. Horses are to be evaluated on the following three criteria: condition, soundness and maneuvering trail/behavior. Leisure Division does not have to adhere to these scoring categories.

3. Maneuvering Trail/Behavior 15%: The evaluation of maneuvering trail/behavior shall include, but not be limited to, the following: disposition, response to rider, kicking, head tossing, prancing, standing for examination and mounting, buddying up, trail wise, etc.

D. Leisure Division. Horses will be evaluated on maneuvering trail/behavior. Riders will be evaluated on equitation and partnership with the horse. Safety may be scored.

**Rationale**: Riders have expressed concerns for many years about the heavy scoring in the trail ability/manners section of the horse scorecard. Our veterinarians should focus on what they are expertly and professionally trained to do and that is to judge metabolic conditioning, soundness and behavior. A task force made recommendations for a pilot program which was accepted by the National Board in 2022 to change the name to "Maneuvering Trail / Behavior" and to revise the scoring criteria. The pilot project has been successful. The name of the bottom section of the horse scorecard now needs to be changed in the Rule Book. The scorecard itself will be consistent with the Rule Book.

(Affected portions of front and back of horse scorecard included here for reference only)
#3: MAKE RIDE SWEETSTAKES AWARD A COMINATION AWARD AND AWARD POINTS TO HORSE

SECTION 9 - AWARDS
A. Ride Awards
   4. The horse and rider team with the highest combined (horse and horsemanship) score from the Open, Competitive Pleasure and Novice Divisions shall be the recipients of the Open, Competitive Pleasure and Novice Sweepstakes Awards.

C. Point Distribution
   4. The Open, Competitive Pleasure and Novice Sweepstakes winners will receive the highest points possible for their horses’ placings based on the number of starters in the largest class of their respective division.
   5. The Sweepstakes winner will receive points to the horse, in addition to other points won for horse, as follows: 3 points for a Type AA ride, 2 points for a Type A, 1 point for a Type B.

Rationale: Making Sweepstakes a combination award of both horse and horsemanship allows the best team to take high honors. Allowing all extra points to go to the horse follows NATRC tradition. This also enables more points to go to the horse for a National Championship which is a horse award.

Example: There is a full class (6) of ADULT competitors and three (3) competitors in the JUNIOR class in a Type-A ride. A JUNIOR who took 1st in horse and 3rd in horsemanship has the highest combined score and wins Sweepstakes. Without the Sweepstakes award, the JUNIOR horse would earn 10 points and horsemanship would earn 6 points. Sweepstakes awards the JUNIOR more points in two ways:
   1. The ADULT class was larger, and the JUNIOR beat all the ADULT horses. As the top ADULT horse earned 16 points, so did the JUNIOR horse. The JUNIOR horsemanship points are left unchanged at 6.
   2. Because this is a Type-A ride, the JUNIOR’s horse score is increased by an additional 2 points; that is, the final JUNIOR points are 18 (16+2) for horse (1st place) and 6 for horsemanship.

#4: NATRC’S HIGHEST AWARD

SECTION 9 - AWARDS
B. Annual Awards
   1. National Awards
      a. NATIONAL “JIM MENEFEE” AWARD (Combined Horse & Horsemanship): This award will be presented annually to the overall high point horse and rider team in the Open Division.
      b. PRESIDENT’S CUP: This award will be presented annually to the overall high point horse in the Open Division.

Rationale: This changes which award gets top honors and speaks at national convention. This makes the primary focus of the top award to emphasize the partnership achieved by the horse and rider team. Our highest award would reflect the team that has demonstrated a fit, sound, well behaved equine, which with its rider, can successfully perform all the expected trail tasks better than any other team. The top horse would still receive an important award, but our top award will identify our top horse and top rider. Historically the winner of the President’s Cup is usually, but not always, the winner of the Jim Menefee Memorial Award high combo). This change has our top honor recognizing the best of everything we do in our sport.

#5: STABLING

SECTION 5 – THE RIDE
B. Stabling
   4. Stabling option not allowed during competition as primary containment.
      a. Hobbling of any kind
      b. Portable panels that are not securely anchored to a trailer or a tree
      c. Electric fencing
      d. Staking out in any manner
      e. Stallions in portable panels
   5. Stallions: Stallions must be double tied...

Rationale: NATRC strives to offer the safest means of care to our horses and this rule requires some clarification.

Artists at Work

Peter of Peter Menice Illustration creating a caricature of Deanne Prusak and TA Kaiser‡//.

Photos by Pam Bishop

Tall Paul of Tall Paul Magic entertained convention goers before the awards banquet.
Good evening, everyone!

My name is Sherry Garnes, and I am from Asheville, NC. My horse’s name is Beau. Beau is a 17-year-old Spotted Saddle Horse. Barry and I joke around that we believe in Beau’s previous life he was a Thoroughbred. He is fun, fast, and furious. The perfect match for me.

My world started revolving around horses was when my dad bought me a Shetland pony, Dan, for my first birthday. I grew up with this pony living at my grandparents’ house and would visit him often as a child. My grandparents downsized their farm and sold Dan when I was a teenager.

As I became an adult, I left that part of my life behind. I became busy with work and kids. During those years I would always be drawn to horses when they crossed my path and felt a huge connection to them. I never imagined I would own one again, until a gentleman by the name of Doug DeRosa walked into one of our stores and asked if we were hiring. Doug came to work for us and soon after that I discovered he owned a horse farm. Doug invited Barry and me down to see his farm. I was living my BEST life; it was like a dream come true.

Charmaine at the Biltmore Estate. We loaded her horses and off we went. She was so gracious to let me ride her beautiful Rocky Mountain Horse, Rocky. About 5 miles into the ride, I turned to her and said, “I must figure out how to do this every single day for the rest of my life.”

And that I did, with the enormous help from my husband. Three weeks later, I had Beau, a trailer to haul him in and a place to board him. I was living my BEST life; it was like a dream come true.

Beau came to our family as a 4-year old. I found him in Flemmingsburg, Kentucky. He was owned by one of the workers at a barn. The worker’s dad had cancer and he had to sell Beau to pay for his father’s chemotherapy. Beau had been his transportation back and forth to the barn. He was very sad to see Beau leave the farm. I promised him I would take good care of him and that I would keep his name. Beau was boarded with three other horses and settled in well at his new farm. He was 10 minutes from my home, and I was able to visit him every day.

Charmaine invited me to join their riding group. One of the ladies in the group was Mary Britt. I loved her from the start. Mary took me under her wing and off we went. If you knew Mary, it wasn’t just a trail ride, it was always an NATRC training ride. Mary along with two other individuals started NATRC on the east coast. I felt extremely lucky to have landed in this group.

I decided to do my first NATRC ride in March 2012 at Uwharrie National Forest in Troy, NC. There were five of the Waynesville girls that competed in the competition. I went to the first-time riders meeting. Courtney Woodall was in charge of it and I remember her saying your horse will be a total idiot for an hour and then will settle down, well... that was not the case with Beau, he was out of his mind the entire ride. We had A LOT of work to do, but I loved it! We went home, did our homework, and

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did a few rides a year for the next couple years. Beau was settling down and becoming somewhat of a well-mannered citizen.

In July of 2015, Mary passed away from pancreatic cancer. There is not a week that goes by that I don’t think of her. She gave me my foundation and confidence in this sport. I know she is looking down and smiling BIG!

We moved up to the Open Division and did a few rides. It didn’t go well for us with saddle fit issues, plus Beau developed COPD. I decided to give him a break from competition and start one of my other horses in NATRC. During this time, my daughter-in-law, Amber, was riding Beau a couple of times a week. They did an LeD at Mingo Trails. Beau had given Amber a lot of confidence with her riding. I was very proud of the two of them. Amber was pregnant with Logan and decided that she didn’t want to ride during her pregnancy. During this time Roo, the horse I was competing on, had an injury in the pasture and was unable to compete in CTR or endurance. I had gone 3 months without riding, and that was not my plan.

Remember, I was going to do this every single day for the rest of my life.

Barry was probably exhausted with my not so good attitude and somewhat politely said, “Get yourself together: put Beau back to work and see what you can do.”

I made a plan!

First, I bought a Specialized Saddle and found the finest saddle fitters and forever friends, Tiger and Jeanne Steele. Beau had been through four saddles before we met Tiger and Jeanne. They played a big part in our success.

Second, I put us on a 4-month conditioning plan. I did 3-4 rides a week using a heart rate monitor. I logged all our training rides so I could track our progress.

In March of 2021, we did our first comeback Open Division ride at Mingo Trails. The weather was warm for that time of the year. I knew Beau would struggle with the heat and humidity. We came back into camp for the P&Rs, and I was able to hose him off before going back out. Beau finished the 2-day open ride with a few points lost on metabolics. I was encouraged and hopeful we could compete in the Open Division for 2021. Beau completed eight open rides and received a National Championship in 2021. I was over the moon!

In 2022, he received his 2nd National Championship and the Bev Tibbetts Grand Champion award. This was a big year for us, Beau learned how to take care of himself on the trail and I learned how to support him when he needed it. We really came together in 2022.

I made our ride schedule for 2023. I added a few more out of region rides to the calendar. Taking one ride at a time was our plan. Our first three rides of the season were okay, nothing spectacular. The next three rides were mountainous and technical and he won sweepstakes at all three. Beau loves the mountainous, technical trails.

At the end of May, Barry, Summer, Tucker, Beau and I packed up and headed for Kanopolis and the Air Force Academy ride. Eleven R5 riders and volunteers went on this adventure. The ride was really warm and humid, and we placed 3rd there. We stayed over at Kannapolis for the week before the Air Force ride. It was so much fun! Ty and Debbie McCullough were our tour guides for that week. They received an A+. Beau discovered prairie grass and loved it!

Off to the Air Force Academy, it did not disappoint! The weather was cool, the grass was lush and green, creeks were clear and flowing and the vibrant wildflowers were gorgeous. I learned a huge lesson at this ride, always check the shoe if you think there might be a rock.

Beau did not lose any points the entire ride until vet out on Sunday where he was grade 2 lame. I felt he was a little off inside the 2-mile marker on Sunday and did not stop to check as we were riding on max time. When I got back to camp there was a stone lodged in one of his shoes. Lesson learned!

On Thursday when we arrived, the park service came by and let us know that the rattlesnakes like to hang out at the edge of the brambles and advised us to make sure the truck and trailer got closed up. I was diligent about this throughout the weekend because I am not a snake person.

We headed out on Monday morning to overnight in Kanopolis. At our second fuel stop, I got out of the truck, glanced back at the bed of the truck. The only tools I could find for Barry to use were a broom and a plastic fence stake, which did not work as the snake retreated to the underneath of the truck. You can only imagine the 20-minute scene we had created at this truck stop with our snake removal efforts. Our next stop was Kanopolis. We can hope the snake...
was rehomed on the prairie.  

When we came home from this ride, it was my birthday. My daughter -in-law, Maddie, had the best birthday present EVER on my kitchen bar. She had written a children’s book, “Where Is Beau,” and had it published. I have copies here if you would like to take one.

Our next ride was the Jesse James Rideout. With the heat wave in the mid-west, I was unsure of attending this ride. The weekend forecast was showing a cool down, so we decided to try it. On Thursday when we came through Kansas City, my truck thermometer read 105 degrees F. It was still hot and humid for us during the ride. John and management did a great job with all the water that was provided on the trail. We were able to hose and sponge often, and that allowed us to complete the ride. Beau finished 5th and lost some metabolic points. This was Beau’s hardest ride of the season. He came home to some much-needed R&R.

The fall season started out with Ride the Edge, which is always a great ride. The week after, we headed to the 50th anniversary of the Indian Cave ride. What an honor to be there for that occasion. Everyone said you will love it if it doesn’t rain. There was only a slight chance of rain in the forecast, I thought no biggie. Well on Friday evening we received 1.5 inches of rain. It was really slick going out on Saturday morning, but after about 4 miles, Beau said, “Mom, we’ve got this.” He figured it out. Beau took sweepstakes.

Barry had agreed early in the season to manage the Biltmore ride. I had managed this ride for the last 9 years. It was truly remarkable how this ride went flawlessly. Many many thanks to Barry, volunteers, and judges. There is talk around that he should maybe be the ride manager going forward. We’ll see. Beau also won sweepstakes at Biltmore.

I felt like Region 6 needed to find me a permanent residence, I was there so much. Big Hill was our last out-of-region ride for the season. The weather was perfect on Saturday, cool and crisp, perfect for Beau. Sunday not so much - 38 degrees with pouring down rain.

Beau discovered hedge apples (from the Osage Orange tree) with our travels to the midwest. He always prefers to be out front except when there are hedge apples on the trail. About halfway through the ride on Sunday, he decided it would be better for Cricket to go out front. I thought it might be all the water on the trail, but little did I know it was only so he could grab a bite of a hedge apple and then proceed to catch up to Cricket.

He attempted this a few more times until I caught on to his tricks. Beau vetted out grade 1 lame at the end of the ride. His final ride was the following weekend.

We left Kansas on Monday, stayed at Patty Lucas’s beautiful farm in Alabama for a couple of days and let Beau run around before the Southern Trails ride. He vetted in sound, and he was strong for the entire ride. This ended our 2023 season.

During the fall ride season, my dad’s health was declining. He was one of my biggest fans, he kept up with every ride. I would walk into the hospital to visit him, and he would introduce me. The nurses and doctors would say, “Are you the one with the top horse in the nation?” This happened numerous times. When I came back from Alabama, Dad looked at me and asked, “Did you get it done?” He passed away the week after that.

Barry Garnes was my utmost support person all year - anything I needed he had already thought of. I see a lot of ski trips in my future to repay him.

Writing this speech made me reflect over the last 3 years.

This sport has given me so much, one of those is my brother from a different mother…. Tommy Mitchell. Tommy and Red have traveled many trails with Beau and me. And we have many more to look forward to.

Jennifer Mulligan was patient with me when we need to sponge and sponge and sponge again.

Our NATRC judges have truly made me a better rider.

The support I received from my NATRC family during the fall season will never be forgotten. It is so true - it’s the people we meet along the way who help us appreciate the journey.

By far, the biggest award from this year is the relationship and bond I have with Beau; there are no words to define the trust between us. I will hold onto it for the rest of my life.

And many thanks to God for giving me this gift. Thank You!
Jim Menefee Memorial Combined High Point Horse and Horsemanship

Perpetual Trophy Donated by Jack Menefee
Buckle sponsored by Patty Lucas
Ribbon sponsored by Marilyn Marston

Beau and Sherry Garnes 339 Points

Sherry Garnes and Beau  Photo by Becky Pearman

Bev Tibbitts Grand Champion High Average Horse

Buckle sponsored by Patty Lucas
Ribbon sponsored by Marilyn Marston

Jiminy Cricket / Grade ............................... 97.13%

Runners Up
Beau / Grade........................................... 96.96%
Nchanted Prince Valiant.............................. 89.49%

Jiminy Cricket and Jennifer Mulligan
Photo by Nancy Sluys

Polly Bridges High Average Horsemanship

Buckle sponsored by Patty Lucas
Ribbon sponsored by Marilyn Marston

Sherry Garnes ........................................... 99.12%

Runners Up
Joni Jewell .............................................. 97.74%
Jennifer Mulligan .................................... 95.65%

Sherry Garnes and Beau
Photo by Becky Pearman
About the Award
By Bev Roberts

At the NATRC 50th Anniversary Convention, the horses (and their riders) who had five or more national championships were honored. I attended that convention and thought, “Humm, I have five national championships but on five different horses. There ought to be an award for those riders who have successfully become partners with a number of horses.” So I proposed one to the national board and they agreed!

Then I had the problem of figuring out what the award should be. Laurie DiNatale knew I’m an artist and suggested one of my art pieces. It took me a year to come up with a subject, but it finally hit me, something with five horses! Duh. And “Take Five,” five horses taking a break was born.

I had 50 giclee prints produced, I’m signing them all. The first was awarded to Bill Hinkebein and the second to Jonni. These two were matted and framed. JD built the frame for Jonni’s. As long as I am able, we’ll be providing matted and framed prints to subsequent winners. I’m setting up a fund to cover the cost of framing after I’m called over the rainbow bridge.
Overall High Point Open

Open Adult Horse
Ribbons sponsored by John Zeliff

1. Beau / gr .......................................Sherry Garnes / R5....... 165
2. Jiminy Cricket / gr..............................Jennifer Mulligan / R5.... 149
3. Nchanted Prince Valiant / ar.............Cynthia Mettes / R4 ...... 122
4. Windstorm Clay / morg....................Tommy Mitchell / R5....... 90
5. Giacomo / har ................................Fran Muench / R4.......... 88
6. Mountaintop Never Say Never / morg Marsha Howard / R5....... 83

Beau and Sherry Garnes
Photo by Kristen Schmalzried

Jiminy Cricket and Jennifer Mulligan
Photo by Nancy Fuller

Nchanted Prince Valiant and Cynthia Mettes
Photo by John Newell

Windstorm Clay and Tommy Mitchell
Photo by Becky Pearman

Giacomo and Fran Muench
Photo by Bill Wingle

Mountaintop Never Say Never and Marsha Howard
Photo by Kristen Schmalzried

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Open Adult Horsemanship

Ribbons sponsored by Cindy Keen

1. Sherry Garnes / R5.......................................................... 174
2. Cynthia Mettes / R4 .................................................... 122
3. Jennifer Mulligan / R5 ................................................. 109
4. Fran Muench / R4.......................................................... 98
5. Patti Hicks / R4 ............................................................... 94
6. Jonni Jewell / R4............................................................ 82

Open Junior Horse and Horsemanship

No Juniors Qualified

“A social creature who become stressed and lonely when kept on their own, horses thrive on companionship.” - Audrey Pavia
Open National Champions

Ribbons sponsored by Nancy and Bill Sluys

Region 3
Dino / Grade ........................................ Scarlett Hager
(Blanket sponsored by Cathy Cumberworth)

Region 4
Nchanted Prince Valiant / Arabian ............. Cynthia Mettes
Giacomo / Half Arabian ............................... Fran Muench
(Buckle sponsored by Sarah J. Smith and Ruby Rinne)
RPH Ebony Diamond / Half Arabian .......... Patti Hicks
(Blanket sponsored by Bev Roberts & JD Mullins)
AF Johnny Bravo / Arabian ........................ Jonni Jewell
(Blanket sponsored by Gayle & Fran Muench)

Region 5
Beau / Grade ........................................ Sherry Garnes
(Blanket sponsored by Patty Lucas)
Jiminy Cricket / Grade ............................... Jennifer Mulligan
(Jacket sponsored by Cindy Keen)
Windstorm Clay / Morgan ......................... Tommy Mitchell
Mountain Top Never Say Never / Morgan .. Marsha Howard

Dino
Photo by Bill Wingle

Nchanted Prince Valiant
Photo by John Newell

AF Johnny Bravo
Photo by Jan Stewart-Taylor

Giacomo
Photo by Bill Wingle

RPH Ebony Diamond
Photo by Patty Lucas

Mountain Top Never Say Never
Photo by Becky Pearman

Windstorm Clay
Photo by Becky Pearman

Jiminy Cricket
Photo by Nancy Sluys

Beau
Photo by Maddie Garnes & Connie Fike
2023 Competitive Pleasure National Awards

High Point Combination Adult Team
Buckle sponsored by Jonni Jewell
Ribbon sponsored by Marilyn Marston

TA Kaiser+// and Deanne Prusak
226 Points

Grand Champion High Average Horse
Ribbon sponsored by Marilyn Marston

TA Kaiser+// / ar..................................97.32%
Runner Up
Dec Docs Curious Pep / qtr .................93.94%

High Average Horsemanship
Ribbon sponsored by Marilyn Marston

Deanne Prusak ........................................99.77%
Runner Up
Logan Samuels .......................................96.81%

High Point Combination Junior Team
Buckle sponsored by Sherry & Barry Garnes
Ribbon sponsored by Marilyn Marston

Dec Docs Curious Pep and Logan Samuels
150 Points

Dec Docs Curious Pep and Logan Samuels
Photo by Bill Wingle
Overall High Point Competitive Pleasure

CP Adult Horse

1. TA Kaiser+// / ar .................. Deanne Prusak / R4 ........ 104
2. Mick Jagger / gr .................. Sierra Patisaul / R5 ........ 86
3. Okies Roanwood 10 / qtr ........ Bobby Fields / R5 .......... 80
4. Jada Angel / har .................. Lael Feist / R5 .......... 70
5. Sidney El Rey / gr ................. Alaina Samuels / R5 ...... 65
6. Vaquero / smr ...................... Teresa Galliher / R4 ...... 62

CP Adult Horsemanship

1. Deanne Prusak / R4 .... 122
2. Alaina Samuels / R5 .... 96
3. Sierra Patisaul / R5 .... 74
4. David Spell / R4 ............ 68
5. Teresa Galliher / R4 .... 60
6. Cara Liebman / R4 ........ 54

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CP Junior Horse

Silver Tray sponsored by McDixon Ranch, Home of the Old West CTR (R2)
Ribbons sponsored by Esther Diaguila

1. Dec Docs Curious Pep / qtr........ Logan Samuels / R5 .......... 82
2. Timber Jac Joe / qtr .................... Anna Beth Lawrence / R5 .. 68
3. Paddy The Baddy / gr .................... Asheton McCollum / R5 ..... 36
4. DLC Roxies Peponita / paint ...... Mikey Patisaul / R5 .......... 19

CP Junior Horsemanship

Silver Tray sponsored by McDixon Ranch, Home of the Old West CTR (R2)
Ribbons sponsored by Esther Diaguila

1. Logan Samuels / R5.........68
2. Anna Beth Lawrence / R5 .. 66
3. Asheton McCollum / R5..... 26
4. Mikey Patisaul / R5 .......... 23
Competitive Pleasure
National Champions
Ribbons sponsored by Bill and Nancy Sluys

Region 4
TA Kaiser+/// / Arabian .................................................. Deanne Prusak
(Blanket sponsored by Bev Roberts & JD Mullins)

Region 5
Mick Jagger / Grade...................................................... Sienna Patiaul
(Blanket sponsored by Cindy Keen)
Okies Roanwood 10 / Quarter................................. Bobby Fields
(Blanket sponsored by Kris Gray)
Dec Docs Curious Pep / Quarter................................. Logan Samuels
(Buckle sponsored by Victoria Whitehead and the StarLight Farms Family)
Timber Jac Joe / Quarter........................................ Anna Beth Lawrence
(Blanket sponsored by Cindy Keen)

Okies Roanwood 10
Photo by Donya McCollum

Dec Docs Curious Pep
Photo by Victoria Whitehead

Timber Jac Joe
Photo by Becky Pearman

Mick Jagger
Photo by Maddie Garnes & Connie Fike

The President’s Cup

One of several silent auction tables of goodies.

Friday night awards banquet.

These four convention photos by Pam Bishop

R3 Logo on Banner
2023 Novice National Awards

High Point Combination

Novice Adult Team

Buckle sponsored by Victoria Whitehead & the StarLight Farms Family
Ribbon sponsored by Marilyn Marston

StarLight’s Macksimum Flex and Nancy Fuller

142 Points

Novice Junior Team

Buckle sponsored by Sandy Pegram
Ribbon sponsored by Marilyn Marston

Gretel and Virginia Meyer, 42 Points

Overall High Point Novice

Novice Adult Horse

Silver Tray sponsored by McDixon Ranch, Home of the Old West CTR (R2)
Ribbons sponsored by Jordan Yankton

1. OGR’s Romero / rkym ................. Linda Record / R4/6 ......73
2. Starlight’s Macksimum Flex / gr .... Nancy Fuller / R5 ........68
3. Hueco Count Victor / hwsh ........ Kimberly Flint / R4 ......66
5. Dancers Teddy Bear / qtr ........... Jordan Yankton / R3 ....44
6. SA Jabari / ar ................................ Jessica Poust / R4 ......36

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Novice Junior Horse
Silver Tray and Ribbon sponsored by Cindy Keen

1. Gretel / gr........ Virginia Meyer / R5.........20

Gretel and Virginia Meyer
Photo by Roy Hartfield

Novice Adult Horse (Continued from page 24)
Novice Adult
Horsemanship

Silver Tray sponsored by McDixon Ranch, Home of the Old West CTR (R2)
Ribbons sponsored by Jordan Yankton

1. Nancy Fuller / R5 ............... 74
2. Linda Record / R4/6 ............. 66
3. Kimberlee Flint / R4 ............ 58
4. Jordan Yankton / R3 .......... 46
4. Ashley Edwards / R3 .......... 46
5. Megan Place / R6 .............. 42
6. Jessica Poust / R4 ............ 40

Novice Junior
Horsemanship

Silver Tray and Ribbon sponsored by Cindy Keen

1. Virginia Meyer / R5 ............... 22

Virginia Meyer
Photo by Donya McCollum
## 2023 Regional Team Awards at National

### OPEN ADULT

**Regions 1, 1A & 2 (None qualified)**

**Region 3**
1. Dino / gr ................................ Scarlett Hager ........ 130
2. Rushcreek Darline / ar .................. Hannah Clark ....... 76

**Region 4**
1. Nchanted Prince Valiant / ar .......... Cynthia Mettes ...... 136
2. Giacomo / har ............................. Fran Muench ........ 110
3. RPH Ebony Diamond / har ............. Patti Hicks .......... 90
4. Rohara Hasanni / ar ..................... Gayle Muench ...... 88
5. AF Johnny Bravo / ar .................... Jonni Jewell ...... 88

**Region 5**
1. Beau / gr ................................ Sherry Games ....... 233
2. Windstorm Clay / morg .................. Tommy Mitchell ... 156
3. Jiminy Cricket / gr ........................ Jennifer Mulligan .... 131
4. Mtntop Never Say Never / morg, Marsha Howard .... 100
5. Papa’s Alabama Express / tw .... Patty Lucas ............. 57
6. Graceful Empire / gr ........................ Victoria Whitehead .... 55

**Region 6**
Ribbons sponsored by Region 6
1. Rushcreek Frontier / ar ................. Helen Smith .......... 80
2. Sheesa Spotted Vaquera / ap ........ Mary Anna Wood ...... 35

### COMPETITIVE PLEASURE ADULT

**Region 1**
1. CH-Eirelands Irish / hconn ............ Joyce Driggers ...... 32
2. Wind River Rose / gr ..................... Maria Pilgrim ....... 30

**Regions 1A & 2 (None qualified)**

**Region 3**
1. Roulette / gr ............................. Terri Smith .......... 108
2. Amazing Grace / gr ........................ Cheri Westmoreland ..98
3. Brio / gr ................................. Robin Kelly .......... 52
4. Takoda Aussie’s Sun / tw ............... Sharyl Walls ...... 28

**Region 4**
1. TA Kaiser+// / ar ......................... Deanne Prusak ...... 98
2. KMA Ali Gator / har ..................... David Spell ........ 92
3. Razmataz DBA+// / ar .................. Carla Jo Bass ....... 87
4. Vaquero / smr .............................. Katie Brelan ....... 86

**Region 5**
1. Mick Jagger / gr ........................ Sierra Patisaul ....... 160
2. Okies Roanwood 10 / qtr ............. Bobby Fields .......... 130
3. Sidney El Rey / qtr ........................ Alaina Samuels .... 123
4. Jada Angel / har .......................... Lael Feist ............ 104
5. Merribelle Mist MHF / tw ........ Mary Dukes ............. 78
6. Suri / gr ................................. Kathryn Stucky ...... 66

**Region 6**
Ribbons sponsored by Region 6
1. Roho Honoy Mocha WH / mft .......... John Zeliff ........... 21

### COMPETITIVE PLEASURE JUNIOR

**Regions 1, 1A, 2, 3, 4, & 6**

None qualified

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## NOVICE ADULT

**Regions 1, 1A & 2** (None qualified)

### Region 3
1. Dancers Teddy Bear / qtr ........... Jordan Yankton ....... 90
2. Imma Cool Colour / ap ............. Ashley Edwards ....... 74
3. Flickering Glory Yankee / mft .... Justin Wickes ....... 50
3. Marlie / gr ................................ Stephanie Sheek ....... 50

### Region 4
1. Hueco Count Victor / hw/sh ......... Kimberlee Flint ....... 124
2. OGR's Romeo / rkym ............... Linda Record ....... 82
3. SA Jabari / ar ....................... Jessica Poust ....... 76

### Region 5
1. StarLight's Macksimun Flex / gr ... Nancy Fuller ............ 142
2. Iron Will / rkym ..................... Therese Surdel ........... 66
3. Destiny's Chrome Flying Eagle / kym Donna Curry ........... 57
4. Shimmer's Golden Perfection D / mft Kathi Wiggins ........... 54

### Region 6
Ribsponsored by Region 6
1. Diamond N Bueno Pet / qtr ........ Catherine Crites ....... 82
2. Hickorys Miss Ashley / am buck ... Megan Place ....... 74
2. OGR's Romeo / rkym ............... Linda Record ............ 57

## NOVICE JUNIOR

**Regions 1, 1A, 2, 3, 4 & 6** (None qualified)

## LEISURE EXPERIENCED

**Regions 1 & 1A** (None qualified)

### Region 2
1. Copper Touch / gr ...................... Dayna Morgan ....... 13
2. Duke of Shadow Canyon / tw ....... Kandace Contreras ...... 12
3. Dunit in the Paint / paint ........... Carol Evans ....... 6

### Region 3
1. Copper Touch / gr ...................... Dayna Morgan ....... 22
2. Lion's Design / paint ................ Teresa Milewski ....... 18
3. Echo Affirmed / ar ................... Cheryl Jarrett ....... 11
4. Travelin' Zippy / mft ............... Lou Ann Colby ....... 7

### Region 4
1. Joesie Skippa Zan / qtr ............ Patty Lampley ....... 35
2. Final Clue / ap ....................... Mollie Nelson ....... 26.5

### Region 5
1. Spirit of Spotted Alen / tw ........ Cindy Keen ............ 20
2. Suri / gr ................................ Kathryn Stucky ....... 11
3. Heart's Desire / ssh ................ Sandy Pegram ....... 5

### Region 6
1. Invest Ina Three Bar / qtr ........ Gina Kollars ............ 15
2. How D Golden Gail / qtr ............ John Zeliff ............ 11
3. Dolly / gr ................................ Rianna Deselich ....... 5

## LEISURE ADULT

### Regions 1A
None qualified

### Region 1
1. Rocha's Jesse / gr ................... Barbara Hempstead .... 11

### Region 2
1. Cheeto / gr ............................. Victoria Nelson ....... 29
2. Buckaroo Buck / gr ................. Catherine Dixon ....... 9.5
3. Griffin / gr ............................. Jo Goss ............ 7
4. Raheeb Lakai / gr .................... Asligul Hendershot ....... 6
5. Trooper's Choice Eliminator / mft Reuben Contreras ....... 5

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LEISURE ADULT

Region 3
1. Bush Rat Splash / ar .......................... Kathy Ambrose......14
2. Palina / gr....................................... Lauren Scanlan .....11
2. Big Mac’s My My / mft..................Karen Wylie..............11
3. Aria / gr....................................... Kate Steffes.........10
4. SS Kharady Khid / ar......................Pamela Galchutt......9

Region 4
1. Precious / gr.................................Julie Bills.............53.5
2. Extra Special Edd / gr..................Tom Blackmon........25
3. Tardy Duster Bueno / qtr............Marilyn Blackmon- Dardenne...........21
4. Amarosa Hisana / ar....................Anita Waldrip.........15.5
5. Good Boy Scout / gr....................Deb Mosley...........13.5
5. RKD Yousa Cheetah / qtr.............Julie Liles............13.5
6. Dats Bugs Bunny / qtr.................Tara Jones.............12

Region 5
1. Luna / gr.....................................Mark Eggeman.........7
2. Heidi / gr....................................Nichole Hill ............5
3. Ferrari / ssh.................................Heather Smithson.....3.5
4. Dancer / gr..................................Beverly Ruff..........2

Region 6
1. Decks Tru Grit / qtr....................Tammy Vasa...........35.5
2. Gambler / gr.................................Christy Fields.........28
3. Rio Bravo / qtr.............................Louise McCall.........27.5
4. Lennox / gr.................................Holly Barrett.........27
5. Chica / gr.....................................Megan Place.........17.5
6. Doc / gr......................................Morgan Pfaff.........15.5
6. Joe’s Bar Flick / qtr.....................Martha Elmore.........15.5

LEISURE JUNIOR

Region 1
1. Denebaborr / ar..........................Samantha Muller .....9
2. Valentyne / gr..............................Rhiley Muller ......7

Region 2
1. Dakota Jack / gr.............................Taji Simeone ......9

Region 4
1. XEX King Lightfoot / qtr................Emma Walston........8

Region 5
1. MCF Mustang Sally / gr..............Kay Woodall...........12
2. Echo / gr....................................Caroline Wood.......9

Region 6
1. Ben /gr..........................................Emma Fields.........6
2. Camilla PBJ / gr...........................Ruby Rinne.........5

Region 1A & 3 (None qualified)

Region 3
1. Precious / gr.................................Julie Bills.............53.5

NATRC Annual Raffle Results

The winners were drawn at the National Convention awards banquet in Albuquerque, NM on February 23, 2024. We appreciate all who purchased tickets.

1st Prize $300 Visa Gift Card Cindy Keen R5
2nd Prize $200 Riding Warehouse Gift Card Amelia Adair R3
3rd Prize $100 Tractor Supply Gift Card Diane Chaffee R3
4th Prize $50 Cabela’s Gift Card Esther Diaguila R5

Congratulations to the Lucky Winners!
**2023 National Honorary Awards**

**Jim Menefee Lifetime Achievement**

**Bev Roberts**

Growing up in an Army family, Bev lived all across the country and abroad. She put herself through college (M.S. in Mechanical Engineering) and has worked in the auto, oil and gas, and nuclear industries. Through it all, horses, art and hard work were a constant.

Bev’s NATRC career began in the early 1970s after she read an article in *Western Horseman* magazine and rode Open at the Rendezvous Ride in Wyoming. She had a blast and has been a tireless contributing member ever since.

She competed on a number of different horses throughout the past 50+ years and 8,000 miles of NATRC, earning Open national championships on five different horses, 19 International, national and regional championships and top sixes in NATRC, AERC and AHA.

Competing is not all. She has been manager of the Arkansas Traveler, a rules interpreter, secretary for vet and horsemanship judges, awards chair and P&R worker. She worked with the national safety chair to better organize safety data.

In 2007, following up on a suggestion that NATRC should market and brand itself more aggressively, Bev became Marketing/Publicity Chair and put together a marketing plan with representatives from each region. She created our branding specs, submitted press releases to periodicals around the country on such topics as President’s Cup winners, major rule changes, and the introduction of LeD (for which she coined the acronym). She designed numerous brochures, booth-in-a-box panels, flyers, and convention ads; has been the NATRC ad designer, E-News Chair, 2012 Raffle Chair, and Web Master. On the *Hoof Print* Advisory Committee, besides writing articles and illustrating Trail Tips, Bev designed countless ads for our sponsors. She was added to the Workers Hall of Fame in 2011. Bev wrote many parts of, and did the layout and numerous illustrations for, the current Rider’s Manual.

Bev has been a sponsor for 14 years through Chiggerville Farm plus has sponsored R4 and national awards. She sponsors the Bev Roberts National Horsemanship Champion award for national championships on five different horses.

She is the general editor of all written communications and forms, maintains a master file of over 200 forms/manuals/guides and is the “Branding Police” assuring consistency of our image to others.

The smallest of details do not pass Bev’s attention and she never misses a deadline. Her work is thorough and complete. Her fellow volunteers know that Bev will deliver on time every time. She is truly one we cannot do without.

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**Bev Roberts**

Photo by Pam Bishop

**Bev Roberts and Kay Gunckel**, Photo by Pam Bishop
Workers Hall of Fame
Alanna Sommer Price

Past the year of 2000, when the world didn’t end, Alanna joined Becky and George in a sport they were in. They overnighted their entries to ensure they had places, loaded the trailer and organized their spaces.

The first check-in for Alanna was not as smooth as it could be, Horse Red busted her nose making her very blood-y.

‘Welcome to the sport, Sugar’, Horsemanship Judge Shirley Parker did call, And Alanna and Red were introduced to the vet called ‘The Claw’.

Over the years, NATRC became a horse education and love, She competed, volunteered and made a difference, beyond and above. Her dedication and commitment to our sport is unsurpassed, And through it all, she is positive and still has a blast!

Alanna began co-chairing the Christmas ride with Liz Scott, Where riders were encouraged to bring presents for seniors and tots. Her generosity and meals, handmade ornaments, and awards, Are exceptional and famous, memories made, friendships forged.

Alanna’s Friday night ‘Front Porch’ for newbies, a hit, Where wonderful cookies were served, NATRC talked about a bit. Her great and marvelous meals at the rides were varied and new, Chicken tortilla casserole, hot baked potato bar, cast iron cobblers, to name a few.

Alanna now manages the Grasslands Gamble with ease. Where volunteers gladly help her for a smile and a please. She is kind and helpful and confident to boot. And paints beautiful wine glasses as part of the loot.

The largest regional convention in Decatur, she chaired, With marketing and organizing; reputable speakers were aired. Alanna still manages the region’s conventions with care, Ordering fried chicken, making desserts, and helping the awards chair prepare.

To compete, she has driven to many regions to ride, Making friends, being respected, bringing new competitors to guide. She’s ridden fox trotters Rascal and Shade over the hill and dale. She’s studied, she’s learned and advocated for NATRC so well.

Alanna has volunteered more than 6000 hours in R4 alone, Where she often wins ‘Region 4 Volunteer of the Year’ on her own. The face of NATRC, advocating both locally and nationwide, Volunteer Hall of Fame, is what Alanna deserves, bonafide!
R6 National Appreciation
Chuck Edwards

In September of 2023, we celebrated 50 years of Chuck Edwards’ involvement with NATRC. After listening to a presentation by Sharon Saare about distance riding and NATRC, Chuck and a couple friends began searching for a location to hold their own competitive trail ride. They felt a close-by newly established state park would be the perfect spot.

Chuck was instrumental in helping lay the trails used today throughout Nebraska’s Indian Cave State Park. His goal of hosting the first Indian Cave CTR, thereby introducing a new equestrian sport to the Midwest, has continued every year for 50 years, with Chuck always wearing the Trail Master hat.

In 2023, Chuck was a trail master, P&R chair, and rules interpreter. He completed his fifth year in a row achieving the 100% Club. And while nowadays he rides in a Gator over those trails he developed, instead of his trusty appaloosa steeds, he can still reminisce of what the park was like so many years ago. If you look beyond the trail, you can see that the hills are still full of the same oaks and hackberries, falling leaves and paw paws, and new deer trails waiting to be explored.

R3 National Appreciation
Cathy Cumberworth

Cathy was born into NATRC. Her parents, Bill and Judy Cumberworth, established the Navajo Lake ride in 1975 and judged and managed this and many other rides. Cathy started volunteering by helping time trail when she was 8 years old and started competing at 10.

Cathy truly wears many hats. She has served on the Region 3 and national boards and now co-chairs the national sanction committee. She manages the Navajo Lake ride, with this year being its 50th anniversary. She works behind the scenes to keep Region 3 running and helps manage and train management teams for multiple region rides.

As the most organized person you’ll ever meet, she is well-suited for the jobs of ride secretary or judges’ secretary. She is a warrior behind the scenes. She is the go to person for answers to rules questions; she must read the rule book in her sleep!

Cathy goes out of her way to make people feel special and always stays positive. However, if you ‘think’ you don’t want to ride because it is cold and rainy, Cathy will tell you to “Get on your horse!” and you do!!

R5 National Appreciation
Esther Diaguila

Albert Camus once said, “Real generosity toward the future lies in giving all to the present.” Esther Diaguila is always giving to NATRC and Region 5 in the present to help make our future bright.

Esther has given her time serving on the national and regional boards, volunteering to be on multiple committees, such as the Ride Structure Committee, the Judges Committee, and the Virtual Challenge Committee. She has mentored upcoming judges, managed and volunteered at rides, mentored juniors and new competitors, made and donated beautiful throws to be raffled off, the list goes on and on. The time she has graciously given to NATRC and Region 5 is priceless.

Esther willingly steps up to help when and where needed, even switching from competitor to horsemanship judge just before a ride to make sure it went on. Esther loves NATRC, and it shows through her endless support of the organization and the NATRC family.

We greatly appreciate Esther and all that she has done and continues to do for NATRC and our region.

“When you are on a great horse, you have the best seat you will ever have.”

- Sir Winston Churchill
2023 Regional Appreciation at National

REGION 2

Carol Evans

Carol Evans started competing in NATRC’s Region 2 in 2013. She has always been a very successful competitor with a heart of gold. She has also brought several new riders into the sport and has mentored several juniors in NATRC.

Carol partnered with other riders in the Kingman, Arizona area and managed four rides near Kingman, which were fun and well attended. Carol recently embraced the Leisure Division and stepped up once again to manage a new ride at a new location near Kingman.

As a ride manager, Carol thinks of every detail, is always organized and positive, and enlists the help of great volunteers. We are confident of another big success because of the knowledge and hard work Carol puts into her rides.

Bob & Margie Insko

It isn’t often a region has two people as dedicated to the sport of competitive trail riding, Region 2 and NATRC as Margie and Bob. They have managed two rides for many years, only taking a break during the Covid lock-down. They are not only the managers of two of the rides, but also act as secretaries, etc. for the other Region 2 rides. Bob is also a national and regional board member.

They recently added a small trailer to their arsenal to haul all the required supplies (chairs, tables, bar-b-ques, water, etc.) to rides. Bob is always willing to share ideas to improve our organization, sometimes committing more time than he has, especially now that he and Margie are enjoying their retirement by traveling and playing golf.

Bob and Margie, thank you.

REGION 3

Linda Johnson-Conne

Linda Johnson-Conne is very focused on improving the NATRC experience for our members and recruiting new riders into our sport. Where others have had good ideas, she has pushed to make them happen.

Linda took the lead creating two traveling trade show booths so Region 3 can reach out to other horse communities and show people what we do. She arranged for a videographer and produced a 15-minute video of the Colorado Trail CTR to show what happens at a typical NATRC event - beautiful country, great horses, and people at a competitive and fun event.

Linda worked for two years with the US Air Force Academy to secure our long-term use of the property after they essentially decided our use fell outside their mission. By working with current and former Air Force officials, particularly with the Academy, they understood outreach to the local community is important.

In addition to this, Linda has been a dedicated Region 3 board member and is now our senior director on the NATRC national board. She is also on the team that brought the 2024 national convention, with AERC, to Albuquerque.

Paula Sue

Paula started riding horses at eight or nine. She rode gymkhanas, show classes, and jumping classes. When her mother joined Region 3, Paula was all over the competition, arena free at last! She learned the rule book, conditioned and trained her horses, and was very proud of her awards.

But horses pass, college, marriage, kids, and divorces happen, and Paula was living her life, but always missing NATRC.

When her mom started tracking points, mileage, and proofing cards, Paula became involved again, but that wasn't comparable to being out on the trail! She tried being a judge’s secretary. After a few rides, she collected her own materials, forms, supplies and changed the whole judge’s secretarial role. Soon the judges were requesting her and arguing about who she would work for. One judge even refused to come to Region 3 unless Paula was that judge’s secretary.

Mom admired her organizational skills. When that camper door closes behind the judge and Paula, no one gets in, and the magic happens. Paula is often ready for awards a good hour before the other judge’s secretary. Often, she then helps at the other table.

She is judge’s secretary #1, bar none.

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REGION 4

LeeAnn Dreadfulwater

Introduced to NATRC by Shirley Brodersen, LeeAnn Dreadfulwater began competition in 2000 on her horse, Joker. LeeAnn has chaired regional conventions, been judges’ secretary, managed Leisure Division clinics and competitions, served as president of Region 4 board and is a well-respected Leisure Division judge in Region 4 and other regions. Her knowledge of NATRC and horsemanship, plus love of volunteerism, make LeeAnn a perfect candidate for this award.

Almira Nefous was LeeAnn’s second competition horse, and on our Region 4 ‘chat room’, Nefous wrote ‘postcards’ home to Joker, from a horse’s point of view, about his opinions on what he had to do in NATRC, like letting a total stranger look in his mouth, ha! The conversations home were very entertaining, and LeeAnn was a trendsetter for future marketing.

Cherokee by birth, LeeAnn has worked for the Cherokee Nation since 1993. She currently works on documentaries, such as Osiyo Voices of the Cherokee People, receiving eight Emmys for her work.

LeeAnn is paramount in advancing NATRC and horses through her many adventures. Her organization and leadership skills are unrivaled, and she is a fixture and an icon in Region 4.

REGION 4

Holly Jones & Mollie Kelly

NATRC is a catalyst for friendships, riding buddies, volunteering and in the case of Holly and Mollie, co-managers of a very successful Mammoth Stride Leisure CTR! They both have catapulted to becoming anchors of Region 4 for their abilities to be leaders, mentors, and sources of knowledge.

Holly began competing on her Mustang, Pepper, in 2017, after being mentored by Alice Perryman. She also began volunteering immediately. She has been both a vet and horsemanship secretary, ride manager, Region 4 board member, clinic presenter, trail master and gatherer of donated prizes; good luck saying no to this girl!

Holly began mentoring Mollie in 2020 where Mollie began at a clinic in Oklahoma on KJ, a horse she won in an essay contest. She began volunteering in 2022 as secretary of the Region 4 board, ride secretary, ride manager and marketing chair extraordinaire for our sport. Mollie often welcomes riders, old and new, to her campsite for games and campfire talks, putting the fun back in NATRC!

Region 4 is so grateful for all that Holly and Mollie do to help others and continue to grow our sport!

REGION 5

Cindy Keen

When you talk about Cindy Keen, the image of Wonder Woman always comes to mind. Yes, complete with the boots and the whip! Cindy is the lady who makes things happen in Region 5. She joined NATRC in 1988. Her resume is full of personal accomplishments: a High Point CP team on Amber in 2011, three CP National Championships, a CP
Grand Championship with Spirit of Spotted Alen, over 4000 competitive miles on seven horses, three granddaughters already in the saddle.

But where Cindy truly shines is in her work to bring others into NATRC. She has served for six terms on the Region 5 Board of Directors, holding the grueling job of fundraising chair for 13 years. Also, for 13 years, from 2010 to 2023, Cindy has managed the Region 5 Benefit Ride. Complete with themes, costume contests, cabana boys, hydration stations and catered dinners, it is the region’s biggest fundraiser and is fun. But Cindy’s greatest legacy to NATRC will always be her ducklings, the scores of junior riders that she has trained, horesed, trailered and mentored through the years as they followed her to dozens of rides.

From Region 5, from our hearts…. Cindy, you are our superhero!

Debbie & Ty McCullough

Debbie and Ty started with NATRC in 1997 in Region 6 while living in Manhattan, KS. Thanks to being invited to ride Safety in Region 5, Timber Ridge, Tennessee became their home in 2021. This move has proved to be a real benefit to our Region 5.

Both folks ribboned out of Novice early and jumped right into Open, achieving numerous national championships. After many years of competing, however, they decided that volunteering was their calling. They do so because NATRC and horses are very dear to them, be it Region 6, National, or, thankfully, Region 5.

For the past two years as Region 5 members, the McCullough’s have been a part of almost every ride. They’ve covered considerable safe-

REGION 6
Sarah J. Smith

The 50th Anniversary of our Indian Cave CTR was truly one for the record books. Sarah Smith led a stellar group of volunteers to triumph over Mother Nature and celebrate our NATRC and NECTRA legend, Chuck Edwards. We all know the decades long special relationship Sarah and Chuck share. There wasn’t a dry eye in the crowd as she struggled to read the wording for his commemorative plaque during the mounting block dedication.

Sarah has teamed up with Chuck to perform the trail marking and clearing, maps, and ride briefing for Indian Cave the last ten years.

Additionally, this year, she was the ride manager, and coordinated awards and swag bags.

Let us not forget the daily role she performs in keeping our NATRC ship afloat. Let’s be honest, it must surely be like herding cats most days. I don’t think Sarah can ever receive enough thanks for helping us all put on our rides, complete our rides,

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organize the organization and national board, and troubleshoot questions coming through a variety of digital platforms. She’s our trusted switchboard operator, the one we go to for all answers, ... oh, and she’s also available as a horsemanship or Leisure Division judge.

**Alex Braun**

If you have attended a Region 6 event recently, then you have directly benefited from what Alex has brought to our organization. During our rides, Alex has been a ride timer, P&R worker, cook, and campfire expert to name just a few. This past year Alex stepped up and took on the management of the Pierce Creek ride. As expected, he did an outstanding job putting this ride together.

Alex was instrumental in setting up an on-line bidding system for both our Region 6 convention and the national convention recently hosted by Region 6. During each of these events, Alex provided the technical support that ensured that our sound and presentation systems worked flawlessly.

We look forward to next year with more of Alex’s wonderful campfires, delicious food, and unending support to all riders and volunteers. We appreciate everything that he has done for Region 6. We are a better region because of him.

*(Sarah Smith Continued from page 35)*

**Goofing Around at Convention**

Scarlett Hager with her main squeeze.

Jennifer Mulligan

Sherry and Barry Garnes playing a tune with the New Mexican Marimba Band.

Photos by Pam Bishop

*(Alex Braun)*

Photo by Mary Alice Braun
Congratulations to the NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge Top Ten national riders of 2023. These individuals, along with the top three riders from each region, were recognized at this year’s convention in Albuquerque during our Friday evening awards banquet February 23, 2024.

Each of these riders exemplified true dedication to riding during this past year. These top ten riders totaled 11,892.85 miles in the saddle! They truly are an inspiration for us all.

Join the 2024 NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge on Top Trail and start logging those miles today!

**Top Ten National Riders**

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**Regional Riders**

- **REGION 1**: Preston Springfield 690.39
- **REGION 2**: Mindy Kane 977.17
- **REGION 3**: Tara Smith 1,760.03

**Personal Goals**

By Tara Smith, 2023 Virtual Mileage Challenge Winner

I started “stalking” Robin Morris when a friend mentioned the number of rides and miles she goes with her mule yearly. I was interested in finding new trails and someone willing to go distances. We became great friends and have since ridden many miles together. She introduced me to Top Trail and then that turned into also joining NATRC.

I began tracking my own mileage on two horses. Those two horses quickly turned into four horses. My horses are gaited and like to move out! It is amazing how many miles accumulate keeping them all legged up and ready for adventures.

Each horse definitely has its own personality, and our relationships have evolved after several hundred miles together. It is nice to know them well enough that I can pick which one will be best depending on terrain and company.

I enjoy trail riding, horse packing into the wilderness, and traveling all over Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, Utah, and Arizona boondocking with my living quarters horse trailer.

I was excited to find that I had won the NATRC national rider award this year! Also, I had three of my horses in the top 25. This year, 2024, I hope to get all four in the top 25 and increase my personal mileage to over 2000.

Smith rode these three gaited horses to her win. She and Walker did over 700 miles together.
**2023 High Mileage Awards**

**Rider High Mileage**

Medallions presented at the Convention; Chevrons mailed directly to all of the recipients.

### 25,000 Miles - SPECIAL AWARD

**Sponsored by Region 6**

- **Mary Anna Wood / R6**

### 7,000 Miles

**SILVER MEDALLION**

- **Patti Hicks / R4**

**Horse High Mileage**

### 2,000 Miles

- **Jiminy Cricket / gr**
  - Ridden by Jennifer Mulligan / R5

### 1,000 Miles

- **RPH Ebony Diamond har**
  - Patti Hicks R4
- **Nchanted Prince Valiant**
  - Cynthia Mettes R4
- **Graceful Empire**
  - Victoria Whitehead R5
- **KMA Ali Gator**
  - David Spell R4
- **Dec Docs Curious Pep qtr**
  - Logan Samuels R5
- **Foxhaven’s Medicine Man**
  - William Morgan R3
- **Mountaintop Never Say Never morg**
  - Marsha Howard R5
- **Stars Colton Bay**
  - Kay Gunckel R3

**2023 High Point Breed Awards**

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Incentive Winners. Winners of the December membership renewal incentive were announced through an E-News. The three winners, listed below, each received a free additional year of NATRC membership.

Jim Miller from Region 4
Renee Gosda from Region 5
Tammy Vasa from Region 6

Renewal and New Members. While we showed an increase in members for 2023, we will need to continue to focus on membership this year to sustain and ultimately increase our numbers.

Reminder. Renew Your NATRC Membership today! If you have not renewed your membership for the 2024 ride season, now is time to do so. We are once again offering a FREE membership to first time NATRC members! Be sure to tell your friends and neighbors!

Illustration. Alluring facts: Since 2016, when our free membership program was first introduced, 64 percent of the current renewing memberships have originated from this program. Our NATRC membership saw another year of growth in 2023 making it the highest since 2019.

2024 NATRC Standing Committee Chairs

Annual Points/Data.................. Ruth Mesimer
Breed & Organization Liaisons .. Vacant
Clinic Sanction.................... Linda Clayton
Education......................... Jamie Dieterich
E-News ............................. Kimberly Murphy
Foundation......................... Angie Meroshneffoff
Hall of Fame ....................... Sarah Smith
Honorary and Appreciation..... Ruth Mesimer
HP Advisory....................... Bev Roberts
Juniors ............................... Angie Meroshneffoff
Judges ............................... Tamara Gull, DVM
Lory Walls
Membership ....................... Mollie Kelly
National Drug Testing......... Kimberly Murphy
National Historian .............. Maria Pilgrim
Planned and Charitable Giving.. Dayna Morgan
Policies and Procedures........... Jamie Dieterich
Protest ............................. Marla Stucky
Ride Management................ Sherry Stuckes
Ride Sanction ..................... Sarah Smith
Cathy Cumberworth
Rules and Bylaws............... Fran Muench
Rules Interpreter/Safety ........... Roger Garlitz
Sponsorships ..................... Holly Jones
John Zeliff
Student Loan/Scholarships ...... Marilyn Marston
Technology ......................... Alex Braun
Trail Advocacy and Grants ...... Bob Inske
Linda Johnson-Conn
Veterinary Drug Committee...... Tamara Gull, DVM
Virtual Mileage Challenge ........ John Zeliff
Webinars ........................... Bill Wingle
Lin Ward

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The JC

By Lory Walls, Co-Chair

Who is the JC and what does it do? Well, JC stands for Judges Committee, a standing committee defined by the NATRC by-laws.

The committee is made up of a minimum of five NATRC approved judges in good standing; at least two veterinary and three horsemanship judges. Of these, two folks are selected as co-chairs — one vet, one horsemanship. The members hold meetings either by phone, mail, electronic means or in person. A majority of the entire committee is required for any action taken.

People do not become members by chance. They are appointed annually by the president and confirmed by the national board of directors.

The committee is tasked with setting standard qualifications for judges, reviewing and screening applicants for judge’s cards and recommending their selection to the board. The board has final approval.

JC members are further tasked with handling concerns, complaints, or protests about judges, including thoroughly investigating the situation and reporting to, and advising, the board of directors, who make the final decision.

And finally, the JC makes recommendations to the board regarding changes in the scorecards, examinations, etc. Certain changes must comply with the rule book, like the change from “Trail Ability/Manners” to “Maneuvering Trail/Behavior.”

Presently under discussion is the use of Questionable Soundness and giving completion only points to a grade 3 lame horse at the end of a ride.

Ride Managers Wanted

Consider Ride Share

By Esther Diaguila

At a recent ride, I asked the ride managers in attendance to stand up. Many of these managers have been putting on the same ride for several years, some have even managed their rides for over 10 years. Managing a ride can be fulfilling and rewarding but can also be a bit stressful.

Throughout the years, we have watched rides come and go. New ride managers are eager and enthusiastic, wanting to make sure riders have a great experience. After a while, though, the enthusiasm wanes, and after about 5 years of management, burn-out begins to set in. When this happens, the ride manager starts looking for someone to take over the ride. If the RM can’t find a replacement, the ride is then discontinued.

Often, as I sit around the campfire after a ride, I hear stories of wonderful rides that are no longer. So, the question then is, “Can burnout be prevented?” The answer is, “YES!!” If a ride manager put on a ride every other year, this would give them time to decompress. I call this “Ride Share,” where two volunteers trade off management every other year.

These are already established rides, maps are generally in place, almost the same volunteers show up at that ride each year, and a new ride manager would have the original manager to use as an information resource. This is also a great way to learn what goes on behind the scenes, giving these new managers a deeper understanding of what goes on at a ride. It also gives a greater appreciation for all those volunteers!

If you have ever considered managing a ride, talk to a current ride manager and volunteer to manage that ride every other year. Let’s keep those rides going!
Rules don’t cover every situation, nor do we want them to. For riders, considerations for the judges in the judges forum digest are worth knowing.

Obstacles. General considerations:
• Is it safe for horse and rider?
• Is it appropriate for the sport of competitive distance riding?
• Does it adversely affect the flow of the ride?

Safety considerations: NATRC has had insurance directives, complaints involving near wrecks or letters of concern about things such as:
• requiring a jump,
• maneuvering on-the-buckle,
• dragging things from the saddle,
• backing over an object,
• maneuvering over slippery rocks,
• asking novices to canter,
• using un-natural obstacles (ex. stepping on a mattress), and
• doing a one-arm mount or a moving dismount.
These are not safe and not appropriate for this sport.

Rider Footwear. If a rider shows up for the in-hand presentation wearing unsafe footwear, such as sandals or flip-flops, simply tell the rider that you’ll be happy to examine their horse when they return wearing safe footwear.

Neck Collars. Properly trained, a horse can be safely tied with a neck collar to a trailer. A neck collar instead of a halter would not provide enough control for an in-hand presentation.

Pulls. The Judges Committee and the NBOD feel we can learn more if we track the reasons for pulls. It would be helpful if judges would indicate on each scorecard – both the rider’s and the horse’s – the reason for the pull.
L = Lameness
M = Metabolic
DQ = Disqualified
RO = Rider Option
For this to work be sure to be true to the codes. For instance, if the horse is judged to be Grade 1 or 2 lame, the rider may wish to opt out of the ride. That is fine, but put down the pull code as lameness instead of rider option. We hope to look at the data and report back to the membership what kinds of troubles our horses experience.

Saddle Definition. The Rule Book specifies that a saddle must be used. The Judges Committee and the NBOD agree for now, “If it’s marketed as a saddle, it’s a saddle. If it’s marketed as a bareback pad, it’s a bareback pad.”

“ A horse doesn’t care how much you know until he knows how much you care.” - Pat Parelli

Share your love for NATRC!
One of the best ways to help NATRC grow is for you to share your love of NATRC with others!
When you talk to others about our wonderful organization and “family,” they hear and feel your enthusiasm, which could make them interested in checking us out and coming to an event.
Share your love for NATRC on your social media pages, feeds and groups you are involved with. This helps get the word out about us and bring in potential new members, volunteers, and expand the NATRC family.
Spread the love, share NATRC!

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Alex Braun  
Technology Chair

My name is Alex Braun, and my wife and I have been involved with NATRC since 2019. I currently serve as the NECTRA and Region 6 President. I have taken on many volunteer roles at several of our Region 6 rides, as well as serving as the ride manager for several of our NECTRA sponsored rides.

I have long been interested in technology and have a passion for how technology and data can improve organizations. I am a senior data analyst for a trucking company, so I work with data, as well as build custom web applications to help my company become more efficient with data and processes. I am eager to help NATRC move forward with technology to make it easier on our riders and ride management!

I also ride my horse Dan…a quirky solid paint named Spotless Rendition, and while we can’t compete, we do enjoy trail riding and working on obstacles!

Holly Jones  
Sponsorship Co-Chair

I have been riding since I was two years old; my first pony was named Sissy. I have been around horses all my life however, with my father being an equine veterinarian and equine orthopedic surgeon. I grew up watching hunters and jumpers.

I have been married for 34 years to my husband, David, and he knew horses were part of the deal. When we met in college I had three horses, and for a wedding gift, my grandfather gave me a horse. Yes, the best gift ever!

After getting married, I started three-day eventing and loved it. We then moved to Texas where one of my students did endurance, and that started my journey in distance riding. One of my endurance friends posted about an NATRC ride, and the rest is history. I found my sport.

In NATRC, I found my passion for training horses to go distances and to be judged over obstacles. My mare, Rock Creek’s Wild Pepper aka Pepper, a Mustang from Rock Creek, Wyoming has come a long way from not being able to stand still for anything to a solid horse.

Pepper went on to earn the 4th place Region 4 CP Light Horse in 2020, national High Point Mustang in 2019, 2019 Grand Champion Novice Horse, and the 2018 Reserve Champion Novice Horse.

Together Pepper and I earned the 2019 Region 4 High Point Novice Horse and Horsemanship award and the 2018 Region 4 Novice Lightweight Team Reserve Champion. In the same year I earned the Region 4 Novice Rider Reserve Champion Award, followed by the Region 4 James Ray Singletary High Point Horsemanship award in 2019, and Region 4 4th place CP Lightweight Horsemanship in 2020.

NATRC is beyond thrilled to welcome Alex to our Technology team and looking forward to the future advancements we know Alex has the ability to bring to our organization!
I joined NATRC in 2012 and have ridden in all divisions over the last few years. I have managed the Biltmore ride in Region 5 for the last 10 years and have worked in many volunteer positions. I am currently serving on the National Board of Directors and President of Region 5. It is my pleasure to accept the position as the Management Chair and will be accessible to the needs of our Ride Managers. Thank you for entrusting me with this position.

Roger Garlitz
Rules Interpreter Chair

It is an honor and privilege to be the new Rules Interpreter/Safety Chair. I look forward to serving NATRC and our members to maintain the quality and safety of our entire organization.

I joined NATRC back in 1993, I barely knew one end of a horse from the other. Shirley Parker, Jean Green, and Patsy Conner worked hard to teach me through their score cards. They must have worked their magic as I have several score cards with scores of 100++. My first 1000-mile horse, Comar Rougezon, was the Reserve Champion Novice Horse 1994. My stallion, Adjan’s T Shadow (MR T), has 1000 racing miles and 1000 NATRC miles.

I was the first person to enter a ride using a Fax machine, I started the first NATRC chat group as documented in Hoof Print. While serving as Region 4’s representative on the National Board of Directors in 2011, I implemented NATRC E-News, got it up and running and then turned it over to Jean Green. I also set up the board with Go to Meeting, the precursor to Zoom meetings.

Going through my old records, the first time I can document being a Rules Interpreter for a ride was April of 2011 at Tarrant Ranch ride in Texas. I usually serve as RI and Safety for 5 or 6 rides a year. I have 1300 hours as a Region 4 volunteer and hope to get my 1500-hour jacket. In 2022, I had the great honor of receiving The Linda Reuland Memorial Day Worker of The Year award. I was an Apprentice Horsemanship judge back in 2009.

My paying job involved a degree in Quantum Electronics (now the PhD is part of Quantum Physics). I was heavily involved in the development of the C.A.T. (CT) scanner. I installed the first one in Puerto Rico. I raise registered Texas Longhorns now with my wife Jacqueline.
Region 6 Celebrations

Chuck Edwards and 50 Continuous Years of the R6 Indian Cave CTR.

On September 16, Region 6 celebrated Chuck Edwards at the 50th Anniversary of the Indian Cave CTR. An emotional Sarah Smith said, “The club wanted a special way to commemorate the 50th Anniversary ride and Chuck’s years of dedication in a special way.” The solution: a permanent mounting block with a plaque was placed near the horse campground shelter at Indian Caves State Park for all to use and enjoy. It was donated by the Nebraska Endurance and Competitive Trail Ride Association (NECTRA) and Region 6. A separate plaque was presented to Chuck to take home. It reads:

“In the spring of 1973, Chuck Edwards, Bill Wicklund and Al Otton along with the Park Superintendent Larry Cook began establishing the Indian Cave State Park’s Trail System. Using topographic maps and following wildlife trails, the men began clearing and widening the trails with hand tools and surveyor tape to make them equine and people accessible. Later, larger equipment was used for mowing down thick brush and pushing back the edges. A few new trails have been added over the years off from the originally camping area was near across from the current moved further into the and dump station. The the river’s edge which flooding and required out of the deep mud. and out of the slick and not for the faint of heart, a hilltop camp with covered pavilion, cor trail access.

Think of these modern explorers as you ride along in their footsteps and dreams and thank them for the beautiful opportunity we enjoy in hills of Indian Cave.”

Chuck said, “The other two that helped with this – they’re no longer here and they were good friends. We worked together and never had an argument to get this park cleaned up. We had to walk the trails. Nobody could love this park anymore than I could from the first time we came down here. I fell in love with this park. I know nobody thought – not even me – that we would make 50 years, but I wasn’t going to give up without trying.”

Everyone enjoyed cake emblazoned with “Same trails and same ride for 50 years!”

Mary Anna Wood
25,000 Competitive Miles

In November, Region 6 celebrated Mary Anna Wood and her incredible accomplishment of hitting the 25,000 competitive miles mark upon completion of the Big Hill CTR.

Mary Anna started riding with NATRC in 1976. She said she never thought she would attain this milestone. “I never thought of it. I like to see the country and I like to ride.

Most of my memories are good. Some of them are really good.”

Mary Anna said one of her favorite rides is Indian Cave because she likes to ride along the bluff. “Elmer always liked to ride the ridges.”

She said there were parts of her Big Hill ride that were ‘really good’ that day. “After the two-mile and Marsha was way ahead of me, it was just me and my horse and the lake and the woods and the sky. We were having a good time. There are times when everything is going right and I just enjoy the time with me and the horse. That happens most of the time.”

Mary Anna rode with Bill Wicklund to a lot of rides early in her NATRC years. “Bill was campaigning his appaloosas for medallions and Elmer and I would ride along. One of the reasons I got so many miles is because we did so much traveling with him.”

At times, other people rode Elmer Bandit. He had 20,780 competitive miles when he retired.

No one in NATRC is close to the 25,000 miles that Mary Anna has accomplished. Would she do it all over again? “Sure I would,” she said.

Mary Anna - you are an inspiration to so many riders!
## Past National Winners

### President's Cup Winners

**Old President's Cup**

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### National Sweepstakes Champion

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### New President's Cup

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### BEV TIBBITTS Grand Champion

(Combined Horse and Horsemanship)

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JUNIOR HIGH AVERAGE HORSEMANSHIP (High Average Horsemanship)

YEAR | RIDER | NAME OF HORSE | BREED | RIDER
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1990 | Jeanne Kelly | Silver Valley Tale | Morgan | Mary Hanson
1991 | Heather Parson | Spirit of Spotted Alen | Tennessee Walking Horse | Cindy Keen
1992 | Shannon Mitchell | TA Kaiser | Arabian | Deanne Pruskak
1993 | Holly Ward | TA Kaiser | Arabian | Deanne Pruskak
1994 | Mica Hart | TA Kaiser | Arabian | Deanne Pruskak
1995 | Klare Chapman | TA Kaiser | Arabian | Deanne Pruskak
1996 | Klare Chapman | TA Kaiser | Arabian | Deanne Pruskak
1997 | Janelle Meuten | TA Kaiser | Arabian | Deanne Pruskak
1998 | Kara Gallher | TA Kaiser | Arabian | Deanne Pruskak
1999 | Paula Nelson | TA Kaiser | Arabian | Deanne Pruskak
2000 | Melinda Hirsch Sadler | TA Kaiser | Arabian | Deanne Pruskak
2001 | Carrie Porter | TA Kaiser | Arabian | Deanne Pruskak
2002 | Melinda Hirsch Sadler | TA Kaiser | Arabian | Deanne Pruskak

*Missing years had no qualifying juniors.

COMPETITIVE PLEASURE GRAND CHAMPION (High Average Horse)

YEAR | NAME OF HORSE | BREED | RIDER
--- | --- | --- | ---
1986 | Elbant | 1/2 Arabian | Mary Anna Wood
1987 | Casey | Grade | Beverly Tibbitts
1988 | Barthar+ | Arabian | Betty Young
1989 | Rebel's Raider+ | 1/2 Arabian | Marilyn Hunter
1990 | Hickory's Country Gold | Missouri Fox Trotter | Bill Hinkebein
1991 | Mahra Khan | 1/2 Arab | Meline Parish
1992 | Winchester Charm | 1/2 Arab | Lucy Hirsch
1993 | Brown R Dawut | Arabian | Judy Wise Mason
1994 | Chargers Rampage | Missouri Fox Trotter | Lisa Brooks
1995 | Swiss Mocha | Grade | Paula Riley
1996 | Windstorm Sierra | Morgan | Wayne Tolbert
1997 | Desert Reinbeau | Mustang | Angie Meroshnokoff

HORSE HALL OF FAME (Outstanding Horse Performance Record)

YEAR | NAME OF HORSE | BREED | RIDER
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1998 | Lew Muzzy, R2 | Bill Cumberworth, R3 | Cork Weir, R4
1999 | Bill Cumberworth, R3 | Ann Burnsed, R4 | Florence Blanks, R6
2000 | Max Barrettick (posthumous), R1 | Lory & Randy Walls, R2 | Bev Roberts, R4
2001 | Joan & Bill Thorgmorton, R1 | Susan Peters, R3 | Marilyn Hunter
2002 | Linda Shannon, R2 | Larry and Barbara Gould, R4 | Saxey, R7
2003 | Phil & Betty Young, R1 | Larry and Barbara Gould, R4 | Jack Hinde, R6
2004 | Joyce & Frank Keeran, R6 | Larry and Barbara Gould, R4 | Jack Hinde, R6
2005 | Karol Waugh, R1 | Beni DeMattei, R2 | Jack Hinde, R6
2006 | Bob & Margie Insko, R2 | Angie Meroshnokoff, R1 | Jack Hinde, R6
2007 | Kathy Nixon, R1 | Jack Hinde, R6 | Jack Hinde, R6
2008 | Jim & Jan Jeffers, R1 | John and Barbara Gould, R4 | Jack Hinde, R6
2009 | Mike Bridges, R5 | John and Barbara Gould, R4 | Jack Hinde, R6
2010 | Steve Meroshnokoff, R1 | John and Barbara Gould, R4 | Jack Hinde, R6
2012 | Sue Flagg, R1 | John and Barbara Gould, R4 | Jack Hinde, R6
2013 | Jenny Smith, R3 | John and Barbara Gould, R4 | Jack Hinde, R6

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**BEV ROBERTS NATIONAL HORSEMANSHIP CHAMPION**
(Five National Championships on Five Different Horses)

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**JIM MENEFEE LIFETIME AWARD**

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(Award of Lifetime Membership for Outstanding Service)

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- The Distance Depot
- Specialized Saddles
- Riding Warehouse

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- The Leanor
- Take a Chance Clinic
- Zia Anglers

**Bronze**

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**NATRC Horse named AHA’s Distance Horse of the Year**

Congratulations to our own Cynthia Mettes in Region 4 whose Arabian gelding, Nchanted Prince Valiant, was named the Arabian Horse Association’s 2023 Distance Horse of the Year. Horses competing in competitive trail and/or endurance rides are eligible.

During the year, the team completed 11 NATRC Open rides, placing first and winning Sweepstakes in four of those rides, earned Valiant’s NATRC National Championship as well as placing third in the nation overall.

Intermingled with their NATRC rides, the team completed two AERC 50-mile rides and placed Reserve Champion in the AHA Region 9 endurance ride. Valiant also won the AHA Region 9 Championship CTR.

**Nchanted Prince Valiant and Cynthia Mettes**

Photo by John Newell

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“And indeed, a horse who bears himself proudly is a thing of such beauty and astonishment that he attracts the eyes of all beholders. No one will tire of looking at him as long as he will display himself in his splendor.” - Xenophon

“In the steady gaze of the horse shines a silent eloquence that speaks of love and loyalty, strength and courage. It is the window that reveals to us how willing is his spirit, how generous his heart.” - Unknown
Many of these reminders say to contact our Executive Director (ED). Contact Sarah J. Smith at natrc@natrc.org.

**Reminders**

**Ride Mgrs & Secretaries**

- **Ride Management Forms**
  Please download new ride forms EACH year. Last year’s are OBSOLETE!

- **Ride Management Support Fund**
  - Up to $1,000 available to help defray upfront costs.
  - Manager must be a member.
  - Submit 1-pg application & supporting papers 90 days prior to ride.

**Riders & Members**

- **Membership**
  - Join or **renew** online or use form.
  - New member? First year is FREE!
  - Find out which division is right for you!

- **Virtual Mileage Challenge**
  Can’t travel? Ride at home and compete in our mileage challenge.

- **Let’s Ride Seminar Series**
  - Watch our website for details.
  - Suggest seminar topics to our ED.

- **Ride Results**
  Find recent / past ride results [here].

- **Give Feedback on Judges**
  Let us know how our apprentice and provisional judges are doing.

- **Life Changes?**
  Moved? Changed name? New phone? Added a junior?
  Please report any changes in your membership information to our ED.

- **Points and Data**
  Please notify our ED of horse, rider, or ownership changes so we can properly apply points and mileage!

- **NBOD Meeting Minutes**
  Includes monthly and full meetings.

- **High Point Breed Award**
  - Does your breed association sponsor a year-end high point breed award?
  - If not, ask them to contact our ED to arrange to sponsor one.

- **Rule Changes**
  - October - Deadline - submit proposals to your region’s national directors.
  - View proposed or approved rule changes in Resources/Rules.

**Juniors & Students**

- **4-H Junior Rider**
  Yearend High Point Team Award
  Use your valuable 4-H skills outside the arena and compete for this special award.

- **Student Loan & Scholarship Program**
  Student loans and scholarships are available at the amount assigned by the National Board of Directors. Fulltime students who have been members, or whose families have been active members for at least 3 years, preferred. We also consider students, or whose families, who have been active for less than 3 years but more than 6 months.

- **Student Loan Application**
  To apply, download the [Student Loan Application](#) or the [Bev Tibbitts Memorial Scholarship Application](#).

- **Email the completed form to our ED.**

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**Riders & Members (cont’d)**

- **Standing Schedule:**
  - **NBOD Meeting Activity**
    - **Oct** - Receive rule change proposals
    - **Nov** - Decide proposals to carry forward
    - **Feb** - Finalize wording
    - **Mar** - Publish / post for comment
    - **Jul** - Vote on changes
    - **After July - Update Rule Book**
  - **PROCEDURE**
    Submit nomination write-ups to your region’s BOD by the region’s due date.
    *Please keep to the word limits. The boards forward approved nomination write-ups to the H and A Chair.*
  - **Your NBOD makes the selection at the 12/3/24 meeting. Awards presented at the 2025 national convention.**
  - **CRITERIA**
    - **Jim Menefee NATRC Lifetime Achievement Award (400 words)**
      Awarded one time only to a person. Each region may nominate one member. The recipient gives a brief acceptance speech at the national convention. Award honors Jim Menefee, a favorite judge who was especially encouraging to Novices and first-time competitors.
    - **Workers Hall of Fame (400 words)**
      One time only to a person, pair or couple. Each region may nominate one member. The NBOD selects one or more at their discretion.
    - **National Appreciation Award (200 words)**
      Each region may nominate one member. The BOD selects three. Recipients eligible once every 3 yrs.
    - **Regional Appreciation Award (200 words)**
      Each region may nominate up to three members. Nominees may be persons, pairs, or groups.

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