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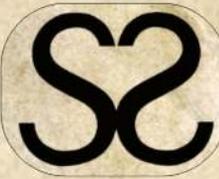
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Tezuby & Jonni Jewell
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President's Message



What is a C Ride?

There is some confusion this year about the "C" rides that NATRC is offering on a trial basis and that many ride managers are doing. They are in a way, a prep for having sanctioned C rides if the rule proposal for this passes at the end of the ride season. They may be called Introductory Rides or Clinics depending on how each ride manager handles them.

This is an effort to introduce new competitors to the sport and, in the future, provide a place for experienced competitors who, when time, financial or physical limitations prevent them/us

from doing the longer rides, will still have a place in NATRC.

The event would be held on 1 day and consist of two classes, adult (18 years and older) and junior (under 18). The cost should be about half of a regular ride entry, and the criteria would be the same as Novice (horses age a minimum of 4 years old) with the pace between 3 and 4 mph. The idea is to have the ride about half the distance of a current Novice ride, so between 8 and 12 miles depending on how management lays out the trail. This ride can be held on Saturday or Sunday in conjunction with the regular NATRC ride and should give the riders

the option of arriving the morning of the ride so overnight camping is not required.

Hoof and leg protection is allowed, and stabling will not be judged.

For the purposes of this year's "C" rides, we are encouraging ride managers to have the competitors complete one P&R and one or two judged observation points. Because these are not sanctioned rides, riders would not be scored but will receive a scorecard with observations noted. And all of the "C" riders should also receive a completion award at the end.

Lets do this; encourage your non-competitive friends to try a "C" ride this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Angie Meroshnekoff, President,
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Ride Chairs:

- Secure your judges early. Remember, you must contact and secure your judges well in advance of your ride date!
- For a current Judges List, please visit the website or contact the National Office.
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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

From the Executive Director...

Embrace the Suck

Sarah J. Rinne, NATRC Executive Director

Strong title perhaps...but it got your attention right? The phrase, "embrace the suck," is a term I learned in the Marine Corps that has been a part of my core life function ever since. In the Marines, it was typically used in regards to day-to-day life in the military and even more so during deployments.

During my service, I had some of the best, worst, most terrifying, humorous, and honorable times of my life. I think back to my combat service in Operation Iraqi Freedom and the time spent in the Middle East; I was up before the sun seven days a week with a twelve-hour (or more) duty ahead, rucking my gear each day across the sand for a mile between our bivouac and work site and back, and eating cereal with warm goat milk in cartons to top it because we had no refrigeration at the time. It was still better than the questionable eggs in the hot chow line. The water we drank was rarely under 95 degrees as it was shipped in on pallets from Saudi Arabia, stored in the sun, and again, no refrigeration to cool it.

These were just some of the not so pleasant day-to-day circumstances we lived, let alone the stress and fatigue of combat action. One might say it sucked. Marines are taught from the day they hit the ground at recruit training to "embrace the suck" as it is critical to survival, growth, and evolution as an individual and as a team. There is nothing I would change about my choice to serve my country, even if I could. You don't have to like your circumstances, but you do have to embrace where you are in order to break through to the other side.

This article is not about doom and gloom...in fact it is just the opposite! Every day, week, year, and beyond we

make plans. We make plans to execute our goals whatever they may be. I readily admit I am the kind of person who sets exceptionally lofty goals for myself and I push others to do the

changes since it became a part of my life in 1988 and there are many people who have been with NATRC much longer than I that share the same sentiment.



same. Why? Because I've always loved the statement, "Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss, you'll land among the stars."

For all of us NATRC folks, we understand the fun and excitement of planning our ride season whether it be one, three, or sixteen rides knowing full well that can change on a moment's notice. Most of us have a Plan A, B, C, or even D when it comes to our ride season...always hoping Plan A works but fully prepared to implement one or more alternate plans when the stars align differently than we'd hoped. Sometimes this means "embracing the suck" and then embracing the necessary change to shift course.

NATRC as a whole has been an entity of evolution since 1961. While the philosophies and our core values have not fundamentally changed since our founding, the sport has evolved in so many ways. I can think of many

This isn't about "the good old days" or the idea that we were better thirty years ago, we have adapted and worked to keep our sport a leader in the distance riding community over the past several decades. We are at a pivotal point in NATRC history working to maintain our relevancy and viability while not compromising what makes us unique or sacrificing our philosophies.

We are not alone in this venture trying to answer the question of the times, and while it is easy to operate in a bit of a silo, assuming we are the only organization seeking to increase ridership, membership, and overall growth, is not the case.

Society is busier than it has ever been with less time and money for recreational ventures. This requires all equestrian organizations to take a hard look at how to best serve consumers in order to continue to be a place at which their time and money are spent. We must think outside of the box, and take an "outside looking in" approach as we work to answer these tough questions and strategize as an organization.

This is where NATRC needs to dig in deep and "embrace the suck," to celebrate our past, acknowledge our present, and work towards a bright future by setting new goals and building Plans A, B and C in order to achieve them. Thank you to our national directors, sponsors, committees, ride management, ride volunteers and riders. Your loyalty and continued support are fundamental to our success!

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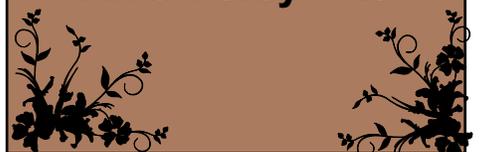
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Convention Speakers - A Brief Recap

Here is a brief recap of the presentations given during the National Convention in Albuquerque.

Judges Panel

Dr. Bill Cumberworth moderated a session of questions from the audience posed to a panel of judges consisting of Greg Fellers DVM, Kay Gunckel, DVM, Kim Cowart, Patsy Conner, Jerry Sims and Jamie Dieterich. It was hard to end the session, but here are some of the take-home messages.

Q: Will the Cardiac Recovery Index (CRI) become a judging criterion?

A: The CRI has been used in NATRC for years, but the procedure and scoring have been problematic and inconsistent. In response to these concerns, in 2014 Kim Cowart, then NATRC president, asked Greg Fellers and Jamie Dieterich to work on developing a consistent protocol and scoring system.

We now have an approved method and scoring. Using the CRI is optional, and the veterinary judge and ride manager must communicate about this, preferably before the ride; the ride manager has the final say. If used, it's important that the veterinary judge communicates with the riders about its principles and use.

In response to a question about horses with elevated heart rates due to anxiety, Dr. Fellers commented that is a psychogenic rather than a physiologic response and agreed this is a difficult aspect. However, horses can learn to "power down," and hopefully their anxiety at rides will decrease over time.

Would a baseline CRI at check-in help identify those horses who might have a normally higher CRI? We don't know. We have some limited data, but we really need more to be able to draw any kind of conclusions. If rides would be willing to provide us with before-the-ride and after the ride CRI numbers, we'd love to look at them.

Q: How does one not have excess body sway when riding downhill?

A: To avoid upper body sway, the rider should keep the weight securely in the legs and use alternating subtle counter pressure in the stirrups. "Walk" your legs opposite your horse's forelegs, putting weight in the stirrup opposite the horse's foreleg making the stride and allowing the horse to rock back and forth under you. Visualize a hula dancer with the hips moving back and forth but the upper body being quiet. Properly align your legs, hips, and shoulders. Placing your light non-reining hand on the pommel, horn, or swell can aid your balance thereby helping your horse as well. See the article on "Effective Downhill Riding" by Donna Snyder-Smith in this issue.

Q: What recommendations do you have for using ice boots? Is icing masking a problem? Can I just manually hold ice on (my horse's legs) after a ride?

A: Use an ice pack that is soft, not frozen solid. A means of attachment should be applied just to hold the ice/ cooling pack on, not to fix it on tightly. Icing would only temporarily mask a problem. Holding ice on a horse with one's hands has been allowed in NATRC for a long time. See the article on ice boots in the Winter 2017/18 issue of Hoof Print.

Q: How far can you lead a horse (without being penalized) with the reins instead of a lead rope?

A: We try to judge the results. Often on the trail, after a P&R for example, it's more expedient to lead the horse a short distance by the reins, ready to mount when you get to the judge. Whether the reins are over the horse's neck or not, do what you do safely and well. As long as everything goes along smoothly, you should be all right. Ask the judge if you're not sure.

Q: How should changes in metabolic parameters be scored?

A: A horse has several chances to "reset" from the Friday baseline – overnight Friday, over lunch on Saturday, overnight Saturday. Different veterinarians use the numbers differently, but it should be consistent within a ride. If a horse is dehydrated from a long trailer ride at check in, we can ask to see it again Saturday morning before it goes out.

One thing we can hang our hat on (in terms of how the horse is doing) is pulse and pulse recovery – we shouldn't interfere with a P&R check – we should look at the horse after the check.

Q: How do you count respiration on a horse that's panting?

A: It can be difficult, but you have to count what you see. From P&R Instructions for Volunteers under <Documents > <Riders and Volunteers> on the website, "A horse's respiration is best observed on the left lower abdomen or flank between the end of the rib cage and the hind leg. Each time the abdomen/flank goes out and in counts as ONE RESPIRATION. If you can get your watch and the silhouette outline of the lower abdomen in a line so the watch and in-and-out movement are in one field of vision, the count can be made accurately without your eyes bouncing back and forth missing counts. Respirations are counted for 15 seconds. All breaths are counted regardless of how slow, rapid, deep or shallow the breath. There are no exemptions for any reason including breed of horse, weather factors, or rate of respiration, e.g. panting. Occasionally, a horse will take multiple inspirations to one expiration. If this occurs, you will see two or more rapid outward movements followed by one inward movement; this counts as one respiration. Should a horse whinny, snort or become excited while the respiration is being taken, recount the rate."

The Inner Aspects of Horsemanship - Lynn Clifford

Lynn Clifford is from Santa Fe, New Mexico, and offers life coaching and counseling for both riders and non-riders, riding lessons and training, and has developed a program that she calls "The Inner Equestrian." She presented her

thoughts, ideas and tips during her lecture at the convention.

Being an effective rider involves a "whole" approach, including mind, body and emotions. Our relationships with our horses are affected by our experiences,

incidents, and accidents that happen to us through our lives. Insight into our life patterns may find parallels in our relationships with our horses.

There are several types of equestrians. Some people *(Continued on [page 7](#))*

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are more mental/ thinking, others are emotional/feeling, still others are physical/doing, and we may be a mixture of all of the above. But one will be more dominant. Whether a person is extroverted or introverted also affects their relationships with their horses.

Being an equestrian and having horses in our lives is all about balance, both physical and otherwise.

There is a very strong mind-body connection. We can directly affect our outcomes in life and with our horses by our positive and/or negative thinking. Our bodies respond to our thinking and so do our horses.

Science has shown that the heart generates a magnetic field, and that we can directly influence one another's heart

rhythm. Horses are much larger than humans and therefore generate a bigger magnetic field than humans. But calming thoughts and "quieting our hearts" can affect our horses. Being mindful of our energy and thinking can have a large impact on our relationship with our horse.

Something in your experience, such as an accident involving your horse, may have adversely affected how you interact with your horse. You may lose touch with your Inner Equestrian. Some signs that this may have happened to you include:

- You can't feel your body – you feel like you are riding like a "balloon-head."
- You can't identify your mood – you feel "out of sorts" but don't know why.

- You are "externally referenced" – you are unduly concerned or worried about what others think.

Tips to reconnect with your Inner Equestrian:

Tracking – paying attention to what's going on with your body, including your breathing, and tracking how it affects both you and your horse.

Rating – figuring out where you are on your scale of anxiety and what triggers a shut-down or anxiety attack.

Choosing – which bite-size piece you will try, take things slowly, keep things manageable and take small steps. Set yourself up for success.

For more about Lynn and her programs, check out her website at www.lynnclifford.com

Albuquerque Mounted Patrol

The APD Horse Mounted Unit (HMU) presented a lively and informative talk about what they do, how they train, and invited us to visit some of the horses outside afterwards.



Created over 40 years ago in 1977, the unit had one Sergeant, five officers and six horses. Currently there are 10 horses, one Lieutenant, two full-time officers, and multiple part-time (collateral) riders.

Its purpose is Crime Prevention and Public relations, and they work about 150 events per year. The HMU uses draft horses because of their calm nature and imposing large size. They are better suited to carry the weight of riders and gear and to work for hours on the pavement. Towering twelve feet above the ground, the mounted officer is six times more visible than a foot patrol officer, a bike officer, or even a car. Mounted officers also have a 360-degree range of vision and, within crowd control functions, one horse is equivalent to 10 officers on foot.

The horses and riders go through training using techniques of today's clinicians and good horse sense. "The moment you touch the horse is part of the training." The officers and riders do

ground work first to set the tone before they ride. They appreciate that the mind-set, outlook, energy, and anxiety of the rider affect the horse. Said the convention speaker, "I believe 80% of the horse's problems in training are worsened by the rider's mind. Use your mind as a tool, but leave your experience at the door."

They don't train alone. Safety first is a big aspect of their program. The term, "bombproofing", is used sparingly because they don't think a horse is really "bomb proof." They do spend a lot of time on desensitization, and have learned (as we have) that some horses tolerate some things better than others.

Repetition, repetition, repetition are key.

Look up. Look where you want to go. The horse will follow your gaze. Give him a job to do. Phrases we are familiar with in an application we are not so familiar with.

Buckaroo Balance - Centered Riding and Body Awareness - Christina Savitsky

Christina's Buckaroo Balance philosophy is simple: riding should be easy. From her website, www.buckarobalance.com:

"If you're exhausted after a 3-hour trail ride or so sore that you would not dream of riding again the next day, something's not right. Think about the cowboys on the old Santa Fe Trail – they rode 10 hours or more a day, 7 days a week! They were able to roll a smoke, shoot a bandit, rope a sick cow, AND pony a pack mule. They rode with their bodies so they could use their hands to

do the work that needed to be done, yet they didn't overuse their bodies to the extent that they weren't able to mount up and do it again the next day.

My goal is to enable you to be relaxed and comfortable while riding so your horse will be relaxed and comfortable with you. How can we do that? For a start, let's find your neutral pelvic position. Here are some exercises from [my blog](#) that you can do at home.

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You can also sign up for my free tips and exercises.

I also offer online one-on-one coaching. There are a number of exercises that I can coach you through to find your neutral pelvic position, including riding your horse bareback, plus certain yoga and Pilates exercises. When you think you have it, we'll check through e-mailed photos, or if time and distance allow, we can get together.

Next we'll take a very close look at your saddle to make sure that your saddle allows you to easily find and hold your correct pelvic position. Just because your saddle fits you from front to back (your seat size) doesn't mean that it's the right width or has the right slope to allow your upper leg to drop comfortably out of your hip joint. If the slope/rise of your seat is too steep or too flat, it will force more of your body weight to the front or back of your pelvis, which can put undue pressure on your seat bones or your pelvic arch at the front of your pelvis. These concerns are especially relevant to us women!

Next, we'll focus on increasing your body awareness. It's important for you to be conscious of being balanced, relaxed,

and comfortable while you're riding. This is where my therapeutic riding expertise really comes in handy. We're going to evaluate the way you move in comparison to your horse's movement. This is twice as important if you are recovering from an injury that has kept you away from riding. I can even help you pick a horse that moves in a way that will be most beneficial to your recovery. You might even think about attending a Cow-girl Yoga Clinic.

The reason horses are used in therapy is based on similarities between riding and walking. When riding a horse, your hips are passively moved three-dimensionally in the same movement that your hips naturally make when you're walking. There is a side-to-side shift, an anterior-posterior tilt, and bilateral rotation. Depending on the horse that you choose to ride, you can accent one of these movements more than another, but in riding, just as in walking, all three dimensions of movement will always be present. Through your movement evaluation, we'll bring awareness to areas of your body that need to be relaxed as well as uneven areas that need attention.

Many of us think we're well balanced in our seat and riding, but in reality, our normal day-to-day exercises have really thrown us off balance. For example, I drive a standard transmission. That means working the clutch with my left foot and shifting with my right hand. I often find my left leg farther forward than my right when riding. Think of the things you do on a regular basis that may favor one side of your body over the other - wiggling that mouse while reading a website, holding the phone between your ear and shoulder, or always leading your horse from the same side - the list goes on and on.

Bringing awareness to your body starting with your neutral pelvic position will help your riding tremendously; your body will thank you, and your horse will thank you."

Check out Christina's website for more information on online coaching. Read her blog posts and sign up for emails. Check out her [clinic schedule](#) too.



Trivia Pursuit - the NATRC Edition

Hannah Clark (front row, far left) spent considerable time putting together a Trivia Pursuit game, with questions based on NATRC history, rules, etc. This is the group of convention attendees who participated in this fun event. The winning team is seated in the front row and consisted of Sheila (R1), Debra (R3), Patsy (R4) and Laurie (R1A).



Tablao Flamenco

Tablao Flamenco dancers entertained the convention attendees during the awards dinner on Saturday night.

2017 Jim Menefee Lifetime Achievement Award

Greg Fellers, DVM – Regions 1 & 2

Known for his knowledge and professionalism, Greg Fellers always makes all riders feel welcome, comfortable and important. His warmth, sincerity and personal interest in all of the competitors and their horses re-sounds with all those who ride under him.

Greg started doing P&R's at endurance rides while he was still a veterinary student. He graduated from the University of California, Davis in 1972, started vetting endurance rides in 1974, and judged his first NATRC ride at Mt. Diablo in 1980. Numerous veterinary judges have apprenticed under him. He has judged in all six regions, including Alaska and was one of the judges for the Championship Challenge Ride in Region 2 in 1999. He emceed the awards presentation at the national conventions hosted by Region 1 in

1986, '92, '98, and 2010 and at Region 1 conventions in between. In 2000, he and Dr. Witt conducted a "Vets' Viewpoint" panel at the Region 1 convention, and he has been a speaker at Region 2 conventions. He did clinics for Novice riders on Sunday mornings after one-day rides.

In May 2009, he helped organize a workshop of interested Region 1 members at the Concord Mount Diablo Trail Riders Association clubhouse to help raise the standards for Region 1 rides. He has worked diligently to develop standards for the Cardiac Recovery Index for NATRC. He serves on the Judges Committee and Veterinary Drug Committee.

Greg also judges Arabian Horse Association competitive trail rides, ride and ties, and was the head vet for the Tevis for many years. He serves on the California Equine Medication Monitoring Advisory Committee.

Whatever Greg does, he gives it his all. The Loomis Basin Veterinary Hospital that he started as a mixed practice in 1976 grew into a well-respected referral center. Among other honors, he received the UC Davis School of Veterinary Medicine Outstanding Alumni Award in 1988.

Greg judged his last NATRC ride at the Region 2 RAHA Rally October 7-8, 2017. He has been devoted to all equine competitive distance sports for over 40 years and to NATRC for 37. With a great understanding of what it takes to be a top long distance horse, he is an outstanding judge, veterinarian and man. Regionally and nationally, he has consistently been proactive in protecting our equine partners. He has given a huge part of his life to improving NATRC, and it is fitting that we recognize his contributions with the Jim Menefee Lifetime Achievement Award.

Greg's Acceptance Speech

Thank you so very much for this special recognition. I'm honored and flattered to be named for this award.

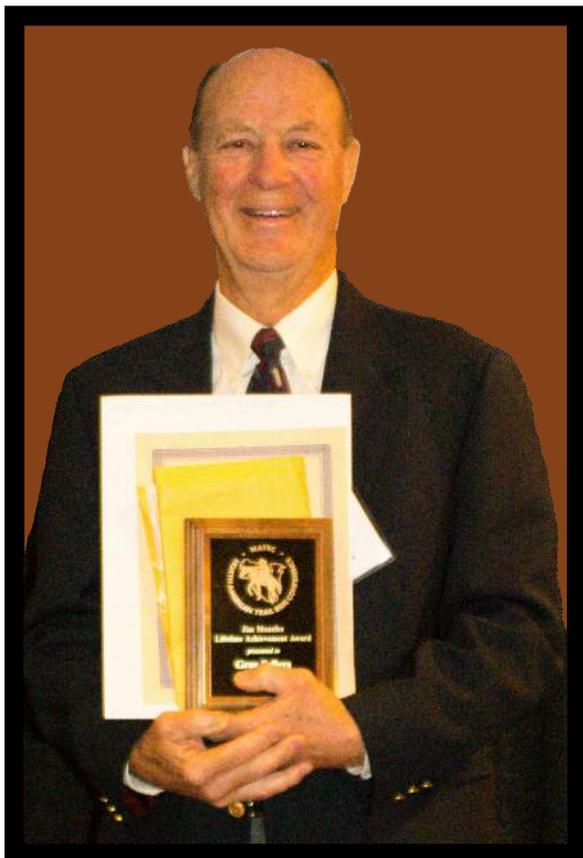
Kathy, you share this with me. As all of you who have ridden under me know, we have been a team for 30 years. As my secretary, she keeps me on the straight and narrow, reminding me to get back to vetting when I lose track by talking too much. After being married for 49 years, I have learned how to follow directions!

While being involved in long-distance equestrian sports for 40 years, I have become quite a student of equine exercise physiology. I continue to be amazed at

what phenomenal athletes our horses are. They have a magnificent cardiopulmonary machine delivering oxygen and nutrients to working muscles for hours on end. They also have a massive, evaporative cooling system able to dissipate the heat created by all this continuous exertion.

But beyond the science is an animal of grace, strength, fluidity of movement and stamina unequaled on this planet. Plus, we need to consider the heart that makes this animal willing to carry us anywhere, anytime we chose. Even in crappy conditions when our horse has to be thinking, "Are you really serious?" THEY GO!

We are so incredibly lucky to be blessed with our equine teammates in this sport. May we always be full of gratitude. Again, thank you so much for this incredible honor.



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2017 Workers Hall of Fame

Linda Thomason - Region 1

Linda has worn *many* hats for NATRC since becoming active in the 1990's, including that of secretary for the R1 mini-convention in 2002 and 2003 and chair in 2009, 2011 and 2013; publicity chair, including for the 2004 and 2010 national conventions in Reno; corresponding secretary on the R1 Board of Directors, and chair for 3 years. She has been super-secretary for the Round Valley Ride for several years and co-chaired the R1 Benefit Ride in 2017. Linda has driven hundreds of miles and taken numerous vacation days from work to volunteer – as P&R worker, timer and rules interpreter. As outreach chair, she wel-

comes new riders, answers their questions, offers suggestions and presents them with gift bags of goodies purchased at her own expense. As our hostess with the mostess, at the end of the ride day, she often walks through camp with trays of hors d'oeuvres for riders and workers alike.

In recent years, she has expanded her résumé, first onto the national level significantly, becoming Region 1's alternate NBOD representative in 2015 and single-handedly chairing the 2016 national convention in Reno. During the past 2 years, Linda has taken on the very daunting task of obtaining non-profit status for our

region. She had absolutely no experience in this area previously but, as usual, she seems to have a philosophy of "learning by doing". She has spent countless hours working with tax experts and lawyers and is very close to finalizing our much-needed status. And as though her plate wasn't already full enough, she agreed to become the Region 1 treasurer in 2017.

Always gracious and smiling, always promoting our sport, Linda truly represents the kind of member and volunteer worker that NATRC needs, treasures and can't do without!

Mary Jo Malone - Region 2

Every NATRC region depends on volunteers to run rides and the organization. Some regions have fewer volunteers; Region 2 has a small number of volunteers who perform in multiple roles. Mary Jo is one of those. Although she seems to be a quiet person and doesn't like the spotlight, don't be fooled! She is a dynamo and a hard worker. Mary Jo needs to learn one thing: how to say "NO"! She can't do it. For example, she put on an introductory clinic, despite breaking her clavicle two weeks prior!

She has been a member and competitor for fifteen years, riding the same horse, "Patient Laddie", through the ranks of Novice, CP and Open since 2002. She innocently attended a Region 2 board meeting one day in 2007 and was elected as a board member in 2008. She has helped out in just about every worker position: ride manager, ride secretary, rules interpreter, judge's secretary, safety rider, timer, P&R crew, trail master, and the ever important, "go-fer"!

Still not enough, she really stepped up in 2012 to managing

two introductory clinics and one ride each year. Mary Jo has since introduced two new rides to the region. Her clinics are very successful and often bring in new riders, a valuable contribution in these days of limited rider numbers. As a ride manager, she is

typically the person finding new trails, marking trails and pulling ribbons after the ride, all while working full-time. If she isn't managing a ride, she will often work and ride and do whatever it takes to keep other rides going.

In addition to rides, Mary Jo has organized the last several Region 2 annual conventions/award banquets and has been intricately involved in the last few national conventions hosted by the region.

Elected to the National Board of Directors in 2014, Mary Jo has been contributing in efforts to gain advertising and sponsorship for the national organization. Her professional accounting skills are a valuable asset as a member of the Executive Committee as treasurer of NATRC.

Mary Jo is a very important NATRC member and is a true worker, in every sense of the word. She is deserving of induction into the Worker Hall of Fame in recognition of all she does for our region and national organizations.



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

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

- The award goes to the high point horse and high point rider **regardless** of the rider's division.
- Your self-nomination must occur before the end of the ride year, which is the second Sunday in November. (For 2018, that will be November 11th.)
- You must (1) be an NATRC member, (2) send an email to Sarah Rinne, natrc@natrc.org, stating that you are a 4-H member, and (3) have your 4-H leader also send Sarah an email verifying that you are a 4-H member.

Additionally, in a number of states (Colorado is one example), 4-H now recognizes competitive trail as an activity that qualifies as a 4-H member's project. How cool is that?! A form to use for documentation at the ride is available [here](#) or contact Sarah Rinne, natrc@natrc.org.

Questions?

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- Proper saddle fit
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- Proper curb chain fit
- Proper halter/bridle fit
- Halter buckle end fastened through keeper
- Cinch clean; not too tight or too loose
- Snug rear cinch + connector strap
- Saddle pad clean and in position
- Breast collar not too tight or too loose

2017 National Appreciation

Phil Young - Region 1

Phil has been involved with NATRC since 1983 when he had a strange desire to be near the same part of California as his wife and/or youngest son, both of whom were afflicted with the "horse gene." Somewhere along the line, he came to love those hairy beasts himself, although he never shared the irrational desire to ride one.

Phil became not only an enthusiastic P&R worker, but P&R captain, rules interpreter, ride chair, judges'

secretary and driver. He served on the Region 1 BOD for 25 years, as chair (5 years), treasurer (13 years), membership chair (6 years), points chair (4 years), and alternate national board director. Phil and his wife, Betty, were selected for the Worker's Hall of Fame in 2002.

Phil once said, "Many horse groups have come and gone, but NATRC is one of the only ones to truly nurture the idea of the horse and rider

as an inseparable team and to insist that the horse, regardless of breed, be able to endure the rigors of competition without artificial aids or stimulants. There are always pressures to change that formula to suit individual desires or current fads."

Thank you, Phil, for caring not only about the day to day duties of NATRC, but also those philosophies of NATRC that make it unique.

Phil Brodersen - Region 4

Great volunteers, like great leaders, have qualities that shine. They possess inner light, inner vision and inner strength. Phil Brodersen embodies all three of these traits with quiet, gentleness. Region 4 would not be the same without him!

"Have you seen Phil?", "Do you think Phil can help with.....", "PHILLLLLL", "Hey Phil, when you get a minute...." These are common phrases heard around camp anytime Phil Brodersen is around and like an energizer bunny, somehow Phil always finds a way to take care of everyone and keep a smile on his face.

Since joining NATRC in 1992, Phil has volunteered his time and talents by

managing, serving as P&R Chair, judge transport, chief cook and bottle washer. He willingly takes on each task with a can-do spirit and manages to make things seem effortless even when things are not going according to plan. It's this quality that exemplifies the spirit of a great volunteer. Phil is quick to readjust and step in to help wherever and whenever needed. When Phil is on your team, you just know everything is going to be OK.

Phil Brodersen is a shining example of a great volunteer, and Region 4 is so proud to call him our own.



Marty Findley - Region 5

Marty Findley is the consummate volunteer and incredible advocate for NATRC. She is always there saying, "what can I do to help" whether riding or volunteering; and she won't take "no, or nothing" for an answer. One of her greatest gifts to NATRC was organizing, spearheading, and juggling everything for the 2016 national convention in Chattanooga. She encouraged thinking outside the

box for ideas and programs that would challenge and encourage participants and send them away enthused and inspired to improvement. Marty was also a key player in the success of the 50th Anniversary national convention in Nashville.

Marty was one of the early pioneers of NATRC in Region 5 and is still an active competitor, mentor, and volunteer. She is always talking about

NATRC, sharing ride stories/tales that encourage the sense of family among seasoned and new riders. She continues to be active at both national and regional levels. For example, Marty currently serves as the Region 5 rider representative on the National Judges Committee. There is nothing that Marty won't do for NATRC. Region 5 is delighted to thank Marty Findley for her service to all of NATRC.

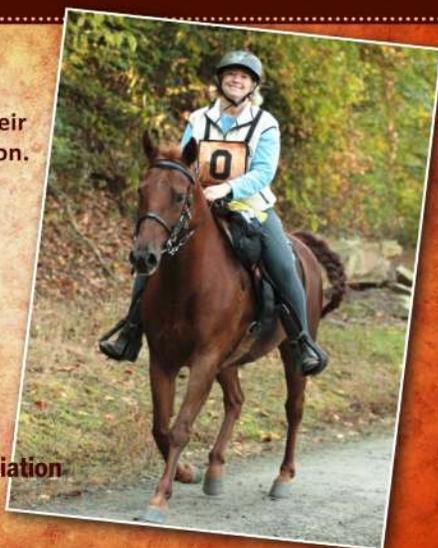
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A loan will be made based upon financial need, scholastic achievement, and character of the applicant as determined by the Student Loan/Scholarship Committee.

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Region 1 Team Awards

Ribbons sponsored by Region 1

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1. Desert Reinbeau / must / Angie Meroshnekoff.....82

Competitive Pleasure

1. OM El Sharav / ar / Ashley Dillard.....114
 2. OM El Shakeeb Dream / ar / Joe Dillard.....104
 3. Om El Bilbao / ar / Debbie York.....64
 4. Dundee's Playboy Bunny / mft / Robyn Berwick.....50
 4. Bodacious Tailfeathers / gr / Kay Lieberknecht.....50
 5. Pistol Pete DF / ar / Jean Armer.....40

Novice Junior

1. Desert Whiskey / must / Claire Cichocki.....56
 2. Denebaborr / ar / Alexis DiMartino.....45
 3. Lucky Eddie / gr / Grace Boles.....42

Region 1A Team Awards

Ribbons sponsored by Laurie Knuutila

Open Heavyweight

1. Willow Bey Star / morab / Brenda Grogan.....24

Open Lightweight

1. Flash's Gentleman Jim / mft / Donna Forrester.....14
 1. Indy 2 / gr / Jane Adkins.....14

Competitive Pleasure

1. Wild Ladys Nite / paint / Colleen Fisk.....26
 2. Katla / icl / Claudia Sihler.....20
 2. Future's Razzel Dazzel / tw / Natalie Luther.....20
 2. Alaska Wilderness Holy Smoke / norf / Erin Przbylski.....20
 3. Cinch 2 / gr / William Sands.....12
 3. Raudhetta fra Alaskastadir / icl / Alys Culhane.....12
 4. Tinni fra Hellissandi / icl / Pete Praetorius.....8

Novice Lightweight

1. Midas Golden Grace of KOA / tw / Dee Mohammadi.....8

Novice Junior

1. Teddy 3 / gr / Kailyn Beauvais.....10
 2. Kit 3 / gr / Bailey Ditmer.....7
 2. Hershey 6 / gr / Bonnie Weaver.....7

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 - 3. We Can All Make Good Maps (from *Hoof Print*, Summer 2014)
 - 4. Tips and Tricks to Make a Better Map



Region 2 Appreciation

Carrie Garufis

Carrie Garufis has been involved with NATRC since 1996, when she was rehabbing her horse from an injury obtained at an endurance ride. Like many newbies, she was introduced to NATRC at a clinic, one put on by the Inskos. She loved it from the beginning and after all these years, still does and is still learning. She relishes the long trail rides on new trails, camping with her horse, learning how to better care for her horse and loves her NATRC family.

In these 21 years, she has been a competitor, horsemanship and vet judge secretary, driver, rules interpreter, safety rider and trail marker. She has put on and assisted with several clinics, worked with other Region 2 members putting on the 2000 national convention at Cal Poly, Pomona, the 2007 and 2012 national conventions in Reno, and several region conventions. She has organized a few Equine Affair booths and written articles in equine publications

introducing NATRC. She serves on the Region 2 Board of Directors.

She believes in this organization with all her heart and what she has

learned from NATRC literally saved her horse's life. We appreciate and thank Carrie for all she does for Region 2 and NATRC.



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Region 3 Team Awards

Open Heavyweight

1. BJ Studmuffin J / mft / Kerry Bingham.....156
2. Talk Til Midnight / tw / Kay Gunckel.....140
3. Bailey's Angel Baby / mft / Cheri Westmoreland.....132

Open Lightweight

1. Hot Saki / har / Terri Smith.....194
2. Dakota Cole / mft / Calleen Olson.....116
3. SAS's Smokey Annie Oakley / tw / Juleen Feazell.....60
3. BR Elusive Flame / ar/Cheryl Jarrett.....60

Competitive Pleasure

Ribbons sponsored by Bill & Diane Wingle

1. Eduardo el Negrito Knight / pf / Diane Wingle.....194
2. Royal's Rock'N EZ Cinnabar / mft / Betty Garrett.....160
3. Danner / tw / Gary Inman.....118
4. Young Gun Last / qtr / Donna Dandy.....106
5. Sixes Peppy Lady / paint / Juleen Feazell.....98
6. Mariah 3 / gr / Bill Wingle.....86

Novice Heavyweight

Ribbons sponsored by Greg & Juleen Feazell

1. SAS'S My Future is Spots / tw / Carrie Gardner.....176
2. A Goodtime Cowboy Casanova / mft / Devon Daney...164
3. Foxhaven's Medicine Man / aihp / William Morgan.....114
4. Nova Vida / har / Cynthia Roper.....72
5. Moonshine Blues / ssh / Kevin Schoenecker.....60
6. Aubrey / mft / Amanda Johnson.....58

Novice Lightweight

Ribbons sponsored by Greg & Juleen Feazell

1. Rockin Silver Splash / ar / Kat Bonham.....130
2. Geron / ar / Carrie Derco.....62
3. Senteney's Spirit / mft / Kristie LaValley.....56
4. Zeppelin / gr / Scarlet Hager.....50
5. 4K Black Powder / tw / Leona Arnett.....46
6. Spotya Sum Cash / ap / Nancie Araki.....39
6. Okie Proud / thrb / Tammy Beyerle.....39

Novice Junior

1. Dixie 9 / gr / Molly Stanifer.....74



*Kerry Bingham,
Kay Gunckel,
and Cheri
Westmoreland*



*Calleen Olson, Greg Feazell (standing in for
Cheryl Jarrett), Juleen Feazell and Terri Smith*



*Betty Garrett, Gary Inman, Donna Dandy,
Juleen Feazell, Diane Wingle and Bill Wingle*



*William Morgan,
Devon Daney and
Kevin Schoenecker*



*Scarlet Hager
and
Kristie
LaValley*

Region 3 Appreciation

John Horne

John started his NATRC journey in 2011 volunteering as a safety rider. He was very much appreciated for his time riding safety. He competed in his first ride at the 2012 Chokecherry CTR and quickly became a hooked competitor.

Even though John was a newer member, when the NBOD position came open in 2014, he wanted to put his ideas forward on the national level. John campaigned in the region and was elected in 2015. Since he started on the board, John became the committee chair for student loans and scholarships. He provides good information and recommendations to the board regarding how and who qualifies for the funds.

John does an outstanding job of relaying information back to the re-

gion and discussing topics to get Region 3's input. He listens to members and takes their interests back to the national level.

John is active in Region 3 whose members are grateful for his tenacity and will to run on the nation-

al level. We need more members like John (newer member or not) for regional and national positions.

We thank John for his time and service on the NBOD.

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Congratulations and have fun shopping at this great NATRC sponsor! We will repeat this raffle in 2018 for the drawing at the 2019 National Convention. Wouldn't it be fun to see your name listed here next year?

Region 4 Team Awards

Open Heavyweight

1. Tezuby / ar / Jonni Jewell.....174
2. Razmataz DBA+ / ar / Carla Jo Bass.....122
3. WH Picos Cozmic / ar / Shirley Brodersen.....74

Open Lightweight

1. Moonshadow 2 / ssma / Teresa Galliher.....186
2. Wildfire Storm / nssha / Dolly Miller.....160
3. Giacomo / har / Fran Muench.....118
4. Buck 10 / gr / Marjorie Shenkir.....42

Competitive Pleasure

1. Halcon / gr / Kelly Queen.....142
1. Jose's Royal Gold / tw / Amy Martin.....142
1. Wish Upon a Star / must / Kris Hapgood.....142
2. LRR Matt's Buck Ledoux / rkym / Jenny Drumm.....86
3. Ellie 2 / gr / Vicki Tharp.....82
4. Tomachichi's Little Feather / must / Patty Lampley.....74
5. Docs Franzziple / qtr / Kate Hollar.....58
6. Cayena de la Madera Roca / pf / Teresa Musgrave.....54

Novice Heavyweight

1. Jacks Red Rhubarb / qtr / Veronica Skidmore.....70
2. Sherman 4 / gr / Michael Perryman.....49

Novice Lightweight

1. Colt McGuire / rkym / Terri Griffin.....54
1. Tally 2 / gr / Annette Griffin.....54



Shirley Brodersen and Jonni Jewell



Fran Muench and Dolly Miller



Kelly Queen and Kris Hapgood

Region 4 Appreciation

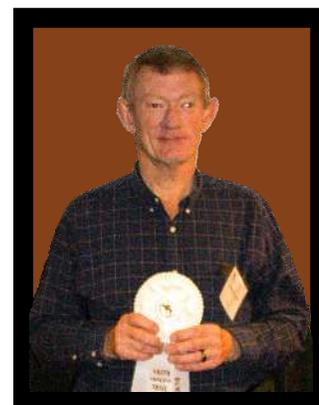
Betsy Zimmerman

“This is totally unexpected”. That was Betsy’s reply when called to get details about her volunteer time with Region 4.

Betsy started competing in NATRC in 2004. She had no trailer or trailering experience before she loaded her horse, April, for the 6-O Christmas ride. That’s determination, persistence and gutsy! She hasn’t looked back. Betsy has volunteered untold number of hours as secretary for the vet or horsemanship judge, rules interpreter and safety rider over the past 5 years and is currently on task to earn her 100% jacket in Region 4 as a volunteer for 2017

Betsy appreciates all she’s learned and experienced as an NATRC competitor and volunteer, reflecting on the depth of knowledge that she has gained. “It’s one thing to go out and ride your horse for an hour or two, but it’s a whole other ball game to go out and ride 4-6 hours or more. It’s been rewarding to learn how to fine tune all the various aspects of distance riding.”

Her final comment, “Hats off to the ride managers; where would we be without them?” Well, hats off to you Betsy, thanks for serving Region 4 with your time and talents.



Michael Perryman

Region 4 Appreciation

Kris Hapgood

She's bouncy, trouncy, flouncy, pouncy

Fun, fun, fun, fun, fun!

But the most wonderful thing about Kris

Is she's the only one; yes, she's the only one!

Unique, personable, positive and high energy are just a few of the traits that Kris Hapgood has been bringing to NATRC Region 4 since 2008. Her favorite thing about NATRC is the incredible relationship she has obtained with her horses, the 'Amazing' Buddy and 'Wild Mustang' Dexter. Kris also acknowledges the true, life-long relationships with fellow competitors and volunteers; the heart and soul of NATRC.

Trail marking is one of Kris' specialties, as she has a 'bazillion' miles of trail blazing under her belt. She has managed three Oklahoma CTR's and donated the proceeds to the Hutchinson, Kansas Wild Mustang prison program. Kris is not afraid of a challenge, she managed the 2014 'Best Ever' National Convention, attributing its success to her hard working convention committee.

Region 4 is indebted to Kris for serving on the R4 BOD, and for organizing and leading ride clinics. She also loves to welcome and mentor new riders, teaching them the ropes of our sport. Kris expresses the heart of NATRC with signature 'hugs' to all!



Doanna Gross Daniel

Being encouraging, knowledgeable, and helpful, Doanna Daniel has been a major influence and integral member of NATRC Region 4. Not only has she served and volunteered for every position available at a CTR, she has also been a 4-H speaker and mentor. Her journey with NATRC has set records and influenced many.

If there was a category for most horses competed, Doanna would surely win it. She has competed on 24 horses, most of them catch rides, and received horse placings for 23 of them and horsemanship placings for 24. In 2003, Doanna placed nationally on 8 'catch ride' horses she had not ridden before the competitions, and in Region 4, won 1st place in Novice Lightweight Horsemanship plus Volunteer of the Year. Quite a feat!

Doanna wanted to be a positive influence on novice and junior riders, so she became a horsemanship judge in 2005. She has encouraged countless competitors on the trail, and often represents the region by kindly donating her judging fees. Another volunteer position Doanna retains is distributing national mileage chevrons to deserving competitors.

Doanna has served NATRC Region 4 well

with her positive and open arms approach!



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Region 5 Team Awards

Open Heavyweight

1. Goodnight's Masterpiece / tw / Gary Clayton..... 199
2. By the Grace of God / gr / Victoria Whitehead..... 128
3. Windstorm Clay / morg / Tommy Mitchell..... 78
4. Norman / gr / William Moore..... 64
4. Ruby 8 / mule / Ben Talbert..... 64
5. Ace 6 / gr / Barry Ganes..... 50

Open Lightweight

1. Terradocs Oconee Belle / morg / Sallie Kudra..... 254
2. Sunny Georgia / tw / Patty Lucas..... 200
3. Lucky Sunday / gr / Regina Broughton..... 196
4. Danamyte / ar / Esther Diaguila..... 116
5. Beau 11 / gr / Sherry Ganes..... 89
6. Swiss Mocha / gr / Paula Riley..... 84

Open Junior

1. RaJahada / gr / McKinsey Ware..... 72
2. Denver / gr / Mikayla Nunn..... 64
3. Allans Desert Rose / har / Clint Goza..... 30

Competitive Pleasure

1. DLC Roxies Peponita / paint / Marsha Howard..... 280
2. Impressive Red Rebel / mft / Paula Riley..... 182
3. Mariah's Secret / gr / Leigh Riley..... 158
4. Mandella Bey / ar / Carolyn Chapman..... 128
5. Heart's Desire / ssh / Sandy Pegram..... 114
6. Blue Moon Maggie / mule / Marlene Buttrey..... 102

Novice Heavyweight

Ribbons sponsored by Gina Maddox & Tulo

1. Dawson / gr / Cassidy Moore..... 119
2. Pepper 9 / gr / Edward Apple..... 115
3. Santana 3 / kym / Jennifer Mulligan..... 100
4. Johnny Reno / kym / Teresa Wolf..... 54
5. Elvis 2 / gr / Jennifer Wertz..... 43
6. Willie 3 / gr / Brittany Odom..... 38

Novice Lightweight

1. Matt Dillon / gr / Carolyn Mills..... 255
2. JC Bronsin's Blue Jay / qtr / Lisa Nauditt..... 91
3. Cheyenne 12 / gr / Angie Lindberg..... 62
4. Maverick 3 / gr / Mary Lent..... 58
5. Jake 26 / gr / Jami Sullivan..... 48

Novice Junior

1. Sweet Dollar / tw / Janna Stanley..... 148
2. Masked Caper / tw / Hannah Hatcher..... 121
3. Storm Danger / gr / Kallie Smith..... 54
4. Koda Two Eyes / qtr / Sierra Patisaul..... 35
5. Scarlet 2 / gr / Tabbitha Bobbit..... 34
6. Skeeter James / gr / Olivia Lord..... 18



*Gary Clayton, Victoria Whitehead
and William Moore*



Lisa Nauditt and Carolyn Mills



*Esther Diaguila,
Patty Lucas and
Sallie Kudra*

Region 5 Appreciation

Dave and Maggie Spilker

Region 5 welcomed Region 6 transplants, Dave and Maggie Spilker upon their retirement and move to Florida. Dave and Maggie quickly became an integral part of R5 as ride managers soon discovered that they were not only reliable but were stellar safety riders with an understanding as previous competitors of what riders face out on the trail. They willingly haul water and serve as camp gophers. No job is too big or too small.

Dave and Maggie exhibit the best of NATRC by positive and can-do attitudes. They are problem solvers who rise to all challenges. Most importantly, they have a sense of humor and are more than willing to join into the merriment and games that make NATRC a fun organization. One example is that Dave was willing to wear a tutu, showing that a real man looks good in lacey pink! Additionally, Dave is the go-to guy when you have plumbing, electrical

or other kinds of problems. He has saved many of us from weekends of frustration!

Maggie is always the quiet eye of any storm, jumping in to assist when chaos ensues. Maggie's quiet competence is always a reassuring presence.

Dave and Maggie epitomize the best of NATRC.

John Saunby

As ride managers, we need and value our volunteers, so when someone comes up whom you have never met, and states "I want to help and I can do anything you need, just send me somewhere." you grab that person and hold on. Meet John Saunby, a slight, greying man with a sparkle in his eye, love in his heart and a wife who rides a mule! John

has a unique way of seeing a need and filling it. John can do anything from finding the correct road crossing to helping folks get parked. John is proactive and kind and can often be found giving someone a leg up on a tall horse, fixing a broken stirrup leather so a rider can finish or carrying a handicapped volunteer out of the woods after a P&R.

Lauren, John's wife, describes him as a bottom feeder, not in a derogatory way, but meaning he can forage and find anything that can be used to fix something or make something happen. John uses his skills to help others.

We in Region 5 are truly grateful that John and Lauren Saunby have joined our NATRC family!

Rita Lowery

Her journey with NATRC began at a clinic in the fall of 2015. Then she entered her first ride the same year and it's been non-stop, full-speed ahead without looking back ever since. To say she has made an impact on this organization is an understatement.

Her first year of competition in Novice brought her both regional and national standings.

Her sincere dedication to this sport, positive attitude and never ending smile is simply contagious and encouraging. "No, I can't" or "I don't have time" just aren't her style.

When not competing, she is volunteering as a ride secretary, a P&R worker, and numerous other duties that make up an NATRC ride. This year she became a first time ride manager and trail master.

You may ask, "When will she stop?" And the answer is; when you work hard at something you love, you respect, you learn from, and you make a difference to those around you . . . you don't stop.

Thank you, Rita Lowery, for sharing your time, your efforts, your devotion, your smile and your amazing heart with all of us at Region 5.



Region 6 Team Awards

Ribbons sponsored by Region 6

Open Heavyweight

1. Little Ann / kym / Liz Klamm.....104
2. L.L.Remington / har / Marilyn Marston.....76
2. Silver Valley Tate / morg / Sarah Rinne.....76

Open Lightweight

1. EZ Rocket WH / mft / Marla Stucky.....160
2. Focus Jessie / ap / Helen Smith.....104
3. Tornado Watch / ar / Denise Farris.....82
4. Rushcreek Allie / ar / Brenda Messick.....56

Open Junior

1. Angel's Ricochet Shot / tw / Ryan Klamm.....44
2. Delcies Acasia / ar / Autumn Jakopak.....36

Competitive Pleasure

1. VA Caradelle / ar / Margaret Reynolds.....105
2. Risky Snickers / paint / Mary Anna Wood.....94
3. Cito Mocha Raton / hoa / Trish Cleveland.....86
4. Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man / mft / Kay Stich.....80
5. Fives Bert Harlan / qtr / Alan Bouska.....72
6. RW Braveheart / ar / Mary Ginn.....68

Novice Heavyweight

1. Miss Rebels Cut N Oak / paint / Lisa M. Johnson.....76
2. CC's Rex's Golden Rawhide / mft / Cheryl Frederick.....42



Sarah Rinne and Marilyn Marston



Helen Smith and Marla Stucky

Region 6 Appreciation

Debbie Payne

Debbie Payne has been an important contributor to NATRC for many years. She is a great example of a solid competitor who can reach the heights of our sport but still take the time to help others whenever needed. Her advice and steady presence have made the difference for many.

Debbie served as our membership chair in 2012 and has been a great advocate. This year, she stepped up to be a first-time trail master at Kanopolis Canyons. Little did she know what an exciting job it can be! While preparing, she solicited advice from those more experienced and put that education to good use in a wonderfully marked trail that stood up to the wrath of Mother Nature. The maps were easy to read, and she even had a Plan B set printed and ready to go in case conditions warranted, as was indeed the case. In the middle of her trail briefing on Friday night, the group had to take shelter in the women's shower house because of a tornado warning. Debbie did not miss a beat as the power went out and she finished by flashlight.

Thank you, Debbie, for your commitment to Region 6 and your calm attitude in the midst of a raging storm. Your care was obvious to all involved.



Margaret Reynolds

Region 6 Appreciation

Cheryl Bohling

After attending presentations about NATRC at the 2015 Horse Trail Riding Expo, Cheryl Bohling started on her path as judge's secretary extraordinaire! She learned much about our sport as she not only volunteered at most Region 6 rides, but also traveled out-of-region to help. She was soon competing but still spends much more time doing what she can to make our rides run smooth.

Cheryl has served on the Region 6 BOD for two years and we appreciate her suggestions on ways to improve our region and sport in

general. Her First Time Competitor buttons have been a nice memento for riders of their first event and are a fun way to recognize them during the ride. She stepped up to manage the Indian Cave CTR this year, taking the reins on a tough weekend. She has already done a thorough recap of the ride and how she will improve next year.

As a talented farrier, she is often our on-site contact at rides in addition to her volunteer duties. While doing her job, she visits with many horse owners about our sport and is a constant cheerleader recruiting and

mentoring others to try NATRC. Her passion for our sport is contagious and we appreciate her many contributions to our success the past few years.



John Zeliff and Cheryl Bohling

After doing his first ride in the 1970's, John Zeliff realized the value of NATRC. Although he could not participate for another thirty years, he continued to pay national dues every year to enjoy our news and support the organization! When he returned to competing in 2015, John jumped right in to full involvement. He not only earned the 100% Club honor this year but also helped give several new competitors a successful start, even calling to follow up on their experience after the ride.

John Zeliff

While John can always be counted on for a friendly smile and hug, his help is just as appreciated. Whether riding safety or helping with the Region 6 convention auction, he is one to step up to the plate when needed. He resurrected the CTR at Smithville as the Jesse James Ride-out and persisted with park management and other challenges to lead a great event. John is not afraid to ask questions and learn how to do the best job possible, and will again chair this ride in 2018.

We appreciate John's decades of dedication to NATRC, and are blessed to have him as a Region 6 asset. Thank you for going the extra mile for our sport!

Champions Among Us

Although it may be hard for many diehard NATRC competitors to believe, but like the adults, our juniors do have lives outside of NATRC! Here is one for example.

Region 6 junior champion, Ryan Klamm, is one of 18 other teens and three alternates (all age 13 to 17) selected to represent the USA on the American Kennel Club's 2018 European Open Junior (EOJ) Agility Team!

Currently, there is no such thing as dog agility at the Olympics, but to the teens and their K-9 partners, this is just as spectacular. Training and trav-

eling to compete at the highest level of junior dog agility takes the same amount of commitment and dedication.

The team will be competing in the Netherlands July 13-15. Go Ryan! Go Bandit! Go team!

Wish to help support the team? You can by donating through GoFundMe. ALL monies collected go to the team. Once team expenses are met, the money is divided among the team members. Please click [here](#) to donate.



EOJ Agility Team USA member Ryan and his Border Collie, Bandit.

2017 Competitive Pleasure National Champions

Ribbons sponsored by Bill and Nancy Sluys

Region 3

Eduardo el Negrito Knight.....Paso Fino.....Diane Wingle
(Jacket sponsored by Jenny Smith)
Danner.....Tennessee Walker.....Gary Inman
(Jacket sponsored by Jenny Smith)

Region 4

Wish Upon A Star.....Mustang.....Kris Hapgood
(Blanket sponsored by Kelly Queen)
Halcon.....Grade.....Kelly Queen
(Blanket sponsored by Kim & Shane Murphy and Kris Hapgood)

Region 5

DLC Roxies Peponita.....Paint.....Marsha Howard
(Blanket sponsored by Mike & Michelle Daniels)
Impressive Red Rebel.....Missouri Fox Trotter.....Paula Riley
(Jacket sponsored by Mike & Michelle Daniels)
Mariah's Secret.....Grade.....Leigh Riley
(Blanket sponsored by Mike & Michelle Daniels)

Region 6

VA Caradelle.....Arab.....Margaret Reynolds
(Blanket and buckle sponsored by Perry & Trent Law Firm, LLC., Travis Brinck,
Sarah Rinne, Cindy Frewen-Wuellner, Teresa Lippert, Paula Wolfe & Kathleen Kelly)



Gary Inman (R3), Diane Wingle (R3), Kelly Queen (R4), Kris Hapgood (R4), and Margaret Reynolds (R6)

**"NATRC offers more! *MORE* for your competition dollars!
More miles, time with your horse, fun,
learning opportunities, and camaraderie."**

2017 Open National Champions

Ribbons sponsored by Nancy and Bill Sluys

Region 3

Hot Saki.....Half Arabian.....Terri Smith
Talk Til Midnight.....Tennessee Walker.....Kay Gunckel
(Buckle and jacket sponsored by Michael Gray)
BJ Studmuffin J.....Missouri Fox Trotter.....Kerry Bingham
(Buckle sponsored by Chuck Smith)
Bailey's Angel Baby.....Missouri Fox Trotter.....Cheri Westmoreland

Region 4

Wildfire Storm.....Spotted Saddle HorseDolly Miller
(Blanket sponsored by Teresa Galliher)
Tezuby.....Arabian.....Jonni Jewell
(Jacket sponsored by Jack Muench)
Moonshadow 2.....Spanish Mustang.....Teresa Galliher
Razmataz DBA+/......Arab.....Carla Jo Bass
(Blanket sponsored by Shirley Brodersen)
Giacomo.....Half Arabian.....Fran Muench
(Buckle sponsored by Jonni Jewell)

Region 5

Goodnight's Masterpiece.....Tennessee Walker.....Gary Clayton
(Jacket sponsored by Mike & Michelle Daniels)
Terradocs Oconee Belle.....Morgan.....Sallie Kudra
(Blanket sponsored by Esther Diaguila)
Lucky Sunday.....Grade.....Regina Broughton
(Blanket sponsored by Mike & Michelle Daniels)
Sunny Georgia.....Tennessee Walker.....Patty Lucas
(Blanket sponsored by Gina Maddox & Tulo)
Danamyte.....Arabian.....Esther Diaguila
(Jacket sponsored by Mike & Michelle Daniels)

Region 6

Little Ann.....Kentucky Mountain.....Liz Klamm
(Buckle sponsored by Helen Smith)
Silver Valley Tate.....Morgan.....Sarah Rinne
(Buckle sponsored by Perry & Trent Law Firm, LLC)
EZ Rocket WH.....Missouri Fox Trotter.....Marla Stucky
(Jacket sponsored by Butch Stucky;
Buckle sponsored by Sarah Rinne and Dwight & Mary Hanson)



Region 3: Terri Smith, Kay Gunckel, Kerry Bingham and Cheri Westmoreland



Region 4: Fran Muench, Dolly Miller and Jonni Jewell



Region 5: Gary Clayton, Sallie Kudra, Patty Lucas and Esther Diaguila



Region 6: Marla Stucky and Sarah Rinne

2017 High Mileage Awards

High Mileage Horse Awards

1000 Mile Horse Awards

Pistol Pete DF / ar.....Jean Armer / R1
 BR Elusive Flame / ar.....Cheryl Jarrett / R3
 Dakota Cole / mft.....Calleen Olson / R3
 JOR Picasso / pf.....Wava O'Brien / R3
 Not a Chance / har.....Sydney VanPoolen / R3
 Levi 2 / gr.....Dayna Morgan / R3
 Tezuby / ar.....Jonni Jewell / R4
 By the Grace of God / gr.....Victoria Whitehead / R5
 DLC Roxies Peponita / paint.....Marsha Howard / R5
 Kiss Afire Babe / ar.....Keri Riddick / R5
 Mandella Bey / ar.....Carolyn Chapman / R5
 RaJahada RCC / gr.....McKinsey Ware / R5
 Shades / gr.....Rita Lowery / R5
 That's My George / gr.....Lori Allen / R5
 Follow Me / har.....Debbie Jones / R5
 Fives Bert Harlan / qtr.....Alan Bouska / R6
 Risky Snickers / paint
Liz Klamm/Mary Anna Wood / R6
 RW Braveheart / ar.....Mary Ginn / R6



*Wava O'Brien (R3), Dayna Morgan (R3),
 Calleen Olson (R3), Victoria Whitehead (R5), and
 Jonni Jewell (R4)*

2000 Mile Horse Awards



*Gary Inman (R3), Dolly Miller (R4),
 Sallie Kudra (R5) and Esther Diaguila (R5)*

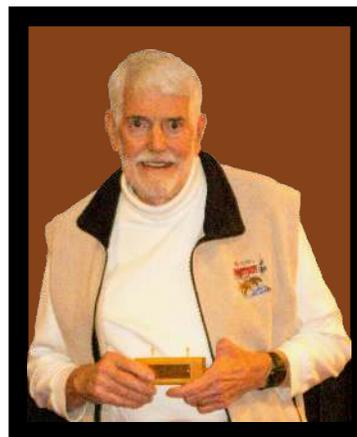
Danner / tw.....Gary Inman / R3
 Hot Saki / har.....Terri Smith / R3
 Wildfire Storm / nssha.....Dolly Miller / R4
 Razmataz DBA+/ / ar.....Carla Jo Bass / R4
 Heart's Desire / ssh.....Sandy Pegram / R5
 Terradocs Oconee Belle / morg.....Sallie Kudra / R5
 Danamyte / ar.....Esther Diaguila / R5
 Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man / mft.....Kay Stich / R6

3000 Mile Horse Awards

Hes a Rockstar / must.....Barbie VanOrder / R4
 Goodnight's Masterpiece / tw.....Gary Clayton / R5

4000 Mile Horse Award Bronze Medallion

Tommys Impressev Ace / ap.....Regina Broughton / R5



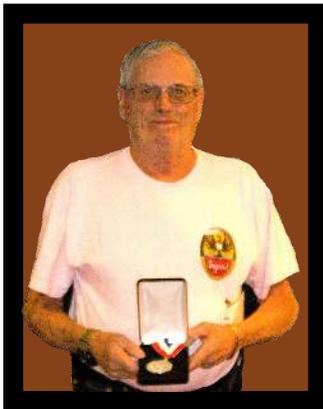
Gary Clayton (R5)

2017 High Mileage Awards

High Mileage Rider Awards



Terri Smith



Gary Inman



Deanne Prusak & Marilyn Marston



Shirley Brodersen



Dolly Miller

4,000 Miles – Bronze Medallion

Sue Flagg / R1
Deanne Prusak / R4
Marilyn Marston / R6

5,000 Miles

Teresa Galliher / R4
Shirley Brodersen / R4

6,000 Miles – Silver Medallion

Ashley Dillard / R1
Dolly Miller / R4

7,000 Miles

Gary Inman / R3

11,000 Miles

Terri Smith / R3

FOSH Letter to NATRC's Gaited Horse Winners

Below is an excerpt from a letter from the Friends of Sound Horses to all of NATRC's gaited horse winners.

To Gaited Horses and their Owners,

Thank you for your participation in NATRC events. As the owner and rider of a gaited horse, you chose to participate in events that are recognized by a national organization. Through your participation, you demonstrate that gaited horses not only can participate in equine sport but also be recognized by the governing body of the sport.

FOSH is pleased to honor the following gaited horses that not only participated, but earned national placings or national championships during the 2017 season:



Baileys Angel Baby	MFT	Cheri Westmoreland
Wildfire Storm	NSSHA	Dolly Miller
Goodnight's Masterpiece	TW	Gary Clayton
Sunny Georgia	TW	Patty Lucas
Little Ann	KYM	Liz Klamm
Silver Valley Tate	MORG	Sarah Rinne
EZ Rocket WH	MFT	Marla Stucky
Angel's Ricochet Shot	TW	Ryan Klamm

In recognition of your accomplishments, you will receive formal recognition and an award from FOSH. Your achievement will be noted in the FOSH *Sound Advocate* and inspire others to participate.

Thank you for your participation in the 2017 NATRC events. Congratulations on your success in a competitive sport.

<i>Horse's Name</i>	<i>Breed</i>	<i>Rider</i>
Eduardo el Negro Knight Danner	PF	Diane Wingle
Impressive Red Rebel	TW	Gary Inman
Talk Til Midnight	MFT	Paula Riley
BJ Studmuffin J	TW	Kay Gunckel
	MFT	Kerry Bingham

2017 High Point Breed Awards

Half-Arabian

Arabian Horse Association
Hot Saki / Terri Smith

Arabian

Arabian Horse Association
Tezuby / Jonni Jewell

Morgan

American Morgan Horse Association
Terradocs Oconee Belle /
Sallie Kudra

Mule

American Donkey and Mule Society
Pistol Annie / Patti Dollarhide

Missouri Fox Trotter

Missouri Fox Trotting Horse
Breed Association

Overall

EZ Rocket WH / Marla Stucky

Region 3

BJ Studmuffin J / Kerry Bingham

Region 6

EZ Rocket WH / Marla Stucky

Paso Fino

Paso Fino Horse Association
Eduardo el Negrito Knight /
Diane Wingle

Appaloosa

Appaloosa Horse Club
Focus Jessie / Helen Smith

Paint Horse

American Paint Horse Association

High Point

DLC Roxies Peponita /
Marsha Howard

Reserve High Point

Risky Snickers / Mary Anna Wood
owned by Liz Klamm

Tennessee Walking Horse

Tennessee Walking Horse
Breeder's & Exhibitor's Assn

High Point

Goodnight's Masterpiece /
Gary Clayton

Reserve High Point

Sunny Georgia / Patty Lucas

High Point Junior Award

Sweet Dollar / Janna Stanley

Spotted Saddle Horse

Spotted Saddle Horse
Breeder's & Exhibitors Assn.

Sunny Georgia / Patty Lucas

Grade

Cheri Jeffcoat

Matt Dillon / Carolyn Mills

American Indian Horse

American Indian Horse Registry
Foxhaven's Medicine Man /
William Morgan

Kentucky Mountain Horse

Kentucky Mountain Saddle Horse Assn.

Little Ann / Liz Klamm



Diane Wingle



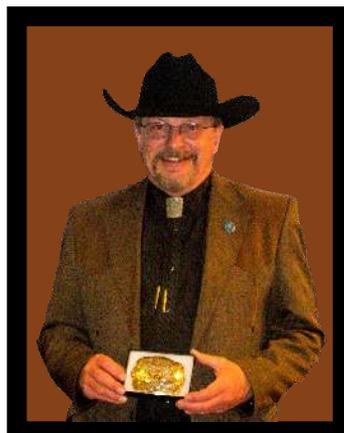
Helen Smith



Patty Lucas



Marla Stucky & Kerry Bingham



William Morgan

2017 Overall Competitive Pleasure Awards

Horse

**Silver Bowl sponsored by
Perry & Trent Law Firm, LLC
Ribbons sponsored by Mary Ginn**

1. Eduardo el Negrito Knight / pf.....	Diane Wingle / R3.....	136
2. DLC Roxies Peponita / paint.....	Marsha Howard / R5.....	130
3. Halcon / gr.....	Kelly Queen / R4.....	118
4. Impressive Red Rebel / mft.....	Paula Riley / R5.....	104
5. Danner / tw.....	Gary Inman / R3.....	90
6. Mariah's Secret / gr.....	Leigh Riley / R5.....	86

Horsemanship

**Silver Bowl sponsored by
Perry & Trent Law Firm, LLC
Ribbons sponsored by John Zeliff**

1. Marsha Howard / R5.....	156
2. Diane Wingle / R3.....	142
3. Kris Hapgood / R4.....	112
4. Kelly Queen / R4.....	94
5. Margaret Reynolds / R6.....	86
5. Carolyn Chapman / R5.....	86
6. Kay Stich / R6.....	84
6. Betty Garrett / R3.....	84

Grand Champion High Average Horse

**Buckle sponsored by Gary & Linda Clayton,
Bill & Vickie Moore, Patty Lucas, Cindy Keen &
Victoria Whitehead**

Impressive Red Rebel / mft.....Paula Riley.....98.58%

Runners Up:

DLC Roxies Peponita / paintMarsha Howard.....98.25%
Eduardo el Negrito Knight / pfDiane Wingle.....97.01%

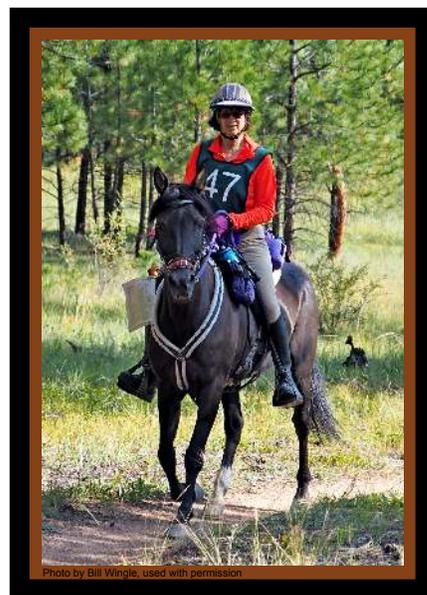
Grand Champion High Average Horsemanship

Buckle sponsored by Bill & Diane Wingle

Diane Wingle.....98.39%

Runners Up:

Marsha Howard.....98.28%
Kris Hapgood98.03%



*Eduardo El Negrito Knight &
Diane Wingle*



*Impressive Red Rebel &
Paula Riley*

2017 Overall Open Heavyweight Awards

Horse

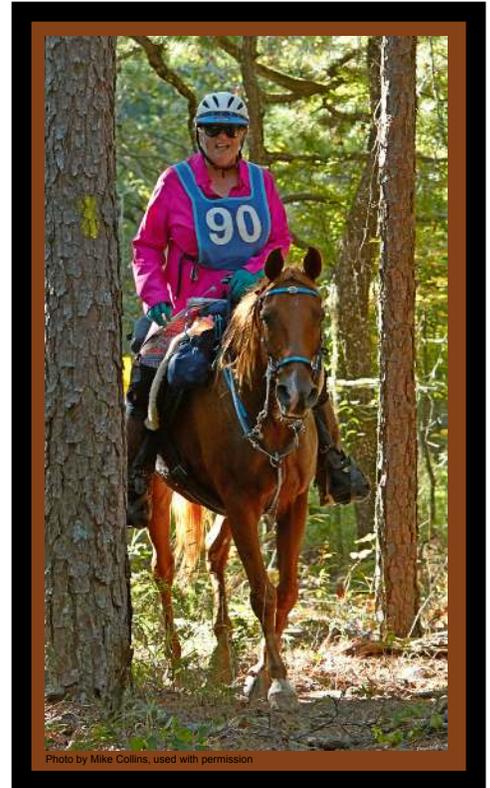
Bill Smith Memorial Awarded to First Place
Silver Bowl sponsored by Perry & Trent Law Firm, LLC
Ribbons sponsored by Kim Cowart

1. Tezuby / ar.....Jonni Jewell / R4.....146
2. Goodnight's Masterpiece / tw.....Gary Clayton / R5.....118
3. Talk Til Midnight / tw.....Kay Gunckel / R3.....92
4. Little Ann / kym.....Liz Klamm / R6.....90
5. Razmataz DBA+/ / ar.....Carla Jo Bass / R4.....88
6. Silver Valley Tate / morg.....Sarah Rinne / R6.....86

Horsemanship

Bruce Becker Memorial Awarded to First Place
Silver Bowl sponsored by Perry & Trent Law Firm, LLC
Ribbons sponsored by Dolly Miller

1. Jonni Jewell / R4.....166
2. Sarah Rinne / R6.....102
3. Liz Klamm / R6.....92
4. Gary Clayton / R5.....81
5. Kay Gunckel / R3.....78
6. Kerry Bingham / R3.....74



Tezuby & Jonni Jewell



*Jonni Jewell, Sarah Rinne, Gary Clayton,
 Kay Gunckel, and Kerry Bingham*



2017 Overall Open Lightweight Awards

Horse

Silver Bowl sponsored by
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Ribbons sponsored by Dwight & Mary Hanson



Terradocs Oconee Belle & Sallie Kudra

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| 1. Terradocs Oconee Belle / morg..... | Sallie Kudra / R5..... | 132 |
| 2. Hot Saki / har..... | Terri Smith / R3..... | 114 |
| 3. Moonshadow 2 / ssma..... | Teresa Galliher / R4..... | 108 |
| 4. Sunny Georgia / tw..... | Patty Lucas / R5..... | 106 |
| 5. Lucky Sunday / gr..... | Regina Broughton / R5..... | 102 |
| 6. Wildfire Storm / nssha..... | Dolly Miller / R4..... | 100 |
| 6. EZ Rocket WH / mft..... | Marla Stucky / R6..... | 100 |

Horsemanship

Silver Bowl sponsored by
Perry & Trent Law Firm, LLC

Ribbons sponsored by Debbie Payne

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|-------------------------------|-----|
| 1. Sallie Kudra / R5..... | 122 |
| 2. Dolly Miller / R4..... | 104 |
| 3. Terri Smith / R3..... | 98 |
| 4. Patty Lucas / R5..... | 97 |
| 5. Regina Broughton / R5..... | 94 |
| 6. Teresa Galliher / R4..... | 86 |

2017 Overall Open Junior Awards

Horse

Silver Bowl sponsored by Shari Parys; Ribbons sponsored by Prairie Sylvania Arabians

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| 1. RaJahada / gr..... | McKinsey Ware / R5..... | 36 |
| 2. Denver / gr..... | Mikayla Nunn / R5..... | 32 |
| 3. Angel's Ricochet Shot / tw..... | Ryan Klamm / R6..... | 28 |
| 4. Delcies Acasia / ar..... | Autumn Jakopak / R6..... | 18 |

Horsemanship

Silver Bowl sponsored by Shari Parys; Ribbons sponsored by Prairie Sylvania Arabians

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|-----------------------------|----|
| 1. McKinsey Ware / R5..... | 36 |
| 2. Mikayla Nunn / R5..... | 32 |
| 3. Ryan Klamm / R6..... | 30 |
| 4. Autumn Jakopak / R6..... | 18 |

2017 Polly Bridges Memorial Overall Open High Average Horsemanship

Buckle and ribbon sponsored by Angie Meroshnekoff

Sarah Rinne.....99.34%

Runners Up:

Liz Klamm.....99.31%

Terri Smith.....99.31%



Terri Smith, Jonni Jewell, & Sarah Rinne

2017 Bev Tibbitts Memorial Overall Open High Average Horse

Buckle and ribbon sponsored by Jenny Smith

Hot Saki / har / Terri Smith.....99.74%

Runners Up:

Goodnight's Masterpiece / tw / Gary Clayton.....99.28%

Lucky Sunday / gr / Regina Broughton.....98.38%

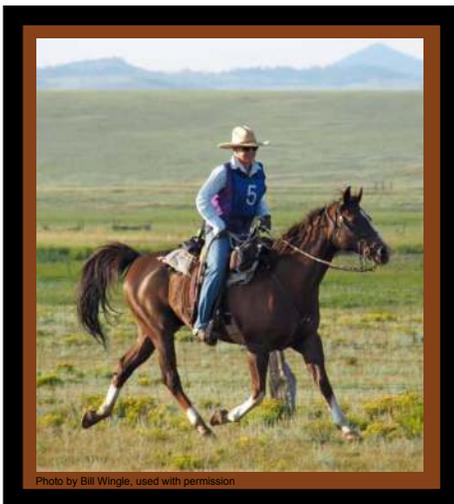


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Hot Saki & Terri Smith

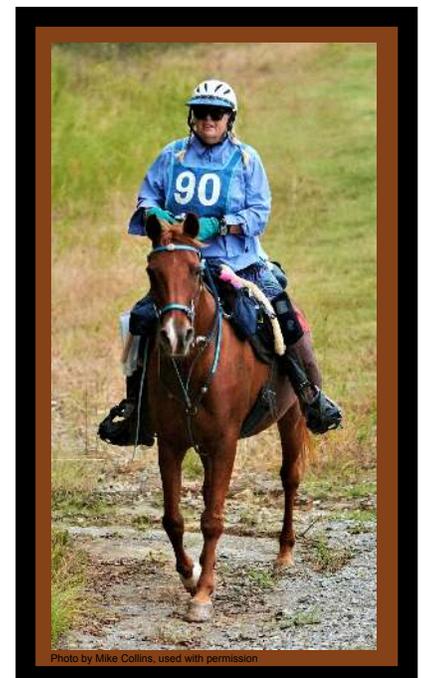


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Tezuby & Jonni Jewell

2017 Jim Menefee Memorial Combined Open Horse & Horsemanship

Perpetual Trophy Donated by Jack Menefee;
Jim Menefee Buckle Sponsored in memory of Mike Colby

Tezuby and Jonni Jewell288 Points

2017 President's Cup Winner

Overall High Point Open Horse

Saddle Sponsored by Specialized Saddles and John Nowell
President's Cup Buckle Sponsored in memory of Mike Colby
President's Cup Blanket Sponsored by Dolly Miller, Carla Jo Bass & Sarah Rinne

Tezuby ridden by Jonni Jewell (146 points)

Acceptance Speech By Jonni Jewell

In March of 1961, NATRC was born. Six and a half months later, I arrived. I got my first pony at age two and discovered NATRC as a teen. NATRC has been a big part of my life for around 40 years.

Ted is my second President's Cup horse. Ted is a 17-year-old Arabian I was given 3 years ago. Not the most handsome horse when we brought him home, but with conditioning, he bloomed. In 2009, my bay Arabian, Hank, and I won it. Ted and Hank are very different when it comes to competing.

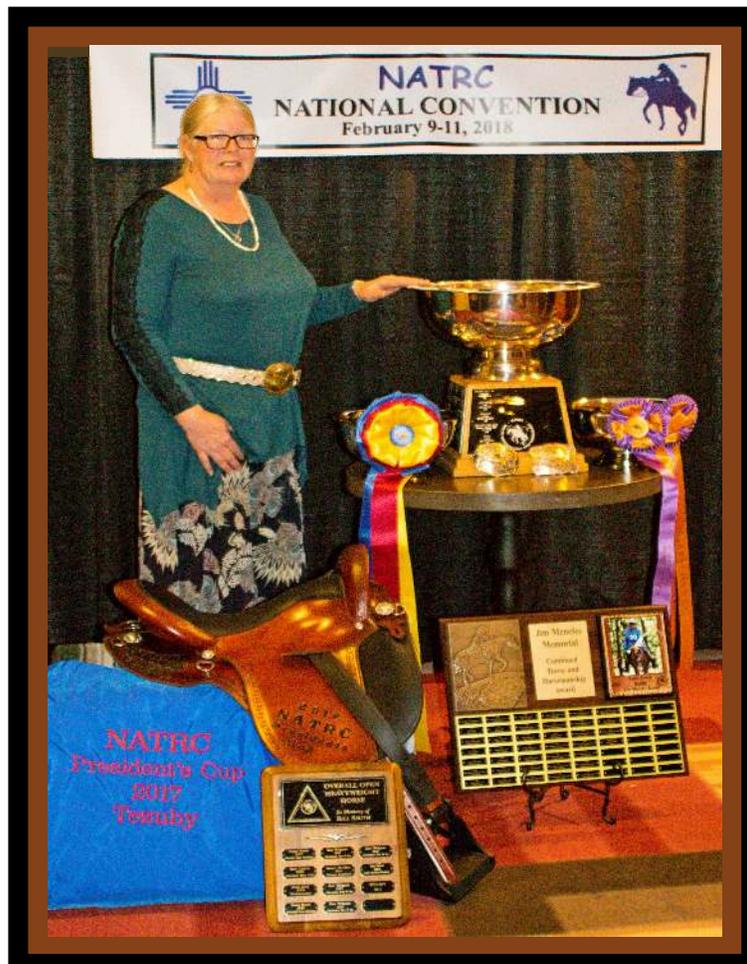
Very different horses, very different ride seasons. With Hank, the goal was set early on. With Ted, it was not planned until late in the season. Hank naturally took excellent care of himself on the trail, eating and drinking constantly. Ted never passes up food, but he is not one to drink well on the trail. I tried different methods to get him to drink, and finally decided he would drink when he was thirsty. Another difference is that Hank always had his own agenda when it came to an observation, and I had to quickly figure how to make things my idea. Ted, on the other hand, really does want to please and tries very hard to do what I am asking and not second guess me.

Ted's first year of competition was in 2016, and he received his National Championship and 4th in Overall Open Heavyweight Horse. Starting in 2017, I had high hopes of another good year. I set a goal at the beginning of each ride season to get a National Championship. For me, they are sort of like potato chips, or in the horse world, saddle pads...can't have just one.

By season's end, Ted and I had traveled about 9,800 miles to 13 rides, ridden in three regions and five states. Ted had won five first places with three sweepstakes, five second places, two thirds and one fourth. He also earned his 1,000-mile award and high point Arabian. As you can see, we had a variety of placings and just took one ride at a time. If a competition is only fun when you win, you need to re-evaluate why you do this. Points and awards are just a bonus to time spent on the trail with friends and one's horse.

Many are amazed that I do all this traveling alone. I'm really not alone, as I do have the dogs with me. They live to hop in the back seat and sleep for hours on end. I listen to audio books to help the miles go by quicker. Between rides, the horses generally need to just rest and relax. While they are on turnout on pasture, I go over the rig, clean and replenish it, and make sure the truck is in its best working condition.

Ted and I traveled all over Texas, from the Scamper Ride west of Houston to Pole Canyon in the Panhandle. Riding over the cap rock and in the canyons of the historic Pole *(Continued on [page 35](#))*



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Canyon cattle ranch feels like experiencing the Lonesome Dove novel first hand. Beautiful as it was, Ted got a bad stone bruise, so I laid him off for a couple of rides and rode my husband's pinto, Flag, to try to make his 1,000-mile award.

By June, Ted had recovered, and we headed to Bell Cow in Oklahoma. During the R4 break from the summer heat, we I hit the trails in R6 at the Jesse James Ride in Missouri. From there we went to R3. From Chicken Creek to Music Meadows to Colorado Trail, we rode to over 10,000 feet, saw elk and pronghorn in some spectacular country and got to know some of our R3 family better. At Music Meadows, Ted got our final points for his National Championship along with reaching his 1,000 miles.

Once home from our Colorado treks I found out I was gaining on my 7000-mile mark, reachable by the end of the season. Also, Regina Broughton shared on Facebook that her lovely horse, Sunday, who was having an absolutely spectacular year and well on track for the Presidents Cup, got an injury and was out for the rest of the season. We were currently leading the heavyweight class, and those first thoughts of President's Cup entered my mind. I was 12 points behind R5's Sallie Kudra and Oco who were also having a very, very good year in the lightweight class. President's Cup was in the thoughts of others too.

Next was Indian Cave in Nebraska, another of NATRC's longest running rides. On Saturday morning while waiting to time out, Ted decided to put on a show for all the other riders, doing a mini bucking fit in place. While laughing at him, I was reminded that all horses can be naughty at times, even those that are super sweet. Ted was now just two points behind Oco.

Our next stop was Oklahoma and Robbers Route, making my third ride in a season that had been held for 40 or more years. We were honored to present the flag for the national anthem Saturday morning and then hit the trail.

I will admit that I can put a lot of pressure on myself competing, and it's been something I have worked on since my horse show days as a kid. I also confess that before we time out each morning, after all these years, my stomach still tosses and turns until they tell me go. We only had two in our

class that weekend, and Ted got second; points were low. In R5, Sallie and Oco had a very unfortunate pull due to a stone bruise, and we had now squeaked ahead by four points. It was still anyone's game, and we both had two rides left in the season. And because of a planned ride getting cancelled, I was not going to hit my 7,000 miles.

Then it was Grasslands Gamble, practically in my backyard. Ted and Oco received the same points this weekend, so we still led by just four

points. In 2009, going into the last ride of the season, Hank and I were just four points ahead of Cheri Jeffcoat and Prime. As Ted and I headed to Indian Territory, we were in the exact same situation again.

This was going to be a tough weekend to keep myself from being a nervous wreck. Well, I was so focused on Ted's metabolics on Saturday, that I had not kept track of our timing. I had really messed up, and we were running late. The last mile is a lot of tight woods, then it opens *(Continued on [page 36](#))*

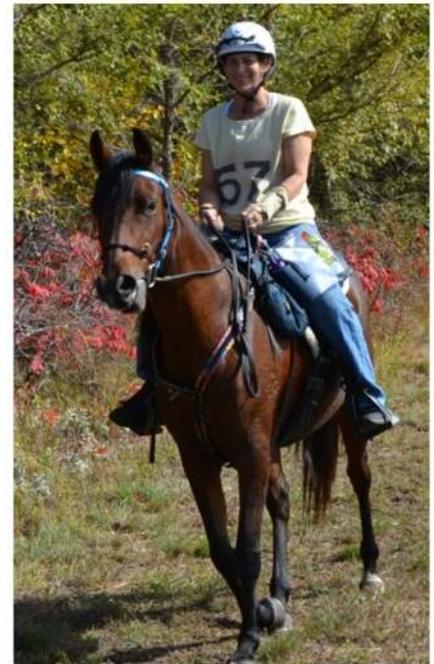


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up to a mowed grass field. So to make time, we picked up a gallop through the woods, eased across the paved road, then a gallop to the timer. I was mentally scolding myself that I was going to get time penalties for being late and could cost myself the President's Cup. We made it with about 30 seconds to spare. Sunday we kept good time and had a good ride. Now, we would see how awards played out.

Sallie and I had agreed to text each other so we would know results right away. I was grooming Ted, waiting for awards, and got the text. Her weekend had not gone as well as she had hoped, and unless we were pulled, we won the Presidents Cup. I took a few minutes to just hang out with Ted, love on him, and think about our year. To win President's Cup with one horse is such an honor, and now I had two who had done it!

Sallie, congratulations to you and Oco. What a great year you two had! Regina, looking forward to seeing you and Sunday back in the results listings again. Sarah and Fran, thanks for the hours on the trail together. The stories, jokes, and memories. I want to thank my husband, who knows that taking off with my horse to distant locations is in my blood, for helping to keep me grounded when the competition aspect starts to take over; and for reminding me that this is to be fun, and if the horse and I are not having fun, maybe we need to change some things.

Thank you to R3, for hosting the convention and for making me feel like family when I joined you on the trail. R6, thank you for always making me feel welcome. And of course, R4, for all your support and friendships. Thanks to every ride manager, judge and volunteer for making these rides happen. And a special thank you to all the riders who stepped up for myself and Sallie's last rides to give us full classes for maximum points.

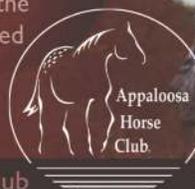
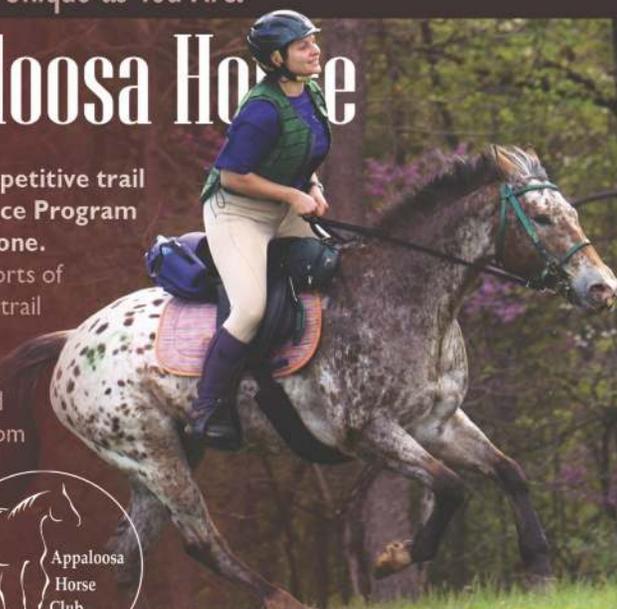
Thank you, David and Tracey from Specialized Saddles, for your years of sponsorships. I've been riding Specialized since 2006 as they have worked so well for us. Thanks, John Nowell, for your friendship and for always being ready to help anyone who has saddle fit questions.

It's an honor to have our President's Cup and Jim Menefee buckles sponsored in memory of Mike Colby, a dedicated long time member of

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Reminder About Year-End Awards and Breed Awards

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

NATRC and horsemanship judge, whom we lost way too soon to Alzheimer's.

Thank you Dolly, Carla Jo, Sarah and Fran for our sponsorships and friendship.

In closing, I want to say, if you have a dream, do not give up on it. If you have ever dreamed of going out of region, just do it! Pick a ride and go! Change those dreams to reality! You will see some lovely trails and views, challenge yourself against a whole new group of riders, and meet more of this awesome NATRC family.

One of my favorite lines from a song is "Keep on dreaming, even if it breaks your heart". You just never know when a dream may turn into what you think is impossible, possible. Walt

Disney once said, "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them".

Please click [here](#) to see Jonni's entire presentation.



Blessed are the Ride Managers

Mary Hanson,
Chair, Ride Management Committee

We love our NATRC. From the recently completed survey, we know our members want to have fun and to be competent riders. What more could you want in an organization?

However, I worry about the loss of rides. There were 52 ride venues in 2012. In 2017, there were only 42. A few rides have been lost due to the loss of land, but many have disappeared for the want of a ride manager.

Being a ride manager is a rewarding position. You are making a commitment to hold an event, contract with judges, and invite 20-60 riders to come to your park or forest for a weekend of competition. You have a thousand details to keep track of and many questions to answer. Things go wrong, especially the weather, but it is part of running a ride and nothing to stress over. I don't want to make it sound too daunting, because with the right support, it isn't as hard as people think. NATRC riders are a forgiving bunch, and they appreciate their ride managers.

The fun parts are: you get to know the judges, volunteers, and park personnel and you develop an appreciation for what it takes to put on a well-run ride. It can be a lot of fun and each ride manager should take great pride in what they have accomplished.

Many long-time rides have had long-time ride managers. They make managing a ride look easy with their dedication and knowledge. Experienced ride managers know something will go wrong but have learned to deal with challenges, espe-

Note to ride managers ...

If you are lucky enough to find someone willing to manage a ride – advise, defend, support and praise them. Give them the chance to learn. Please DO NOT say 'This is the way we always do this.' DO NOT complain if they change something as long it is not against NATRC rules or is unsafe. Let the new people be themselves and put their unique stamp on the event. Of course, when a new person does well, you can take all credit for mentoring them.

cially the weather. These ride managers are very open to discussing how they make it happen and to sharing tips. Also, an experienced trail master and ride secretary are worth their weight in gold as they take a lot of pressure off new managers.

We have expectations of ride managers, but they have personal lives too. They often have a full-time job, get tired, retire, move, or want to compete themselves. Riders need to take care of their ride managers. Showing appreciation and tolerance goes a long way towards encouraging ride managers to agree to manage another year. Yes, we all clap at the end of a ride for the manager and volunteers, but did you send a note of appreciation?

Did you say good things about the ride on Facebook? Are you going to invite your riding buddies to join you at that ride the next year? If you felt something did go wrong at a ride and made a complaint, did you do it tactfully?

I know I have related this story to some of you before. A trail rider who would never compete asked me why I wanted to waste my riding time managing a ride for others (PonyXpress at Rock Creek Station). I told him because I appreciated others who give me the opportunity to ride their parks and I want to do the same for them. More rides create more opportunities

to ride for everyone. I also enjoy showing off 'my' park and seeing riders having a good time.

In the three years Tammy Vasa and I have co-managed PonyXpress, we have never had a 'perfect' event. Something always happened, but we work to improve each year and

accept that Nebraska weather keeps us humble.

NATRC makes it easy to be a ride manager. The easiest way to manage a ride is to mentor with a current manager and then be the ride manager the next year. Current ride managers know what to expect for expenses, know the land owner or manager and trails and maps already exist. Indian Cave CTR is now planning its 45th ride and has had many different ride managers.

NATRC's website is another valuable resource; there you will find a Management Manual. All the forms and directions you will use are available [here](#). There are checklists and timelines. New managers can apply for financial assistance from the Ride Management Support Fund. There is also a Facebook page for NATRC ride

managers. It is a closed group, but anyone in NATRC can join. Just send me an email (hdsdrv@yahoo.com) for an invitation to join. It has been a great place to ask questions and discuss topics. As the Ride Management Chair, I am always happy to visit. If I can't answer your question, I can find someone who can.

Thank you to all past, current and future ride managers.



Mary Hanson and Tammy Vasa in the fog at PonyXpress with blankets because it was 57 degrees in August and 95 degrees the week before.
Photo by Mary Hanson



Dick Webb
Photo by Sarah Rinne

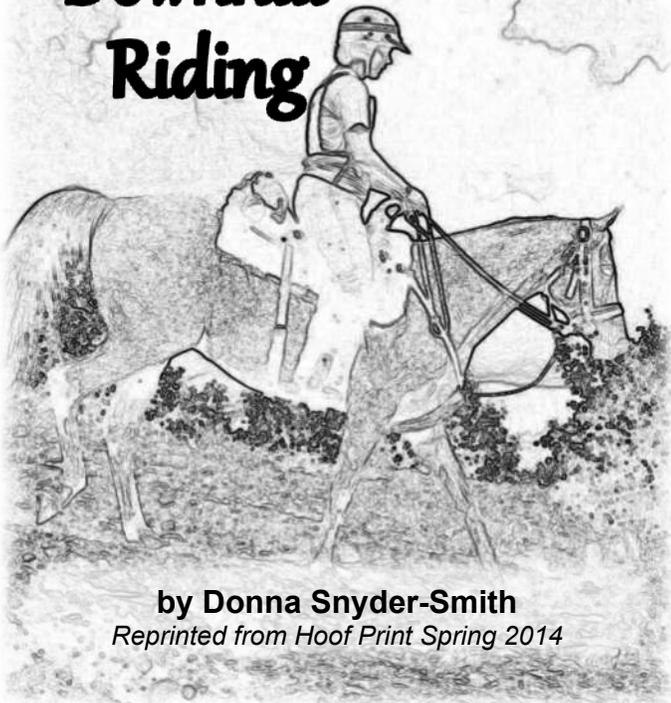


Chuck Edwards & Sarah Rinne
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Sarah Rinne, Shari Parys & Cheryl Bohling
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Effective Downhill Riding



by Donna Snyder-Smith

Reprinted from Hoof Print Spring 2014

Competitive trail, endurance and eventing competitors have numerous things in common: each discipline demands exceptionally fit horses at the upper levels and all at some time or other require riding descending terrain at trot, canter or gallop. While the event competitor is seldom asked to ride steep down hill terrain for a prolonged distance, and seldom subjected to the types of “questionable footing” (loose rock, deep sand, and mud) which are frequently encountered as a part of endurance and competitive trail competitions, all of the competitors in these disciplines need to be intimately familiar with the mechanics of what is being asked of their horses, when such an effort is extended. Certainly, balance of both horse and rider will weigh heavily in the successful outcome of both an individual competition and a competitive lifetime.

Many riders grew up being admonished that when riding downhill, anything faster than a

walk was both dangerous and injurious to the horse's legs. Can we change those rules and still avoid taxing our horses or pushing the safety envelope past the tearing point, or must we make sacrifices to participate in this sport, especially in the ranks? That is our question. The degree of descent, the footing, the length of descent, the horse's age, condition and degree of training all influence its ability to handle the challenge of descending terrain successfully. By “successfully,” I

mean in defiance of the old rules and the law of gravity. Whether the answer to this question is yes or no, depends almost totally on the **rider**, as it is the rider's ability to ride their horse in an efficient biomechanical manner down hill, which is perhaps the *most significant factor* in helping or hindering the horse in this aspect of any horse sport which involves traveling long distances across country.

To facilitate the horse's ability to utilize its natural ability of balance itself, a rider must be unlocked in their joints and position the torso in a balance over their base of support, i.e., their feet. This can only happen when the rider folds forward from their hip joint, bringing their upper body forward while at the same time, allowing their buttocks to slide back toward the cantle. Once in this position, the rider's weight is borne on the inside thigh muscles (without tension), a little bit on the gluteus maximus muscles (buttocks),

with some being supported by the stirrups under their feet.

In this position, the rider “floats” down the hill with their horse, allowing the horse's energy to move up through their joints which act as shock absorbers, and through the rest of their body without resistance. This unlocked, “floating” rider position allows the horse (especially the muscles of its back) complete freedom, allowing the horse access to its natural, full range of motion, which includes the ability to put its hind feet well up under its mass to defend its front end against the impact shock resulting from the force of gravity.

Conversely, if the rider is mispositioned, (positioned in a way which interferes with the horse's necessary biomechanics even a little) tension is created in the horse. As a result of this limiting tightness (tension) in its muscles, the horse can be said to be “handcapped;” its stride shortening, its weight is falling onto its forehead — all deteriorative events.

While a rider's correct upper body angle (forward vs. backward) is of great importance in the equation of balanced riding and a horse's subsequent efficient movement, it is not the only factor. In order to position themselves in such a manner, the rider needs to address several items. The foot must contact the stirrup in a way which allows the toes to be higher than the rider's heel, giving the ankle and knee joints the ability to act as shock absorbers, flexing with every stride. The rider's knees jump upward slightly in an alternating manner with each stride, like shock absorbers compressing, as each of the horse's front legs strike the ground. The stirrup must be short enough to allow a platform for the foot to rest upon lightly when the ankle, knee and hip joints are flexed.

When the rider is positioned in this manner and his or her joints can work fluidly

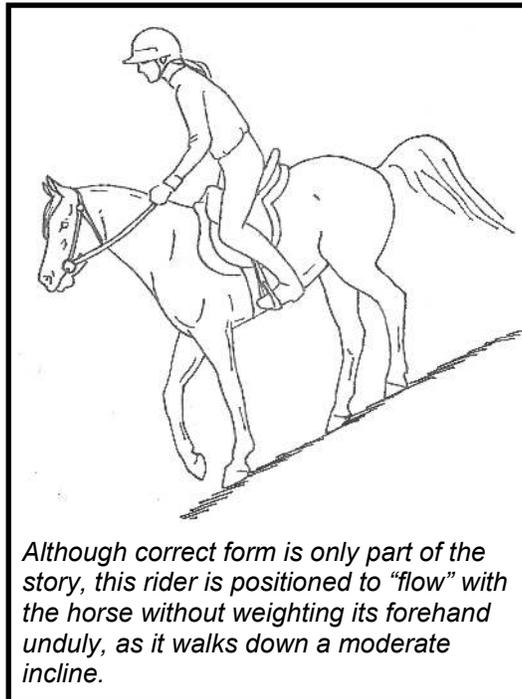
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and freely, the feeling is one of "floating" around the horse's body, rather than of "sitting" on it, as a horse descends a hill at trot. It is both distinct and unmistakable and when combined with good mechanical execution (frame) in the horse, produces a remarkable ability for the horse to fly (no brakes, yet completely in balance) down hills in the lightest manner. In this state of freedom, you may notice that the interactive movements taking place between your body and your horse's body will cause you to feel as though you are on the ground, jogging down that hill yourself (only to a slightly less exaggerated degree, of course).

Posting or rising to the trot down a moderate grade is perfectly acceptable, but as the degree of incline and trot speed increase, the rider is better to free up the horse by assuming this half-seat position. Cantering descents are also best done in this position, with the exception that the rider's torso is held in a slightly more vertical line than in the fast trot.

There are two common mistakes riders make when attempting to negotiate descending terrain. One is leaning back. While this may seem logical, (it worked for the man from Snowy River didn't it?) the position forces the rider's weight to the rear, impairing the horse's ability to round its loin, engaging its stifles and hind legs. In order to carry its weight and the weight of its rider on its hindquarters, freeing the front feet to both reach out (length of stride) and land lightly (insuring long term soundness), the horse must be able and willing to place its hind feet deeply under its body when descending. A horse with more of its weight on the rear limbs than on the fore feet is both easier to control and safer to ride. It is in a better position to correct a "misstep" whether that be quickly lifting a

front foot off a sharp stone to avoid a stone bruise, or lifting the foot out of a hole or depression in the path to avoid stumbling or a strained tendon. If the rider's weight is too far toward the rear of the horse,



the rider effectively blocks the necessary biomechanics in the horse which will allow it to perform its job efficiently.

The second mistake commonly made by riders is to stiffen the joints of their ankles and knees when riding downhill. This stiffness focuses the jar of motion into the horse's back, causing the horse to tense its back. Without a freely swinging back, both the horse's shoulder and hip become impeded in their ability to allow the horse's legs to swing, and again, we have a situation where the horse can't balance and defend itself because it can't access the free use of its own limbs.

Work on a mini trampoline is one way to find and eliminate tension blocks. Other problems which can be improved or solved by eliminating tension in the rider's body are: sore knees, tired, sore, achy middle and/or low back muscles, painful ankles, numb feet and shin splints.

For an illuminating look at how it used to be taught and done, spend an evening watching Volume 3 of the US Army Training Films - Cavalry Collection from Vintage Video (POB 551, Greencastle, PA 17225). Correct rider position is only half the story in efficient downhill riding at speed. The other half is putting your horse into a correct "frame," one that aids the horse in seemingly defying the forces of gravity as it descends. Many riders believe that the horse will learn this automatically by exposing the horse to lots of hours on the trail. I wish it were so. Unfortunately, for both horses and riders, this is just not true.

Best case scenario: a perfectly balanced (conformed) horse, with completely comfortable tack and a skilled if not educated rider, exposed to *just the right amount* of the muscular efforts demanded by varying terrain in any given training session, during formative years, but also during any conditioning period, would develop the necessary muscles to defend itself by efficient movement.

The reality: the horse can not understand why it should change its normal pattern of movement (two-thirds of its weight on its forehand) because it does not think in human terms. Therefore, it can not understand at the beginning of its training, that if it travels the many training and competitive miles in a forehand heavy position with the weight of a rider added to the equation, it will cause increased degeneration to its bony systems as well as threatening the integrity of its support systems (muscles, tendons and ligaments).

So if you want the best outcome for your athletic team, correct, knowledgeable, gymnastic work is the answer.

Rule Change Proposals Carried Forward - February 8, 2018

Proposed changes are in **BOLD** text.

1. ADDITION OF A NON-COMPETING ADULT SUPPORTING MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 - GENERAL

A. Membership

1. Any person interested in the purposes of this organization may be eligible for membership upon proper application and payment of the required dues.
 - a. Yearly Membership
 - (5) **Supporting Membership: Any person 18 years of age or over. Only eligible for individual ride awards if non-member rider fee paid at the ride. Only eligible for year-end and mileage awards if adult membership fee paid before the end of the ride season.**
2. Each membership, except lifetime ...
3. Each Adult, **Supporting**, and Single Lifetime Membership is entitled to one vote. Each Family and Family Lifetime Membership is entitled to two votes.

ONLY NATRC MEMBERS (~~INDIVIDUAL~~, **ADULT, JUNIOR, FAMILY AND LIFETIME**) ARE ELIGIBLE FOR YEAR END AND MILEAGE AWARDS. (SEE SECTION 9)

Rationale:

Older riders who quit competing can easily be lost to NATRC membership. Other members who have joined, even for a year or two, and are not competing may not renew for other reasons, economic, family changes, horse issues, etc. A less expensive membership could encourage them to remain. Many equestrian organizations offer a similar membership, which our members often take advantage of. Suggest \$40 for supporting membership with \$10 returned to the regions, or \$35 with \$5 to regions.

2. DELETE OPTION FOR SENIOR AND JUNIOR CLASSES IN THE NOVICE DIVISION IN R1A

SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

A. Divisions

2. Novice

e. Classes

~~(1) This division in horse may be divided into Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior Classes or Senior (combined Heavyweight & Lightweight) and Junior Classes as defined in Section 4 B.~~

(1) This division will offer Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior Classes in horse as defined in Section 4 B.

B. Classes

3. Junior

b. Juniors may compete in **Open or Novice Division Heavyweight or , Novice Lightweight, or Senior** Classes if weight requirements are met. ~~Juniors may compete in Open Heavyweight or Open Lightweight Classes if weight requirements are met.~~

4. Senior, Region 1A only (See Section 10 for year end awards for Region 1A): The Novice Division may be divided into Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior Classes or into Senior and Junior Classes at the discretion of management.

4. Weigh In

5. Helmets

Rationale:

For the Novice Division, the Rule Book offers the usual weight classes (heavyweight, lightweight and junior) or senior and junior as far back as the 1965. When we recognized AK as R1A, we gave them that option. The AK rides haven't used the option for senior/junior classes since 1991. Using weight classes is more advantageous as it gives more competitors an opportunity to place.

3. ANY DAY DO

SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

C. Distance Only (DO) (not in competition)

6. One-day option: only available if both horse and rider are riding DO.

- a. The DO team has the option of riding one or two days of an 'A' CTR. When choosing to ride one day only, the team must ride the first day, **or at ride management's discretion, they may start the second day.** A DO rider must notify ride management of their intent not to ride a second day after post ride examination, but before 8:00p.m. **To start on the second day, the second day's ride distance must also meet 'B' ride minimum requirements.**

Rationale:

Region 3 would like to make a motion to make a rule change to allow DO riders to start their ride on the second day of an "A" competition. After discussions with ride managers lamenting poor attendance at rides and having to turn away DO riders, offering more flexibility to DO riders on what days they can attend the competition seems to have little downside, and could help make rides more profitable

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for ride managers and NATRC in general. The burden is mainly on ride management, and potentially the judges requiring a Saturday afternoon check-in. If ride management is unconcerned about the extra effort, why is National concerned?

4. ALLOW GREATER USE OF EXISTING STABLING OPTIONS

SECTION 5 – THE RIDE

B. Stabling

3. The stabling options used by CTR management and/or the CTR facility must be available to all competitors in a division.

Rationale:

Permanent pens at a CTR facility should be allowed to be used by competitors when possible. Though often there are not sufficient pens for all entrants, there may be enough to allow all horses in a certain division, such as Novice, to use them.

5. ADD A METHOD TO FORGIVE TIME PENALTIES FOR GOOD SAMARITAN ACTS

SECTION 5 – THE RIDE

J. Timing and Time Penalty Points

10. In the case of an emergency/extenuating circumstance where a competitor's assistance is required, ride management and/or judges may agree to credit part or all of time lost to the rider's maximum time.

Rationale:

Being a good sport/ exhibiting good sportsmanship implies willingness to sacrifice your time to help another. If a horse is held at a P&R stop, that horse must have extra time added to its minimum and maximum, but the friend who courteously waits does not get that extra time. If a rider is injured on the trail, and another rider stops to assist and subsequently comes in overtime, should the assisting rider get time back for being a good Samaritan?

6. POINT DISTRIBUTION FOR SWEEPSTAKES

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

C. Point Distribution

4. ~~The Open Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to the highest points awarded in any of the three Open Classes. The Novice Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to the highest points awarded in any of the three Novice Classes.~~ The Open, Competitive Pleasure and Novice Sweepstakes winners will receive the highest points possible based on the number of starters in the largest class of their respective division.
5. The Sweepstakes winner will receive points, in addition to other points won for horse, as follows: 3 points for a Type AA ride, 2 points for a Type A, one point for a Type B.

Rationale:

This change allows consistency with the first rule of point distribution that points shall be based on the number of starters. This would eliminate the circumstance that can arise when an entire larger class is pulled, and sweepstakes ends up being based on the points awarded in the smaller class.

7. DIVIDING THE COMPETITIVE PLEASURE DIVISION

SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

A. Divisions

3. Competitive Pleasure

e. Class

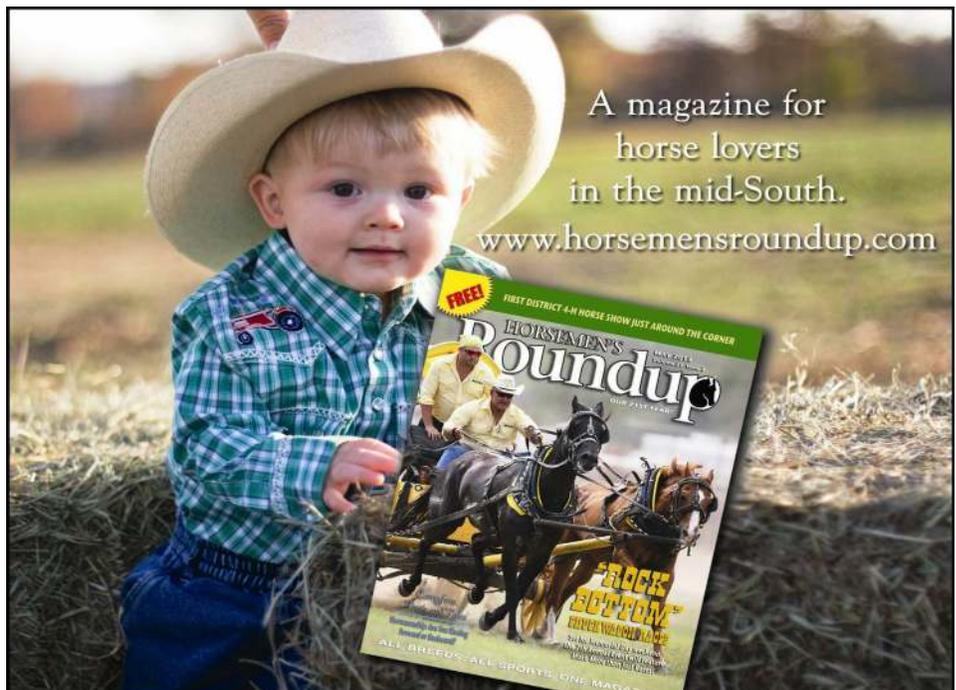
- (1) This division will offer ~~Adult (combined Heavyweight & Lightweight)~~ Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior Classes as defined in Section 4 B.
- (2) This division will offer identical classes in horsemanship as offered in horse.

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

A. Ride Awards

4. The horses with the highest ~~total points scores~~ from the Open, Competitive Pleasure & Novice Divisions shall be the recipients of the Open,

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Competitive Pleasure & Novice Sweepstakes Awards.

B. Annual Awards

2. National Awards

- n. HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HORSE: Points shall be credited to horses for the purposes of determining annual high score awards in **each** Competitive Pleasure **Class, (i.e., HWT, LWT, JR)**, first through sixth place. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A rides count as 1 ride. Type B rides count as ½ ride. The horse and rider will be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.
- o. HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HORSEMANSHIP: Points shall be credited to riders for the purposes of determining annual high score awards in **each** Competitive Pleasure **Class, (i.e., HWT, LWT, JR)**, first through sixth place. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A rides count as 1 ride. Type B rides count as ½ ride. The horse and rider will be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.

C. Point Distribution

- 4. The Open Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to the highest points awarded in any of the three Open Classes. **The Competitive Pleasure Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to the highest points awarded in any of the three Competitive Pleasure Classes.** The Novice Sweepstakes winner will receive points equal to the highest points awarded in any of the three Novice Classes.

Rationale:

Region 3 would like to make a motion to make a rule change to divide the Competitive Pleasure Division. After much discussion and listening to many NATRC members, as well as outside horsemen, on this issue dividing the division in the same classes (Heavyweight, Lightweight, and Junior) as the Novice and Open divisions makes the most sense. Seasoned CP riders to look at the riders which they competed with this past year and to record which classes they felt riders would fall in if this proposal was in effect. The consensus was that there would be a fairly even division of riders into Heavyweight and Lightweight. The juniors could then decide to ride as juniors or more experienced, more mature juniors could choose to enter Heavyweight or Lightweight if they chose.

8. REDUCE POINTS REQUIRED FOR JUNIORS TO EARN A NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP IN THE CP DIVISION

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

B. Annual Awards

2. National Awards

- k. COMPETITIVE PLEASURE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: In the Competitive Pleasure Division a horse shall be declared a National Champion when all the following requirements are met within the first 12 rides officially started in the same year. For ride count, points, and first or second placings,
(3) Accumulated 75 points **(60 points for Juniors)**.

Rationale:

Requiring 60 points for the Junior Class in Competitive Pleasure would parallel the requirements in the Open Division. Data show this is a reasonable requirement.

9. CP NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND HIGH POINT AGE REQUIREMENT

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

B. Annual Awards

2. National Awards

- k. COMPETITIVE PLEASURE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: In the Competitive Pleasure Division a horse shall be declared a National Champion when all the following requirements are met within the first 12 rides officially started in the same year. For ride count, points, and first or second placings,

~~(4) Horses competing for a National Championship Competitive Pleasure award must be at least 60 months of age.~~

~~(a) Registered horses are considered 60 months of age as of actual foaling date on the registration papers.~~

~~(b) Unregistered horses are considered to be of eligible age if they have a "full mouth" (all permanent incisors having erupted and are in wear) as determined by the veterinary judge.~~

- n. HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HORSE: Points shall be credited to horses for the purpose of determining annual high score awards in Competitive Pleasure first through sixth place. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. ...

Age of Horses

~~(4) Horses competing for High Point Competitive Pleasure Horse awards must be at least 60 months of age.~~

~~(a) Registered horses are considered 60 months of age as of actual foaling date on the registration papers.~~

~~(b) Unregistered horses are considered to be of eligible age if they have a "full mouth" (all permanent incisors having erupted and are in wear) as determined by the veterinary judge.~~

Rationale:

REMOVE the age requirements on CP National Championships and High Point CP horse. The division has age requirements (48 months as found in Section 4 A.3.b.). Leave it at that. I suspect the rule was written because the BOD felt they were "protecting" young horses from riders doing what they felt were too many rides chasing points. The minimum number of rides a *(Continued on [page 43](#))*

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National Championship can be achieved is 5, if the horse won every ride, with full classes. So if a good 4-year-old, did 5 or 6 rides, and managed his National Championship, should it not be honored?

We have an age requirement for Open that a 5-year-old horse can compete, and do so for ALL awards. We do not state they cannot try for Presidents Cup, which could potentially be 16 rides. Yet some would argue a 5-year-old should not be asked to do 16 rides. We have left it to the good sense of the owner/rider, to do what they feel is right for their horse. Just as we should in the CP division.

10. REMOVE REQUIREMENT OF CP IF NOVICE IS OFFERED

SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

A. Divisions

2. Novice

~~a. A ride offering a Novice Division must also offer a Competitive Pleasure Division.~~
Paragraphs b - f now become a - e.

3. Competitive Pleasure

~~a. May be offered alone but must be offered if Novice Division is offered.~~

~~b.a. Age of Horses~~

~~e.b. Mileage~~

~~e.c. Pace~~

~~e.d. Classes~~

Rationale:

This requirement was more important when Competitive Pleasure (CP) started, but not now. Though we currently allow B rides to be Novice Only as long as the A ride offered that weekend includes CP, many ride managers do not realize this. Due to this misunderstanding, they will choose to only allow CP in the one-day event as they feel forced to include too many divisions if they want to offer Novice in the B ride. This rule change would remove that confusion. Since CP is the biggest class in most regions, we do not have to make this class mandatory if Novice is offered. Ride chairs will already be including CP to make ends meet.

11. COMBINE DIVISION CLASSES BASED ON RIDE DAY DIVISION SIZE

SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

B. Classes

7. If any Division (Open, Competitive Pleasure, Novice) has SIX or fewer Heavyweight and Lightweight competitors (DO, Junior and Senior riders are not included in count), and neither class is full (six competitors), the Heavyweight and Lightweight Classes for that division MAY be combined into a single class for that event AT MANAGEMENT'S DISCRETION.

a. The number of competitors in the division is determined by the number of starters on the first day.

b. If classes are combined, awards for both horse and horsemanship are combined.

c. Regardless of whether division classes are combined, competitors must weigh in. This is to properly define their weight class for year-end awards.

d. If division classes are combined,

(1) first through sixth place awards will be presented for horse and horsemanship.

(2) points will be assigned to each rider based on the combined class placing.

(3) the same points assigned in the combined class will be applied to the competitors' Heavyweight or Lightweight Classes for year-end awards.

e. The Junior and Senior classes will not be combined with the Heavyweight and Lightweight Classes.

f. For the purposes of Sweepstakes Awards, the combined class is split into the traditional Heavyweight and Lightweight Classes, and Sweepstakes is awarded for the highest scoring division horse.

g. Awards rules other than as described above, follow rules defined in Section 9.

Rationale:

The rule is proposed to make class competitions more meaningful. In a class of 2 Heavyweights, a 1st or 2nd is guaranteed and counts towards a National Championship, even though the 2nd place finisher finished last. Even assuming both riders were very good, the maximum points awardable for year-end awards is 8 (A ride). If there were, for example, 4 Lightweights attending the ride, they also would not be able to get full points for the ride. If the classes were combined though, the full 16 points would be available and all competitors would place.

Competitors for year-end awards would still collect points in their Heavyweight and Lightweight Classes, and their points would be based on the combined class results. The advantages are:

- Placings are more meaningful.
- Strong competitors earn more points for end-of-year awards.
- 1st and 2nd place finishes are more meaningful in small divisions.
- Management does not need to distribute as many awards (they may have to purchase them anyway though)

There are some disadvantages:

- Heavyweight is probably at a disadvantage, but this is only true at small rides.
- Competitors may not know if a division is combined until the last division competitor has timed out on the first day.
- Management and judges have to deal with this flexibility. It is a bit confusing.

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- This may make year-end point calculations somewhat more complicated.
 - Management could still report Heavyweight and Lightweight results using existing forms. There would just be blanks for places won by the alternate weight class.

Examples comparing if a class is or is not combined.

Example 1: At a CTR including 3 lightweight riders and 3 heavyweight riders.

- At a traditional ride, every competitor would place.
 - Lightweight points would range from 6 - 10.
 - Heavyweight points would range from 6 - 10.
- In the worst case, no rider from either class will lose points, though half the riders will gain points.

Placing	Ltw Placing	Hwt Placing	Traditional Points	Combined Points	Point Change
1	1		10	16	+6
2	2		8	14	+6
3	3		6	12	+6
4		1	10	10	0
5		2	8	8	0
6		3	6	6	0

Example 2: At a CTR including 4 lightweight riders and 2 heavyweight riders.

- At a traditional ride, every competitor would place.
 - Lightweight points would range from 6 - 12.
 - Heavyweight points would range from 6 - 8.
- In a combined class, 4 - 16 points will be awarded to each rider.

Placing	Ltw Placing	Hwt Placing	Traditional Points	Combined Points	Point Change
1	1		12	16	+4
2		1	8	14	+6
3	2		10	12	+2
4	3	2	8	10	+2
5			6	8	+2
6	4		6	6	0

12. TYPE C RIDE – ENTRY LEVEL DIVISION

SECTION 2 - SANCTIONED RIDES AND CLINICS

A. Rides.

4. Ride Types

d. **Type C:** Consists of one day of riding.

SECTION 4 - DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

A. Divisions

4. **Entry Level**

a. May be offered alone or concurrent with a Type AA, A, or B ride.

b. **Age of horses:** Horses entered in this division must be at least 48 months of age.

(1) Registered horses are considered 48 months of age as of actual foaling date on registration papers.

(2) Unregistered horses are considered of eligible age when the central and intermediate permanent incisors have erupted and are in wear as determined by the veterinary judge.

c. **Mileage**

(1) Daily and total mileage will range between 8 and 12 miles for the day. Mileage shall not be less than 8 miles and shall not exceed 12 miles.

d. **Pace**

(1) The average pace for a ride in this division shall be in the range of 3-4 miles per hour; and when determining the timing of the ride, management must consider, among other relevant factors: weather, terrain, season of the year and footing on the trail.

(2) "Riding time" used to compute the pace shall not include lunch and P&R stops.

e. **Class**

(1) This division will offer Adult and Junior Classes as defined in Section 4 B.

(2) This division will offer identical classes in horsemanship as offered in horse. For purposes of awards, the horse and horsemanship scores will be combined and averaged for team awards.

5. Additional divisions may be added at the discretion of the board of directors.

B. Classes

5. **Adult Class:** (Type C ride only) riders age 18 or over that do not meet the Junior criteria as defined in Section 4B. There are no weight requirements.

6. Weigh In

7. Helmets

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SECTION 5 - THE RIDE

- B. Stabling
 - 4. **Competitors in the Type C ride are excluded from stabling judging and may use pens if space permits per management discretion. All other stabling rules apply.**
 - 5. Stabling options **not allowed** during competition as primary containment: ...
 - 6. Stallions: ...
- E. Hoof Protection/ Leg Protection
 - 4. **Competitors in the Type C ride are permitted to use all types of hoof boots with no strap, keeper, gaiter or accessory restrictions. Protective devices such as bell boots, splint boots or wraps are also permissible.**

SECTION 6 - JUDGING

- 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 trail ability/manners.
 - 1. Condition 40%:
 - b. There will be a minimum of two P&R recovery readings taken during each day's ride; **Type C rides require one P&R.** The planned number of P&Rs for the day's ride will be announced by management to riders. Unannounced P&R stops may be added but minimum and maximum ride time must be adjusted.
- C. Horsemanship Judging: ...
 - 3. 30%:
 - c. Stabling: The evaluation of stabling shall include, but not be limited to, the following: feed and water, container security; blanket; tie (height, length, quick release knot and security); safety, choice of location, tack and gear placement; horse care. **Type C competitors are exempt from stabling evaluation.**

SECTION 9 - AWARDS

- A. Ride Awards
 - 1. A sanctioned ride having an Open Division will offer Lightweight, Heavyweight, and Junior Classes in horse and horsemanship.
 - 2. A sanctioned ride having Novice and Competitive Pleasure Divisions will offer the identical classes in horsemanship as offered in horse.
 - 3. **Horse and horsemanship scores for Type C competitors will be added together and averaged to determine placing teams for both Adult and Junior Classes. First through sixth place teams in both classes will be awarded. Former paragraphs 3-9 become numbered as 4-10.**
- B. Annual Awards
 - 1. General
 - a. Ride Types:
 - Type C: Consists of one day of riding.**
 - 3. Regional Awards
 - a. **Team Awards**
 - (1) These regional awards are given for combined horse and horsemanship.
 - (2) All points for rides in which the same horse and rider combination competed, will be added together and the placings determined by the most points
 - b. **Regional Championships**
 - (1) These awards are given for horse and for horsemanship in all divisions and classes (See Section 4), first through sixth place.
 - (2) Will be awarded annually on the basis of points awarded *within the designated region* of the horse and rider (See Section 1 B5).
 - (3) **Type C rides are only eligible for regional championship awards. They do not qualify for nationally sponsored team awards.**
- C. Point Distribution
 - 6. Points earned in one class will not be added to points earned in another class by the same horse or rider.

POINTS DISTRIBUTION TABLE

TYPE AA

Number of starters

TYPE A RIDE

Number of starters

TYPE B AND C RIDES

Number ...

D. Cumulative Mileage Awards:

- 1. **Mileage will count as defined in this mileage table:**

MILEAGE TABLE (miles)

DIVISION	AA	A	B	C
Open	90	60	30	n/a
Novice	n/a	40	20	n/a
Competitive Pleasure	n/a	40	20	n/a
Entry Level	n/a	n/a	n/a	10

2. 1000-Mile Horse: This award is presented to horses completing 1000 miles.
 - a. ~~Mileage in Open, Novice and Competitive Pleasure Divisions will count as follows: Open: Type AA ride=90 miles, Type A ride=60 miles, Type B ride=30 miles; Novice and Competitive Pleasure: Type A ride=40 miles, Type B ride=20 miles.~~
Former paragraphs b – e become numbered as a - d
3. Rider: Mileage chevrons in increments of 250 miles will be awarded to riders.
 - a. ~~Mileage in Open, Novice and Competitive Pleasure Divisions will count as follows: Open: Type AA ride=90 miles, Type A ride=60 miles, Type B ride=30 miles; Novice and Competitive Pleasure: Type A ride=40 miles, Type B ride=20 miles.~~
Former paragraphs b – d become numbered as a – c
4. Mileage medallions will be ...

Rationale:

The C ride will meet the demand for rides that are shorter mileage, less time consuming and more affordable. It is an entry level ride for beginners or a way to stay involved and competing for experienced competitors with time, physical or financial barriers.

13. CLARIFY HOW POINTS ARE CALCULATED FOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS R1A

SECTION 10 – REGION 1A AWARDS

- B. Annual/Year-end Awards
 2. National Awards
 - a. National Championship: ...
(2) Accumulated 36 points.
 - b) **When classes are combined for the purpose of establishing points, the points earned by the same horse and rider must be from the same class (Heavyweight, Lightweight or Junior) in which the horse was entered at the ride. Points from one weight class cannot be combined with those earned in a different weight class during any given three-year period.**
 - c) When the entire Open Di...
 - b. National Championship: In the Competitive Pleasure Div ...
(2) Accumulated 36 points.
 - b) **When classes are combined for the purpose of establishing points, the points earned by the same horse and rider must be from the same class (Adult or Junior) in which the horse was entered at the ride. Points from one class cannot be combined with those earned in a different class during any given three-year period.**
 - c) When the entire Competitive ...

Rationale:

To clarify that Rule Section 9 C.6 applies to R1A rides even when classes are combined for the purpose of establishing points:

“Points earned in one class will not be added to points earned in another class by the same horse or rider.”



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Rule Change Reminder

Proposed rule changes for the following year are presented at the February meeting of the national board of directors.

Wording on the proposals carried forward for consideration is finalized at the July meeting.

Proposed changes carried forward for final consideration are distributed to the membership for comment before the November meeting.

Rule changes for the following year are approved at the November meeting of the BOD.

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NATRC National BOD Meeting Minutes February 8, 2018

Albuquerque, NM

CALL TO ORDER by President Angie Meroshnekoff, 8:03am., February 8, 2018.

ROLL CALL. Angie Meroshnekoff, Jamie Dieterich, Bob Insko, Mary Jo Malone, Kay Gunckel, Bill Wingle, Alice Perryman, Gayle Muench, Bill Moore, Esther Diaguila, Shari Parys, Mary Hanson. **GUESTS.**

Convention Co-Chair Juleen Feazell; Judges Committee Co-Chair Kim Cowart, Sanction Chair Patsy Conner, Amelia Adair, Fran Muench, *Hoof Print* Editor Laurie Knuutila, Judges Committee Greg Fellers, DVM, Beni DeMattei, R3 Alternate Sharon Roper and R5 Alternate Sallie Kudra.

MINUTES. November 10-11, 2017. Motion made to approve by Hanson, seconded by Wingle. All in favor.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Meroshnekoff started the meeting with board member introductions. Two new board members, Wingle and Diaguila present. The previous effort to limit the number of rule change proposals to three has been lifted. The board will carry forward all rules that are deemed necessary. We have too many things to look at and large changes we need to make in a short period of time.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT. Rinne. Recap of current membership and membership trends. Primary work was presented in the Wednesday evening meeting regarding Operation NATRC. This was an excellent year for award sponsorships with the large majority of award expenses covered by member donations. The new buckle company produced high quality buckles for national awards as did Distance Depot for the new national champion jackets and blanket embroidery.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Malone. Membership income down, rider fee

income and sanction fee income down. Sponsorships up. Ride costs are down significantly, but due in part to last year new scorecards being printed. Staff expenses down due to transition between Laurie DiNatale and Rinne, so that expense is not perpetual. See full financial report for details.

BUDGET. Muench. We would like to fund approximately \$3,000 to support committee travel for Operation NATRC. Muench will create a budget line for the committee under the Administrative Cost section. Do we continue to print enough rule books to send to the membership or only print enough for two per ride plus each active judge? Dieterich stated it is one of the few member benefits available upon request. Moore believes it is a cost we don't need. It will be left as is for now and can be decided later in the year. Conner addressed historical document retention and said she is still waiting on approximately six boxes of documents that will need payment for shipping and eventually

scanning. **Motion made by Malone to approve the budget as proposed, seconded by Wingle. Motion carried.**

BY-LAWS & RULES. Parys. Eleven rule proposals to review. See drafted rule proposals carried forward. Parys discussed the "Extreme Rule Book". Our standard rule book has a lot of duplication and information that riders don't need. The extreme rule book would be a condensed version, to make it more simple without losing the meaning. It would result in a smaller document to print. Moore cautioned cutting too much and losing the intent.

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES. Dieterich. No updates to report.

PLANNED AND CHARITABLE GIVING. Cowart. Financial and estate planning is a very personal thing, but it is an excellent way to give back to NATRC.

CRI. Dieterich. It's a tool that can be applied, it is not mandatory.

There is still confu- (Continued on [page 49](#))

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sion around that. Greg Fellers, DVM, spoke about the validity and benefit of the CRI.

SANCTION. Conner. There are several rides on the schedule but not all are sanctioned. R1 has one currently sanctioned, but more on the schedule. No rides are sanctioned in R2. R3 has nine rides on the schedule, with all but three sanctioned. R4 has nine rides, Indian Territory cancelled. R5 has twelve rides, with only three not sanctioned. R6 has seven rides and all are sanctioned.

MANAGEMENT. Hanson. Created a Facebook group for ride managers which has proved to be a great question and answer forum. Hanson is working on developing new ride managers.

RULES INTERPRETER REPORT. DeMattei. Received two Rules Interpreter reports to date. Only one accident and typical time delays on trail were reported.

INSURANCE. Rinne. No updates.

SAFETY. Andrew Murray. No report but currently in transition. New chair.

MARKETING. Bev Roberts. Roberts is hoping to be replaced in the majority of her duties. She is ready to spend time doing other things. Meroshnekoff stated we will be replacing her on the website duties as soon as possible. Essentially we need someone to assume duties for marketing, publicity and proofing. Teresa Musgrave will help proof.

AWARDS PRESENTATION AND CONVENTION. Feazell. Awards banquet will be in the Tablao with Flamenco dancers during dinner. It's going to be different but it will be nice.

SOCIAL MEDIA. Jonni Jewell. Report filed. There have been good discussions on Facebook. AERC riders have been engaging the Facebook groups and asking questions, some even getting involved in the sport.

MODEL AND MEASUREMENTS. Muench. Data presented in Wednesday evening meeting.

SPONSORSHIPS. Parys. NATRC had a good year getting new sponsorships and maintaining existing ones. Riding Warehouse will continue the 5% donation back to NATRC. Parys wondered if we should continue with the raffle? Muench stated it's an easy way to garner \$4,000.

MEDIA ADVISORY. Dieterich. Need *Hoof Print* articles by February 15th.

JUNIORS. Cindy Keen. No report.

FOUNDATION. Conner. A foundation meeting to elect foundation officers needs to be held following the NBOD meeting. The board needs to decide what to do with the yearly interest.

DRUG TESTING. Kim Murphy. No report. Malone stated Curtis Clark noticed several misspelled drugs in the appendices. He is willing to help proof the list.

MEMBERSHIP RETENTION AND RECRUITMENT. Perryman. 66 new free memberships have been added to date. Perryman stated the free memberships seem to be a good draw while reaching out to new interested people to try to get them to the rides. She would like to know who the region membership coordinators are.

JUDGES. Cowart and Meroshnekoff. Meroshnekoff presented Judges Committee appointments. Rider reps are Jonni Jewell, Keri Riddick, DVM, and Marty Findley. Vet Judges are Pam Hess, DVM, Greg Fellers, DVM, and Carrie Porter, DVM. Horsemanship Judges are Kim Cowart, Nancy Kasovich and Lory Walls. Appointments were approved by the board. There is currently one horsemanship judge applicant and one horsemanship apprentice judge is ready to begin apprentice rides. There are three veterinary apprentices and one provisional vet judge. Cowart shared

some posts from Facebook highlighting public comments about our judging inconsistencies and some riders seeing judges' expectations as a moving target. We need to expect professionalism from our judges. Cowart addressed the need for judging accountability. NATRC should be dictating how our judges operate.

TRAIL ADVOCACY AND GRANTS. Hanson. Still recommends NATRC pay for a couple of our members to attend and represent NATRC at the National Trails Conference. The guidelines and application for internal trail grant funds was redrafted.

EDUCATION. Dieterich. The NATRC introductory video has been placed on the website. It is still being edited but it is out there. They are working to get consistent videos for the NATRC YouTube channel. Dieterich continues to work to eliminate duplicate information, consolidating information into one location. There continues to be issues with internet browsers creating issues with fillable forms, so it is suggested people use Google Chrome to utilize the fillable forms.

HALL OF FAME. Dieterich stated there used to be a committee that prepared a presentation about HOF application. We need a better understanding and expectation of what we want to see in an applicant.

STUDENT LOAN AND SCHOLARSHIP. Emily Rand applied for a \$2,000 scholarship. **Gunckel moved to grant scholarship, seconded by Moore. Motion carried.**

AHA. Insko. No new information.

BREED LIASION. Terry Silver. Silver is requesting support from the members regarding membership and engagement with breed organizations. We have several partnering breed organizations excited to promote and award registered high point NATRC horses, however many of our riders of these horses are not members of the breed orga-

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nizations and therefore not eligible.

HONARARY AND APPRECIATION. Ruth Mesimer. No updates.

ANNUAL POINTS/DATA. Andrea Rogers/Rinne. Rogers is making adjustments to ride reporting forms for the website. Some queries being adjusted for ease of use and accuracy.

ELECTRONIC MEETING COORDINATOR. Rinne. R1 utilized the ser-

vice recently and it went very well. It is also very affordable.

REGION REPORTS. **R1. Merosh-nekoff.** Just had phone conference meeting. Mini convention is March 3rd. Six rides this year provided there are no major storms or fires. Horrible year in 2017 for R1. Doing C rides at four out of six rides. **R1A. Knuutila.** Having one ride this year. Facebook page is very active and good information. **R2. Malone.** Two

rides, two clinics. Preparing to host national convention in 2019. **R3. Gunckel.** Rocky Mountain Hat Trick award again for top points of three rides, Island in the Sky, Chicken Creek and Hartsel. Nine rides and two clinics scheduled. Several rides adding in one-day rides. New ride at Rush to the Brett Gray Ranch. **R4. Perryman.** Nine rides on the books, one is done. Two clinics this year. Several rides on board with doing a C ride. (Continued on page 51)

North American Trail Ride Conference

Balance Sheet

	As of 12/31/17	As of 12/31/16
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Pinnacle Checking #6399	\$ 5,996	\$ 7,350
Pinnacle Savings #6712	118,919	133,482
Pinnacle Student Loan/Scholarship #6410	78,136	78,090
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 203,051	\$ 218,922
Total Student Loan Receivable	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Total Current Assets	\$ 208,051	\$ 223,922
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 208,051	\$ 223,922
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
CapitalOne Credit Card	\$ 763	\$ 13
Ride Management Support Fund	27,521	32,021
Federal Payroll Taxes Payable	1,370	984
State Payroll Taxes Payable	168	126
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 29,822	\$ 33,144
Total Liabilities	\$ 29,822	\$ 33,144
Equity		
Total Equity	\$ 178,229	\$ 190,778
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 208,051	\$ 223,922

North American Trail Ride Foundation

Balance Sheet

	As of 12/31/17	As of 12/31/16
Foundation Accounts		
Foundation Fidelity - Z69-235580	\$ 8,792	\$ 8,788
Foundation Pinnacle #828	37,511	37,511
Foundation--KFB Annuity	48,513	48,513
Total Foundation Accounts	\$ 94,816	\$ 94,812
Equity		
Total Foundation Equity	94,816	94,812
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 94,816	\$ 94,812

North American Trail Ride Conference
Budget vs Actual P&L - FYE 12/31/17

	Actual	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income			
Membership	\$ 29,465	\$ 27,100	\$ 2,365
Platinum Membership Upgrade	2,083	3,200	(1,117)
Rides	22,350	27,900	(5,550)
Product Sales	86	295	(209)
Sponsorships	8,175	7,000	1,175
Raffles	5,083	3,500	1,583
Hoof Print Income	788	1,150	(362)
Convention and Awards	7,215	7,150	65
Judge Fee	60	-	60
Trail Advocacy	-	-	-
Donations	500	-	500
Other Income	196	440	(244)
Interest Income	182	225	(43)
Total Income	\$ 76,183	\$ 77,960	\$ (1,777)
Gross Profit	\$ 76,183	\$ 77,960	\$ (1,777)
Expenses			
Member Dues to Regions	\$ 6,707	\$ 5,962	\$ 745
Platinum Membership Upgrades	2,057	3,250	(1,193)
Ride Costs	3,172	6,750	(3,578)
Clinic Expenses	444	1,200	(756)
Product Costs	-	1,500	(1,500)
Marketing	8,459	21,350	(12,891)
Raffle	2,065	-	2,065
Hoofprint	7,315	7,500	(185)
Convention and Award Expenses	12,282	11,000	1,282
Trail Grant Expense	-	-	-
Staff Expenses	31,502	29,020	2,482
Administrative	16,097	19,000	(2,903)
Scholarships/Student Loans	-	2,000	(2,000)
Other Expense	85	100	(15)
Total Expenses	\$ 90,185	\$ 108,632	\$ (18,447)
Net Operating Income	\$ (14,002)	\$ (30,672)	\$ 16,670
Net Income	\$ (14,002)	\$ (30,672)	\$ 16,670

North American Trail Ride Foundation
Budget vs Actual P&L - FYE 12/31/17

	Actual	Budget	Over/Under Budget
Income			
Interest Income	\$ 1,456	\$ 1,460	\$ (4)
Foundation Investment Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total Income	\$ 1,456	\$ 1,460	\$ (4)
Expenses			
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ 70	\$ (70)
Total Expenses	\$ -	\$ 70	\$ (70)
Net Income - Foundation	\$ 1,456	\$ 1,390	\$ 66

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Regional convention is Feb 24 in Decatur, TX. **R5. Moore.** Twelve rides scheduled, two done. Implementing a trail master clinic to develop new people for that role. Emphasizing mentoring new riders before, during and after rides. **R6. Parys.** Seven rides scheduled, three having C rides. AERC approached us to put on a C ride at a SD endurance ride. Two clinics scheduled. R6 convention will be held in conjunction with Equifest.

Meroshnekoff suggested putting on a ride management clinic at national convention in Reno next year. Amelia Adair voiced the need for a solid ride manager mentor program for new or potential ride managers. Moore said R5 is doing a ride management clinic at their 2019 convention.

Shared board amount for February 8, 2018 is \$398.24.

OLD BUSINESS.

1. RMS. RMS and our website were officially moved to a secure server. The development of the new RMS system is going well. Meroshnekoff is questioning why secretaries are having to build user profiles for new competitors. She doesn't like having to create their user name and password, plus recording that. Perryman stated she emails the new rider immediately with their user name and password.

2. Marketing. No further discussion.

3. Equitrack. Recreational/Conditioning Hours Tracking. Wingle will take a look at it and is interested in possibly facilitating it.

NEW BUSINESS.

Operation NATRC

Meeting adjourned at 4:51pm.

North American Trail Ride Conference
Profit & Loss Comparison - YTD 12/31/17 vs 12/31/16

	Jan - Dec 2017	Jan - Dec 2016 (PY)	Incr(Decr) over PY
Income			
Membership	\$ 29,465	\$ 27,190	\$ 2,275
Platinum Membership Upgrade	2,083	3,235	(1,152)
Rides	22,350	27,226	(4,876)
Product Sales	86	291	(205)
Sponsorships	8,175	6,569	1,606
Raffles	5,083	1,086	3,997
Hoof Print Income	788	1,151	(363)
Convention and Awards	7,215	7,762	(547)
Judge Fee	60	15	45
Trail Advocacy	-	49	(49)
Donations	500	-	500
Other Income	196	147	49
Interest Income	182	225	(43)
Total Income	\$ 76,183	\$ 74,946	\$ 1,237
Gross Profit	\$ 76,183	\$ 74,946	\$ 1,237
Expenses			
Member Dues to Regions	\$ 6,707	\$ 5,055	\$ 1,652
Platinum Membership Upgrades	2,057	3,254	(1,197)
Ride Costs	3,172	7,397	(4,225)
Clinic Expenses	444	500	(56)
Product Costs	-	276	(276)
Marketing	8,459	5,346	3,113
Raffle	2,065	-	2,065
Hoofprint	7,315	7,522	(207)
Convention and Award Expenses	12,282	10,759	1,523
Trail Grant Expense	-	500	(500)
Staff Expenses	31,502	35,872	(4,370)
Administrative	16,097	15,778	319
Scholarships/Student Loans	-	2,000	(2,000)
Other Expense	85	167	(82)
Total Expenses	\$ 90,185	\$ 94,426	\$ (4,241)
Net Operating Income	\$ (14,002)	\$ (19,480)	\$ 5,478
Net Income	\$ (14,002)	\$ (19,480)	\$ 5,478

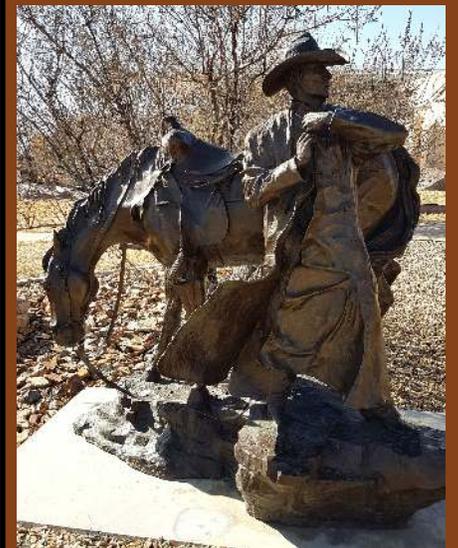
North American Trail Ride Foundation
Profit & Loss Comparison - YTD 12/31/17 vs 12/31/16

	Jan - Dec 2017	Jan - Dec 2016 (PY)	Incr(Decr) over PY
Income			
Interest Income	\$ 1,456	\$ 1,458	\$ (2)
Foundation Investment Income	-	1,621	(1,621)
Total Income	\$ 1,456	\$ 3,079	\$ (1,623)
Expenses			
Other Expenses	\$ -	\$ 155	\$ (155)
Total Expenses	\$ -	\$ 155	\$ (155)
Net Income - Foundation	\$ 1,456	\$ 2,924	\$ (1,468)

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What Judges Are
Looking For...**

Stabling

- Blanket straps snug
- Quick release knot; locked
- Stallions double-tied
- Rider # visible on trailer, halter, bridle
- Ground free of hazards
- Hay net (if used) not too low when empty
- Buckets secured
- Evidence of food
- Access to water
- Adjust rope snap so horse's nose reaches ground
- Don't tie two horses too close together
- Keep equipment away from horse
- Cover/ protect latches and sharp corners



*Bronze sculpture in
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Region 4

Jingle Bell Jaunt A

12/2-3/2017 R4-TX

A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 23

Chair: Marjorie Shenkir

Judges: Kay Gunckel DVM, Priscilla Lindsey

Open Sweepstakes: Wish Upon a Star/
Hapgood, Kris - 99

CP Combo: TA Kaiser/Prusak, Deanne

Novice Sweepstakes: Colt McGuire/
Griffin, Terri - 90

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Wish Upon a Star/Hapgood, Kris

2/2 Razmataz DBA/Bass, Carla Jo

3/4 Heirlixir/Garlitz, Roger

4/3 Tribute to Liberty/Perryman, Alice

P Balagon/Perryman, Michael

Open Lightweight

1/4 Wildfire Storm/Miller, Dolly

2/1 Silver Valley Tate/Rinne, Sarah

3/2 Moonshadow 2/Galliher, Teresa

4/3 Giacomo/Muench, Fran

5/5 Tally 2/Griffin, Annette

Competitive Pleasure

1/2 TA Kaiser/Prusak, Deanne

2/1 Ellie 2/Tharp, Vicki

3/5 Cimmetry/Collins, Mary

4/3 Flash Black/Liebman, Cara

5/6 Big Cat/Leatherwood, Cynthia

6/4 Regal ET/Muench, Gayle

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 KMA Ali Gator/Spell, David

Novice Lightweight

1/2 Colt McGuire/Griffin, Terri

2/1 River Song/Sims, Brooke

3/3 WC Xpresso Xceptshahn/Weinstein, Arden

P Puffin/Quirk, Karen

Novice Junior

1/1 Self Winder Go Girl Copy/Harvill, Cailen

Jingle Bell Jaunt B

12/2/2017 R4-TX

B-CP Total Riders: 7

Chair: Marjorie Shenkir

Judges: Kay Gunckel DVM, Priscilla Lindsey

CP Combo: Jose's Royal Gold/Martin, Amy

Competitive Pleasure

1/1 Jose's Royal Gold/Martin, Amy

2/4 Vino Que Syrah/Rogers, Becky

3/3 LRR Matt's Buck Ledoux/Drumm, Jenny

4/2 NH Muscat's Jewel/Swiss, Elaine

5/5 Buddy 18/Miller, Jim J

P Kairro/Lear, Janelle

Competitive Pleasure Junior

1/1 Molly 9/Steele, Hannah

7IL Scamper A

1/27-28/2018 Region 4 - TX Total Riders: 30

Chairperson: Gayle Muench

Judges: Natalie Goldberger, DVM, Sarah Rinne

Open Sweepstakes: Moonshadow 2/Galliher,
Teresa - 99

Novice Sweepstakes: Colt McGuire/Griffin, Terri
- 96

CP Combo: Vino Que Syrah/Rogers, Becky

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Razmataz DBA/Bass, Carla Jo

P/P Sunstone Sultan/Church, Trina

Open Lightweight

1/4 Moonshadow 2/Galliher, Teresa

2/3 Giacomo/Muench, Fran

3/5 Nchantedprincevaliant/Mettes, Cynthia

4/2 Halcon/Queen, Kelly

5/8 HK Kruizer/Horn, Devan

6/1 Moon Shadow's Black Gold/Sommer,
Alanna

8/6 Frisia Khorian/Betts, Debbie

P/P Wildfire Storm/Miller, Dolly

Novice Heavyweight

1/2 KMA Ali Gator/Spell, David

2/3 Tinky Teaka Doc/Lundberg, Cecilia

3/1 Balagon/Perryman, Michael

Novice Junior

1/1 Gorgeous Dixie/Stenstrom, Kierra

Novice Lightweight

1/3 Colt McGuire/Griffin, Terri

2/2 Rock Creeks Wild Pepper/Jones, Holly

3/1 Ricky 3/Swindle, Levona

4/4 WC Xpresso Xceptshahn/Weinstein, Arden

Competitive Pleasure Adult

1/8 Big Cat/Leatherwood, Cynthia

2/1 Vino Que Syrah/Rogers, Becky

3/6 Cimmetry/Collins, Mary

4/2 TA Kaiser/Prusak, Deanne

5/3 Jose's Royal Gold/Martin, Amy

6/5 Flash Black/Liebman, Cara

8/8 Dixi Go Go Chic/Ropp, Marla

8/4 NH Muscats Jewel/Swiss, Elaine

8/8 Vandamere III/Perryman, Alice

P/P Ellie 2/Tharp, Vicki

P/P Frosty's Blue Sabbath RSW/Hughes, Jill

Competitive Pleasure Junior

1/1 Molly 9/Steele, Hannah

7IL Scamper B

1/27/2018 Region 4 - TX Total Riders: 7

Chairperson: Gayle Muench

Judges: Natalie Goldberger, DVM, Sarah Rinne

Novice Sweepstakes: Take's Two to Tango/Cain,
Valerie - 98

CP Combo: Zipadelli/Gardiner, Wendy

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 MGA's Fuerte del Energia/Rosser, Erin

P/P Silent Night/Brewster, Crystal

P/P Ishtar's Spyderman/Bradford, Lisa

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Take's Two to Tango/Cain, Valerie

2/2 Ladybug/Grosvenor, Carol

Competitive Pleasure Adult

1/1 Zipadelli/Gardiner, Wendy

2/2 Kairro/Lear, Janelle

7IL Scamper B2

1/28/2018 Region 4 - TX Total Riders: 1

Chairperson: Gayle Muench

Judges: Natalie Goldberger, DVM, Sarah Rinne

Novice Sweepstakes: Treasures Jewell/Gerik,
Madison - 94

Novice Junior

1/1 Treasures Jewell/Gerik, Madison

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Region 5

Christmas in the Pines A

12/2-3/2017 R5-FL
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 27
 Chair: William & Vickie Moore
 Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski DVM,
 Cheri Jeffcoat
 Open Sweepstakes: Goodnight's Masterpiece/
 Clayton, Gary - 100
 CP Combo: Mariah's Secret/Riley, Leigh
 Novice Sweepstakes: Swift 3/Cox, Rebekah - 97

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Goodnight's Masterpiece/Clayton, Gary
 2/3 By the Grace of God/Whitehead, Victoria
 3/4 Ace 6/Garnes, Barry
 4/5 Pebbles 2/Crews, Stephanie
 5/2 Dusty Dawn's Little Lady/Lewis, Ray

Open Lightweight

1/2 Danamye/Diaguila, Esther
 2/3 Impressive Red Rebel/Riley, Paula
 3/1 Sunny Georgia/Lucas, Patty
 4/4 Beau 11/Garnes, Sherry

Open Junior

1/CO Rajahada/Ware, McKinsey

Competitive Pleasure

1/4 Dawson/Moore, Cassidy
 2/2 Mariah's Secret/Riley, Leigh
 3/3 DLC Roxies Peponita/Howard, Marsha
 4/1 Spirit of Spotted Alen/Keen, Cindy
 5/5 Appalachian Spring/Moss, Linda
 6/6 Mandella Bey/Chapman, Carolyn

Novice Heavyweight

1/2 Swift 3/Cox, Rebekah
 2/1 Bree/Collins, Jordan
 3/3 Sweet Dumpling Doll/Bass, Patricia
 4/5 Romeo O Romeo/Haglund, Pam
 5/4 Willie 3/Odom, Brittany
 6/6 Rook/Kelley, Keenan

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Brandi/Jakovic, Lesley

Novice Junior

1/2 Echo 6/Smith, Sadie
 2/4 Harley D/Edelstein, Kinsley
 3/1 Storm Danger/Smith, Kallie
 4/3 Sweet Dollar/Stanley, Janna

Christmas in the Pines B

12/2/2017 R5-FL
 B-O/N/CP Total Riders: 8
 Chair: William & Vickie Moore
 Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski DVM,
 Cheri Jeffcoat
 Open Sweepstakes: Loco Motion/
 Baldwin, Sara - 100
 CP Combo: Matt Dillon/Mills, Carolyn
 Novice Sweepstakes: SkysTheLimit/
 Anderson, Mary - 100

Open Lightweight

1/1 Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara
 2/2 Carbon's Royal Belle/Lewis, Mary

Competitive Pleasure

1/1 Matt Dillon/Mills, Carolyn

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 SkysTheLimit/Anderson, Mary
 2/2 Roany/Fields, Bobby
 3/3 Tulo/Maddox, Gina

Novice Lightweight

1/1 GF Lady Dominion/Browning, Erin

New Year Resolution A

1/27-28/2018 Region 5 - FL Total Riders: 25
 Chairperson: Esther Diaguila
 Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski, DVM,
 Wayne Tolbert
 Open Sweepstakes: Windstorm Clay/
 Mitchell, Tommy - 98
 Novice Sweepstakes: Mountain Dew 2/
 Hanes, Teresa - 95
 CP Combo: Spirit of Spotted Alen/Keen, Cindy

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Windstorm Clay/Mitchell, Tommy
 2/2 Goodnight's Masterpiece/Clayton, Gary
 3/4 Dusty Dawn's Little Lady/Lewis, Ray
 4/3 By the Grace of God/Whitehead, Victoria
 5/5 Norman/Moore, William
 6/6 Thomas 2/McKean, Bob
 P/P Mandella Bey/Chapman, Carolyn

Open Lightweight

1/2 Impressive Red Rebel/Riley, Paula
 2/1 JC Bronsin's Blue Jay/Nauditt, Lisa
 3/3 Loco Motion/Baldwin, Sara
 P/P Lucky Sunday/Broughton, Regina

Novice Heavyweight

1/3 Mountain Dew 2/Hanes, Teresa
 2/4 Romeo O Romeo/Haglund, Pam
 3/2 Clutch's-In-Command/Curry, Donna
 4/1 Alen's Little Gypsy/Bortz, Kathy

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Jacky B's Spanish Raider/Humphreys, Kerri

Novice Junior

1/1 Skeeter James/Lord, Olivia
 P/P DLC Roxies Peponita/Edelstein, Kinsley

New Year Resolution B

1/27/2018 Region 5 - FL Total Riders: 7
 Chairperson: Esther Diaguila
 Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski, DVM,
 Wayne Tolbert
 Open Sweepstakes: Standing Ovation/
 James, Trish - 97
 Novice Sweepstakes: Koda Two Eyes/
 Patisaul, Sierra - 100

Open Heavyweight

1/1 Willow 6/Kurtz, Robin

Open Lightweight

1/1 Standing Ovation/James, Trish

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Shane 3/Dahl, Catherine

Novice Junior

1/1 Koda Two Eyes/Patisaul, Sierra

Novice Lightweight

1/2 Scooter 4/Haley, Glynnis
 2/3 Shadow 9/Hammer, Ginger
 3/1 GF Lady Dominion/Browning, Erin

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	1-Year	3-Year			
ADULT	___ \$60	___ \$165	Single adult member (1 vote)	ADULT	___ \$ 5,000 (1 vote)
FAMILY	___ \$90	___ \$255	Household of 1 or 2 adults and children under the age of 18 as of Jan 1 (2 votes)	FAMILY....	___\$10,000 (2 votes)
JUNIOR.....	___ \$40	___ \$105	Single junior under age 18 (no vote)		
ASSOCIATE...	___ \$50	n/a	Equine groups or businesses only (no vote)		

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