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I can’t believe this is my last president’s message; 5 years has gone by so fast. I was honored to be “in the hot seat” for the big reorganization we did, through all the hard work that each committee put in, the hours and hours of meetings, all the ideas that were sifted through, and the cream of those ideas presented to the membership.

These past 5 years saw the introduction of free, fan and supporting memberships, the implementation of the Leisure Division, the launch of monthly national board meetings via Zoom, and the schedule adjustment of the rule proposal and approval process.

There were some down times. We’ve been hit with the unprecedented impact of the pandemic and the resulting economic downturn; we have had fewer rides and riders these past few years. And yet we are still here. We implemented educational webinars as well as virtual mileage and obstacle challenges to keep members engaged and give everyone a way to participate during a time of few or no in-person events. And even now, the board members and others continue to work on new and better ways to improve our sport and attract riders. Thank you for your support, and I’ll see you on the trail.

Angie Meroshnekkoff
Outgoing President
North American Trail Ride Conference

60 Years of NATRC

As soon as you open your web browser to our NATRC webpage, you are greeted with the words, “Come Ride With Us!” This tagline serves as a constant message of encouragement for each of us. Since 1961, NATRC has helped riders across the country learn the sport of competitive trail riding. Setting us apart from other distance riding organizations is our focus on safety with a mission of enhancing the partnership between horse and rider. NATRC allows our riders an opportunity to learn new skills as they strive to accomplish their individual horsemanship goals.

This issue of the Hoof Print recognizes 60 years of NATRC. As we celebrate a proud past and look forward to a bold future, my thoughts quickly turn to our members and volunteers. What makes NATRC so special to me are all the people that are associated with our organization. It is the riders, ride managers, and the many volunteers who make what we do possible. I am very appreciative to all these individuals because without them, we would not be able to enjoy our favorite sport. I treasure every friendship I have garnered through NATRC and look forward to many more.

Congratulations to NATRC for 60 years and for its role as the premier competitive trail riding organization across North America.

John Zeliff
President
North American Trail Ride Conference

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Meet Our New Apprentice and Provisional Judges

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

Veterinary Judges
Apprentice  Vivian Gay McWilliams Quam, DVM (R5)

Horsemanship Judges
Apprentice  Fran Muench (R4)  Provisional  Jan Jeffers (R1)

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

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

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Welcome!
Newly approved veterinary judge, Verona Chaffin, R6
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February 24-27, 2022  
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The Henry Doorly Zoo is one of the top zoos in the World. If there is one place to visit while in Omaha, hands down it’s the Zoo. We encourage you to check them out online and plan which exhibits you most would like to visit. Time is limited and we don’t know what the weather will be like, but you will not be disappointed!  
https://www.omahazoo.com  

The museum houses over 3000 verified haunted artifacts, donated from not only across the United States but multiple countries. Visitors have reported being physically touched, seeing apparitions, hearing disembodied voices, children laughing, running and much more. Poltergeist activity has been caught and verified through our security cameras as well.  
https://www.museumofshadows.com  

Thursday, February 24th  
9am: National Board of Directors Meeting  
(Everyone is welcome!)  
1pm: Judges Committee Meeting  
1-5pm: Registration open in the Courtyard  
8-11pm: Registration open in the Hospitality Suite  

Friday, February 25th  
7:30am-5pm: Registration open in the Courtyard, Vendors setup/open  
9:30am-1pm: Henry Doorly Zoo visit, transportation on your own (2.7 miles), tickets purchased at the door, $16.95  
1pm: Welcome and Introductions, Silent Auction opens  
1:15-4:30pm: Rhonda Martin: Saddle fit check points, Posture vs Conformation, Recognizing pain and compensation patterns in your trail partner  
6pm: Museum of Shadows, general viewing (.3 miles), $15  
8pm-12am: Hospitality Suite open for those not into ghosts!  
10pm-12am: Museum of Shadows, Ghost Hunt Tour, $40 book online  

Saturday, February 26th  
7:30am: Registration open in the Courtyard, Silent Auction open  
7:30am-4:30pm: Vendors open  
8-9am: Q&A - Leisure Division: Are you moving forward or staying put?  
9:15-10:30am: Partnership on the Trail: How NATRC prepares you for other equestrian adventures  
10:45am-12pm: Lisa Eggerling - Cross Training with Cowboy Dressage  
1:30-3pm: Dr. Dean Hendriksen DVM - Wound Care on the Trail  
3:15-4pm: National General Meeting  
5-6pm: Silent Auction closes (Payment and Pickup after Awards)  
6pm: Silent Auction closes  
6:30-7:30pm: National Convention Banquet  
7:30-10pm: NATRC National Awards presentation  
10pm-12am: Celebration in the Hospitality Suite  

Sunday, February 27th  
9-11am: Region 6 Awards presentation
Lisa Eggerling is a Cowboy Dressage Level I Recommended Clinician
Lisa uses the Cowboy Dressage court as a tool to teach horsemanship and develop riders into effective and confident leaders of their horses.

Dr. Dean A. Hendrickson DVM, MS, DACVS Colorado State University
Dr. Hendrickson's primary clinical interests are in Equine Wound Care and Minimally Invasive Surgery. Dr. Hendrickson will be educating us about Wound Care on the Trail.

Rhonda Martin, CESMT, BS Zoology - Anatomy and Physiology
Rhonda owns and operates Equine Mechanix near Kansas City, Missouri. She is an equine performance consultant with 30 years of experience in massage based integrated bodywork, PEMF, saddle fit assessment, custom fit pads, custom designed western saddles, horsemanship clinics and speaking engagements.

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**Seminar Registration** - Please check the appropriate box(s) below

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Henry Doorly Zoo, for a general headcount, payment taken at the Zoo Yes, I’ll Attend No, Not attending

Museum of Shadows, for general headcount, payment taken at the Museum General Museum Ghost Hunt Tour Nope, no way!!

**Saturday Night Dinner and Awards Banquet** - Please choose one entrée. Each comes with Garden Salad, bread and dessert.

- Adult, $60
- 12 & Under, $30
- No meal, Presentation only, $20
- Bleu Cheese Crusted Flat Iron Steak / 8 oz. with Vegetable Medley and Caramelized Onion Mashed Potatoes and Port Wine Sauce
- Pan Seared Salmon with Roasted Corn and Mushroom Risotto and a Citrus Butter
- Grill Seared Chicken Breast with Chef’s Choice of Vegetable and Starch with Fire Roasted Red Pepper Sauce
- Vegetarian - Chef’s choice of Entree
- Vegan - Chef’s choice of Entree

Dietary Restrictions: ☐ Gluten-Free ☐ Lactose-Free ☐ Other: __________________________

**T-Shirt Orders due by January 10th.** $20 each. Pre-Order only, Not for Sale at the Convention!

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Looking forward to seeing you and sharing Nebraska!

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Horse Name __________________________ Region __________________________

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Rider Name __________________________ Region __________________________

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# NATRC VIRTUAL CHALLENGES

## 2021 SUMMER OBSTACLE SERIES SET 3 (Sept/Oct) & FINAL STANDINGS

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Some competitors chose to do only some of the challenges.

**COMPETITOR BRACKET EXPLANATION**
- **A** - Experienced with > 1500 miles
- **B** - Experienced with 100 to 1500 miles
- **C** - New with < 100 miles
- **D** - Junior age 10 - 17

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**BRACKET A. R4** Texas resident Becky Rogers and her 10-year-old American Indian Horse gelding, Vino Que Syrah (a.k.a. Vino).

**BRACKET B. R1A** Alaska resident Colleen Fisk and her 27-year-old Quarab mare, Jasmine’s Magic (a.k.a. Jazzy).

**BRACKET C. R6** Nebraska resident Carol Jacobs Lee and her 21-year-old Paint (APHA) gelding, Blue Moon Chief Farceur (a.k.a. Chief).

**BRACKET D. R4** Texas resident Emma Walston and Elaine Swiss’ beloved 20-year-old Arabian mare, EW Zarabella (a.k.a. Zelle), who recently passed.
Meet our Virtual Mileage Challenge Winning Team!

By Mindy Kane

Watch Me Forever (a.k.a., Jamie) and I thoroughly enjoyed the virtual mileage challenge. Jamie loves the trail, and she greeted me at her gate every day excited for what the afternoon had in store. I am very fortunate to board my horse across the street from the beautiful Los Penasquitos Canyon Preserve in southern California.

We accumulated all those miles by riding about 5 days a week and almost exclusively doing short rides. Only a few rides during the 11-month period were over 10 miles. Most of the rides were solo, and Jamie and I became very bonded as we explored the preserve together. There were days when I had not intended to ride because I was tired or sore, but Jamie always convinced me as she stood by the gate softly whickering encouragement.

The most interesting ride occurred in September. I was over 3 miles from the barn when an unexpected thunderstorm popped up out of nowhere. The lightning was close, the thunder was booming, and the rain was pelting. Jamie handled it all like a champ, and I rode her back to the barn feeling a heightened sense of trust between us. The sun came out and we were both almost dry by the time we returned.

I highly recommend doing a virtual mileage challenge as the time spent while riding so many miles with your horse is a bonding and unforgettable experience.

Thank you, NATRC, so much for putting on such a fun event. My horse and I really enjoyed it!
# 2021 MILEAGE CHALLENGE FINAL STANDINGS

Final Statistics as of 11/1/2021

All Horse & Rider Teams with Recorded Mileage

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Katie
To everyone who helped Voodoo recover after her accident last year,

Thank You!

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Growing up, horses were THE part of my life. Sisters and I would ride bareback “through the valley” on Saturday mornings, free as could be, tying horses to parking meters to get ice cream and living the life. Then came adulthood. Work, work, work!

With little sister, Donna West, being a horse trainer, she shared many of those wondrous training horses during our vacations together. It was here I met this 7-year-old gorgeous walking horse mare, Bear. My heart burst! And for 19 years, she was my every heartbeat.

Ms. Bear was introduced to anything and everything I could think of. Even though she was not highly educated, she has the most loving and giving partner. It was because of this, that one Saturday I drove 100 miles to see “NATRC”. No one was there in camp! How was I to know why? So, I just sat on my tailgate, ate lunch and headed home. But, I was still interested.

My first ride was in Milton, Florida in 1999, by myself, in a very new, very plain trailer. During those years, there were no mentors; so, Ms. Bear and I headed out, not knowing much of anything. Questions, how do you know what speed to ride? Is this work or fun? your stress? horse stresses? stand still at a P/R ????? Wow! What had I gotten into?

My first intro on the trail to these NATRC folks/family was at a water stop. Of course, Ms. Bear did not want to drink, especially with other horses moving. These two ladies refused to leave, they knowing she would not drink if they moved down the trail. They stayed, she drank. How amazing? How did they know?

At the 2nd P/R, her numbers were waaaay over. We had pretty much fought most of the way, me trying to keep her at a constant pace – definitely not her choice as she was a go pony. Since we didn’t “pass” the numbers, the Safety Riders??? followed us in. Excuse me, someone interested in ME and HER? But, they don’t know us!

At the final vet check, Bear’s tongue was dry and cracked (among other negatives). You mean she was dehydrated? Dr. Reese gave me some great suggestions; and 2 hours later, she was fine! Apparently, I had almost killed my horse in MANY previous rides? How was I to know?

But, it was then I KNEW! This was THE sport for me. Folks who cared about me and my horse, folks who wanted me to be successful, and safe. Folks who could be competitors AND be friends at the same time.

Since then, I have been committed to the sport and to promoting its philosophy. What I have learned has been life-saving at times, fun at other times, “flashy” and impressive; and to me, THE best way to spend horse time. I’ve made life-long friends, competed five horses and become a real partner to the animals I so love. I am blessed to have been introduced to this great way of horsing.
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Encourage your fellow 4-H friends to join you in competitive trail rides and
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would like a presentation to your club to introduce the sport and answer ques-
tions.

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

Additionally, in a number of states (Colorado is one example), 4-H now recog-
nizes competitive trail as an activity that qualifies as a 4-H member’s project.

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A form to use for documentation at the ride is available here or contact Sarah
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NATRC is having to spell out our dog policy. This is unfortunate because we know how cute, adorable, and loving dogs are, until they aren’t. This has come to a head this year. Reported incidents include an injury and a near injury; on trail a horse may have been spooked by a loose service dog or an emotional support dog (unclear) and the rider was thrown and injured; a dog tried to take a bite out of someone’s chest at awards and was still allowed to stay.

While you may love your dog, and you may even need your service dog, restrictions must be spelled out. Beyond the safety issues, there are liability issues. One, if the dog is running loose, Equisure, who insures our events, may not cover ride management if they are sued. Policies generally require dogs to be always on leash. Many facilities also require this even if ride management doesn’t (e.g., all US Forest Service land). This makes ride management responsible for covering the costs themselves. The ride manager’s homeowner’s policy likely won’t cover them either as they’re not at home, it probably wasn’t their dog, and they were running a business event which isn’t covered to begin with.

How bad can it be? In 2020, the average cost of a dog bite insurance claim was over $50,000. Note that much of this is due to medical bills, and those bills can go much higher. The owner might be insured and only have to pay the deductible (and future higher premiums), but this could all come out of ride management’s “deep pockets.” How likely is this? Dog bites represent one in five (20%) of all homeowner’s insurance claims, and the number of attacks and the size of the claims is increasing.

What about service dogs? Service dogs are dogs that are trained to do a certain task for a person with a disability. Those that meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements have fewer restrictions. Service dogs are allowed at briefings and group meals, but they must always be under control. This means you must use a leash, harness, or tether unless this prevents it from performing its trained task. Once that task is complete, it must go back on its leash, harness, or tether. Even service dogs are not allowed on trail, at check-in/out, or at P&Rs. This is because horses are prey animals and can be nervous around dogs and behave unpredictably, which puts other people at the event at risk.

What about an Emotional Support Dog/Animal (ESA) with documentation? ESAs are not covered by the ADA and will be treated as regular dogs. On a federal basis, ESAs only have rights under the Fair Housing Act, which does not apply to NATRC events.

How does a ride manager know if the dog is a service dog? This can be difficult. Service dogs do not have to wear a vest, tag, or harness. You cannot ask for documentation or a demonstration of their ability. You are only allowed to ask two questions:

- Is the dog a service animal required because of a disability?
- What work or task has the dog been trained to perform?

What if the owner lies? You have done your due diligence, and in many states the owner has committed a crime.

What if the service dog is disruptive? If it is out of control (e.g., barking, threatening), and effective action is not taken by the handler, the animal may be removed from the area or the event.

THE BOTTOM LINE: What does the dog policy say? Basically, that you can bring your dog, subject to ride management and facility rules. The dog must always be on leash, harnessed or tethered when outside your truck or trailer. Dogs are not allowed at briefing, group meals, on the trail, at check-in/out, or at P&R’s.

Want more detailed information?

Visit these websites:

- NATRC Dog Policy
- National Law Review article on dog bite claims
- Average Dog-Bite Insurance Claim Now Tops $50,000
- Service Animal Misrepresentation
- FAQ About Service Animals
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We thought we had a “Once in a Lifetime” horse. Turns out we had “Twice in a Lifetime” horses!

**Summer**

She was eight years old when we got her for free because her owner didn’t want to pay the stud fee to have her registered. She was also small and “not expected to amount to much.” Turns out she amounted to a lot. Betty finished the Tevis Cup (100 miles in One Day) on Summer in 2005. Summer is now 30 and still the boss.

**Awesomes Fire N Ice (aka “Ice”)**

Ice is the product of our “home bred and home raised” quarter horse mare whom we bred to an excellent Arab stud for a very reasonable fee because his mama was “only” a Quarter Horse. Ice is also retired. He proudly carried a junior rider on two AERC limited distance rides in 2021, what fun! Ken also rode Ice 2,450 endurance miles, including on three of his six Tevis Cup finishes and on both of his Wyoming Big Horn 100 mile finishes.

Mileage - 7,660
President’s Cup 2002
Jim Menefee Memorial 2002
Championship Challenge Champion 2000, 2001
Numerous National & Regional Placings

Mileage - 4,170
President’s Cup 2011, 2013
Jim Menefee Memorial 2011, 2013
Bill Smith Memorial 2011, 2013
Bruce Becker Memorial 2011, 2013
Numerous National & Regional Placings

Rider Mileage: Betty - 10,480; Ken - 9,970
Mary Anna Wood – A Legend in Our Time

An Interview by Christina Lyons

Usually when we think about MAW, we think about Movement, Attitude and Willingness on the horse scorecard. But it also stands for Mary Anna Wood. Funny thing – with close to 25,000 miles under her belt, Mary Anna Wood kind of typifies movement, attitude and willingness. As noted recently on Face Book: “You should have seen her offside mount from the ground in her bulky rubber boots at the ride this weekend after a P&R. It was perfection. She made it look so easy. It wasn’t a judged mount; it was just her way of getting on.”

Mary Anna Wood of Independence, Missouri was introduced to NATRC in 1975 when she told her homebred horse, Elmer Bandit, to jump in a truck and off they went to a clinic put together by Bill Throgmorton, DVM, and Fred Kirkham at a barn south of Smithville, Missouri. She and Elmer did their first competition in the Novice Division at Versailles, MO in 1976.

They both spent the summer at the Girl Scout National Center West at Ten Sleep, WY, in the Bighorn Mountains. They took time off to go to the Rendezvous Ride at Lander, WY and both placed first. Their first Open ride was at Indian Cave in NE where she won 2nd place in her division. “I got dinged for letting my horse stop and drink in the creek within the 2-mile mark,” said Wood. “I’ve always loved riding the ridges above the Missouri River at Indian Cave, and every horse I’ve ever ridden on that trail has loved it too.”

In 1976, Mary Anna took Elmer to Dr. Melvin Bradley’s 3-day crash course in horseshoeing and figured out the angles that worked for Elmer. While Mary Anna worked on her B.A. in Equine Studies at Park College, Elmer took lessons in hunt seat, stock seat and recreational riding.

The Girl Scouts sent Mary Anna to her first Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) clinic in 1978. CHA is a non-profit organization that promotes safety, education, and distribution of industry standards in equestrian programs. She soon became a certified instructor/certifier and conducted clinics for the horse staff of 28 (responsible for 185 horses) at National Center West. Mary Anna had met and worked with Susan Harris (centered riding instructor, author and illustrator) and continued to give clinics elsewhere after the Girl Scout center closed.

Mary Anna said she hauled to NATRC rides with Bill Wickland, who rode Appaloosa horses for medalists, and was able to travel all over the country, riding in all kinds of weather and in all types of conditions. Elmer was the first horse inducted into the NATRC Hall of Fame in 1986. At that time, he had completed over 6,000 miles and earned six national championships.

Mary Anna has ridden several horses, but it was with her trusted Elmer Bandit that she earned her status as a legend. She went on to complete 20,280 miles on him and earn 25 national championships. Elmer was 38 years of age when he passed on February 14, 2010 (April 8, 1971 - February 14, 2010). He was still competing in Open at age 37. Mary Anna has now completed 24,000 plus miles.

During my interview with her at the Hoofbeat in the Hills ride in Kansas, Mary Anna said, “I’ve not ridden in Alaska or Region 2 and I don’t have any plans to at this time.”

In almost 50 years of competing, Wood has seen a lot. “I have a lot of crazy stories. I remember when Region 6 was in Region 4, at the Versailles, Missouri ride, Georgia Bolton was watering Flashy Tomboy (1981 President’s Cup winner) in a creek. Tomboy put her head down and pulled Georgia over her head and into the water. I laughed silently,” said Wood.

It was said that Elmer could inspire without being intimidating. Mary Anna has that same quality. “If this is my last ride, it’s been a good ride.”
Points and Data

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Happy “Special” Birthday, Mary Anna!

Elmer is my hero, I see him in my dreams
Bounding over boulders, leaping countless streams.
He’s known around the circuit, and his name’s in all the books.
But it isn’t for his pedigree nor his noble looks.
It’s just, when he’s in motion, you can almost see God’s hand.
And all my pals would give the world to trot like Elmer can.

"Lily" is my nickname, I’m a Khemosabi grey.
I have a fancy other name that nobody can say.
I’ve got a lengthy pedigree, a well-known sire and dam,
But I would give it all away to trot like Elmer can.

With loving memories, from Angela and all your Region 6 friends

Judging Anecdotes

By Liz Grogan

R1 - Sometimes the horsemanship judges see more than they want to. So, well-hidden on a hillside, my secretary and I watched for riders to come by below. But instead, the new vet judge showed up alone, looking for a place to hide. (Evidently, no one had told him vets don’t hide). He found his perfect spot in a big hollow downed log. But, then a lone rider came along, on a private mission and not knowing about the hapless vet, he took care of his need for privacy – by the log, which caused the vet to exit his secluded spot very fast.

The moral of this story? “Look before you Leak.” And hidden horsemanship judges are helpless.

R2 - It was the perfect place to judge riders, a steep bank into a fairly deep stream with a sharp turn downstream. But, then a new rider came through the willows, started down the bank, and slid out of her saddle and down the horse’s neck and plopped into the water. She came up soaked and laughing, and in true NATRC spirit, other riders gave her dry clothes. She got the judge’s socks.

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Rides to Remember

By Sue Brezina

- Riding in the redwood forest
- Riding through a movie set
- Careful of the jumping cholla cactus
- Riding on the beach
- A hot air balloon landing in camp
- Rides that scheduled rain dates
- Ride manager arranging for a gas station to provide gas to riders during the gas shortage so they could get home
- Crossing a swinging bridge
- Riding over an 8-lane freeway
- Riding under an 8-lane freeway
- So cold at a P&R, the vet found a rattlesnake coiled – he turned it over like a pancake
- Never seeing the horsemanship judge on the trail, but a dozen comments on the card
- Attacked by ground wasps
- The river so deep the short horses had to swim across
- Having the tide come in after going through a tunnel
- Seeing the ride manager standing on the back of her horse with a chain saw clearing a downed tree
- Having a property owner give flowers to all the riders as they rode past
- A night ride using glow sticks as trail markings
- Beginning the ride in 80 degree temps; by lunch it was snowing; ending the ride at 80 degrees with an earthquake for excitement
- Having to dig ice out of the horse’s feet
- A ride with no ribbons
- Having the horse’s water buckets frozen
- Having a wild pig running at us, on a single track, and going under the horses
- Riding by the HOLLYWOOD sign in Los Angeles
- So foggy a point rider had to add ribbons so the riders could follow the trail
- Shared the trail with Watusi cows
- Sleeping in the cab of the truck, waking to find ice on the inside of the windows

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“Why five?” is asked by competitive and endurance trail ride enthusiasts every day. Why not ride 3 or 4-year-olds? Although the answer is evident, some riders would prefer to side-step the facts and go along with economics and convenience.

The economics of horse raising today puts considerable pressure on the owner to use young horses. It costs around $300 a year minimum to feed a horse. Holding a horse for two years (between 3 and 5) makes an additional cost of $600 without apparent direct benefit.

Not only are there feeding costs involved, but there are housing and other care costs. These costs fluctuate from year to year and will differ in various areas, being much higher in some. But, regardless of the details, the principle is the same – it costs money to grow a horse to maturity and the expense involved prompts some people to want to use young horses before they are physically ready to compete.

Another factor is that many individuals today who are raising horses operate on a relatively small scale and become very personally involved with their stock. Because each horse is one of the family, they are anxious to see their produce do well, make a name for his line, and the sooner the better.

In addition, they have often heard that a horse must have exercise early in life to properly develop heart and lung capacity. This theory has much merit and is one of the reasons for the development of swimming pools for race horses. They can be worked in the pool without damage to the legs. It is the effect that torsion and concussion have upon the joint binding structure that is so damaging to immature individuals.

However, stockmen and horsemen of yesterday were well aware that 2 and 3-year-olds were not suitable for hard work. They sometimes broke their colts to ride at 2 and 3, but then turned them out to pasture until five. Practical experience rather than modern science and veterinary medicine dictated that they allow their horses to reach maturity before asking them to do the kinds of jobs that required maturity. Actually, they felt a 5-year-old was young enough, considered 6 or 7 close to prime, the 8 to 10 years of age a physical peak.

Although modern medicine proves how right the practices of yesterday’s horsemen were, modern practices of horse promotion seem to ignore the fact that lasting damage is done to horses working too hard while too young.

Many leg unsoundnesses are the result of strain and concussion on young, immature tissues. As the body matures, the connecting and supporting tissues develop strength. Modern research has shown the horse does not reach 100 percent of his body development until 5 years or 60 months of age. The kinds of injuries most frequently occurring as a result of strain to tendons, ligaments, and periosteum (bone covering) are bucked shins, bowed tendons, splints, epiphyseitis, chipped knees, sesamoid fracture, ringbone, bog and bone spavin, and thoroughpin. Concussion also causes carpel and fetlock filling, navicular bursitis, stone bruises, road founder, and sidebones.

The list is by no means complete; however, without exception, the occurrence of those unsoundnesses could be lessened if horses were adequately aged before being worked.

Knowing that the trend of overusing young horses is increasing in other events – and aware of the consequences – experienced competitive and endurance ride managements throughout the United States have made an effort to protect horses in distance riding by not allowing them to compete until they are at least 5 years old. (Some competitive rides allow 4-year-olds on shortened courses involving less stress).

Horses started even later in life, around 8 to 10, are not only able to continue in competition longer, but also evidence much more endurance than 5 and 6-year-olds.

It takes a lot of work to train and season top competitive and endurance horses. When properly managed, they can be campaigned successfully for a long time. Since lameness can be responsible for the retirement of many distance horses, it makes good sense to avoid unnecessary causes including the major problem of starting them on the distance trail prematurely.
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When I was 17, I was riding in a drill team organization and thinking about becoming a veterinarian. I was limited to riding once a week, but I spent some of my free time helping out the drill organization with their weekly "vet day", the day when a local veterinarian came to look at any horse with a minor issue (and with a herd of over 150 horses and ponies, SOMEONE always had a minor issue!) Through a series of connections between the organization and that local veterinary clinic, I was invited to shadow that veterinarian on some of her other calls. That veterinarian was Dr. Donna Johnson.

After about 6 months, during which time she performed colic surgery on her own horse and "hired" me to come by after school and help with her aftercare, she realized that I really did LOVE to ride and spend time with horses and I would do just about anything to do so. So, one unseasonably warm weekend in January, she called me and said, "My friend Kathy [Shanor] and I are going to go on a trail ride at Chatfield this weekend. I have an extra horse you can ride; would you like to come?" Of course I jumped at the chance to ride more!

At that point, I think I had only been on a handful of "dude style" trail rides. I was young and naïve...but also fearless, so trotting and cantering outside of an arena didn't scare me. A "normal" pace for Donna and Kathy on a casual trail ride is an Open pace, so lots of trotting and an occasional canter were of course involved. I think we did close to 15 miles that day and they had me doing some simple "obstacles" like side passing a log and backing up a hill. I loved every minute of it, and Sky (Donna's "evil" horse) was a perfect schoolmaster for me (that day, at least!). Instead of scaring me off, I wanted to know when I could go again!

And again I went. She was competing more often back then and would take me with her on some conditioning rides (probably because we all know how much safer and more fun it is to ride with a friend), teaching me the ways of the trail. She taught me why she trained the way she did, how to be safe, and probably most importantly, how to read a map! I finally asked her if I could come to one of these rides with her, and she agreed on the condition that I knew it would be the ONLY time I would do a competitive trail ride with Sky since she was getting older (and is generally evil). She again played on my naivety and said, "It's a one-day ride, we're going to go Open!" As before, instead of scaring me off, I wanted to know when I could go again!

Eventually I found another horse to compete, and then another, and then I bought my own. I went to rides, I learned things, and I set goals. I kept riding with Donna. I rode with Donna several times a week, until I moved away, and we already have plans to ride when I return for the holidays. Every so often, I even got to ride with Kathy, though that's been less frequent since she moved to Texas and now Tennessee. We still do crazy obstacles, for fun. Donna and I finally competed together again in 2019, 7 years after my first (and only other) competition with her, and yes, in Open. Really, other than which horse we usually ride, not much has changed in the last 13 years.

And after four denials from vet school, I decided not to become a veterinarian. I'm not sad: I have more time (and money) to spend with my horse and my good friend, Donna!
It was the Colorado West ride in Region 3 in 1976 and only my fifth ride, ever. After graduating from college, I had purchased my first horse, so I’d only been riding for about 5 years and never had lessons. I was 29 years old.

It goes without saying that I was a green rider with my green quarter horse mare who happened to be in heat (which I didn’t know) who showed up at this ride. Ride camp was in a horseshoe shaped area surrounded by hills. On the south side was a bluff.

I was riding Open and was one of the first riders out of camp on a cool Sunday morning. The trail went diagonally up that bluff. Babe’s Baby Doll wasn’t a baby doll that day. As we headed up that trail, she decided she wanted to stay in camp with all those other horses – the ones waiting to start.

Here we were, halfway up that bluff, and she took a misstep and fell. I found myself in the midst of the famous unplanned dismount. All of this in front of everyone – other riders, judges, timer, secretaries and other volunteers! So embarrassing! The whole camp witnessed our wreck.

A few folks rushed to our aid. We were both fine except for my pride. After all, I was a “horsewoman.” Ha! How could I have let that happen? Humbled, I got back on and finished the ride.
From Allison Steele -
I signed up for the Leisure Division Trail ride that would equal about 8-9 miles. My horse, Winchester, and I have never done anything like this before but I was so excited! Trail rides are our thing so I knew it would be fun. AND BOY WAS IT! The views were so beautiful and the company was great. My horse genuinely had a great time, which made me have an even better time. We have already signed up for the next ride in March and cannot wait!

From Erin Buckley -
My name is Erin Buckley, and I wanted to share my experience as a first time rider in the Leisure division of an NATRC ride! The ride took place at a beautiful sunflower farm, Faussett Farms, in Dawsonville, GA. I just started taking riding lessons in May of this year and had never heard of competitive trail riding until a few months ago.

I met Courtney Woodall through boarding together at Wild at Heart Ranch. She has been involved with NATRC for the majority of her life. She held an introductory play day at our barn, and after that, I knew it was definitely something I wanted to try! Unfortunately, my horse is not yet old enough to ride, so I borrowed my trainer’s horse and signed up!

I am so glad I decided to do it because it was such a blast! Riding 9 miles of hilly and steep trail terrain was a bit intimidating, but all of the positive energy and encouragement from everyone involved, including the participants, made it very enjoyable. The autumn views from the mountaintop and the beautiful colors of the leaves were high points for me. The team effort of working together to stay on time was really cool to see. Everybody in our group was brand new to this type of event, and with the amazing leadership from Courtney, we were able to finish on time and even had a few of our group members place!

Overall, this event was so much fun and an experience to remember for years to come! It was challenging yet suitable for us newbies. I would highly recommend this sport to anyone, and I can’t wait to sign up for the next one!

From Amy Ramsager -
A new boarder moved into our barn that has been involved with NATRC for many years. As I got to know her, and she talked about the sport, I was intrigued. It sounded like fun and I wanted to give it a try. However, I was a bit intimidated by everything that was needed on the trail and camping overnight with my horse. The Georgia on My Mind ride had a Leisure Division that was a perfect opportunity for me to check out the sport. And it was only 1 hour from our barn, I was definitely able to do a day trip. My mentor assured us she would take care of us and she did!

We arrived early and got our horses settled in. At the ride briefing, I was still a bit intimidated; there was so much information. After the vet check, we saddled up and started out. And then the fun began. We traveled 8.8 miles within our designated time window, and were judged on five different obstacles. It was a challenging ride at times, but everyone made it through.

Everyone involved with the ride was very encouraging and positive. We were even cheered on when we came in to finish. The whole atmosphere felt like it was a great group of friends going out for a trail ride. The attention to detail for horse and rider safety was wonderful. I loved the score card I received because I know what I have to work on to improve my horsemanship, not just for myself, but also for my horse.

It was a great day and I would love to participate again!
Pink-skinned areas, especially on the face/muzzle of a horse can become sunburned, and it’s wise to protect those areas as sunburn can be painful in the short term and can predispose the horse to certain cancers in the long term. Appendix C. Allowed Substances, in the Drug Rule Appendices of our Rule Book, has been updated to include “Sunscreen labeled products on the head or hairless areas.” Hopefully this will help answer questions related to this that have come up at rides.

If an already-sunburned area gets worse after applying sunscreen, it might be that the horse is sensitive to ingredients in that particular product. Although rare, some ingested substances may cause photosensitization; if “sunburn” persists more than a week despite sunscreen use, contact your veterinarian.

What about other topicals? Appendix B. Categories of Prohibited Substances includes “30. Topical agents, including ophthalmic, otic, dermal and wound ointments, and liniments.” Many of these topicals contain antibiotics that are specifically listed in Appendix A. Prohibited Substances. Minor dermal wounds need only to be kept clean and possibly protected (such as with petroleum jelly or fly-repellent ointment). Use of topical antimicrobials in these situations is most likely useless as far as addressing the injury yet still contributes to development of antibiotic resistance.

A horse with a truly infected wound should not be competing (and should be treated). Many horse owners cannot tell the difference between a healthy granulation bed with normal exudate and an actual oozing infection (which can also smell bad). It is this uncertainty that prompts much of the topical antibiotic use.

Wounds should be cleaned with soap and water and dried as much as possible prior to application of any topical products, as applying any topical product to a dirty wound is ineffective. If a topical antimicrobial is deemed necessary outside of competition then nitrofurantoin-containing products, silver sulfadiazine or triple antibiotic (neomycin-polymixin-bacitracin) are usually appropriate choices. Neither peroxide nor isopropyl alcohol should be used for direct wound disinfection as both solutions can harm healthy tissue.

Antimicrobial resistance is a huge area of concern in human and veterinary medicine. Some organisms have developed resistance to even the most potent antibiotics. Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus (MRSA) is perhaps the most famous. A topical ointment designed for use against MRSA, mupirocin, has become inappropriately popular for general topical use. Mupirocin should be used in veterinary settings only in those cases in which MRSA has been definitively diagnosed.

If an eye is painful enough to require treatment, should that horse be competing? Ocular pain should be addressed by a veterinarian. An antibiotic ointment is not usually the first drug of choice unless a corneal defect is present. Treatment of a stain-confirmed corneal defect with antimicrobial ointment is appropriate, but again, should that horse be competing?

Consider the increased risk of additional injury and the potential for the defect interfering with the visual field. In addition, when treating ocular pain in horses, the drug of choice is atropine. Atropine is a prohibited substance and decreases GI motility, so should not be used during competition. Saline/artificial tears work fine for rinsing the eye if a foreign object is suspected to have contacted the eye.

Dr. Gull is a diplomate of the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists, American College of Veterinary Internal Medicine, and the American College of Veterinary Preventive Medicine. She is the Section Head of Bacteriology / Mycology at the Veterinary Medical Diagnostic Laboratory, University of Missouri College of Veterinary Medicine, Columbia, MO.
The membership committee has created a Dropbox folder that allows each region to share various membership resources. We invite all our regions to use these “best practices” in their efforts to recruit and/or retain memberships.

Good news! Free memberships for brand new members continues for 2022.

A membership renewal incentive is being offered for those members who renew their NATRC membership by January 30th. There will be three drawings held for those members who have renewed their memberships prior to the drawing deadlines. Winners will have a chance to win a NATRC logo jacket from Distance Depot, a $50 gift card from Riding Warehouse that was generously donated by one of our national NATRC board members, and an NATRC logo item from Custom Ink.

If you have not downloaded our new NATRC Rider’s Manual, a Complete Guide to Competitive Trail Riding, this is a great time of the year to do so. This is an outstanding and very informative membership benefit. Make sure you have it downloaded to all of your devices. Go to www.natrc.org and login with your member login. After you are logged in, move your cursor over the Members tab and then when the dropdown menu appears, select Rider’s Manual under Publications.

Your committee members:
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- Region 1: Donna Stidolph, Linda Thomason
- Region 2: Helen Steenman, Sherrie Bray
- Region 3: Amelia Adair
- Region 4: Alice Perryman
- Region 5: Sallie Kudra
- Region 6: Ruth Mesimer

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**Membership Rule Change**

The NATRC Board of Directors voted during their July meeting to allow membership in multiple regions. This rule change will allow those who live in two different regions, or close to two different regions, to compete for **regional** points and awards in both. The rule in Section 1 reads:

**B. Regions**

5. If the domicile and residence of the horse/rider are in different regions, or if the rider desires to compete in **one or more regions** other than that of the domicile, the rider must inform the NATRC Executive Director in which region(s) the rider is competing at the time of the first ride in said region(s). A horse or rider may compete for **regional** points in more than one region in any year if rider pays membership dues for the **additional region(s)**.

For example, a rider who lives primarily in Colorado (R3) but spends the winter in Arizona (R2) can compete for regional points and awards in both regions. Points earned in competition in the primary/domicile region are automatically assigned to that region. If that rider then wishes to also compete for points and awards in R2, s/he must inform the executive director at the time of that first ride in R2. The rider must also pay dues for a secondary membership. The rate for the secondary membership is half the primary competing membership.

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**Congratulations NATRC on 60 years!**

*From Jamie Ruff in The Production Room*

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This photo was taken by Linda Thomason at the Region 1 Fall Fiesta ride in October 2018. The people in the photo represent a lot of history of NATRC in California. They are, left to right, Leroy Burnham, DVM, Nancy Kasovich, Ashley Dillard and Joe Dillard.

**Leroy Burnham, DVM**
As a senior veterinary student, Leroy was on classmate Bill Throgmorton’s team studying pulse and respiration values on horses competing on the Mt. Diablo Ride in 1962. Soon he was told, “Here’s how you judge a ride – now go do it.” He has been judging NATRC and endurance rides all over the country ever since.

**Nancy Kasovich**
Nancy rode her first NATRC ride at Mt. Diablo in the early 1960’s. She has been a highly respected horsemanship judge since she got her card in 1971. She is a respected horse trainer and for years has been the “Lady to See” when someone is looking for a good NATRC horse. She served on the R1 Board of Directors, on the National Board of Directors, and as NATRC President. She chaired the committee that developed the CP Division.

**Ashley and Joe Dillard**
Ashley rode the first ride in 1961, and Joe rode the second in 1962. They rarely miss competing at rides in their area.

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**Happy 60th NATRC from Sawyer’s Corner Foxtrotters!**

Bryce on Nellie’s Last Tango ... Became Becky Lucht’s heart horse!

P&R training starts early!

Lake Carl Blackwell ... brrrrr, cold!

Laughing all the time!

We love you Region 4! Carol & Bryce
This year, the Virtual Mileage Challenge will be better than ever! We have partnered with Top Trail for this year's challenge. That means real time mileage leaderboard updates!

Plus, new this year ALL trail mileage counts... including competition miles!

The virtual challenge features 4 leaderboards that will be live January 1 through December 31, 2022:

- National Rider
- National Horse & Rider
- Regional Rider
- Regional Horse & Rider

Leaderboards automatically update as members post their ride tracks.

You can join the Virtual Mileage Challenge with Top Trail with Membership at the Basic level for $52.32 or the Premium level for $67.86. These fees include both the Top Trail membership and the NATRC Virtual Mileage Challenge entry fee for 2022.

Be sure to select either NATRC + Top Trail Basic or NATRC + Top Trail Premium when making your membership purchase. With Basic, you are eligible for NATRC challenge awards; with Premium, both NATRC Challenge awards and Top Trail awards. The accompanying chart details the difference between Basic and Premium.

For details on how to join the fun, click here.

You must also renew or hold an NATRC 2022 membership (at any level) to be eligible for this challenge. Not a Member? Need to Renew? Go to: JOIN US! Membership is free for anyone who has never before been an NATRC member.

The challenge is NOW open for entry... mileage tracking begins January 1st!

Questions?
Email natrc@natrc.org

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**2022 Virtual Mileage Challenge Begins January 1st!**

By Kim Murphy

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**Top Trail Horse (TTH) Membership Levels**

Top Trail is a membership program for equestrians and as such, only members may participate in the main components: challenges, affiliate groups, and lifetime mileage program. We do offer, on occasion, free trial periods upon request.

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NATRC and I have been around for the same amount of time, but I didn’t know about it until 1986. I grew up in Dutchess County, NY. I rode school horses at an HJ barn starting at age 13. I never had my own horse. It was a dream that I knew would come eventually. Finally, after finishing graduate school, I started my career as a petroleum geologist in Denver CO. I bought my first horse for $800. She was Misty, a skinny 10-year-old Anglo Arab mare, neglected in someone’s backyard. I boarded her at an HJ/Dressage barn and trained her in those disciplines, but I really wanted to trail ride up in the mountains.

In the summer of 1986, I saw a flyer for an endurance clinic. I was so excited to learn about this sport and get out on the trails. The clinic was held in a classroom and featured several excellent lectures. Back then, endurance was 50 and 100 miles and all about racing. It was a bit intimidating for a neophyte. When they asked me if I would come to a ride, I said no, I don’t want to ride that far or race. And they said - famous words - “We think you’d like NATRC.”

They told me NATRC was holding a clinic the following weekend. The format was classroom followed by a trail ride. You had to BYOH. I had my boyfriend’s truck, but no trailer. I wanted to do this so bad though. I ran out and bought a 20-year-old ugly rusted Miley BP for $700. I never had trailered in my life and certainly not through busy cities. I drove white knuckled and petrified to the clinic, embarrassed and apologizing for the hideous sight of the trailer.

Unperturbed by my cheap horse and trailer, NATRC clinicians forged ahead with knowledge sharing. They taught us how to do an in-hand figure 8 trot, how to tie to trailer and stable safely, and all sorts of advice and tidbits for success. They took us out for a trail ride to test us on obstacles. The first one was a deep canal. I had no idea if Misty would do it but she lunged right into the water like a pro. I had a trail horse! Time to sign up for a ride.

My first NATRC ride was the Region 3 Benefit at Singing Hills Arabian Ranch in August 1986. Managed by Bob Avila and judged by Jim Friedly and Patsy Tomb (Connor). I was in Novice Lightweight. We had 20 in my class. There were 7 Heavyweights and 6 Juniors. 11 of us were first time riders. In Open, there were 10 Heavyweights and 17 Lightweights (including Bev Roberts on her Arabian stallion Count Niga+).

I had absolutely no sleep Friday night. I had no tent and no camper. I put my sleeping bag in the bed of the truck, open to the stars. I was so uncomfortable. I worried about Misty tied to the trailer all night. Next morning, I put on white jeans, hiking boots and a fanny pack. I tacked up with my dressage saddle and bridle. I wore no helmet, as all we had back then were hunt caps.

We timed out onto trail and my sweet steady mare became a frothy, screaming, jigging monster. She pulled on my sore arms all day long. Novice went 22.6 miles that Saturday with a lunch. I was out there for almost 8 hours! I was so exhausted crossing the finish, I had to be helped off the horse and could hardly walk. I never felt so worn out in my life.

Thankfully, Sunday was shorter, but near the end, during one of her many fits, Misty flung her head up hitting my face and breaking my glasses. My extreme myopia didn’t allow me to see beyond an inch from my face. I could not make out the trail ribbons. I had to turn her loose and let her find the way to the finish. Suffering from eyestrain, lack of sleep, and inability to walk, I stayed for awards, still hopeful I would place. After all, I had gone to the clinic and knew everything. Wrong. Misty got a score of 89 and did not place. She had rushed through obstacles, lost P&R points and was lame. I didn’t do much better. My score was 89.5. I lost points on every single observation.

I continued with NATRC after that rough beginning, determined to fix and improve everything that was wrong for the next ride. The next ride would be perfect. But then it was always something else. The sport is like an onion, with many layers of complexities and situations that cannot be replicated. It’s a unique puzzle you have to work out at every ride.

And then there were horses like Count Niga+ who were so beautiful, expertly trained and well behaved that were an inspiration to keep striving. Next time will be perfect. 35 years later, I am still waiting for that perfect ride.
Thousands of NATRC Miles
on Four Special Horses

Misty
1000 miles - 1992
Region 4 CP Horse placing - 1990
Region 4 Novice LWT Horse - 1989

Miracle
1000 miles – 2004
Region 4 CP Horse placing - 2004, 1999
Region 4 Open LWT placing - 2002

TA Kaiser +/

NATIONAL
1000 miles - 2020
Open LWT Placing - 2021
AHA High Point Arabian - 2020
CP National Champion - 2019, 2018
CP First Place Horse - 2019
Grand Champion CP
High Ave Horse - 2019
AHA Distance Nationals
CTR Reserve Champion - 2016

REGION 4
Open LWT Horse placing - 2021
Open LWT Reserve Champion - 2020
High Point Arabian - 2020, 2019, 2018
CP Horse placing - 2019, 2018, 2015
Rookie Horse of the Year -2015

Punky
1000 miles - 2006
Open National Champion- 2006
National CP Horse placing - 2005
Region 4 Open LWT Horse placing - 2013, 2006
Region 4 CP Reserve Champion - 2005

Thank you, my best buddies!
Deanne Prusak
Congratulations NATRC!
60 Years ’n Counting

Ode to Hank

Bold and strong, courageous and smart,
As many would say, you had heart.

What I’d give for one more ride,
The sun on your mane, the trail our guide.

I dream of rides, over mountains high,
Together we’ll go and reach the sky.

Someday I know, we’ll be together again,
But until that day, In those dreams you’ll reign.

And when rejoined, in heaven we’ll bond,
You’ll hear it again, Trot-On Hank, Trot On!

Jonni

Marquisemischief “Hank”
1997 - 2021

2003
First rides

2004
First AERC

2005
Tevis

2006
National Championship
3rd Region 4 Team
5th Region 4 Horsemanship

2007
3rd Region 4 Team

2008
Colic Surgery #1 September

2009
Presidents Cup
National Championship
1st National Horse / Horsemanship
1st Region 4 Team
1st Region 4 Horse / Horsemanship

2010
National Championship
2nd National Horse / Horsemanship
2nd Region 4 Team
2nd Region 4 Horse / Horsemanship
AHA Competitive Trail Horse of the Year
Tevis

2011
3rd Region 4 Team
3rd Region 4 Horse / Horsemanship

2012
National Championship
6th National Horse / Horsemanship
3rd Region 4 Team

2013
National Championship
6th National Horse / Horsemanship
1st Region 4 Team
1st Region 4 Horse / Horsemanship
Colic surgery #2
Total: 1 CP + 53 Open rides, 3,140 NATRC miles!
Congratulations NATRC on 60 Years!

I’ve enjoyed riding over 10,000 miles on NATRC trails.

Razmataz DBA+/ Over 3,200 of those 10,000 miles.

Thank you to my husband Charles Bass, ride managers, volunteers, judges and friends for making my competitive riding adventures all possible.

Carla Jo

Trail Tip - Carry Water

Riders often carry two water bottles on hot rides, one for their personal drinking water, one for wetting and cooling their horse’s neck while moving or while standing at a P&R. Other riders carry even more!
The beginning for most of us in Missouri and Kansas began at a meeting of the Greater Kansas City Arabian Horse Association when someone suggested that the club sponsor a competitive trail ride. Apparently, after some discussion, it was agreed that they would do so if a couple of their members would volunteer to do most of the work. Those people turned out to be Victoria Chick and Patricia Drury.

Those two gals organized the whole thing and deserve a lot of credit. This was the first NATRC competitive trail ride to be held in the state of Missouri. The trail was established on land near Lake Jacomo in Jackson County, MO. They had contacted NATRC for guidance.

I got involved when Vicki, a client of mine, asked me if I would be their emergency on call veterinarian. My first question was "Sure, what's a competitive trail ride?". I had no idea what I was getting into, but as it turned out, it was a great experience and a great value to me as I developed my own equine practice later on.

Dr. Throgmorton and Fred Kirkham judged that first ride at Lake Jacomo near Blue Springs, MO on November 10, 1974. It was a 20-mile B ride and was named the "Good Humor Ride."

Vicki invited several veterinarians to attend. Dr. Throgmorton asked several of us if we would like to apprentice. Dr. Throgmorton made sure we understood that he wanted trail riding to be fun. He didn't want trail rides to be judged by stuffed-shirt horse show judges. He wanted things light.

The first day he showed up wearing a sweatshirt with "Follow me to the woods" written on the front and "Catch me if you can" on the back. He was heard making a remark to one of the lady riders, “Try to trot your horse straight down and back and make two circles, one each direction.” When she had accomplished this, he asked her to repeat the process, and this time he would watch the horse. Now in this day and age of “Me Too,” a remark like that would get you in serious trouble. But he did it in jest, and I never knew of any of our female competitors who were offended by that. I hope that those of us who were influenced in our judging by Dr. Throgmorton were able to keep it fun for the riders.

That first ride was enough of a success that other rides were planned. According to American tradition when you get a group of five or more people together, first thing they do is elect a president, vice president and secretary-treasurer. Now you have a club. The Show Me Trail Riders put on their first ride on land located south of Versailles, Missouri and north of Lake of the Ozarks. Dr. Throgmorton judged the ride, but I can't remember the horsemanship judge's name.

And then "a funny thing happened at the trail ride." It seems that the club had been given a miniature mule to raffle off for the benefit of the club. When it came time for the raffle, Dr. Throgmorton was asked if he would do the drawing, and the first name he pulled out was Bill Throgmorton. He had a good laugh, drew again and again and again, and the winner was always Dr. Bill. He thanked us again and explained he couldn’t take the mule home on the plane, so as a consolation prize he got a kiss from the mule right on the lips with everybody's cameras clicking.

Other rides began to spring up. One in Fairfax, MO, north of St. Joseph, was called the "Mule Skinner Ride." Over in Kansas there was a ride on land north of Manhattan. That ride, "No Kansas Isn’t Flat," still survives today. I had the privilege of riding that ride one year. At the Friday night briefing we were told that an albino buffalo calf had been born that spring. If we happened to see the calf, it would be okay to watch at a distance and even take pictures, but do not approach it. It seems the calf was sacred to the Native American population in that area, and they didn't want anybody to get scalped.

Region 6 was separated from Region 4 in the 1981-82 competition year. I hope you have enjoyed this little bit of history and will let me write some more articles in the near future.

One last note, Victoria Chick is now Victoria Dowd and is managing a ride in New Mexico at the Nan Ranch, a beautiful property enclosed in 64,000 acres.
CONGRATULATIONS NATRC on 60 Years!

Proud of our past and our members’ accomplishments.

Lucy Hirsch & Winchester Charm

Chuck Edwards

Additional Riders with Over 7,000 Miles
Lucie Hess
Mary Colby
Marianne Van Sciver

Pat Seymour & Spring Fever

National Champion Horses - 138
Multiple Nat’l Champions - 47

Spring Fever - President’s Cup, 3,560 miles. 
Angel - President’s Cup, 1,810 miles. 
Seymour mileage - 9,040.

Mary Anna Wood & Elmer Bandit

Highest mileage horse in NATRC at 20,780 miles, Hall of Fame, 25 National Championships. Wood mileage - over 24,200 and counting.

Inductees into the Workers Hall of Fame
Joyce & Frank Keeran
Florence Blanks
Chuck Edwards

Elizabeth Spilker & Treble’s Tempt Me

Trish Cleveland & Cito Mocha Raton

Regional Champion Horses - 17
Multiple Nat’l Champions - 1

Recipient of the Jim Menefee Lifetime Achievement Award
Joann Christensen
Jerry Weil, DVM
Pricilla Lindsey
JR Kendall

Bill Hinkebein & Hickory’s Country Gold

President’s Cup, Hall of Fame, 9 National Championships; 5,050 competition miles. 
Hinkebein - 2 National Horsemanship Championships, Hinkebein mileage - 14, 260.

Looking forward to many more years of CTR rides, fun, family and members doing great things!

Home of the longest continuous running single location ride in the nation - Indian Cave, NE.

Region 6

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REGION 6 NATRC Riders
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### NATRC Student Loan & Scholarship Program

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

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

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

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

Please complete the appropriate form in Word or as an interactive PDF and submit via email to the Executive Director at natrc@natrc.org.
2022 RULE CHANGES APPROVED – July 10, 2021 – Changes in Bold

MAKE DATE OF DETERMINATION OF JUNIOR AGE CONSISTENT

SECTION 1 – GENERAL
A. Membership
   1. Any person interested in the purposes of this organization may be eligible for membership upon proper application and payment of the required dues.
      a. Yearly Membership
         (1) Adult Competing Membership: Any person 18 years of age or over.
         (2) Junior Competing Membership: Any person under the age of 18 as of the beginning of the ride year.
         (3) Family Competing Membership: A household of one or two adults and children under the age of 18 as of January 1 the beginning of the ride year.

CORRECT REGION DEFINITIONS

SECTION 1 – GENERAL
B. Regions
   1. There are presently six regions. Others will be established as needed.
      f. Region 6: Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan (upper peninsula only) Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin; Manitoba and Northwest Nunavut Territories.

ALLOW MEMBERSHIP IN MULTIPLE REGIONS

SECTION 1 – GENERAL
B. Regions
   5. If the domicile and residence of the horse/rider are in different regions, or if the rider desires to compete in a region one or more regions other than that of the domicile, the rider must inform the NATRC Executive Director of in which region(s) the rider is competing at the time of the first ride in said region(s). Neither a horse nor a rider may compete for regional points in more than one region in any year A horse or rider may compete for regional points in more than one region in any year if rider pays membership dues for the additional region(s).

SECTION 9 - AWARDS
B. Annual Awards
   1. General
      j. In order to qualify for annual national awards, the competing horse or rider must have completed at least three rides of any ride type in their designated region(s). See Section 10 for Region 1A requirements. In order to qualify for annual regional awards, the competing horse or rider must be a member of that region and have completed at least three rides of any ride type in that region.

CLARIFY LIMITATIONS FOR NOVICE DIVISION

SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY
A. Divisions
   2. Novice
      e. Limitations
         (5) Horse and rider combinations having won a National Championship or placed 3rd or higher in the NATRC annual high point awards (excluding regional awards) in any class in Open or Competitive Pleasure in any previous year are ineligible to compete in the Novice division except by participating Distance Only.

CLARIFY LEG PROTECTION ALLOWED IN DO AND LEISURE

SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY
C. Distance Only (DO) (not in competition)
   3. Horses may participate with or without boots (e.g. splint boots, bell boots) and/or the use of any temporary types of hoof protection.

SECTION 5 – THE RIDE
E. Hoof Protection/ Leg Protection
   4. Horses in the Leisure Division may compete with or without boots (e.g. splint boots, bell boots) and/or the use of any temporary types of hoof or leg protection.

SECTION 6 – JUDGING
D. Leisure Division. Horses will be evaluated on trail ability and manners. Riders will be evaluated on equitation and partnership with the horse. Safety may be scored.
   5. Horses in the Leisure Division may compete with or without boots (e.g. splint boots, bell boots) and/or the use of any temporary types of hoof or leg protection.
Through the years and across the miles . . . . thank you NATRC for lifelong friendships.

Elaine

NATRC 60th Anniversary
Before the riding and camping season gets going full swing in the spring, now is a good time for your horse trailer's yearly safety checks and trailer maintenance service. Read about it here or watch on YouTube.

If you aren’t mechanically savvy, or just not inclined, to the job yourself, a qualified professional can do all the work for you. Just make sure that they know what you want examined as the mechanic may not be familiar enough with horse trailers unless you ask for specific tasks.

Ten easy inspections to do yourself – and two that I leave for the pros!

TO DO YOURSELF

1. Check the Tire Pressure
   One of the most common issues drivers face with their trailer tires is under inflation. Under inflation of your tires causes preventable wear to the tires and can even cause a blow out, derailing your trip before it gets started. Unfortunately, due to trailer tire’s stiff sidewalls, most won’t bulge out when the pressure is low like a car tires. The only way to accurately check your PSI is with a quality pressure gauge.

   To check the pressure in your tires, look for the PSI recommendation from the trailer manufacturer. The psi should be listed in the owner’s manual, or on a plaque on the trailer body. The tire inflation recommendation is according to the max load capacity of the trailer itself, not the amount written on the side of the tire.

   Check your trailer tires "cold" so either before you drive or at least 3-4 hours after a trip. Then use the pressure gauge. Once you have a reading, you’ll know if your tire’s PSI is under or over the recommended amount, and you can act accordingly.

2. Visually Inspect the Tread and Sidewall
   While you’re checking your tire’s air pressure, look for foreign objects that may be caught in the tread, cracking, deep cuts, or bulges on the sidewall that may indicate a broken cord. Overly worn or cracked tires can lead to potential blowouts, putting you and your loved ones at risk.

   If you see cracks on the circumference and surface of your trailer tires, be careful. This indicates dry rot, which makes tires more susceptible to leaks and tread separation. More horse trailer tires wear out from rot rather than from road miles. Trailer tires often sit for prolonged periods. This creates flat spots that are high-risk for separation. Additionally, UV light from the sun contributes to cracking and premature aging.

   Finally, you want to ensure that there is a valve cap on every tire. These cost just a few dollars, but protect the tire valve from damage and is added protection against slow leaks through the valve itself.

3. Measure the Tread Depth
   Tread depth is the measurement from the top of the tread to the bottom of the tire’s deepest grooves. It determines if the tire can maintain safe tracking and handling performance. An easy way to tell if the tires have neared the end of their life is by using a penny to confirm the tire’s tread depth. If Lincoln’s entire head is visible, then the tire is considered worn out in most instances, and should be replaced.

4. How old are my trailer tires?
   All tires sold in the US have a DOT code which indicates the tire meets all federal standards. These identification numbers also include the tire’s date of manufacture. Manufacturers recommend replacing all trailer tires every 3-7 years. When purchasing new trailer tires, talk to the dealer to ensure the product that you are receiving has been recently manufactured.

   To find your tire’s date code, identify the code on the tire that begins with ‘DOT’. The ‘DOT’ should be followed by a series of letters and numbers. The last four digits of this code tell you the date when your tire was manufactured. The first two numbers indicate what week of the year it was made (out of 52 weeks per year), and the second two numbers represent the year. For example, 3408 would reveal that a tire was manufactured during the 34th week, or mid-August, of the year 2008.

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By taking these easy steps, you can extend the life of your tires while decreasing your risk. Don’t forget to check your spare.

5. Inspect Your Trailer Floor
   It’s imperative that the trailer floor be in good condition. Take out the mats and check the floor for soundness. Your horses are counting on it.
   If you have a wood floor, test its integrity with a screwdriver or a knife. Try to stick a screwdriver into the surface and twist it. If the wood crumbles easily, it’s time to replace the floorboards. Do the same from underneath. Rot can be hiding where you can’t easily see it.
   If you have an aluminum floor, check for corrosion or pitting. Also, check the welds for cracks. If you see a potential problem, contact the dealer.

6. Inspect Your Trailer Lights
   Turn on the lights. Are all the taillights, stop lights, clearance lights and turn signals working properly? Replace bulbs as necessary. Verify that the trailer’s electrical connection to your vehicle is clean and tight.

7. Inspect the Safety Chains
   Trailer safety chains are the first line of defense in case anything causes a sudden disconnection of tow vehicle and trailer. If your ball or coupler do fail, your safety chains will allow you to guide your trailer and ease your way into a stop.
   Safety chains should never be overlooked for regular maintenance; they’re the glue holding your towing adventure together.

Check the chains for wear and tear. Replace as needed. When connected, the chains should not drag on the ground or be twisted to shorten them. Ensure that the chains are attached to the frame of the towing vehicle not to any part of the hitch.
   Safety chains should never be overlooked for regular maintenance; they’re the glue holding your towing adventure together.

8. Inspect the Breakaway Battery and Switch
   The trailer breakaway system is designed to automatically bring the trailer to a safe stop should the trailer be disconnected from the tow vehicle while driving. For this to happen, you must have operational electric brakes on the trailer, the 12-volt battery must be charged, and the switch cable must be attached to the towing vehicle.
   Ensure that the breakaway cable is NOT attached to the hitch or the safety chains. Doing so is neither legal nor safe. The breakaway cable should be attached to a part of the tow vehicle that cannot fall off.
   A quick way to check if the breakaway system is working is as follows: hook up the trailer but keep the trailer electrical plug disconnected. Pull out the pin from the breakaway switch. Slowly pull the tow vehicle forward. If the trailer brakes lock up & the wheels won’t turn, your breakaway system is functioning. If your trailer rolls without restraint, you need to have the system repaired. Re-insert the pin into the switch.

9. Inspect the Trailer Jack
   Operate the jack to ensure that it raises and lowers smoothly when lifting the trailer to connect and disconnect from the tow vehicle.
   Ensure the jack is stable and tightly fastened to the trailer. For swivel jacks, check mounting/swivel hardware for worn or broken parts. Grease if needed.

10. Inspect the Inside of the Trailer
    Look inside the trailer for any potential problems. Do all moving parts, doors, and latches work properly? Ensure that no animals or insects have built unwelcome homes since the trailer was last used.

FOR THE PROS

1. Wheel Bearings and Hubs
   Trailer wheel bearings need regular maintenance, and with enough towing, replacement. The bearings are located within the wheel hub and reduce the friction between the wheel and wheel assembly.
   Because the bearings are hidden from plain view, it is crucial to remember to take the necessary time to open the wheel hub and inspect.
   Wheel hubs connect the trailer tires to the axle and allow them to spin. Check to see if they are damaged, corroded or improperly installed in order to avoid issues such as impaired steering or a broken axle.

2. Brake Shoes and Drums
   Properly functioning brake shoes and drums are essential to ensure your, and your animals’ safety. Inspect for excessive wear or heavy scoring. The drums may have to be turned or replaced, depending on the amount of wear.
   Regular trailer maintenance is critical to ensuring the longevity of your trailer, as well as ensuring you arrive at your destination safely. If you have specific questions regarding your trailer, consult your owner’s manual or your dealer.
   As always, for more practical information on trail riding, camping with horses, or tips on getting to the trailhead safely, visit www.TrailMeister.com. We’re also the world’s largest and most accurate guide to horse trails and camps.
Region 3 would like to congratulate our parental unit, the North American Trail Ride Conference, on the 60th Anniversary of its establishment in 1961.

We would also like to extend an invitation to our entire NATRC family to “Come Ride With Us.”
On a warm Friday morning in November of 1983, I gave in to the encouragement of my veterinarian and friend, Larry Bentley, to go to an NATRC ride about an hour from my house in Rockmart, Georgia. He pulled a friend’s trailer and hauled my 22 year-old family pet to the ride site with me following behind in my Oldsmobile station wagon loaded with all the wrong stuff, as I would later discover.

He dropped the trailer and headed out on a call. I stood in the middle of a 40-acre field lined with more trailers than I had ever seen in one place and not a soul in sight. So, I saddled up and rode out to find the other riders.

About an hour out on a trail, I found some riders and pulled off the trail to let them pass, then fell in behind them and followed them another couple of hours and they returned to camp, so I did too.

Back at camp, I discovered this was a 3-day 90-mile ride and I needed to actually ENTER the ride, PAY money, and VET my horse in. I was embarrassed, but since I had no where to hide and no way to get my horse home, I began brushing him and crying until the hustle and bustle of other riders arriving, parking, and visiting with each other created a distraction that I could blend in with to try to learn what to do next.

I walked up and stood in line with other riders, Richard Stone came over and he was the first person to begin to comfort me and let me know what to expect. If I could have left, I would have. If it had not been for Richard, I would have never returned to an NATRC ride.

I rode on Saturday and after timing back in it started to rain. I loaded my horse in the trailer (it was not attached to a towing vehicle, remember?), crawled into my Oldsmobile, and went to sleep.

It was almost 7 pm when I woke up, the vet and a group of strangers were walking around my trailer and someone knocked on the window of my car. The humiliation and embarrassment continued with safety issues and rule infractions. This was a hard lesson; I was the subject of many campfire stories.

In the end, Laurie Hutchings and Bill Sherfesee suggested that I come and be the secretary for the vet judge on their spring and fall rides. I was able to watch and work with riders like Charlie Crider, Gail Milner, Pat Green, Helene Pritchard, and Bill.

I’ve spent 38 years in NATRC. Had every job, earned every award, made so many friends that I am now riding with their children and grandchildren. What a sport!
2023 PROPOSED RULE CHANGES – November 13, 2021 – Changes in Bold

In several proposals having to do with juniors and LeD, changes to the same paragraphs appear in more than one proposal and may be slightly different. What actually changes in the rulebook will depend upon which proposals the board approves. So do not be alarmed to see the same paragraph more than once.

**#1: CHANGE END OF RIDE YEAR TO LAST SUNDAY IN NOVEMBER**

**SECTION 2 - SANCTIONED RIDES AND CLINICS**

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

**SECTION 9 – AWARDS**

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

Rationale: Currently, the ride year ends the second Sunday in November. The NBOD meeting is held the second full weekend in November. Most of the time, the end of the ride year and the NBOD meeting are on the same weekend. But if the month starts on Sunday, the ride year would end November 8, and the NBOD meeting would be November 14 (as happened in 2020). Using the last Sunday in November would avoid that conflict and confusion. Currently, only one ride is being held between mid-November and December 1, so there would minimal impact as far as getting ride results in for year-end audits.

**#2: COMBINE DIVISION WEIGHT CLASSES INTO ADULT CLASS**

(A TEMPORARY ONE-YEAR ACTION)

**SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY**

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

B. Classes
   1. **Heavyweight**: Rider and tack (everything the horse carries) weighing 190 pounds or more. The Heavyweight and Lightweight classes are being combined into the an Adult class on a temporary basis for the 2023 ride year and will revert to 2022 rules unless extended by the National Board of Directors.
   2. **Lightweight**: Rider and tack (everything the horse carries) weighing a minimum of 100 pounds and less than 190 pounds. Riders 18 or older at the beginning of the ride year must compete in the Adult class.
   3. **Junior**
      b. Juniors may compete in Open, Competitive Pleasure or Novice Division **Heavyweight or Lightweight Adult** Classes if weight requirements are met.
      d. No weight requirements apply if competing in Junior Class.

5. **Weigh In**
   a. Lightweight and heavyweight competitors must be weighed in with their own tack prior to the start of the ride.
   b. Individual regions may issue rider weight cards. At subsequent rides in the same year, a copy of this weight card may be sent with the ride entry or be shown to the ride secretary when picking up their rider packet.
   c. Rider weight classification must be maintained throughout the ride. Management may re-weigh any rider at any time during the ride to verify weight class. A deviation of +/- 5 pounds is allowed for reweigh only.
   d. Failure to maintain weight classification will result in completion points only for both horse and rider.
   e. The minimum weight must be made up with dead weight, pound for pound, if the rider and tack weigh less than 100 pounds (lightweight) or less than 190 pounds (heavyweight).
   f. No disposable items will be used to make weight. This includes, but is not limited to, food (horse and rider), water, fly spray, etc.

**SECTION 9 – AWARDS**

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

2. National Awards
   i. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: In the Open Division in the **Heavyweight and Lightweight Adult** Classes, a horse shall be declared a National Champion when all the following requirements are met within the first 16 rides officially started in the same year.
   k. COMPETITIVE PLEASURE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: In the Competitive Pleasure Division in the **Heavyweight, Lightweight, Adult**

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Junior Classes, a horse shall be declared a National Champion when all the following requirements are met within the first 12 rides officially started in the same year.

l. HIGH POINT OPEN HORSE: Points shall be credited to horses for the purpose of determining annual high point awards in each Open Class, (i.e., Heavyweight, Lightweight Adult, Junior), first through sixth place.

m. HIGH POINT OPEN HORSEMANSHIP: Points shall be credited to riders for the purpose of determining annual high point awards in each Class, (i.e., Heavyweight, Lightweight Adult, Junior), first through sixth place.

n. HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HORSE: Points shall be credited to horses for the purpose of determining annual high point awards in each Competitive Pleasure Class (i.e., Heavyweight, Lightweight Adult, Junior), first through sixth place. Only the first 12 rides officially started will count. Type A ride counts as 1 ride; Type B ride counts as ½ ride. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.

o. HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HORSEMANSHIP: Points shall be credited to riders for the purpose of determining annual high point awards in each Competitive Pleasure Class (i.e., Heavyweight, Lightweight Adult, Junior), first through sixth place.

q. HIGH POINT NOVICE HORSE: Points shall be credited to horses for the purpose of determining annual high point awards in each Novice Class (i.e., Heavyweight, Lightweight Adult, Junior), first through sixth place.

r. HIGH POINT NOVICE HORSEMANSHIP: Points shall be credited to riders for the purpose of determining annual high point awards in each Novice Class (i.e., Heavyweight, Lightweight Adult, Junior), first through sixth place.

SECTION 10 – REGION 1A AWARDS

B. Annual/Year-end Awards

2. National Awards

a. National Championship: In Open Division in Heavyweight, Lightweight Adult and Junior Classes, a horse shall be declared a National Champion when both of the following requirements are met within any consecutive three-year period in which rides are held.

(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 or Lightweight) 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 3-year period. If the rider is no longer age-eligible, points earned as a Junior during the applicable 3-year period can be applied to the new adult weight class.

b. National Championship: In the Competitive Pleasure Division in Heavyweight, Lightweight Adult and Junior Classes, a horse shall be declared a National Champion when both of the following requirements are met within any consecutive three-year period in which rides are held.

(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 or Lightweight) in which the horse was entered at the ride. Points from one class cannot be combined with those earned in a different 10-2 Revised 10/2020 class during any given 3-year period. If the rider is no longer age-eligible, points acquired as a Junior during the applicable 3-year period can be applied to the new adult weight class.

Rationale: In light of decreased ridership caused by external forces such as significantly increased costs to get to rides, reduction in riders’ disposable incomes and free time, sluggish economy and, most recently, the pandemic, our weight classes are most often nearly empty and sometimes non-existent. The temporary change to combine division weight classes into adult classes will make the divisions more competitive and ride management simpler.
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(c) Any NATRC rider who has won a national award in a Competitive Pleasure or Open Division. Horse and rider combinations having won a National Championship or placed 3rd or higher in the NATRC annual high point awards (excluding regional awards) in any class in Open or Competitive Pleasure in any previous year.

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

Rationale: Currently Novice and LeD Adult have different eligibility requirements. For example, LeD Adult has no mileage limitation; a rider could have 5,000 miles and be eligible to compete as LeD Adult (vs Experienced). LeD lifetime points includes Leisure points; Novice does not, so we have two point structures. Should past judges be eligible to compete in Novice or Leisure Adult? This proposal would make the limitations for Novice and Leisure Adult consistent.

#4: LOWER AGE OF LEISURE JUNIOR COMPETITORS

SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

B. Classes

3. Junior
   a. Age 10 through 17. The rider must be 10 years old to enter competition in the Leisure Division, and 10 years old for all other divisions; thereafter the age of a junior shall be determined by whatever their age is as of the beginning of the ride year, and this age shall continue throughout that ride year.
   b. Juniors age 10-17 may compete in Open, Competitive Pleasure or Novice Division Heavyweight or Lightweight Classes if weight requirements are met. Juniors aged 8-17 may compete in Leisure Division Adult or Experienced Classes.

D. Eligibility of Riders

1. All persons 10 years of age of minimum competitive age or older are eligible to compete in the Leisure Division in NATRC, and all persons 10 years of age minimum competitive age or older are eligible to compete in the Open, Competitive Pleasure, and Novice Divisions in NATRC except:

Rationale: We have received consistent requests to lower our eligible age. NATRC could be the best introduction of junior riders to distance riding, and by restricting those age 8-9 to the Leisure Division will allow them to participate while keeping them to a shorter, slower paced event and one that does not judge the stabling of the horse thereby allowing for more assistance from the adult sponsor without altering the level playing field. Children of this age are developmentally able to ride and care for horses. Often an adult competitor requires minimal assistance due to limited range of motion or recovery from a recent injury or surgery, so there are similar expectations for young riders.

#5: JUNIOR LEISURE CLASS ELIGIBILITY

SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

B. Classes

3. Junior
   b. Juniors may compete in Open, Competitive Pleasure or Novice Division Heavyweight or Lightweight Classes if weight requirements are met. Juniors may compete in Leisure Division Adult or Experienced Classes.

D. Eligibility of Riders

1. All persons 10 years of age of minimum competitive age or older are eligible to compete in the Leisure Division in NATRC, and all persons 10 years of age minimum competitive age or older are eligible to compete in the Open, Competitive Pleasure, and Novice Divisions in NATRC except:

Rationale: This fixes and oversight in the Leisure division. Juniors traditionally have been allowed to compete in any division or class.

#6: JUNIOR COMPETITORS SUPERVISION

SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES AND ELIGIBILITY

B. Classes

3. Junior
   a. Age 10 through 17. The rider must be 10 years old to enter competition; thereafter the age of a junior shall be determined by whatever their age is as of the beginning of the ride year, and this age shall continue throughout that ride year. Riders must be able to care for their horse with minimal assistance. Riders 12 and under must ride with an adult sponsor or a junior sponsor with more than 250 NATRC miles, with a limit of two per sponsor. The sponsor must also be a registered participant in an appropriate division. If the sponsor cannot continue, a sponsor on trail can be substituted with another appropriate competitor, DO rider, or safety rider.

Rationale: Large groups of young riders can be a challenge to manage. Having adequate supervision is important for the safety of the junior riders. The sponsor must also be a competitor as ride management and safety must monitor and support these riders as well.

#7: TITLE OF TRAIL ABILITY/MANNERS TO MANEUVERING TRAIL AND BEHAVIOR

SECTION 6 – JUDGING

A. Procedures: ...

2. Start of Competition
   a. For the purposes of scoring trail ability/manners maneuvering trail/behavior, soundness and horsemanship, the horse and rider shall be considered in competition from the moment that the horse is presented to the judges for preliminary examination.
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 maneuvering trail/behavior. Leisure Division does not have to adhere to these scoring categories.

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

Rationale: Review of the scorecards has indicated that judging on the horse scorecard has become heavily weighted on trail ability and manners. Changing the title of that section of the scorecard will direct the focus of the evaluation more towards behavior as it pertains to specific observations as well as the entirety of the ride. This change will accompany a more standardized scoring chart on the back of the scorecard that will encourage consistency amongst judges as well as a balanced approach to veterinary judging.
Thank you, Bill & Judy, for starting something so special in the four corners!
CALL TO ORDER by President Angie Meroshnekoff, 9:02 a.m. CST November 13, 2021.


MINUTES. July 10, 2021. Motion by Gray, second by Walls to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT’S REPORT. Meroshnekoff. Talked about low number of rides and ridership in 2021. We need to continue to focus on how we build this back up. It is more important than anything (even membership) at the moment. Elections for new and returning national directors that have occurred were announced; R1 Director Angie Meroshnekoff, R3 Director Cathy Cumberworth, R4 Director Fran Muench, and R5 Alternate Director Margaret Reynolds. (R2 Director Bob Insko and R5 Alternate Director Sallie Kudra reported later).

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR’S REPORT. Smith. Working on some additional member benefits; one is an “on the horse” medical coverage program for accidents while riding in competition or recreationally. Currently working out annual member pricing similar to our platinum liability upgrades and also a per day per person event pricing that could be built into entry fees if affordable. A final proposal will be shared with the board in December.

JUDGES COMMITTEE SPECIAL PRESENTATION. Dr. Keri Riddick and Dr. Carrie Porter-Stoddard. Trends on judging issues were presented along with proposed needs and solutions. Proposed adjustments to scoring, scorecard language, judges training and general judging standards were shared. It is more structured and more clear cut. Stucky suggested an informational webinar for members about the changes. Motion to implement the task force recommendations and program by Swiss, second by Diaguila. Motion carried.

TREASURER’S REPORT. Gray. Currently at a minor loss. Virtual challenge participation was down. Ridership and sponsorships are down. Memberships however are up. Gray will prepare the 2022 budget proposal for the December meeting.

BY-LAWS & RULES. Wingle.

Rule Proposal – Change the start of the ride year to December 1. Through discussion the motion was adjusted to read the ride year ends the last Sunday in November rather than starts December 1. Motion to carry forward the amended proposal by Insko, second by Walls. Motion carried.

Rule Proposal – Combine Division Classes. Two options were proposed.

• Option 1. Emergency rule proposal to combine weight classes for 2022 was discussed. Redefine limit for lightweight class so all riders would effectively be lightweight. With little competition in weight classes, it is hard to keep people joining and coming to rides when it is difficult to get points and qualify for national awards. Meroshnekoff questioned if we can implement as an emergency. The Rule Book allows the board to add divisions, but even that seems vague. Meroshnekoff expressed concerns about circumventing our rule proposal system and bypassing membership input for emergency purposes is the major issue on the table. Win- gle made the motion to carry forward the proposal to combine weight classes on a temporary basis for 2022, Swiss seconded. Wingle, Stucky, Zeliff, Murphy, Swiss and Gray voted in favor. Dieterich, Walls, Insko, Diaguila, and DiNatale opposed. Meroshnekoff voted opposed to tie the motion. Motion failed.

• Option 2. Weight classes would be combined based on an analysis of ride participation in the divisions. Although administering the rule could be in Policies and Procedures rather than the Rule Book, the implementation would be complicated, and we really need to keep it simple.

• Discussion led to option 3 to simply remove all lightweight and heavyweight language and have a single adult class. The board would re-evaluate and decide on weight classes or not each year. Bill will work on the necessary wording and send after this meeting.

Rule Proposal – Sweepstakes points would be based on the number of starters in the division rather than on the number of starters in the largest class. Motion to carry forward by Insko, second by Wingle. Insko, Murphy, Swiss and Wingle voted in favor to carry forward. Gray abstained. Dieterich, Zeliff, Walls, Stucky, Diaguila and DiNatale opposed. Motion failed.

Rule Proposal – Novice and LeD Adult Eligibility Consistency. The proposal would remove discrepancies and the requirement to maintain two separate lists. Not only is it a challenge for the data team, it’s confusing for riders and ride managers. Motion to carry forward by Walls, second by Wingle. Motion carried.

Rule Proposal – Lower the age of Junior Leisure Division competitors to 8. Motion by Wingle, second by Diaguila to carry forward. Motion carried.

Rule Proposal – Junior Leisure Division Class Eligibility. Adds language on minimum age eligibility to Section 4 D 1. Motion by Insko, second by (Continued on page 47)
Wingle to carry forward. Motion carried.

Rule Proposal – Junior eligibility to compete in the Adult or Experienced Leisure Division. Motion by Insko, second by Diaguila to carry forward. Motion carried.

Rule Proposal – Junior Competitor Supervision. Riders 12 and under must have an adult sponsor or a Junior sponsor with more than 250 miles. Motion by Diaguila, second by Wingle to carry forward. Motion carried.

Rule Proposal – Adjust scorecard language from Trail Ability & Manners to Maneuvering Trail/Behavior. From the “Trends in NATRC (Horse Scoring) Task Force. Motion by Dieterich, second by Walls to carry forward. Motion carried.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES. Dieterich. There are no action items at this time.

PROTEST. Stuckey. One protest was filed and the committee is being formed now.

PLANNED AND CHARITABLE GIVING. Swiss. Nothing happening while we are stagnant. We are continuing to accept donations in lieu of flowers or other contributions.

NATIONAL HISTORIAN. Conner. No new updates.

RIDE SANCTIONS. Conner. Report filed. Starting to get 2022 sanctions in, Asking regional coordinators to help and get rides on the calendar even with tentative dates.

CLINIC SANCTIONS. Linda Clayton. Report filed. One clinic was held since July.

MANAGEMENT. Swiss. Trails and timeliness continue to be an issue. Keeping things on time is very important as a manager and is one of the things that can be relatively controlled. If you can keep on top of trail markings and timeliness, it makes a lot of things go right.

RULES INTERPRETER. Wingle. Report filed. 42 events held; 10 cancelled events due to a variety of reasons. Several safety events have occurred over the past few months - most resulting in the need for clearer policy (i.e. dangerous equine policy and dog policy).

MARKETING/SOCIAL MEDIA. Gray/LeeAnn Dreadfulwater/Jonni Jewell. Gray said they need help on the marketing team to help with Facebook and other aspects. The marketing team is still doing free advertising and no paid ads at this time.

BUSINESS MODEL & MEASUREMENTS. Gray. Report rolled into the financials.

SPONSORSHIPS. Shari Parys. No report.

MEDIA/HOOF PRINT ADVISORY. Dieterich. Dieterich still needs someone to assume the duties but has not found anyone to take it on. Laurie Knuutila’s Hoof Print editor contract is due for renewal. Motion to renew the contract by Dieterich, second by Walls. Motion carried.

RIDERS AND JUNIORS. Perryman. No report.

FOUNDATION. Conner. No changes for the Foundation. The annual meeting will be at the national convention in February. Foundation members are senior directors Meroshnekkoff, Insko, Wingle, Murphy, Diaguila, and Stuckey. At large members are Conner, Mary Jo Malone and Laurie Knuutila.

NATIONAL DRUG TESTING. Murphy. Unfortunately, the drug testing tubes had expired and it wasn’t caught until it was too late to conduct fall drug testing. The new tubes have been ordered at no cost to NATRC and we are ready for the new season.

VETERINARY DRUG COMMITTEE. Dr. Tamara Gull. The committee made a proposal to allow for sunscreen products in the drug appendices because it continues to come up. Motion to amend the drug appendices to allow sunscreen products by Walls, second by Murphy. Motion carried. The committee inquired if the board would like them to seek and present evidence-based data on the use of low dose maintenance omeprazole for competitive horses for possible allowance in the future. AERC currently allows a low maintenance dose. Motion to ask committee to research by Walls, second by Insko. Motion carried.

TRAIL ADVOCACY AND GRANTS. DiNatale. No applications. Gray stated she will likely have an application for the St. Stephens ride location as the trails were in really bad shape. The site has a lot of potential but needs a lot of work.

EDUCATION. Dieterich. A great deal of time and effort has been made to focus on educating and supporting Leisure Division judges in addition to adding to their pool of resources. Several Zoom meetings have been held for training throughout the year.

MEMBERSHIP RECRUITMENT & RETENTION. Zeliff. An updated membership form has been completed. Zeliff stated an article will be done for Hoof Print regarding multi-region membership to clarify how it works as there seems to be some confusion around it. Smith suggested a membership drive with time-based incentives to encourage people to renew. Smith suggested an NATRC jacket for renewals by November 30, Wingle offered a $50 gift card for renewals by December 30 and Gray offered a Custom Ink item for renewals by January 30. Motion to implement the renewal incentive program by Diaguila, second by Walls. Motion carried.

JUDGES COMMITTEE. Walls. Report filed. The committee is working on Leisure Division updates and scorecard revisions. Horsemanship judge Norma Newton has met the criteria for reinstatement by successfully judging a ride as a provisional. The committee recommends reinstatement. Walls made a motion to reinstate Newton, Wingle seconded. Motion carried. Fran Muench applied and has met the criteria to become a (Continued on page 48)
horsemanship judge apprentice. Motion to move Muench to apprentice status by Walls, second by Diaguila. Motion carried. The committee recommends provisional veterinary judge Verona Chaffin, DVM be approved as a full veterinary judge. Motion to approve Chaffin as a veterinary judge by Walls, second by Wingle. Motion carried.

HALL OF FAME. Smith. Meroshnekoff submitted an application for her horse, Desert Reinbeau. Wingle shared stats and comparisons of past winners. Desert Reinbeau has an impressive history both in and out of the sport. Motion to accept the nomination by Diaguila, second by Walls. Motion carried.

STUDENT LOAN/SCHOLARSHIPS. Kay Gunckel. No new applications. Hannah Steele’s scholarship ($1,000) has been sent to her school.

BREED & ORGANIZATION LIASONS. Stucky. Preparing to work on year-end award communications with the breed organizations.

AHA. Insko. No update. Insko will not be attending the annual AHA meeting due to expense.

HONORARY & APPRECIATION. Mesimer. Report filed. Nominations due by November 21 with ballots to the board prior to the December 7 meeting for voting.

CONVENTION & NATIONAL AWARDS. Omaha. February 25-27, 2022. Zeliff stated there are a lot of activities planned and information is available on our website. Reservations can already be made online. Currently seeking vendors, sponsors and silent auction items. The convention committee would like to get gift baskets with locally unique items from each region for the silent auction. Also seeking ride entry donations, premier parking passes etc.

REGIONAL REPORTS. R1 – Meroshnekoff – regional convention not yet scheduled. Five rides set for 2022 with the potential for six. R2 – Insko – five rides in 2021, and the last ride had a great turn out. Planning for the same rides in 2022. R3 – Wingle – four confirmed rides for 2022 with four more probable. Cathy Cumberworth is the newly elected director. R4 – Murphy - full slate of rides in 2021 and a full calendar of rides planned in 2022. Doing their regional convention in conjunction with the Scamper ride. Fran Muench is the newly elected director. R5 – Diaguila – Georgia ride had 27 LeD riders which was great. Currently 12 A/B rides on the 2022 calendar with four stand-alone LeD. Mini convention will be in March. R6 – Stucky – still very low attendance at rides. Several rides planned next year so hoping for a better season.

SHARED BOARD – No shared board.

OLD BUSINESS.
1. Dangerous Horse Policy – final wording discussed. Motion by Walls to accept pending final review by Denise Farris, second by Wingle. Motion carried.
2. Webinars. Wingle is proposing five webinars for 2022. Could use assistance rounding up potential topics and presenters for the year.
3. Virtual Challenges. Zeliff shared a proposal for using the Top Trail program for the 2022 virtual mileage program. It would be at no cost to NATRC to use the platform and it would allow for instant results and tracking for members participating.


Next monthly meeting will be December 7, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. CST. Next full board meeting will be February 24, 2022. Motion by Walls to adjourn, second by Wingle. Approved. Meeting adjourned.
How to read these results:

Ride Type: AA=3 day, A=2 day, B1=1 day Sat, B2=1 day Sun / 1st # = Horse's Placing / 2nd # = Rider's Placing / LeD Team Placing
SW = Div. Sweepstakes Horse / Score    /    CO = Completion Only / P = Pulled / DO = Distance Only / DQ = Disqualified

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**Region 1**

### Eel River B1
6/19/21 Region 1 CA Total Riders: 21
Chair: Steve Meroshnekoff
Judges: Vet - Carol Ormond; Hsp - Kim Cowart; LeD - Jim Ferris

| Open Lightweight | 1 / 1 SW – 96 | 7 / 4 Cook, Audra |
| Open Lightweight | 2 / 2 WMA Fire Opal / Roth, Sherrilyn |
| Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight | 1 / 2 SW - 97.5 | Dillard, Joe |

| 2 / 4 Butters / Kroncke, Davern |
| 3 / 3 MK Vangouh / York, Ron |
| 4 / 1 Wind River Rose / Pilgrim, Maria |

**Competitive Pleasure Lightweight**
1 / 1 OM El Sharav / Dillard, Ashley
2 / 2 ROL Born to Dance / York, Debbie

**Novice Lightweight**
1 / 1 Ch-Eirelands Irish / Driggers, Joyce

**Novice Junior**
1 / 1 SW – 97.5 Sugar Roan Warrior / Monlux, Anais
2 / 2 Rocket / Fansler, Aubrey

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### Jackson Forest A
8/21/21 Region 1 CA Total Riders: 8
Chair: Steve Meroshnekoff
Judges: Vet - Leroy Burnham; Hsp - Becky Rogers

| Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight | 1 / 1 SW – 99 OM El Shakeeb Dream / Dillard, Joe |
| Competitive Pleasure Lightweight | 1 / 2 SW - 100 TKR Leather N Lace / Swain, Stephanie |

**Competitive Pleasure Lightweight**
1 / 1 OM El Sharav / Dillard, Ashley

**Novice Lightweight**
1 / 2 SW – 95 CH-Eirelands Irish / Driggers, Joyce

**Novice Heavyweight**
1 / 1 Lightning 5 / Gregory, Eric

**Novice Lightweight**
1 / 1 SW – 99 Dorothy / Hansen, Ember
2 / 2 It Just Takes Money / Jaw, Jennifer

**Leisure Adult**
1 Diskko KidTT / Tabangcura, Kathy

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### Jackson Forest B1
8/21/21 Region 1 CA Total Riders: 19
Chair: Steve Meroshnekoff
Judges: Vet - Leroy Burnham; Hsp - Becky Rogers; LeD - Angie Meroshnekoff

| Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight | 1 / 1 TWS Comanche / Smeding, Hendrik |
| Competitive Pleasure Lightweight | 1 / 1 SW - 98 WMA Fire Opal / Roth, Sherrilyn |
| Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight | 1 / 1 Wind River Rose / Pilgrim, Maria |

**Competitive Pleasure Lightweight**
1 / 3 SW - 100 TKR Leather N Lace / Swain, Stephanie
2 / 2 Seven 4 / Cook, Audra
3 / 1 Hot Midnight / Taniguchi, Trisha

**Novice Lightweight**
1 / 1 SW – 99 Dorothy / Hansen, Ember

**Leisure Adult**
1 Diskko KidTT / Tabangcura, Kathy

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### Cool Canyon B1
10/16/21 Region 1 CA Total Riders: 20
Chair: Terry Reed
Judge: LeD - Debbie Murphy

| Leisure Adult | 5 Einstein 2 / Coash, Virginia |
| Leisure Adult | 6 Roja / Dobrovolsky, Lorna |
| Leisure Adult | 3 Sunny 16 / Levenkova, Ksenia |
| Leisure Adult | 4 Oliver El Julius / Hess, Holly |
| Leisure Adult | 5 Ripple / Scogland, Kimberly |
| Leisure Adult | 6 Maverick 4 / Turkov, Lindsey |
| Leisure Adult | 1 Butchers / Knoll, Michelle |
| Leisure Adult | 2 Good Hearted Man / Tuscher, Nicole |

**Novice Lightweight**
1 / 1 OM El Sharav / Dillard, Ashley
2 / 2 It Just Takes Money / Jaw, Jennifer

**Leisure Adult**
1 Diskko KidTT / Tabangcura, Kathy

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- Competitor Placing: 1st # = OM El Sharav, 2nd # = Dillard, Ashley
- Sweepstakes Horse: 1 / 1 SW – 99.5
- Score: 100 TKR Leather N Lace
- Completion Only: CO
- Distance Only: DO
- Disqualified: DQ

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Region 1, continued

**Round Valley A**
10/1/21 Region 1 CA Total Riders: 6
Chair: Gene Boicelli
Judges: Vet - Carol Ormond; Hsp - Jamie Dieterich

**Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight**
1 / 1 OM El Shakeeb Dream / Dillard, Joe
P / P Rebel's Aliza / Travers, Susan

**Competitive Pleasure Lightweight**
1 / 1 SW – 98 OM El Sharav / Dillard, Ashley
P / P Silver's Got Milk / Kinoshita, Liz

**Novice Lightweight**
1 / 2 SW – 92.5 CH-Eirelands Irish / Driggers, Joyce

**Round Valley B1**
10/1/21 Region 1 CA Total Riders: 28
Chair: Gene Boicelli
Judges: Vet - Carol Ormond; Hsp - Jamie Dieterich; LeD - Angie Meroshnekoff

**Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight**
1 / 1 Wind River Rose / Pilgrim, Maria
P / P Rebels Aliza / Travers, Susan

**Competitive Pleasure Lightweight**
1 / 1 SW – 89.5 Hot Midnight / Taniguchi, Trisha
P / P Silver's Got Milk / Kinoshita, Liz

**Novice Lightweight**
1 / 1 SW – 92 OM El Shakeeb Dream / Dillard, Joe
2 / 2 Cledith's Driver / Skoog, Kris

**Old West B1**
9/4/21 Region 2 CA Total Riders: 14
Chair: Catherine Dixon
Judge: LeD - Lory Walls

**Old West B2**
9/4/21 Region 2 CA Total Riders: 8
Chair: Catherine Dixon
Judge: LeD - Lory Walls

**RAHA Rally B1**
11/6/21 Region 2 CA Total Riders: 19
Chair: Robert Insko
Judge: LeD - Debbie Murphy

**RAHA Rally B2**
11/7/21 Region 2 CA Total Riders: 4
Chair: Robert Insko
Judge: LeD - Debbie Murphy

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**Region 2**

**Old West B1**
9/4/21 Region 2 CA Total Riders: 14
Chair: Catherine Dixon
Judge: LeD - Lory Walls

**Leisure Adult**
1 Simon / Beaver, Laurie
2 Misty Mountain Dusty / Grasse, Maya
3 Buckwheat / Dwight, Kimberly
4 Miguelito / McGee, Amber
5 Tango 5 / Landis, Cynthia

**Leisure Experienced**
1 Egghead / Poage, Karin
2 Mocha / Kelleher, Beth
3 Pura Vida / Ercoli, Jennifer
4 Peggy / Baughman, Linda
5 Rasheed / Huckleberry, Sheryl
6 Rio 15 / Crossen, Mary
7 Palomino Spirit / Poage, Robin
8 Chocolate / Schueneman, Carol
9 Dakota 16 / Firpo, Denise
10 Glenda 1 / Powell, Anne

**Old West B2**
9/4/21 Region 2 CA Total Riders: 8
Chair: Catherine Dixon
Judge: LeD - Lory Walls

**Leisure Adult**
1 Samantha / Devouassoux, Sheri
2 Misty Mountain Dusty / Grasse, Maya
3 Stormy 14 / Forrest, Tara
4 Meakoda / Burger, Claire
5 Raign / Whitmer, Monica

**Leisure Experienced**
1 Sunrise Cappuccino / Peterson, Catherine
2 Patient Laddie / Malone, Mary Jo
3 Eowyn / Forrest, Laurie

**RAHA Rally B1**
11/6/21 Region 2 CA Total Riders: 19
Chair: Robert Insko
Judge: LeD - Debbie Murphy

**Leisure Adult**
1 Tubbs / Schmidt, Geanna
2 HMA Shahshahr / Fleet, Jennifer
3 MS Shara Toy / Johnson, Cari
4 Spring Lake Maximus / Hinkle, Jennifer
5 Arda / Handley, Karen
6 Jamie 2 / Kane, Mindy
7 Dahilla / Ebstine, Hannah
8 Navarro / French, Matt
9 Zeva / Ranuio, Julie
10 Ojai / Hill, Ashley

**Leisure Experienced**
1 Patient Laddie / Malone, Mary Jo
2 JoJo 2 / Keyes, Dee
3 Kenai / LaBathe, Heather
4 Millie / Ebersole, Nicole
5 Milagro Ghost Dancer / Pavia, Audrey
6 Jett Go! / Gallison, Carrie
7 Booger 2 / Bastita, Antonio
8 Ready Jett Go! / Gallison, Carrie
9 Dahlia / Ebstein, Hannah
10 Spring Lake Maximus / Hinkle, Jennifer

**RAHA Rally B2**
11/7/21 Region 2 CA Total Riders: 4
Chair: Robert Insko
Judge: LeD - Debbie Murphy

**Leisure Adult**
1 Piper 4 / Gillette, Erin
2 JoJo 2 / Keyes, Dee
3 Kenai / LaBathe, Heather
4 Millie / Ebersole, Nicole
5 Milagro Ghost Dancer / Pavia, Audrey
6 Jett Go! / Gallison, Carrie
7 Booger 2 / Bastita, Antonio
8 Ready Jett Go! / Gallison, Carrie
9 Dahlia / Ebstein, Hannah
10 Spring Lake Maximus / Hinkle, Jennifer
### Region 3

**Caballo Canyon A**
10/9/2021 Region 3 NM Total Riders: 13
Chair: Kerry Bingham
Judges: Vet - Carter Hounsel; Hsp - Jerry Sims

**Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight**
1 / SW - 93 Stars Colton Bay / Gunckel, Kay
2 / Foxhaven's Medicine Man / Morgan, William
3 / Cheri's Gypsy Traveler / Westmoreland, Cheri

**Competitive Pleasure Lightweight**
1 / Tick Til Midnight / Malburg, Ann
2 / Dino 2 / Hager, Scarlett
3 / Hershey 5 / Adair, Amelia
4 / Affirmed Echo / Jarrett, Cheryl

**Novice Heavyweight**
1 / SW - 85 Pistolero / Wiltshire, Diane
2 / Samson Davis Jr / Caviness, Amanda
P / P Fun with Frank / Bishop, Maura

**Novice Lightweight**
1 / A Playboy's Lady Ann CC / Stanifer, Molly
2 / Gentlemen Sends Gold / Gardner, Sheryl

**Caballo Canyon B1**
10/9/21 Region 3 NM Total Riders: 10
Chair: Kerry Bingham
Judges: Vet - Carter Hounsel; Hsp - Jerry Sims; LeD - Janine Ancell

**Novice Heavyweight**
1 / SW - 90 Dodger / Wolf, Kathy

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### Region 4

**Grassland Gamble A**
9/11/21 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 18
Chair: Alanna Price
Judges: Vet - Carol Meschter; Hsp - Priscilla Lindsey

**Open Heavyweight**
1 / King's Charley R.E. / Wech, Kris
2 / SA Jabari / Muench, Gayle

**Open Lightweight**
1 / SW - 99 Bantam Z / Mettes, Cynthia
2 / Wildlife Storm / Miller, Dolly
3 / VA Varadelle / Reynolds, Margaret
4 / TA Kaiserv / Prusak, Deanne
5 / RPH Eltony / Diamond / Hicks, Patti

**Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight**
1 / Diamond / Grotheer, Wendy
2 / KMA Ali Gator / Spell, David
3 / Mishall Nadir KFA / Fazzino, Kim

**Competitive Pleasure Lightweight**
1 / SW - 98 Vaquero / Gallih, Teresa
2 / Moonshadow Z / Breland, Katie
3 / Halcon / Queen, Kelly
4 / Wynetz Buddy / Roberts, Beverly
5 / Rock Creek's Wild Pepper / Jones, Holly
6 / Odyssey / Shaath, Teri

**Novice Heavyweight**
1 / 1 SW - 85 Pistolero / Wiltshire, Diane
2 / Samson Davis Jr / Caviness, Amanda
P / P Fun with Frank / Bishop, Maura

**Novice Lightweight**
1 / 1 SW - 90 Mageed Ibn Kamal Ma / Kelly, Mollie

**Grassland Gamble B1**
9/11/21 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 22
Chair: Alanna Price
Judges: Vet - Carol Meschter; Hsp - Priscilla Lindsey; LeD - Debby Starr

**Competitive Pleasure Lightweight**
1 / SW - 93 Jake's Trails and Trials / Stewart, Jan

**Novice Lightweight**
1 / SW - 67 Amarula Dona / Roberts, Renea

**Leisure Adult**
1 / Final Clu / Nelson, Mollie
2 / Luna / Huckabees, Connie
3 / Eden / Forstrom, Erika
4 / Thunder 16 / Lahir, Sam
5 / Sahghid / Walaski, Michelle
6 / Amarosa Hisana / Waldrip, Anita
Xena 3 / Walaski, Korie
Camelot's Sweet Outlaw C / Mistic, Helen
Champ the Scamp / McFarland, Sharon

**Leisure Experienced**
1 / Jose's Royal Gold / Martin, Amy
2 / Sparks on Blacktop / Shoenhair, Leon
3 / Sundown / Orr, Joe
4 / Jasper 6 / Orr, Shirley
5 / The Miracle of Voodoo / Perryman, Alice
6 / Painted in the Stars / Collins, Mary
Rusty's Golden Nugget / Musgrave, Teresa

**Leisure Junior**
1 / Intrepid's Bedazzled-R / Mistic, Kinsley

**Grassland Gamble B2**
9/11/21 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 9
Chair: Alanna Price
Judges: Vet - Carol Meschter; Hsp - Priscilla Lindsey; LeD - Debby Starr

**Leisure Adult**
1 / Sadie Skips Along / Lesniewicz, Laura
2 / Final Clu / Nelson, Mollie
3 / Latif / Forstrom, Erika
4 / Madelyn Wild Rose / Parnell, Prairie
5 / Champ the Scamp / McFarland, Sharon

**Leisure Experienced**
1 / Jose's Royal Gold / Martin, Amy
2 / Sparks on Blacktop / Shoenhair, Leon
3 / Painted in the Stars / Collins, Mary
4 / The Miracle of Voodoo / Perryman, Alice
### Without a Trace A
10/9/21 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 23
Chair: Chrissy Knight
Judges: Vet - Valarie Jaffe; Hsp - Lin Ward

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### Without a Trace B1
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Chair: Chrissy Knight
Judges: Vet - Valarie Jaffe; Hsp - Lin Ward; LeD - Betsy Zimmerman

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### Bell Cow Rendezvous A
11/9/21 Region 4 OK Total Riders: 25
Chair: Kimberly Murphy
Judges: Vet - Stephanie Ostrowski; Hsp - Doanna Daniel

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### Bell Cow Rendezvous B1
11/9/21 Region 4 OK Total Riders: 28
Chair: Kimberly Murphy
Judges: Vet - Stephanie Ostrowski; Hsp - Doanna Daniel; LeD - Alice Perryman

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### Bell Cow Rendezvous B2
11/7/21 Region 4 OK Total Riders: 20
Chair: Kimberly Murphy
Judges: Vet - Stephanie Ostrowski; Hsp - Doanna Daniel; LeD - Alice Perryman

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9/11/21 Region 5 AL Total Riders: 9
Chair: Sara Baldwin
Judge: LeD - Patty Lucas

Leisure Adult
1 Wishbone Two Eyed Jak / Barclay, Kathryn
2 Jam / Owen, Sharon
3 Closing The Bar / Snow, Natalie
4 By the Grace of God / Cooley, Jessica
5 Beaujolais / Waldron, Susan

Leisure Experienced
1 Starlight's Wildcard / Whitehead, Victoria
2 Beaujolais / Waldron, Susan
3 Wishbone Two Eyed Jak / Barclay, Kathryn
4 Noah's Ark / Wellman, Kim
5 By the Grace of God / Cooley, Jessica

Leisure Junior
1 Watermelon / Samuels, Logan
2 Wishbone Two Eyed Jak / Barclay, Kathryn
3 By the Grace of God / Cooley, Jessica
4 Night Rain / Langkow, Hope
5 Beaujolais / Waldron, Susan

Welcome to the NATRC Family B2
9/12/21 Region 5 AL Total Riders: 9
Chair: Sara Baldwin
Judge: LeD - Patty Lucas

Leisure Adult
1 Wishbone Two Eyed Jak / Barclay, Kathryn
2 By the Grace of God / Cooley, Jessica
3 Beaujolais / Waldron, Susan

Leisure Experienced
1 Jimmy Cricket / Mulligan, Jennifer

Leisure Junior
1 Watermelon / Samuels, Logan

French Broad Classic A
10/15/21 Region 5 NC Total Riders: 12
Chair: Sherry Garnes
Judges: Vet - Linda Galbraith; Hsp - Wayne Tolbert

Open Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW - 99 Windstorm Clay / Mitchell, Tommy
2 / 2 Jimmy Cricket / Mulligan, Jennifer

Open Lightweight
1 / 1 Beau 11 / Woodall, Courtney
2 / 2 Jimmy Cricket / Mulligan, Jennifer

Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight
1 / 2 SW - 99 DLC Roxies Peponita / Howard, Marsha
2 / 1 Spirit of Spotted Alien / Keen, Cindy
3 / 3 Graceful Empire / Whitehead, Victoria

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight
1 / 1 Impressive Red Rebel / Riley, Paula

Novice Heavyweight
1 / 1 Dec Docs Cunious Pep / Gragg, Shae

Novice Lightweight
1 / 1 Bella 16 / Kohout, Alexia
2 / 2 Miss Remington / Averitt, Angela

Novice Junior
1 / 1 SW - 96 Mick Jagger / Lawrence, Anna

French Broad Classic B1
10/15/21 Region 5 NC Total Riders: 13
Chair: Sherry Garnes
Judges: Vet - Linda Galbraith; Hsp - Wayne Tolbert; LeD - Patty Lucas

Open Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW - 99 Windstorm Clay / Mitchell, Tommy
2 / 2 Jimmy Cricket / Mulligan, Jennifer

Novice Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW - 99 DLC Roxies Peponita / Howard, Marsha
2 / 1 Spirit of Spotted Alien / Keen, Cindy
3 / 3 Graceful Empire / Whitehead, Victoria

French Broad Classic B2
10/16/2021 Region 5 NC Total Riders: 7
Chair: Sherry Garnes
Judges: Vet - Linda Galbraith; Hsp - Wayne Tolbert; LeD - Patty Lucas

Leisure Adult
1 Wishbone Two Eyed Jak / Barclay, Kathryn
2 Starlight's Wildcard / Cooley, Jessica
3 Cricket 4 / Traviglia, Stacey
4 Maggie 7 / Tramell, Susan
5 Pride's Southern Gent / LaVigne, Anna
6 Abraham / Devries, Abigail
7 Zippy / Robinson, Jessica
8 Amerigo / Robinson, Jessica

Leisure Experienced
1 KSF Leprechaun / Alonso, Heather
2 Poetic License / Moore, Angela

Leisure Junior
1 Gypsy 14 / Rini, Izzy
2 Delta / Hughes, Cartlyn

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Southern Trails A
10/23/21 Region 5 AL Total Riders: 22
Chair: Victoria Whitehead
Judges: Vet - Natalie Morris; Hsp - Wayne Tolbert
Open Heavyweight
1 / 1 Windstorm Clay / Mitchell, Tommy
2 / 2 Jiminy Cricket / Mulligan, Jennifer
P / P Royal Sunset / McCullough, Ty
P / P Mallorcas Bebe Magdalena / Bowden, Patricia
P / P Blue / Slaughter, Joni
Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW - 98 DLC Roxies PepoPonta / Howard, Marsha
2 / 4 Sam’s Houdini / Stroh, John
3 / 2 Graceful Empire / Barclay, Kathryn
4 / 3 Sanjoes LTI Haida / Fike, Connie
P / P Spirit of Spotted Alen / Keen, Cindy
Competitive Pleasure Lightweight
1 / 1 KSF Leprechaun / Alonso, Heather
2 / 3 Impressive Red Rebel / Riley, Paula
3 / 2 Luna Girl / Rogers, Cynthia
P / P Danamayte / Diaguila, Esther
Novice Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW - 99.5 Beau 11 / Garnes, Sherry
2 / 2 Papa’s Alabama Express / Lucas, Patty
P / P Blue / Slaughter, Joni
Georgia on My Mind A
11/6/2021 Region 5 GA Total Riders: 15
Chair: Paula Riley
Judges: Vet - Carrie Porter; Hsp - Esther Diaguila
Open Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW - 91.5 Windstorm Clay / Mitchell, Tommy
Open Lightweight
1 / 1 SW - 91.5 Impressive Red Rebel / DeRosa, Charmaine
Novice Heavyweight
1 / 2 Loki / Damacio, Marcelino
2 / 3 Dobbins Lucky Gambler / Lord, Debbie
3 / 1 Jada Angel / Feist, Lael
Novice Lightweight
1 / 1 SW - 91.5 Locked and Loaded / DeFelice, Jenny
Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW - 98 DLC Roxies PepoPonta / Howard, Marsha
2 / 4 Sam’s Houdini / Stroh, John
3 / 2 Graceful Empire / Barclay, Kathryn
4 / 3 Sanjoes LTI Haida / Fike, Connie
P / P Spirit of Spotted Alen / Keen, Cindy
Competitive Pleasure Lightweight
1 / 1 KSF Leprechaun / Alonso, Heather
2 / 3 Impressive Red Rebel / Riley, Paula
3 / 2 Luna Girl / Rogers, Cynthia
P / P Danamayte / Diaguila, Esther
Novice Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW - 99.5 Beau 11 / Garnes, Sherry
2 / 2 Papa’s Alabama Express / Lucas, Patty
P / P Blue / Slaughter, Joni
Georgia on My Mind B1
10/23/21 Region 5 AL Total Riders: 1
Chair: Victoria Whitehead
Judges: Vet - Natalie Morris; Hsp - Wayne Tolbert
Competitive Pleasure Lightweight
P / P I'm Captain Morgan / Baldwin, Sara
Southern Trails B1
10/23/21 Region 5 AL Total Riders: 1
Chair: Victoria Whitehead
Judges: Vet - Natalie Morris; Hsp - Wayne Tolbert
Competitive Pleasure Lightweight
P / P I'm Captain Morgan / Baldwin, Sara
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### Region 6

#### Jesse James Rideout A
8/28/21 Region 6 MO Total Riders: 20

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#### Indian Cave B1
9/25/21 Region 6 NE Total Riders: 16

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#### Exploring Sand Hills A
10/2/21 Region 6 KS Total Riders: 11

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- # = Rider’s Placing / LeD Team Placing
- 1 Starbuck KVA / Fettes, Mary
- Leisure Experienced
- 2 Dynamites Pine Stik / Bohling, Cheryl

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## Ride Results

### Region 6, continued

**Autumn Adventure at Big Hill A**
10/15/21 Region 6 KS Total Riders: 13
Chair: Kristen Schmalzried
Judges: Vet - Tamara Gull; Hsp - Sarah Smith

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**Hoofbeats in the Hills A**
10/30-31/21 Region 6 KS Total Riders: 15
Chair: Rhonda Levinson
Judges: Vet - Verona Chaffin; Hsp - Priscilla Lindsey

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**Hoofbeats in the Hills B1**
10/30/21 Region 6 KS Total Riders: 3
Chair: Rhonda Levinson
Judges: Vet - Verona Chaffin; Hsp - Priscilla Lindsey; LeD - Debby Starr

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**Autumn Adventure at Big Hill B2**
10/16/2021 Region 6 KS Total Riders: 2
Chair: Kristen Schmalzried
Judges: Vet - Tamara Gull; Hsp - Sarah Smith

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**Hoofbeats in the Hills B2**
10/31/21 Region 6 KS Total Riders: 11
Chair: Rhonda Levinson
Judges: Vet - Verona Chaffin; Hsp - Priscilla Lindsey; LeD - Debby Starr

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