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We’ve come a long way. I read somewhere that back in the 1950’s the average lifespan of an organization was about 75 years, but now this has shrunk to less than 20 years. I would say we’re doing well! However…. it’s not all roses and rainbows; there is still work to do. An organization needs maintenance as well as new life blood.

An article in Harvard Business Review that looked into how some organizations were so successful that they were still going strong 75 to 100 years later, and much of what they found can apply to us. First, they try to be involved in shaping society. I read that to mean being involved with other horse organizations, nationally and regionally. Second, they share experts. We are doing some of that with our webinars, but can we do more? Bring in new experts? Third, they focus on getting better, not bigger. Often being the best at what an organization does attracts members on its own. And lastly, the organization needs a stable core with a strong purpose, stewardship (of the sport) and openness.

Interesting to me was that the report outlined how a strong core originates from the long tenure of their board and members. I’ve heard some people refer to the old timers as “Dinosaurs”, but they (we) have a purpose; the long-term members are the library of knowledge and often the influencers from long contact with others. In my mind, this not only applies to board members but is important among ride managers and other volunteer positions. The organization needs new members, but it’s important that they respect the history of the older members while still bringing in the new energy.

And the last part was one we’ve been working on and struggling with. To “perform in public” – raise our profile – raise the public’s awareness. It’s so important to encourage everyone to perform their best at whatever job they have in the organization, however small or large it is, and to stay fresh, to create a flow of new ideas and new ways at looking at old topics.

Something to think on for sure. Keep our sport and organization going!

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Honorary and Appreciation Nominations due Wednesday, October 13, 2021

By Ruth Mesimer, Honorary and Appreciation Chair

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

PROCEDURE

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

A person designated by each region’s board forwards the approved nomination write-ups to the Honorary and Appreciation Chair.

Your national board members receive all of the approved nominations and make their selection at the November 13, 2021 meeting. NATRC presents the awards to the chosen recipients at the following national convention.

CRITERIA

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

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

Regional Appreciation Award for National Recognition - each region may nominate up to three members for recognition. Nominees may be individuals, pairs, or groups such as ride sponsors or clubs. Write-up limited to 200 words.

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North American Trail Ride Conference Mission Statement
The North American Trail Ride Conference (NATRC) promotes horsemanship and horse care as they apply to the sport of distance riding by offering a variety of challenging and educational experiences designed to strengthen horse and rider partnerships.

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

- Representing the sport in a professional manner
- Being respectful when giving an opinion
- Substantiating information before giving an opinion
- Being kind and courteous to others

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)
Provisional
Verona Chaffin, DVM (R6)

Horsemanship Judges
Apprentice
Angie Meroshnekoff (R1)
Provisional
Jan Jeffers (R1)
Norma Newton (R6)

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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“Safe, Fun, Challenging - Come Ride With Us!”
Why We Want Our Horses to Stand When Mounting

By Jonni Jewell

The recent Pole Canyon ride was a reminder about the importance of a horse standing while we mount. First, my boy had been awesome at not taking a step when I mount but had developed a bit of a habit to start moving the past couple weeks, for which I had been schooling him. Next, I had gotten a bit sloppy about taking up his reins as I mounted. This would make it easier to check him if he were to start to move.

I had to dismount on the trail for tack fix. I found a nice rock to get back on him. He was standing. As I swung a leg over and was almost in the saddle, he took a BIG step forward and I landed on the cantle. Now this spooked him and as he shot forward, I slipped off him over his butt and to the ground. Now, horsemanship judge, Patsy Conner, will often use the example that if you are on a hill and that horse were to disappear from under you, would you land on your feet? The answer is you may indeed land on your feet, but that may be momentary, as you could indeed continue to land on your butt as I did. Thankfully, Ian only went about 70 feet away and waited for me. So make them stand, remember to enforce it if they start getting sloppy, and take hold of those reins! (I was fine, by the way.)
I’ve ridden a lot of horses over my lifetime…from my first “free” aged horse gifted to me as a youngster all the way to a $100,000 (plus) imported Grand Prix level dressage horses at a barn I worked for in North Carolina. No matter the estimated dollar value of the horse, each of the horses I’ve ridden has taught me something. Every single one. To every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction. We are never simply mere passengers even on the most “dead broke” horse. They just may be more forgiving of our errors and less impressed by what we do get right. I’m guessing an image of that horse just popped into your head now, the horse that made things seem easy and put you on top of the world.

I just had the opportunity to ride yet another magnificent horse for my friend, Erin Glassman. Rio is a very special horse that Erin has put a lot of love and training into over the years, developing her into a two-time Tevis Cup finisher with Erin aboard in 2017 and 2018. To say it was an honor to be entrusted with Rio for 25 beautiful miles of Kanopolis Lake trail is an understatement. I had never ridden Rio prior to that, let alone done much riding to speak of since 2018. As I’ve gotten older, I’ve gotten more hesitant about riding a horse that I’m not familiar with…call it self-preservation. When Erin offered me the opportunity to ride Rio, I just couldn’t resist it despite my “rule” about riding new horses. I told myself to “just throw a leg over it.”

Early Saturday morning as the 50 milers were preparing to time out, Erin and I were tacking up Rio and making necessary adjustments (including borrowing a friend’s seat saver – call me a sissy if you will but I’m secure in my desire for a cushy seat!) and I got a crash course in Hoof Boot 101. In all of my years riding I’ve never used hoof boots personally, so that was a learning experience in and of itself. About 20 minutes before hitting the trail for 25 moderately paced miles, I mounted through small tests along the trail. I got quite proficient at rapid stops, dismounts and adjusting boots. My riding partner was having issues with the borrowed saddle she was riding in, so we’d stop to make some adjustments, then move on. We encountered a newer rider whose horse was being quite challenging, and Rio was quite displeased with the close proximity we found ourselves with this horse. We worked through it, bit by bit, all of us learning every step of the way. I learned that Rio doesn’t eat or drink much in the first 17 miles of a ride…despite my concern. I learned that Rio does an occasional little head toss that takes the right rein up over her head. After it went over her ear with the first flip, landing both reins on the left side of her neck, I got quick about catching it. I learned that Rio has a nice steady 6 mph trot that kept us right on the pace we were shooting for and we found our rhythm.

Most importantly, I ENJOYED the ride! Rio gave me the incredible gift of a great ride on some of my favorite trails. I learned about her and even more about myself. You can do a lot of self-reflection in those moments. A true expert in anything always remains a student first and foremost, and horses are some of the best teachers. To those of you hesitant to ride a borrowed horse, or are simply on the fence about riding your own after a hiatus, there is so much to gain by pushing yourself to get out there and ride. With our rides back in full swing across the country after a long pandemic hibernation, there are trails and friends awaiting you! Learn, smile and grow.

Just throw a leg over it…
Moved? Changed Name? Sold a Horse? Bought One? Added a Junior? Different Phone?

Please report any changes in your membership information to the national office. Such changes might include your name, a move to a different address or region, the sale of a horse, or the addition of juniors to a family membership - particularly if a junior has a different last name.

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

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ATTENTION JUDGES!

Annual requirements.

- The NBOD has extended the period from 12 to 24 months for veterinary judges to fulfill their annual requirements. The 12 month period remains in effect for horsemanship and Leisure Division (LeD) judges.
- Recognizing the impacts of COVID-19, the board waived all requirements for all judges in 2020 including those for annual renewal and for apprentice / provisional progress. However, with the return of rides in 2021, we will resume annual requirements.
- In order to be eligible to judge, you must be a current member. Please note ALL levels of membership satisfy this requirement (Family, Single, Supporting and Fan).

4-H Junior Rider Year End High Point Award

Put your valuable 4-H skills to use outside of the arena and compete for this special award. Trail riding is a great way to cross train your horse for shows, safely practice your equitation and communication in a more scenic setting, and even put those showmanship skills to use during the in-hand vet checks! Encourage your fellow 4-H friends to join you in competitive trail rides and compete for NATRC’s 4-H Year-End High Point Team Award. Contact us if you would like a presentation to your club to introduce the sport and answer questions.

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

1) The award goes to the high point horse and rider team regardless of the division.
2) Your self-nomination must occur before the end of the ride year which is the second Sunday in November. (For 2021, that will be November 14th).
3) You must: (a) be an NATRC competing member, (b) contact Sarah Rinne at natrc@natrc.org to nominate yourself, and (c) have your 4-H leader contact Sarah to verify that you are a 4-H member.

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

Questions? Contact: Shari Parys, katbalu96@aol.com

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Manager must be an NATRC member.

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The Mamas and the Papas had a great hit song in the 60s called “California Dreamin’”. Many of us know this song well, whether or not it was released in our youth. We distance riders know this concept well, as a trip down the Western States Trail is a bucket list dream for a lot of us. I would even wager to say that very few of us in the sport of competitive trail have not heard of the Tevis Cup, the “Grand daddy of all endurance rides”, the ride known to many as the most difficult in the world.

Did you know, however, that at least 86 NATRC riders have finished it? Some of these individuals have even finished multiple times. Helen Logan finished a whopping 12 times in between the years of 1984-1996! Tevis Cup head veterinarian, Mike Peralez, an NATRC rider as well, completed the 100-mile ride four times himself!

Is a finish at this ride a stroke of luck for competitive trail riders? I was able to talk to a few other Tevis finishers to see what they had to say regarding their NATRC background and their endurance success. What they had to say shows that finishing and a back-endurance success. What they had to say shows that finishing and a back-endurance success. What they had to say shows that finishing and a back-endurance success. What they had to say shows that finishing and a back-endurance success. What they had to say shows that finishing and a back-endurance success.

Jonni Jewell, a Region 4 rider from Texas, shared that her Tevis fever was triggered when she lived in California in the 80s. “I gave it a try in 1988, and was fairly clueless. We made it 63 miles. My horse was a bit off and we called it a day. I wouldn’t get to enter again until 2005, but in between I photographed, crewed, and volunteered almost every year,” recalled Jewell. She finished three times. “Most Open riders just gave Tevis a try. Some also did AERC on a somewhat regular basis, although most did very little. They went to Tevis and most often finished,” quoted Jewell.

Jackie Hathhorn, who finished in 2007, stated that other riders piqued her interest. “I read other NATRC members’ experiences in preparing for and then actually riding it. This convinced me that this was something I could accomplish,” she related.

Horsemanship judge, Jamie Dieterich, can’t remember a time she was not fascinated by Tevis. “My husband is a (retired) veterinarian and judged NATRC and endurance rides. As a scribe for him for many years on the Tevis, I had experienced the excitement,” said Dieterich. “Imagine my good fortune to have a riding friend ask if I wanted to ride one of her horses with her on the Tevis one year. How could I say ‘no’?”

NATRC executive director and horsemanship judge, Sarah Rinne, had heard about the ride when she was a little girl, having read a book about it at age 9. Meeting Julie Suhr at the Nebraska Horse Expo in 2005 further inspired Rinne. “Talking with Suhr for 2 hours fanned the flames of a fire that was already burning!” she exclaimed.

Choosing the 100 miler in California over others was a no-brainer for Region 3 rider Susan Peters. For her, Tevis was the “Big One” and after having received inspiration from a number of other NATRC riders in her region, she appreciated several things about the event. “I liked that the Tevis had vet stops every 10 miles or so, that there were lots of places where they can trailer out spent horses and riders, and that there were many more volunteers than riders. All of those things made the Tevis a safer and more attractive 100-mile competition to me as opposed to a ride like the Big Horn, which was much closer,” said Peters.

Before these riders made their way to the historic mining trail, they gleaned a lot of good knowledge from competition in NATRC that helped them on their trek over the mountains. Rinne had 5,400 NATRC miles and only 100 AERC miles prior to her Tevis journey. Sarah said she learned proper horse care, conditioning and rating a horse on the trail within those miles of CTRs. Hathhorn, too, credited her pacing ability to NATRC, but also appreciated other aspects that CTRs have provided. “Besides helping me to get the horse into condition, NATRC required a well-mannered horse which made my life easier and the ride more enjoyable,” remembered Hathhorn.

Jewell also stated that the manners her horses had acquired from her baseline competition “taught the horse to really listen to the rider on foot placement in tricky footing, stay calm, and stop and stand quietly if the rider comes to a halt in the high country. The pulse checks also have our horses more calm and dropping quickly as they are used to coming in and relaxing.”

Post completion, most of these riders stated that they did not change their approach to NATRC, although Rinne stated that having completed the greater distance showed where she could improve upon gaps in training. “These gaps may not have as much impact on a NATRC ride, but they definitely do over 100 miles,” quoted Rinne. “Competing in Tevis has given me even more tools for training and more quickly identifying training needs. I also appreciate my miles in NATRC even more.”

Jewell stated that after Tevis she would use areas of the trail during CTRs for future 100-mile training. “I do trot the hills more now for the conditioning aspect,” she said.

If you have the “Big One” in mind, these riders have shared some advice for your go. “Ride your own ride as much as you can”, counseled Peters. “Riding with a buddy can be comforting, but it is better to ride alone so you can totally focus on your own ride and your own horse.” She also advised, “Don’t dilly-dally, make time where you can and save your horse’s energy where you can.” Don’t (Continued on page 8)
get caught up in race day mania and use too much of your horse's energy up early—in NATRC we learn pacing and finishing first is not a motivation—this is where you can use your really good knowledge of pacing. Dieterich also promoted our knowledge of pacing. "NATRC competitions teach us how to pace. I looked at the Tevis as just three rides, and that seemed doable."

Jewell advised using the attitude we use in NATRC competition. "Our horsemanship judges remind us to ride like they are always watching. Stay light and balanced for 100 miles. So many lameness issues I feel are caused by sloppy riders."

In addition to gaining knowledge of your horse and building your goals, Rinne submitted that rider fitness is also a major component to preparation. It is really important that you, as a rider, have a training plan for your own fitness. There's lots of Tevis pulls due to rider fatigue. Be fit, and know your body's needs to perform at a high level of exertion for 100 miles. Your horse needs you to be an active, balanced and healthy rider."

Hathorn supplied "If you have competed successfully in open NATRC rides, then you are ready for 50-mile endurance rides. Once you’ve successfully completed some of those with your horse, then you’re ready for Tevis."

While these are just a few glimpses of the journey to Tevis, these NATRC riders show that California Dreams can become a reality from the great experience they have received competing in CTRs.

As one last big push for encouragement in reaching your goals, here's what Hathorn had to say: "Don’t hesitate. Just go for it! I did, and it was an accomplishment that I will never forget."
The Virtual Obstacle Challenge Series is back for summer 2021! Because ride competition has resumed, the summer obstacle challenge has a slightly different format than last year. For the summer 2021 series, we offer three separate challenge sets, each one containing three obstacles. You may choose to do one, two or all three sets. It’s what works for you!

The series is again broken into four experience brackets with awards given to those with the top scores in each bracket. To be eligible for an award, you must submit at least three videos out of the nine obstacles offered. That could be a video from each set, or any combination thereof. Each set is $15 per entry. You may enter multiple equines.

The 2021 Virtual Obstacle Challenge schedule is:

- Challenge Set 1 runs May 1, 2021 – June 30, 2021. We shared the obstacles for this challenge set in our NATRC Facebook group, regional and national websites, and E-News. The deadline for submitting videos is 11:59 pm, June 30, 2021. At that time, the first challenge set will close to entries.
- Challenge Set 2 runs July 1, 2021 – August 31, 2021. We will release the obstacles for this set on July 1, 2021. You may submit your videos anytime until 11:59 pm on August 31, 2021. At that time, the second challenge set will close to entries.
- Challenge Set 3 runs September 1, 2021 – October 31, 2021. We will release the obstacles for this set on September 1, 2021. You may submit your videos anytime until 11:59 pm on October 31, 2021. At that time, the final challenge set will close to entries.

Go to natrc.submit.com to register and submit your videos.

Don’t forget to log your non-competition miles! The Virtual Mileage Challenge for 2021 runs December 01, 2020 – October 31, 2021. This is where you get credit for all those casual riding miles and conditioning miles (non-competition miles).

Those with the highest mileage totals for each bracket at the end of the challenge will receive awards. It is easy to register and submit your miles. Simply fill out a Mileage Challenge application at natrc.submit.com and click save (not finish). The $50 participation fee applies to the whole year.

Multiple equines? Just complete one application per equine and let the fun begin! Then as you ride, you fill in the date, mileage, etc. on the log table in your account and watch your miles add up! Each time you add to your log, click save (not finish).

Be sure to tell your friends about our Virtual Challenge options. We’d love to have them join in on the fun and introduce them to NATRC. The first-time free membership applies to those who would like to join us virtually.

Let’s Ride” Seminar Series Continues

Be sure to join us for the “Let’s Ride” Seminar Series hosted via Zoom. Members can ask questions in these monthly, live, interactive webinars. May’s topic was “Electrolytes for the Competition Equine,” and June’s was “What the Vet Judge is looking for at Check-in and Check-out.”

Presented by veterinary and horsemanship judges and competitors, these educational virtual seminars are aimed at answering questions we all have. Watch the website, Facebook Pages and E-News communications for dates and more information on upcoming topics.

Missed a seminar? No worries! They are recorded and available to watch anytime; go to www.natrc.org and click “NATRC Webinars.”
Birth. About five years of blankness. Then, the first sight of a horse.

Abruptly you exist. The world is alive and filled with color, sound, motion, people and most of all - HORSES. You draw them. You devour horse magazines, TV programs and books (Walter Farley’s The Black Stallion among many). You join horse chat rooms and blogs. You collect pictures, posters, replicas (Breyer, Hagen-Renaker), toy horses. You ride the biggest, fiercest, fastest horse on the merry-go-round. You imagine that tree limb you’re straddling is a horse galloping through the wind. You race around on hands and knees pretending you are a horse. You visit the neighbors who have horses in hopes you can touch one, groom one or help out in some way so you can ride one. You are always hoping to see one while cruising in the back seat of the family car. And, you drive your parents crazy wanting them to get you a horse.

Folks, you are afflicted with passion. The thing about this disease is that it never goes away. It is in your core, your being. You can’t even image living without horses. Oh, there are times that you may have to, like when you were growing up and your parents had neither the money nor the room for a horse or when you started earning a living and raising a family. Always, even then, in the back of your mind, you knew that living, breathing horses would be back in your life.

Many of your life decisions, whether conscious or not, directed you to that goal of having a horse. Then it happens – you get a horse! Maybe you were 8 and your parents got you a pony, or maybe you were 38 and able to buy your first horse. No matter. You were riding!

Somehow, you feel closer to nature and to God. Your horse is an extension of you and vice versa. You cherish the moments when the two of you are of one mind and one body. You are calm and exhilarated at the same time.

Along the way, you discover NATRC and competitive trail riding. At last, an activity where you can set goals for yourself and your horse and pursue hours in the saddle with others as sick with the horse passion as you are. At age 10, if you were lucky, your parents supported your craziness and you started competing and never looked back. Oh, you might have to stop for a while to go to college and do other life things, but you’ll be back, even if you have to wait until you retire.

If you are older, you find a way to pursue your passion in CTR. You may live below your means just so you’ll have money for going to rides. You scrimp on vacation days so you can take off Fridays to get to rides. You share driving and expenses with others. You have no problem roughing it by sleeping in a tent, the bed of your pickup or the other stall of the (Continued on page 11)
Ride Management: New Opportunities. New Challenges
By Elaine Swiss, Management Chair

With the introduction of the Leisure Division, ride managers are facing significant changes to the ride practices and business models that may have worked splendidly for years, even decades. The Leisure Division has decidedly added new members, new competitors, and financial benefits to NATRC at the national, regional and ride level, but it is the ride manager who must deliver the product.

NATRC has been successful in adapting its rules, providing administrative support (RMS updates, scorecards, etc.) and certifying judges for the Leisure Division, while ride management delivers the event itself. That includes camping arrangements, marked trail and maps, observation points, transportation, agenda, briefings and, of course, adequate volunteers. After three years, most ride managers have concluded that adding Leisure Division is akin to managing a separate ride from a Type A and/or Type B Open, Competitive Pleasure and Novice event.

The response to this challenge has been to offer Leisure Only competitions or to simply manage the two events separately with some shared components, such as the Timer and sometimes P&R crews. Some events have identified co-managers to ensure success of each “separate” ride. Each of these solutions is acceptable if it works for the ride management team and the customers, namely the competitors and the volunteers. If your solution has not been as successful, perhaps another will be.

The Leisure Division was introduced to achieve several objectives for NATRC, and it is off to a good start in achieving many of those objectives. Some will take more time to come to fruition. Sharing strategies for success makes the tough job of ride management easier with or without the Leisure Division.

One of those strategies may be co-camping, or facility-sharing, with another equestrian event, such as one sanctioned by AERC or a local trail competition organization. Early childhood development experts call this “Parallel playing” when two toddlers engage with individual toys side-by-side and do not directly interact with each other.

The concept for NATRC may be to share a facility/ranch/campground, share food sources (food truck, caterer, etc.), and share trail-marking duties and maps, while the judging and actual competition is conducted separately. This can result in significant cost savings to both organizations with the added benefit of introducing more riders to our sport.

There are many other strategies like this for managing the tremendous effort of coordinating an NATRC event, including inviting a non-NATRC clinician to offer a clinic of his/her own in conjunction with the NATRC ride, or inviting a non-NATRC body mechanics professional to offer an event simultaneously with an NATRC event. Initially it seems like, and will be, additional work, but bringing more hands, more heads, and more resources of all types to the table benefits all.

Mary Anna Wood (79) catch rode Lucy Hirsch’s horse, Hungarian Jade, at the 2021 Tally Ho ride. Mary Anna has over 24,200 competition miles to date. Her horse Elmer Bandit, who passed at age 38, holds the record mileage at 20,780 and 25 national championships.

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Whether competitive or not, trail riding can be the “fountain of youth” as we learn from 91 year old Arkansas trail rider, trail blazer and horsewoman, in a recent interview with Phyllis Ormsby.

“There’s no truer saying than ‘if you don’t use it, you lose it.’” That’s not just a quote from Priscilla Kirkpatrick. She is living it out every day.

At 91 years old, she’s an inspiration for every equestrian, still riding and loving being out on the trail.

“It’s just whatever your personality is, I guess,” Priscilla said. “I keep going because I have the want to. You need to surround yourself with positive people and good horses, of course.”

Priscilla’s daughter, Robin, said her mom always had the sort of attitude that kept her going, no matter what. “All my life she’s worked hard,” Robin said. “I don’t think she knows any other way. It’s hard to even get her to sit down and enjoy a meal. She has stuff she has to do.

“It definitely molded me, for sure,” Robin said. “She always says ‘choose wisely’ and by that she means your mindset. She’s always been positive and about moving forward and not staying in the past. Her saying is, ‘It’s a mindset Robin, choose wisely.’ And she’s right about that.”

There’s no way to know how many people Priscilla has introduced to the joys of trail riding over the years, but she’s been creating trails and bringing others along most of her adult life.

“Probably my ability to have fun at whatever I do has contributed to my longevity and agility,” Priscilla said. “Some of it I think is just having a positive attitude and enjoying what you do. When I get on a horse, it’s just a euphoric feeling and it’s special to me.”

“I say this all of the time,” Priscilla continued. “Horses are what’s keeping me going. When I get to where I can’t ride, y’all need to look for a backhoe, because it won’t be very long. The horses are just my life.”

“I recently asked her what she hoped her legacy would be,” Robin said. “Mom replied, ‘the trails I’ve made, I hope they are enjoyed and cared for by generations to come.’”
### NATRC VIRTUAL CHALLENGES

#### HOLIDAY HOEDOWN FINAL STANDINGS

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*Some competitors chose to do only some of the dance challenges.

**COMPETITOR BRACKET EXPLANATION**

- A - Experienced with > 1500 miles
- C - New with 0 miles
- B - Experienced with < 1500 miles
- D - Junior age 10 - 17
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Joan Throgmorton’s Words
Still Ring True

By Jamie Dieterich and Bev Roberts

Sixty years ago, NATRC became official, but the journey to incorporation started long before 1961. We are not the first competitive trail ride organization; we are the first national one. The Vermont based Green Mountain Horse Association (GMHA), founded in 1926, held their first 100-mile competitive trail ride in 1936.

In California, the first Concord Mt Diablo Ride, sponsored by the Concord Chamber of Commerce, was held in September 1940. In the March 1978 How & Why Hoof Print article, Joan Throgmorton reported, “The ride was 41.2 miles one way from downtown Concord to Barbeque Terrace, camp overnight and return the next day. The ride became an annual event, and a quote from the Nov/Dec 1944, Western Horseman magazine gives us some background, “Participants and judges alike were impressed by the marked improvement in the types of horses entered in the fourth annual CMDTR in September. Each year has seen a better quality of entries, but 1944 was outstanding. Comments of the riders also indicated that the cause of better horsemanship has been considerably advanced through experience gained in the rides. This was made evident by wiser handling of the horses on the trail and a planned and more thoughtful conditioning of the mounts prior to the ride. Riders who participated in the three previous rides had benefitted by studying the judging charts, supplied upon request by the secretary of the Concord Chamber of Commerce. 43 riders started and 35 finished.”

When helping organize NATRC, Dr. Murray Fowler, UC Davis, attended one of the later GMHA 3-day 100-mile trail rides in Vermont and was impressed with the discipline required to complete the ride. He returned with the GMHA Rule Book and incorporated many of those rules into the fledgling NATRC rules.

“Over the next 20 years (after 1940), much was learned, and thus our founding fathers established in 1961 a set of rules, aims, articles of incorporation and by-laws that were so sound in concept and principle that very little change has been needed over the years. Had there not been a self-perpetuating board of directors in the early years, NATRC would have ceased to exist,” recalled Throgmorton. “Only when the number of riders and rides were sufficiently established and interest steadfests could NATRC become a democratic organization,” Throgmorton added. Riders who had clamored for a right to vote for our board of directors got their wish in 1965, Class A (2-day) rides covered 30-40 miles per day on fairly level terrain OR a shorter distance in steep and rugged terrain so the course could be completed in 6 ½ - 7 hours of riding time. Class B, 1-day rides, met Class A requirements for 1 day. There was a senior division (our open division today) with heavyweight, lightweight categories and a junior division. The novice division could offer the same OR the senior (without weight categories) or junior divisions. The novice division could offer the same OR the senior (without weight categories) or junior divisions. We felt management was making a deliberate attempt to put us in great races over narrow trails, and that the judging was inadequate and personally directed to embarrass us. Those of us most vocal in our complaints soon found out what NATRC was all about, as we became managers running our own rides and, as judges, we discovered that our complaints (had been) born out of ignorance of the sport. Our love for the sport, coupled with our ignorance put us in a poor position to see the sport in its true light. With time and experience now in our favor, we developed tolerance, patience, understanding, and a lasting appreciation for the true spirit of NATRC”

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Later NATRC separated the scorecard into two -

Past Presidents with dates served

Robert Graham, DVM: 1965
Everett Bellani: 1965
George Cardinet, Jr: 1966-68
Robert Bohannan: 1969-70
Al Moss: 1971-73
Duane Scott: 1974
William Chambers: 1975-76
Fred Kirkham: 1977
Tom Natsues: 1978
James Guenther, DVM: 1979
C.R. Harden, DVM: 1980
William Cumberworth, M.D.: 1981
Patsy Tomb: 1982-83
Leonard Smith, DVM: 1984
Wayne Hyatt: 1985-86
James Wright, DVM: 1987-88
Rod Cole: 1989-90
Nancy Kasovich: 1991-93
J.R. Kendall: 1994-95
David Whitehouse: 1996-97
Jerry Well, DVM: 1998-99
Bill Smith: 2000-01
Gerald Ferguson: 2002
Cheri Jeffcoat: 2003-05
Ray Brezina: 2006-09
Gary Clayton: 2010-2012
Kim Cowart: 2013-2016
Angie Meroshnekoff: 2017-

November 1968. “On that day, we were soon to find out that running a budding organization was not all fame and glory but was blood, sweat and tears.”

Once started, “NATRC FEVER” spread rapidly. The first ride in Arizona was in 1964. By 1965, there were 10 sanctioned rides. In 1966, NATRC divided into two regions – Northwest (R1) and Southwest (R2). Region 3 was created in 1971, R4 and R5 in 1976. Region 4 divided into R4 and R6 in 1982.

Said Throgmorton, “(We) could not wait until the next ride even though we complained about the lack of information as to when the next ride would be. We felt management was making a deliberate attempt to put us in great races over narrow trails, and that the judging was inadequate and personally directed to embarrass us. Those of us most vocal in our complaints soon found out what NATRC was all about, as we became managers running our own rides and, as judges, we discovered that our complaints (had been) born out of ignorance of the sport. Our love for the sport, coupled with our ignorance put us in a poor position to see the sport in its true light. With time and experience now in our favor, we developed tolerance, patience, understanding, and a lasting appreciation for the true spirit of NATRC”

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horse and horsemanship – complete with separate judges. Judging became more standardized. An apprenticeship program, testing, approval and attendance at an annual judges’ seminar were established.

Many early restrictions were to help determine which horse was least affected by the rigors of the ride. The only allowable ways to cool a horse’s legs were to sponge water on, to stand the horse in a creek or pond, or to stand the horse in water-filled buckets. On Sunday mornings, riders could not handle their horses until after the vet judge came to each horse at its trailer and observed the rider untie and trot the horse out and back.

As advances in horse care evolved, so did the desire of riders to be able to make more choices about the care of their horses. Not only is there no more (silly) 10 o’clock rule and no morning vet visit, sliding tethers, overhead ties, and portable corrals are now stabling options. Riders can warm up their horses prior to the morning trot before ride start. There are now no shoeing restrictions, and hoof boots and pads for sole protection are allowed. Static ice and ice boots are now permissible at the end of the day. Riders may administer electrolytes by dose syringe. Management can provide horse feed for all at lunch or other places on the trail.

Notable changes in competition have been (1) the addition of the Competitive Pleasure Division in 1988 for those who prefer the Novice pace and distance but are no longer novices, and (2) the shorter, slower paced 1-day Leisure Division in 2019 as an introduction (or return) to our sport.

Ride management documents are available electronically and no longer have to be snail mailed to every ride manager. Riders can register for rides online. We track records of ride results and assignment of points and mileage electronically. National and regional websites plus social media keep riders and members up to date.

We adopted a comprehensive drug policy to ensure safety for the equine and fair competition.

Year-end awards in the Competitive Pleasure Division have increased, and national recognition in the Novice Division has been added.

In closing her 1978 article, Throgmorton stated, “Not only do you gain knowledge and skills of working as a team with your horse, many new friendships will develop which will become a part of a future lifestyle. Your “Family” will suddenly increase, for NATRC members across the U.S. share common problems, ideas, likes and dislikes. You discover the true meaning of sportsmanship … understanding and compassion for others problems … “to err is human.”

“You learn to forgive management who you thought had you gallop over boulders or find your way home in the dark (when finding that perhaps this is because some thoughtless person took down the ribbons). You learn to thank ride management for the courage and tenacity to take on the task of managing a ride.

“Last but not least, what other horse activity would create the situation for you to journey to other parts of the country (be it your own state or another), would give you the opportunity to see all the spectacularly beautiful countryside of these United States astride your team partner, and would encourage you to find the horse who you have truly come to know and admire?

“Bless you, George Cardinet, Bob Bohannan and others who kept NATRC going through the early trials and tribulations of budding infancy. We appreciate your long-range foresight and are thankful that your wisdom, strength and determination were rewarded.”

Joan’s words ring true today.
Until the weekend of May 22nd at the Mozingo Lake Ride, it was the fall of 2019 since I had been able to spend time with my NATRC friends because of Covid. And until this weekend, I had not realized how much I had missed my herd.

I started riding competitively in 2002. I was able to travel with my horse and ride trails in Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Oklahoma and in several Nebraska locations. The weekend adventures were in all types of weather, but I saw sights from the back of my horse that I would have never seen if I had not been involved in the sport.

I always felt like riding through the parks was a spiritual experience for me and felt like I was closer to God on the back of my horse.

Even though I was always physically sore after a weekend ride, I loved being involved. It didn’t even matter that sometimes I did not place well. It wasn’t about the competition to me.

When I discovered that I was pregnant with my son in 2006, I obviously stopped riding competitively. I was able to keep in touch with my friends through social media and for a couple years, I was only able to watch their continued adventures through photos.

But I missed the time with my horse and my friends.

I knew that distance riding was not physically possible for me, so I volunteered to help as a judge’s secretary. I had no idea what it would entail, but I knew I would be able to spend time with my horse friends. Soon I was volunteering throughout the region and not only was I good at it, but I had found a way to stay involved with the sport.

In retrospect, being involved with NATRC was about belonging. It didn’t matter if I was riding or scribing, I was a part of the sport. My horse friends had become my herd.

That weekend in May, several R6 people came together in Maryville, Missouri to offer a clinic and a Leisure Division (LeD) ride. As we all know, LeD is a competitive division, but not as physically challenging to the rider and the horse. This division was designed to bring new people into the sport, but for a lot of people, it was an opportunity to return to NATRC after not riding for several years or maybe they were starting a new horse.

I feel like there are a lot of things people could learn from my NATRC friends. Things that would make our communities better places.

First, NATRC is inclusive. While it would be helpful if you had an interest in horses, if you want to be involved as a rider or a worker, there will be a job for you. It takes a number of volunteers to make a ride or an event possible and no matter the region, my friends accept everyone with unconditional positive regard.

Second, riders are encouraged to be kind and courteous on the trail. I think this is good advice everywhere.

Third, we refer to obstacles as opportunities. With a simple change of words, you can change your attitude.

Finally, I have a judge friend that says she has never met a rider or a horse that she doesn’t learn something from. “Never stop learning.”

What if we all took that advice? Find your herd and be involved. Be kind and courteous.
You bet! With a few more strategy tips, we wrap up this series on the art of devising a means to an end with a favorable outcome.

**Critical Strategy - Don’t get lost.** Doing so blows your ride plan, costs precious minutes, often requires riding fast through areas you wouldn’t normally even trot through, causes you anxiety, puts extra stress on your horse and introduces risk of injuring your horse in your haste. What strategy to use?

- Keep an eye on the trail marking ribbons! If you don’t see one when you expect it, go back to the last one you saw and stop. Evaluate. Is there a ribbon off in another direction? Which way do the hoof prints go? Did the trail split? Then decide. Sometimes others who know the trail will catch up with you while you are pondering your predicament and can point you in the correct direction.
- Don’t blindly follow others. Always make sure you see the trail markings and directional signs yourself, even if riding in a group.
- Know where you are on the trail map. If you expect to go in one direction but are heading just the opposite, don’t assume everything will turn out OK. If a little alarm is going off in your head, listen to it! You’d better stop and consult that map.

**Electrolytes and Grazing.**

There are a few ways to replenish electrolytes – forced via an electrolyte paste tube or voluntary via hand feeding granules or by grazing. You can do one, none, or some combination of each.

If doing the forced method, give electrolytes after your horse has watered. Kathleen Crandell, Ph.D., a longtime nutritionist for Kentucky Equine Research, has said, “If electrolytes are given without water to a dehydrated horse, further dehydration will occur, causing significant fluid-balance problems, including the possibility of salt toxicity.”

Unless you are competing in the desert, you can find nice patches of grass, wild oats and other goodies at spots along the trail and let your horse grab a few bites. Not only does grass contain electrolytes, but it also is a source of moisture, nutrition and fiber. It is handy to do this when your horse is walking, without even stopping. In tall grass, many horses can grab bites at a trot!

**Water.** It takes a few rides for your horse to learn to drink whenever s/he is thirsty. Riders know that sometimes horses will not drink, or not drink their fill, if other horses at the water spot take off. It is a common courtesy to ask those still watering if they’d like you to wait before you leave and vice versa.

Sometimes your horse is thirsty but just not drinking. Often you can dismount and start wetting your horse’s legs. Once s/he realizes that you are taking a break, s/he may start drinking.

**Back in Camp.** When you are finished riding, you are not finished competing. (Continued on page 19)
Now that your horse has hauled you over hill and dale, it is time to get her/him refreshed and rested. If it is the final ride day, you will have to prepare your horse quickly for the final vet out exam. Strategies to include:

- Dismount and loosen the cinch when time permits.
- At your trailer, let your horse drink from whichever bucket it chooses - the regular one or the additional one you left out with electrolyte water.
- Have hay already there for munching.
- Before untacking, mix up your beet pulp feed mash and let it soak for at least 15 minutes.
- After untacking, bathe your horse with water (in hot weather), and brush.
- Feed the mash to replenish fluids, nutrition, and fiber.
- Keep the lower legs wet to help reduce any inflammation. You can use water, ice water, or ice packs (left on for 20 minutes [the point of diminishing return]). Devices that recirculate ice water are banned.

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● finish grooming and let your horse be while you take care of yourself
● later on, take your horse for a walk to let her/him work out any stiffness, stretch, graze and roll.
● if preparing for the final vet exam, make sure “Old Dobbin’s” back is dry. A wet back can give a false indication of soreness.

Closing. You may find some of the strategies in this series useful and add them to those you’ve devised yourself. Your goal should be for them become habitual best practices so you become unconsciously competent.

If you are new to this sport, all this strategy talk can be overwhelming. Fear not. Everyone you meet has been there, done that, and is willing to share what they’ve learned. Have fun, do your best, laugh and learn from your mistakes. Learn from the judges’ comments on your scorecards. Judges are there to educate as well as evaluate. You can ease into competitive trail riding by volunteering. Learn from behind the scenes and then bring your horse and try us. Or you can try the Leisure Division which is designed for learning.
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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.

Rationale: The date to determine the age of a Junior should be the same for a Junior Competing Membership or as part of a Family Competing Membership.

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 one or more regions other than that of the domicile, the rider must inform the NATRC Executive Director of 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.

Rationale: This allows those who live in two different regions, or close to two different regions, to compete for points in both. This could increase ridership by allowing competitors to compete for more awards. It would also increase membership since the rider is paying for an additional region. Each supplemental membership for an additional region will be offered at partial cost. Free memberships only cover one region.

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 Territories.

Rationale: Correct and clarify the region definitions. It was probably an oversight that Newfoundland had not been listed in the Rule Book. Nunavut Territory (to the east of the Northwest Territories) was officially separated from the Northwest Territories on April 1, 1999.

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.

Rationale: A competitor should not be excluded from the Novice Division for having done well and placed in the annual awards. This could happen in one year.

LOWER AGE OF JUNIOR COMPETITORS – Option 1: All Divisions

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, with a limit of two per sponsor.

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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 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. 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 it is similar expectations for young riders.

**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.

and

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 protection.

and

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 protection.

**Rationale:** Hoof boots and pads were not allowed for many years. “Temporary hoof protection” referred to boots such as Easy Boots which could be used until a shoe was replaced for the next day’s ride. This concept is not applicable any more since all types of hoof boots that provide sole protection are allowed. Hoof protection and leg protection should read the same for DO and LeD.

**ALLOW ADDITIONAL LEG GEAR DURING STABLING**

SECTION 5 – THE RIDE
E. Hoof Protection/ Leg Protection
3. Protective devices, such as bell boots, or splint boots, or wraps are only allowed in Leisure Division or when participating Distance Only. Wraps are not only permissible on the legs of horses except as part of hoof sole protections as allowed under Section 5 E2 or during stabling as allowed under Section 5 E6. The leg is defined as all structures above and including the coronet.
5. Ice boots and other means of applying ice/ice water/cooling packs topically by various attachment methods are allowed. Devices that circulate ice water or cool below 0 degrees Celsius are prohibited.
6. After the day’s final check, standing wraps and compression socks are allowed. No prohibited substances are allowed in conjunction with the application of wraps or socks (See Drug Appendices).

**Rationale:** We already allow ice boots. These additional options also allow for more choices for horse care and relieve the confusion over which devices are permitted.
We have received consistent requests to lower our eligible competitor age. NATRC could be the best introduction of junior riders as young as 8 to distance riding, allowing them an excellent start in horse care, equitation and safe practices. Children of this age are developmentally able to ride and care for horses and can actively participate in other organizations that put a strong emphasis on safety, such as Pony Club.

Like all competitors, juniors would fall under Section 4D1d. “Riders who are unable to properly care for their horses, themselves, or to ride the course without assistance of others” would be ineligible to ride. Management has the right to disallow a youth from entering if they are unable to do the preceding on the same level as we allow for other riders. We normally permit minor assistance, such as lifting a saddle, for our aged riders, those recovering from a surgery or accident, or others who have limited ability or mobility. We allow those hard of hearing, with impaired vision, reduced mental or physical ability, and even those wearing a cast. All of these could lead to safety issues, yet we welcome these riders, provide minimal assistance as needed, and are inclusive. We have included youth under 12 riding with a sponsor in this proposal, which is more than we have required in the past.

Some think that an 8-year-old would have judging leniency compared to say a 14-year-old, but our judges have strict standards to abide by. These riders would have no more advantage in the sport than a 30-year-old competing against a 75-year-old. We assess based on the scorecard, without a cuteness factor or soft spot. If we see the contrary, that is a judging issue and not a competitor age issue. We are a family-oriented sport with high standards of safety and education, so it is to our benefit to include these younger riders when they are capable, ingraining good habits and solid skills when they are most impressionable.
Several things are involved in the care of the horse’s legs before, during, and after a workout. Perhaps the first thing is to know your horse’s legs. We hear that, but how many of us do that? If we ride on a certain trail very many times, we come to recognize its features – its plants, its tracks, the turns coming up. Our horses’ legs are like a trail; when we feel them often, we learn what lumps and bumps are normal. (Female readers understand another application).

There’s an old saying, “For every mistake you make about not knowing, you make ten for not looking.”

During a workout, or a competition, capillaries expand to bring in blood to support the work. When the work stops, the flow continues for some time. That fluid contains mediators and enzymes of inflammation. This not only provokes an inflammatory process, the pooling fluid stretches tissues. Horses’ legs that accumulate fluid are said to “stock up.”

Cooling down by hand walking is one of the easiest and best ways to help dissipate excess fluid and restore normal circulation. Icing also helps by causing the blood vessels to constrict and reduce the increased flow that occurs during exercise.

Wrapping, by providing compression, can also help prevent fluid from pooling in the lower leg. Wrapping must be applied properly so as to not inadvertently injure the tendons. Learning how to apply them is part of learning when to use them.

The Certified Horsemanship Association (CHA) has an excellent video in their educational series on how to apply a standing wrap.

This link to an article in Equus magazine is very good about pointing out the various aspects of total leg care before, during, and after workouts.

Allowing standing wraps during stabling would give riders another choice in how to best care for their horses.
Once again, I feel compelled to write a letter of concern over the proposed rule change to allow leg wraps. The last letter I wrote about ice boots I feel fell on deaf ears. I will start this letter out slightly differently. Let me remind you all of the philosophies of NATRC because I am under the impression most BODs in the past 12-15 years have forgotten them.

PHILOSOPHIES
1. To stimulate greater interest in breeding and use of good equines possessed of stamina and hardness and qualified to make good mounts for trail use.
2. To demonstrate the value of type and soundness in the proper selection of equines for competitive trail riding.
3. To learn and demonstrate the proper methods of training and conditioning equines for competitive trail riding.
4. To encourage good horsemanship as related to trail riding.
5. To demonstrate the best methods of caring for equines during and after long rides without the use of artificial methods or stimulants.

Rules have been changed so many times in the past going against these philosophies. Years ago I was against the shoeing rule being changed. But the membership was told we would gain more riders. We did not. I said at the time this was a slippery slope we were headed down but was assured our philosophies would remain intact. Then it went from allowing any type of shoe with or without pads to allowing hoof boots. I expressed severe concern and was told it was to increase membership. Again, it did not.

Move forward some years and the idea of allowing ice boots came up. I wrote a very opinionated letter to the BOD about this idea and the rule still passed. Again, being told ridership would increase and once again, it did not.

Now here we are one more time going strictly against our philosophies. Any type of leg wraps or boots are “artificial methods”. If a horse cannot stay sound without any type of leg wraps, then said horse does not have the “stamina or hardness to make a good mount for trail use”. Of course, I understand the medical reasons behind the use of leg wraps but they can be used after the competition is over.

NATRC is asking horses to go ONE ride without the use of artificial aids or stimulants. If a mount cannot go ONE day without help, then philosophies #2 and #3 should be stricken from our sport.

I am once again vehemently opposed to more rule changes going directly against our philosophies. I urge the BOD to vote against this rule change. We are not gaining riders by changing all these rules. Actually through friends I have met over the years we have lost riders because they, like I, feel we have dumbed down the sport.

So you may look at why the “old timers” do not compete any more vs trying to get endurance riders into our sport.

Please take a long hard look at our sport and philosophies prior to making your final vote. Should you choose to vote in favor of this rule change then you MUST change our philosophies as well.

Respectfully submitted,
Donna L. Johnson, DVM
How to read these results:

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

The official record source for ride results is the NATRC national office. Results published here may be subject to audit.

Region 2

Boyd Ranch B1
3/27/21 Region 2 AZ Total Riders: 18
Chair: Kimberly Johnson
Judge: LeD - Diane Wingle

Leisure Adult
1. Solid Country Gold Skye / Edwards, Nia
2. Tekillya Rose / Stuart, Sierra
3. Molly 8 / Hiett, Joni
4. Boy / Hill, Renea
5. Bandit 9 / Crissman, Brenda
6. Annie 10 / Lauck, Marni

Leisure Experienced
1. Dunit in the Paint / Evans, Carol
2. Gypsy Elite Willow / Noake, Sharon
3. DO Pride’s College Boy / Bray, Sherrie

Leisure Junior
1. Johnnie / Johnson, Kamryn
2. Griffin / Goss, Jo
3. The Mask of Phantom / Johnson, Kelli
4. Dakota Jack / Nelson, Victoria

Boyd Ranch B2
3/28/21 Region 2 AZ Total Riders: 16
Chair: Kimberly Johnson
Judge: LeD - Diane Wingle

Leisure Adult
1. Solid Country Gold Skye / Edwards, Nia
2. Dakota Jack / Nelson, Victoria
3. Griffin / Goss, Jo
4. Annie 10 / Lauck, Marni
5. The Mask of Phantom / Johnson, Kelli
6. Sebastian 3 / French, Sheila

Leisure Experienced
1. Dunit in the Paint / Evans, Carol
2. Gypsy Elite Willow / Noake, Sharon
3. DO Pride’s College Boy / Bray, Sherrie

Leisure Junior
1. Johnnie / Johnson, Kamryn
2. Gunner 3 / Graves, Cody

Region 4

7IL Scamper A
3/6-7/21 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 18
Chair: Holly Jones
Judges: Vet - Carter Hounsel; Hsp - Kim Cowart

Open Heavyweight
1 / 1 Razmataz DBA+/ / Bass, Carla Jo
2 / 2 SA Jabari / Muench, Gayle
P / P CH GoneWithTheWynd / Jewell, Jonni

Open Lightweight
1 / 1 SW / 99 Bantam Z / Mettes, Cynthia
2 / 4 Tahlya / Murphy, Kimberly
3 / 2 TA Kaiser++ / Prusak, Deanne
4 / 3 Moon Shadow’s Black Gold / Price, Alanna
5 / 5 RPH Ebony Diamond / Hicks, Patti

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight
1 / 2 MGA’s Fuerte del Energia / Rosser, Erin
2 / 1 Lady Hemi / Grotheer, Wendy

Novice Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW / 98 Fancy I Am / Knight, Chrissy

Novice Lightweight
1 / 1 Rasheed / Green, Kimberly

7IL Scamper B1
3/6/21 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 14
Chair: Holly Jones
Judges: Vet - Carter Hounsel; Hsp - Kim Cowart; LeD - Kate Hollar

Leisure Experienced
1. Smokey Sedona / Kafka, Karen
2. Gypsy Elite Willow / Noake, Sharon
3. Dunit in the Paint / Evans, Carol

Leisure Junior
1. Johnnie / Johnson, Kamryn
2. Griffin / Goss, Jo
3. Annie 10 / Lauck, Marni
4. The Mask of Phantom / Johnson, Kelli
5. Sebastian 3 / French, Sheila

7IL Scamper B2
3/7/21 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 13
Chair: Holly Jones
Judges: Vet - Carter Hounsel; Hsp - Kim Cowart; LeD - Kate Hollar

Leisure Adult
1. Buoy / Black, Tracy
2. Mishaal Nadir KFA / Fazzino, Kim
3. TFR Khan El Bahrain / Marty, Janet
4. Levi 7 / Pirc, Nicole
5. Arabella / Rebber, Jamie
6. DK Quick-N-Silver / Dypwick, Ann

Leisure Experienced
1. The Miracle of Voodoo / Perryman, Alice
2. Jasper 6 / Orr, Shirley
3. Sundown / Orr, Joe

Leisure Junior
1. Blackwood Bey / Sharman, Hallie
2. Quartz / Whittaker, Natalie

Leisure Lightweight
1 / 1 SW / 98 Big Cat / Leatherwood, Cynthia
2 / 2 Giacomo / Muench, Fran
3 / 3 Moonshadow 2 / Galliher, Teresa
4 / 5 NH Muscats Jewel / Swiss, Elaine
5 / 6 Vaqueria / Nelsen, Sarah
6 / 4 Illumination de Khaleesi / Daniel, Donnah
### Raising The Bar A
3/20-21/21 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 20
Chair: Alice Perryman
Judges: Vet - Susan Dent; Hsp - Becky Rogers

#### Open Heavyweight
1 / 1 Rohara Hasanni / Muench, Gayle
P / P Razmataz DBA / Bass, Carla Jo

#### Open Lightweight
1 / 2 SW / 99 TA Kaiser / Prusak, Deanne
2 / 1 Wildfire Storm / Miller, Dolly
3 / 4 RPH Ebony Diamond / Hicks, Patti
4 / 3 Moon Shadow’s Black Gold / Price, Alanna
P / P Bantam Z / Mettes, Cynthia

#### Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight
1 / 1 KMA Ali Gator / Spell, David
2 / 2 Diamond / Grotheer, Wendy

#### Competitive Pleasure Lightweight
1 / 4 SW / 94.5 Flash Black / Liebman, Cara
2 / 1 Giacomo / Muench, Fran
3 / 3 Vaquero / Galliher, Teresa
4 / 5 Rock Creek’s Wild Pepper / Jones, Holly
5 / 2 Halcon / Queen, Kelly
6 / 6 Big Cat / Leatherwood, Cynthia
Moonshadow 2 / Breland, Katie

#### Novice Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW / 94.5 Jakes Mystical Daisy / Ropp, Marla
2 / 2 Fancy I Am / Knight, Chrisay

#### Novice Lightweight
1 / 2 Daylight / Stecik, Eileen
2 / 1 Mageed Ibn Kamal Ma / Kelly, Mollie

### Raising The Bar B1
3/20/21 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 10
Chair: Alice Perryman
Judges: Vet - Susan Dent; Hsp - Becky Rogers; LeD - Betsy Zimmerman

#### Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW / ?? Hindi Sahid / Jewell, Jonni

#### Leisure Experienced
1 Frio Bandito / Stevens, Toni
2 Jasper 6 / Orr, Shirley
3 Sundown / Orr, Joe
4 Sparks On Blacktop / Shoenhair, Leon

### Raising The Bar B2
3/21/21 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 7
Chair: Alice Perryman
Judge: LeD - Betsy Zimmerman

#### Leisure Adult
1 Xena 3 / Walaski, Korie
2 Sahghid / Walaski, Michelle
3 Buoy / Black, Tracy
P Bonham / Mosley, Deb
P Myss Gdache / Waldrip, Anita

#### Leisure Experienced
1 Jasper 6 / Orr, Shirley
2 Sundown / Orr, Joe
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| **Louisiana Purchase B2** | 4/17/21    | 4/     | 24           | Jan Stewart | LeD - Debby Starr       |                             |
| Open Heavyweight        | 1          | Razmataz DBA | Bass, Carla Jo |             |                         |                             |
| Open Lightweight        | 1          | SW / 98 TA Kaiser | Prusak, Deanne |             |                         |                             |

| **Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight** | 1          | Diamond | Grotheer, Wendy |             |                         |                             |
|                                    | 2          | KMA All Gator | Spell, David      |             |                         |                             |

| **Competitive Pleasure Lightweight** | 1          | SW / 99 Vaquero | Gallilher, Teresa |             |                         |                             |
|                                    | 2          | Rock Creek’s Wild Pepper | Jones, Holly |             |                         |                             |

| **Novice Heavyweight**            | 1          | SW / 91 Jakes Mystical Daisy | Ropp, Marla |             |                         |                             |

| **Pole Canyon A**                 | 5/1-2/21   | 4      | 21           | Becky Rogers | LeD - Debby Starr       |                             |
| Open Heavyweight                  | 1          | SA Jabari | Muench, Gayle |             |                         |                             |
| Open Lightweight                   | 1          | SW / 96 Rushcreek Darline | Clark, Hannah |             |                         |                             |

| **Competitive Pleasure Lightweight** | 1          | SW / 97 Halcon | Queen, Kelly |             |                         |                             |
|                                    | 2          | Flash Black | Liebman, Cara |             |                         |                             |

| **Novice Lightweight**            | 1          | SW / 91 Jakes Mystical Daisy | Ropp, Marla |             |                         |                             |

| **Pole Canyon B1**                | 5/1/21     | 4      | 7            | Becky Rogers | LeD - Debby Starr       |                             |
| Leisure Adult                      | 1          | Myss Gdache | Waldrip, Anita |             |                         |                             |
| Leisure Experienced                | 2          | Jasper 6 | Orr, Shirley |             |                         |                             |
|                                    | 3          | Sundown | Orr, Joe     |             |                         |                             |
|                                    | 4          | Rusty’s Golden Nugget | Musgrave, Teresa | |                         |                             |
|                                    | 5          | Sparks On Blacktop | Shoenhair, Leon | |                         |                             |

| **Pole Canyon B2**                | 5/2/21     | 4      | 5            | Becky Rogers | LeD - Debby Starr       |                             |
| Leisure Adult                      | 1          | Jasper 6 | Orr, Shirley |             |                         |                             |
|                                    | 2          | Sparks On Blacktop | Shoenhair, Leon | |                         |                             |

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Spring into NATRC B1
3/13/21 Region 5 AL Total Riders: 19
Chair: Victoria Whitehead
Judge: LeD - Esther Diaguila

Leisure Adult
1 Gretel / Rader, Mackie
2 Papa's Alabama Express / Lehr, Halia
3 Pilgrim / Wright, Jessica
4 By the Grace of God / Broomfield, Steven
5 Sonata del Dios / Kebbel, Phoebe
6 StarLight's Coffee Break / Goncz, Caitlin

Leisure Experienced
1 Jiminy Cricket / Mulligan, Jennifer
2 Thee Vandal / Ostrowski, Stephanie
3 Lenox / Senecal, Anita
4 Sundancers Comanchero / Hajek, Donna

Leisure Junior
1 Pocos Little Sadie / Brush, Leah
2 Dakota 18 / Feist, Suzanne

Spring into NATRC B2
3/13/21 Region 5 AL Total Riders: 13
Chair: Victoria Whitehead
Judge: LeD - Esther Diaguila

Leisure Adult
1 Papa's Alabama Express / Lehr, Halia
2 StarLight's Coffee Break / Goncz, Caitlin
3 Spur / Piccini, Savannah
4 By the Grace of God / Broomfield, Steven
5 Dec Docs Curious Pep / Gragg, Melissa
6 Charlie Daniels / Colclough, Ashley

Leisure Experienced
1 Song / Ostrowski, Stephanie
2 Jiminy Cricket / Mulligan, Jennifer

Leisure Junior
1 Pocos Little Sadie / Brush, Leah
2 Dakota 18 / Feist, Suzanne

Region Five Benefit Ride A
3/27/21 Region 5 GA Total Riders: 33
Chair: Cindy Keen
Judges: Vet - Kay Gunckel; Hsp - Esther Diaguila

Open Heavyweight
1 / 2 SW / 98 Windstorm Clay / Mitchell, Tommy
2 / 3 Jiminy Cricket / Mulligan, Jennifer
3 / 1 Norman / Moore, William

Open Lightweight
1 / 1 Beau / Games, Sherry
2 / 2 Mick Jagger / Patsaul, Sierra

Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight
1 / 4 Okies Roanwood 10 / Fields, Bobby
2 / 1 DCL Roxies Peponita / Howard, Marsha
3 / 11 Stanley's Waylon / Tolbert, Wayne
4 / 3 Graceful Empire / Whitehead, Victoria
5 / 2 Traveler's Gray King / Findley, Martha
6 / 6 Digger 3 / Murray, Andrew
P / P Mandella Bey / Chapman, Carolyn

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight
1 / 4 SW / 96 Impressive Red Rebel / Riley, Paula
2 / 1 Bree / Collins, Jordan
3 / 2 Palos Roan Glo (AKA Blaze) / Alonso, Heather

4 / 3 Merribelle Mist MHF / Dukes, Mary

Novice Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW / 94 Miss Deuces TE / Silba, Jeffry
2 / 3 LW An-La-Rosa Silk / Hearne, Shannan
3 / 1 By the Grace of God / Broomfield, Steven
4 / 6 Loki / Damacio, Marcelino
5 / 4 The Hudson Bay / Banks, Yvonne
6 / 1 Dobbins Lucky Gambler / Lord, Debbie
1 / 2 Spider-Man / Patterson, Blake
5 / 5 Dec Docs Curious Pep / Gragg, Melissa
Jada Angel / Feist, Lael

Novice Lightweight
1 / 4 SW / 96 Windstorm Clay / Mitchell, Tommy
2 / 16 Locked and Loaded / DeFelice, Jenny
3 / 1 Spur / Lehr, Halia
4 / 2 Texas / Wormley, Holly
5 / 3 McCurdys Hollywood / Wiggins, Kathi
6 / 1 Just a Little More / Morgan, Jacquelyn

Novice Junior
1 / 1 Timber Jac Joe / Lawrence, Anna
2 / 2 Dakota 18 / Feist, Suzanne

Region Five Benefit Ride B1
3/27/21 Region 5 GA Total Riders: 12
Chair: Cindy Keen
Judges: Vet - Kay Gunckel; Hsp - Esther Diaguila

Open Heavyweight
1 / 1 VA Anistazio / Riddick, Keri

Open Lightweight
1 / 1 SW / 94 Gambit Kirsch, Claire

Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW / 95 Sundancers Comanchero / Hajek, Donna

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight
P / P CMF Hallel / Hartness, Marilyn
P / P Appalachian Spring / Moss, Linda

Novice Heavyweight
1 / 1 Sun Frost Flick / Fike, Connie
P / P Spirits Pretty Boy / Johnson, Lisa A.
P / P Blaze 8 / Lambert, Marie

Novice Lightweight
1 / 1 SW / 97 Pilgrim / Wright, Jessica
2 / 2 Kites Stormy Lady / Haley, Glynnis
P / P Genuine Cookhandtark / Caren, Heather
P / P Charlie Daniels / Colclough, Ashley

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**Spring in Dixie A**
4/10-11/21 Region 5 AL Total Riders: 28
Chair: Patty Lucas
Judges: Vet - Stephanie Ostrowski; Hsp - Kathy Shanor
Open Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW / 100 Windstorm Clay / Mitchell, Tommy
2 / 3 Jiminy Cricket / Mulligan, Jennifer
3 / 2 Norman / Moore, William
Open Lightweight
1 / 1 Danamyte / Diaguila, Esther
2 / 2 Beau 11 / Games, Sherry
3 / 3 Mick Jagger / Patisaull, Sierra
4 / 4 Papa's Alabama Express / Lehr, Hallia
Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight
1 / 1 Spirit of Spotted Alen / Keen, Cindy
2 / 4 Okies Roanwood 10 / Fields, Bobby
3 / 2 Mandella Bey / Chapman, Carolyn

**Tally Ho B2**
4/10/21 Region 6 KS Total Riders: 17
Chair: Helen Smith
Judges: Vet - Verona Chaffin; Hsp – Priscilla Lindsey
Open Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW / 96.5 VA Caradelle / Reynolds, Margaret

**Big Hill Lake A**
4/24-25/21 Region 4 KS Total Riders: 13
Chair: Steve Lindsey
Judges: Vet - Tamara Gull; Hsp - Priscilla Lindsey
Open Heavyweight
1 / 2 King's Charley R.E. / Wech, Kris
2 / 1 L.L.Remington / Marston, Marilyn
Open Lightweight
1 / 1 SW / 98.5 VA Caradelle / Reynolds, Margaret

**Big Hill Lake B1**
4/24/21 Region 4 KS Total Riders: 2
Chair: Steve Lindsey
Judges: Vet - Tamara Gull; Hsp - Priscilla Lindsey
Open Lightweight
1 / 1 SW / 94 PVA Light N the Storm / Johansen, Kristen

**Spring in Dixie B1**
4/10/21 Region 5 AL Total Riders: 4
Chair: Patty Lucas
Judges: Vet - Stephanie Ostrowski; Hsp - Kathy Shanor
Open Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW / 89.5 EZ Rocket WH / Stucky, Marla
2 / 2 Eduardo el Negrito Knight / Wingle, Diane
3 / 3 Wyntez Buddy / Roberts, Beverly

**Big Hill Lake B2**
4/24/21 Region 4 KS Total Riders: 3
Chair: Steve Lindsey
Judges: Vet - Tamara Gull; Hsp - Priscilla Lindsey
Open Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW / 95 Cito Mocha Raton / Cleveland, Trish

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**Region 5, continued**

Region 6

**Region 6**

**Big Hill Lake A**
4/24-25/21 Region 4 KS Total Riders: 13
Chair: Steve Lindsey
Judges: Vet - Tamara Gull; Hsp - Priscilla Lindsey
Open Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW / 94 Halcon / Queen, Kelly
2 / 2 Danamyte / Diaguila, Esther
3 / 3 Nakota Rose / Shively, Joyce

**Big Hill Lake B2**
4/24/21 Region 4 KS Total Riders: 3
Chair: Steve Lindsey
Judges: Vet - Tamara Gull; Hsp - Priscilla Lindsey
Open Heavyweight
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**Tally Ho B2**
4/10/21 Region 6 KS Total Riders: 17
Chair: Helen Smith
Judges: Vet - Verona Chaffin; Hsp – Priscilla Lindsey
Open Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW / 96.5 VA Caradelle / Reynolds, Margaret

**Big Hill Lake A**
4/24-25/21 Region 4 KS Total Riders: 13
Chair: Steve Lindsey
Judges: Vet - Tamara Gull; Hsp - Priscilla Lindsey
Open Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW / 94 Halcon / Queen, Kelly
2 / 2 Danamyte / Diaguila, Esther
3 / 3 Nakota Rose / Shively, Joyce

**Big Hill Lake B2**
4/24/21 Region 4 KS Total Riders: 3
Chair: Steve Lindsey
Judges: Vet - Tamara Gull; Hsp - Priscilla Lindsey
Open Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW / 96.5 VA Caradelle / Reynolds, Margaret

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Chair: Helen Smith
Judges: Vet - Verona Chaffin; Hsp – Priscilla Lindsey
Open Heavyweight
1 / 1 SW / 96.5 VA Caradelle / Reynolds, Margaret

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### MEMBERSHIP FORM – Renew, Join or Buy Items online at [www.natrc.org](http://www.natrc.org) or use this form.

Memberships run January 1 - December 31. We offer a Platinum Upgrade to our adult and family plans, which adds personal excess liability coverage with a $1,000,000 policy limit.

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#### PLANS

| Plan Name                      | Competing | Non-Competing |
| ################################## | ---------- | ------------- |
| **Adults**                      | **Family** | **Junior**   |
| Fee                             | Adult    | Family | Junior | Support | Fan |
| $75                             | $125     | $25   | $50    | $35     |
| **Eligibility**                 | **Benefits** |              |
| Single adult age 18 or over     | X        |        |        |         |
| Household                       |  ♦       |        |        |         |
| Single child age 10 through 17  | X        |        |        |         |
| **Benefits**                    |          |        |        |         |
| Voting privileges               | 1        |        |        | 1       |
| Reduced ride entry fees         | X        |        |        | X       |
| Ride awards eligibility        | X        |        |        | X       |
| Volunteer awards eligibility   | X        |        |        | X       |
| Lifetime mileage tracking       | X        |        |        | X       |
| Mileage awards                  | X        |        |        | X       |
| Participation in virtual challenges | X        |        |        | X       |
| National year-end awards eligibility | X        |        |        | X       |
| Regional year-end awards eligibility | X        |        |        | X       |
| Sponsor discounts               | X        |        |        | X       |
| Can purchase excess liability ins. | X        |        |        | X       |
| Electronic *Hoof Print* and E-News | X        |        |        | X       |
| Region membership and newsletter | X        |        |        | X       |
| Decal for new members           | X        |        |        | X       |
| Exclusive access to updated Rider’s Manual | X        |        |        | X       |

**CHECK PLAN DESIRED**

- ♦ Adult(s) & children under age 18 as of Jan 1
- ☉ Eligible for ride awards only if non-member ride fee paid.
- ★★★ May upgrade to competing member for year-end and mileage award eligibility before the end of the ride year.

#### NATRC Specialties (Optional)

- Patch ................................................. $5 ea
- 10” Round NATRC Emblem Sticker ............................... $5 ea
- 4” Round NATRC Emblem Sticker - free to new members $3 ea

**$ TOTAL ENCLOSED**

(Nebraska residents please add 5.5% on Specialty Items)

Please list first and last names, especially those with different last names, of all competing family members.

Name(s) _____________________________________________ Jr(s) Birthdates ________________________________

Street __________________________________________ City __________________________

State, Zip __________________________________________ Phone (_______)

Email ____________________________________________ (We need your email for delivery of HOOF PRINT. Address stays within NATRC. Thanks!)

New member? Please share how you found out about NATRC: ______________________________

****** Mail completed form and check to : NATRC, PO Box 969, Beatrice, NE 68310 ******

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