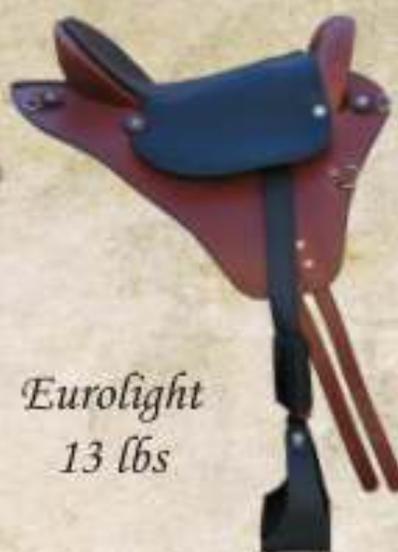
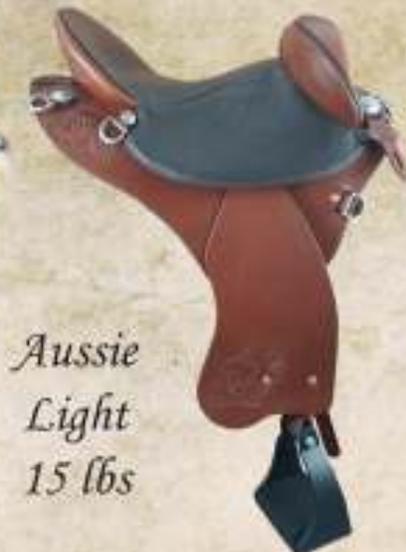


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President's Message



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!

Angie Meroshnekoff
President
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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

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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.)



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From the Executive Director...

Just Throw a Leg Over It By Sarah Rinne, Executive Director

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



Rio and started making some laps around ride camp to start figuring out our dialogue as a team. Crazy? Maybe. I was paired up with a newer rider who was also on a borrowed horse and wanted a mentor, so we were both figuring out new horses together. To our benefit, the two horses, Rio and Akil were very well acquainted so we didn't have that adjustment factor.

As soon as we hit the trail, the horses started moving out and everything just fell into place. We took turns leading based on which horse was feeling more motivated or confident at the time. Rio and I kept figuring each other out, most often

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.

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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.

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- 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).

California Dreamin'

(or how NATRC helps riders achieve Tevis goals)

By Erin Glassman

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 "Granddaddy 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 background in NATRC is no coincidence.

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)

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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."

What's the Big Deal with Horse Poop?

By Priscilla Lindsey



A common complaint that equestrian trail riders hear from other trail users (hikers and cyclists) is that horses leave their nasty droppings on the trail. Called by various monikers such as Road Apples, Meadow Muffins, horse poop or manure, why is it so frowned upon? Those of us who live with it every day have a different opinion of it. It's no big deal to us until it collects to the point of needing to be disposed of. We step in it often with nary a concern. After all, just walking on gravel or through some grass cleans it right off our boots. It doesn't stick like what is left behind by dogs, cats, cows and humans. It doesn't even smell that bad. Why is that?

Horses are herbivores, meaning they eat only plant material, mainly grasses. They have an efficient digestive system, so what remains to come out the tail end is mostly cellulose fiber and is very good for soil improvement. Gardeners love it, or at least they should. Within an hour or two of leaving the horse's body, the manure dries enough to be easily kicked off the trail. Any little bit that clings to boots or shoes or bike tires is soon cleaned off by the dirt of the trail or grass along the side. The droppings left by other herbivores, such as deer, antelope, elk and sheep are similar, and no one seems to complain about it.

Cows and bison are a different story because of a different digestive process leaving wetter feces that takes much longer to dry. It does eventually dry and becomes "chips" that can be picked up and thrown like Frisbees! But thank goodness we seldom have cows or bison on our trails unless the route is through a grazing lease.

Then there is the really nasty stuff left behind by canines, felines, and humans which is much more odorous and sticky. This is because they are carnivores (meat eaters) or omnivores (mixed meats and plants). That is why many parks and trails have signs posted that say "Clean up after your dog." We should clean up after ourselves properly too (Bury!)

Another point to consider is whether horse manure is a health hazard. The simple answer is "No." There are no known diseases that are transmitted from horses to humans via the manure. In addition, research has shown that horse manure does not spread viable seeds of invasive weeds and adds only a minuscule amount of pollution to running streams. Pollution of streams comes mainly from rodents and other wildlife.

Basically, management of equine manure on trails should not be a big deal. A lot of trail mounts are very considerate of their riders and have the habit of defecating while moving on down the trail. This scatters the "muffins" so the rider doesn't have to dismount and kick them off the trail. Usually the rider doesn't even know this has happened. However, it is important that riders plan on cleaning up trailheads and parking areas where horses have been standing around and have left several piles. Always carry a shovel or fork and a muck bucket in the trailer to clean up and pack out manure to a proper disposal place. This is just one good way to improve our relationships with other trail users.



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Virtual Obstacle and Mileage Challenges are Back!

2021 Virtual Obstacle Challenges

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.

Virtual Obstacle Challenge
2021 Summer Series

BRACKET A
Riders with more than 1,500 NATRC miles

BRACKET B
Riders with 100 - 1,500 NATRC miles

BRACKET C
Riders with up to 100 NATRC miles

1961 - 2021
6 
Come Ride With Us!

BRACKET D
Juniors 17 and under,
regardless of NATRC miles

2021 Virtual Obstacle Challenge
Summer Series - Challenge 1 (May/June)

C101
In-hand, demonstrate the NATRC check in/out (trot/gait out; trot/gait circles in-hand or lunging, one circle each direction; trot/gait back)

C102
In-hand, sidepass to a mounting block/aide or terrain and then execute an offside mount. Once mounted, back 3 steps.

1961 - 2021
6 
Come Ride With Us!

C103
Mounted, trot/gait 10-15 strides, halt, count to 3, trot/gait 10-15 strides, halt.

2021 Virtual Mileage Challenge

Remember to Log your Training/Non-Competitive Miles



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."

For A Lifetime

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.

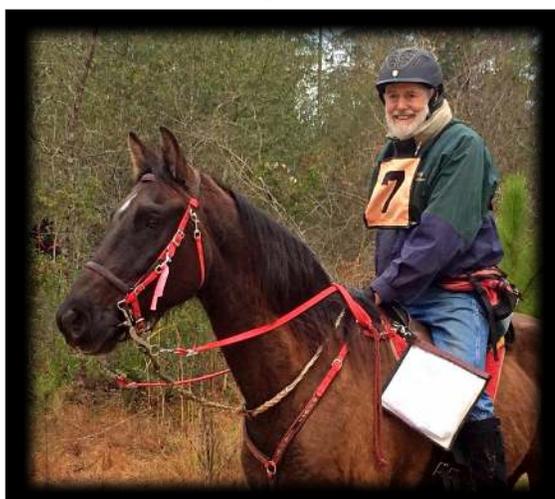
Many of your life decisions, whether conscious or not, directed you to that goal of having a horse. Then it happens – you get a horse! Maybe you were 8 and your parents got you a pony, or maybe you were 38 and able to buy your first horse. No matter. You were riding! Somehow, you feel closer to nature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

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Gary Clayton
(May 7, 1936 – March 9, 2021).
Gary, who was age 78 in this photo riding Goodnight's Masterpiece from seven years ago and who was still competing in Open in 2018, won the coveted President's Cup at age 72. Upon his passing in March, Bill Moore, R5 president said, "Our longtime friend and shining example of dedication to competition and to R5, has passed away. Gary loved the sport and devoted untold hours to assuring that this region was on a sound business foundation while providing an unexcelled environment for competitive trail rides. We'll miss him."



Bev Roberts (74) and Buddy (21)
at the 2021 Big Hill Challenge. A formidable team in CP. Bev has six national championships on six different horses.

Photo by Kristen Schmalzried, used with permission

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horse trailer, because you must be frugal.

Your fellow competitors become lifelong friends who you look forward to seeing at each ride. You thrive on friendship, on riding in places you would never go or have access to, on camping and spending the weekend riding your horse.

Finally, you retire. At last, your time is mostly your own. But, you're back in the saddle big time! Life is good. As time passes, a few aches and pains creep in. You overcome injuries and illnesses. Your passion keeps you going. You are riding rain or shine, taking care of your horse, conditioning your horse and yourself, keeping your muscles strong and joints flexible. You may have slowed down some – the body doesn't always keep up with the brain –



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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but you devise ways to handle tasks that have become difficult. Each morning you awake is a gift.

Along the way, you've loved and ridden several wonderful horses who have passed on to the rainbow bridge. They reside in your heart, your memories. Your passion persists and soon there is a young horse winning you over. Your brain is 30 years old again and planning the next ride season.

And, that's how it is. CTR is a way to follow your passion for a lifetime until it is impossible to sit a horse. You have had several dance partners who have carried you on your journey. They boost your wellbeing, fill your life, and make you whole.

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 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 child-

hood 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.



Reprinted excerpts from the June 2021 article “The trail blazer” by Phyllis Ormsby, editor and publisher of *Horsemen’s Roundup*, a regional magazine for Arkansas horsepeople.

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.

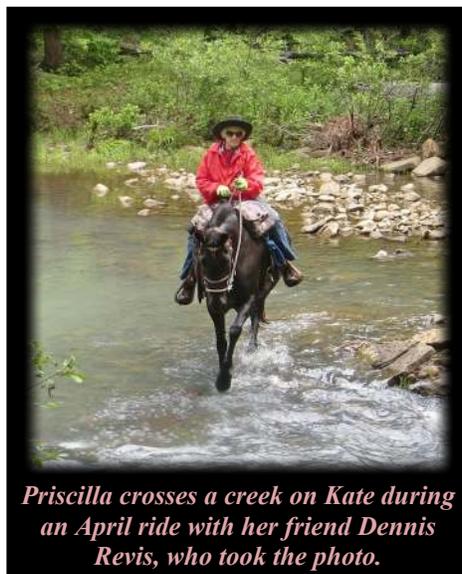
At 91 years old, she’s an inspiration for every equestrian, still riding and loving being out on the trail.

“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.”

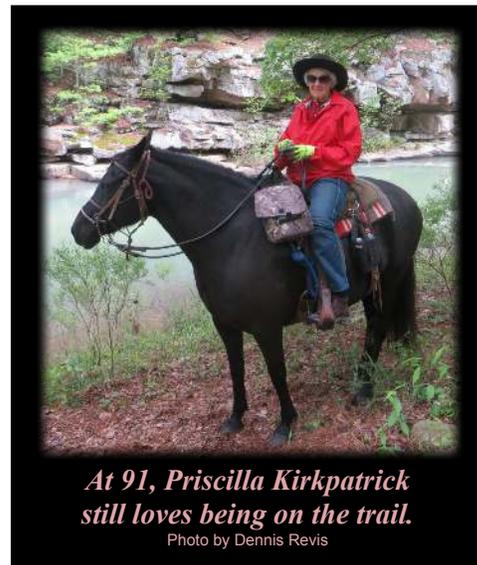
Priscilla’s daughter, Robin, said her mom always had the sort of attitude that kept her going, no matter

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.”



Priscilla crosses a creek on Kate during an April ride with her friend Dennis Revis, who took the photo.



At 91, Priscilla Kirkpatrick still loves being on the trail.

Photo by Dennis Revis

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



		RANK	RIDER	HORSE	TOTAL POINTS
BRACKET*	A	1	Kim Murphy	Talyia	131
		2	Helen Smith	Rushcreek Frontier	120
		2	Bev Roberts	Wyntez Buddy+	120
		3	Helen Smith	Focus Jessie	117
		4	Keri Riddick	VA Anistazio	114
		4	Patty Lucas	Papa's Alabama Express	114
		5	Kerry Bingham	BJ Studmuffin J	89
		6	Patricia Petelle	Kings Lasting Legacy	68
		7	LeeAnn Dreadfulwater	Almira Nefous	20
	B	1	Mary Dukes	MHF Merribelle Mist	79
		2	Colleen Fisk	Jasmine's Magic	36
		3	Claire Kirsch	Gambit	32
		4	Kris Gray	I'm a Rocket Man	20
	C	1	Sue Shirley	Oliver Twist	131
		2	Whitney Schofield	Eduardo el Negrito Knight	114
		3	Christina Sorenson	Scottish Rio Grande	93
		4	Chris Peplitsch	Raggedy Ann	16
	D	1	Emma Walston	EW Zarabella	49

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

***COMPETITOR BRACKET EXPLANATION**

- A - Experienced with > 1500 miles
- B - Experienced with < 1500 miles
- C - New with 0 miles
- D - Junior age 10 - 17



Kim Murphy & Talyla

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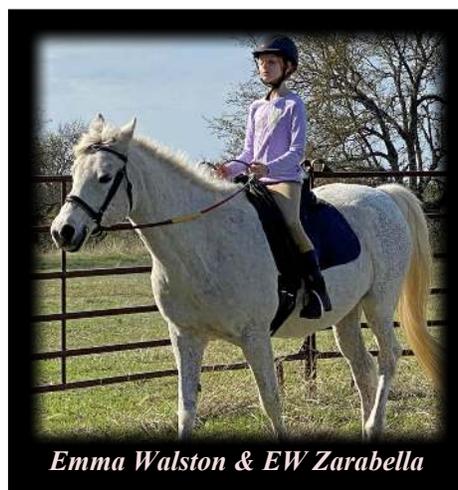


Mary Dukes & MHF Merribelle Mist

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Sue Shirley & Oliver Twist



Emma Walston & EW Zarabella

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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 steadfast 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

Past Presidents with dates served

Robert Graham, DVM:
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 Weil, 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"

In the (documented) beginning, 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. We offered Junior Division Horsemanship awards, first through sixth. Horses could not be saddled prior to 1 hour before starting time on the first day, could not be handled between 10 pm, or 5 hours after maximum permissible arrival time, whichever was later, and 1 hour prior to the start of the next day's ride. We entered horsemanship comments on the horse scorecard.

Later NATRC separated the scorecard into two - (Continued on page 16)

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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 pro-

vide 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 friend the horse who you have truly come to know and admire?"

"Bless you, George Cardinet, Bob Bohannon 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.

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LESSONS FROM My Horse Friends

By Christina Lyons

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.



All ages, all sizes, all breeds ... all inclusive.

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



Author Lyons, judge secretary, and judge friend, Sarah Rinne, take a selfie moment.

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.

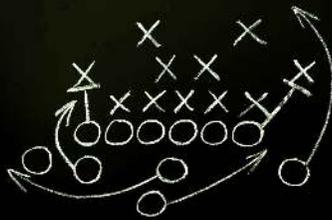
Third, we refer to obstacles as opportunities. With a simple change of words, you can change your attitude.

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.

Strategy in CTR.



Really? - Part 8

By Bev Roberts

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)*



Having your ride map handy makes it easy to verify where you are on the trail so that you don't get lost.



The rider of the grey on the left is waiting for the bay to finish drinking before leaving the watering hole. Some horses (the jokesters among us) figure out that if they LOOK like they're drinking, they'll be able to stand and rest longer.



Mentally prepare your horse for the final vet exam by doing some groundwork exercises to make sure your horse is paying attention to you.

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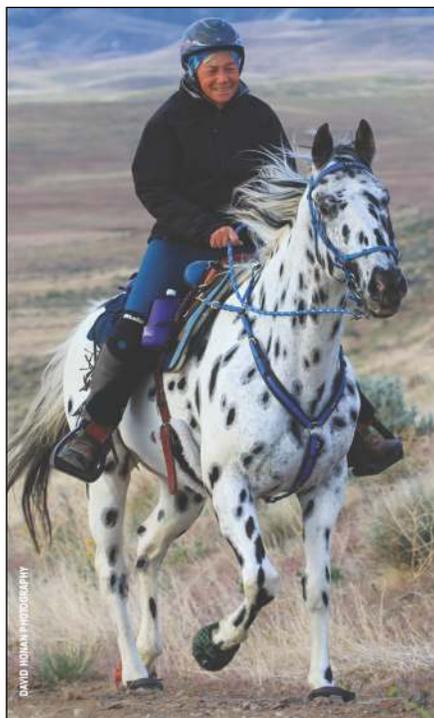
Now that your horse has hauled you over hill and dale, it is time to get her/him refreshed and rested. If it is the final ride day, you will have to prepare your horse quickly for the final vet out exam. Strategies to include:

- dismount and loosen the cinch when timed in
- at your trailer, let your horse drink from whichever bucket

- s/he 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 a 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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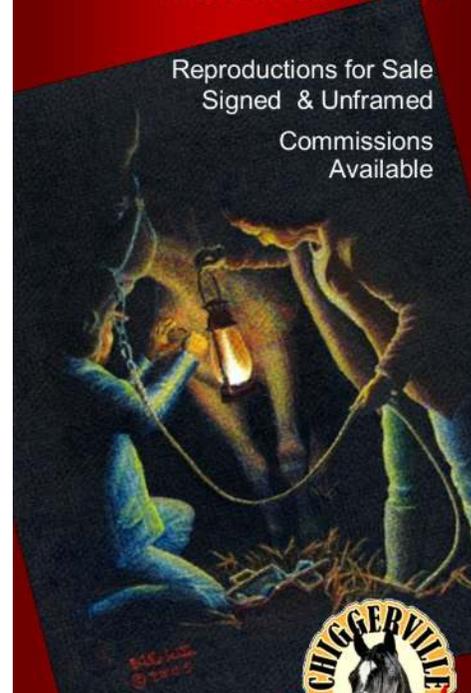
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- finish grooming and let your horse be while you take care of yourself
- later on, take your horse for a walk to let her/him work out any stiffness, stretch, graze and roll.
- if preparing for the final vet exam, make sure “Old Dobbin’s” back is dry. 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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Please complete the appropriate form in Word or as an interactive PDF and submit via email to the Executive Director at natrc@natrc.org

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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 4 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 **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.**

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.
 - c. Region 3: Colorado, Montana, New Mexico, Utah, Wyoming, Alberta, **and** Saskatchewan **and Northwest Territories.**
 - e. Region 5: Alabama, Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan (excluding the upper peninsula), Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, **Newfoundland**, Labrador, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Ontario, Prince Edward Island and Quebec.
 - f. Region 6: Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan (upper peninsula only) Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin; Manitoba and **Northwest Nunavut** 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 **40 8** through 17. The rider must be **40 8** 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.**

Rule Change Standing Schedule	
NBOD Meeting	Activity
Prior to November	Accept submitted rule changes
November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decide changes to carry forward • Publish for comment - <i>Hoof Print</i> and website
February/March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize wording • Publish for comment - <i>Hoof Print</i> and website
July	Vote on changes
After July	Update Rule Book

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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 **40-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 or leg 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 or leg 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.

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2022 Rule Change Proposals - Statements FOR and AGAINST...

FOR

Lowering the Age of Junior Riders from 10 To 8 Years

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.

AGAINST

Lowering the Age of Junior Riders from 10 To 8 Years

Children at 8 years old are at the cusp of a critical developmental phase of their life. At this age, children are given more complex responsibilities. They are capable of saddling and taking care of their horse with minimal help, but the important question is, are they capable of coping with an unexpected and potentially dangerous situation on the trail? Are we putting too much stress on a child who, at this point, is in a critical stage of emotional, physical and mental development?

An excerpt from a paper presented at the 1989 International Winter Meeting of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers pertain-

ing to children age 7-9 on the Developmental Stages of Children and Accident Risk Potential states: "They also are beginning to ask to be included in the work done by adults. However, because they have little knowledge of the requirements of a task or their own physical and mental limitations, the risk of injury is very high. They do not recognize dangerous situations fast enough to avoid them, and once in an emergency situation, they do not have the problem solving abilities to avoid injury. Unfortunately, these limitations in their thinking abilities are often not evident to many parents until their child experiences an accident." Robert A. Aherin, Ph.D, Extension Safety Specialist,

University of Illinois and Christine M. Todd, Ph. D, Child Development Specialist, University of Illinois

There is no doubt that under ordinary circumstances, children that have had years of exposure to horses have the ability to take care of their horse. Unfortunately, a ride venue causes stress for participants and horses alike. A well-known phrase in NATRC is the horse you have at home is not the same horse you unload at a ride. We have all experienced this and have to ask if an 8-year-old is mature enough to cope with this, and if we, as an organization that prizes safety, are willing to take that risk.

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FOR Membership in Multiple Regions

It's a win for national NATRC, regions and riders. By being allowed to join and compete for year-end regional awards in more than one region, the regions will have additional memberships (dues) and additional riders at rides. National will receive additional memberships. It should also increase the number of riders per ride, therefore, increasing the possible number of points available.

AGAINST Membership in Multiple Regions

Regions should have the control over the region's awards. Regions would have to change their procedures and possibly their bylaws for these additional awards. Is the change worth the trouble?

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FOR Standing Wraps

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.

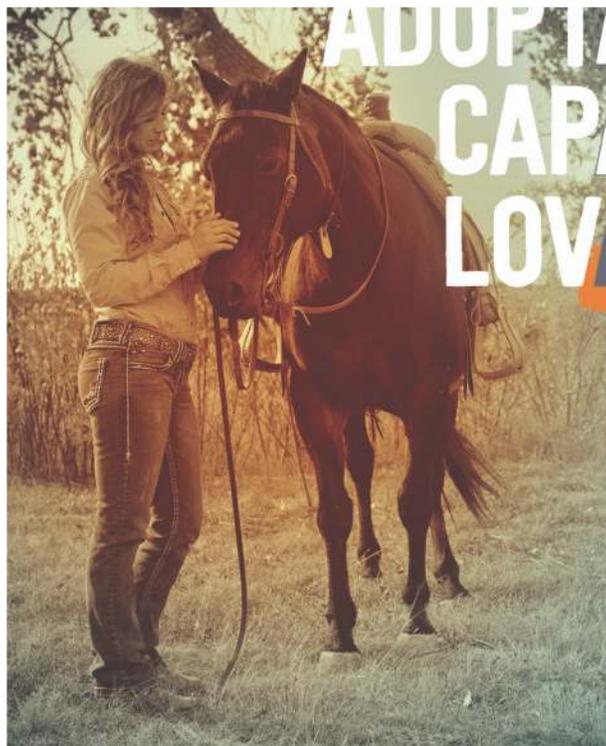
Wrapping, by providing compression, can also help prevent fluid from pooling in the lower leg. Wrapping must be applied properly so as to not inadvertently injure the tendons. Learning how to apply them is part of learning when to use them.

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.

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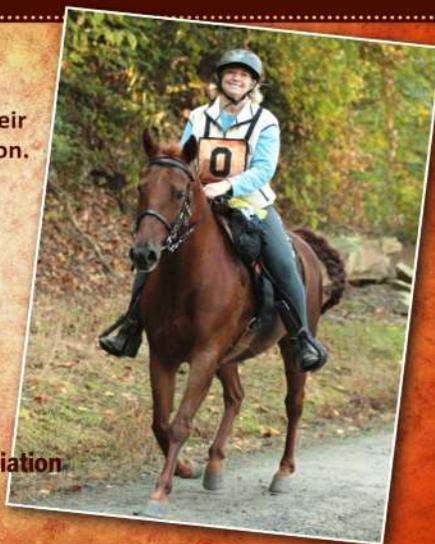


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AGAINST Standing Wraps

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 hardiness 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 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 hardiness 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

Which division is right for me?

		LEISURE	NOVICE	CP	OPEN
Number of Days		1	1 or 2	1 or 2	1, 2, or 3
Shortened 1-day Format		X			
Distance (miles)	1 day	8 - 12	15 - 24	15 - 24	25 - 35
	2 days		30 - 40	30 - 40	50 - 60
	3 days				80 - 90
Average Pace (mph)		3 - 4.5	3.5 - 5	3.5 - 5	4 - 6
Horse Minimum Age		4	4	4	5
Classes		Adult Junior Experienced	Lightweight Heavyweight Junior	Lightweight Heavyweight Junior	Lightweight Heavyweight Junior
Leg Protection Allowed		X			
Judging Observations		Up to 5	Varies	Varies	Varies
Number of Judges		1	2	2	2
Scorecards		1	2	2	2
Scoring Type		Positive	Negative	Negative	Negative
What is Scored	P&Rs/day, scored	1, X	2 (min), X	2 (min), X	2 (min), X
	Trail Ability & Manners	X	X	X	X
	Equitation & Communication	X	X	X	X
	Safety & Courtesy	X	X	X	X
	Soundness	Go / No Go	X	X	X
	Condition	P&R Only	X	X	X
	Tack	Eval ⁺ Safety	X	X	X
	Stabling	Eval Safety	X	X	X
	Grooming		X	X	X
Trail Care		X	X	X	
National Year-end Awards			X	X	X
Mileage Tracked & Awards		X	X	X	X

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Boyd Ranch B1

3/27/21 Region 2 AZ Total Riders: 18
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Leisure Adult

- 1 Solid Country Gold Skye / Edwards, Nia
 - 2 Tekilya Rose / Stuart, Sierra
 - 3 Molly 8 / Hiett, Joni
 - 4 Boy / Hill, Renea
 - 5 Bandit 9 / Crissman, Brenda
 - 6 Annie 10 / Lauck, Marni
- Buckaroo Buck / Cherry, Melissa
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 The Mask of Phantom / Johnson, Kelli
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- Night Hawk / Noake, Victor
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- 1 Smokey Sedona / Kafka, Karen
 - 2 Gypsy Elite Willow / Noake, Sharon
 - 3 Dunit in the Paint / Evans, Carol
- DO Pride's College Boy / Bray, Sherrie

Leisure Junior

- 1 Johnnie / Johnson, Kamryn

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
- Buckaroo Buck / Cherry, Melissa
 Molly 8 / Hiett, Joni
 Night Hawk / Noake, Victor
 Bogie Katy Hancock / Starkey, Tenia
 Tekilya Rose / Stuart, Sierra

Leisure Experienced

- 1 Dunit in the Paint / Evans, Carol
 - 2 Gypsy Elite Willow / Noake, Sharon
- 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 / 98 Bantam Z / Mettes, Cynthia
- 2 / 4 Talya / 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 Heavyweight

- 1 / 2 MGA's Fuerte del Energia / Rosser, Erin
- 2 / 1 Lady Hemi / Grotheer, Wendy

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

- 1 / 1 SW / 99 Big Cat / Leatherwood, Cynthia
- 2 / 2 Giacomo / Muench, Fran
- 3 / 3 Moonshadow 2 / Galliher, Teresa
- 4 / 5 NH Muscats Jewel / Swiss, Elaine
- 5 / 6 Vaquero / Nelzen, Sarah
- 6 / 4 Illumination de Khaleesi / Daniel, Doanna

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

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

- 1 / 1 SW / 99 HC Abia el Khahir / Betts, Debbie
- 2 / 2 Ibn Sashali / Perez, Jacqueline

Leisure Adult

- 1 Mishaal Nadir KFA / Fazzino, Kim
 - 2 Buoy / Black, Tracy
 - 3 Ranger 11 / Dardenne, Marilyn
 - 4 Winter / Whitaker, Cara
 - 5 Odyssey / Shaath, Teri
 - 6 3rd Day Revelation / Woest, Senna
- Titan 3 / Dahlberg, Sarah

Leisure Experienced

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

Leisure Junior

- 1 Blackwood Bey / Sharman, Hallie
- 2 Quartz / Whitaker, Natalie

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

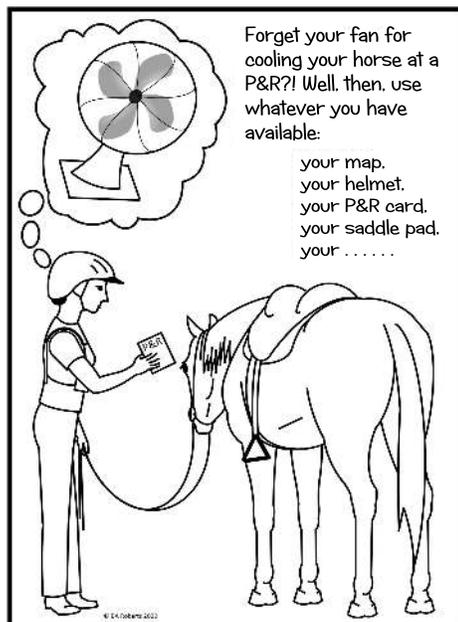
- 1 Buoy / Black, Tracy
 - 2 Mishaal Nadir KFA / Fazzino, Kim
 - 3 TFR Khan El Bahrain / Marty, Janet
 - 4 Levi 7 / Pirc, Nicole
 - 5 Arabella / Rebber, Jamie
 - 6 DK Quick-N-Silver / Dypwick, Ann
- Ranger 11 / Dardenne, Marilyn
 Odyssey / Shaath, Teri
 Winter / Whitaker, Cara

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



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Region 4, continued

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 / 99.5 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, Maria
- 2 / 2 Fancy I Am / Knight, Chrissy

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 Adult

- 1 Xena 3 / Walaski, Korie
- 2 Sahghid / Walaski, Michelle

- 3 Buoy / Black, Tracy
- P Sky 6 / Quirk, Karen
- P Sportie Two Socks / Jordan, Sharon

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



Region 4, continued

Louisiana Purchase B1

4/17/21 Region 4 LA Total Riders: 6

Chair: Jan Stewart

Judge: LeD - Debby Starr

Leisure Adult

1 Sky 6 / Quirk, Karen

Leisure Experienced

- 1 Sundown / Orr, Joe
- 2 MS Jolene / Griffin, Terri
- 3 The Miracle of Voodoo / Perryman, Alice
- 4 Jasper 6 / Orr, Shirley
- 5 Sparks On Blacktop / Shoenhair, Leon

Louisiana Purchase B2

4/17/21 Region 4 LA Total Riders: 24

Chair: Jan Stewart

Judges: Vet - Kay Gunckel; Hsp - Patsy Conner;
 LeD - Debby Starr

Open Heavyweight

- 1 / 1 Razmataz DBA / Bass, Carla Jo
- 2 / 3 SA Jabari / Muench, Gayle
- 3 / 2 Hindi Sahid / Jewell, Jonni

Open Lightweight

- 1 / 2 SW / 98 TA Kaiser / Prusak, Deanne
- 2 / 4 Wildfire Storm / Miller, Dolly
- 3 / 1 Giacomo / Muench, Fran
- 4 / 6 NH Muscats Jewel / Swiss, Elaine
- 5 / 5 Talyia / Murphy, Kimberly
- 6 / Bantam Z / Mettes, Cynthia
- / 3 RPH Ebony Diamond / Hicks, Patti
- Moon Shadow's Black Gold / Price, Alanna

Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

- 1 / 2 Diamond / Grotheer, Wendy
- 2 / 1 KMA Ali Gator / Spell, David

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

- 1 / 4 SW / 99 Vaquero / Galliher, Teresa
- 2 / 2 Rock Creek's Wild Pepper / Jones, Holly
- 3 / 1 Flash Black / Liebman, Cara
- 4 / 3 Moonshadow 2 / Breland, Katie

Novice Heavyweight

DA/DA Willow 10 / Vining, Sigrid

Leisure Adult

1 Sky 6 / Quirk, Karen

Leisure Experienced

- 1 Jasper 6 / Orr, Shirley
- 2 Sundown / Orr, Joe
- 3 MS Jolene / Griffin, Terri
- 4 Sparks on Blacktop / Shoenhair, Leon
- 5 The Miracle of Voodoo / Perryman, Alice

Pole Canyon A

5/1-2/21 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 21

Chair: Becky Rogers

Judges: Vet - Keri Riddick; Hsp - Patsy Conner;
 LeD -Debby Starr

Open Heavyweight

- 1 / 1 SA Jabari / Muench, Gayle
- 2 / 2 Razmataz DBA / Bass, Carla Jo
- 3 / 3 King's Charley R.E. / Wech, Kris
- P / P Hindi Sahid / Jewell, Jonni

Open Lightweight

- 1 / 3 SW / 96 Rushcreek Darline / Clark, Hannah
- 2 / 6 Moon Shadow's Black Gold / Price, Alanna
- 3 / 5 Wildfire Storm / Miller, Dolly
- 4 / 1 Giacomo / Muench, Fran
- 5 / 2 Talyia / Murphy, Kimberly
- 6 / 4 RPH Ebony Diamond / Hicks, Patti
- P / P TA Kaiser / Prusak, Deanne

Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

- 1 / 1 KMA Ali Gator / Spell, David
- 2 / 2 Diamond / Grotheer, Wendy

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

- 1 / 1 SW / 97 Halcon / Queen, Kelly
- 2 / 2 Flash Black / Liebman, Cara
- 3 / 3 Vaquero / Galliher, Teresa
- 4 / 4 Moonshadow 2 - Breland, Katie
- P / P Rock Creek's Wild Pepper / Jones, Holly

Novice Heavyweight

- 1 / 1 SW / 91 Jakes Mystical Daisy / Ropp, Marla
- 2 / 2 Fancy I Am / Knight, Chrissy
- P / P The Rusty / Wommer, Nikki

Pole Canyon B1

5/1/21 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 7

Chair: Becky Rogers

Judge: LeD -Debby Starr

Leisure Adult

1 Myss Gdache / Waldrip, Anita

Leisure Experienced

- 1 Jasper 6 / Orr, Shirley
- 2 Rusty's Golden Nugget / Musgrave, Teresa
- 3 Sundown / Orr, Joe
- 4 Sky 6 / Quirk, Karen
- 5 Sparks On Blacktop / Shoenhair, Leon
- 6 The Miracle of Voodoo / Perryman, Alice

Pole Canyon B2

5/2/21 Region 4 TX Total Riders: 5

Chair: Becky Rogers

Judge: LeD -Debby Starr

Leisure Experienced

- 1 Jasper 6 / Orr, Shirley
- 2 Sparks On Blacktop / Shoenhair, Leon
- 3 Rusty's Golden Nugget / Musgrave, Teresa
- 4 Sky 6 / Quirk, Karen
- 5 Sundown / Orr, Joe

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Region 5

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
- A Priceless Picasso / Anderson, Tina
 Jada Angel / Feist, Lael
 Gizzmo / Fey, Caroline
 Dec Docs Curious Pep / Gragg, Melissa

- Blaze 8 / Lambert, Marie
 DO Dark Royalty / Smith, Kallie

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
- DO Echo 6 / Nalls, Kenzie

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
- A Priceless Picasso / Anderson, Tina
 Sonata del Dios / Kebbel, Phoebe
 DO Dark Royalty / Smith, Kallie

Leisure Experienced

- 1 Song / Ostrowski, Stephanie
- 2 Jiminy Cricket / Mulligan, Jennifer

Leisure Junior

- 1 Pocos Little Sadie / Brush, Leah
- DO Echo 6 / Nalls, Kenzie

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 11 / Games, Sherry
- 2 / 2 Mick Jagger / Patisaul, Sierra

Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

- 1 / 4 Okies Roanwood 10 / Fields, Bobby
 - 2 / 1 DLC Roxies Peponita / Howard, Marsha
 - 3 / 5 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 / By the Grace of God / Broomfield, Steven
 - 4 / 6 Loki / Damacio, Marcelino
 - 5 / 4 The Hudson Bay / Banks, Yvonne
 - 6 / Dobbins Lucky Gambler / Lord, Debbie
- / 2 Spider-Man / Patterson, Blake
 / 5 Dec Docs Curious Pep / Gragg, Melissa
 Jada Angel / Feist, Lael

Novice Lightweight

- 1 / 4 StarLight's Masterpiece / Rader, Mackie
- 2 / 6 Locked and Loaded / DeFelice, Jenny
- 3 / 1 Spur / Lehr, Halia
- 4 / 2 Texas / Wormsley, Holly
- 5 / 3 McCurdys Hollywood / Wiggins, Kathi
- 6 / 5 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

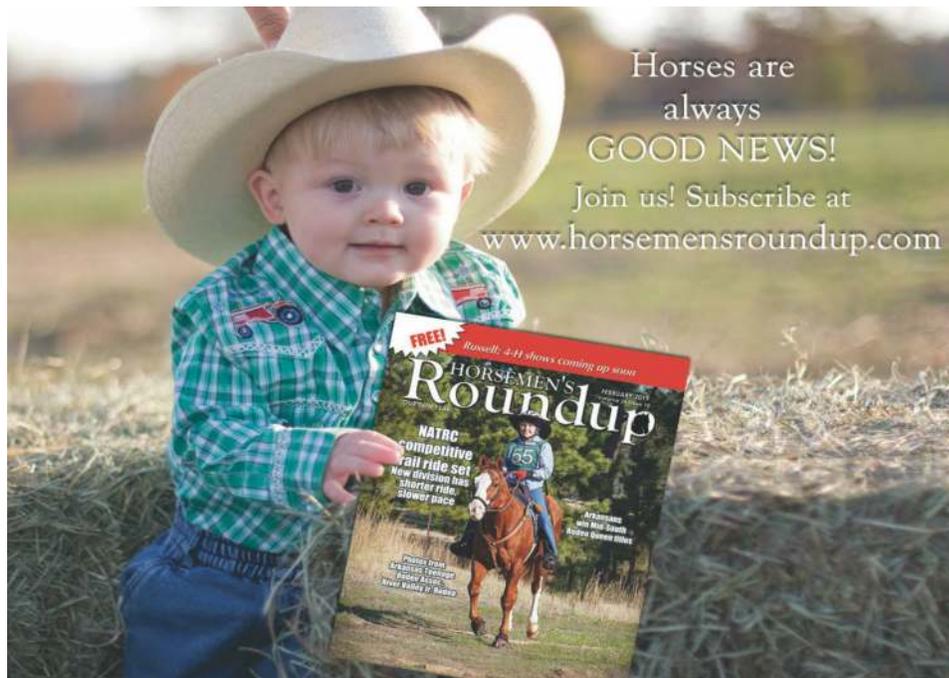
Novice Lightweight

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



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Region 5, continued

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 / Patisaul, Sierra

4 / 4 Papa's Alabama Express / Lehr, Halia

Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

1 / 1 Spirit of Spotted Alen / Keen, Cindy

2 / 4 Okies Roanwood 10 / Fields, Bobby

3 / 2 Mandella Bey / Chapman, Carolyn

4 / 3 DLC Roxies Peponita / Howard, Marsha

5 / 5 Sundancers Comanchero / Hajek, Donna

P / P Graceful Empire / Whitehead, Victoria

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

1 / 1 Om El Bastian / Riley, Leigh

2 / 2 Impressive Red Rebel / Riley, Paula

Competitive Pleasure Junior

1 / 1 SW / 99 Sir Percival / Edelstein, Kinsley

Novice Heavyweight

1 / 4 SW / 97 Spirits Pretty Boy / Johnson, Lisa A.

2 / 1 Jada Angel / Feist, Lael

3 / 3 LW An-La-Rosa Silk / Hearne, Shannan

4 / 2 Luca / Meadows, Carlee

P / P Miss Deuces TE / Silba, Jeffrey

P / P Dec Docs Curious Pep / Gragg, Melissa

Novice Lightweight

1 / 1 Yolo / Wiggins, Kathi

2 / 2 StarLight's Masterpiece / Rader, Mackie

3 / 3 Pilgrim / Wright, Jessica

4 / 5 A Priceless Picasso / Anderson, Tina

5 / 4 Mallorcas Bebe Magdalena / Bowden, Patricia

Novice Junior

1 / 1 Timber Jac Joe / Lawrence, Anna

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 Terradocs Oconee Belle / Kudra, Sallie

Novice Heavyweight

1 / 1 Poor Daddy's Wallet / Geiger, Chance

Novice Lightweight

1 / 2 SW / 99 StarLight's Coffee Break / Goncz, Caitlin

2 / 1 Gretel / Piccini, Savannah

Region 6

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 King's Charley R.E. / Wech, Kris

2 / 2 L.L.Remington / Marston, Marilyn

Open Lightweight

1 / 1 SW / 98.5 VA Caradelle / Reynolds, Margaret

2 / 3 Tres Beau / Golden, Jennifer

3 / 2 Hungarian Jade / Wood, Mary Anna

Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

1 / 1 Roho Honoy Mocha WH / Zelif, John

2 / 2 Mariah 3 / Wingle, Bill

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

1 / 1 SW / 98.5 EZ Rocket WH / Stucky, Marla

2 / 2 Eduardo el Negrito Knight / Wingle, Diane

3 / 3 Wyntez Buddy / Roberts, Beverly

4 / 5 King's Mountain Hale Bop / Dollarhide, Patti

5 / Goodness Gracious / Childs, Maggie

6 / 6 Nakita Rose / Shively, Joyce

4 Cito Mocha Raton / Cleveland, Trish

Novice Heavyweight

1 / 1 SW / 92.5 Pistol Annie / Wassenberg, Kent

2 / 3 Kaluha / McNiff, Sandra

3 / 2 Jedi / Hane, Tammy

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 / 93 Focus Jessie / Smith, Helen

2 / 2 VA Caradelle / Reynolds, Margaret

Competitive Pleasure Heavyweight

1 / 1 Roho Honoy Mocha WH / Zelif, John

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

1 / 4 SW / 94 Falcon / Queen, Kelly

2 / 2 Wyntez Buddy / Roberts, Beverly

3 / 5 Nakita Rose / Shively, Joyce

4 / 3 EZ Rocket WH / Stucky, Marla

5 / 1 Eduardo el Negrito Knight / Wingle, Diane

Novice Heavyweight

1 / 2 SW / 90 The Rusty / Wommer, Nikki

2 / 1 Dolly 3 / Deselich, Rianna

3 / 3 Jakes Mystical Daisy / Ropp, Marla

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

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

1 / 1 SW / 95 Cito Mocha Raton / Cleveland, Trish

Big Hill Lake B2

4/24/21 Region 4 KS Total Riders: 3

Chair: Steve Lindsey

Judges: Vet - Tamara Gull; Hsp - Priscilla Lindsey

Competitive Pleasure Lightweight

1 / 1 SW / 96 King's Mountain Hale Bop / Dollarhide, Patti

Novice

2 / 2 PVA Light Nthe Storm / Johansen, Kristen

Novice Heavyweight

1 / 1 SW / 93 Pistol Annie / Wassenberg, Kent



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