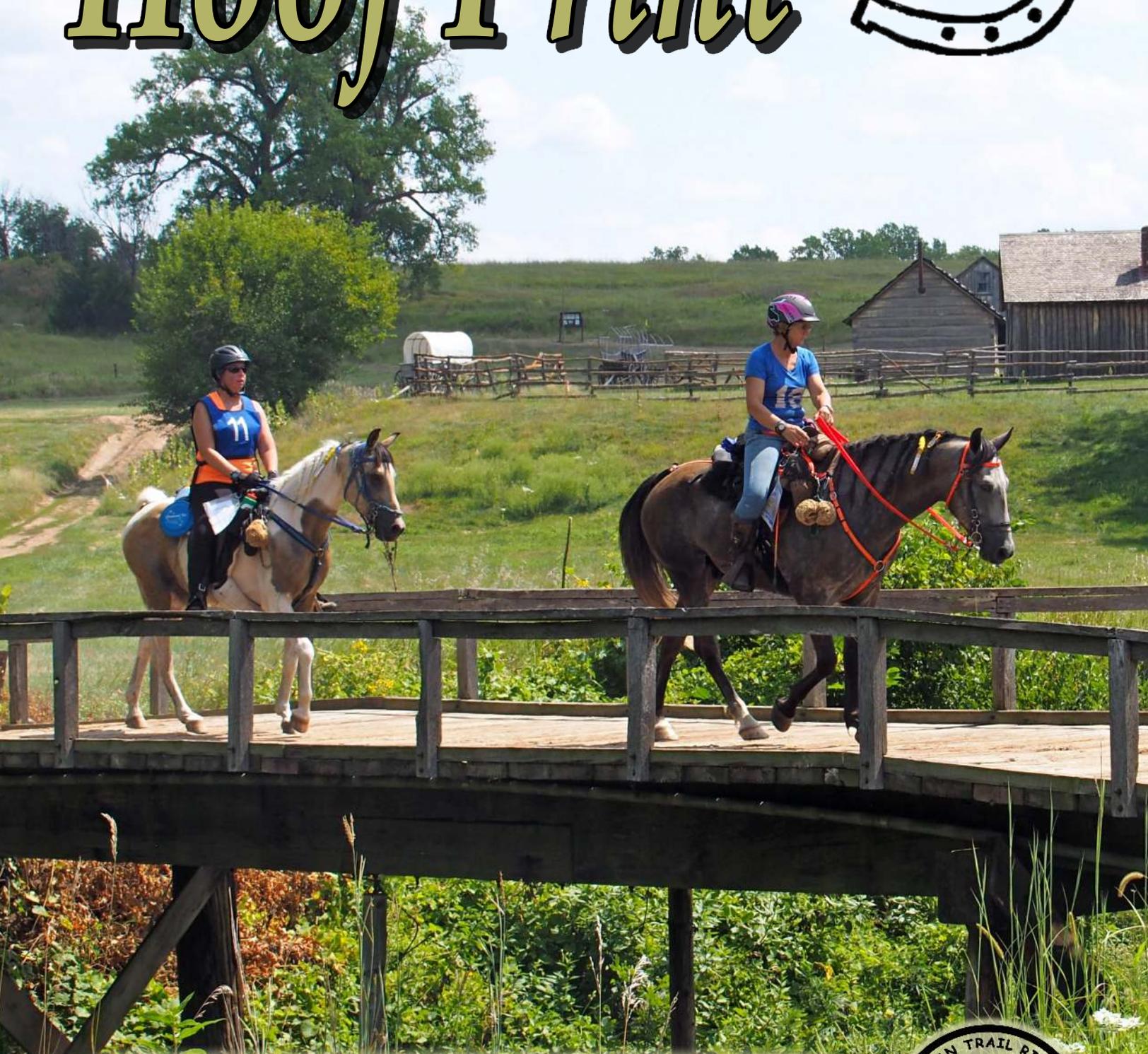


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—Kim Cowart

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- For a current Judges List, please visit the website or contact the National Office.
- If you have difficulty securing a NATRC judge, please contact the appropriate Judges Committee chair:

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President's Message



Do we ever really grow up? During a recent kid's riding camp there was a disagreement between two of the students, which led to a division of most of the group. We had a meeting about it and I watched the kids struggle to learn as a group how to handle the issues in front of them and it reminded me of us as adults in project, business or board meetings. Do we ever really get over our "hurt" when we think someone else in our group isn't playing fair? Do we ever really get over our need to keep something to ourselves

and not share? But on the good side, do we ever get over our awe and delight playing with glow sticks in the dark or telling stories around the campfire? I'm not sure we ever really "grow up" – at least I hope not. I think that while there is always room for improvement in our ability to get along with and understand others, I also think we should keep that childhood joy and excitement. It gets so buried under daily living that we lose some of it. We should take time to let that inner child take the reins and let that child-like joy go run for a bit. Being a

grown up is serious and does come with responsibilities but maybe we don't always have to take life so seriously. Dream big and go ride your horse. I give you permission.

Angie Meroshnekoff
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From the Executive Director...

A Horse of a Different Color

Sarah J. Rinne, NATRC Executive Director

Sometimes stuff happens. Sometimes stuff with horses happens...like your main mount battling soundness issues in the middle of the ride season. So what do you do? Why, ride another horse!

I realize this isn't always an option for everyone, but it is amazing how many opportunities to ride other horses are out there if you just look for them. I have competed a lot of different horses over the past 3 decades including Morgans, Quarter Horses, Arabians, Half Arabians, Missouri Foxtrotters, and Paints to name a few.

At the recent Bell Cow ride in Oklahoma, my "catch" ride was an Arab-Pinto cross named Ravenwood Royal Flag (affectionately known as Flag) owned by Bill and Jonni Jewell. Flag was a sports car, the fastest horse I've ever ridden going down the trail. Comparable to the illustrious Hennessey Venom GT, one of the fastest sport cars that can still legally sport a license plate, Flag is the fastest horse that can legally sport a Coggins on the trail! Everything was fast

about this horse...his feet, his mind and his decision making.

It would be easy to be the adrenaline junkie passenger while riding him and wear an ear to ear grin while doing so;

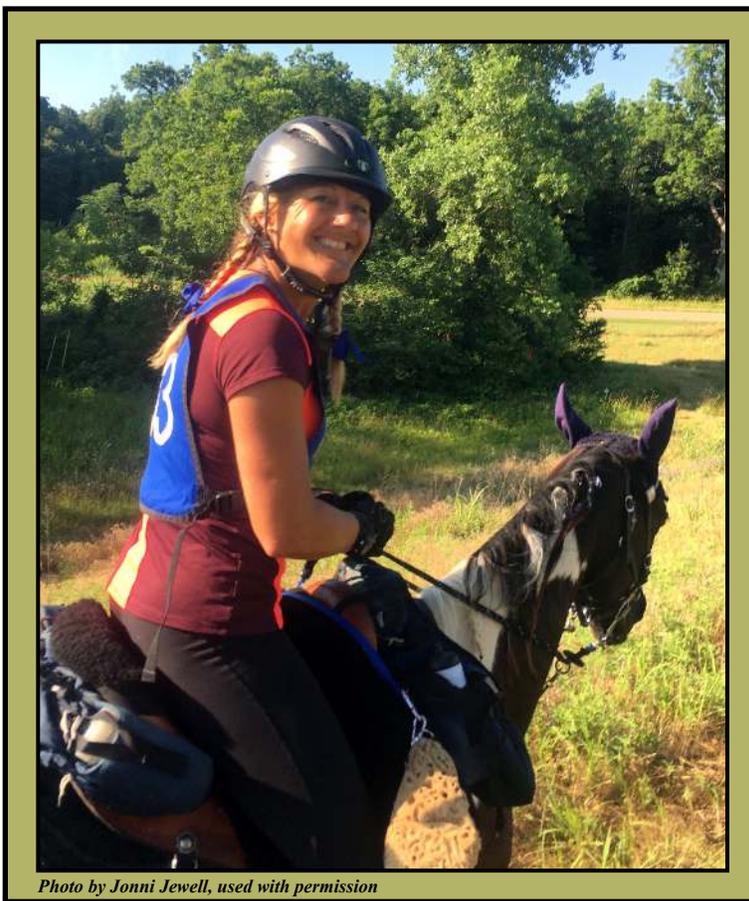


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but, alas...there are judging opportunities in NATRC that require a degree of precision and control. What did this require of me as a rider? To conjure up and adapt every horsemanship skill in my arsenal and do it quickly. I had never ridden this horse with the exception of a quick few miles on Friday morning before

checking into the ride. I'd like to say I went into it with the intention of simply enjoying the ride, but I'm of the competitive variety and like the challenge of competing an unfamiliar horse.

It was a privilege to ride this adorable and quirky horse who added more skills to my repertoire and gave me the gift of a great ride.

I have learned over the years that each horse I've ridden had something to teach me - a new skill set, a better seat, a little more patience. Maybe they simply reminded me why I decided to ride in the first place.

If you ever find yourself in a position where you don't have a horse to throw a leg over, reach out to your NATRC family, because there might just be one with your name on it. We take

pride in our organization's focus on education of riders. In addition to our judges, the horses we ride will always be one of the key educators in our sport. The more horses you ride, the better educated you become.

Admire the trails, value your riding friends, embrace the challenge, and enjoy your horse of a different color!

NATRC - where We Came From

Written by Bill Throgmorton, DVM, February 28, 1987
Submitted by Patsy Conner, NATRC Historian

NATRC is the result of a group of trail ride people's attempt to develop a uniform standard set of judging rules to be used to evaluate competitive trail ride competitions. While there were a number of competitive trail rides held around the United States, there was no uniform set of rules to assess the performance of the horses and riders. We must point with pride to those brave and courageous individuals who sought to undertake such a task. Prior to NATRC, few understood what condition was or how best to judge it objectively. Contestants were tired of going to trail rides and not knowing what set of rules and judging criteria they were going to be judged by. When the competition was completed, they didn't know why they had won or lost. This lack of objectivity in judging was the impetus for the NATRC organizational conference.

The task they faced was made somewhat easier by the availability of the rules which governed the Green Mountain Trail Ride in Vermont. The Green Mountain Ride is a 3-day, 100-mile trail ride event. The judging is a collective judging system using two judges, and the placings are derived by averaging the scores of the two judges. The Vermont ride has been an annual event dating back some 26 years prior to 1960, and they were willing to share some of their rules with us.

As a result of the 26 years of experience of the Green Mountain Ride and the 20 years' experience of the Concord Mount Diablo Trail Ride, there was a rich treasury of knowledge to draw from. With this wealth of knowledge to work with, the founders of NATRC began the task of writing the rules and developing the objectives, bylaws and articles of incorporation.

The group that met on March 26, 1960 to organize NATRC had individuals with varied equestrian backgrounds who shared a common interest in competitive trail riding. Among those present at this first meeting were:

- * George Cardinet, Jr., President Concord Mt. Diablo Trail Ride Association, CA
- * General Wayne O. Kester, Chief of U.S. Army Veterinary Corps, Retired, Golden, CO
- * William Tevis, San Francisco, CA
- * John and Lillian Jennings Brown, Circle D Horsemen, Vacaville, CA
- * Everett Bellini and C.O. Hawkins, Black Bart Ride, Calistoga, CA
- * John Rogers, Walnut Creek, CA International Arabian Horse Assn.
- * Dr. Murray Fowler, School of Veterinary Medicine, Davis, CA
- * George Cardinet III, Student, School of Veterinary Medicine, UCD, CA

These were the main contributors along with others who were present at this meeting. Also contributing but not present due to distance involved were Green Mountain, Vermont and Round Up Ride of the Rockies, CO.

From preliminary early discussions at this conference, it was concluded by the conferees that certain factors were essential to success.

1. A team judging approach would be the most effective. The team to consist of a veterinarian and an experienced horseperson both of whom have interest in the horse field.
2. The rules and methods of judging should be re-evaluated from time to time as new information about equine physiology was uncovered.
3. They needed to have well defined and stated purposes to guide the future progress of NATRC. The original purposes as produced at the organizational conference are:
 - a. To stimulate greater interest in the breeding and use of good horses possessed of stamina and hardiness to make qualified mounts for trail use
 - b. To demonstrate the value of type and soundness and the proper selection of horses for a long ride
 - c. To learn and demonstrate the proper methods of training and conditioning horses for a long ride
 - d. To encourage horsemanship in competitive trail riding
 - e. To demonstrate the best methods of caring for horses during and after long rides without the aid of artificial methods or stimulants
4. A self-perpetuating Board of Directors consisting of selected individuals, as well as two representatives from each of the five original rides would serve to maintain the continuity of thought while the organization went through the early growth and development stages. Without these forward thinking planners, NATRC may not have survived.
5. If learning was to be a part of the trail ride experience, then a permanent recording of the judge's evaluation was invaluable. To this end, a two-part scorecard was developed. The judges' comments remained with the rider and the scoring and placing information went to NATRC. Later a permanent multiple copy scorecard was initiated. This allowed a copy of the scorecard to be placed in the permanent files of NATRC for further evaluation of equine physiology research and further evaluation and comparison of judging methods and techniques.

These five concepts have withstood the test of time and have proven their worth. Of the original five concepts only the one *(Continued on page 6)*

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relating to the self-perpetuating board of directors has been changed. The members of the board are now elected by the membership at large, and directors are apportioned to each region to maintain equal representation of all regions. The concept of the directors' council is an offshoot of the original board of directors which had two representatives of each ride on the board.

It became apparent that as the number of rides grew the board of directors would become too cumbersome and unmanageable, but to deny each ride its equal representation would be an injustice. By creating the director's council, which is chaired by the Vice President and made up of two representatives from each ride, the board provided each ride with a direct channel of communication between the directors and the general membership. This body is the easiest and most direct route to present new ideas or suggestions for change to the directors. Because new ideas are presented to this body first, members submitting ideas can get a feeling of acceptance or rejection by the general membership within minutes of its presentation.

In the beginning each rider who entered a sanctioned ride automatically became a member. He received a rule book and the right to compete for annual awards. They had no voice and no vote. From March 1961 to November 1968, this is how things were. The riders – members at this time – could not seem to get the point across to the Board of Directors that there were changes that needed to be made. Their frustration grew until in November of 1968 the riders, managers and judges demanded a vote and the right to set the future of NATRC. The board conceded to increase the size of the board by two directors. Al Moss and Dr. Bill Throgmorton were chosen by the members present to represent them on the board. Voting privileges were given to all members.

At this time there was no newsletter. A ride schedule was sent out once or twice a year along with year-end award standings. There were no riders, judges or management manuals. With limited means of

distributing information about future rides, growth was slow. Much information was disseminated by word of mouth and each ride had its own mailing list accumulated from previous years' entries.

Almost simultaneously with the development of NATRC came the development of early investigation into equine stress physiology or sports medicine. NATRC can truly take credit for stimulating these investigations, the first of which was the study to evaluate TPR or temperature, pulse and respiration recovery rates. The investigation was conducted by a group of sophomore veterinary students from U.C. Davis. This group of four veterinary students was headed by George Cardinet III and ably assisted by Bill Throgmorton, Leroy Burnham and Bruce Daniels.

The first competitive ride to receive the attention of these investigators was the Fall Labor Day Mount Diablo Trail Ride in September of 1961 in Concord, CA. The ride was judged by Gen. Wayne O. Kester, DVM, and Marjorie Hambly. The result of these investigations were kept separate and apart from the judges who were responsible for the final placement of the contestants. When the final awards were pre-

sented to the amazement of us all, the placement we made theoretically based on the TPR recovery rates were identical with those placings made by the two judges. There was only one exception, and that involved one of the lower placing horses. Needless to say, this lit a fire under us and raised the level of enthusiasm to a fever pitch. We couldn't wait for the next ride.

With the coming of the next ride season, plans were laid to expand the study to blood parameters. We wanted to know how PCV (packed cell volume), Hb (hemoglobin), RBC (red cell count), MCV (mean corpuscular volume) and MCHC (mean corpuscular hemoglobin concentration) would correlate with TPR and the observations made by the judges.

Little did we realize how much resistance we would meet when we attempted to collect blood samples. Many contestants felt the 20-30 cc of blood that we were going to take during the course of the ride would put their horse at a disadvantage from the acute blood loss. We patiently explained that each would lose the same amount, and that their horse had between 10 and 13 gallons or approximately 40-50 thousand cc of blood so they would never miss it. Besides, we explained we were more at risk trying to take the samples than the horses were from the blood loss. Reluctantly most all riders allowed us to proceed after our reassurances and with the thought that it was food for science. After all the winners were announced and it was seen that the testing did not adversely affect their placings, the ice was broken.

The following year our problem reversed. We had to be certain we did not overlook anyone or their feelings would be hurt because their horse was not tested. We were now the accepted experts and as a result we were constantly asked, "How is he doing, Doc? Are we doing OK?" We had to avoid answering some questions and dance around the rest to keep from saying anything wrong. After all, we were not the judges.

(To be continued in the next issue of Hoof Print).

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Judges' Signatures _____					

NATRC Scorecard, circa 1961

From the Judges Committee... Becoming a Horsemanship Judge

More than once the question has been posed to me as to why NATRC requires such an effort to become a horsemanship judge. It is because of you folks, our riders and members.

NATRC operates on the premise that we are a competition, and if we're a competition then there must be some reasonably fair and consistent way to evaluate and "judge" the competitors. Given that each NATRC judge is a representative of our organization, then it is the organization that has responsibility for setting the requirements, standards, and qualifications of those judges.

So, what is required to become a NATRC Horsemanship Judge? Well, once the initial qualifications to apply are met (more details available on NATRC website under [Documents](#) tab), a formal application must be sent to the national office. A list of references must be provided, and those evaluations will be closely scrutinized. If the judges committee approves the application, then the applicant is provided a written, open book test. Upon satisfactory completion of the test, the judges committee/judges committee co-chair will work with the applicant to schedule a mentor ride, the first stage of the 3-year Apprenticeship.

A mentor ride consists of the new apprentice spending the weekend at a ride side by side with an approved NATRC horsemanship judge who is not acting as the presiding judge for the weekend. This scenario gives the apprentice and the mentoring judge an opportunity to observe and discuss all details of judging a competitive trail ride without the added pressure of having to function as a presiding judge for the weekend. The mentor ride is a great opportunity for thorough discussion on any and all matters that might arise over the course of a weekend, and the

mentoring judge is able to give his/her undivided attention, which will set the new apprentice up well for their actual apprentice rides.

Each apprentice is required to do a minimum of three apprentice judging rides after the mentor ride. All of these are under the guidance of a horsemanship judge as approved by the judges committee. Duties and responsibilities escalate

over the course of those rides, culminating with the comments and the scoring of the apprentice being officially used on rider scorecards upon approval of presiding judge. The judges committee may recommend advancement to provisional status, or require more apprentice rides as needed.

Upon advancement to provisional status, the *(Continued on [page 8](#))*



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apprentice can contract with ride management and judge independently of a supervising judge. A minimum of three provisional rides is required, all of which shall be reviewed and evaluated by the judges committee. After three provisional rides, the judges committee may recommend advancement to full approved status or require more provisional judging as required.

To help provide continuing dialog, discussions are held with the applicant about their reflections of each ride during the apprentice/provisional process. Scorecards from the provisional rides are evaluated for quality of comments and consistency.

Although this is a short version of the requirements to become a NATRC horsemanship judge, it does give a good idea of what is

involved. So again, some may ask why require so much effort. A first and practical reason is that only someone truly committed to the idea will make the effort. Secondly, and perhaps most importantly is the very simple fact that without constant vigilance towards quality and consistency in our judging, we find our judges contradicting each other, and when judges contradict each other, it damages our credibility and deflates the value and integrity of our judging. So requiring much of our judging applicants is simply NATRC's first step towards consistency and fulfillment of its responsibility to the members and riders.

Respectfully submitted,

Kim A. Cowart
NATRC Judges Committee
Horsemanship Co-Chair



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MORNING: *Region 3 Awards Breakfast* | *Auction and Awards Celebration*

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Membership Reminder

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

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NATRC Breed Association Partners

American Donkey and Mule Society

A mule is a cross between a donkey stallion (jack) and a horse mare. Hinnies are – a stallion horse crossed to a donkey jennet. For purposes of discussion, both can be referred to as mules. A male mule is often called a John, and a female is often called a Molly; both are sterile and do not reproduce. Mules come in all shapes and sizes. Mules were used in ancient times as pack animals. With harder hooves than horse, they were well-suited to cover many miles on rough ground. In the Middle Ages, mules carried armored knights. Columbus brought mules to the New World, and George Washington was the first American mule breeder. In the 1800's, the mule population grew as mules became reliable farm, pack and military animals. In the late 1890's, "20-Mule Teams" hauled over 20 million pounds of borax out of Death Valley, and reportedly not one mule was lost, a tribute to its stamina. As military animals, mules have been able to go places mechanized vehicles cannot. Although many are familiar with the phrase, "stubborn as a mule", many do not realize that the mule is quite intelligent and has a great sense of self-preservation.



Arabian Horse Association

Arabian horses were originally warhorses in the desert of the Middle East. The Bedouin treated their horses like members of the family, reportedly in the tents, and the horses have evolved to have a strong affinity for humans. Adapting well to a desert life, they were able to live on relatively little food. Their high body surface area to body mass ratio helps them dissipate heat by sweat evaporation very efficiently. With an abundance of slow-twitch muscle fibers, they are well suited to sustain speed over great distances.



American Indian Horse Registry

Descendants of horses brought to the Americas by the Spanish and obtained by the Native American people, the American Indian Horse carries the ancestry of the Spanish Barb, Arabian, Mustang and Appaloosa. They survived in tough conditions, thrived on the grassy plains, and resisted the government's attempts to wipe them out to subdue the Indians. With a reputation for agility and endurance, they have adapted well to hot summers, cold winters, and everything in between.



American Saddlebred

Thoroughbreds were imported to the colonies in 1706 and crossed with the native Narragansett Pacer, the result being the "American Horse." The popularity of horse shows began in the early 1900's and continued to grow. The Kentucky State Fair offered the first \$10,000 five-gaited stake in 1917. The high-stepping, smooth riding American Saddlebred has become a versatile breed competing in many disciplines.



Appaloosa Horse Club

Spotted horse have been described in various places around the world since ancient times, but the significance is unclear. The Spanish introduced horses to North America in the 16th century. In 1680, the Pueblo Indians revolted and drove the Spanish from northern New Mexico. By the early 1700's, the Nez Perce in the Washington-Idaho area had acquired and were selectively breeding many of the horses. Their lifestyle changed from fishing to hunting buffalo. In 1877, following conflicts with settlers, those Nez Perce who had not entered into a treaty with the government, fled from the northwestern area and finally surrendered 1300 miles away near the Canadian border. The remaining, surviving horses were considered the hardest and included survivors of the Chief Joseph band. The name of the breed comes from spotted horses being described in the late 1800's in the Palouse River area in Washington and Idaho. Eventually the term "Palouse Horse" became "Apalousey" and later "Appaloosa."



Kentucky Mountain Saddle Horse Association

Related to the Tennessee Walking Horse and other gaited breeds, the history of the breed is not exactly unknown but probably had some origins in the Narragansett Pacer. Originally they were bred by the mountain people of Kentucky to meet the demanding needs of farm life by being a powerful work horse and a comfortable riding horse. They were used to travel over rough terrain. Members of long-time Kentucky families remember stories passed down about the feats of these "Saddlin" or "KY Saddler" horses.



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NATRC Breed Trivia

In 2016, the following breeds were represented in NATRC rides (more than 5 horses/breed):

274 Grade	40 Am. Quarter Horse	7 Mustang
75 Arabian	35 Half Arabian	7 Paso Fino
48 Misc	28 Paint	7 Rocky Mtn. Saddle Horse
42 MFT	14 Morgan	6 Icelandic
42 TW	11 Spotted Saddle Horse	6 Ky. Mtn. Saddle Horse

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Missouri Fox Trotting Horse Breed Association

Settlers migrating from Kentucky, Tennessee and Virginia took their best saddle stock with them. These breeds included Arabian, Morgan, and plantation horses from the Deep South. Later, the American Saddlebred, Tennessee Walking Horse and Standardbred were added to the pool. The resulting horse in the Ozarks became the sure-footed, easy-travelling horse that could plow fields, haul logs, work cattle, pull a buggy as well as be a pleasure riding horse.



North American Thoroughbred Society

Thoroughbreds were developed in the 17th-18th centuries in England when native mares were bred primarily with three stallions – the Byerly Turk, the Darley Arabian, and the Goldolphin Arabian. The breed was imported to many countries, including America, in the 1700's. Selective breeding was directed toward speed and racing ability. After the American Revolution, the center of breeding and racing moved west to Kentucky and Tennessee. After the Civil War, the races changed from 4-mile, two-heat competitions to shorter, 1.5-mile ones. Known primarily for racing, the Thoroughbred is also used for show jumping, combined training and dressage.



Paso Fino Horse Association

According to the registry website, the Spanish Conquistadors brought Andalusians, Spanish Barbs from North Africa, and smooth-gaited Spanish Jennets (now extinct) to the Americas. Bred for their stamina, smooth gait and beauty, variations of the "horses with the fine walk" were produced in the Caribbean and Latin America. Americans began importing Paso Finos from Puerto Rico after WWII, then from Columbia in the 1960's. Its unique lateral, evenly spaced four-beat gait provides an unequaled smooth ride.



Spotted Saddle Horse Breeder's & Exhibitor's Association

Originally developed in Tennessee for pleasure and trail riding, the breed was the result of crossing small gaited pinto ponies of Spanish ancestry with larger breeds like the Morgan and Standardbred. Other breeds including the Tennessee Walking Horse, Missouri Fox Trotter, Paso Fino, and Peruvian Paso, have contributed to the modern spotted saddle horse. They are characteristically pinto in color.



Tennessee Walking Horse Breeder's & Exhibitor's Association

This gaited breed was originally developed in the southern states for use on farms and plantations. Narragansett Pacers and Canadian Pacers were crossed with Spanish Mustangs from Texas. Later, Morgan, Standardbred, Thoroughbred, and American Saddlebred bloodlines were added. They were known for being sure-footed and smooth to ride. The horse is best known for its running, four-beat, walk. Although the footfall pattern is the same as a regular walk, the speed can be as much as 10 to 20 miles per hour.



NATRC President's Cup Breed Breakdown

10 Arabian	3 Quarter Horse	1 Kentucky Mountain
7 Grade	2 Mule	1 POA
6 MFT (1 3 times; 1 twice)	2 TW	1 Quarter Cross
5 ¾ and ½ Arabian (2 twice)	1 American Saddlebred (7 times)	1 Thoroughbred
3 Morgan (1 twice)	1 Appaloosa	

Dance With Me

NATRC's Breed Partnership Program in a Nutshell

By Bev Roberts

Thefreedictionary.com defines Partner as (my inserts in “[]”): “One [that would be us, NATRC] that is associated with another [breed organization] in an activity of common interest [equines].” Some of the examples given are a business partnership, a team in a sport, and two people dancing together.

Take dancers. They agree to work [dance] together for the benefit [enjoyment] of each partner toward the common goal of a fun, well-executed dance. In our dance with our breed organization partners, we agree to work together [exchange logos and links on each other's websites and exchange ads in each other's newsletters] for the benefit [no cost] of each partner toward the common goal of a fun, well-executed dance [mutual promotion].

It turns out that our partners also reward representatives of their respective breeds with year-end national high point breed awards. Besides being NATRC members, the recipients of the awards, naturally, must also be members of the breed organization in order to qualify.

In turn, we list them all in our partner appreciation ad in every issue of *Hoof Print* [have you seen the ad?] and include them in the national convention program booklet.

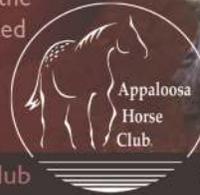
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Reminder from Cheri Jeffcoat and Andrea Rogers, Points and Data Committee and Terry Silver, Breed and Organizational Liaison

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

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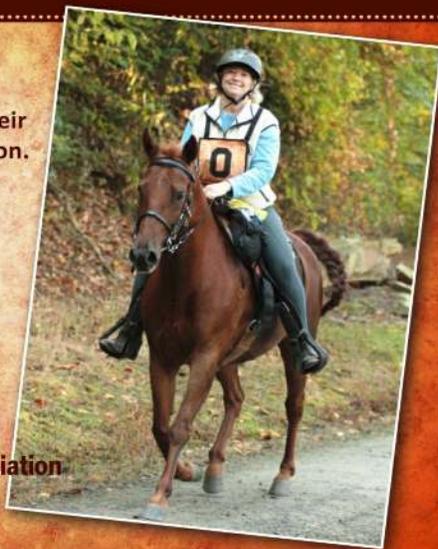
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From the Sanction Chair, Patsy Conner

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Preference will be given to a full-time student who has been a member of NATRC or whose family has been an active member for at least three years. Consideration will also be given to a student or a student's family who has been an active member of NATRC for less than three years but more than six months.

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

A loan is to be repaid in monthly installments with an annual interest rate of 3% charged on that loan, beginning not later than six months following graduation or when the recipient ceases to be a full-time student.

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

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Equestrian Design Guidebook for Trails, Trailheads, and Campgrounds

This last month I have been checking out the trails at Rock Creek Station State Historical Park southeast of Fairbury, Nebraska. This is in preparation of the PonyXpress at Rock Creek Station Ride. The ride is known for its variety of terrain from wide open scenic prairie, to canyons and woods famous for the historical trails, including the Pony Express, California, and Oregon Trails.

Thirteen years ago this park was a National Park Service partnership project for me. At that time, there was a few miles of poorly marked trail within the park and cow trails on the adjoining wildlife management land that horse trail riders followed. Red cedar trees had taken over most the tallgrass prairie. Erosion was a major issue through the canyons and woods.

My other partner on this project was the Nebraska Horse Trails Committee. They held workdays at the park marking new trails and repairing the badly eroded trails. During the past years, corals and more water hydrants have been added to the horse campground. The park removed many of the cedars and burned the prairies restoring the tall prairie grasses. Rock Creek Station is now one of the best places to ride in the Midwest. Of course, as the PonyXpress Co-manager, I am a bit prejudiced.

The volunteers learned more than they realized on how to design trails and trail construction. The mem-

bers have gone on to build more trails with the state park system. They have a great working relationship with many state park managers. These park

To provide even more information, the Federal Highway Administration and U.S. Forest Service has a publication, *Equestrian Design Guide-*



Riders at Rock Creek Station

Photo by Tammy Vasa, used with permission

managers appreciate that horse riders can provide input and information on horse campgrounds, amenities and trails.

If you want to improve your local parks' knowledge of horse-related issues, go talk to them. Don't think you know anything? NATRC members have the advantage of experience. We are lucky to ride a variety of trails in different states and region. As an active trail rider, you know what works for a trail and campground.

book for Trails, Trailheads, and Campgrounds, which is available to share with your local park managers.

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RIDERS!

Are you an NATRC member?

Are you a member of your breed association?

Is there **NO** year-end high point breed award for your horse's breed?

If you answered **YES** to all three questions, please initiate contact with your horse's breed association and hook them up with our breed liaison, Terry Silver, [Turquoisehorses@aol.com!](mailto:Turquoisehorses@aol.com)

A black silhouette of a horse in a running or galloping pose, facing right. The horse is positioned in the center of the yellow background.

Honorary and Appreciation Nominations due Monday, October 23

Ruth Mesimer, Honorary and Appreciation Chair

October is upon us. Write-ups are due soon for the following awards:

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

Brain storm with your fellow region members and prepare write-ups for deserving folks in your region. The nominations and write-ups need to go through your region's BOD for approval. A person designated by the region's board forwards the approved nomination write-ups to the Honorary and Appreciation Chair. **PLEASE**, keep the word limit in mind on each nomination.

Your national board members receive all of the approved nominations and make their selection at the November 11, 2017 meeting.

NATRC presents the awards at the following national convention.

Jim Menefee NATRC Lifetime Achievement Award.

Each region may nominate one member for this award. At the November meeting, the NBOD selects one nomination. A plaque is presented at the following national convention. The recipient accepts with a brief speech. The award honors Jim Menefee, a favorite horsemanship judge who was especially encouraging to novices and first-time riders.

Nomination limited to 400 word.

Workers Hall of Fame.

Each region may submit one nomination for this award. Nominee must be a member of NATRC and may be an individual or a pair. At the November meeting, the NBOD selects one or more at their discretion. The award is presented at the following national convention.

Nomination limited to 400 words.

National Appreciation Award.

Each region may submit one nomination for this award. Nominee must be a member of NATRC and may be an individual or a pair. A recipient can be eligible only once every 3 years. At the November meeting, the NBOD selects up to three nominees. Appreciation certificates are awarded at the following national convention.

Nomination limited to 200 words.

Regional Appreciation Award for National Recognition.

Each region may submit up to three nominations for this recognition. Recipients may be individuals or pairs or groups such as ride sponsors or clubs. At the November meeting, the NBOD approves nominees. Appreciation certificates are awarded at the following national convention.

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Revision of NATRC Bylaws

Our bylaws were last updated in 2011. In addition to minor editorial corrections, many changes are required to bring the bylaws up to date with how NATRC currently operates, gain consistency with recent Rule Book edits, change the title of Executive Administrator to Executive Director, and allow electronic communications and voting in agreement with the California Corporations Code.

The proposed revisions will be posted at www.natrc.org. Members will be notified by E-News on voting procedures. The BOD will make the final vote at the November 11, 2017 meeting.

Good Samaritans and Time Penalties



What do we do about a rider who sticks with a friend held at a P&R and comes in late? If a horse (and rider) is held for not meeting criteria at a P&R stop, that horse (and rider) has 10 minutes added to the minimum and maximum ride time. If a companion chooses to be a good sport and wait, she is just being a good sport; the extra time is not added to the companion's ride time.

What about a rider who stops to help an injured rider (or horse) on the trail and comes in late? Common sense seems to tell us if the help was necessary, the time should be given back. However, the Rule Book does not give us that option, and the Rules Interpreter can end up between a rock and a hard place.

Various scenarios come up in all regions, and they are not handled uniformly. Many times, you just have to be there to have a good feeling for what happened.

The consensus of the National Board of Directors is that the ride chair and judges can agree to dismiss or to decrease the time penalties in extenuating circumstances. A small group offered to work on wording for a rule change proposal to introduce next year.



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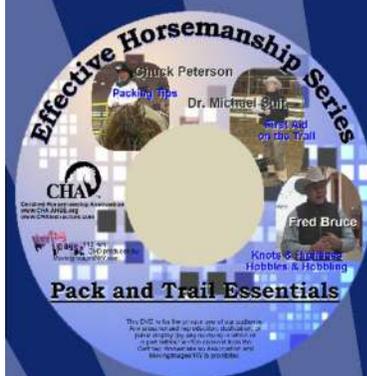
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Freebies

By Bev Roberts

I am writing this with ride chairs in mind, but all of us can volunteer to help with the marketing and publicity of our organization and our rides.

When it comes to marketing rides, DIY can be part of the strategy, especially if rides are fundraisers for clubs, regions, charities, or businesses (like guest ranches). Who doubts that with all the creative horse folks among us that we can make useful and inexpensive completion and placement awards? Put NATRC or the ride name or logo on the DIY award and bingo - instant promotional item.

Here are two DIY award ideas for getting your creative juices flowing.

- ✓ Know someone who has a laminating machine? Create a bookmark design specific to your ride, as a completion award, with a ride logo or photo from the ride location, print them out and laminate them.
- ✓ Have a passion for sewing? Create a scarf design. Purchase several yards of cotton material, cut out and hem the scarves. Using textile medium in acrylic paint, paint or stipple the design onto the cotton scarves. Use for completion, appreciation, or placement awards.

With DIY awards, you can even have an awards creation party, with refreshments, for several friends to help make the awards while you all share stories.

Some cherished homemade awards seen at rides include quilts, leather items, photo frames, wheel chocks, key rings with beaded decoration, wall shelves, artwork, crocheted items, rope halters - just to name a few.

Promoting interest in a ride in your local area is also a free, or nearly free, DIY endeavor. No one is going to do it for you. It takes getting out and pounding some pavement. Some activities you can do: (Most of them only cost time.)

- ✓ Teach a CTR class in a college extension program,
- ✓ put on a clinic (if you use horses, you must use NATRC insurance which is reimbursable),
- ✓ get on local radio and TV (just give them a call),

- ✓ contact local and regional all breed magazines with news of an upcoming ride or clinic,
- ✓ make up, print out and post flyers around town (cost - paper, ink, and tape or stick pins) on an upcoming ride and free NATRC membership (flyer already on the website for downloading),
- ✓ talk it up on social media,
- ✓ encourage your region officers to have a booth (\$\$) at a horse expo (remember, we have those gorgeous banners for you to borrow for just that purpose - your pay shipping cost), and,
- ✓ ride chairs, post your ride or clinic with our partner site, the [Trailmeister](#). You can even upload the ride info. sheet and photos. He has over 6,000 subscribers to



his newsletter alone. Since your ride will be posted in the events list for the state in which your ride will be held, people in your area will see you. Because it is a national website, your ride will also get national exposure. Since this resource is free, why would any of you not list your ride?

Speaking of the [Trailmeister](#), Robert Eversole, he has told me that most of the horse folks who visit him at expos are people who are looking for something else to do besides show their horses.

Do you know of other DIY awards and promotions members and ride chairs have used? Please make a list and drop it me in an email (matefey@gmail.com). I can do another article on those other awards made and promotional activities used. Feel free to chat it up in our Facebook group, too.

Did you know... that the passion for horses goes hand-in-hand with artistic ability? Robert M. Miller, D.V.M. even wrote a book about it. And, the artistic ability is not limited to painting, drawing and sculpting either. There is composing and playing music, writing stories and poetry, entertaining, carving, woodworking - you name it!

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SAFETY RIDERS / PERSONNEL

Bob Insko, Safety Chair

We all know that safety riders are important, but few of us know how well they have to be prepared for the emergencies that might come up. Safety personnel do not have to be mounted on a horse.

In the Management Manual, NATRC provides guidelines for safety personnel. One or more safety people (could be on ATV's) should follow competitors on the trail. Certainly, not every safety person can abide by every guideline, but ride management should strive to appoint people who can fulfill most of the guidelines. State required health papers (certificates, Coggins test, etc.) should be checked on every safety equine. **Each ride or safety chair should present a copy of the Management Manual guidelines to safety personal and review the guidelines (summarized below) with them a few days in advance of the ride to assure that they are adequate for the task.**

1. A minimum of two (2) *adults (18 or older)* should follow behind competitors on the trail to assist horse or rider (Rule Book, Sec. 3.B.6). If the Open and Novice/CP divisions use separate trails, two (2) safety personnel should follow each.
2. Safety equines will have P&R's taken to ensure they are in condition to continue.
3. Safety riders/personnel should:
 - a. If mounted, be on a well-conditioned equine at least 4-years old and capable of making the entire day's ride. Equine should be steady, reliable, able to "pony" another equine and pull with a rope (western saddle recommended).
 - b. Realize that stallions and their riders will be carefully evaluated before being appointed to a safety position.
 - c. Wear identification (such as a colored vest).
 - d. Be familiar with the trails and short cuts to get to connecting trails and roads.
- e. Be experienced enough to recognize and handle an equine suffering from fatigue.
- f. Maintain a reasonable distance from the last competitor in order to not interfere with the rider; however, keep the last competitor in sight.
- g. Report problems to the ride chair, trail master, judges and P&R chair.
- h. Carry messages to the next available P&R team, judge, or timers about any equine which has pulled at any point.
- i. Carry map, timing sheet (distance between points) and rider list.
- j. Carry, and be familiar with, contents of a first aid kit. Kit should contain common medical items for both equine and rider. First aid training is a plus!
- k. Carry communication device (radio, cell phone) to maintain contact with management.
- l. Carry extra lead rope, knife, pliers, wire cutters and other emergency tools.
- m. **NOT** pull ribbons since there is always a chance that a rider has gotten off trail and may be behind the safety personnel.
- n. Attend all ride briefings and receive additional information as necessary from the trail master, safety chair or ride chair.

See also the downloadable [Power Point Presentation](#) in the documents for volunteers and riders on the website.



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2017 Rule Change Proposals

Carried forward from NBOD Meeting July 14, 2017

See statements FOR and AGAINST on page 21

Proposed changes indicated in bold

Ice Boots

The Veterinary Drug Committee recommends these changes to NATRC's current Drug Rule Appendices.

Appendix C. Allowed Substances

4. Ice and ice water administered orally and/or topically

Appendix F. Prohibited Treatments

9. Ice and ice water used in ~~ice boots, compression wraps~~, devices that circulate ice water or devices that cool below 0 degrees Celsius.

Appendix G. Allowable Treatments

3. ~~Ice/ice water may be used topically as long as it is not fixed or attached.~~

The use of ice boots and other means of applying ice/ice water/cooling packs topically by various attachment methods whose primary function is to stabilize the ice/cooling method in place.

Divide CP into Adult and Junior Classes

SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

A. Divisions

3. Competitive Pleasure

e. Classes

~~(1) No weight limitations apply.~~

~~(a) This division will consist of one class in horse (combining Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior riders).~~

~~(b) This division will consist of one class in horsemanship (combining Heavyweight, Lightweight and Junior riders).~~

~~(2) This division and class will be open to all riders 10 years of age or older.~~

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

(2) This division will offer identical classes in horsemanship as offered in horse.

Junior Competitor Proposals

1 of 2 - Change Limitations for Novice Junior Competitors

SECTION 4 – DIVISIONS, CLASSES, AND ELIGIBILITY

A. Divisions

2. Novice

f. Limitations

(2) Any horse and junior rider combination having won five firsts and ~~460~~ **225** points, lifetime accumulation, in horse (regardless of division or class) **and rider having reached age of 14** shall not compete for awards in Novice Horse Division. Four year old horses are exempt from this rule. **An age eligible** horse and rider combination that attains five firsts and ~~460~~ **225** points in horse during a ride year, and competes in a novice ride in that year while still eligible for novice horse awards, may continue to compete in novice horse division for the remainder of that ride year.

(4) Any junior rider having won five firsts and ~~460~~ **225** points, lifetime accumulation, in horsemanship (regardless of horse, division, or class) **and having reached the age of 14** shall *(Continued on [page 20](#))*

Proposed Rule Changes

Only those proposed rule changes printed in this issue will be voted on at the November meeting of the BOD. New proposals or proposals that were not carried forward for a vote in 2017 should be sent to your national board representative who will send them to the chair of the rules committee for consideration at the February 2018 meeting.

not compete for awards in Novice Horsemanship Division. A rider that **reaches age 14**, attains five firsts and **160 225** points in horsemanship during a ride year, and competes in a novice ride in that year while still eligible for novice horsemanship awards, may continue to compete in novice horsemanship division for the remainder of that ride year.

2 of 2 - Allow Novice Junior to Compete in Novice Heavyweight and Lightweight

B. Classes

3. Junior

- b. Juniors may **not** compete in Novice Heavyweight, Novice Lightweight, or Senior classes **if weight requirements are met**. Juniors may compete in Open Heavyweight or Open Lightweight classes if weight requirements are met.

National Championship Criteria – Change Placing Value for B and AA Rides

SECTION 9 – AWARDS

B. Annual Awards

2. National Awards

- i. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: In the Open Division in the heavyweight and lightweight class a horse shall be declared a National Champion when all the following requirements are met within the first 16 rides officially started in the same year. **For ride count, points, and first or second placings**, Type AA ride counts as 1½ **rides**; Type A ride counts as 1 **ride**; Type B ride counts as ½ **ride**. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.

(1) ~~Awarded two firsts or one first and two second placings from any ride type.~~

Awarded first and second placings that are the equivalent of two A ride firsts or one first and two second A ride placings (i.e., Two B ride firsts equal one A ride first).

(2) Awarded the first or second **A ride equivalent** placing ~~from any ride type~~ in any two states or two regions, or is awarded a national placing in HIGH POINT OPEN HORSE (Section 9 B2I).

(3) Accumulated 75 points.

- j. JUNIOR NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: In the Open Division in the junior class a horse shall be declared a Junior National Champion when all the following requirements are met within the first 16 rides officially started in the same year. **For ride count, points, and first or second placings**, Type AA ride counts as 1½ **rides**; Type A ride counts as 1 **ride**; Type B ride counts as ½ **ride**. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.

(1) ~~Awarded two firsts or one first and two second placings from any ride type.~~

Awarded first and second placings that are the equivalent of two A ride firsts or one first and two second A ride placings (i.e., Two B ride firsts equal one A ride first).

(2) Awarded the first or second **A ride equivalent** placing ~~from any ride type~~ in any two states or two regions, or is awarded a national placing in HIGH POINT OPEN HORSE (Section 9 B2I).

(3) Accumulated 60 points.

- k. COMPETITIVE PLEASURE NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP: In the Competitive Pleasure Division a horse shall be declared a National Champion when all the following requirements are met within the first 12 rides officially started in the same year. **For ride count, points, and first or second placings**, Type A ride counts as 1 **ride**; Type B ride counts as ½ **ride**. The horse and rider team shall be considered officially started when timed out on the first day of the ride.

(1) ~~Awarded two firsts or one first and two second placings from any ride type.~~

Awarded first and second placings that are the equivalent of two A ride firsts or one first and two second A ride placings (i.e., Two B ride firsts equal one A ride first).

(2) Awarded the first or second **A ride equivalent** placing ~~from any ride type~~ in any two states or two regions, or is awarded a national placing in HIGH POINT COMPETITIVE PLEASURE HORSE.

(3) Accumulated 75 points.

CP National Championship in Alaska

SECTION 10 - REGION 1A AWARDS

B. Annual/Year-end Awards

2. National Awards

- a. National Championship: In Open Division in heavyweight, lightweight and junior classes a horse shall be declared a National Champion when both of the following requirements are met within any consecutive three-year period in which rides are held.

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- (1) Awarded one first place for the class in which the horse is entered at the ride(s).
 - (2) Accumulated 36 points.
 - (a) When the entire Open Division at any given ride has ten or fewer competitors, points will be established after merging all horses in all classes into one combined class. Then scores for each horse will be ranked from highest to lowest, and points will be awarded based on the horse's placing in this combined class. In the case of tie scores, equal points will be awarded to the tie scores. Points will be based on the number of starters (See Table Section 9 C).
 - (b) When the entire Open Division at any given ride has eleven or more competitors, points will be awarded according to placings in each class, based on the number of starters (See Table Section 9 C).
- b. National Championship: In the Competitive Pleasure Division, a horse shall be declared a National Champion when both of the following requirements are met within any consecutive three-year period in which rides are held.**
- (1) Awarded one first place.
 - (2) Accumulated 36 points.

Note: If a proposal to divide CP is carried forward, AK would also propose making the CP Requirements for a national championship parallel to those of Open.

- (a) When the entire CP Division at any given ride has ten or fewer competitors, points will be established after merging all horses in all classes into one combined class. Then scores for each horse will be ranked from highest to lowest, and points will be awarded based on the horse's placing in this combined class. In the case of tie scores, equal points will be awarded to the tie scores. Points will be based on the number of starters (See Table Section 9 C).
- (b) When the entire CP Division at any given ride has eleven or more competitors, points will be awarded according to placings in each class, based on the number of starters (See Table Section 9 C).

Statements FOR and AGAINST Proposed Rule Changes

(See Proposed Rule Changes in this issue for wording of the proposals)

Please consider these proposals and make your feelings and opinions known to your national directors prior to the November 11th meeting.

ICE BOOTS

The proposal would allow the use of ice boots and other means of applying ice/ice water/cooling packs topically by various attachment methods.

FOR Statement

From the Veterinary Drug Committee:
Mike Peralez, DVM; Greg Fellers, DVM; Stephanie Ostrowski, DVM

ALL exercise, whether a horse is fit or not, causes some degree of micro trauma and inflammation. Not all inflammation is bad; it's part of what stimulates the process of remodeling and strengthening of tissues. Too much inflammation, on the other hand, can be deleterious to the body. Simple wear and tear is one of the small things that can add up to a big thing. Minimizing the short term and long term effects of inflammation can not only improve the horse's short term comfort but its long term performance.

Cold water hosing or standing in buckets of cold water or in a cold stream have long been recognized as simple and effective methods of post-exercise cold therapy in horses. These methods are not often available or practical at a competition.

Ice therapy is another means to help minimize the repetitive and accumulative damage that is incurred in this sport – from fit Open Division horses on a properly paced trail to marginally conditioned Novice Division horses. The use of ice has been legal in our competitions for years. It seems that the disagreement is the manner in which ice/cold therapy is applied. Do we make competitors squat next to their horse and hold the ice or allow them to attach ice boots/wraps onto a leg or other body area (such as the girth area)? The best (Continued on page 22)

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option for cold or ice therapy is one that is reasonable to use.

There is also a philosophical disagreement about what it means “*To demonstrate the best methods of caring for equines during and after long rides without the use of artificial methods or stimulants.*” (NATRC philosophy #5)

Is the minimalist (doing little or nothing) approach the best? *Riders have many more choices of things to use to care for their horses than they did 50 years ago.* Cold water therapy/ice is a simple strategy to help reduce the wear and tear that we cause our horses. *Good horsemanship involves making good choices for the horse.*

AGAINST Statements

Mike Bridges, DVM, and Donna Johnson, DVM representing the dissenting views on the Judges Committee

I've been around long enough to see Shirley Sobol's Saddlebred, Wing Tempo, a trotting horse, win the President's Cup (and National Sweepstakes Championship) seven times, and Lisa Brooks' Missouri Fox Trotter, Chargers Rampage, win three times with no ice boots or even ice -- just good cool water -- and almost never have a heat, fill or soreness problem. I have judged them many times. They were both excellent riders and horse ladies on excellent horses.

Through the years it seems that the trend in NATRC has been to add more and more artificial protection for the horse. The use of good shoeing (not covering the sole or frog) escalated to boots, then boots with straps around the pasterns, then from cool or cold water to ice, and now potentially ice wraps. To me the emphasis seems to be what can be added to aid the horse, and not what the good horseman can do to prevent the need for all this, or how to select a horse that needs none of it. Granted, these aids can be very beneficial if one over-rides his horse or experiences the unfortunate circumstance of an injury, but one should not depend on them to have a sound horse at the end of a ride.

Some practices extant in AERC need not be borrowed for NATRC. We are a different sport with different goals and philosophies.

All this escalation of aids worries me. This seems to me to strain all five points in the philosophy of NATRC, and seems to be getting away from selecting and riding a good natural horse with good natural ability.

Ice wraps are artificial. We have already stretched this with hoof boots. If we change this rule we need to delete this philosophy first. A well-conditioned horse should be able to go 1 day without the use of ice. That's all we ask, 1 day- Saturday. If a rider wants to ice after hauling in on Friday and before check in, great. Then ice after check out on Sunday, fine. But why do we need to keep changing rules that go against our philosophies?

DIVIDING CP INTO ADULT AND JUNIOR CLASSES

FOR Statement

Angie Meroshnekoff

We are fortunate to have a large number of junior riders in some regions. R5 and R1 have Novice Juniors who will probably “novice out” according to current rules in 2017. Dividing the CP Division into adult and junior classes could provide a place for experienced Novice Juniors to advance to without having to compete against adults.

AGAINST Statement

Kay Gunkle, DVM

This change could interfere with future division of this class to match the other divisions (novice and open) into the heavyweight, lightweight, and junior classes. There are many competitors that would like to see this change next year and are frustrated that the current proposal would only divide the division into adult and junior classes. Hopefully the proposal will be a stepping stone to divide the CP class into heavyweight, lightweight and junior classes in the future.

JUNIOR COMPETITOR PROPOSALS

1 OF 2 – WOULD INCREASE THE MAXIMUM NUMBER OF POINTS FOR NOVICE JUNIOR COMPETITORS

FOR Statement

Kim Cowart

The scenario exists, although infrequent, where a very young Novice

Junior can reach the current maximum allowed points quickly and at too young of an age to just be forced out of Novice and competing with their peers. Raising the point maximum to 225 and the age to 14 simultaneously would greatly decrease that possibility while also preventing a “career Novice Junior” from competing in that class. Any novice junior having reached 225 points and age 14 would likely have attained the maturity level and skills necessary to be competing against older and/or more seasoned competitors. It seems reasonable these point/age combinations extend to the junior horse/rider combination as well since it is likely most novice juniors are riding the same horse most/all of the time.

JUNIOR COMPETITOR PROPOSALS

2 OF 2 – WOULD ALLOW NOVICE JUNIORS TO COMPETE IN THE NOVICE HEAVYWEIGHT OR NOVICE LIGHTWEIGHT CLASSES

FOR Statement

Angie Merosnekoff

Juniors can compete in the Open Heavyweight or Open Lightweight Classes if the weight limits are met. The reason to NOT allow them to compete in the Novice Heavyweight or Novice Lightweight Classes has been to keep the number of starters and the number of points in the Junior Class. Allowing juniors to compete in the weight classes in the Novice Division would give them another option for competition.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP CRITERIA WOULD CHANGE PLACING VALUE FOR B AND AA RIDES

FOR Statement

Shari Parys

The Open and CP National Champion awards have guidelines that were originally meant to make them an elite award that is earned. With the large increase in B rides offered across the nation, the placings portion of these awards has lost meaning. Currently a rider may enter two B rides on a weekend instead of one A ride and many times be

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guaranteed first or second placings due to the low number of entries. It used to be that the placings were often harder to earn than the points, but these are now too easily received by opting for a B ride for the sole purpose of fulfilling this requirement. There are some that already have the necessary points but are lacking the placing portion of the award, so sacrificing more points is not an issue if they can be given the top placing that has eluded them in larger classes. This thought is becoming more openly talked about and accepted as a way to qualify for the award and now is the

time to close the loophole and maintain the value of a National Championship.

In keeping in line with how rides are counted, a B ride counts as 1/2 ride, for 1/2 mileage, for 1/2 points, it follows that it should be for 1/2 placing. Similarly, an AA ride counts as 1 1/2 ride, for 1 1/2 mileage, for 1 1/2 points, so 1 1/2 placings is consistent with the weight given in other aspects.

**AGAINST Statement
Jamie Dieterich**

Several years ago, we encouraged ride chairs to have flexible thinking and offer more options. Two

“B” rides in one weekend is an example of more options. National Championships require points and certain placings. If few competitors in a class, placings are easier to achieve; if many competitors, points are easier to achieve. Several riders have used the opportunity of two “B” rides in one weekend to try for two high placings. Few have actually achieved that goal.

The requirements for a National Championship have been in place since the very early days of NATRC. In 2010, Lory Walls and I examined/ researched every use of the word “ride” in the Rule Book as to whether it meant “a ride is a ride” (any ride type) or a “ride according to type”; i.e. “A” = 1, etc. We were able to determine the meaning in every case and specified that meaning in the Rule Book. None changed from what they had historically been. Placings required for National Championships have always been in any ride type.

Additionally, if the proposed rule change to divide CP into adult and junior classes passes, the juniors would be required to have 75 points for a national championship in CP but only 60 points for a national championship in the Open Division – thus, a discrepancy.



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NATRC National BOD Meeting Minutes July 14, 15, 2017

Kansas City, MO

CALL TO ORDER by President Angie Meroshnekoff, 7:00 p.m., July 14, 2017.

ROLL CALL. Angie Meroshnekoff, Shari Parys, Lori Allen, Gayle Muench, John Horne, Kay Gunckel, Alice Perryman, Bill Moore, Mary Hanson, Jamie Dieterich, Mary Jo Malone, Kim Cowart (ex-officio). Sarah Rinne, Executive Director. Beni DeMattei, R2 Alternate. Bob Insko not present due to a late flight.

RULES AND BYLAWS. Parys. See proposed bylaws and rule changes. Parys shared the bylaws adjustments first, indicating most of the changes are housekeeping, updating address, referencing and removing extensive capitalization. In addition, changing executive administrator to executive director was completed in multiple places. Additional areas were adjusted to reflect how our organization does business at present as several practices in the bylaws are now obsolete. **Moore made the motion to take the proposed bylaw changes as discussed and approved by the board for distribution to the membership, seconded by Gunckel. Motion approved.**

RULE PROPOSALS. Parys.

- Parys addressed the rule proposal to adjust mileage credit and pointed out serious flaws we didn't catch initially when it was proposed. It initially made sense to equalize them to reflect maximum mileage. "Type A" competitors in Novice currently get 40 miles for maximum mileage for 2 days, but Novice competitors in a "Type B" ride (with the current rule change proposal) would get a maximum mileage of 25 per day. If doing back to back B rides, they would get credit for 50 miles, resulting in 10 miles more than the "Type A" Novice riders. The same issue exists with the Open division. Two back to back "Type B" Open rides would garner 70 miles compared to "Type A" Open riders 60 miles. **Perryman made a motion to take mileage adjustments out of the rule proposal, seconded by Horne. Motion carried.**
- Ice Boots. The primary question is compression or non-compression.

It's not to compress, but to hold the ice to the leg. Allen voiced concern that people will misconstrue the words "cooling agent" and that it could encompass many things. Wording such as "cooling packs" rather than "cooling agents" would clarify. Hanson pointed out the need to amend the drug appendices if this rule passes. **Motion made by Horne to accept with the wording change, seconded by Allen. Motion carried.**

- Division of Competitive Pleasure into Adult and Junior classes. The only identified change would be to adjust the mileage back to the original wording (to reflect the same striking of the mileage adjustment previously discussed.) Eliminate the mileage changes, but keep remaining rule proposal the same. **Motion made by Hanson to accept the amended proposal, seconded by Cowart. Motion carried.**
- Junior Competitor Proposals. Adjusting the maximum accrued points and allowing juniors to compete in the Novice Heavyweight and Lightweight classes as long as weight criteria are met held no discussion. **Motion made by Cowart**

to advance proposal as written, seconded by Muench. Motion carried.

- National Champion Criteria. Dieterich stated the original wording needs to be included in it with a strikeout. The whole sentence should be included and stricken to clarify to the membership what is being changed. **Motion made by Allen to advance the proposal, seconded by Cowart. Dieterich abstained. Motion carried.**
- R1A Awards. The national championship wording in the Competitive Pleasure division in the R1A section was inadvertently omitted when the adjustments were originally made. The changes would mirror the NC award in the Open Division for R1A. **Motion made by Dieterich to accept the proposal, seconded by Gunckel. Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER by President Angie Meroshnekoff, 8:00 a.m., July 15, 2017.

ROLL CALL. Angie Meroshnekoff, Shari Parys, Lori Allen, Gayle Muench, John Horne, Kay Gunckel, Alice Perryman, Bill Moore, Mary Hanson, Jamie Dieterich, Mary Jo *(Continued on [page 25](#))*

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Malone, Bob Insko, Kim Cowart (ex-officio). Sarah Rinne, Executive Director. Beni DeMattei, R2 Alternate, Patsy Conner, and Ruth Mesimer guests.

MINUTES. February 16, 2017. **Parys moved to accept the minutes as recorded, Moore seconded. Motion approved.**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Meroshnekoff reminded board members that much of what is discussed in this meeting is confidential. We need to replace Terry Silver as breed liaison as she is resigning effective the end of the year. Terry is willing to help train her replacement and provide all of her documentation and contacts she has used over the years. Meroshnekoff thanked board members for their service to NATRC.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT. Rinne shared the status of seeking a new silversmith for the National Champion buckles. Champions Choice buckles provided the most competitive quote in terms of price and quality. We have recently lost our National Champion blanket manufacturer to retirement as well, and bids with new companies are being sought. **Muench made a motion to allow Rinne to pursue further negotiation with Champions Choice Buckles, seconded by Gunckel. Motion carried.** Rinne discussed a potential Equitrack partnership for tracking member mileage, both competitive, recreational and

conditioning for future use in programs and trail advocacy. The board supported the ongoing work with Equitrack to see where it goes. Rinne addressed the need for continued work around our dangerous horse liability policy. Muench and Moore agreed to assist with the project.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Malone. See financial reports.

POLICY AND PROCEDURE. Dieterich discussed horse hall of fame changes. They have been working to keep information in one place rather than having to update multiple places, inevitably resulting in inconsistencies. The Policy and Procedures should only define the purpose of the drug policy, not contain the policy itself. The rules and appendices would be the formal implementation and definition of that policy. There is continued need to develop job descriptions for the organization and this is in progress.

PROTEST. Allen. No protests filed.

PLANNED AND CHARITABLE GIVING. Cowart/Elaine Swiss. No report.

SANCTIONS. Conner. We are working to tighten up procedures. Information is being posted and rides opened on RMS for registration before sanctions are approved. Conner requests that the board remind their regional ride managers to use the most current ride management forms.

CLINIC SANCTIONS. Linda Clayton, report filed. Meroshnekoff discussed

the possibility of a "C" ride consisting of 10-12 miles. We can't sanction a "C" ride, but if ride managers want to try it they could sanction it as a clinic. For publicity it could be addressed as an introductory ride.

MANAGEMENT. Hanson, no formal report. Hanson would like to start a ride manager Facebook page for communication and discussion.

RULES INTERPRETER. DeMattei addressed the same issues with hold ups at obstacles and other typical delays on the trail. We need to keep judges informed on expectations. There have been several accidents this year. A discussion was held regarding the role of safety riders. More consistency and a written description of the safety riders'/personnel duties are necessary so people understand their roles.

INSURANCE. Rinne, nothing to report.

SAFETY. Insko, no report.

MARKETING. Bev Roberts, report filed. Muench noted the continuing decline in ride attendance. In 2012, we had 1,800 riders to the present where we are at approximately 1,400 competitors. Muench talked about memberships. 550 new members took advantage of the free membership over the past 2 years. We need to start by defining the problem; after you understand the problem you have to focus on marketing to address that with a lot of education and communication. Discussed the Trail Rider Ad and the future absorption of Trail Rider magazine by Horse and Rider. The ad cost goes up significantly from \$175 to \$527 per issue after December. **Moore made a motion to not extend our full year advertising in Horse and Rider, seconded by Muench. Motion carried.**

Perryman discussed Horses in the Morning and the consideration to discontinue the show. We don't appear to be gaining new members or riders through the show. The auditors did not like when we talked about NATRC too much, which makes it pointless as a marketing tool.

HOOF PRINT ADVISORY. Dieterich, report filed. The next deadline for submission is August 15. Dieterich would really like to have someone else take this on. The primary focus is soliciting, compiling and editing the articles and content for the publication. She indi-

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cated she spends approximately 40 hours on each issue.

NATIONAL AWARDS PRESENTATION AND CONVENTION. Horne reported the convention dates are set for February 9-11, 2018 in Albuquerque, NM. Most volunteer positions are filled with the exception of an awards and banquet chair.

SPONSORSHIPS. Parys has been signing some new sponsor contracts and stated it's getting easier. Riding Warehouse banners - we need to keep track of them and display them at every region ride. Each region has a banner that was provided. We continue to gain new sponsors.

RIDERS AND JUNIORS. Cindy Keen, no report filed.

FOUNDATION. Conner was able to reach Wayne Hyatt, and he indicated he would like to be replaced. An election is needed and will follow the formal business meeting.

DRUG TESTING. Kim Murphy, report filed. The new lab is working great. Membership and ride management need to be informed about increased testing fee for 2018 season. There should be a note in *Hoof Print* and E-News.

VETERINARY DRUG COMMITTEE. Mike Peralez. No report.

TRAIL ADVOCACY AND GRANTS. Hanson reported the National Equestrian Trail Conference is November 2-4. She encourages sending some other interested members as Hanson has been there multiple times. Budgets are being slashed, and several money sources that fund local, regional and state trails are being cut. Hanson would like to partner formally with BCHA and the Equestrian Land Conservation Resource which would total \$250 for both associate memberships. There are good benefits from BCHA, and everybody should really be a member of their local chapter. **Muench made a motion, seconded by Allen, to move funds from the marketing budget to cover the cost of associate memberships. Motion carried.**

EDUCATION. Dieterich stated the Riders Manual is the big project. It is currently on hold.

MEMBERSHIP/MEMBERSHIP

RETENTION. Perryman stated so far most of the new memberships have come in through the free membership program. Perryman is trying to bridge the gap between members who have

left and why. Some will ride one ride and not join. Meroshnekoff stated the 2016 free membership with a 17% return is not bad. Muench believes we should continue the free memberships into 2018 to really test it and gather more data. **Motion made by Allen, seconded by Muench to continue free memberships for 2018. Motion carried.**

JUDGES COMMITTEE. Cowart, report filed. Several judging applicants in the mix. Esther Diaguila was advanced to provisional status. Horsemanship judges must take a test, and the test is out of date. We need to make it more relevant and applicable to what we do today, including adding ethical situations (Cowart, Dieterich and Rinne). Working to create a horsemanship judge's academy (Cowart and Rinne) in an effort to bring consistency and authenticity to our judging. The plan is to have something to present to the board by November. Several veterinary judge applicants in the pike.

CRI. Dieterich/Dr. Greg Fellers, report filed. The report gives the history of the CRI in NATRC and the most recent actions with the CRI. The moratorium on scoring for 2017 remains in effect. The committee wants one official protocol. Cowart clarified the reasoning behind the development of CRI protocol. Judges CAN use it per our rules,

however it could be used in any fashion and scored in any way a judge sees fit with no standard protocol. This protocol would make a standard for all veterinary judges and management should they choose to implement the CRI. **Motion by Hanson, seconded by Cowart to accept the current protocol as presented by the committee. In favor Insko, Parys, Dieterich, Cowart, Malone, Gunckel, Hanson. Against Allen, Muench, Horne, Moore, Perryman. Motion carried.**

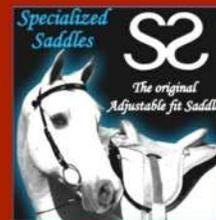
This is strictly for protocol, not scoring. The scoring moratorium is still in place. The scoring moratorium was originally put into place in 2016, but extended through 2017. Scoring questions and discussion will be taken back to the committee.

HALL OF FAME. Rinne. One applicant was received, and the information will be shared at the November board meeting.

STUDENT LOAN & SCHOLARSHIP. Horne. Report filed. There were no applicants for loans or scholarships at this time. Horne suggested revising the *Hoof Print* notification to read that an application must be received by Horne no later than 30 days prior to the board meeting. They have come last minute with no time to gather important information about the applicant for the board to make an

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First Bank Liquid Assets #2485	0	144,956	(144,956)
First Bank Student L/S #2493	0	80,110	(80,110)
Pinnacle Checking #6399	3,178	0	3,178
Pinnacle Savings #6712	133,549	0	133,549
Pinnacle Student Loan/Scholarship #6410	78,110	0	78,110
Total Bank Accounts	\$ 214,837	\$ 233,636	\$ (18,799)
Total Student Loan Receivable	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 0
Total Current Assets	\$ 219,837	\$ 238,636	\$ (18,799)
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 219,837	\$ 238,636	\$ (18,799)
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Liabilities			
Current Liabilities			
CapitalOne Credit Card	\$ 1,312	\$ 0	\$ 1,312
Ride Management Support Fund	29,021	30,720	(1,699)
Federal Payroll Taxes Payable	514	48	466
State Payroll Taxes Payable	125	168	(43)
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 30,972	\$ 30,936	\$ 36
Total Liabilities	\$ 30,972	\$ 30,936	\$ 36
Equity			
Total Equity	\$ 188,865	\$ 207,700	\$ (18,835)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 219,837	\$ 238,636	\$ (18,799)

**North American Trail Ride Foundation
Balance Sheet**

	As of 6/30/17	As of 6/30/16	Change
ASSETS			
Current Assets			
Foundation First Bank Chkg#4964	\$ 0	\$ 8,829	\$ (8,829)
Foundation Pinnacle #828	8,791	0	8,791
Foundation-KFB Annuity	37,511	37,511	(0)
Foundation Fidelity - Z69-235580	48,513	46,369	2,144
Total Foundation Bank Accounts	\$ 94,815	\$ 92,709	\$ 2,106
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 94,815	\$ 92,709	\$ 2,106
Foundation Equity			
Total Foundation Equity	94,815	92,709	2,106
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$ 94,815	\$ 92,709	\$ 2,106

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informed decision. Scholarships must be applied for by January for consideration for the following fall semester. BREED & ORGANIZATION LIAISON.

- AHA. Insko stated there is not much to report. AHA distance nationals are held at various locations around the nation and are now done in conjunction with an open AERC ride. It might be possible to incorporate an NATRC ride.
- BREED LIAISON. Terry Silver has announced her desire to resign from the position at the end of the year. She will help train and mentor the replacement.

HONORARY AND APPRECIATION AWARDS. Ruth Mesimer (present for report) requested a vote to adjust wording for the Jim Menefee Lifetime Achievement Award. **Motion by Moore to accept the proposed changes, seconded by Horne. Motion carried.** It is time for regions to start submitting nominations to Mesimer in Word format for honorary and appreciation awards. RMS. Dieterich is still working to get more specific on RMS change needs and prioritizing based on most critical parts. A committee was established to create flowcharts including Paula Riley, Andrea Rogers, Bob Insko, Jean Green, and Beni DeMattei. Meroshnekoff believes the priority should revolve around rider ease of use, as opposed to management function. HISTORIAN. Conner met with Joan Throgmorton to collect more NATRC history. Conner was able to go through historical boxes that were very well organized and stated we no longer need to pay for a scanning service because another quality scanning option was available thanks to Denise Throgmorton Roberts. We will have to pay for shipping of the boxes to Conner.

NATRC VIDEOS. Dieterich reiterated we want quality videos available on the website and then our NATRC YouTube channel. Haley Schlerf is working on an intro video now.

REGION REPORTS. Senior Directors for each region provided a brief report of ride and clinic status for 2017 to date.

Hanson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Horne. Meeting adjourned.



North American Trail Ride Conference

Actual vs Budget - YTD 6/30/17

January - June, 2017

	Year to Date		Over/(Under)
	Actual	Budget YTD	Budget
Income			
Memberships	\$ 21,557	\$ 13,554	\$ 8,003
Platinum Membership Upgrade	1,504	1,602	(98)
Rides	8,732	13,950	(5,218)
Product Sales	62	150	(88)
Sponsorships	4,964	3,498	1,466
Raffles	3,015	1,752	1,263
Hoofprint Income	599	576	23
Convention and Awards	4,293	3,582	711
Judge Fee	45	0	45
Trail Advocacy	0	0	0
Donations	500	0	500
Other Income	83	290	(207)
Interest Income	87	108	(21)
Total Income	\$ 45,440	\$ 39,062	\$ 6,378
Expenses			
Member Dues to Regions	\$ 5,745	\$ 2,988	\$ 2,757
Platinum Membership Upgrades	1,691	1,626	65
Ride Costs	1,056	3,378	(2,322)
Clinic Expenses	144	600	(456)
Product Costs	0	756	(756)
Marketing	3,012	10,694	(7,682)
Hoofprint Expense	3,854	3,750	104
Convention and Award Expenses	11,558	5,508	6,050
Staff Expenses	15,685	16,506	(821)
Administrative	6,018	7,540	(1,522)
Scholarships/Student Loans	0	1,002	(1,002)
Other Expense	43	100	(57)
Total Expenses	\$ 48,806	\$ 54,448	\$ (5,642)
Net Income	\$ (3,366)	\$ (15,386)	\$ 12,020

North American Trail Ride Foundation

Actual vs Budget - YTD 6/30/17

January - June, 2017

	Year to Date		Over/(Under)
	Actual	Budget YTD	Budget
Income			
Interest Income	1,454	1,460	(6)
Total Income	\$ 1,454	\$ 1,460	\$ (6)
Expenses			
Other Expense	0	70	(70)
Total Expenses	\$ -	\$ 70	\$ (70)
Net Income	\$ 1,454	\$ 1,390	\$ 64

Record Keeping –

A Team



Sport

Several people use the information on forms we use and reports we create for a ride. That info is sent on for someone to review, someone to update national files, and then someone to audit to come up with region placings and national placings at year-end. We all need to work together, to think of the next person who is going to handle the information to make everyone's job a little bit easier.

The scorecards are the first piece, the pivotal piece in the system. Riders – be sure to use your horse's official name when you enter a ride. Ride secretaries – be sure to use the horses' official names and other information. Judges – be sure to review the scorecards for accuracy before awards are presented.

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Region 1

Cowboy Camp A

5/20-21/2017 R1-CA
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 18
 Chair: Linda Thomason, Jean Armer
 Judges: Leroy Burnham DVM, Nancy Kasovich
 Open Sweepstakes: Cobay/Wolf, Jeanine - 96
 CP Combo: OM El Sharav/Dillard, Ashley
 Novice Sweepstakes: DM Fancy and Armed/
 Sullivan, Brenna - 89

Open Heavyweight

P Amiraborr/Boicelli, Gene

Open Lightweight

1/2 Cobay/Wolf, Jeanine
 2/1 Desert Reinbeau/Meroshnekoff, Angie
 3/3 CR Sierra Sunrise/Stidolph, Donna
 4/4 Belle 4/Coale, Susan

Open Junior

1/2 Mistress Jezebel/Xerogeanes, Lia
 2/1 Valentyne/Gipson, Savannah

Competitive Pleasure

1/1 OM El Sharav/Dillard, Ashley
 2/2 OM El Shakeeb Dream/Dillard, Joe
 3/5 OM El Bilbao/York, Debbie
 4/6 MK Vangouh/Kronke, Davern
 5/4 Dundee's Playboy Bunny/Berwick, Robyn
 6/3 Bodacious Tailfeathers/Lieberknecht, Kay
 P Stealth Knight/Boicelli, Victoria

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 DM Fancy and Armed/Sullivan, Brenna
 P Pipi/Pilgrim, Maria

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Mae/Ross, Kim

Novice Junior

1/1 Denebaborr/DiMartino, Alexis

Cowboy Camp B

5/20/2017 R1-CA
 B-N Total Riders: 7
 Chair: Linda Thomason, Jean Armer
 Judges: Leroy Burnham DVM, Nancy Kasovich
 Novice Sweepstakes: Snickers 11/
 Anderson, Molly - 98

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Telesis Grand Finale/Gadd, Anne

Novice Junior

1/2 Snickers 11/Anderson, Molly
 2/4 Lucky Eddie/Monlux, Anais
 3/5 Lola 3/Boles, Grace
 4/6 Beauhemian/Redin, Lily
 5/1 Lady Tigers Hi Syn/Niderost, Natalie
 6/3 Desert Whiskey/Cichocki, Claire

Spring in the Redwoods A

6/17-18/2017 R1-CA
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 10
 Chair: Steve Meroshnekoff
 Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Patsy Conner
 Open Sweepstakes: Desert Reinbeau/
 Meroshnekoff, Angie - 100
 CP Combo: OM El Shakeeb Dream/Dillard, Joe
 Novice Sweepstakes: Denebaborr/
 DiMartino - 90.5

Open Lightweight

1/2 Desert Reinbeau/Meroshnekoff, Angie
 2/1 HM Raina Bo/Schlerf, Haley
 3/3 Belle 4/Coale, Susan

Competitive Pleasure

1/2 OM El Shakeeb Dream/Dillard, Joe
 2/4 Dundee's Playboy Bunny/Berwick, Robyn
 3/1 OM El Sharav/Dillard, Ashley
 4/5 Pistol Pete DF/Armer, Jean
 5/3 Bodacious Tailfeathers/Lieberknecht, Kay

Novice Heavyweight

1/DO Popstar/Cannon, Linda

Novice Junior

1/1 Denebaborr/DiMartino, Alexis

Spring in the Redwoods B1

6/17/2017 R1-CA
 B-N/CP Total Riders: 7
 Chair: Steve Meroshnekoff
 Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Patsy Conner
 CP Combo: MK Vangouh/Kronke, Davern
 Novice Sweepstakes: Pipi/Pilgrim, Maria - 100

Competitive Pleasure

1/1 MK Vangouh/Kroncke, Davern
 2/2 Cledith's Driver/Skoog, Kris

Novice Heavyweight

1/1 Pipi/Pilgrim, Maria

Novice Lightweight

1/1 Telesis Grand Finale/Gadd, Anne

Novice Junior

1/1 Lucky Eddie/Boles, Grace
 2/3 Desert Whiskey/Cichocki, Claire
 3/2 Lady Tigers Hi Syn/Niderost, Natalie

Spring in the Redwoods B2

6/18/2017 R1-CA
 B-N Total Riders: 3
 Chair: Steve Meroshnekoff
 Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Patsy Conner
 Novice Sweepstakes: Lucky Eddie/
 Boles, Grace - 99

Novice Junior

1/2 Lucky Eddie/Boles, Grace
 2/1 Pipi/Niderost, Natalie
 3/3 Desert Whiskey/Cichocki, Claire



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Region 3

Chicken Creek

7/22-23/2017 R3-CO
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 36
 Chair: Chuck Smith
 Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski DVM,
 Becky Rogers
 Open Sweepstakes: Talk Til Midnight/
 Gunckel, Kay - 98
 CP Combo: Royal's Rock'N EZ Cinnabar/
 Garrett, Betty
 Novice Sweepstakes: SAS'S My Future is Spots/
 Gardner, Carrie - 95

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Talk Til Midnight/Gunckel, Kay
- 2/3 Bailey's Angel Baby/Westmoreland, Cheri
- 3/2 BJ Studmuffin J/Bingham, Kerry
- 4/4 Tezuby/Jewell, Jonni

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 Hot Saki/Smith, Terri
- 2/2 Dakota Cole/Olson, Calleen
- 3/3 Slicks Bar-B-Doll/Moore, Cathy

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/1 Royal's Rock'N EZ Cinnabar/Garrett, Betty
- 2/4 Sixes Peppy Lady/Feazell, Juleen
- 3/3 Eduardo el Negrito Knight/Wingle, Diane
- 4/2 Young Gun Last/Dandy, Donna
- 5/ Dukes Eternal Gold/Holder, Sharon
- 6/5 Pride's Miss Sam's Son/Brooker, Natalie
- /6 Levi 2/Morgan, Dayna
- Dash of Quick Silver/Simons, Sandie
- Curiosa/O'Brien, Wava
- Travelin' Ziggy/Colby, Lou Ann
- Danner/Inman, Gary
- Bo 8/Guthrie, Jan
- Bookcliff Mountain Fire/Bingham, Kenneth
- Mariah 3/Wingle, Bill

P Buffnugget G./Haltermann, Susan

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 SAS'S My Future is Spots/Gardner, Carrie
 - 2/5 Legends Legacy Lena/Alley, Paula
 - 3/4 Nova Vida/Roper, Cindy
 - 4/2 Foxhaven's Medicine Man/Morgan, William
 - 5/3 A Goodtime Cowboy Casanova/
 Daney, Devon
 - 6/6 Allen Tays Hard Stroller/Wickes, Lori
- P High Beam/Kremer, Trudy

Novice Lightweight

- 1/2 Rockin Silver Splash/Bonham, Kat
- 2/1 Geron/Derco, Carrie
- 3/3 4K Black Powder/Arnett, Leona
- 4/4 Zeppelin/Hager, Scarlett

Novice Junior

- 1/1 Little Bit 3/Vanpoolen, Sydney
- P Dixie 9/Stanifer, Molly

Region 5

Virginia Highlands A

6/18-19/2017 R5-VA
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 26
 Chair: Nancy Sluys
 Judges: Carrie Porter DVM, Wayne Tolbert
 Open Sweepstakes: Goodnight's Masterpiece/
 Clayton, Gary - 98
 CP Combo: Blue Moon Maggie/Buttrey, Marlene
 Novice Sweepstakes: Pepper 9/
 Apple, Edward - 98

Open Heavyweight

- 1/2 Goodnight's Masterpiece/Clayton, Gary
- 2/3 Ruby 8/Talbert, Ben
- 3/4 Ace 6/Games, Barry
- 4/2 By the Grace of God/Whitehead, Victoria

Open Lightweight

- 1/3 Maggie Mae/Saunby, Lauren
- 2/2 Terradocs Oconee Belle/Kudra, Sallie
- 3/1 Beau 11/Games, Sherry
- 4/4 Rufio/Wall, Rebecca

Open Junior

- 1/1 Denver/Nunn, Mikayla

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/5 Lexus Golden Tie L/Dukes, Mary
 - 2/2 DLC Roxies Peponita/Howard, Marsha
 - 3/1 Blue Moon Maggie/Buttrey, Marlene
 - 4/4 Alena Rae/Rogers, Andrea
 - 5/6 OH Captain Call/Buttrey, Philip
 - 6/3 Impressive Red Rebel/Riley, Paula
- P Spirit of Spotted Alen/Keen, Cindy

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 Pepper 9/Apple, Edward

- 2/2 Santana 3/Mulligan, Jennifer
- 3/3 Elvis 2/Wertz, Jennifer
- 4/4 Miss Kitty 2/Sayers, Randy

Novice Lightweight

- 1/1 Matt Dillon/Mills, Carolyn
 - 2/2 Koweta Vicar/Hart, Julie
- P TA Dynasty/Heath, Savannah

Novice Junior

- 1/2 Masked Caper/Hatcher, Hannah
- 2/1 MSS PC Frosty Lena/Sharkey, Elizabeth
- 3/3 Scarlet 2/Bobbitt, Tabitha

Virginia Highlands B

6/18/2017 R5-VA
 B-N/CP Total Riders: 10
 Chair: Nancy Sluys
 Judges: Carrie Porter DVM, Wayne Tolbert
 CP Combo: TN Valley Hotrod/Murray, Andrew
 Novice Sweepstakes: Maverick 3
 /Lent, Mary - 98.5

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/1 TN Valley Hotrod/Murray, Andrew
- 2/2 Texas/Murray, Alyssa
- 3/3 Shades/Lowery, Rita

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 Reno 3/Thornton, Cat
- P Gypsy 11/Montgomery, Linda

Novice Lightweight

- 1/4 Maverick 3/Lent, Mary
- 2/2 Paloma's Starr Picasso/Gregg, Kimi
- 3/3 Harley D/Bell, Rebecca

- 4/1 Whatasunnygirl/Lindberg, Angie
- P Journey 4/Cochran, Beth

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Region 6

EKAHA Hill n' Dale

7/29-30/2017 R6-KS
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 15
 Chair: Mary Colby
 Judges: Jerry Weil DVM, Priscilla Lindsey
 Open Sweepstakes: EZ Rocket WH/
 Stucky, Marla - 99
 CP Combo: RW Braveheart/Ginn, Mary
 Novice Sweepstakes: Sensation AI Miss/
 Plumer, Joni - 95.5

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 L.L. Remington/Marston, Marilyn
- 2/2 Little Ann/Klamm, Liz
- P Taking Over My Heart/Plummer, Michelle

Open Lightweight

- 1/1 EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla
- 2/2 Focus Jessie/Smith, Helen
- 3/3 Tornado Watch/Farris, Denise

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/2 RW Braveheart/Ginn, Mary

- 2/1 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
- 3/3 Risky Snickers/Wood, Mary Anna
- 4/5 VA Caradelle/Reynolds, Margaret
- 5/4 Copper 4/White, Vickie
- 6/6 NRA Nadria/White, Hope
- P My Garmin/Elder, Janis

Novice Lightweight

- 1/1 Sensation AI Miss/Plumer, Joni
- 2/2 Nakita Rose/Shively, Joyce

Pony Xpress A

8/26-27/2017 R6-NE
 A-O/N/CP Total Riders: 30
 Chair: Mary Hanson, Tammy Vasa
 Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski DVM,
 Priscilla Lindsey
 Open Sweepstakes: EZ Rocket WH/
 Stucky, Marla - 96
 CP Combo: Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Stich, Kay
 Novice Sweepstakes: Sensation AI Miss/
 Plumer, Joni - 91

Open Heavyweight

- 1/1 Little Ann/Klamm, Liz
- 2/2 Silver Valley Tate/Rinne, Sarah
- P L.L. Remington/Clapper, Tina

Open Lightweight

- 1/3 EZ Rocket WH/Stucky, Marla
- 2/4 Tornado Watch/Farris, Denise
- 3/1 Focus Jessie/Smith, Helen
- 4/2 Rushcreek Allie/Messick, Brenda

Open Junior

- 1/1 Delcies Acasia/Jakopak, Autumn

Competitive Pleasure

- 1/ Lethal Status/Ankersen, Sharron
- 2/1 Smoke-N-Jaz's Big Man/Stich, Kay
- 3/2 Fives Bert Harlan/Bouska, Alan
- 4/6 D.M.'S Eye of The Tiger/Altwegg, Noreen
- 5/ Shadow's Dancer C/Nore, Robin
- 6/5 Eduardo el Negrito Knight/Wingle, Diane
- /3 Cito Mocha Raton/Cleveland, Trish
- /4 VA Caradelle/Reynolds, Margaret
- Cowboys Ginnin 160/Dollarhide, Patti
- RW Braveheart/Ginn, Mary
- ViKen's Bear A Cuda/Prey, Virginia
- Mariah 3/Wingle, Bill
- Johnnie Whoa Jo/Zeliff, John
- Risky Snickers/Wood, Mary Anna
- P Aksarben Gold Vengeance/Jakopak, Mark
- P Maggie 6/Jakopak, Summer

Novice Heavyweight

- 1/1 Miss Rebels Cut N Oak/Johnson, Lisa M.
- 2/3 CC's Rex's Golden Rawhide/

- Frederick, Cheryl
- 3/2 Fiddler 2/Gautier, Vickie
- 4/4 Baby Girl 2/Dunmire, Kenneth

Novice Lightweight

- 1/1 Sensation AI Miss/Plumer, Joni
- 2/2 Justin's Bey Trey/Hardesty, Laura

Pony Xpress B

8/27/2017 R6-NE
 B-N Total Riders: 2
 Chair: Mary Hanson, Tammy Vasa
 Judges: Stephanie Ostrowski DVM,
 Priscilla Lindsey
 Novice Sweepstakes: Lucille/Teijink, Trudie - 92

Novice Lightweight

- 1/1 Lucille/Teijink, Trudie
- P Cisco 11/Weise, Rhonda

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- The award goes to the high point horse and high point rider **regardless** of the rider's division.
- Your self-nomination must occur before the end of the ride year, which is the second Sunday in November. (For 2017, that will be November 12th.)
- You must (1) be an NATRC member, (2) send an email to Sarah Rinne, natrc@natrc.org, stating that you are a 4-H member, and (3) have your 4-H leader also send Sarah an email verifying that you are a 4-H member.

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

Questions?

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